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Long-term care workshop slated

Comanche Trail Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will sponsor a long-term care financial planning workshop Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The free workshop will include topics such as "Avoid Losing Money to Nursing Home Costs," "How to Convert From Private Pay to Medicaid," and "Preserving Your Estate While Still Qualifying for Medicaid." Also addressed will be the income trust for Medicaid eligibility, and long-term care insurance.

The public is invited to attend.

Those interested in attending are asked to call 263-4041. The event is also sponsored by Senior Information Services of America.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ High school basketball — Stanton at Coahoma and Borden County at Grady, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ College basketball — Clarendon at Howard College, 6 and 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

□ High school basketball — Snyder at Big Spring, 6 and 8 p.m.; Wall at Forsan, Rankin at Garden City and Sands at Borden County, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens C/W dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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Coahoma ISD issues public apology for livestock show mix-up

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School board of trustees Monday night apologized to about 50 parents, grandparents, teachers and students during a special board meeting.

The apology was issued after a number of district parents questioned the certification of one student to compete in an extra curricular activity, while another student's certification was denied.

At the meeting, trustees also accepted the resignation of high school principal Keith Price.

"I've decided to go back to teaching, I've learned there's a lot of difference

between administrating and teaching, and I'm happy with the decision," Price said after the meeting.

Trustees met in executive session for nearly an hour to discuss a student discipline issue before returning to the teachers lunchroom, where the special meeting took place.

Upon returning, board president Gail Wells read a statement by the board.

"This special meeting has been called in response to last week's board meeting and some concerns that were voiced at that time.

"This entire process has been a painful and sensitive learning experience. Coahoma ISD was in error determining eligibility for Thursday night's Howard

County 4-H show.

"To you Chad (Metcalf, the student who was denied certification) we want to say we made a mistake and we will do everything we can to ensure that this mistake does not happen again," Wells said.

Then the school board attorney, Blake Hansen from Odessa, told those assembled that the decision to allow a student to show at the Howard County junior livestock show was made in the best interest of the school.

"As a whole, we feel we made this settlement in the best interest of the school. I made the recommendation that this settlement be reached based on the information we had at the time," Hansen said.

Hansen declined to comment on the nature of the settlement reached between the school board and the parents of a student who was placed into the Alternative Education Program for bringing a handgun onto school property.

Officials said a news release that was used in a newspaper story resulted in confidential information being disclosed, which was the nature of the law suit.

Hansen said the entire question of eligibility was not under the Interscholastic League rules, and is instead a question that was presented to

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Oil patch woes bring Stenholm to Big Spring

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Tough times in the oil patch was the topic of a 90-minute meeting Monday between U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and about a dozen representatives of the oil and gas industry.

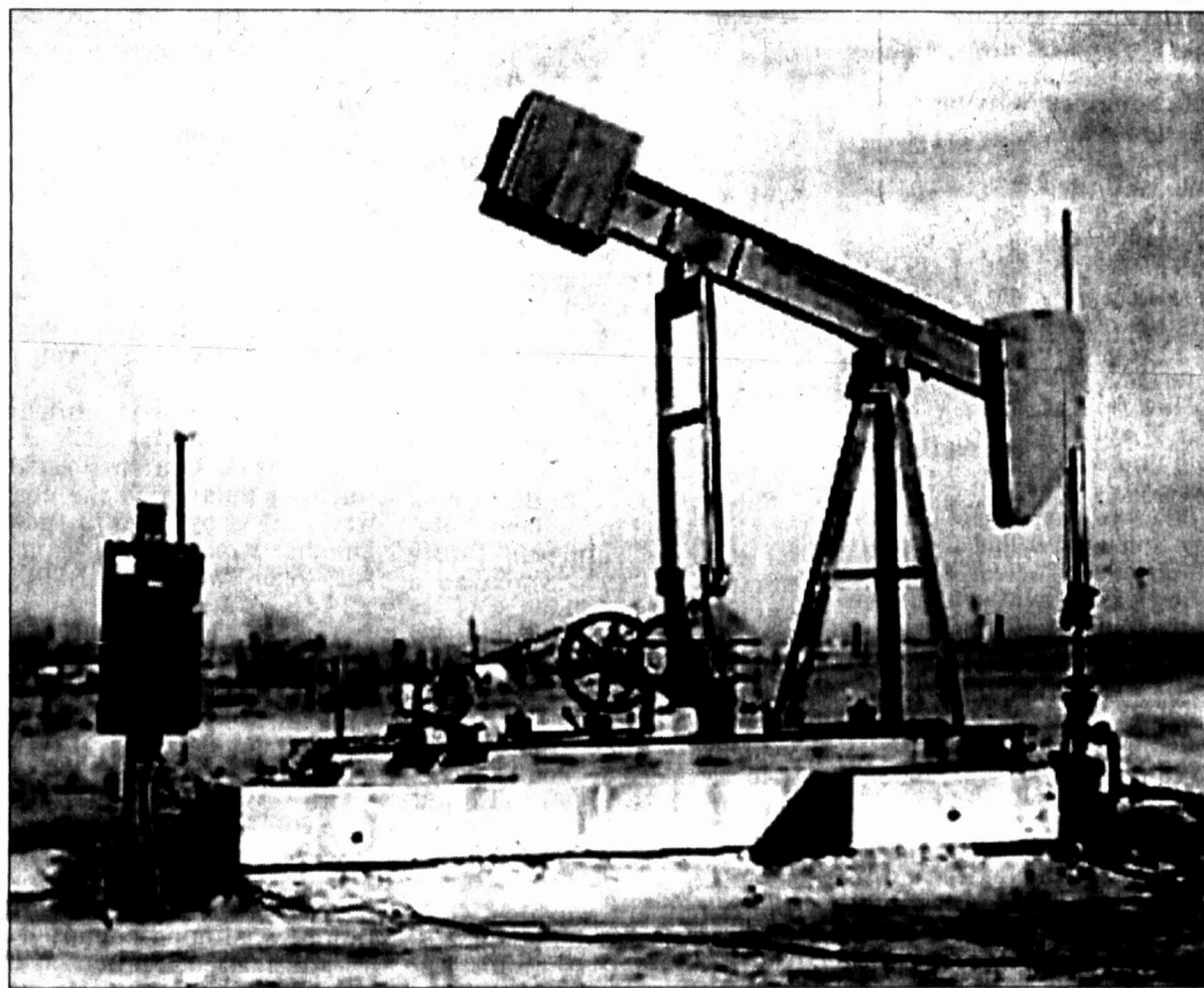
The Big Spring meeting was one in a series Stenholm is holding across the 17th Congressional District as oil prices continue to plummet.

"We are now at a crisis," Stenholm told the group.

"One thing that is difficult for all of us is to recognize the way this fits in to our political system," he said. "You have to have 218 (votes in the House), 51 (votes in the Senate) and the president's signature to make something happen or to keep it from happening to you."

Stenholm said the oil industry has to sell itself and the importance of oil exploration and production to both Washington and the American people.

He said there were "some



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

More and more pumpjacks are sitting idle in the oil patch as the price of West Texas crude continues to drop. Local and area producers met with U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm on Monday to discuss the problem and consider possible solutions.

very fertile areas for potential support" and cited an upcoming trip to Washington by Texas oil and gas producers when he will attempt to set up meetings with the Hispanic and

Black caucuses to gain support. After the meeting, Permian Basin Petroleum Association executive vice president Morris Burns said at least 60 percent of all workover jobs in the oil

patch are held by Hispanics.

"There is a definite reason why Hispanic leaders should be concerned," he said.

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Oil industry session reveals not much makes sense

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Not a lot about the current plight of the oil and gas industry makes much sense.

Take, for instance, the discussion in Washington to cut tax rates.

"One thing I've observed," U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm said, "is when you're losing money, your not interested in cutting tax rates."

Or consider the fact the United States is at "war" with

Iraq, yet continues to purchase oil from the country.

"We're importing all of Iraq's oil, yet we're bombing them every day... that's not just good common sense," said Big Spring producer Charles Wash.

Or what about the study completed a year ago that shows imported oil winds up costing the American consumer more than \$100 per barrel, yet domestic producers are now getting about \$8.50 per barrel for crude.

One thing was certain following a 90-minute meeting

between Stenholm and local and area oil and gas producers on Monday — that something has to be done to increase the price paid for oil and it has to be done in a hurry.

"If we don't do something, when we get to the point where 56 to 58 percent of our oil is imported and they say they want \$100 per barrel, we won't be able to do anything about it," said Morris Burns. Burns is the executive director of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

And, as Big Spring business-

man Stan Partee pointed out, time is short.

"In the year 2000, there may not be any of us left," he said, matter-of-factly.

