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Howard County Spelling Bee set Tuesday, March 2

The Howard County Spelling Bee has been set for Tuesday, March 2 at the Howard College Auditorium. The bee, sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, will include local school winners, who will be chosen in contests at each school in coming weeks. The county-wide contest will be conducted using the official practice book.

Winner of the county-wide bee will go on to compete at the regional bee on March 27 in Lubbock. The winner of that competition goes to the national bee in Washington, D.C., all expenses paid.

For more information about the Howard County Spelling Bee, call Pat Williams at the Herald office, 263-7331.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Chapter, Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center 2805 Lynn.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 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. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Book Club, 7 p.m., Howard County Library Reading Room. The book "The Green Mile" by Stephen King will be discussed.

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Coahoma superintendent to ask his contract not be extended

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees for the Coahoma Independent School District have scheduled a special meeting for 8 p.m. Wednesday in the faculty dining room in the elementary campus to discuss the superintendent's contract, as well as considering a request from the student council.



HARTMAN

Michael Hartman, superintendent for

Coahoma, has requested that trustees not extend his contract, which expires in 2001.

"During my tenure, Coahoma ISD has reached recognized status as a district with the Texas Education Agency, I have seen grades improve and attendance is good," Hartman said.

He also said he expects Coahoma to reach exemplary status next year.

"When I came, we had just an acceptable rating. Academically, we are moving right up the ladder," Hartman said.

Trustees accepted the resignation of high school principal Keith price, effective June 1999, at the last board meeting. Also, student council members have

asked board trustees to speak to them, and may request trustees address the entire student body, about an issue has caused discord among some of the school population.

Student council members may ask the school board for a clarification about a situation in which a student was allowed to compete in an extracurricular activity, although that student had been placed in the Alternative Education Program.

At the last board meeting Jan. 25, several students expressed discontent with what they said is a double standard of discipline.

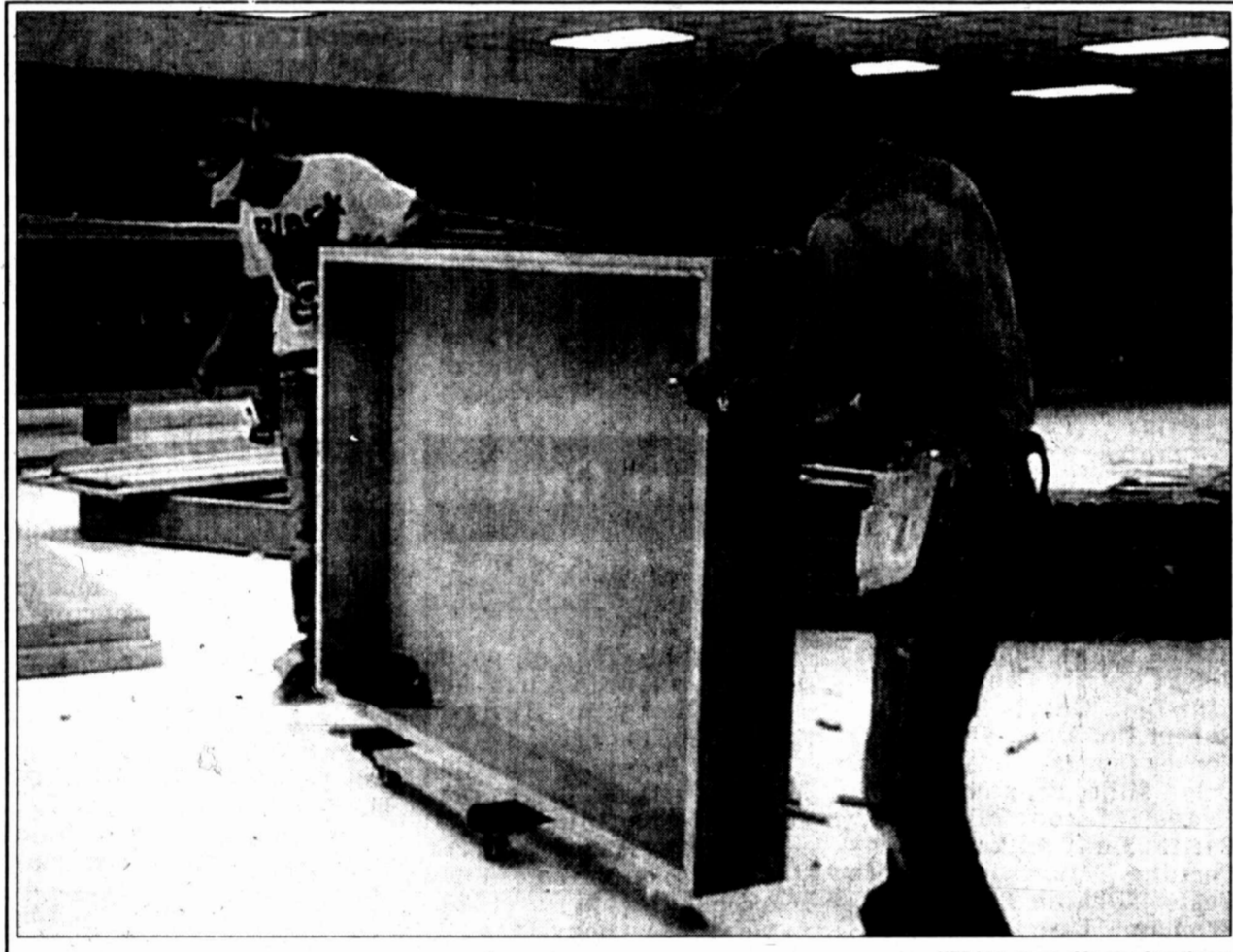
to the students that she and possibly other board members would meet with the students and answer their questions.

Each year, Coahoma students and their parents sign a student code of conduct that specifically details punishment for certain misconduct.

According to several students attending the last special board meeting, those rules are not being questioned. However, students said the rules were not being applied the same to every student.

