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Tonight:



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BSISD board meets Thursday

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will walk through the new softball complex prior to the special noon meeting Thursday.

Action items for the agenda include reorganization and reassignments and the sale of real property.

Also, the superintendent's report will include a furniture proposal from the budget workshop and the Greenhouse Project.

The tour of the softball complex will begin at 11:30 a.m.

SMMC to hold open house Friday

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold an open house from 4-6 p.m. Friday.

The Center has recently renovated its third floor medical and surgical and ICU units.

Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ 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.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Pottson House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

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HC approves new post, renews Sparks' contract

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees have approved a new position with Cornell Corrections. "This position is in industrial maintenance and Cornell will cover the cost of the salary for the first year, which allows us to start up the program," said Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Sparks' contract was also approved, with a one year extension, in action



SPARKS

taken by trustees following a short executive session.

And Keith Toomire, county appraiser, told trustees Howard College, along with every other taxing entity in the county, will suffer a 40 percent loss in mineral values this year.

"This is terrible. We are anticipating a 40 percent reduction in mineral values. The college can anticipate a loss of about \$238,000 in revenue, and I am hoping I got here in time, early in your budget process, to let you know what to expect" Toomire said.

Sparks asked Toomire if this figure included agricultural losses for the year. "Then we can anticipate this figure will go up, since we have not incorpo-

rated agricultural values. This is a concern," Sparks said.

Trustees discussed the relief of having a reserve balance for the college.

"Since we have built up our reserves, that's nice going into lean times," Sparks said.

Sparks also gave trustees good news about the upcoming Legislative session. She said all the funding requested for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has been included in the Legislative Appropriations Request.

"This is the bill they will take into the session, and I am glad to report that every single request we had for SWCID

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Guilty plea nets 8 years

HERALD Staff Report

A jury trial in 118th District Court ended abruptly Tuesday when the defendant, Ernest Garcia Jr., changed his plea to guilty.

Garcia, 27, pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance, and received eight years in the Texas Department of Corrections.

His attorney, Don Richard, and district attorney Hardy Wilkerson, reached the plea agreement after jury selection on Monday.

Wilkerson's office is also trying another case today in 118th District Court. Noel Noyola is accused of burglary of a habitation. If convicted, Noyola faces two to 20 years in prison.

Harley Owners hope to help firemen save lives

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**

Features Editor

Harley owners and firefighters got together Tuesday for a project they hope will save Big Spring lives and property.

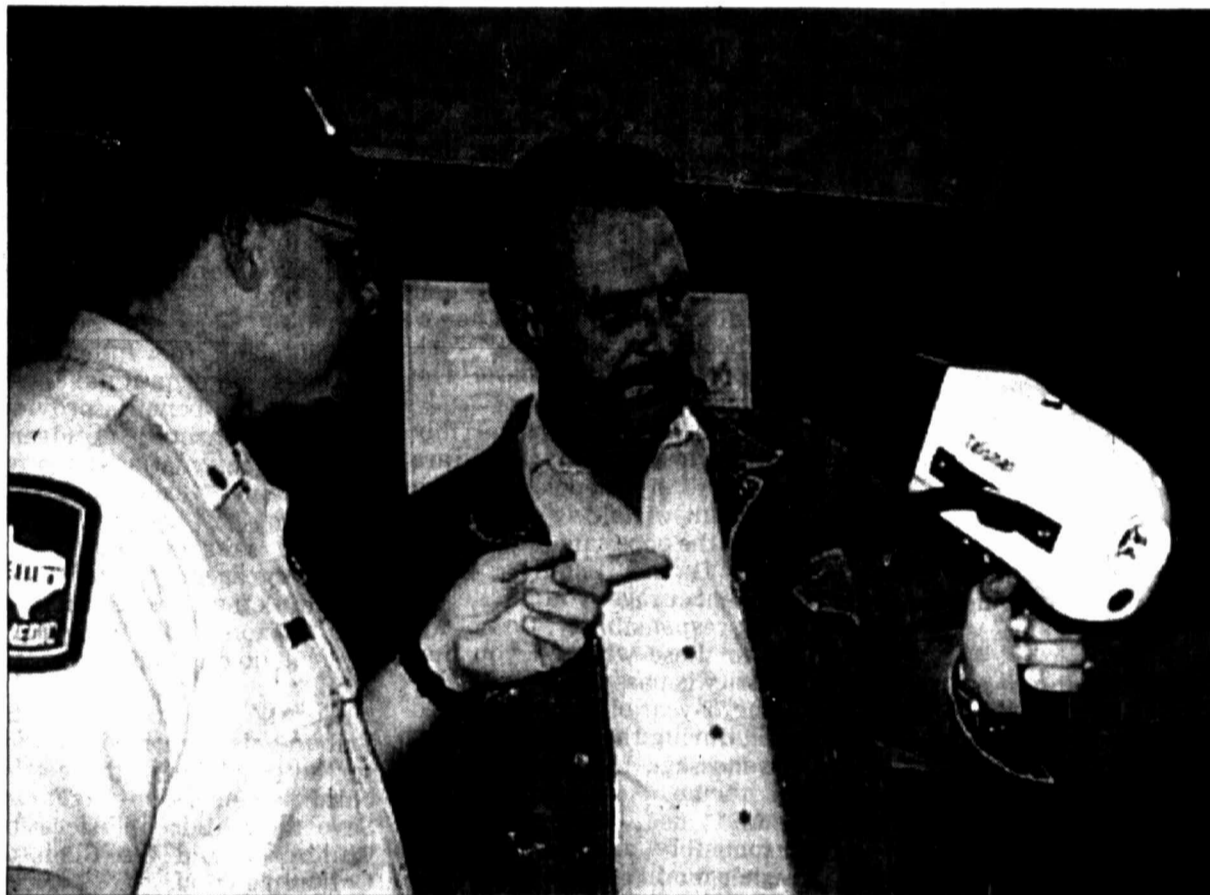
Members of Big Spring's Harley Owners Group have formally kicked off their latest fund-raising project — to buy a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association. To raise at least \$18,000, HOG challenged each local business to donate \$100, and each homeowner to give \$25.

"This sounds like a lot of money," said Barry Barnett, of HOG. "But when you start thinking about your children's lives, the price per person in town is very cheap."

The camera is based on military heat-sensitive technology. It will allow firefighters to see people inside a burning building, find the source of a fire quickly, or even find a lost child.

Property damage can be minimized by locating "hot spots" in a building, and the camera can even assist police in locating a suspect hiding in the dark.

"Most important, this is going to cut our search and rescue time," said Bob Stapp, a firefighter and member of BSPFA.



Mel Dickerson, right, looks at a thermal imaging camera with Dusty Shelhamer of the Big Spring Fire Department. A fund-raising drive kicked off Tuesday with a challenge from the Harley Owners Group to all local business and homeowners.

"That's key, because the sooner you can get to victims, the better their chances are."

Allen Huelsebusch, regional distributor for ISG Thermal

Systems, brought a camera to Tuesday's meeting. He said the technology, similar to that used on helicopters, missiles and specialized rifles for the military, is increasingly in demand by fire departments.

"They're getting these all over," Huelsebusch said. He is currently in the process of selling the cameras to Odessa, Brownwood and other West Texas fire departments. Built in London, England, the cameras weigh about four pounds, are waterproof and can resist temperatures up to 850 degrees.

To buy the camera, HOG has started a fund at State National Bank, called the "thermal imaging camera account." Anyone can donate directly to that account. Money will also be collected at the Harley-Davidson Shop, Fire Station #1 at the airport, and other businesses that will be announced later.

Barnett said the idea came from the wife of a HOG member, who saw the camera on television, and thought it would

be good for the local fire department. HOG members then saw a video describing the technology and its uses.

"That tape wasn't in the machine more than two minutes, and we had made up our minds," Barnett said. "This is good for the entire town. It's something that can benefit everybody."

Stapp said there would be almost unlimited uses for the camera, including some for the Big Spring Police Department. He said firefighters were grateful to the Harley owners for their support.

"These guys (HOG members) do as much for the community as any people I know," said Stapp. "I think they're great."

Once the BSPFA gets the camera, Stapp said it will be donated from the organization to the city.

"If it's never used to save a life, or if it just saves one life, it'll be worth the cost," Barnett said. "You can't put a price on that."



Firefighter Dusty Shelhamer holds a Talisman thermal imaging camera like the one the Harley Owners Group plans to purchase for the Big Spring Fire Department.

Busy intersection gets attention during council meeting

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

Big Spring City Council on Monday approved some new rate options for TU Electric, bought police vehicles, crew cabs and a sanitation truck, and voted to go ahead with a four-way stop sign at a busy intersection — at least for now.

Drawing the most attention was the plan to install a four-way stop sign with flashing beacons at Main and 5th Street. The intersection currently has stop signs on 5th Street, but not Main.

Though the council approved the plan, both council members Greg Biddison and Stephanie Horton said they believe a stop-light is necessary, and two citizens spoke up in agreement.

The problem, the council was told, is that due to parking around the post office, motorists on 5th Street have to pull out into the lane of traffic to see. The four-way stop sign should help, but it may not be the best solution, council members were told.

"It's probably one of the most

dangerous intersections in the city," one citizen told the council.



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The problem, said Todd Darden, Big Spring director of community development, is the cost.

He said the city already has the flashing lights and other equipment needed to make the intersection a four-way stop, so cost is minimal.

"The cost for putting a light there would be about \$15,000, and the budget has already been approved," he told the council.

Council members decided to go ahead with the four-way stop, and, as Darden said, "revisit the matter" if that doesn't solve the problem.

Consumers who are able to

shift their on-peak electricity use to off-peak times may be able to save on their energy bill as a result of the council approving an optional rate schedule for TU Electric. According to Mike Hammock, TU manager, the rate has four pricing periods which depend on month and time of day.

Called time-of-use rates, prices for residential and business customers receiving electricity at secondary distribution voltages vary from 1.09 cents per kilowatt-hour every day in April, October and November, when demand is low, to 13.42 cents from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays June through August when energy use is high.

Businesses are also eligible for a voluntary curtailable rate and an aggregate billing option, Hammock said.

Council members approved the optional rates on first reading.

Also approved on first reading was a resolution calling for the city council election on May 1. Terms up for re-election are District 1, currently held by

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Permian Building's fate still unclear but city working on it

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

City administrators still haven't come up with a solution of what to do with the dilapidated Permian Building, but they aren't giving up trying to find a workable answer, council members were told Tuesday evening.

"It's not forgotten. It's still very much an eyesore," Gary Fuqua, city manager, told the council. "We just want you to know that we are still working on it."

The old downtown building has been vacant for years, and is not only considered an eyesore, but a possible danger. Bricks have fallen off the side of

the structure, prompting officials to rope off an area around parts of it.

Costs estimates have all but ruled out renovating the building, and city officials have previously indicated that the best answer would be to have it torn down.

The latest step in that direction hasn't panned out, though. Clean Slate Demolition, Inc. surveyed the project and offered to demolish the building, remove the debris and clean the lot in a 180-day time frame. However, Clean Slate's fee — \$269,620 — doesn't come close to fitting within the city's budget.

"It's outrageously high," said Fuqua.

Other avenues around being researched.

"We are still looking for grants, not just federal, but state and private foundation grants. We haven't found one

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Freeze

Non-critical jobs won't be filled at county

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

In an effort to meet the expected decline in mineral values and the subsequent loss to the county revenue, Howard County Commissioners have issued a hiring freeze.

"We've been talking about this for a while, and we are really trying to get the department heads' attention," said commissioner Jerry Kilgore.



KILGORE

The hiring freeze is in response to an anticipated loss of more than \$500,000 revenue due to a projected 40 percent drop in mineral values.

Commissioners met with chief appraiser Keith Toomire Monday, and learned of the expected loss.

"And this is a best case scenario," Toomire told commissioners.

The hiring freeze means that no new employees may be hired, and those jobs that are vacated may not be filled, said county judge Ben Lockhart.

"But for critical jobs, we can and will keep those filled," Lockhart said.

He said an example of a critical position are the two part-time jailers who were approved for hire on Monday.

"Any type job where safety is a factor," Lockhart said.

Kilgore said a case by case basis will be considered with the hiring freeze. And in two-person offices, the freeze might also not apply, he said.

"We've got to start looking at the budget for next year. Right now we're still in this year's budget, but we know this is coming," Kilgore said.

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OBITUARIES

Leon Lepard

Service for Leon Lepard, 68, Brownfield, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 1999, in the Brownfield Church of Christ with John McCoy, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will follow in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery, Brownfield.

Mr. Lepard died Monday, Jan. 25, in Denver City.

He was born on March 25, 1930, in Stanton. He married Dixie Brown on Oct. 19, 1951, in Abilene. Mr. Lepard was raised and attended school in Big Spring. He graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1955. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the Army. Mr. Lepard was a two time inductee into the high school hall of fame and was a four year letterman at Abilene Christian College, also being inducted into its hall of fame. Mr. Lepard was a runner up to the 1952 Olympics, served on the ACC Advisory Board and was a member of the VFW. He moved to Brownfield in 1955 and farmed until retiring in 1982.

Survivors include: his wife, Dixie Lepard of Brownfield; three sons, Richard Lepard of Sweetwater, Russell Lepard of Brownfield, and Robert Lepard of Muleshoe; one sister, Mary Lou House of Crowley; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, 79408.