Producers gathered with Stenholm for a brainstorming session as much as anything, searching for a way to slow — and quickly stop — the downward spiral for the industry.

And while jobs disappear and wells are capped as the price of oil drops, there are long-term concerns as well.

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Bust

Another enters plea in federal district court

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Another defendant in the Operation Purple Cow drug bust that netted more than 23 arrests in Howard County by 16 different law enforcement agencies has resulted in a guilty plea.

Donald Ray Vanderbilt, 24, pled guilty in U.S. District Court before U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings, to conspiracy to manufacture, possess with intent to distribute cocaine base, and with distribution of less than five grams of cocaine base within 1,000 feet of school.

Dick Baker, assistant United States attorney in Lubbock, said Vanderbilt may receive five to 40 years for the conspiracy charge and not more than 40 years for the conviction of distribution within a 1,000 feet of a school.

"This alleged conspiracy with intent to manufacture and possess cocaine base occurred with Vanderbilt and another co-conspirator between Jan. 1 and Oct. 15, 1998," Baker said.

"The distribution within 1,000 feet allegedly occurred Oct. 15, 1998, within 1,000 feet of Howard College," he said.

Vanderbilt will not be eligible for probation or suspension of sentence, as prescribed by law, Baker said.

He will be under federal supervision for four years up to life if he reaches federal parole, Baker said.

Also, federal statute allows up to a \$2 million fine for both charges, he said.

"Sentencing will follow as soon as a presentencing report is complete," Baker said.

This is the third conviction stemming from Operation Purple Cow, a sweeping series of arrests that occurred in Howard County Nov. 13, 1998.

County gets bad news on mineral values, looks to solve stinky problem at library

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners listened with clenched jaws Monday to county tax appraiser Keith Toomire's report on declining mineral values.

"A 40 percent drop in mineral values for 1999 is the best case scenario I can give you. It may go up to 50 percent. We're also looking for some loss in agricultural value," Toomire said.

Toomire is predicting a more than \$500,000 loss in funds for Howard County. These figures are preliminary, and should be finalized the first part of May, he said.

"Things are not looking really bright for Howard County. To offset this with houses, we'd need to be the size of Odessa, overnight," Toomire said.

Commissioners took the news as well as possible, and continued with business as usual.

Bids were rejected for four sheriff's vehicles, as the one bid returned was over budget. They agreed to seek more bids, as



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well as bids for a new pickup for the road and bridge department.

Lots one and two in the Brown addition on the west side of Big Spring will be sold for \$100, following commissioners approval.

"Sell the property. This will get it back on the tax roll," said commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

New part-time employees were hired as jailers for the county jail, and two new members of the county employee grievance committee were selected from the grand jury pool.

Also, commissioners hired a consultant to test the personal

desk computers in the courthouse for the Y2K problem.

Purchase of computer equipment and a laser printer that will be accessible to all portals within the county clerk's office was also approved.

The county clerk's office withholds a portion of the fees collected each year to purchase record keeping equipment, such as this, said commissioner Bill Crooker.

Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator, received permission to seek proposals from local companies to contract with the county for employee drug testing.

"We've been paying \$140 per employee, and from the service I'm getting, it's not worth the money," Jameson said.

Lorraine Redman, county librarian, was officially named county literacy coordinator.

And Redman explained to commissioners that a test has been conducted at the library, and a sewer gas leak has been

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

General contractor Bob Gibbs oversees renovations being done at the old Western Hills Apartments. The property, also known as the Sandra Gayle Apartments, should be ready for occupancy later this year.

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OBITUARIES

Adam J. Gonsoulin, Jr.

Funeral service for Adam J. Gonsoulin, Jr., 66, Port Arthur, was Jan. 15, 1999, in Port Arthur, with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery. He died Jan. 12, 1999.

Mr. Gonsoulin was a retired process operator for Quantum Chemical and veteran of the U.S. Air Force in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Port Acres Sportsman Club, and OCAW Local #423.

Survivors include: one son, Adam Gonsoulin III, Nederland; a stepson, Melvin Blackwell, Beaumont; two daughters, Peggy Sue Coppedge of Robert Lee, and Della Partee of Big Spring; a stepdaughter, Denise Brewton, of Goldonna, La.; four sisters, Hazel Hunnicutt, of Port Arthur; Idelia Hanna, of Groves, Joan Etta Harris, Houston, and Georgie Graham, Port Arthur; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home, Port Arthur.

Roy Bruce

Funeral service for Roy Bruce, 87, Big Spring, will be 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Wednesday at Resthaven Cemetery in Brady.

Mr. Bruce was born Oct. 7, 1911, in Mason, and moved to Big Spring in 1933 from Ranger. He married Maxine Fuller on March 25, 1944, in Columbus, Kan.

He served in the Army Signal Corps in World War II, in Europe and Okinawa. He was First Lieutenant when dis-

charged. After leaving the Army, he returned to Big Spring and went into business for himself, operating a Texacc station and later a Phillips 66 station in downtown. He also operated a garage and Hertz rental. He worked for First National Bank for eight years in the installment loan department.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Staked Plains Lodge 598, A.F. & A.M., and Order of the Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Bruce of Big Spring; three sisters, Dorene Patterson and Maude Campbell, both of Brady, and Mary Arrendale of Austin; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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

Misty Dawn Phillips

Misty Dawn Phillips, 17, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, in a local hospital. Services will be 2 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1999, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 7, 1981, in Big Spring and had lived here all of her life. She was an avid softball, basketball and volleyball player. Misty was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: her father and stepmother, Randy and Cecilia Phillips of Big Spring; her mother and stepfather, Cindy and Juan Casper of Big Spring; four brothers, Jared Phillips, Hadden Phillips, Bryson Phillips and Blake Casper, all of Big Spring; her paternal grandparents, Raymond and Mary Phillips of Big Spring; her maternal grandfather, Bill Chrane of Big Spring; and her maternal grandmother, Laverne Chrane of Big Spring; her paternal great-grandmother, Gladys Choate of Big Spring; her maternal great-grandmother, Betty Chrane of Big Spring; a stepbrother, Dave Casper, and a stepsister, Christina Casper, both of North Carolina, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Joyce Phillips.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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

Benito J. Rubio, Sr.

Benito J. Rubio, Sr., 68, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, in a local hospital. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Rubio was born on Dec. 11, 1930, in Marfa, and married Josephine Parras in June of 1951 in Big Spring.

He came to Big Spring with his family in 1946. Mr. Rubio worked for the City of Big Spring as the general foreman for the sanitation department. He retired in 1992 after 33 years of service.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Crucillista at the church.

Survivors include: his wife, Josephine Rubio of Big Spring; three sons, Benito Rubio, Jr. of Big Spring, Rudy Rubio of

Memphis, Tenn., and Oscar Rubio of Plano; two daughters, Maria Belen Martinez of San Antonio, and Margie Johnson of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren, Tammy Rubio, Brandy Ehrlich, Gabriel Rubio, Nicole Johnson, Randy Rubio, Zachery Johnson, Joshua Martinez, Jeremy Johnson, Brittany Martinez, Cody Rubio and Shelby Rubio; and two great-grandchildren, Bridgette Gutierrez and Breanna Gutierrez; five brothers, Frank Rubio, Ismael Manuel Rubio and Raul Rubio, all of Big Spring, Felix Rubio, Jr. and Domingo Rubio, Sr., both of Denver, Colo.; five sisters, Elva Olague, Esperanza Hope Rodriguez, Viola Lopez, and Lydia Herrera, all of Big Spring; and Connie Valdez of Dallas.

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

Amelia R. Martinez

Amelia R. Martinez, 90, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, in a local nursing home. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 6, 1908, in Big Spring and married Gabriel Martinez in Redland, Calif. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1966.

She was raised in Big Spring and had lived in Redland, Calif. for 48 years, returning to Big Spring in 1997. She was a homemaker. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include: one sister, Adelida Rosales of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews of Big Spring. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five sisters and one brother.

Pallbearers will be Joe Flores, Jr., Robert Puente, Martin Puga, Gilbert Morales, Gene Rodriguez and Willie Rangel.

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

Corinne Ledingham

Funeral service for Corinne Ledingham, 72, Fort Worth, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, in a local hospital.

Ruth E. Allen

Funeral service for Ruth E. Allen, 76, Rising Star, will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, Rising Star. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in the Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

She died Sunday, Jan. 24, 1999, at Rising Star Nursing Center.

Mrs. Allen was born July 22, 1922, in Pioneer, later moving to Lamesa. She married Curtis Allen on March 26, 1942. She

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was a homemaker. The lived in Big Spring, and the Colorado City area until Mr. Allen died in 1995. Mrs. Allen was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her son, Curtis Allen of Artesia, N.M., a brother, Billy Paul Underwood of Rising Star; a sister, Norma Dean Condray of Holland, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home, Rising Star.