The point in question was a student who was allowed to compete in the county junior livestock show, while another

Gail Wells, board president, indicated See **COAHOMA**, Page 2



Brian Moore, left and Rick Futrell of A&J Millwork of Anton prepare to install a cabinet in a classroom at the new Big Spring Junior High School. BSISD officials anticipate the school's completion in time for fall occupancy — a year behind schedule.

Howard introducing 'Hammer' at regional tech prep conference

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard College will present "If I Had A Hammer" Tuesday and Wednesday in Odessa to about 300 educators and business professionals during the third annual Permian Basin Tech Prep regional conference.

"We'll be taking the whole thing, materials and all, to the conference," said Ken Tunstall, Howard College vice president for instruction.

"This will help show case Hammer, and we will offer a presentation on what Hammer has done for us and wonderfully it has been received," he said.

Tunstall, along with Lynn Walling and Dennis Churchwell, will travel to Odessa for the two day conference, he said.

On Thursday, a fifth grade class from Bush Elementary will construct the Hammer house. On Friday, fifth graders

from Odessa's Dowling Elementary will have the honor of building their first house, he said.

"This conference will showcase practical methods of connecting college to the real world with students. There are a big percentage of people who will not be getting a four year degree. Some will get some college, and there are really good jobs available that do not require a four year degree," Tunstall said.

Lois Cease, coordinator of the conference, said representatives from schools, businesses and colleges around the Permian Basin will be represented at the event.

"We will also have a lot of representatives from local agencies, such as Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Workforce Center, Region 18 Service Center and chambers of commerce," Cease said.

The two-day conference will feature different keynote speakers at breakfast and lunch, as well as break out sessions that focus on specific programs.

"On Thursday, the emphasis will be on business," she said.

Southwest Airlines director of

field employment Alan Stehsel, and Bruce Aumuck, education director for IBM, will be the keynote speakers Thursday, she said.

Friday will focus on education, with Sandra Sarvis Brossard, of Education Service Centers Inc. of South Carolina, and Debbie Mills, director of an education to careers consortia in Illinois, as speakers.

Cease explained the role of the conference, as well as the focus of the tech prep and school to career program, is to help educators learn how to recruit business participation in education.

"And this gives businesses a chance to put their two cents in about what they need educators to be teaching, and what skills they are looking for in prospective employees," Cease said.

The sessions include discussions and presentations concerning parental involvement, as well as curriculum integration, she said.

The conference is from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. both days at the Holiday Inn, 6201 E. Business 20 in Odessa. Registration is \$20 per day.

For reservations call 915-685-6492.

BSISD to discuss breakfast in classrooms

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

JoAnn Smoot, food service director with the Big Spring Independent School District, approached trustees last Thursday with an idea to serve breakfast to students in the classroom.

"I believe this could be one of the most successful nutrition programs we have. It has been proven to improve attendance, improve test scores and it is a financially sound program, too," said Smoot.



SMOOT

The program idea is to offer students an opportunity to eat breakfast in their classroom, after the start of the school day.

Bus schedules, as well as late sleepers and students who habitually skip breakfast, might choose to eat in the morning if the food is delivered to their classroom door, she said.

This innovative idea is currently being used in Midland elementary schools, as well as within other districts around the nation. Patricia Mouser, child nutrition director with MISD, said children might choose to eat breakfast if they see other students eating.

Smoot said a variation of this breakfast program at Big Spring High School has increased breakfast meals by 49 percent.

"Eating a good breakfast has

multiple benefits for students," she said. "Research has proven that test scores improve, discipline problems decrease, attendance increases and students' overall health improves."

Smoot said a slight change in the breakfast menu might be in order for the new program.

"A student's favorite breakfast is cold cereal and milk and fruit juice. We do serve a breakfast pizza that might not transport well," she said.

The plan as it was explained to trustees, is to prepare breakfast at one of the schools that has a fully-equipped kitchen.

Then lunchroom workers or staff will deliver the meals to each classroom, at no charge to the students, she said.

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Oil industry

Survey: Slump likely to mean 1999 among worst years

By **MARK BABINECK**
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Any improvement in the nation's sagging oil and gas industry probably won't come sometime soon and means 1999 likely will be among the industry's worst years, according to a trade magazine survey released Friday.

In World Oil magazine's annual letter to oil industry executives, publisher Lanie Finlayson said survey data fore-shadows an 18 percent decrease in oil and gas drilling from 1998's anemic levels and continued poor rig counts.

Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc., which has monitored rig counts since 1944, reported Friday a record low 562 active U.S. rigs this week as weak prices continue to stifle exploration and production.

"It's difficult to find anything positive to say about drilling activity, especially in the U.S., after the devastation that occurred during 1998," said Finlayson, whose magazine is owned by Gulf Publishing Co., which has followed the industry since 1916.

Based on its survey of 20 major drillers and 235 independents, World Oil forecasts 21,125 wells will be drilled in the United States this year, down from the 25,639 in 1998.

In Texas, where the Midland-Odessa area oil patch has struggled particularly, the magazine predicts a 23 percent cutback in drilling from 8,846 rigs last year to 6,797 in 1999.

Taking the worst hit among U.S. oil- and gas-producing regions is California, which will see a drop in rigs from about 2,400 to 1,350 this year, a 44 percent plunge.

The news is better internationally, where production costs are cheaper. Total drilling activity is expected to dip just 4 percent, though the survey bodes ill for drilling prospects in the North Sea, South America and several other regions.

However, some industry

watchers believe the widely reported oversupply that has cut oil prices in half over the last two years might not be such a glut after all.

"I don't think it ever existed," said Henry Groppe, founder of the Houston-based consulting firm Groppe, Long and Littell.

"That's created the impression on everybody's part that there is a 300 million- to 500 million-barrel excess overhang in inventories. Actually, we think that we probably have seen an inventory (decrease) of over 1 million a day during the fourth quarter."

While Russell Wright, the magazine's editorial director, agreed such a statistical glitch could bolster oil markets later this year, it would come too late to save the industry from a dismal 1999.

"Don't expect higher prices to impact drilling levels, since operators will hold off on plans until they're sure it's for real," Wright told more than 600 industry representatives at a breakfast hosted Friday by World Oil.