Arrangements under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

COUNCIL

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Horton, and District 3, held by Chuck Cawthon. Candidate filing begins Feb. 15 and runs through March 17.

Under second reading, council members authorized \$126,881 for police vehicles, \$48,974 for crew cab trucks for the utility department and \$106,640 for a sanitation truck.

City council members also approved three other items of new business. One was a new resolution supporting joining the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, something required due to some minor wording changes in the contract.

The second was to amend the time and place of regular city council meetings. The city code calls for the meetings to be held at the airport, but the council has been meeting at 307 East 4th St. for some time now. The amendment reflects that change.

Thirdly, the council approved an ordinance authorizing the offering of health benefits coverage to city retirees. The ordi-

nance repeals any conflicting ordinances and provides an open meetings clause and a date.

Also, the council approved on first reading resolutions for the sale of two lots to the city.

Leigh Corson, planning coordinator, assured the council that work continues on the city's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plans is a 20-year plan put together to help all city and city-related factions work toward goals of improving Big Spring.

"Some people have the misconception that this has been sitting on the shelf and no one is doing anything about it. That's not true," said Corson.

A summary she provided the council showed that 12 percent of the overall plan has been implemented, 23 percent is ongoing and 19 percent is in progress, leaving 46 percent still to be implemented.

Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development for Big Spring, presented the development board's annual financial report, which the council accepted without comment.

Following an executive session to consider the purchase of property for the Wilderness Camp, council members gave the Mayor Tim Blackshear authority to negotiate with building owners.

COLLEGE

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is in there," Sparks said.

College officials are hoping to receive funding to roof the main campus building, as well as build a new wing on Burke-Mehan dormitory, and to renovate the student union building.

And a big project the college is hoping will be funded is a diagnostic center in the old Burke Hall, she said.

While being included in the LAR does not necessarily mean approval, Sparks said she is hopeful that this session will be favorable for the local colleges.

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for demolishing buildings. But we understand there may be some grants for building parks, and this (tearing down of the building) could be done in preparation for a park," Fuqua told the council.

"Any avenue we hear about at all we will pursue."

Asked if other entities would be willing to help, Fuqua said the city is still working with them, but as a possible solution it hasn't been promising. And amid projections that mineral values will be down 40 percent for the school district, college district and county, the expectations that those entities will help pay for the demolition is looking dimmer, he said.

"The city still leads the way. But the city can't do it alone. We know that," Fuqua told the group.

"This is a goal to work on for this year - to try and find a solution to this problem."

Thousands flock to see Pope Paul at World Dome

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tens of thousands filed through metal detectors today carrying Rosary beads and crucifixes, eager after waiting in the early morning darkness to hear John Paul II celebrate the only public Mass of his fifth visit to the U.S. mainland.

Lines several deep wrapped around the Trans World Dome, normally home of the St. Louis Rams. The dome and the adjoining convention center were turned into a temporary cathedral for what the St. Louis Archdiocese believed would be the largest indoor gathering ever in the United States.

Inside, more than 100,000 people were expected to watch the service on 12 large-screen televisions, or Jumbotrons.

"We're in the nose-bleed seats, but I figure that means we're closer to heaven," said Carol Houska of south St. Louis County. She arrived at her bus stop at 4:20 a.m. for the commute downtown.

The pope's 30-hour visit to the

American heartland kept up a mission begun in Mexico to rally his flock against a "culture of death" as the church heads into the new millennium. He is to return to Rome tonight.

John Paul was welcomed Tuesday night like a rock star by a crowd of 20,000 young people, whom he warned against drifting into a world "filled with darkness" and rife with violence, drugs and easy sex.

"You are each called to be a disciple of Christ," he told a jubilant young crowd at Kiel Center sports arena, where his somber message sharply contrasted with his listeners' shrieks of excitement. The crowd waved white handkerchiefs in welcome, chanting, "John Paul II, we love you."

"He's just such an incredible role model, someone you can really look up to," said Sarah Einhorn, 14, of Effingham, Ill.

Sports were a metaphor for his message, and the youths presented him with a hockey jersey that read: "John Paul II No. 1."

"I am told there was much excitement in St. Louis during the recent baseball season, when two great players, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, were competing to break the home run record," he told the young people. "You can feel the same great enthusiasm as you train for a different goal — the goal of following Christ, the goal of bringing his message to the world."

He turned somber when describing "the darkness of children who go hungry and even die. The darkness of homeless people of who lack work and proper medical care. The darkness of violence."

"There is something terribly wrong when so many people are overcome by hopelessness to the point of taking their own lives," the pope said. Instead, he said, "Do not listen to those who encourage you to lie, to shirk responsibility. Do not listen to those who tell you that chastity is passe."

The 78-year-old pope appeared tired during the evening event. His message contained a familiar theme — that Americans should use their freedoms responsibly and strive for a higher moral standard.

The pope is also a leading opponent of capital punishment and has intervened in several cases in the United States. Missouri's Supreme Court, without explanation, postponed an execution that was to have taken place while the pope was in town. Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls called the postponement "a mockery."

During previous visits to the United States, home to 62 million Roman Catholics, the pope has spoken out against American materialism and consumerism.

At an airport arrival ceremony Tuesday, John Paul avoided certain sources of tension with the United States and dropped from the advance text of his speech any mention of land mines, drug trafficking or U.S. airstrikes against Iraq, something the Vatican has assailed as "aggression."

Later, during a private 20-minute meeting between Clinton and the pope, abortion only "came up in passing" and the Monica Lewinsky affair not at all, White House spokesman P.J. Crowley said. The two did discuss Cuba and Iraq, Navarro-Valls said.

Children's charity changes marketing after critical report

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A charity that raises money for disadvantaged children has agreed to major changes in its fund-raising methods following a report that criticized deceptive practices at the organization.

Under terms of a deal reached Tuesday with the Missouri attorney general's office, Children International

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BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be presented Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1-2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This will include a one hour lunch. Both sessions must be attended and AARP membership is not required.

This is a review course designed to sharpen and enhance the driving skills of those age 50 and over. There are no written tests or exams. Tuition is \$8 and includes a workbook to keep. Upon completion of the course, a certificate is issued which entitles the recipient to a 10 percent discount in auto insurance premiums good for one year.

To enroll, call the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628.

TEXAS TECH EXES WILL meet 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at 309 South Main in the Sparenberg Building.

For more information call Roxie at 267-3388 or Pat at 267-7828.

A LONG-TERM CARE planning workshop is planned Thursday at Comanche Trail Nursing Center. There is no charge for the workshop, which will address issues such as funding long-term care, and Medicaid. Call 263-4041 for more information, or to RSVP.

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 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.

POLICE

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

•ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of Rannels and in the 700 block of Lancaster.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was

reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile, 700 block of East 11th Place, 1000 block of Goliad, 1500 block of Mesa and 3300 block of East I-20.

•THEFT OF GAS was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa and 1700 block of East Marcy.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Wood.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 700 block of East 11th Place and the 1800 block of Gregg.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported three times in the 400 block of Johnson, and in the 100 block of Whipkey.

•JUSTO SANTIAGO, 55, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFT LESS THAN \$50 was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

•THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Gregg, 200 block of West FM 700, 2900 block of East I-20 and 900 block of Willia.

•ROBERT GLASGOW, 29, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

•HECTOR MELENDEZ, 19, was arrested for criminal trespass.

•THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg. Six 18-packs of beer and six packages of cigarettes, valued at \$83.40, were reported stolen.

•STEVEN CAMPBELL, 26, was arrested for local warrants.

•MARIE CERVANTEZ, 22, was arrested for local warrants.

•JON COUTERMARSH, 36, was arrested for local warrants.

•STELLA CANTU, 28, was arrested for local warrants.

MARKETS

March cotton 58.60 cents, up 35 points; Feb. crude 12.31, up 25 points; Cash hogs steady at \$ 1 lower at 28 even; cash steers steady at 61 even; Feb. lean hog futures 41.25, down 155 points; Feb. live cattle futures 62.32, down 47 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

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Roy Bruce, 87, died Monday. Services are 10:30 AM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services are 4:00 PM, today at Resthaven Cemetery, Brady, TX.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Misty Dawn Phillips, 17, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Republicans set to make Lewinsky a witness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans are ready to make Monica Lewinsky a witness in President Clinton's impeachment trial, dashing even some GOP hopes for ending the case this week.

Revived talks among senators offered the chance for a bipartisan timetable for a final vote on the articles of impeachment against Clinton by the middle of next month, after witnesses are deposited.

Republicans were expected to muster party-line majorities today to defeat a Democratic motion to dismiss the impeachment case and approve witness depositions. Democrats, how-

ever, can demonstrate the strength to block the two-thirds majority needed to bust Clinton from office.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott won over some wavering Republicans on the witness issue after House prosecutors Tuesday restricted their witness list to Ms. Lewinsky, the former White House intern at the center of the sex and cover-up scandal; Vernon Jordan, a Washington attorney and longtime Clinton friend; and Sidney Blumenthal, White House aide.

The three would face private questioning in sessions likely to be videotaped, so that all senators could watch and determine

whether to bring the witnesses in for live testimony.

As for the remainder of the trial, Senators from both parties emerged from three hours of closed-door deliberations Tuesday, confirming that revived negotiations were under way on a bipartisan timetable. If the talks were successful, the proceedings could end by the middle of next month, if not sooner.

House prosecutors on Tuesday asked the Senate to invite Clinton to testify, but the White House has rejected the idea and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle called the proposal "a red herring. It is

not going anywhere."

Daschle warned the trial would plod on indefinitely if witnesses were approved, and Clinton lawyer David Kendall said the White House would be "faced with a critical need" to review mountains of previous testimony before deciding whether to seek rebuttal witnesses.

Lott, sensing the Senate will not remove Clinton, is considering a proposal by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, to end the trial with two votes: the first on whether Clinton committed perjury and obstruction and the second on whether he should be removed from office.

Officials: Texas in good shape to handle Y2K concerns

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite creeping concern among the general public, Texans won't lose all their money and electricity or see planes fall from the sky as a result of the so-called Y2K computer bug, state and industry officials say.

Banks and utilities in Texas as well as state agencies are performing well in making sure their date-specific technology can handle the turn of the century, officials said Tuesday at a briefing for state lawmakers and their staff.

"We expect no disruption in the banking system," said Banking Commissioner Catherine Ghiglieri. "For the last two years, banks have been under tremendous pressure to make sure they can handle the situation."

State officials are monitoring

every banking institution in Texas to make sure they are working to upgrade their computer systems to handle the date change from 1999 to 2000. Computer scientists say computers might read only the last two digits of 2000, causing some systems to freeze up and in some cases, shut down at midnight on Jan. 1.

No bank has been rated unsatisfactory, said Ms. Ghiglieri, who added she does not plan to withdraw her money amid worries of a New Year's meltdown.

"We are advising against people pulling out large sums of money," she said.

"The date change is not a holiday for criminals and we don't want people creating security problems for themselves. I feel very confident in the banking system. We may experience a

few glitches, but overall we don't expect a disaster."

Utilities in Texas also are well prepared, said Jim Calloway, Y2K coordinator for the Public Utility Commission, the agency which regulates local telephone and utility rates.

Utilities report that the expected risk of Y2K power outages is less than that associated with a typical Texas thunderstorm.

"Utility companies deal with power interruption on a daily basis.

"We don't expect the catastrophic scenario that some have predicted," Calloway said.

As for air travel during the holiday, American Airlines representative Susan Garcia said most of the components on aircraft operate in "real time and don't care what the date is."

Nations don't meet pledge on health, population growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Countries that agreed to spend \$7 billion a year by 2000 to help improve reproductive health and slow population growth are falling short of that goal, and the United States and Japan account for more than half the shortfall, according to a global survey.

Total aid for population and health programs by donor countries reached just \$1.4 billion in 1996, the latest year for which full data are available, according to Population Action International.

The goal was set by 180 nations at the 1994 International

Conference on Population and Development in Cairo.

Pledges at the conference were set for each country according to the size of its economy.

At \$640 million last year, the United States contributed more than any other country but lagged in its contribution as a share of wealth and population.

In the two years since the year reflected in the survey Congress has cut U.S. funding for family planning further, and said Population Action spokeswoman Sally Ethelston, "it's likely that the total amount of donor support increased little

or not at all."

Family planning and health organizations hope to spur countries that have not met the goal to a new commitment at a follow-up conference in The Hague next month.

"Without more money, there can be no increase in access to contraception, to prenatal care, or to lifesaving information about such killers as HIV/AIDS," said the group's president, Amy Coen.

The group's report, which outlines the need for population assistance and covers related issues, gives the United States a grade of B in answering the

question in its title, "Paying Their Fair Share?"

Its above-average grade, despite the shortfall, is based partly on the fact that it provides a greater share of its total foreign aid — about 7 percent — than any other country for population and related health assistance, including assistance for AIDS and maternal health programs as well as family planning.

Population Action International is a private nonprofit group advocating the expansion of voluntary family planning and increased funding to slow population growth.

Lawmakers question growing ag concentration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers hoping to halt the transfer of big company mergers in agriculture plan to make their case to Attorney General Reno.

Reno has agreed to meet with senators Feb. 10, said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. Conrad is one of a group of lawmakers who have been urging the Justice Department to investigate concentration in agriculture.