Autopsy results say gunshot was self-inflicted

The Big Spring Police Department has received preliminary autopsy results in a questionable death that occurred Monday about 10 a.m.

At that time, police were dispatched to the 500 block of Westover, where they discovered a 17-year-old white female with a gunshot wound to the head.

She was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and pronounced dead by the doctor on call. Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson ordered an autopsy.

The woman was identified as Misty Dawn Phillips.

Preliminary autopsy results released today said the death was caused by a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to Sgt. Roger Sweat of the BSPD.

Unattended death reported in west Big Spring

The Big Spring Police Department reported an unattended death on Saturday, Jan. 23.

A 68-year-old man, Benito Rubio, was found collapsed at an undisclosed location of the west side of town. He was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical center, where he was pronounced dead.

Assault on 12-year-old boy reported

The Big Spring Police Department report an injury to a child on Friday, Jan. 22.

A 12-year-old boy reported that while he was at a residence in the south east part of town, he was assaulted by an adult.

No serious injuries were reported and no medical treatment was sought.

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"I'm worried about national security," Stenholm said.

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"That's a definite concern when you wind up 100 percent dependent on foreign oil."

Another concern is that with the current low cost of gasoline at the pump, the development of alternative energy sources will slow — or worse, cease.

"I fear the alternative sources that we need won't be developed and it will ensure we become dependant on small areas of the world that are extremely volatile," Stenholm said.

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discovered. "American Leak Detection went up on the roof and blew smoke into the sewer line, and found that the seals around the commodes in the old restrooms are leaking sewer gases.

"Also, in the old vault room a pipe is leaking. They recommended that we replace the seals or take the commodes out and seal that off. Also, that pipe needs to be replaced, and they recommended we do it today," Redman said.

Commissioners agreed, and instructed Redman to call the county maintenance department.

Also, Phil Furquerson, county construction administrator, said the idea to pave the handicapped parking lot at the new library should eliminate the leaks in the basement.

"This is not a really big problem, only when it rains. With the work we have already done at the library, it stopped the leaks about 90 percent. The basement was built in the 1960s, and it has leaked since day one," Furquerson said.

He said he is finalizing plans for the remodeling of the old library into a district courthouse, and should have those plans available for commissioners in the near future.

Stenholm cited industry numbers, which show less than two million farmers and ranchers and an even smaller number in the oil and gas industry as he emphasized the need to build a coalition.

"We have to make people understand," he said, "that you cannot produce food and fiber without oil and gas and you

cannot produce oil and gas without food and fiber.

"They are tied together and when we lose one, we find ourselves at the mercy of someone in a faraway land."

He told producers there was a possibility of using the tax code for productive purposes, adding that "once you get into tax policy, things get complicated in a hurry."

He added, "we're looking for ideas." One idea is to use Section 232 of the tax code — the Fair Trade Protective Act — as did Harley-Davidson Motorcycles when Japanese imports damaged their business.

"Section 232 offers a legal means with which you can take on imports," Stenholm said. "It is where industries, such as Harley-Davidson, can get help when they can prove they have been damaged by unfair imports.

"We have folks looking into it (Section 232) to see if there's a hook to see if we're being damaged in the oil and gas industry."

The key there, as pointed out earlier in the meeting, stems from the fact the United States is importing a majority of its oil from Third World countries.

"There is no cheap foreign oil," one producer said. "There was a study last year that showed it costs us more than \$100 a barrel to get it here (by tanker) — and we're getting \$10 or \$11 a barrel."

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the Texas Education Agency. Those parents, teachers and grandparents, as well as students, who remained through the executive sessions to observe the board meeting, appeared dissatisfied with the outcome.

"Justice has not been served," Chad Metcalf said after the formal apology by the board, who had entered into executive session.

Those present seemed satisfied with the punishment allowed for students at Coahoma ISD for infractions such as gum chewing, which can result in in-school suspension and no trespassing on school property while in ISS.

A second special meeting has been called by trustees for Monday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in the regular board meeting.

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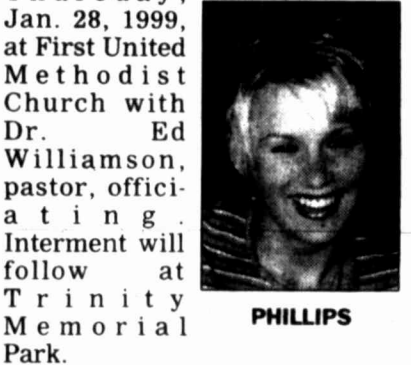
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Bush to deliver key speech Wednesday

AUSTIN (AP) — Just off one speech, Gov. George W. Bush is getting ready for another.

Wednesday, Bush will give legislators his third State of the State address.

The speech, to a joint session of the Texas House and Senate, will spell out the newly re-elected governor's proposals on an agenda ranging from tax cuts to reducing social promotion of school children, his staff says.

"The governor will outline his legislative priorities, including ending social promo-

tion in schools, increasing funding for public education and providing tax cuts that are conservative and fiscally responsible," said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

During his re-election campaign, the Republican governor proposed several initiatives.

He pledged to make education the top priority, spending \$3.6 billion more, including \$2 billion for property tax relief.

He said he wanted to cut sales taxes on over-the-counter medicines and diapers, provide

a tax credit for business research and development, and exempt 176,000 small businesses from the franchise tax.

The total price tag for his tax cut proposals was \$2.7 billion, about \$200 million more than the revenue the Legislature's two chief budget writers now say appears available.

Bush also proposed eliminating social promotion — the term for advancing students from grade to grade even when they can't do the academic work.

Shelby: case against Clinton not airtight

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Senate prepared to debate whether to call witnesses in the impeachment trial of President Clinton, a Republican senator said today the case is not airtight "and there are not 67 votes to convict."

"If it were an airtight case ... you'd probably have about 70, 75 senators lining up to convict," said Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama. "You don't see that."

Shelby said he is willing to listen to House prosecutors' arguments for witnesses even

though they "are hoping to find something rather than perhaps having something." But unless it can be shown that witnesses will change the dynamic of the trial, "I say let's dispense with the witnesses and go on and vote the issue up or down after we have arguments," he said.

One of the prosecutors, Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said he and his colleagues are sharply limiting the number of witnesses they want to call and believe a few witnesses would be helpful. The chief witness, former White House employee Monica

Lewinsky "could offer a limited amount of new information," Hutchinson said on NBC.

Republican leaders are considering another option: Find Clinton guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice in connection with his affair with Ms. Lewinsky but not remove him from office.

That option by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, Republican officials said, is predicated on the widely held assumption that the 67 votes needed to convict and remove Clinton would never materialize.

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OTHER VIEWS

The revelations (of bribery) provide a good opportunity for putting a scalpel into the root cause of corruption. A radically new way of administering the International Olympic Committee (IOC) must be sought.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, who became IOC president in 1980, played a large part in establishing and promoting a commercializing trend. He adopted a policy that allowed the participation of professional athletes, throwing amateurism overboard, while firming up mechanisms for recruiting sponsors on a global basis. These were bold turns toward commercialism.

Mikio Oda, Japan's first Olympic gold-medal winner who died last year, used to say: "We must take back power from those who make money out of the Olympics. Real athletes must join hands to rebuild the Olympic Games as soon as possible."

The money-worship introduced to the Olympic Games by the Samaranch regime must be eradicated.

The ancient Olympic Games began a pattern of commercialized victory after winners began to take home prize money and privileges. The Games subsequently went into decline because of corruption. Will the modern Olympics follow the same path as the ancient Olympics?

—Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo

Back in October when the United States envoy Richard Holbrooke brokered a cease-fire agreement over Kosovo, President Clinton was asked if his Yugoslav counterpart, Slobodan Milosevic, could be trusted to stick to his promises. "Balkan graveyards are filled with President Milosevic's broken promises," Clinton replied. Now there are at least 45 more bodies to be buried in a Balkan graveyard — victims of what appears to be a massacre of ethnic Albanians by Serb security forces near the village of Racak outside the provincial capital of Pristina.

If the brutality continues in Kosovo, international public opinion will eventually demand outside intervention, whatever the risks or unresolved consequences. The Racak massacre may not mark the decisive turning point but it does bring it that much closer. Western diplomats would be well advised to ponder the "What then?" question — and come up with some answer quickly.

The Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald

The killing of Kosovo Albanian civilians in the village of Racak was condemned together by a shocked world.

—The Times of India, New Delhi

Electorate gets the leaders it deserves

If ratings are any indication, the American public cares far more about what happens to John Elway than Bill Clinton this week. An estimated 45 million people will tune in to watch the Denver Broncos' quarterback as his team faces the Atlanta Falcons in the 33rd annual Super Bowl on Sunday. Yet barely 10 million Americans watched the president's impeachment trial as it was broadcast live last week, according to most estimates. Have Americans lost all sense of proportion?