Another analyst agreed the perceived oversupply is widely questioned in the industry, but cautioned that recent warm winters, depressed Asian economies and rampant production from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries must turn around for prices to change.

"Demand coming from the emerging worlds, specifically southeast Asia, was probably the main contributor to incremental growth in the last 10 years," said William Herbert, chief oilfield services analyst for Howard, Weil, Labouisse, Friedrichs in Houston. "That evaporated and hasn't come back."

On the positive side, huge cutbacks in non-OPEC nations like the United States and Great Britain will stifle production and prop up prices, he said.

"It's a cyclical industry, and it's cycling down now," Herbert said. "It's just going to take some time before the price recovers."



The air is filled with white chalk as Mark Zanchettin, left, and Chris Scott, sand the terrazzo poured onto the steps in the mall area of the new Big Spring Junior High School.

OBITUARIES

Pauline Russell

Service for Pauline Russell, 93, Lamesa, will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1999, at the Second Baptist Church of Lamesa. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Spring, Sammy Rodriguez of Greely, Colo., and Carlos Rodriguez of Big Spring; and 10 grandchildren.

Putnam J. Cramer

Putnam J. Cramer, 95, Houston, died on Jan. 30, 1999. Service will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Heights Funeral Home, 1317 Heights Blvd., Houston, 77008, with Rev. Tom Crowe, pastor of St. Matthews Methodist Church in Houston, officiating.

CRAMER

Claudio G. Rodriguez

Prayer service for Claudio G. Rodriguez, 56, will be 7 p.m. tonight at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Templo La Biblia Abierta, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Rodriguez died Saturday, Jan. 30, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a short illness. He was born on Jan. 31, 1943, in Sonora. He married Gilberta (Cookie) Ruiz on Jan. 1, 1972, in Loveland, Colo. She preceded him in death on Jan. 17, 1992. He had been a farmer and later worked at the Big Spring Country Club before retiring in 1997 due to ill health. He had lived most of his life in Big Spring and was a member of Templo La Biblia Abierta.

Survivors include: five daughters, Mary Lou Gomez, Sylvia Martinez, Patricia Rodriguez, Sally Rodriguez, and Irma Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; two sons, Luis Rodriguez and Jose Gomez, both of Big Spring; seven sisters, Oralia Rodriguez of Lubbock, Maria Arisde and Anita Ybarra, both of Greely, Colo.; Juanita Gonzales, Aofilia Hernandez, Yolanda Martinez, all of Big Spring, and Carmen Valdez of San Angelo; three brothers, Luis Rodriguez of Big

Information.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Charles Arbuckle, Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, L.D. Bender, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, Ginger Brown (Dalk), James Brown, Jessie Ray Brown, Sherry Buford, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, Billy Joe Clayton, John Douglas Cockerham, Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Santa Cruz Diaz, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Jimmy Fortune, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Laura Fulbright (Jones), Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Darwin Griffith, Gary Grissem, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, - Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iasculia Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Donnie Jones, Nancy Kasch, Gary Kelly, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Pam Lancaster, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Patricia Macklin (Wingert), Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Elizabeth Pearl McCarra, Carolyn McMurtrey, Nancy McWhorter, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (McCurdy), Sherry Muse, Coleman Nalls, Garland Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, John Pannel, Ralph Passmore, John Patton, Richard Barry Payne, Roger Dale Peacock, Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Jerry Price, Michael Proctor, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Janet Richardson (Akins), Peggy Riherd (Williams), Ophelia Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch (Ethon), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gweneth Gayle Smith, Wendell R. Stewart, Dana Sue Templeton, Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Jan Toland (Smith), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Flores Vera, Charlie Voight, Terry Eugene Walton, Roy Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, and Manuel Ybarra.

Please contact Shelene Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH a grade point average of B or better and college students with a grade point average of B+ or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship.

To receive an application, send a request by March 16 to: Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation; 721 North McKinley Road; P.O. Box 5012; Lake Forest, Ill.; 60045-5012; fax a request to (847)295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecsf.org"

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate grade point average, and year in school during the 1998-99 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only on or about April 9.

HOWARD COLLEGE IS OFFERING free adult basic education, including reading, writing, math, English as a second language and GED preparation.

Child care services are also now available at the Howard College campus. Call Howard College Special Services for more information at 264-5020.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price/Change. Includes Asarco Inc, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Calenergy Inc, Chevron, Cifra, Coca Cola, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IBM, Intel Corp, Mobil, NUV, Palex Inc, Pepsi Cola, Petrofina, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com, Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

FIRE/EMS

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

- FRIDAY
9:27 a.m. - 4300 block Callahan Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
9:35 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.
11:44 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 900 block NW Second.
12:47 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.
1:20 p.m. - 4000 block Parkway, residence fire, smoke scare.
1:57 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.
3:27 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.
6:07 p.m. - 1100 block Birdwell, traffic accident, three refused service.
6:07 p.m. - 1100 block Birdwell, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.
6:20 p.m. - 2600 block Chanute, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
6:48 p.m. - 2500 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
9 p.m. - 200 block E. 22nd, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
SATURDAY
4:03 a.m. - 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
8:04 a.m. - 500 block Young, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
10:17 a.m. - 1901 N. Hwy 87, structure fire, false call.
10:50 a.m. - 1700 block Johnson, medical call, service refused.
5:55 p.m. - 300 block Nolan, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.
7:49 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
9:01 p.m. - 700 block Creighton, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
SUNDAY
12:44 a.m. - 600 block Bucknell, medical call, service refused.
2:54 a.m. - 1300 block Tucson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
1:26 p.m. - 1500 block Mesa, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
3:12 p.m. - SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to M.land Memorial.
6:03 p.m. - 2300 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
8:34 p.m. - SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to 2300 block Wasson.
10:20 p.m. - 1500 block Scurry, automobile fire, out on arrival.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- MONDAY
Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.
Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369. The Feb. 1 meeting will be at K-Bob's for dinner, and the Feb. 15 meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a covered dish and a Valentine.
Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."
Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)
Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.
Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.
Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building, TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

MARKETS

March cotton 60.60 cents, down 8 points; Feb. crude 12.54, down 21 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 27 even; cash steers steady at 60 even; Feb. lean hog futures 40.90, down 12 points; Feb. live cattle futures 61.55, down 40 points.