The farmer share has dropped precipitously," Conrad told a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing on industry consolidation Tuesday. "Concentration has consequences."

Lawmakers expressed the same concern. Too much consolidation may spell the end of the small family farmer.

"We are losing family farmers at a record pace," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who has called for a moratorium on approving any new agribusiness mergers or acquisitions.

Added Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, "Agriculture benefits from the resulting efficiencies, but how big is too big?"

Concern about concentration has been since Cargill Inc. of Minneapolis, the nation's No. 1 grain company, announced

plans to buy the worldwide operations of second-ranked Continental Grain Co.

The proposed merger comes at a time when low prices have swept livestock and commodities markets. Many lawmakers worry that the Cargill-Continental deal, which is being reviewed by Justice, will further depress prices for farmers.

As of 1997, the four largest packing firms accounted for 80 percent of cattle slaughter, 54 percent of hog slaughter, and 70 percent of sheep slaughter, USDA chief economist Keith

Collins told senators.

With grain, market shares of the four largest exporting firms ranged from 47 percent for wheat to almost 70 percent for corn. In storage, Collins said, the four largest firms accounted for almost 27 percent of total elevator capacity.

Industry representatives rejected arguments they were squeezing out small farmers.

"Cargill and Continental did not cause or even contribute to low farm prices," said Frank Sims, of Cargill's North American Grain Division.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Murder trial date set for country singer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Country singer Johnny Rodriguez and Carlos Tovar, a lifelong friend, will go on trial Sept. 13 on a charge of murder, a defense lawyer says.

Rodriguez and Tovar are charged with murder in the Aug. 29 shooting death of Israel Borrego, 26, who died of a single gunshot to his abdomen at the home of the singer's mother in Sabinal, about 60 miles west of San Antonio.

Rodriguez has said he was investigating what he thought was an intruder in his mother's home and fired one shot in self-defense when he confronted a man in the dark house.

Defense lawyer Alan Brown said Tuesday that no change of venue request is planned to attempt to move the trial from Uvalde County.

"We're happy with the date and with having the trial in Uvalde County," said Brown, a San Antonio lawyer who represents the 46-year-old Rodriguez.

The next step for the defense, Brown said, is to contact District Attorney Tony Hackebell to see what evidence the state has against his client.

Both men are free on \$50,000 bond.

Baylor, Texas Health Resources to merge

DALLAS (AP) — The two largest nonprofit hospital chains in North Texas are proposing to join forces, creating one of the nation's largest nonprofit hospital systems.

The proposed \$3.4 billion merger follows more than a year of talks between the boards of Baylor Health Care System and Texas Health Resources, officials said Tuesday.

Both parties would keep ownership of their existing assets, but combine their operations, profits and losses.

If successful, the merger would bring together 19 acute-care hospitals, including some of the region's best-known health centers.

Under the proposed merger, Baylor, Presbyterian, St. Paul, Harris and Arlington Memorial would be among the hospitals that would function under a single corporate umbrella.

The new company, Southwest Health System, would be among the nation's 10 largest nonprofit hospital systems, with combined assets of \$3.4 billion. It would have 28,900 local employees, including more than 7,000 doctors, and control 40 percent of hospital business in Dallas-Fort Worth, officials said.

5-year-old thrown from 2nd-floor balcony

HOUSTON (AP) — Neighbors told police they saw someone throw a young boy off a second-floor balcony at an apartment complex.

Police said they were directed about 3 a.m. Tuesday to an apartment where the boy reportedly had been taken back inside.

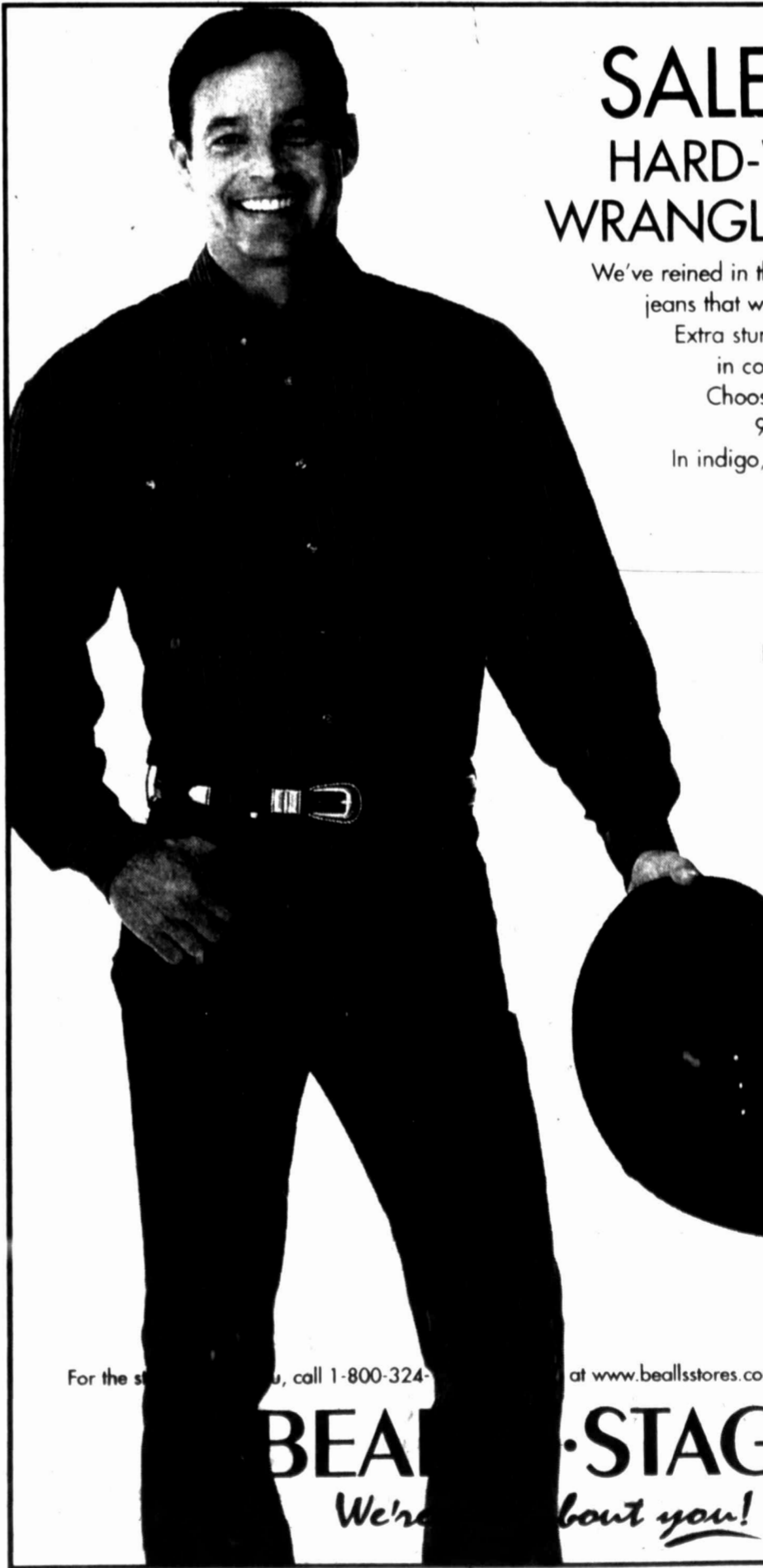
Officers said no one answered the door when they knocked, but they forced the door open after hearing bangs and screaming inside.

Ashton Smith, 5, was found in a bedroom, curled in a fetal position and shaking badly, and his heartbeat was rapid and irregular, Houston police spokesman Fred King said.

The boy's mother, 20, and her boyfriend, 23, denied the boy had been thrown from the balcony, King said. The child told police his mother and her boyfriend had been fighting and that the boyfriend threw him off the balcony, then pulled him back upstairs, threw him into the bedroom and closed the door.

The boy was reported in fair condition Tuesday at Ben Taub Hospital, where he was diagnosed with multiple bruises and a leg injury.

Police said charges of false imprisonment and injury to a child would be filed against the boyfriend and charges of failure to report child abuse would be filed against the mother.



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OUR VIEWS

Mineral values drop just tip of economic iceberg

The warning signs have been out for a while, as more and more businesses are idled while the price of crude oil continues to spiral downward.

And now, the storm flags have been hoisted in preparation for the loss of tax revenues countywide because of plummeting mineral values.

In Howard County, the total projected lost revenue for 1999 falls just short of \$2.25 million in what chief county appraiser Keith Toomire calls "the best case scenario."

Forsan ISD will take the biggest hit in what looks to be at least a 40 percent loss estimate, but there are no exemptions from this economic pickpocket.

Consider the losses:

- Forsan ISD — \$734,385;
- Howard County — \$513,827;
- Coahoma ISD — \$396,735;
- Big Spring ISD — \$363,886;
- Howard College — \$237,711.

In anticipation of this problem, county commissioners had department heads trim their respective budgets by 7 percent this last time around. On Tuesday, they placed an indefinite freeze on all jobs.

For all of us, belt-tightening should be on our list of things to learn how to do ... just in case we've forgotten from the last time things got economically tough.

As mineral values drop and the corresponding revenues plummet, it will be difficult to maintain budgets. The easy way for some elected bodies, perhaps, is to automatically consider a tax increase.

That's not the solution. In fact, a tax increase in these circumstances would be akin to putting a band-aid on a gaping wound in that it just won't do the job.

Yes, our elected officials and the administrators with whom they work face a daunting task of attempting to manage a budget with declining revenues. Cutting budgets to match income is not an easy or enviable task, but we've all had to do it with our household budgets and it is something our officials will have to look at.

In the meantime, things are not going to get better in the oil patch until there is some relief from the glut of foreign oil being brought to our shores.

As more and more oil arrives at our ports, more and more independents go out of business and more and more jobs are lost. People move as they look for work elsewhere and school enrollment declines.

Even though it's just across the state line, the Hobbs, N.M. school district has lost more than 450 students since the first of the year because of the downturn in the oil economy.

The economic dominoes that are now starting to fall won't stop with lost local revenues alone.

Our oil and gas industry needs help from Congress to be able to compete with foreign oil. While local producers are getting \$8.50 per barrel and less, the cost of a barrel of foreign oil shipped to the United States exceeds \$100.

Because of the ratio of oil used to produce gasoline, something as simple as a \$5 per barrel import fee would add only about 2 cents per gallon of gasoline at the pump — and it would save thousands of jobs in an industry that can help keep us from becoming dependent on the likes of Saddam Hussein.

What can you do to help? Write your elected officials, both in Austin and Washington. There are things the Railroad Commission can do to help and there are things Congress must do to help.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) is supportive of the industry in every way, as is U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford). The same can not be said of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas), and he needs to be made aware of the seriousness of the situation.

We suggest you write members of our delegation. Their addresses appear regularly on this page.

The situation is already serious. Bile is the next step, and that comes just before those of us in the press are forced to write the oil industry's obituary if something isn't done.

And when we lose our independent producers, America loses her independence.

Democrats can't have it both ways for Clinton

Somehow, I'm missing something in the ongoing trial of William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States of America.

Wasn't it just last month, in December, when his Democratic supporters and apologists were demanding that his defense include every available means? That the president should be able to use whatever means ... whichever witnesses ... take whatever time needed ... in order to mount a defense?

And now, as the Senate nears a vote on Sen. Robert Byrd's (D-W.Va.) motion to dismiss the charges and a second vote as to whether or not to call witnesses, those same supporters/apologists are crying that the Senate should move quickly to end the trial ... that witnesses would just prolong the episode and that

the Senate should not allow its chambers to be sullied with the likes of a Monica Lewinsky as a witness.

It seems as if the Democrats want it both ways — whichever way they perceive the action to be beneficial to the defendant.

No, I didn't vote for Bill Clinton but I take no pleasure in what is unfolding in Washington. I don't gloat over the fact he finally got caught, but I do take solace in the fact the Constitution of the United States of America is being defended.

Political pundits and their wannabes say members of Congress should pay attention to the polls ... have you been polled? How many people do you know who have been polled in regards to the latest ongoing episode of "Clinton Place?"

Do you agree that this is all meaningless? What about the people with whom you associate? I've not found one who has said we should forget it all and move along ... although I do know of one here in Big Spring that I'm sure feels that way but has yet to come out and defend or apologize for

Clinton.

There were no polls when the framers of the Constitution wrote it and that's what members of Congress should remember. They are the last line of defense of the Constitution when those who would openly abuse power begin to think they are above reproach.

It is as the Jaycee Creed states: "Governments should be of laws ... not of men."

Here is something my sister, Sarah, passed along to me via the Internet.

In light of what's going on in Washington, I thought they might offer a positive thought or two — and it certainly gives us all something to think about.

"Some time ago, a friend of mine punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

"Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, 'This is for you, Daddy.' He was embarrassed by his earlier

overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty.

"He yelled at her, 'Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?'"

"The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, 'Oh, Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy.'

"The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her forgiveness. My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years. Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

"In a very real sense, each of us as parents has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children.

"There is no more precious possession anyone could hold."

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Comments in response to this column may be sent in care of this newspaper.)



JOHN H. WALKER



The Texas Heritage Hall of Honor

Not many Texans know about it. It doesn't get much media attention. It's called the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor.

Every other year, outstanding people in agriculture are inducted into it. They form an elite group.



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Since its beginning seven years ago, only thirty people are members.