LINDA CHAVEZ

Sure, I know there's plenty of drama in this Super Bowl match. This is Atlanta's first Super Bowl and Elway's last game. Then there's the purported rivalry between Elway, arguably the best quarterback in football history, and Atlanta coach Dan Reeves, who once

coached the Broncos until he was forced out in a feud with Elway.

But no matter how great the hype, this is after all only a football game — albeit a championship. Its outcome won't have any lasting effect on anyone beyond the teams' players and owners. Yet millions of Americans will be glued to their sets, following every play as if their lives depended on it.

Meanwhile, most Americans seem utterly uninterested in the drama that has unfolded in the U.S. Senate the last two weeks — a once-in-a-century event that could determine the course of politics for years to come. The conventional explanation for the country's apathy is that people are generally pleased with the economy and don't want to upset the apple cart. But that's no excuse.

You'd think that if most Americans truly believed that the president was innocent of the charges they would be incensed that he's been impeached and forced to stand trial, the first elected president in history to face such ignominy. Why, if that were the case, there ought to be protest marches in every city. But instead, the public seems

more bored than angry.

Besides, according to the polls, most Americans believe the president is pretty much guilty as charged. They think the president lied under oath and encouraged others to do so as well, they just don't seem to believe the president's behavior matters all that much. The public appears to hold politicians in such low regard they don't expect them to obey normal standards of decency and lawfulness anyway. A liar as chief executive? So what else is new, they seem to be saying.

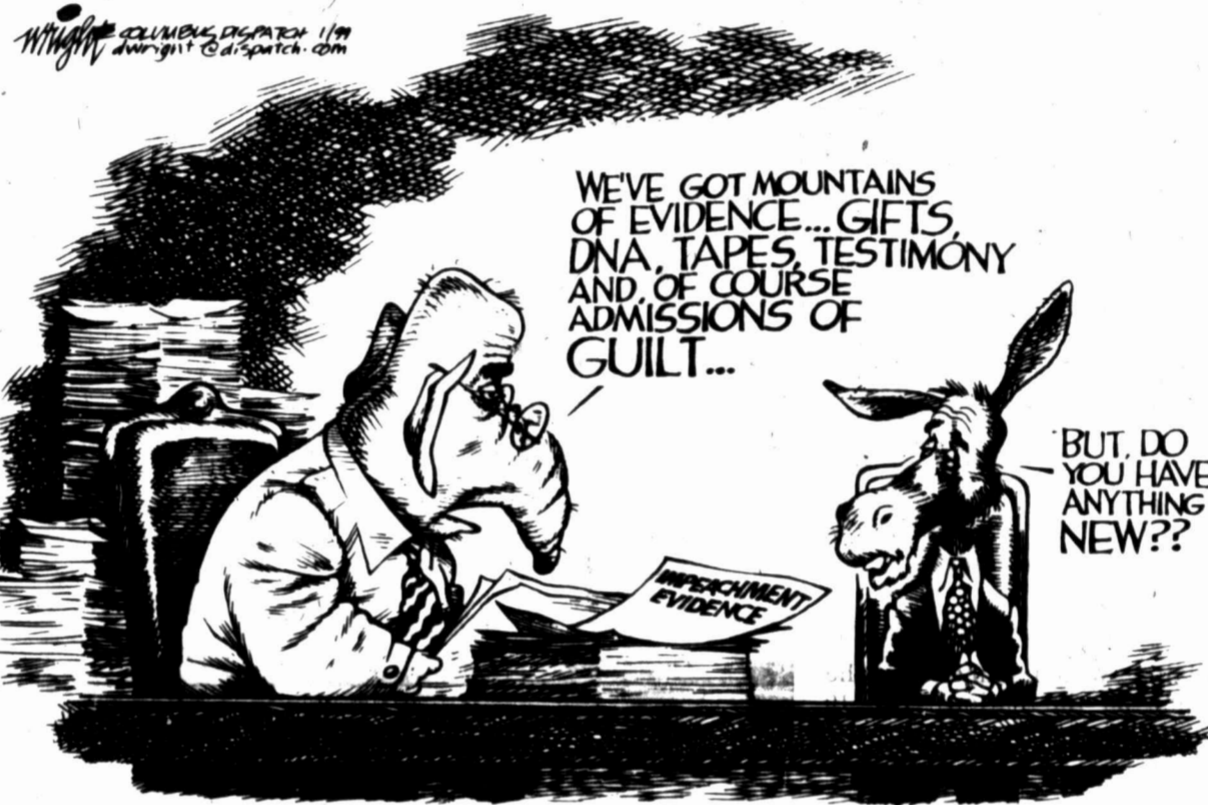
The electorate's ennui turns the proceedings on Capitol Hill into a charade. For all the high-flown rhetoric about the Constitution from members of Congress on both sides of the political aisle, our democracy is not functioning as it was intended so long as Americans aren't paying attention to the most significant political event in their lifetimes. Voters and members of Congress alike seem more concerned with getting the proceedings over with quickly than they do in getting to the truth.

Certainly the Founders of this nation could never have imagined an electorate so utterly detached from the democrat-

ic process. Barely 36 percent of eligible voters bothered to vote in last year's congressional election, and the number who participate has declined steadily over the years.

President Clinton claimed in his State of the Union speech last week that he was keeping alive what President George Washington referred to in his first inaugural address as "the sacred fire of liberty." But, as Washington scholar Matthew Spalding reminded readers of National Review, President Clinton failed to note that the father of our country also said in the very same speech from which he quoted: "the foundations of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principle of private morality."

Not much solace for either Clinton or the American public there. But then the John Elways of American life have long ago replaced heroes like George Washington. In our democracy, the electorate gets the leaders it deserves. Maybe Americans don't want to follow impeachment too closely because they realize the impeachment process is holding up a mirror that they would rather not look into.



State of the Union is not very good

The first thing to keep in mind when assessing Bill Clinton's laundry list of promises, made in his State of the Union speech, is that Clinton is a proven liar.



CHARLEY REESE

As any misled wife can tell you, the practical problem in dealing with liars is deciding when, if ever, they are telling the truth and when they are lying. Lying is far more serious than liars would have you believe.

Two main lies underlie his speech.

One is the lie that Social Security needs saving. Well, only from politicians. The present tax brings in more than enough money to keep the Social Security Trust Fund solvent, but Congress and presidents use the surplus to offset deficits in other places in order to promulgate the second lie — that the budget has a surplus.

Both Republicans and Democrats are co-conspirators in this con job. So starting with two lies, Clinton then proceeds to spend a nonexistent surplus stretching 15 years into the future. Even if this year's surplus

were real, there is no way to predict that the surpluses will continue for 15 years into the future. That is pure fantasy.

Clinton's promising this and promising that, all financed by a nonexistent future surplus, is a perfect example of demagoguery. Furthermore, everything Clinton proposed, except spending more on defense (again with the mythical surplus money) is unconstitutional.

Yes, I know that nobody pays any attention to the Constitution except lawyers trying to get around the democratic process, but nevertheless, if you will just read the document, you will notice that nowhere is the federal government authorized to get involved in local land planning, health care (long or short term), child care, urban sprawl, education or discouraging kids from smoking tobacco. (God knows they've done a poor job of discouraging them from smoking dope.)

It's dismaying that more people can't see through this thinly disguised con game. Washington politicians are playing. They do polls. They find out what folks are worrying about. They promise to fix it. They pretend they can fix it, despite a deplorable record of failure (\$5 trillion and the feds lost the war on poverty, \$40 billion and they lost the war on drugs). They pretend they can do it at no cost. This year, they

will all be spending the mythical surpluses which, like psychics, they know will come in the future.

All this amounts to is blatant vote-buying, as corrupt as if they were standing outside the voting booths stuffing \$20 bills into people's pockets. It amounts to robbing Jane to buy the vote of Betsy.

Why should one working mother, who pays for her own child care, be taxed to provide free child care to someone else. The low-life, unprincipled politicians have turned government in America largely into a racket, and it appears that many Americans have become so corrupt themselves that they don't care as long as they get a piece of the booty.

Well, from the point of view of a paid observer, watching a society collapse is probably more interesting than watching one that is running smoothly, but nevertheless I don't recommend it. I don't know of any greater civic sin a people could commit than taking this great country, created and preserved at such a great price in blood, sweat and tears, and tossing it away just because Americans have become too damned lazy, timid, greedy and irresponsible to preserve it for posterity.

Despite what you hear, the state of this union isn't very good.