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JOHN WILLIFORD, 25, was arrested for theft more than \$50 less than \$500.

LARA SHIPP, 33, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

LATISHA BUSTAMANTE, 17, was arrested for criminal mischief.

MAJOR ACCIDENTS were reported at 17th and State, at Third and Nolan, and 11th and Birdwell.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 3300 block of East Marcy, 300 block of Tulane, 200 block of East 15th, 1700 block of Wasson, 2000 block of Birdwell, and at Fourth and Gregg.

KEITH RICH, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

LAURA LEFEVRE, 35, was arrested for no insurance.

RAUL MARTINEZ, 41, was arrested for Howard County Sheriff office warrants.

JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported in the 1800 block of East Marcy, 1900 block of East 25th and in the alley of the 400 block of East Fifth.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.

FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, 39, was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama.

LESLIE LEDESMA, 17, was arrested for local warrants.

JAIME MUNOZ, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported at Sixth and State, in the 1500 block of Scurry, 2500 block of Langley, and 1700 block of West Third.

THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens, 1700 block of Marcy, at 18th and Gregg and in the 4800 block of West Hwy 80.

STEVEN BATEMAN, 19, was arrested for theft more than \$50 less than \$500.

JONATHON PAUL, 18, was arrested for theft more than \$50 less than \$500.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported at the police station.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported at the police station.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 900 block of East Second. A pickup, miscellaneous shop tools and a master locus, valued at more than \$2,500, was reported stolen or damaged.

NETTLES MOFFETT, 40, was arrested for no driver's license.

CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter.

LUKE JEWETT, 25, was arrested for local warrants.

ROBERTO AGUERO, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

DABID DELGADO, 27, was arrested for tampering with an identification number.

PETE CAMPOS, 54, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

KYLE WHITEHEAD, 42, was arrested for local warrants.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 59
Sunday's low 31
Average high 57
Average low 30
Record high 81 in 1963
Record low 1 in 1950
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.28
Month's normal 0.62
Year to date 0.28
Normal for the year 0.62
**Statistics not available

Look who's 6 Today!!
Happy Birthday!!
Timothy Davila
Love: Mom, Marisol & Alicia

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
David John Inglish, 78, died Thursday. Services were at 2:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Thomas M. "Tom" Gregg, 84, died Thursday. Services will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.
Claudio Rodriguez, 55, died Saturday. Prayer services will be 7:00 PM, Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:30 PM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

BSISD

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"We make up the cost through the free and reduced lunch funds we receive for that program," she said. Each classroom teacher is provided with a garbage bag to collect all debris following the meal. Janitors then collect the sacks, which are deposited outside the door after the students have finished eating, she said. Trustees directed Smoot to contact the Texas Education Agency to learn more about the requirements of the program. Once those specifications are known and met, a pilot school may be selected, perhaps Marcy Elementary or Goliad Middle School, she said. "If we try this the last six weeks of school, that should give us a good indication of success," Smoot said.

COAHOMA

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student was not. Students also expressed concern that a student was not held to the same set of rules adhered to by other students under going disciplinary action. The next regular meeting of the Coahoma school board of trustees is Feb. 22.

BRIFFS

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. BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL'S monthly surplus sale will be Feb. 3, at the Recycling Building west of Rip Griffins. Surplus items will be for sale including desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, appliances and television sets. Viewing and bidding will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the sale will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more

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Scientists now believe the AIDS virus came from chimpanzees

CHICAGO (AP) — Where did the AIDS virus come from? Scientists believe they have solved this lingering mystery. The answer: chimps.

In a presentation Sunday, researchers from the University of Alabama at Birmingham said they have convincing proof that the virus has spread on at least three separate occasions from chimpanzees to people in Africa. One of these cross-species transmissions was the start of the epidemic that now infects about 35 million people worldwide.

Chimps, which have probably carried the virus for hundreds of thousands of years, apparently do not get sick from it. Figuring out why could be important.

"This is excellent science

with biological and virological importance. If we understood how the chimp has dealt with this infection over time, that could have implications for human medicine," said Dr. Kevin DeCock, an AIDS expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

While chimps have long been suspected as the source, "there have been a lot of loose ends that made people uncomfortable drawing that conclusion," said Dr. Beatrice Hahn.

Whatever its origins, HIV is a recent affliction of people. At last year's Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, Dr. David Ho and others from the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at Rockefeller University present-

ed evidence that the virus probably first infected humans in the 1940s or early '50s.

At the opening of this year's meeting, Hahn made the case that this event almost certainly occurred in west equatorial Africa when someone caught the virus from a chimp, perhaps after killing the animal for food.

Hahn said her team nailed down the connection by analyzing frozen tissue saved from a chimp named Marilyn that died from complications of childbirth at a U.S. Air Force primate center 14 years ago.

The chimp version of the AIDS virus — the microbe now thought to be the grandfather of HIV — is called SIVcpz. It is extremely rare among chimps in U.S. lab colonies, apparently because these animals are

removed from the wild as babies and so are never exposed to the virus sexually.

Until recently, SIVcpz had been isolated only three times.

The fourth turned up when a colleague cleaning out a lab freezer ran across Marilyn's specimens and sent them to Hahn. Her team was able to perform various kinds of genetic analysis that were unavailable when the chimp died.

Then the Alabama team used molecular analysis techniques to study all four examples of the virus.

They found that three of the four were genetically extremely similar to the human AIDS virus. They included one gene, called vpu, that also is part of HIV but not of other AIDS-like viruses that infect monkeys.

All three samples came from Pan troglodytes troglodytes, which is one of the four subspecies of chimp in Africa. These animals live in Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo and Central African Republic, the region where AIDS is thought to have started.

The fourth sample, much less like HIV, came from another subspecies of chimp that is native to East Africa.