In 1992, the board of directors of the State Fair of Texas, recognizing the important role livestock and agriculture have played in the history of both the state and the fair, voted to honor achievement in those areas by establishing the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor.

Cattle shows and livestock sales were the centerpiece of the first State Fair held in Dallas in 1886 and continue to be a major attraction at the annual exposition.

Any individual, living or dead, who has made a significant contribution to the agricultural heritage of Texas, is eligible.

Every other year, the selection committee considers between 50 and 60 nominees.

Twenty one people are on the selection committee: fifteen representing the agricultural extension service, four from the state fair board and one representative from the Dallas historical society.

The honorary chairman is the agriculture commissioner of the state of Texas. To date, 200 people have been nominated.

Once a person is nominated, he or she remains eligible for selection.

Photos and biographies of the inductees are on display at the Hall of State at Fair Park in Dallas.

This past year, five people were inducted into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor: Dr. Perry Adkisson, entomologist at Texas A & M University; John Louis Merrill, director of the Ranch Management Program at TCU for 33 years; Captain Charles Armand Schreiner, a rancher, banker and philanthropist known as "The Father of the Hill Country;" Hallie Crawford Stillwell, a writer, rancher and justice of the peace in the Big Bend Country and Thomas Lewis Latane Temple, a Piney Woods lumberman.

The other 25 members include L. D. "Don" Anderson,

who helped get cotton growing on the South Plains; John Armstrong, retired CEO of the King Ranch; Lloyd Millard Benson, Sr., who started the citrus industry in the Rio Grande Valley; Dolph Briscoe, Jr., rancher and former governor of Texas; and John W. Carpenter, Sr., who brought electricity to rural areas.

Others are Isaac Leonard Ellwood, the inventor of barbed wire; Dr. Edward Bertram Evans, Sr., an early Black educational leader; Charles Go. Light, cattleman and inventor of the chuck wagon; J. Evetts Haley, historian; John Justin, Jr., bootmaker; Robert Justice Kleberg, Jr., head of the King Ranch for 56 years; and Herbert L. Kokernot, Sr. and Jr., Davis Mountains ranchers and philanthropists.

Also, George Washington Littlefield, cattleman; Watt Reynolds Matthews, conservationist and rancher; Robert E. Lee Miers, wool and mohair; Thomas Volney Munson, developer of wild grapes; Dr. Alfred Nelson Poindexter, veterinarian; Christopher Columbus Slaughter, rancher; Ann Burnett Tandy, quarter horse breeder; Daniel Waggoner and W. T. "Tom" Waggoner, ranchers; W. R. Watt Sr. and Jr., developers of Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show; and Mary Nan West, farm educator.

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◆Nicolaus Copernicus, the Polish astronomer, was also a doctor, a lawyer, and a church official.

◆The first commercially successful steamboat was Robert Fulton's Clermont, built in 1807.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Fun pickling recipes to enjoy while watching the Superbowl

The word pickle means to preserve food in a vinegar or brine mixture.

When we hear the word "pickle" we most commonly associate it with cucumbers. However, there are other interesting foods that are quite tasty when pickled. Pickles can be sweet, sour, hot or flavored.

It is important to remember when heating pickling liquids to use kettles of enamel, glass, aluminum or stainless steel. Do not use iron, copper or brass.

Distilled white vinegar preserves color and ensures crispness. While cider and herbal vinegars add more flavor they tend to darken the product.

Use soft or distilled water if possible, because the minerals in hard water tend to interfere with curing. If only hard water is available, boil it and allow it to stand 24 hours before using.

Be certain to use pickling salt or salt that contains no additives.

Helpful hint: Save pickle juice and add to potato salads, coleslaws, etc.

The following pickled items might be fun to prepare for "Super Bowl Sunday."

Pickled Wieners

- 4 pkgs. hot dogs
- 2 large onions, peeled and sliced into rings
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 cup ground cumin
- 1 - 4 1/2 oz. bottle pepper sauce (I use Tabasco)
- 4 cups white distilled vinegar

Cut hot dogs into thirds. Mix hot dogs and onions in large bowl. Set aside.

Combine all other ingredients and bring to boil. Boil 3 minutes. Pour over hot dogs and onions. Pack into jars and seal tightly. I like to use a 1 gallon glass jar. Refrigerate several days for best flavor.

Pickled beets and eggs

- 2 cans small whole beets, drained and juice reserved
- 2 dozen hard cooked eggs, peeled
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups vinegar
- 2 tsp. pickling spices

Place beets and eggs in large container. Mix reserved beet juice, sugar and vinegar in saucepan. Place spices in a small of piece cheesecloth and

tie tightly.

Add to vinegar mixture. Bring to rolling boil. Remove from heat and let set 20 minutes. Remove spice bag and pour over egg mixture. Cool. Again, I like to use a 1-gallon glass jar.

Cover and refrigerate at least 3 days before serving. Keep refrigerated.

Fire & Ice Pickles

- 2 (32 oz) jars sliced dill pickles, drained
- 4 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
- 3 cloves garlic

Combine pickles, sugar, hot sauce and pepper flakes in a large bowl; stir well. Cover and let stand 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Spoon pickles into pint canning jars. Add a clove of garlic to each jar.

Cover tightly with lids. Store in refrigerator. Yield: 3 pints

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: You can tell how healthy a man is by what he takes two at a time—stairs or pills!

READER'S CORNER

Wild Sweet Williams
Oh, sweet William
Wild sweet Williams
growing round an
old mesquite

In the pasture
sweetly blooming
just across the
barb wire fence

Sometime in the
early mornings
we'd get up
and we would pick
wild sweet Williams
from the pasture
there beneath
that old mesquite

There was a boy
his name was
William,
came to see me
just to pick
wild sweet Williams
by the old tree
and he gave
them all to me.

Come to see me
in the spring time
farmers daughter
in the dell.

And the fragrance
from the flowers
cast out on us
a lovers spell.

Then we danced
among the flowers
flowers blooming
in the dale

Oh, sweet William
wild sweet Williams
how I love thee
even now.

Bernice Reed Jones

Much Sun At 91

And neither is there at 91 or 81 or at any age if you are sick and in pain much of the time. In my case, I am enjoying my 90-plus years because I seem to be in better health the last seven years than during any similar stretch in my life. Before I got wise and changed my lifestyle back in 1991, I considered myself a sickly individual.

I've had tuberculosis twice, at 11 years of age and then a three-year bout with it at age 26. I had prostate cancer, two prostate operations, kidney operation, surgery that left one leg over a quarter-inch shorter than the other, then the was a year-long siege with colitis. I had a lot of bad colds, pneumonia twice and a lot of

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What's for dinner?

Skillet meals may be your answer to family's question

"What's for supper?" Those three little words you hate to hear. If this is the case for you, then let skillet meals come to your rescue from the nightly grind of fixing supper (or deciding on what takeout).

To be successful in preparing a skillet meal, you will need to think of foods in the following four groups:

- Breads and cereals (1 cup raw) - macaroni, spaghetti, rice, noodles; Sauce (1 can plus 1-1/2 cans of milk or water) - cream of potato, cream of chicken, cream of celery, cream of mushroom, tomato soup, onion soup; Meat, poultry, fish or beans (1 pound or 1-1/2 cups cooked) - chopped beef, chopped ham or pork, ground beef, tuna, salmon, mackerel, beans, frankfurters, eggs; Vegetables (1-1/2 to 2 cups canned, cooked or raw) - carrots, peas, corn, green beans, lima beans, broccoli, spinach, mixed vegetables, celery, green pepper.

Next it takes a bit of planning - choose one food from each of the four groups listed above - use the amount given.

Stir the foods together in a skillet and season to taste with some, but not all of the following: salt, pepper, soy sauce, onion flakes or garlic powder. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to the lowest setting. Cover pan and simmer 30 minutes or until the pasta or rice is tender. Here is the tricky part - stir occasionally to prevent rice and pasta from sticking to the bottom of the pan. If you fail to complete this last step, cleanup can be a chore! This makes four to six servings.

If you would rather not stir, then you may choose to bake in the oven.

If so, follow these steps: Mix chosen ingredients in a casserole dish and cover tightly. Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour. You may need to add extra water, but otherwise, no stirring necessary.

If you need to stretch the meal a little further, you may want to add a little more pasta and sauce or even vegetables.

If you are cutting fat, sodium, etc., read and compare the labels of the items that you can purchase to be sure that you are getting the most healthy choice for you.

It takes a little experimentation and use of your creative imagination when it comes to combining the different ingredients, but you basically have a foolproof dish in a matter of a few minutes.

The skillet meal is a one-dish recipe, it is economical and most ingredients you can keep on hand. If you prefer, you could add another side dish, vegetable or salad, some hot bread and the "what's for supper?" crisis is solved.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent - Home Economics.



DANA TARTER



At left, Kathy Johnson Higgins, left, of Big Spring State Hospital, laughs with Order of the Eastern Star members Bettie Cox and Linda Holmes as they show her stuffed animals they collected a drive. The animals will be donated to the hospital, Child Protective Services and the Rape Crisis/Victim Services for use with children in difficult situations. At bottom, OPS representatives Debbie Robinson, left, and Tonya Eckert, look at animals with Gall Earls of RC/VS.



HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen

A gardener's look at global warming

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Some of my house pipes froze in January, something that hasn't happened in years. Where's that global warming everybody's been talking about?

Well, some authorities say you shouldn't think of climate changes in terms of years, but of eras, of centuries. The jury is still out on global warming. Others say the 1990s have had six of 10 record heat years and last July set records for a month. Something's happening out there, they think.

A gardener looking for signs takes note of frozen plumbing. Hardly a warming indicator, what does it mean for my young fig tree out there? Has bitter, wind-driven cold penetrated its layers of wrapping?

Last year, the tree put out leaves in spring and went on to a fine harvest, but the winter had been so gentle hereabouts that amateur global warming sleuths got really excited.

Was it the relatively mild weather or the tree's thick wrapping of house insulation that saved it? I won't be able to deal with that question this year until I unwrap the tree in April.

Another thing about last year. The first nippy frost in my garden didn't strike until late October instead of early in the month. That meant I was able to eat more fresh tomatoes, beans and peppers. In 50 years of my gardening here, that's happened only a couple of times before. Had it something to do now with global warming?

Emission gases like carbon dioxide spewed into the atmosphere get cited for a warming trend, also known as the "greenhouse effect." Whether it's here to stay or not, the concept is getting a lot of attention from horticulturists. So, it's natural for gardeners to wonder how it will affect them, if at all.

One example of concern is the American Horticultural Society's newly-created "heat zone" map. It divides the United States into 12 zones based on the number of heat days (covered in degrees Fahrenheit) each zone gets annually. Relying on that map, a gardener can avoid planting things likely to suffer from heat stress.

The map contrasts with and complements the venerable Plant Hardiness Zone Map of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That map, dividing the country into 11 zones, serves to warn you which plants can't make it in certain degrees of cold.

Monrovia, one of the country's largest growers of container plants, sponsored development of the heat zone map and put it into immediate commercial application. All its plants this year will carry heat zone labels to assist gardeners.

Monrovia, headquartered in Azusa, Calif., has nurseries in Visalia, Calif., and Dayton, Ore.

James Page, president of International Plant Food of Evergreen, Colo., maker of Nutura, a leaf-misting plant and flower food, suggests watching the behavior of house plants as an early signal of an increase of carbon dioxide in the environment. Since they thrive on it, look for an unusual spurt in their growth.

Page says it will take a century to get the world picture. If global warming does occur, he thinks it could mean a longer growing season for some home gardens, but plants with low heat tolerance would suffer in the North. In his view, commercial growing would move northward into Canada, to the

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Slice of life!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be celebrating February as Black History Month — in style. An authentic African fashion show will feature Nigerian-born Deun Shonowo, acclaimed designer of African fashion and owner of DE African Elegance, Inc. in Little Rock.

The first showing of this special spring collection will be at Howard College's cafeteria in the Dora Roberts Student Union, Feb. 3 at noon.

A second display will take place that evening at 7, at SWCID.

The community is invited to see this show of electrifying colors, animal prints and blends. Her designs include everything from loungewear to evening wear. Admission will be free. Students will serve as models, and Shonowo plans to share part of her heritage and history during the program as well.

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THE LAST WORD

Happiness is the light on the water. The water is cold and dark and deep.
William Maxwell

I've been 40 years discovering that the queen of all colors is black.
Auguste Renoir

If you want a thing done, go — if not, send.
Benjamin Franklin

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lems. My final siege with sickness ended in mid-November, 1991, when I came home for a 30-day stay at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A seepy bleeding ulcer caused anemia, then pneumonia, and finally Dr. Matthews had to perform major stomach surgery. When I got back to that living room couch, I felt like I was probably nearing the end of the trail.

After a few days, I remembered that about 20 years earlier I became interested in natural healing and felt much better after trying it, but soon went to the rich food, milk shakes and limited exercise, and was soon back to my usual health problems.

I decided to do my own research and found the Howard County Library had well over 100 volumes on prevention and natural healing of the degenerative diseases that afflict older people.

I checked out a few books, which I studied a week or two and became convinced that this back-to-nature program was worth a 30-day trial. Within two weeks I could tell a difference. By keeping my digestive system cleaned out and eating only fresh, natural food, I knew I had discovered a new way to stay healthy the rest of my life.