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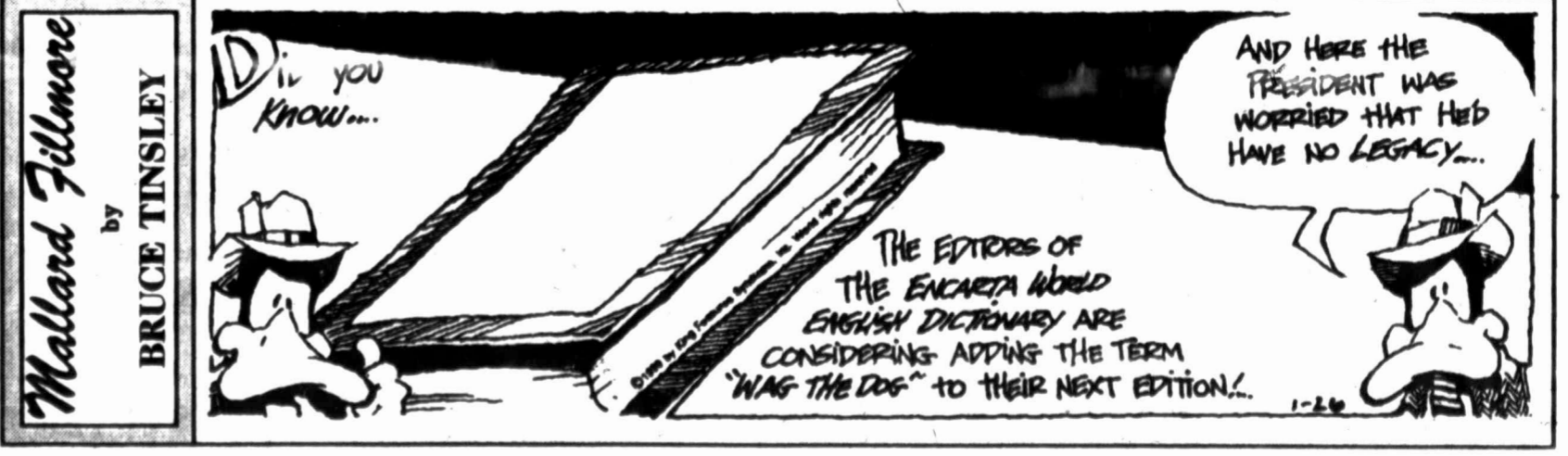
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Garden City scholar-athlete
Garden City Kujawski, capt. Bearkats cross and a member ball and track team named as one for the 1999 Morning News Scholar-Athlete. Kujawski ran class and is a Garden City She's editor newspaper, a Texas Academic Excellence National Honor. She and the lists were chosen than 2,500 applicants and public and private Texas. The team's first will be announced each of them \$4,000 college scholarship.

Softball boost first meeting
The Big Spring Softball Boosters its first meeting at 6:30 tonight. Athletic Training. All parents High School students as well as other Lady Steers so to attend.

Phil Evans bass club to
Phil Evans pounds of fish of 4.68 pounds Big Spring Bassment of the year. Royce Baggett with 5.47 the tournament Saturday at Lake. David Atkin in the field, following Mills. The club's next meeting Feb. 2 at the Motel's meeting next tournament 13 at Oak Creek. For more information Jim Crenshaw.

Lady Mavs visiting Lady
Goliad Middle Mavericks predict seventh-grade games to a Lady Mustang night. In the "A" overcame a deficit to take the Lady Mavs. Lindsay Goliad in the points, which added nine rebounds. In the "B" Wilks had Kristin Choe but the Lady 37-10 defeat.

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IN BRIEF

Garden City's Kujawski scholar-athlete finalist

Garden City senior Tiffany Kujawski, captain of the Lady Bearkats cross-country team and a member of the basketball and track teams, has been named as one of 44 finalists for the 1999 Fina/Dallas Morning News All-State Scholar-Athlete Team.

Kujawski ranks first in her class and is president of the Garden City student body. She's editor of the school newspaper, a member of the Texas Association of Academic Excellence and the National Honor Society.

She and the other 43 finalists were chosen from more than 2,500 applicants from 1,000 public and private schools in Texas.

The team's final 12 members will be announced in March, each of them receiving a \$4,000 college scholarship.

Softball boosters slate first meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the season at 6:30 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring High School softball players, as well as other supporters of Lady Steers softball are urged to attend.

Phil Evans winner in first bass club tourney of year

Phil Evans caught 6.43 pounds of fish with a big bass of 4.68 pounds to win the first Big Spring Bass Club tournament of the year.

Royce Baggett finished second with 5.47 pounds during the tournament fished Saturday at Colorado City Lake.

David Atkins finished third in the field, followed by Linda Mills.

The club's next meeting will be Feb. 2 at the Best Western Motel's meeting room and its next tournament will be Feb. 13 at Oak Creek Lake.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Lady Mavs drop pair visiting Lady Mustangs

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks dropped a pair of seventh-grade basketball games to Andrews' young Lady Mustangs on Monday night.

In the "A" game, Andrews overcame a 20-17 halftime deficit to take a 43-35 win over the Lady Mavs.

Lindsay Phillips paced Goliad in the "A" loss with 12 points, while Kim Green added nine points and nine rebounds.

In the "B" game, Lindsay Wilks had four points and Kristin Choate had five steals, but the Lady Mavs suffered a 37-10 defeat.

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6 p.m.

- Big Spring at Sweetwater (girls and boys).

6:30 p.m.

- Stanton at Coahoma (girls and boys).

- Forsan at Ozona (girls and boys).

- Garden City at Water Valley (girls and boys).

- Borden County at Grady (girls and boys).

ON RADIO

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

6 p.m.

- Big Spring Lady Steers at Sweetwater Lady Mustangs, KBST-AM 1490.

7:30 p.m.

- Big Spring Steers at Sweetwater Mustangs, KBST-AM 1490.

ON TV

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

- 6:30 p.m. — Indiana at Minnesota, ESPN, Ch. 30.

- 8:30 p.m. — Kentucky at Georgia, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Phil Simms' son headed for Texas instead of Tennessee

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Phillip Fulmer and national champion Tennessee finally lost one — a recruit that is.

Chris Simms, son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, changed his mind and decided to attend Texas instead of Tennessee.

"There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it, I'm going to Texas," Simms said in today's editions of The Record of Hackensack, confirming what his high school coach said on Monday.

The surprise switch came more than a month after a mid-December announcement that Simms would join the Volunteers.

"He had some time over the last few

weeks to reflect and think about it before he made it final, and he weighed it out in his mind and he just felt Texas was a better fit for him," said Mike Miello, Simms' coach at Ramapo (N.J.) High School.

Texas and Penn State were the other finalists in the recruiting battle for the left-handed quarterback considered among the top prep players in the country.

Simms' choice will not become official until he signs a national letter of intent on Feb. 3, the first day high school players are permitted to sign with a school.

"I took more of a hard feeling about it," added Simms, who threw for more

that 7,000 yards in 39 high school games. "And I think I placed too much emphasis on playing time instead of what I like more."

Last month, Simms seemed happy when he appeared on a local cable TV show to announce he would be attending Tennessee.

"I'm proud to be a Vol and it's a good place for me," Simms said at the time. "I'm a big fan of Coach Fulmer and I think it fits me right. I feel so relieved and finally I can get back to being a high schooler and enjoying myself."

Tennessee won the national title a few weeks later, beating Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

Tee Martin returns at quarterback for Tennessee, but Simms may have wavered when A.J. Suggs, another top quarterback prospect from Georgia, also verbally committed to the Vols.

Texas, meanwhile, has Major Applewhite returning for the next few seasons, but Simms could move up quickly since the Longhorns lack depth at quarterback, especially after redshirt freshman Greg Cicero transferred to a junior college in California.

A 6-foot-5, 218-pounder, Simms threw for 7,055 yards and 63 touchdowns during his high school career. He threw for 18 touchdowns with only four interceptions in his senior season.

Howard posts big sweep of South Plains

Lady Hawks take 'sweet' 77-55 victory

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

LEVELLAND — It was, as they say, a game that was closer than the final score. Still, Howard College's 77-55 win over South Plains here Monday night in the Texan Dome was a sweet win by any standard for the Lady Hawks.

A year ago, Howard saw South Plains launch a shower of 3-point shots at game's end to send the Lady Hawks home losers.

There would be no such opportunity for the Lady Texans this time around.

Despite playing without post players Caryn Ross and Nicol Beaudion, Howard (19-2, 4-1) took control of the game in the second half to take over sole possession of second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. South Plains, which came into the game as the nation's No. 19 defensive team — allowing just 55.8 points per game — fell to 12-9, 3-2 with the loss.

The Lady Texans led for the first 17 1/2 minutes of the game, holding as much as a 19-12 advantage before Howard started to chip away at the lead.