Among humans, there are three major groups of HIV, code-named M, N and O. M is the variety that has spread around the world, while N and O are seen only in west-central Africa. The natural habitat of Pan troglodytes troglodytes exactly overlaps the area where these three groups were first recognized. The researchers

believe that each group arose from a separate chimp-to-human transmission of SIVcpz.

"We conclude that this subspecies is the natural host and reservoir for HIV-1," the AIDS virus, said Hahn, whose work is also being published in this week's issue of the journal Nature.

She said a French team, headed by Dr. Philippe Maucere of the Pasteur Institute, recently found three more chimps infected with SIVcpz at a game sanctuary in Cameroon. One sample has been genetically analyzed and it, too, closely resembles HIV.

"That nails it," said Hahn. "The only possible criticism is that we had made too much out of four animals."

India makes conditional offer to sign test ban treaty

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India has made a conditional offer to sign a nuclear test ban treaty while rival Pakistan today demonstrated a renewed willingness to stop nuclear tests but made no promises and signed no agreements.

U.S. and Indian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said today that India agreed to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty provided economic sanctions imposed last year after it held nuclear tests were lifted.

In their comments, neither source could say exactly when New Delhi would sign the treaty or when the sanctions would be lifted. But the U.S. official said it could be as early as mid-1999, and that the events would take place nearly simultaneously.

The officials stopped short of declaring a breakthrough after eight months of negotiations but applauded significant progress.

A unidentified Foreign Office spokesman was quoted by United News of India today as saying no agreement had been made final.

Pakistan welcomed a U.S. offer today by showing a willingness to evaluate its nuclear program but promised nothing and signed no accords.

In a statement issued upon the arrival of Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott from India, Pakistani Foreign Secretary Shamsah Ahmed said, "We are not aiming at any signed agreements, as none are required."

He said Pakistan is "hopeful of a very constructive and productive round of talks," where Talbott is likely to press Pakistan to sign the nuclear test ban treaty.

During his 24-hour visit to Pakistan, Talbott will meet Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif

and hold talks with the foreign secretary. Talbott will also address the Institute of Strategic Studies on Tuesday.

Pakistan already has expressed its willingness to sign the global test ban treaty but balked at economic sanctions that followed last May's underground nuclear tests conducted by both Pakistan and India.

Pakistan said previously it would not sign any treaty while sanctions remained in place. Since then, the worst of the sanctions were removed because Pakistan's economy faced collapse.

Last week, the world's lending nations agreed to reschedule Pakistan's \$3.3 billion debt and give an additional \$4 billion in new loans.

International concern focused on South Asia following the underground nuclear tests and the decision by both countries to declare themselves nuclear powers. Both countries possess medium- and long-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads and capable of hitting major cities on the Asian subcontinent.

While Pakistan has said it doesn't want to get into a costly arms race, it won't back away if India forges ahead with nuclear weapons.

Pakistan promised a tough new law to guarantee that sensitive nuclear technology doesn't become available to the highest bidder. The measure is aimed at allaying fears that the country's nuclear knowledge could be sold to other countries.

The fact that the two uneasy neighbors have fought three wars since the subcontinent gained independence from Britain in 1947 has the international community fearful that a fourth conflagration could escalate into a nuclear exchange.

Teddy bear may provide key clue in two-year-old death of Jon Benet Ramsey

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A Denver woman's teddy bear closely resembling a toy that was in JonBenet Ramsey's room around the time she was killed could provide a lead in the two-year murder mystery, the Boulder District Attorney's Office said.

"It appears it will give us some information," spokeswoman Suzanne Laurion said Saturday.

The toy was turned in to authorities Friday, the day after District Attorney Alex Hunter sought help from the public in tracking down information about a foot-long stuffed teddy bear dressed in a Santa suit.

The stuffed animal in the photo was reportedly among toys found in JonBenet's room, but family members said it did not belong to the little girl. The teddy bear is now apparently missing.

Hunter posted a fuzzy snapshot of the white, furry bear on an Internet site, hoping that someone would be able to identify the toy's manufacturer and retailers where it was sold in 1996 or earlier.

The site logged 10,000 hits within 24 hours, 100 voice mails, two faxes and two "personal contacts," the District Attorney's Office said.

The photo was also published and shown on television, and a Denver woman who saw the photo of the bear on TV turned over her similar toy to officials on Friday. No information was disclosed on where that bear was purchased or whether it had any identifying details.

"We find ourselves emotionally moved by the caring people have shown and how much people want to help," said Laurion, adding that an announcement will be made when prosecutors are confident they have found

what they needed.

Laurion confirmed that the Coldwater police department in Michigan had been quietly working to find the maker of the stuffed bear since "late last year."

The Coldwater police department put two photographs of the teddy bear on their own World Wide Web site without mentioning the Ramsey case. That site did not elicit a single response.

The Ramseys had a vacation home in Charlevoix, in northwestern Michigan, which is more than 300 miles away from Coldwater, a small town near the southern border of the state.

"Our goal was to conduct a search from a distant police department," said Laurion. "When this effort failed, we knew our next step was to issue a plea for assistance from the general public, which we did

on Thursday."

JonBenet, 6, was found beaten and strangled in her family's home on the day after Christmas 1996. There have been no arrests, although police have said JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, are under suspicion. They have denied involvement.

A Boulder County grand jury has been hearing evidence in the slaying since September.

Pam Paugh, an aunt of JonBenet, said in an interview Friday that a small brown pouch attached to the bear contained a note.

The note was not alarming, but in view of the circumstances it was both "telling" and "a bit prophetic," Paugh said in an interview with the TV show "Inside Edition." She speculated that the bear may have been used to lure JonBenet out of her room.

Naval aviators spearhead drive to save Florida's historic Trader Jon's in Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — When Kent Bolin finished his last overseas tour with the Marine Corps in 1996 he went straight from Casablanca, Morocco, to Trader Jon's, stopping only to change planes.

The ramshackle bar, crammed with military memorabilia, has been a beacon for aviators at Pensacola Naval Air Station and other bases ever since Martin "Trader Jon" Weissman opened it in the early 1950s.