The top priority foods for this new way to health would be green and yellow vegetables, both raw and cooked, followed by fresh fruits and juices. Also high on the list are whole grain, home-cooked bread and cereals; beans, peas and lentils for protein, raw nuts, sun-dried fruit, soy products—and just about any edible plant that has not been exposed to high heat nor processed to death. Exercise is also a major part of the program.

For the last seven years this change in lifestyle has given me the kind of health I always wanted but was denied. My cholesterol has dropped to 160 to 170 level. Last week I took my blood pressure three times in one day, and the average was 130 over 70. The heart is strong and steady at about 56 to 60 beats per minute during the day and about 52 shortly after getting up.

I take no kind of prescription drugs, have been to a doctor only three times in seven years, and two of those trips were for check-ups I had requested. I am not the only one who practices this style of living—I know several others, and they are sound and

healthy. Passing years have brought very little body change. I still have about the same energy as five or six years ago. I mow our two lawns with a heavy pushing mower, and do them both the same morning. I also do the fix-up work, such as carpentering, painting and yard cleaning.

My eating schedule is sort of random. I seldom eat breakfast, and wait until hunger really strikes. I love salad bars when I eat out and try not to go to bed on a full stomach. I do take vitamins and a few food supplements. I do stretching exercises when I first wake up, and do exercising throughout the day.

I seldom eat meat or dairy products and this could be criticized.

There might be others who think a big increase in vegetarians would hit them in the wallet. I know some senior citizens, including some relatives, who are sick, almost penniless and have no hope for the future.

If they could find a way to good health again, it would make life worth living. I'll still apologize for stepping on some toes, but do it reluctantly.

Jess F. Blair

Little Bitty Bird
Little bitty bird
Scratching in the sand
He gets his living
By working the land.
He scratches all day
Because he has to eat
He works in the cold
He works in the heat.

They all work together
When he finds a good cache
Just happy to eat
As long as it lasts.
They all eat and
Have a good time
Just scratching that sand
Till quitting time.

He files to a bucket
And sits on the rim
To get a little drink
Ever now and then
Resting on a twig
In a big shade tree,
Singing his heart out
Just happy to be:

He chirps as he scratches
Throwing that sand
Not much different
From the likes of man
He knows if he does
What he's supposed to do
He'll scratch out a living
Like me and You.
Little Bitty Bird

Martha Anderson Peugh

Meditation in motion

Ancient art, philosophy of tai chi is catching on in this country

HOUSTON (AP) — Al-asr Cordes moves with the grace and fluidity of an underwater ballet.

Twisting and turning, swirling and lunging, his arms and legs sway in perfect time. It's calming just to watch him.

This dance — this poetry — is more than meets the eye. It's a philosophy, a mind-set, a way of viewing the universe. It expresses the very forces said to underlie all things: give and take, light and dark, soft and hard, yin and yang.

Cheng Jin Cai looks on. His student has learned well the ancient art of tai chi, a blend of self-defense, physical fitness and spirituality that has caught fire in 1990s America, of all places.

Across the nation, thousands have converged in classrooms and studios to practice the mystical martial art form, often described as meditation in motion. They follow in the steps of millions of Chinese, who for generations have made tai chi part of their daily routine. On any morning in China, in sprawling cities and tiny villages alike, one can find people, old and young, doing tai chi along dusty roads, in parks, in vacant lots.

The practice hasn't reached that level in the United States, but tai chi teachers and classes have proliferated at martial arts studios and some health clubs; the Internet teems with tai chi sites. Tai chi, it seems, has become trendy.

But Cheng's spacious, mirrored room in southwest

Houston, where the street signs all speak Chinese, is not your garden-variety tai chi studio. And Cheng Jin Cai is not your garden-variety tai chi teacher.

He is a grand master, born and raised in the village of Chenjiagou, China, the birthplace of Chen-style tai chi. Considered the origin of all other forms of tai chi, and its highest expression, Chen-style tai chi was developed in the 1600s by Chen Wangting, a great military commander and scholar who taught it to his warriors. For generations, Cheng-style tai chi was passed down from father to son, taught only to direct male descendants of the Chen family.

Cheng — or Teacher, as his students call him, using the Chinese honorific to denote respect — is not part of the Chen family. He learned tai chi from an elder brother as a child and went on to study under four of China's foremost tai chi masters. Because of his skill, he was formally recognized in 1992 as a representative of the Chen family lineage, one of only 10 living Chen-style masters so named.

"Many say they teach Chen-style tai chi, but few can say they come from the village," says Richard Huang, a long-time student who has come to the studio to interpret for Cheng, who speaks only basic English. "Master Cheng is the only (teacher) in the United

States from the village."

For someone who could cause serious harm with his bare hands, Cheng, 46, is a genial, unremarkable-looking man, with a calm smile and receding hairline. He has what looks like a regular build beneath his white tai chi uniform with a yin/yang symbol on the chest.

With roots in Taoism, Buddhism and traditional Chinese medicine, tai chi is based around the premise of yin and yang — the idea that life is made up of two opposing but complementary forces, which, when balanced and reconciled, make up the whole. Active, passive. Male, female. Night, day. Tai chi is the embodiment of paradox.

Instead of brute strength, it's based on subtlety, flexibility and being attuned to your opponent's moves.

"A tai chi expert yields to his opponent, takes advantage of his momentum," says Cordes. "You use his energy and add yours to it, causing opponents to defeat themselves."

As a fitness method, tai chi — or the full name, tai chi chuan, which translates as "superior ultimate fist" — is the most egalitarian of exercises, says Cheng. Old and young alike can do it, even those who are out of shape or struggle with physical limitations.

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detriment of current agricultural giants like California, south Texas and Florida.

A Cornell University crop biologist, David Wolfe, says a warmer climate might bring bigger tomatoes and watermelons to some home gardens, but it could also cause wider temperature swings, making frost dates a bigger gamble.

With all these ideas around, what's a home gardener to think about global warming? Well, it could eventually be a much bigger concern for commercial farmers than gardeners, whose first worry remains the unique microclimate of their own gardens. I figure we'll see a lot of cold and mild winters, not and cool summers before the verdict is in.

With an electric heater I thawed my frozen pipes myself, thus saving \$50-plus on a plumber's visit.

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JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Anyone who missed Angela and Dennis Thieles' wedding this weekend will get a second chance to witness it. And a third and a fourth.

The couple was chosen from thousands of applicants to have their wedding filmed for "Wedding Story," a show that airs on cable's The Learning Channel.

Because family and friends, a sound technician, producer and camera operators also attended the couple's Saturday wedding. They recorded the couple taking care of last minute details such as picking up tuxedos and dresses.

This is the fourth season for "Wedding Story," and the first time it's been in Wisconsin.

Connie Williams, mother of the bride, said she and her daughter applied to be on the show last spring. "What we look for are real couples who exude that feeling of true

love," said producer Jodi Goren.

The Thieles' wedding is expected to air next fall.

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — Even death is no escape from the Y2K bug.

Cemetery headstones intended for a double plot — to be occupied someday by husband and wife — usually are engraved with the first two digits of the year the survivor is expected to die.

That's more efficient and less expensive than having a stone mason sandblast the entire date once the marker is already in the ground.

The prefix "19" has been popular for much of the century. But if you have a so-called companion stone, and you had it pre-engraved, and you don't plan to die within the next 11 months or so, you have a Y2K problem.

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IN BRIEF

UGSA slates first meeting for Feb. 1

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled an open public meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Howard County Library's community room. A board meeting will follow. For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 263-3623.

Yearlings post split with Andrews 8th

Runnels Junior High School's Yearlings managed a split against Andrews' young Mustangs on Monday, taking a 26-25 win in the "Black" game, while the "White" team absorbed a 21-18 loss.

David Lee paced Runnels' White squad with six points, while Taylor Leatham, Eric Chavez and Gary Austin added four each in the loss.

The key to the "Black" team's victory was its having held Andrews scoreless in the second quarter, allowing the Mavs to take a 13-9 halftime lead.

Dustyn Beauchamp paced the "Black" with 12 points, while Howard Johnson added six and Clayton Weaver had four.

Mavericks cagers drop twinbill with Andrews

Andrews' young Mustangs took a pair of wins from Goliad Middle School's Mavericks squads Monday.

Nick Rushin paced the Mavs "White" squad with five points in a 30-22 loss, while the "Black" team suffered a hard-fought 41-39 defeat despite the 16 points scored by Wesley Smith and Mike Ornales' 11 points. Bryso Hall added nine more in the defeat.

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.

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 across the state for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses.

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.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Lamesa, Midland, Odessa and Snyder.

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

ON TV

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6 p.m. — St. John's at Syracuse, ESPN, Ch. 30.
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HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Kings at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Steers knock off Sweetwater; Lady Steers fall, 60-15

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

SWEETWATER — Big Spring's Steers outlasted Sweetwater's Mustangs Tuesday night, 57-47, in a District 5-4A showdown that improved the Steers to 8-16 overall and 2-2 in league action going into Friday's home date with Snyder.

The Lady Steers were terrorized by a tough Lady Mustang press and never could get past the intense Sweetwater defense, falling 60-15.

Big Spring's Amy Jackson scored the first basket of the girls' game with 5:55 showing on the clock in the first quarter, but the Lady Steers would not find the hoop again until the 4:53 mark of the third quarter when sophomore Melissa Forth hit a free throw.

At that point, league-leading

Sweetwater (20-4 and 6-0) was holding onto a sizable 30-3 margin.

"I think they put so much pressure on us, we couldn't handle it and it rattled us early," Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter said. "We couldn't overcome it. We got some shots to fall, but it was too late."

Sweetwater kept pushing the ball inside to starter Lucrechia Washington who made 11 field goals in scoring a game-high 25 points. The Lady Mustangs other weapon, 5-foot-11 senior post Vanessa Lehrmann, hit eight baskets and finished with 17 points.

The Lady Steers' shooting woes continued through three quarters as the ball continually lipped in and out of the basket.

Big Spring's Forth nailed the Lady Steers' second field goal with 2:16 remaining in the third quarter.

The Lady Steers' shooting improved in

the final period when senior Leslie McLellan hit one from behind the three-point arc and made another basket and finished with five points for the night.

Julie Adams and Forth, who led Big Spring with six points, found the bucket in the final period.

Loter remained positive in looking ahead to Friday's 6 p.m. match-up with Snyder in Steer Gym. "We're hoping to have two big practices this week so we can compete with Snyder."

The Lady Steers were up early against Snyder the first time the two teams met before falling to the Lady Tigers. Tuesday's loss left the Lady Steers with a 5-20 mark overall and 1-5 in district play.

The Steers, coming off three emotional district games — a win over Andrews and back-to-back overtime losses to San Angelo Lake View and Fort Stockton —

came out flat in the first quarter Tuesday and allowed Sweetwater (7-15, 0-4) to take an early 14-10 lead.

Lance Brock scored four of his team-high 16 points in the first quarter, while senior Casey Cowley, who was extremely productive in the Fort Stockton loss, was whistled for three quick fouls and spent most of the game seated on the Steers bench.

Senior Chello Williams kept Big Spring in the game with a pair of field goals in the opening frame.

"I think we had three big games and it took a lot out of us," Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said. "We were a little flat and didn't play with much intensity early."

The Steers went to a half-court trap in the second quarter which caused trouble

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Bufs deal 'Dogs heartbreak

Bulldogettes do homework for 57-43 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Stanton's Buffaloes and Coahoma's Bulldogettes were the survivors in a couple of pivotal District 3-2A basketball games that packed a near-capacity crowd into the Coahoma Elementary School gymnasium Tuesday night.

In the evening's opener, the Bulldogettes avenged their only league loss of the season with a seemingly easy 57-43 win over Stanton's Lady Buffaloes behind the long-distance shooting of Kortney Kemper and Cassie Tindol and dominant play inside the paint by posts Jayci Roberts and Suzanna Wood.

As a result, the Bulldogettes improved to 16-8 overall and 5-1 in district play, remaining tied with Post's Lady Antelopes for the 3-2A lead.

The Lady Buffs dropped to 13-9 on the season and 4-2 in district play heading into still another crucial outing — Saturday's 1:30 p.m. showdown with Post in the Borden County High School gymnasium.

But the real thriller, however, came in the nightcap where the Buffs saw-sawed their way to a 50-48 win, answering a 3-point shot by Coahoma guard Ryan Peckham that gave the Bulldogs a 48-47 lead with 33 seconds remaining with a short baseline jumper from Chad Smith with 17 ticks left.

Stanton then iced the game away when Justin Cobb followed Smith's shot by stealing the ball from Coahoma's Blake Nichols and drawing a foul with 4.29 seconds showing on the clock and nailing one of two free throws.

In the aftermath, both boys' coaches — Coahoma's Kim Nichols and Stanton's Doug Gordon — vented frustration with the game's officiating.