When Ashanti Nix hit a jump shot from close in following a South Plains turnover, Howard had its first lead of the game — 20-19 with 2:10 left in the half.

A pair of baskets by Karlita Washington and Latasha Moore just 12 seconds apart following South Plains turnovers gave Howard a quick 24-19 lead, which was stretched to 27-21 when Washington hit a 3-pointer. South Plains came back to close to within three, 27-24, at the half.

"We made some offensive adjustments at the half," acknowledged Lady Hawks coach Matt Corkery.

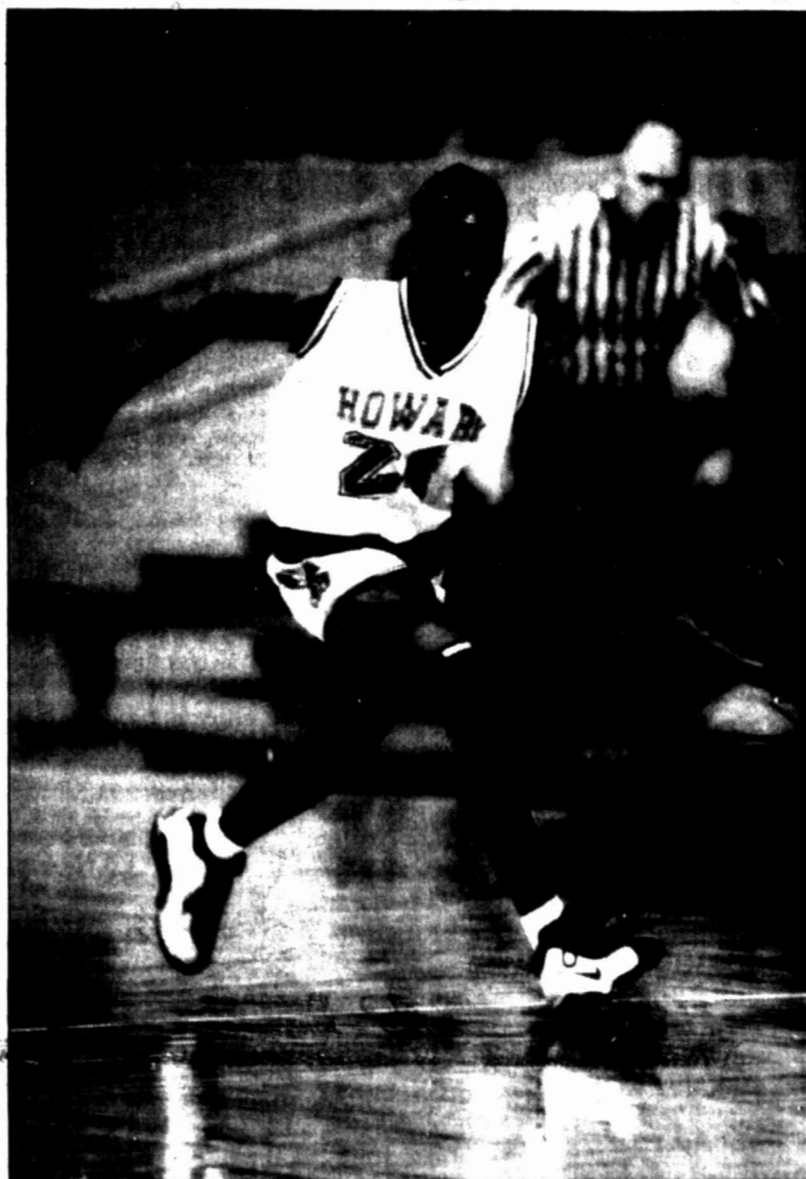
Corkery said the biggest adjustment Howard made was to not double down defensively on the post player.

"We quit that (doubling down)," he said. "I told them to not double (No.) 45 (Katrina Jordan) on the low post."

"We said if she was going to shoot down low, let her shoot, but we weren't going to double-team her and let her kick the ball out on the perimeter for a 3-point shot."

The adjustment worked.

After eight lead changes to open the second half, Howard took the lead for good when



Howard Lady Hawks guard Latasha Moore (24) brings the ball up the court in this file photo from WJCAC play earlier in the season. Moore scored eight points in the Lady Hawks' 77-55 win over South Plains' Lady Texans, providing support for the 33 points poured in by Karlita Washington and the 17 added by Jovanae St. Cyr. The Lady Hawks return to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday where they'll host Clarendon at 6 p.m.

Jovanae St. Cyr hit a pair of free throws with 14:22 left in the game to put the Lady Hawks up 40-39.

That proved to be the first two points in a 17-6 run that gave the Lady Hawks their first double-digit lead of the night, 55-45 with 8:02 left in the game.

From that point on, South Plains gambled — and lost — that Howard couldn't make its free throws. Connecting on 12 of 16 charity tosses over the final 5:46, the Lady Hawks sealed their road win.

Howard finished the game with three lay-ups in a 40-second span to set the 22-point margin.

Washington led all scorers with a career-high tying 33 points, followed by St. Cyr with 17 and freshman Aiesha Love with 11. Howard, which trailed in rebounding all night long, dominated the boards over the final 9:17 to take a 42-35 rebounding advantage. St. Cyr led all players with nine cars-

Howard's defense was the key to the win, limiting South Plains to just 31.6 percent from the floor — 18 of 57 — and converting 22 Lady Texan turnovers into 23 points.

Next up for Howard is Clarendon on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Clarendon dropped a 48-45 decision at New Mexico Junior College on Monday.

LADY HAWKS 77, SOUTH PLAINS 55

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SOUTH PLAINS — Kristi Voss 3 1 4 9, Monica Trimble 3 5 8 12, Monica Smith 1 0 0 2, Penny Sammons 2 1 3 5, Jody Avert 3 0 0 6, Missy Frazer 1 3 4 13, Mindy Norman 0 0 0 0, Katrina Jordan 2 4 5 8, Natalie Hunter 0 0 0 0. TOTALS 18-57 14-24 55.

Halftime score — HC 27, SPC 24. 3-point goals — HC 3 (11), Washington 3, SPC 5 (23, SPC 21 Fouled out — HC (McKee, Grant), SPC (Frazer, Jordan). Technical fouls — HC (Corkery). Rebounds — HC 42 (St. Cyr 9), SPC 35 (Trimble, Jordan 7 each). Turnovers — HC 17, SPC 22. Steals — HC 8, SPC 3. Blocks — HC 2, SPC 1. Att. — 500.

Hawks alone in first place following win over Texans

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

LEVELLAND — Monday night in South Plains College's Texan Dome was a big night for Howard College's Hawks.

First, Howard (15-5, 5-0) moved into sole possession of first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 69-56 win, and second, Hawks coach Tommy Collins got his first win in six tries in the Dome.

"It's a hard place to win," Collins acknowledged after his team had stretched a three-point lead to as many as 16 en route to the win.

While he would have liked to have seen more consistent play from his team, Collins was more than pleased with the effort over the final dozen minutes.

"With 12 minutes to go, we finally started playing," he said. "Defensively, I was real disappointed up until then."

There were three ties and six lead changes in the first half and it was the last lead change, when Greg Lewis scored off a back door play following a South Plains turnover, that gave Howard the lead for keeps, 21-20.

A South Plains free throw would tie the game briefly at 21-21, but Howard took a 26-23 lead into intermission and immediately began to stretch its lead in the second half.

After the Hawks went up 46-33 when Greg Lewis hit an inside basket with 10:21 left in the game, South Plains went on a 6-0 run to set up what Collins called "the turning point of the game."

Down by seven, South Plains' defense knocked the ball loose and a scramble was on for it on the far sidelines.

Howard's Scooter Owens dove after the ball, taking it away from a South Plains defender and, as he was about

to be tied up, called time out to preserve the possession.

"People who didn't see it probably wouldn't be able to picture it, but I felt like that was the turning point of the game," Collins said.

South Plains would score another basket to close with five at 46-41, but Howard was off on a 16-6 run to go up by 13 once again and, in effect, seal the win.

The first basket of the run was a big play as well.

Double-teamed on the left wing, Lamont Roberts rolled to his left and split two man-to-man defenders, drove to the basket and jammed home a big basket to start the run.

Greg Lewis led all scorers for Howard with 19 points, followed by Roberts with 13 and Allaway with 11. Lewis also led all rebounders with nine for Howard.

Collins said he would have liked more overall intensity from his team.

"I felt like we did what we had to do to win," he admitted. "We were not as sharp defensively as we were against Midland. We toned down our (South Plains) game plan against Midland, we just went after them."

Howard is at home Thursday against Clarendon, 81-57 losers to New Mexico Junior College on Monday.