"I got in about 11 o'clock at night, caught a cab and came over to see Trader," recalled Bolin, a helicopter pilot. "He hugged me and welcomed me, ordered a pizza for me. I hadn't had American pizza in about eight months."

Three years later, Bolin is

helping lead an effort by Trader's customers to raise money and buy the bar so they can keep it going just the way they remember it.

"A military guy is on the road and he's in and out and gone and all over the world so much," said retired Navy Cmdr. Bob Stumpf, a former leader of the Blue Angels precision flying team. "This is one thing you could always count on."

Alas, no longer. The impish Weissman, 83, who wore mismatched socks and offered a ridiculously huge, but never collected, reward to anyone catching him in a matched pair, suffered a stroke in October 1997.

Partly paralyzed and unable to speak clearly, Weissman can no longer run the bar. His wife, Jackii, 76, tried to keep it going, but it was too much for her. She closed Trader's late last year and put it up for sale.

"I'm not wanting to get rid of Trader's," Jackii Weissman said. But selling it is the only option because the couple's financial need. "If there's some way they can help I would appreciate it."

Bolin, a flight simulation consultant since retiring as a major, shudders at the thought of Trader's being permanently closed, perhaps torn down to make way for an office building or condominium.

"That's my worst nightmare," Bolin said.

Stumpf, now a Federal Express pilot, is confident, however, that it can be saved by The Trader Jon's Preservation Squadron, a nonprofit corporation that he and Bolin are leading.

"The appraisal's in and it's very reachable for us," he said, estimating the price at \$350,000 to \$400,000. "We figure what we have now is good for a good solid down payment to make a bid and go from there."

Additional money would have to be raised to repair and refurbish the building. The plan is to contract out management with a requirement the main floor remain as is.

That means the pictures of aviators, astronauts and celebrity customers such as comedian Bob Hope, actor John Wayne

and England's Prince Andrew would stay on the brick walls. The wing, rudder, helicopter blade and other aircraft pieces, the crash helmets and flight suits, the countless airplane models and other memorabilia also would remain.

Bolin and Stumpf envision turning the attic into a restaurant-bar that future aviators could decorate with their memorabilia.

"It's historic," Stumpf said. "It's established itself as probably the best-known aviation bar in the world."

The state already has recognized that by placing a historic marker in front of the 1898 building, previously a ship chandlery and shoe repair shop.

Helping the Weissmans also is a fundamental part of the Preservation Squadron's effort, probably equal to maintaining the bar, Stumpf said. That's why the fund raising has focused on the grassroots level.

"We want the people who Trader built the place for to buy it," Bolin said. "We're starting with folks whose pictures are up in the place, the common man."

Trader Jon's is a part of aviation's tradition and heritage, Stumpf said.

Body ID could offer O'Hair clues

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The body of a Florida cartoonist who had been missing along with atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her relatives has been found and could give law officers clues to the absence of the others.

Genetic testing on a headless, handless body dumped in southeastern Dallas County has identified the victim as Danny Ray Fry, who had disappeared the same weekend as the O'Hairs.

Law officers hope last week's identification may produce new leads in the search for Mrs. O'Hair, her son and granddaughter. They have not been heard from since 1995.

"Certainly, there are some intriguing possibilities, but we can't speculate where this investigation may go," said Ed Spencer of the Dallas County sheriff's office.

Fry's relatives said the 42-year-old man went to Texas at the invitation of David Waters, an ex-con and former office manager for the O'Hairs. Waters received five years' probation in 1995 after pleading guilty to skimming \$54,000 from the family's organizations.

After telling relatives he was going to Texas to make a lot of money, Fry stayed briefly in Austin and later sent several thousand dollars home.

Meanwhile, Mrs. O'Hair fled along with her son Jon Garth Murray and granddaughter Robin Murray-O'Hair. They apparently bolted from their

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OUR VIEWS

State, federal legislators must help oil and gas

Reaction has been quick — late, but quick — to introduce legislation at both the state and federal level to alleviate some of the economic pressures on our independent oil and gas producers.

Emergency legislation, which means it must be voted on within 30 days, was introduced early last week in both the Texas House and Senate. Then, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison introduced legislation in Washington the next day that would provide relief to independent producers on the federal level.

Those who don't understand the oil and gas industry don't understand what is at stake here.

These pieces of legislation are not designed to help the Exxon's or Shell's of the world, but rather the independent producers who are now responsible for the majority of production in the United States.

With the price of oil continuing to fall, and with the price of natural gas as low as it is, it is more economical for these independents to pull out of an oil field than try to bring either product to the surface.

What we have at risk is not just the economic well-being of these independents or their employees; but our entire economy — starting with those independents and their employees and moving through each and every community where they live and operate.

As the price of oil and gas stays down, the mineral values of the properties declines, resulting in plummeting revenues for counties and school districts.

And along the whole process, people move away in search of other jobs and businesses, which drew support from the independents and their employees, begin to close their respective doors because the downturn in the oil patch has reached Main Street.

There's even more at stake, though. If our government doesn't do something to help the oil and gas industry, we will soon find ourselves 100 percent dependent on foreign petroleum.

Today, while our own producers are being paid less than \$10 a barrel for domestic crude, it is costing more than \$100 a barrel to bring in Iraqi oil — all at the same time American warplanes are bombing that country!

No, it doesn't make sense that we would pay that much for foreign oil while our own independents are going out of business ... any more than it makes sense that we would buy oil from Saddam Hussein — but we are.

Regardless of how it is done, our government must do something to shore up one of the key industries in our country. We should be building up our own strategic reserve with American oil and working to grow less dependent on foreign petroleum.

If we don't do something now, it will be too late to do anything when all of the independents' doors are shuttered and some foreign despot decides the price of oil sold to the United States is going to be \$500 per barrel.

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Documenting the Pentagon's huge wastes

President Clinton's plan to boost defense spending by \$110 billion over the next six years

sounds like a great idea — until you look at the money that the Pentagon is already wasting.

Judging from a recent audit of the Pentagon's books, no increase would be needed if the armed forces stopped wasting the money it already gets.