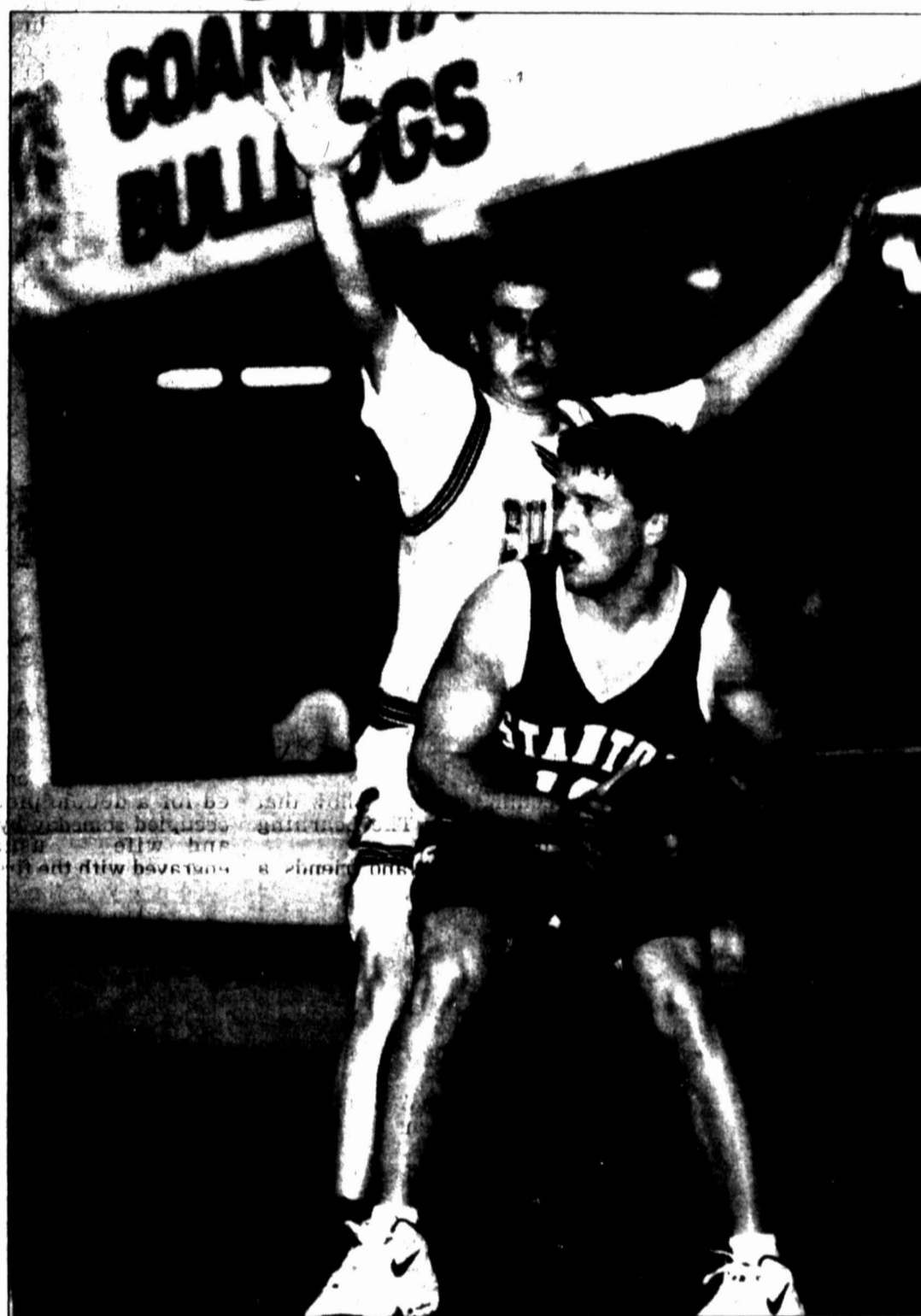
"Nobody knew what was going to get called ... it was the worst job of officiating I've ever seen," Gordon said after watching his Buffs improve to 8-4 on the season and remain atop the 3-2A boys' standings with a 4-1 mark.

The Buff boss' frustrations having reached a near boil at the start of the fourth quarter with the game tied at 34-34 when guard Jeremy Hull was fouled on a breakaway layup and Cobb, following on the play, dunked the missed layup and was whistled for a technical foul.

"The thing that was really frustrating is that there were two excellent teams playing a very important basketball game out there, but the officiating left a bad taste in everyone's mouth," he added. "It was so bad that whoever lost couldn't feel good about it. If we'd lost, I'd be feeling the same what Kim does."

Nichols, whose Bulldogs fell to 17-7 overall and 3-3 in district play, two games off the Buffs' league-leading pace, was clearly angry with the officials.

"With the kind of officials Stanton has, there's no way we can match up when the officials let the game get as physical as



Stanton guard Kyle Herm (10) looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as Coahoma's Michael Kinard (32) applies defensive pressure during the second half of the Buffs' 50-48 win.

they did," Nichols said. "They (referees' calls) were just terrible. There was no rhyme or reason to what they were calling ... the technical on the dunk was just ridiculous."

The Buffs opened the game with five quick points, Cobb hitting from underneath and Herm nailing Stanton's only three-pointer of the evening, only to see Coahoma answer with seven straight — a pair of free throws by David White, a baseline jumper from Ryan Peckham and a three-pointer from Blake Nichols.

For the rest of the evening, both teams would follow the "punch and counter-punch" scenario, closing the first half with the score deadlocked at 22-22.

But in the fourth quarter, it appeared as if the Bulldogs would pull away when Nichols nailed the free throws following the technical called on Cobb and added a three-pointer for a 39-35 lead.

A jumper from Cobb made it 39-37, but Peckham put Coahoma up by five — the game's biggest margin — with a three-pointer at the 4:56 mark.

Smith trimmed the lead to two again with a free throw and a jumper from the lane on the Buffs' next trip down the floor.

Cobb, point guard Kyle Herm and Austin Kelly combined to spark a 7-3 Stanton run that gave the Buffs a 47-45 lead with 50 seconds remaining, setting the stage for the wild end game.

Despite having to play almost the entire fourth quarter with four fouls, Cobb finished with a team-topping 17 points, while Kelly added 15 and Smith had 10.

Peckham had a game-high 22 points for the Bulldogs, while Nichols finished with 14.

In the girls' contest, Coahoma broke open

See **BULLDOGETTES**, page 3B

Lady Wildcats pull off 59-41 upset over Borden County; Coyotes rally for win

HERALD Staff Reports

LENORAH — Grady's No. 7-ranked Lady Wildcats pulled off a huge upset Tuesday night, dealing No. 3-ranked Borden County's Lady Coyotes a 59-41 defeat and creating a tie for the District 18-1A girls' lead.

The win was redemption for the Lady Wildcats, now 22-2 overall and 4-1 in league play, as Borden County handed Grady its only district loss earlier this season — breaking open a tied game late in the fourth quarter to win by 10 points.

On Tuesday, however, the Lady Wildcats never trailed, spreading their lead to as many as 20 points at times in the second half.

"It was a tremendous win for us," Lady Wildcats coach Johnny Peugh said. "Our girls gave a tremendous effort from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Borden County has a really good team and it's exciting to play a team of that quality and dominate them like we did."

Grady was 8-of-18 from three-point range — Rebecca Robles nailing four of the long-distance shots and finishing with 16 points. Rebekah Adams and Meagan Mims each added 13.

Borden County, which got 15 points from Valerie Wooten and 10 more from Julie Mayes, dropped to 19-4 on the season.

In the boys' game, Borden County took a 47-45 win behind Colt McCook's 15-

point showing. The Coyotes also got 13 points from Fernando Baeza.

Grady got a game-high 17 points from Jim Bob Haggerton, while Greg Gibson added 10 more.

GIRLS GAME

Grady 59, Borden County 41
Borden County — Isaacs 1 0-2 3, Kemp 3 0-0 6, Mayes 4 1-2 10, Smith 1 1-2 3, Wooten 6 2-3 15, Merritt 2 0-0 4. Totals: 17 4-9 41.

Grady — Mims 5 0-0 13, Robles 6 0-1 16, H. Madison 1 0-0 2, C. Madison 3 0-1 7, Yates 2 2-2 6, Greenhaw 1 0-0 2, Adams 5 3-0 13. Totals: 23 5-12 59.

Borden County — 6 11 13 11-41
Grady — 15 12 19 13-59

3-point goals: BC 3 (Isaacs 1, Mayes 1, Wooten 1); G 8 (Robles 4, Mims 3, C. Madison 1); Fouls: BC 14, G 9. Fouled out: none. JV: BC 57, G 10.

BOYS GAME

Borden County 47, Grady 45

Borden County — Pinkerton 3 4-8 11, Dennis 5 0-0 10, Baeza 4 2-4 13, McCook 2 0-1 5, Lawrence 4 0-3 8. Totals:

18 6-16 47.

Grady — Frankie Garza 1 0-0 3, Clint Schuelke 3 0-0 6, T.J. Pruitt 0 0-2 0, Jim Bob Haggerton 6 0-0 17, Greg Gibson 3 2-3 10, Jed Hinojosa 4 1-2 9. Totals: 17 3-7 45.

Borden County — 14 7 4 12-47

Grady — 14 5 10 15-45

3-point goals: BC 5 (Pinkerton 1, Baeza 3, McCook 1); G 8 (Haggerton 5, Gibson 2, Garza 1); Fouls: BC 9, G 15.

Fouled out none. JV: BC 29, G 32.

Garden City squads split at Water Valley

WATER VALLEY — Garden City's Lady Bearkats continued their winning ways in District 4-1A play Tuesday night with an easy 62-25 win over Water Valley's Lady Eagles, while the Bearkats

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HOW TOP 25 LIVED

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Tuesday:
1. Connecticut (18-0) did not play. Next: at No. 9 St. John's, Saturday.

JUCO-WOMEN

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Jan. 25 (Total points are not tabulated):

AP TOP 25-MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 24:

COLLEGE SCORES

Men's Games
EAST
Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON

Tuesday, Jan. 26
Boston 106, Toronto 88
Houston 105, San Antonio 104

WPHL

Tuesday's Games
Abilene at Austin 3, 30
Arkansas at San Angelo 4

AP TOP 25-MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 24:

JUCO-MEN

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 25:

Howard cage squads post sweeps

Howard College's Lady Hawks and Hawks basketball teams broke out the brooms this past week as they swept both New Mexico Junior College and South Plains College in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) action.

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS
By STAN FEASTER



The Howard squads first traveled to NMJC and came away with Ws, as the Lady Hawks defeated the Lady Thunderbirds 66-56 and the Hawks held off a late T-Bird rally to win 84-76.

The challenge to win on the road would get no easier as the teams would head north to battle the always-tough South Plains College Lady Texans and Texans.

Nip and tuck throughout the game, the Lady Hawks turned a three-point halftime lead into a 22-point romp as they blasted the Lady Texans 77-55.

The Lady Hawks are currently ranked No. 12 in the nation with a 19-2 record and hold second place in the WJAC women's standings at 4-1 behind the league-leading Midland College Lady Chaps.

The Howard men would win what might possibly be the most pivotal game of the conference schedule against the Texans.

Howard and South Plains were tied atop the WJAC

men's standings with identical 4-0 marks going into Monday's game.

Like the Lady Hawks, the Hawks would also take a three-point halftime lead and then connected on 28-of-38 free throw shooting down and in stretch to take a convincing 69-56 win.

The victory ups the Hawks' season record to 15-5 and a perfect 5-0 mark in WJAC play, earning them sole possession of first place.

The Howard teams will play host to Clarendon College on Thursday, the Lady Hawks taking the floor at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 6 p.m., while the Hawks step into the Dorothy's spotlight at 8 p.m.

Howard College will continue its salute to public schools Thursday, featuring the Forsan Independent School District. In addition, the college will welcome approximately 200 youngsters from the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association.

Be a part of the crowd and watch some exciting college basketball action.

Howard College softball coach Andy Mace has returned home from undergoing angioplasty procedures at Lubbock Methodist Hospital and is recovering well.

He expects to be ready for the team's season opener against Texas Wesleyan University on Saturday, Feb. 6, in Fort Worth.

Howard College's baseball Hawks will officially begin their spring schedule Feb. 5-7, playing in the Blinn College Tournament in Brenham.

Be sure to call Howard College's Sports Hotline at 264-5169 for scores and updates on all the school's sports programs.

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

Mavs' Bradley says winning is his goal

DALLAS (AP) — Shawn Bradley took inventory of his NBA career last week, and admitted what many people have been whispering for quite some time.

"I've got to go out and do the things necessary to make me a better player, but also make me a better person," the Mavericks center said. "I know I can continue to improve, and I know I can bring something to this team and help this team win games."

That's what the Philadelphia 76ers thought when they made Bradley the second pick of the 1993 NBA draft. Many NBA scouts said Bradley was going to use his athleticism to revolutionize the game.

But nearly six years later, Bradley is as much of an enigma as he was then. Mavericks coach Don Nelson benched

Bradley late last season, and said he plans to bring him off the bench this season behind John "Hot Rod" Williams.

"Shawn's coming along fine," Nelson said. "We like the progress he's made, and we think he can help us coming off the bench."

Bradley hinted he may retire when his contract, which will pay him \$6.75 million this season, expires in 2000-2001.

"My wife and I have started a lovely family," he said. "We have four beautiful daughters, and there will come a time in the next few years where I'll have to make a decision."

"As much as I love basketball and I love being out here, I understand that there are other things in life, too. Right now we're happy, I'm playing ball and I'm able to juggle my family life — which is extremely

important to me — with my basketball career, and it's working out really good so far."

When he came to the NBA, Bradley said, he was saddled with too many expectations. After all, the 7-foot-6 gentle giant played only his freshman season at Brigham Young, where he averaged 14.8 points.