HAWKS 69, SOUTH PLAINS 56

HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 0 1 2 1, Justin Rhodes 1 0 0 2, Scooter Owens 1 3 4 5, Lamont Roberts 4 3 4 13, Larry Allaway 3 5 9 11, Greg Lewis 5 9 12 19, Darryl Martin 2 2 6, Donald Caesar 3 3 5 9, Myron Brown 0 0 0 0, Fred Lewis 1 0 0 2. TOTALS 20-49 26-38 69.

SOUTH PLAINS — Steven Barber 0 0 0 0, Gentellis Tucker 5 0 1 10, Lamarque Ward 3 3 3 10, Omar Lowery 0 0 0 0, Deshaun Curtis 1 2 2 4, Terrence Watkins 8 0 0 17, C.D. Doucet 3 0 0 6, Reggie York 1 4 4 6, Gerald Scott 1 2 3 5. TOTALS 22-58 10-12 56.

Halftime score — HC 26, SPC 23. 3-point goals — HC 3 (Roberts 2), SPC 2 (Ward, Watkins). Total fouls — HC 15, SPC 25. Fouled out — SPC (Lowery, Doucet). Technicals — None. Rebounds — HC 39 (Lewis 9), SPC 32 (York 9). Turnovers — HC 16, SPC 19. Steals — HC 4, SPC 2. Blocks — HC 1, SPC 2. Att. — 500.

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Howard College	4 1	19 2	South Plains	4 1	14 8		
South Plains	3 2	12 9	Frank Phillips	3 2	7 13		
Western Texas	3 2	14 6	Clarendon	2 3	11 6		
Odessa College	2 3	13 5	New Mexico Military	2 3	8 13		
New Mexico JC	2 3	14 6	New Mexico JC	2 3	8 13		
Clarendon	1 4	7 6	Midland College	1 4	12 9		
Frank Phillips	0 5	5 15	Odessa College	1 4	9 11		

Monday's Results

Howard 77, South Plains 55, Midland 79, Frank Phillips 55, Western Texas 62, Odessa 54, New Mexico JC 48, Clarendon 45.

Thursday's Game

Clarendon at Howard, South Plains at Western Texas, Odessa at Midland, Frank Phillips at New Mexico JC.

Monday's Results

Howard 69, South Plains 56, Frank Phillips 67, Midland 62, Odessa 79, New Mexico Military 65, New Mexico JC 81, Clarendon 57.

Thursday's Games

Clarendon at Howard, Odessa at Midland, South Plains at New Mexico Military, Frank Phillips at New Mexico JC.

Kansas shows it can be beaten ... at home no less

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Maybe Kansas will win its third Big 12 championship.

But Missouri sure opened the door for anybody who might like to step in.

"I think that should give added incentive to everyone in the conference," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said Monday following the weekend loss by the Jayhawks to Missouri.

"If they really get on a hot streak, win something on the road, it's an opportunity to really make a dent. I don't think this comes as a surprise to anybody. I think everybody thought this would be a race. There's so much (time) left, but maybe nobody is going to run away and hide."

Kansas has won the only two Big 12 regular season titles and was the dominant team in the Big Eight before that. But the 71-63 loss to Missouri Sunday — in Allen Fieldhouse, no less — proves

the Jayhawks are mortal. "A lot of opponents are sensing Kansas is wounded," said Jayhawks guard Ryan Robertson. "I think they're trying to take advantage of that, considering that we've been beaten up on them in the past couple of years."

Kansas by this time was starting to think about wrapping things up and looking ahead to March.

"To put a loss on Kansas allowed everybody else to look and say this thing is still pretty wide open," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said during the league's weekly conference call. "Coaches are probably telling their teams, 'Hey, we've got a chance to win this.'"

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said he believes the eventual league champion will have at least three losses.

"There are teams that a week ago were in the driver's seat that are in the pas-

senger's seat," Sampson said. "There are teams that were in the passenger's seat that are in the driver's seat. There are so many teams that are tightly bunched and they're getting better. A lot of teams are getting better."

Texas was the surprise leader at 7-1 in the conference after Monday night's 64-60 victory over Oklahoma. Kansas was 5-1 with Oklahoma State at 5-2. Sitting at 4-2 were Missouri and Nebraska. Oklahoma was 4-3, Iowa State 3-3 and Kansas State 3-4.

Key matchups Wednesday have Kansas State at Missouri and Kansas on the road against Nebraska.

Huskers coach Danny Nee may have been the only one to hope that Kansas would beat Missouri, but that was just because he has to play the Jayhawks next.

"I was hoping that Kansas would win because now they're going to come in

here mad," Nee said. "(Kansas losing) is really psychological, a good morale booster. It gives everybody hope. If you can get a run going and play consistently, you've got a chance. It should generate excitement."

Conventional wisdom had it that to win the conference, teams needed to win their home games and find a couple of wins on the road. With parity, winning on the road may not be the impossibility it once was.

Kansas and Missouri each won on the other's court. Oklahoma beat Oklahoma State in Stillwater. It took a miracle shot, but Texas A&M beat Baylor in a game Saturday between winless teams in Waco.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27:
Imagination and creativity
merge, allowing you to man-
ifest your dreams. You have
idea upon idea, though decid-
ing which one to follow
through on is important. Do
some reality checking before
running with an inspired
thought. Your circle of friends
could be changing as a reflec-
tion of your priorities and
wishes. If you are single,
romance comes into your life
and could bowl you over. You
might not be seeing this person
realistically, however. If
attached, your relationship
heats up because of your will-
ingness to share and a mutual
love of the good times. Gemini
is a hoot!

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)
Keep talks going. Explore
unusual and dynamic ideas.
Verbalize a long-cherished
ambition. Allow your creativity
to show in conversations. A
friend adds to your list of possi-
bilities. This person is an end-
less source of information.
Tonight: Hang out at a favorite
spot.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You dream of improvements
in a work situation. Why not
act on your ideas? An associate
has greatly changed his stand.
Ask for support. Spontaneity
helps you to solve some finan-

cial issues. Take time to test a
plan and make sure it is air-
tight. Tonight: Shop.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Allow your mind free reign.
You presently see much more
than others. Your feedback is
supportive and allows you to go
in another direction. A partner
is changing; be aware that your
relationship might need some
fine-tuning. Tonight: Do some-
thing romantic!****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You might be working on an
intuitive level as you try to fig-
ure out which way to go. Listen
to your inner voice; it will lead
you to the right decision in a
joint financial matter. Explore
options with trusted associates.
Two minds work better than
one! Tonight: Make it easy.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Aim for what you want and
don't settle. Instead of shaking
up the status quo, a partner
comes up with another perspec-
tive. He is responding to his
dreams and feels freer to ex-
press them since you have
recently changed your mind-
set. Be realistic about others.
Tonight: Upgrade your comput-
er.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Realize how focused you are
on success and approbation.
View co-workers and associates
with stark clarity. One might
seem your greatest fan, but
could be chief back-stabber!
Take another look at how to
reach the career pinnacle you
desire. Tonight: Relax.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Take a loved one's antics
with a grain of salt, however
adorable they may be. You
wonder what his limits are.
This is an excellent question,
one he may also ask himself!
Let inspiration guide you both
at work and in your personal
life. A friend plays devil's advo-
cate. Tonight: Romance reigns
supreme.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Allow more closeness into
your life. Another clearly is
knocking on your door. You
might not be realistic about
your home and family. Follow
through on a talk, especially if
it involves investments, home
and personal life. Tonight:
Keep the lines of communica-
tion open.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)
Others offer you a lot. Think
before leaping. You might not
know the whole picture, even
though you feel sure of your-
self. An element of confusion
surrounds your thinking.
Recognize how much you are
changing presently. Work with
a spontaneous offer. Tonight:
Out among the crowds.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)
You might be careless with
funds and take something for
granted. You cannot be too
careful, especially if making a
long-term investment. Work
always proves challenging;
presently, it could be very
dynamic. Take inner changes
into account. Tonight:

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Exercise.***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Allow greater ingenuity,
rather than indulging in wish-
ful thinking. Creativity is
enhanced beyond levels you
thought possible. You might
want to tap into your dreams
and keep a written record.
Your goals and core group of
friends are in flux. Tonight:
Whatever puts a smile on your
face!****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Stay anchored and know
what you want. Approach a
dynamic situation with creati-
vity and openness. Understand
your limits with a boss, yet be
willing to walk away, if neces-
sary, to keep your integrity
intact. Answer your inner
voice and a strong creative
need. Tonight: Relax in a bub-
ble bath!****

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Man found his dishonesty
more painful than being gay

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man
who is in the middle of a nasty
divorce, ending a 10-year mar-
riage. I married to hide the fact
that I am gay from my conserva-
tive religious parents and fam-
ily.