The administration's byword for this weapons boost is "readiness." A decade of downsizing from the Cold War has left the U.S. Armed Forces depleted, critics say. Clinton — and many GOP lawmakers — want an army that can fight two wars at once, with bullets left to spare in case trouble breaks out in smaller hot-spots like Somalia or Haiti. So Clinton, who never cared much for the Pentagon, now thinks it's time the generals get their share of the budget surplus.

This argument might be more convincing if the Pentagon wasn't wasting billions of dollars on weapons it doesn't need — and paying a king's ransom to contractors for work that's behind schedule and over-budget. It would also

help if members of Congress thought more about "readiness" and less about their own districts. For this year's budget, for example, then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., ordered up 20 C-130 transport jets that the Pentagon never asked for — at \$50 million apiece. That's a cool \$1 billion for anyone who's counting.

Other examples of waste are found in the "high-risk" reports put out every so often by Congress' General Accounting Office. The latest high-risk series came out last week, detailing potential areas of fraud and abuse throughout the government.

While the Defense Department wasn't the only agency to earn investigators' wrath, it's the most deserving. With a budget of more than \$250 billion a year — well below peak Cold War levels — the armed services still swallow about half of all "discretionary" money in the budget. Discretionary money is everything that's not required by law to be spent; Social Security, Medicare and interest on the national debt, for example, are non-discretionary. Everything else — from bridges to housing projects and B-2 bombers — falls into the discretionary pot.

Judging from the GAO's findings, the Pentagon has taken "discretionary" to a whole new level.

• Billions of dollars in payments are undocumented.

Auditors report a \$4 billion difference between checks issued by the Pentagon and cash reported to the Treasury. At least \$22 billion in payments could not be matched by invoices or other obligations. The good news is that this is slightly less than in previous years. The bad news is, it's still \$22 billion paid out for no apparent, documented reason.

• "Internal control weaknesses" (read: sloppy bookkeeping) have created a climate conducive to fraud. With so much money coming in and going out, some Air Force officials simply created a fictitious vendor and began making payments. Investigators found two cases of this, in which the thieves got away with nearly \$1 million.

• "We continue to find and report on overly optimistic program projections and excessive risks in light of the current budget and security environment." Translation: Contractors over-promise and under-deliver. Pentagon officials, often fooled by such ploys in the past, have yet to catch on.

It could also be that those responsible don't want to catch on. Defense spending means jobs, and jobs mean votes. In fact, this may be one of the few issues on which Clinton and the GOP find true bipartisan agreement.

Republicans long ago got used to the president purloining their favorite themes. From

welfare reform to balanced budgets, Clinton fought the GOP before caving in and telling voters it's what he wanted all along.

Now the president is doing the same with defense. For all the president's faults, there's still no one better at spotting a big issue before it hits the headlines. In less than a year, presidential politics will again be in full swing. Republicans were hoping to accuse Clinton (and, by extension, Al Gore) of selling out the military, returning it to the pre-Reagan "hol-low force." Now they'll be left nibbling at the margins, saying "me too" when Vietnam-vet Gore takes credit for a strengthened military.

In the process, they're letting the biggest government agency of them all escape the reforms that other agencies have grudgingly adopted. Six years after Clinton promised to reinvent government, some agencies really are working better and costing less. But at the Pentagon, it's still business as usual.

You've heard the argument, voiced thousands of times by Bill Clinton's antagonists: If a general or a CEO behaved with a subordinate the way Bill Clinton did with Monica Lewinsky, he or she would be dismissed. We can now reveal the corollary: If the president or a CEO kept his books like the U.S. military, he'd no longer have a job either.

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JACK ANDERSON



How about electing Nurse Ratchet for president?

A few weeks ago columnist Maureen Dowd turned out a piece on the future of the presidency.

She is among the brightest stars in the galaxy of The New York Times, a writer's writer with a gift for the telling phrase. In a recent column she provided a text for today's meditation.

"Bill Clinton," she began, "is undisciplined, unruly and untoward. His bawdy appetites and reckless indulgences have been sloshing over into our lives for what seems like an eternity.

"So once our tortured involvement with this president ends, what sort of president will we want next? A control freak, of course. Someone who is all discipline and no spontaneity. All trust and no lust. Someone who knows how to dot the i's, go by the letter, follow the script, keep every hair in place and every button buttoned. After President McMurphy, we will

want Nurse Ratchet."

Nurse Ratchet? Who she? The allusion was lost on me. Over the holiday season I put the question to 29 acquaintances and colleagues. These were men and women with college degrees — journalists, lawyers, two doctors, a college professor. They provided a fair sample, I believe, of the audience Ms. Dowd addresses.

This was the tally: 13 of the respondents knew Nurse Ratchet, 16 did not.

For the record: Nurse Ratchet, I learned, is a key figure in Ken Kesey's novel, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1962). She is a martinet who runs the asylum in which the novel is laid. In the context of Ms. Dowd's column, the allusion was perfect. It was perfect, that is, for the 13 who got it.

Here I am plowing ground I have plowed before. The primary purpose of writing is to establish a bond of communication between writer and reader. Toward that end, we must have a common language. Within that language, we must have a common vocabulary. Within that vocabulary, writer and reader must share a common body of knowledge.

These truisms lead us to the very essence of the writer's art. With every page, every paragraph, every line, a writer must

make editorial judgments. It is not necessary that every reader comprehend every word. When writers try consciously to dumb down to their readers, we wind up with the prose of Dick and Jane and their dumb dog Spot.

Writers write not only for their supposed audience but also for themselves. Ms. Dowd must have been pleased with her perfect allusion to Nurse Ratchet. It is the kind of pleasure, H.L. Mencken once remarked, that a hen gets from laying an egg. Moreover, writers may have an obligation to expand the vocabularies of their readers. To some extent we are teachers. It's a noble profession.

The allusion to Nurse Ratchet worked for 45 percent of Ms. Dowd's readers. Is this enough? I don't know, and I doubt that any bright line can be drawn. It is all conjecture, it is all surmise. Consider a few examples:

Last summer columnist George Will, a gentleman of vast erudition, referred to former Sen. Sam Nunn as "a decorous Cassandra." Did everyone get it? Had 60 percent or 80 percent made the acquaintance of Priam's prescient daughter?