Bradley spent the next two years completing his Mormon mission in Sydney, Australia, where a basketball was as foreign to him as that country. After that, Bradley signed a controversial eight-year, \$44.2 million contract with the Sixers, and the pressure has been building since.

"I got drafted high and signed a big contract, and that was pressure out of this world," Bradley said. "A lot of it was unwarranted and a lot of it may have been warranted."

Advertisement for Levi's jeans featuring two models in jeans. Text includes 'TRUE-BLUE SAVINGS!', 'MEN'S 29.99 505° & 550° 31.99 560° 39.99 silverTab® Men's sizes 29-40', 'CHILDREN'S LEVI'S® JEANS SALE! 17.99-23.99', and 'BEALLS-STAGE We're all about you!'.

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Pippen debuts for Rockets, fans injured at Toronto

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scottie Pippen's debut with the Houston Rockets was a success. The return of the NBA in Toronto was a rush.

Pippen, who played his first 11 seasons with the Chicago Bulls, had 15 points and 11 rebounds Tuesday night in helping the Houston Rockets to a 106-104 exhibition win over San Antonio.

"I don't feel weird at all," Pippen said. "I'm fitting in comfortably. I feel we did a pretty good job."

The Rockets gave away all 16,285 seats to the game. Not every seat was filled, but fans clearly were glad to have pro basketball back.

"It was such a long layoff," Pippen said. "It was hard to know what to expect, but I am really glad the fans supported us."

In Toronto, several people were hurt as thousands of fans — taking advantage of free admission — tried to enter through a single gate at SkyDome for the Raptors' game against Boston.

The surge of fans created a mini-stampede that produced

four smashed doors and some broken turnstiles. No serious injuries were reported.

"I was just trying to get in and my head was pushed up against the door and it just shattered," said Daniel Segon, 16, of Toronto. "It was too rough for me."

Fans began lining up as early as noon because of the free-ticket offer, part of the NBA's plan to win back fans following the lockout.

But the organized lineup became out of control when thousands of fans arrived later in the day.

"We were really caught off guard," said Jim Roe, director of event operations for Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment. "We were a little overwhelmed by the number of people taking us up on our offer of free tickets."

Ron Mercer scored 25 points, including Boston's first 11, as the Celtics beat the Raptors 106-88.

As the regular season drew closer, two more top players were rewarded with rich contracts.

Allen Iverson signed a six-year, \$70.9 million contract.

Rome mayor demands new 2004 Olympics vote

ROME (AP) — More than a year after his city lost its bid to hold the 2004 Summer Olympics, the mayor of Rome wants another vote.

Mayor Francesco Rutelli contends that the choice of Athens, Greece, is now under a cloud because of the Olympic bribery scandal.

"A panel of IOC experts and athletes gave Rome the No. 1 spot on the list of candidates. Until 24 hours before the vote, we were in the lead," Rutelli said Tuesday. "And then — who knows what happened?"

Two days after the International Olympic Committee ousted six members following revelations of corruption in the bidding process, Rutelli called for a committee of experts to review the matter.

Athens beat Rome 66-41 in September 1997 in the final round of voting for the 2004 Olympics.

"The most important thing is to remove every shadow of doubt about the decision," he said. "That would be a move to make clear what now is not clear."

The IOC said Salt Lake City's 2002 bid committee spent \$800,000 on 14 IOC members, including travel expenses, scholarships for their children and cash payments. In addition

to the expulsions, three IOC members quit.

IOC officials have said Salt Lake City will not be stripped of the 2002 Games.

Though Athens has not been specifically targeted by the corruption inquiries, the IOC has said it will examine the selection process for the games from 1996 to 2006.

"Athens won, and I hope Athens won by fair play, but ... if there is an independent committee, perhaps the decision could be changed and shifted to another city," Rutelli said.

He added that Italian members of the IOC told him at the time of the 1997 vote that "many African and Latin American delegates changed their votes in the very last hours." But the head of Rome's bid, Raffaele Ranucci, told the ANSA news agency he didn't think the 2004 decision was affected by what he called "those little games."

"I have always figured that the Greek capital was being paid back for not getting the 1996 Olympics," Ranucci said. Italy is now trying to land the 2006 Winter Games, with Turin considered a notch behind Swiss front-runner Sion.

In Greece, the president of Hellenic Olympic Committee, Lambis Nikolaou, defended his city's 2004 triumph.

"The vote is closed," Nikolaou said. "The games were given cleanly. The doors are open, the dogs are tied up and they can come and examine whatever they want."

Added Athens Mayor Dimitris Avramopoulos: "Nothing can reverse the vote taken by the International Olympic Committee. The things said by the otherwise thoroughly likable mayor of Rome, I must say, are groundless."

In other Olympic developments:

African sports authorities complained their IOC members were unfairly made the focus of the bribery scandal. Six Africans are among the nine members expelled or forced to resign and a seventh delegate is under investigation.

"Lavish gifts were presented at midnight, instead of being rolled on a trolley through a hotel lobby at noon," said Robert Magagula, vice president of Swaziland's Olympic committee. "That happened to all IOC members, not just African members."

The opposition faction in Berlin's Senate sent the IOC files from the city's 1993 bid for the 2000 Games. Greens leader Judith Demba, who called the IOC a "club of corrupt old men," said Berlin bidders spent

\$1.53 million on travel, lodging, car rental, gifts and other expenses for 56 IOC members who visited the city.

She claimed scores of presents exceeded the IOC limit of \$150. Demba also said IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch charged the bid committee \$3,724 for a domestic air ticket between Stuttgart and Berlin that normally would cost one-tenth the sum.

Canadian swimmer Mark Tewksbury left his Olympic gold medal on a table at a news conference, saying it had lost its meaning because of the bribery scandal.

"This is an Olympic gold medal, if anyone wants it," said Tewksbury, who won the 100-meter backstroke at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

"Juan Antonio Samaranch should resign ... the entire IOC needs to be restructured. I'm here to defend Olympism, to defend the movement, not to defend the IOC."

Nagano police said IOC visitors received free rides on police helicopters during the city's successful bid for the 1998 Games. Nagano officials already have said IOC voters were given free trips to Kyoto, some IOC officials were entertained by geisha and Samaranch received an expensive painting.

ROUNDUP

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drooped a 53-32 loss in the boys' nightcap.

The Niehues sisters again provided most of the scoring for Garden City, M'Lynn Niehues pouring in a game-high 28 points, while J'Layne Niehues added 10 more.

The win improved the Lady Bearcats' season record to 19-2

and left them undefeated in district play.

GIRLS GAME

Garden City 62, Water Valley 35
GARDEN CITY—Langford 5, Kujawski 2, M. Niehues 28, Chanier 8, J. Niehues 10, Batta 7, Eoff 2. Totals—24 5-8 62.

WATER VALLEY—Sears 9, Wiese 4, Stroud 4, Counts 13, Ayers 4, Blair 1. Totals 12 9-23 35.

Score by Quarters

GARDEN CITY 19 19 10 14-62
WATER VALLEY 8 6 10 11-35

3-point goals—Garden City 3 (Langford, Batta 2); Water Valley 2 (Sears, Counts). Records—Garden City 19-2; Water Valley 12-10. JV Garden City 41, Water Valley 20.

BOYS GAME

Water Valley 53, Garden City 32

GARDEN CITY—Batta 11, Stone 7, Zachry 4, Hoelscher 4, Fine 2, Guerrero, Bryan 2. Totals 11 8-14 32.

WATER VALLEY—Lucy 22, Millican 9, Vicks 5, Davis 5, Copland 4, Tarrill 2, Banister 2, Adams 2, Parker 2. Totals 10 11-21 53.

Score by Quarters

GARDEN CITY 4 5 2 21-32
WATER VALLEY 13 3 12 25-53

3-point goals—Garden City (Stone, Zachry); Water Valley 2 (Lucy, Davis). Records—Garden City 14; Water Valley 13-7. 3-2 JV Garden City 37, Water Valley 31.

Ozona sweeps pair over Buffs, Queens

OZONA — Forsan's Buffaloes and Queens are both still looking for their first wins in District 2-2A basketball action following a sweep at the hands of Ozona's Lions and Lady Lions Tuesday evening.

Forsan's players out of the double-digit column en route to a 54-26 win, while the Lions doubled the score on the Buffs en route to a 62-31 win.

GIRLS GAME

Ozona 64, Forsan 26

FORSAN—Loera 4, Anderson 4, Crow 2, Crouch 6, Wallace 2, Alexander 1, Sayles 4, Patterson 3. Totals 10 3-7 26.

OZONA—Goble 16, Avila 4, Ellison 10, Martinez 12, Branch 12. Totals 22 6-10 64.

Score by Quarters

FORSAN 6 8 7 5-26
OZONA 18 19 8 9-64

3-point goals—Forsan 3 (Anderson, Crouch 2); Ozona 4 (Goble 2, Martinez 2). Records—Forsan 0-6; Ozona 19-6. 5-1 JV Ozona 37, Forsan 29.

BOYS GAME

Ozona 82, Forsan 31

FORSAN—Rios 7, Stanley 4, Anderson 3, White 3, Roman 2, Park 3, Drummond, Whetsel 6, Walker 2. Totals 11 3-5 31.

OZONA—Sullivan 7, Myers 10, Webster 2, Borrego 2, Fought 2, Tebbetts 6, Sutton 6, Cervantez 15, Martinez 12. Totals 28 6-8 82.

Score by Quarters

FORSAN 9 8 5 9-31
OZONA 18 9 16 18-82

3-point goals—Forsan 2 (Park, Rios). Records—Forsan 0-4; Ozona 15-9. 3-1 JV Ozona 46, Forsan 37.

STEERS

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for the hot-shooting Mustangs. Williams and senior Andy Hall opened the quarter with two baskets to take a 16-14 lead, but Sweetwater's go-to man, Lance Bishop, put in two of his team-topping 16 points to knot the score at 16-16 with 3:07 left in the half.

Jason Walker nailed a three-point shot and Blair Nutting hit his only two baskets of the night before the half, one on a feed from Williams, for a 23-18 halftime advantage for the Steers.

But Big Spring would struggle offensively in the third quarter after Williams scored a bucket to open the second half and give the Steers a 25-18 lead. Sweetwater responded with a 12-point run and held a 30-25 lead until sophomore Jason Woodruff hit a field goal and

drew a foul. The Mustangs did not score in the final 2:39 of the period and the Steers took advantage by going on a 5-0 run before Williams nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer for a 35-31 Big Spring lead heading into the final period.

Sweetwater would never regain the lead, although the Mustangs did cut the margin to 40-36 midway through the period.

From there, the game turned into a free throw contest. Brock stepped up his game, hitting four buckets and going 2-for-4 at the charity stripe in the fourth quarter.

"Most of (Brock's) points came off missed shots," Avery noted. "Night in and night out, he's our most consistent player. He had 10 rebounds and he works hard on putting the trash shots back in."

"Our defense has kept us in the game," he added. "Hall had nine rebounds and Williams had eight ... Woodruff had seven. We had 43 rebounds and that's what's encouraging."

Big Spring's shooting improved to 41 percent from the field, but was a lackluster 7-of-21 from the charity stripe.

"We've got to start shooting better," Avery admitted. "The kids worked hard on defense, and that's all I can ask for."

Big Spring's junior varsity boys held off Sweetwater, 57-56, paced by Jaroe Parnell's 16 points and Clarence Wilkins' 15. The Lady Steers JV suffered a 34-21 loss.

GIRLS' GAME

Sweetwater 60, Big Spring 15

BIG SPRING — Leslie McLellan 1 1 0 0 5, Amy Jackson 1 0 0 0 2, Chandra McBee 0 0 0 0 0, Julie Adams 2 0 2 5 8, Clarissa Telchman 0 0 0 0 0, Melissa Forth 1 1 1 5 6, Laura Johnson 0 0 0 0 0, Meghan Pudliner 0 0 0 1 0, Melissa Fleniken 0 0 0 1 0. Totals 4 2 1 7 15.

SWEETWATER — Vanessa Lehmann 8 0 1 2

17, Julie Rannefeld 1 0 0 0 2, Bri Lambeth 1 1 2 3 7, Abigail Browning 0 0 0 0 0, Katie Glover 2 0 0 0 4, Lisa Rannefeld 0 0 0 0 0, Kristi Ramirez 0 0 0 0 0, Lucreshia Washington 11 0 3 5 25, Sharon Battenger 1 1 0 0 5. Totals 24 2 6 10 60.

Score by Quarters

Big Spring 2 0 4 9-15
Sweetwater 10 16 20 14-60

Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (McLellan, Forth); Sweetwater 2 (Lambeth, Battenger).

Total Fouls: Big Spring 15, Sweetwater 13.

Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

BOYS GAME

Big Spring 57, Sweetwater 47

BIG SPRING — Chelso Williams 4 1 2 4 13, John Purcell 0 0 1 2 1, Jason Walker 1 1 0 0 5, Michael Strain 0 0 0 0 0, Doug Tipton 0 0 0 0 0, Jason Woodruff 3 0 1 7 7, Andy Hall 4 0 1 3 9, Lance Brock 7 0 2 4 16, Casey Cowley 1 0 0 0 2, Blair Nutting 2 0 0 1 4. Totals 22 7 21 57.