His divorce has
been a terrible
experience for both
my wife and me, and we
will bear the scars of this
broken relationship for
many years to come. The
irony is, my parents have
fully accepted my homosexu-
ality and are extremely sup-
portive.

How I wish I had waited until
I was strong enough to deal
honestly with my sexuality
instead of getting married.
Young men who are in my
shoes need to heed my advice:
"Give yourselves time to come
to terms with your sexuality."
Lesbians, too, should know that
they can be happy and live
rewarding and productive lives
if they accept themselves as
they are.

Abby, my effort to become a
heterosexual was a total farce
for me! Gays and lesbians
should find a supportive ther-
apist and give themselves time
to mature. If one person learns
from my terrible mistake, it
will make it worth the pain. —
20/20 HINDSIGHT IN NEW
YORK

DEAR 20/20: Thank you for
sending a message that many
people — gay and straight —
will appreciate. I am reminded
of a quote from Shakespeare:
"This above all: To thine own
self be true, and it must follow,
as the night the day, thou canst
not then be false to any man."

DEAR ABBY: Several years
ago, you ran a letter signed
"Grieving" that listed some
things people should not say to
a couple who has lost a child
by miscarriage. I still hurt after
15 years, and I'm the grand-
mother. You may use my name.
— NANA IN SOUTH CAROLI-
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DEAR NANA: I'm sorry.
Losing a child is one of life's
most painful tragedies — one
almost too difficult to bear. Of
course I will print the column
again so that well-meaning peo-
ple will not offer sympathetic
comments that only increase
the pain.

DEAR ABBY: My husband
and I wanted so much to have
this child, and we almost made
it, but I miscarried a baby boy
in my sixth month and he
couldn't be saved. This tragedy
was heartbreaking enough, but
some of the "comforting" com-
ments from well-meaning
friends made it even worse.

Abby, will you please ask
your readers NEVER to try to

comfort a woman who has lost
a premature baby with any of
the following comments — and
if you can add anything, please
do:

"Cheer up, you're still
young. You can try again."
"You have one child
already. Be thankful for what
you have."
"It was God's will. Praise
the Lord."
"You could have been
lucky; it might not have been
normal."
"Don't be so downhearted
— it isn't as though you lost a
CHILD."

DEAR GRIEVING: To the
above well-intentioned but
inappropriate comments, I can
repeat some advice I have fre-
quently offered: To the parents,
a miscarriage is the loss of a
child. They have anticipated,
planned for and prepared for
the child, which they will
never have. Regardless of how
many other children they may
have, one child will never
replace the one who was lost.

If a friend loses a child
through miscarriage, express
your feelings of sorrow as
though she had lost a "living"
child. Because she has.

DEAR ABBY: My marriage
was in need of repair. My hus-
band and I had been fighting a
lot. He told me that if I didn't
like it, I could pack my things
and go. I cried myself to sleep
for nights on end.

One night I couldn't sleep
because I was so upset with
him. All I could think about
were all the things that bugged
me about him. I knew that if I
didn't banish these negative
thoughts from my mind, it
would be a long time before I
fell asleep. I decided to think,
instead, of all the things that I
loved about him. I wrote them
down on a piece of paper, put it
in an envelope and placed it in
his briefcase.

The next morning, he called
me from work to tell me how
much he loved me. When he
came home that evening, he
put my "list" in a frame and
hung it on the wall. We hardly
ever fight anymore. I get love
notes weekly and kisses daily.

I thought some of your read-
ers might like to try this recipe
for renewed love. It was so sim-
ple — and well worth the effort.
— HAPPY AGAIN IN SAN
DIEGO

DEAR HAPPY AGAIN: What
a terrific idea for warming up a
glacial marriage. Your list of
the things you loved about your
husband obviously meant a
great deal to him. When we
focus only on what a person is
doing wrong, we tend to under-
value what he or she is doing
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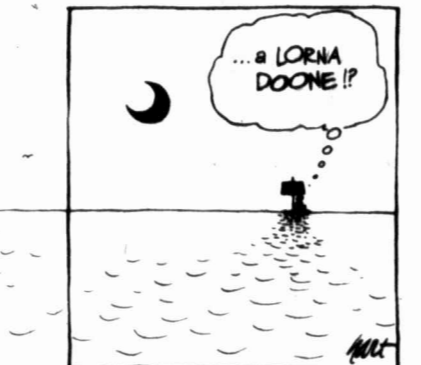
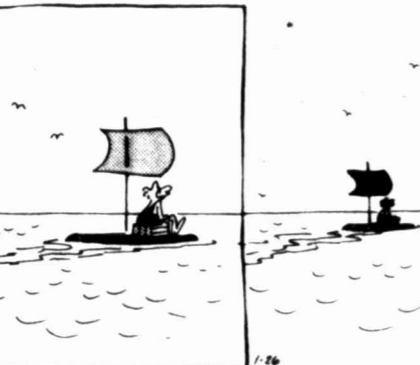
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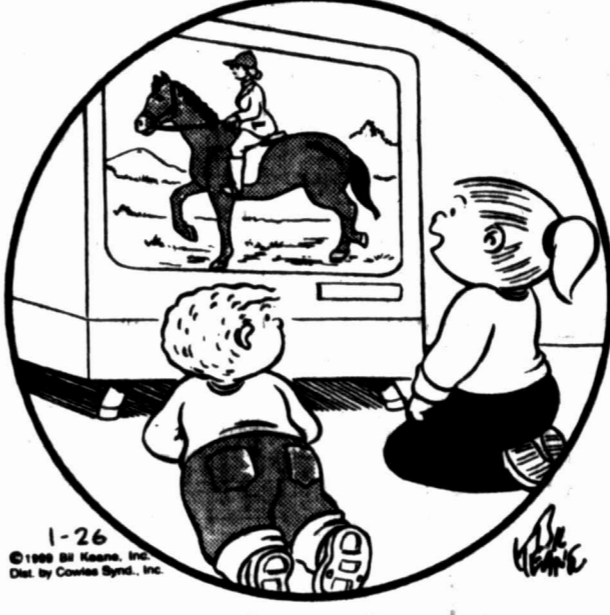
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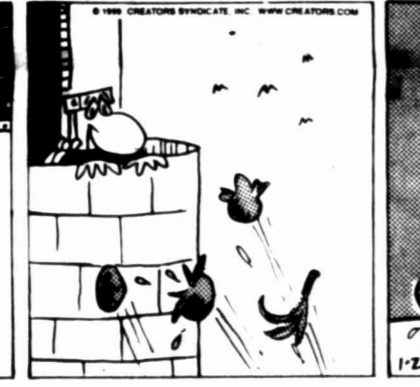
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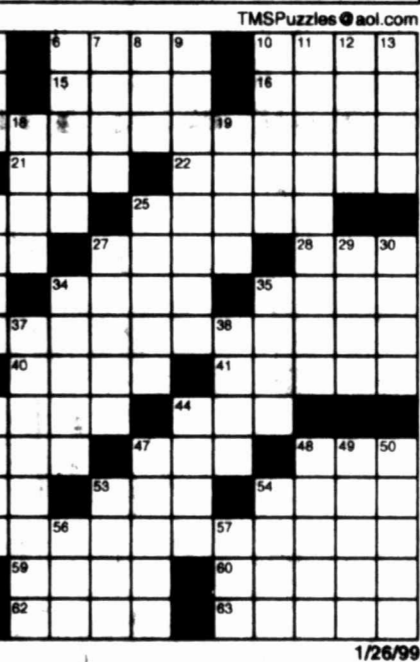
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 1999. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney. On this date: In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America, and expressed his own preference: the turkey.

In 1802, Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol. In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state. In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

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In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union. In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union. In 1911, the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered in Dresden, Germany. In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland. In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president. In 1962, the United States launched Ranger III to land scientific instruments on the moon, but the probe missed its target by some 22,000 miles. In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70. Ten years ago: L. Douglas Wilder, the lieutenant governor of Virginia, launched his successful campaign to become the first elected black governor of a U.S. state. Five years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin accepted the resignation of Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov, who warned of economic collapse and social unrest. A scare occurred during a visit to Sydney, Australia, by Britain's Prince Charles as a young man lunged at the prince, firing two blank shots from a starter's pistol. One year ago: President Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky." Clinton also said he "never told anybody to lie." Stung by a drop in profits, AT&T said it would cut at least 15,000 jobs, freeze executive salaries and shake up management to reduce costs. Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 76. Actor Paul Newman is 74. Movie director Roger Vadim is 71. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 70. Sportscaster Bob Uecker is 64. Actor Scott Glenn is 57. Singer Jean Knight is 56. Activist Angela Davis is 55. Movie critic Gene Siskel is 53. Actor David Strathairn is 50. Singer Lucinda Williams is 46. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 42.