SWEETWATER — Daniel Price 5 0 4 4 14, Jason Sapota 0 0 0 0 0, Chappo Cards 0 0 0 0 0, LeDan Edwards 0 0 1 2 1, Matt Frederick 2 0 0 0 0, Kevin Oliver 4 0 2 2 8, Derrick Carr 1 1 2 2 6, Nick Williams 0 0 0 0 0, Justin

McCord 0 0 0 0 0, Lance Bishop 2 2 6 9 16, Dion Coleman 0 0 0 0 0, Justin Howard 0 0 0 0 0, Andrew Price 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 12 3 14 19 47.

Score by Quarters

Big Spring 10 13 12 22-57
Sweetwater 14 4 13 16-47

Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Williams, Walker); Sweetwater 3 (Carr, Bishop 2). Total Fouls: Big Spring 16, Sweetwater 18. Fouled Out: Cowley, Bishop. Technical Fouls: None.

BULLDOGETTES

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a 13-10 game at the start of the second quarter when Wood and Tindol sparked a 9-2 run to make it a 22-12 lead.

Tindol, playing a rare role coming off the bench, answered a field goal from Stanton's Jonna Moore with back-to-back three-pointers that allowed Coahoma to take a comfortable 28-18 lead into the halftime intermission.

The key proved to be Coahoma's defense that denied Stanton an opportunity to capitalize on its advantage in height, screening Lady Buffs post Stephanie Washington off the boards and denying her the ball, while cutting off guard Rainnie Hull's bids at driving the baseline.

"We did our homework and out footwork," Garrett said, noting his team had spent much of its preparation time for the game studying video tapes of their loss at Stanton. "Our kids did a good job of recognizing what they were doing offensively and adapting."

A 22-point Coahoma third quarter sealed the Lady Buffs fate — Roberts, Tindol, Wood and Kemper turning a 37-23 lead into a lopsided 50-25 margin with a 10-2 run in the final three minutes of the period.

Coahoma's lead reached a 57-33 lead with 58 seconds left before Garrett inserted his reserves and saw Stanton score 10 late, but meaningless points.

Wood led the Bulldogettes with a game-high 13 points, while Kemper, Tindol and Roberts joined her in double figures. Kemper finished with 12 points, while Tindol and

Roberts had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Moore was the Lady Buffs' only player to notch double figures, finishing with 11 markers.

Coahoma's teams now travel to Tahoka on Friday with games slated for 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. starts.

GIRLS' GAME

Coahoma 57, Stanton 43

STANTON — Brandy Allred 0 0 1 2 1, Rachel Madison 1 1 0 1 5, Debra Phillips 0 0 4 4 4, Rainnie Hull 3 0 2 5 8, Clarissa Telchman 0 0 0 0 0, Julie Adams 2 0 2 3 6, Stephanie Washington 2 0 3 6 7, Jessica Deleon 0 0 1 2 1, Jonna Moore 3 1 2 3 11. Totals 11 2 15 26.

COAHOMA — Rachel Williams 0 0 0 0 0, Crystal Atkinson 2 0 0 0 4, Kemi Kay Buchanan 0 0 2 2 2, Kristin Marshall 0 0 0 0 0, Brandie Hart 0 0 1 2 1, Kortney Kemper 0 3 3 6 12, Cassie Tindol 2 1 3 11, Kelli Buchanan 2 0 0 4, Meredith Barr 0 0 0 0 0, Jayci Roberts 4 0 2 2 10, Suzanne Wood 5 0 3 4 13. Totals 15 5 12 19 57.

Score by Quarters

Stanton 10 8 7 18-43

Coahoma 13 15 22 7-57

Three-point goals: Stanton 2 (Madison, Moore); Coahoma 5 (Kemper 3, Tindol 2). Total Fouls: Stanton 12, Coahoma 26. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Stanton is 13-9, 4-2 in District 3-2A; Coahoma is 17-8, 5-1 in District 3-2A.

BOYS GAME

Stanton 51, Coahoma 48

STANTON — Jeremy Smith 0 0 0 0 0, Kyle Herm 1 1 2 6, Justin Cobb 8 0 1 4 17, Maurice Martinez 0 0 0 0 0, Blaine Smith 0 0 0 0, Will Harris 0 0 0 0 0, Austin Kelly 6 0 3 4 15, James Jenkins 0 0 0 0 0, Jeremy Hull 1 0 0 4 2, Brady Cook 0 0 0 0 0, Chad Smith 4 0 2 8 10. Totals 20 1 7 22 50.

COAHOMA — Vincent Garcia 1 0 0 2 2, Jeremy Green 0 0 0 0 0, Blake Nichols 0 3 5 6 14, Brandon Hancock 1 0 0 2 2, David White 3 0 2 5 8, Ryan Pesham 7 2 2 3 22, Michael Kinard 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 12 5 9 16 48.

Score by Quarters

Stanton 10 12 12 16-50
Coahoma 13 9 12 14-48

Three-point goals: Stanton 1 (Herm); Coahoma 5 (Nichols 3, Pesham 2). Total Fouls: Stanton 15, Coahoma 17. Fouled Out: Nichols. Technical Fouls: Cobb. Records: Stanton is 8-4, 5-1 in District 3-2A; Coahoma is 17-7, 3-3 in District 3-2A.

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6:30 News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy Zocomaloo	Show-Funny New Addams	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Roseanne Roseanne	Gotita de Amor	The Hunchback of Notre	Walters (CC)	(5:50) Movie: The Santa	Post (CC)	Real Sports (CC)	Life in Word John Hayes	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	ER (CC)	Last Word Sports News	College Basketball	" "	" "	Planet Group	
7:30 Dharma-Greg Two Guys-Girl	Beverly Hills, 90210 (CC)	Great Performances	Life, Camera Life, Camera	Nanny (CC) Maggie	Dharma-Greg Two Guys-Girl	DeLaine (CC)	(05) National Geographic	La Usurpedora	Dame (CC) (35) Movie: Class '89	Class '89 (CC)	Movie: Bound	The Distinguished Gentleman (CC)	Movie: Meet Wally Sparks	Faith Pleases Biography	Mafia Women	Movie: Point of No Return	FOX Sports NFL Monday	St. John's at Syracuse	Movie: Stagecoach	" "	BET Soundstage		
8:30 Drew Carey Whose Line?	Party of Five (CC)	Record Row	Return to Lonesome	90 Minutes II (CC)	Drew Carey Whose Line?	Lajaline (CC) Encore	Explorer (CC)	Menting	Kidz in the Wood	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Bound	Movie: Bound	Movie: Bound	Light of the Southwest	American Justice	Discover Magazine	Los Angeles Kings at Dallas Stars	College Basketball: North	" "	" "	Sparks (CC) Good News		
9:30 News (CC) Nightline	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Kennedy Center Presents	Dove	Chicago Hope (CC)	2020 (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	News (CC) Nightline	Discipline	(10) Movie: The Lords of	El Super Blablazo	(15) Movie: The Lords of	Crop & Chase	Dallas (CC)	(8:50) Movie: The Doors	Compromising	Boogie Nights (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Mafia Women	Albatraz	" "	" "		
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12:30 (12:05) Ricki Lake	Judge-Brown Martin (CC)	Natural World	Paid Program	Late Late Show	Roseanne Show	Night (CC) (31) News	Explorer (CC)	Gordo y Flaca El Blablazo	Movie: Old Yeller (CC)	Prime Time Country (CC)	(12:15) Movie: of Beyond (CC)	Comedy Hour	Faith Pleases	American Justice	Discover Magazine	Point of No Return	Last Word Ultimate	NFL All-Pro Team	" "	" "	Midnight Love		

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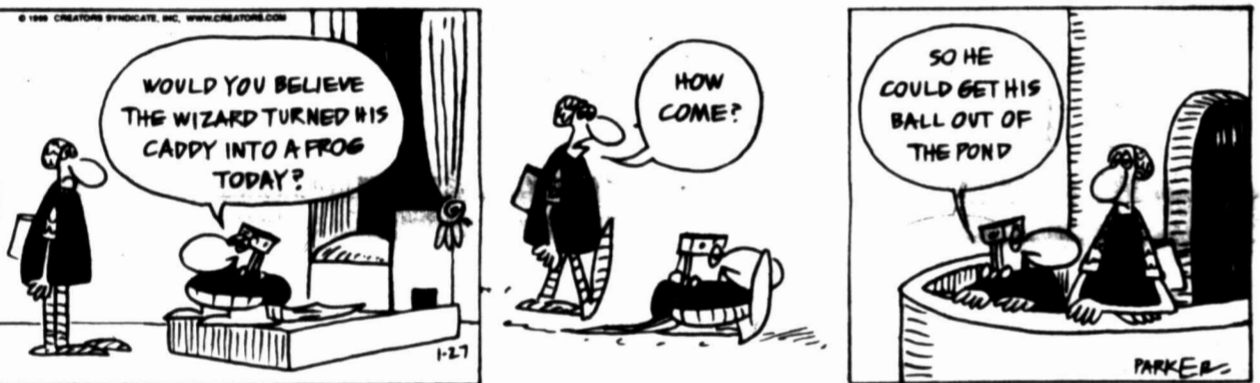
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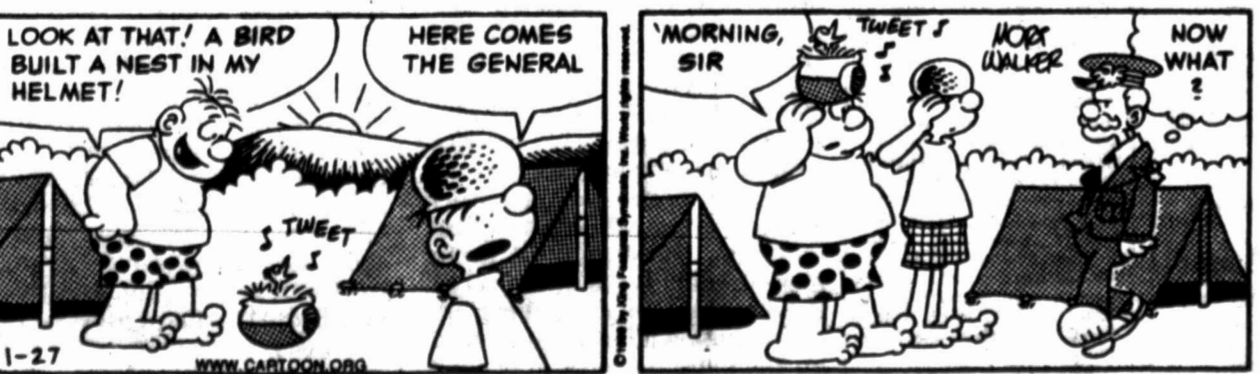
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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo 1 spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1977, the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests!

In 1981, President Reagan greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran, telling them during a visit to the White House: "Welcome home."

Ten years ago: President Bush held an informal White House news conference in which he defended a widely criticized pay raise for Congress scheduled to go into effect the following month.

Five years ago: Figure skater Tonya Harding appeared before reporters in Portland, Ore., to say that while she'd had no prior knowledge of the attack on her rival, Nancy Kerrigan, she had failed to report what she'd learned afterward.

One year ago: Shaken by scandal, President Clinton sought to reassert his leadership in a crucial State of the Union address, urging Congress to "save Social Security first" before cutting taxes or increasing spending.

Today's Birthdays: Musical conductor Skitch Henderson is 81. Singer Bobby "Blue" Bland is 69. Actor Troy Donahue is 63. Actor James Cromwell is 59. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 53. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 51. Country singer Cheryl White is 44. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 44. Actress Mimi Rogers is 43. Rock singer Margo Timmons (Cowboy Junkies) is 38. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert (New Order) is 38. Actress Bridget Fonda is 35. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 31. Rock singer Mike Patton (Faith No More) is 31. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 29. Blues musician Johnny Lang is 18.

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- 1 Pesky insect
 - 5 on the wrist
 - 9 Circuit
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 - 18 Rara
 - 19 Tied up
 - 20 When confectioners meet,
 - 23 Herbal quaff
 - 24 Pint drink
 - 25 4 on the phone
 - 26 Half of B.S.
 - 29 K.T., the singer
 - 31 Night light
 - 33 Roe source
 - 34 Presidential initials
 - 36 _amas, amat
 - 37 Flying; pref.
 - 38 When hairdressers meet,
 - 42 Billy Joel song, "Got a Way"
 - 43 Tense beginning?
 - 44 Cpl. or Sgt.
 - 45 Drying kin.
 - 46 Director Fritz
 - 48 Belted hunter
 - 52 Intoxication citation; abbr.
 - 53 Disney dwarf
 - 54 Spring mo.
 - 56 Three, in Italy
 - 57 When dressmakers meet,
 - 61 Effective use
 - 63 Simon or Diamond
 - 64 Score
 - 65 Barest hint
 - 66 Angry states
 - 67 Gets an A
 - 68 English school subj.
 - 69 Flat-bottomed rowboat
 - 70 Sail support
- DOWN
- 1 Segregated housing
 - 2 Snacks
 - 41 Future oak
 - 42 Turf
 - 47 More ill-smelling
 - 49 Cornell's location
 - 50 Uses soapbox
 - 51 Latest
 - 53 Removes from text
 - 55 _waley
 - 58 Lofly
 - 59 Younger
 - 60 Scotch shot
 - 61 \$ dispenser
 - 62 By way of

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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