Has some satisfactory percentage of the reading audience met Procrustes? He was the in-hospitable host who forced travelers to fit into his beds by cutting off their legs. In a column

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IN BRIEF

Lady Yearlings finish third at tournament

Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings took a 42-19 win over Sweetwater's young Lady Mustangs on Saturday to take third place at the Andrews "A" Tournament.

Christina Gwyn scored 18 points and Ashley Tuttle added 12 more in leading the Lady Yearlings to the win over Sweetwater.

The Big Spring girls had opened the tournament with a 60-10 drubbing of Fort Stockton, but missed out on a chance to play for the championship with a 33-24 loss to Snyder in the second round.

They'll have a chance to avenge that loss to Snyder tonight when they play host to the Lady Tigers. The "B" game is slated for a 5 p.m. start with the "A" game slated for 6:15.

UGSA slates its first meeting for tonight

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled an open public meeting for 6 tonight at the Howard County Library's community room.

A board meeting will follow. For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 263-3626.

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 throughout 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 the Panhandle and 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 Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Kermit, Lamesa and Midland.

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

ON RADIO

JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m.
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ON TV

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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8:30 p.m. — Kansas at Kansas State, ESPN, Ch. 30.
11 p.m. — Utah at New Mexico, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — Calgary Flames at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Big Spring swimmers finish second, third at 4-4A meet

HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — As expected, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers finished second and third, respectively, in their divisions at the District 4-4A swimming and diving meet Saturday.

And, as expected, Pecos Eagles took the boys' crown from Big Spring with 124 points to the Steers' 73. There was also no surprise in the girls' field where Monahans Lady Loboes scored 97 points to edge Pecos for the championship and the Lady Steers were well back with 52 points.

"Pecos won the meet, but they certainly didn't dominate it," Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said after watching the Steers take first-place finishes in six of

the meet's 12 swimming events. "We had the top swimmers, we just didn't have the depth in the boys. And our girls swam really good times, but we had the opposite problem. We had plenty of numbers on the girls' team, but they didn't have a lot of experience to be at the top of the field."

The Steers' first-place individual finishes came Slate Broyles, Billy Beckworth and Justin Williams. That trio teamed with Douglas Willberg to take the 400 freestyle relay title, as well.

Melissa Sheedy came up with the Lady Steers' only first-place finish, taking the 200 individual medley title.

Broyles took his firsts in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke, while Williams' top finish came in the 200 freestyle. Williams added a second-

place finish in the 100 freestyle. Beckworth's firsts came in the 100 butterfly, where teammate Cody Clark finished sixth, and the 100 backstroke.

Broyles, Beckworth, Willberg and Williams also teamed together for a second-place finish in the 200 medley relay. The Steers rounded out their point total with a fifth-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay by the foursome of Marcus Fernandez, J.P. Vazquez, Clark and Brent Sisson.

In addition her first-place finish in the 200 IM, Sheedy added a second-place clocking in the 100 butterfly. She then combined with Heidi Robinson, Renée Flores and Michelle Stokes for a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle relay.

Sheedy also teamed with Robinson,

Stokes and TZ Marsch to finish third in the 400 freestyle relay.

Marsch added a pair of fourth-place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, while Robinson was fourth in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle.

Marsch also teamed with Amanda Morris, Flores and Bond Moughon to finish fifth in the 200 medley relay.

Morris added a fifth in the 200 individual medley and was sixth in the 500 freestyle. Flores was fourth in the 100 butterfly and fifth in the 100 backstroke, while Stokes rounded out the Lady Steers' point total finishing fifth in the 100 freestyle.

Big Spring's first- and second-place finishers now advance to the Region I meet set for Feb. 12-13 in Lubbock.

Howard Profiles

Hawk: Donald "Yogi" Cesar, 6-foot-6, freshman small forward.

Hometown: Lake Charles, La.
Quick Facts: Going into tonight's game in Borger with Frank Phillips, Cesar is averaging 7.8 points, 5.8 rebounds and 1.6 assists for the 16-5 Hawks, who lead the WJCAAC men's standings with a perfect 6-0 record.

High School: Averaged 20 points and rebounds per game during his senior season at La Grange High School in Lake Charles, playing for Cary Collins, the younger brother of Howard coach Tommy Collins. A first-team all-state selection, Cesar was also the district's most valuable player and named to the first-team all-district squad. He was also a standout in baseball, signing a professional contract with the Atlanta Braves. He played two years in the minor leagues before suffering a shoulder injury and was released.

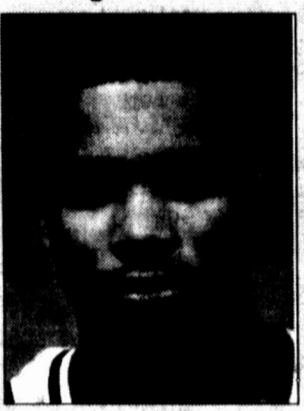
Coach Tommy Collins' comments: "Yogi played high school ball for my youngest brother, so I am very familiar with him. He turned professional to play baseball out of high school, so his game is still a little rusty. But he's got the skills to be a very good player and is beginning to really sharpen them. We expect him to continue steadily improving as he regains his old form."

Lady Hawk: Latasha Moore, 5-foot-10, sophomore forward.

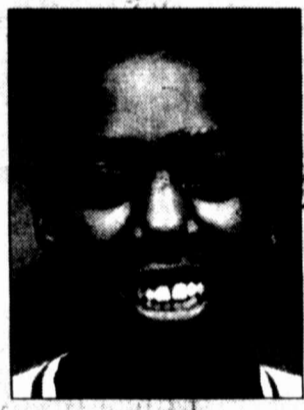
Hometown: Irving.
Quick Facts: Averages 11.7 points, 2.3 steals and 5.6 rebounds per game for the No. 11-ranked Lady Hawks who take a 20-2 overall record and 5-1 mark into tonight's game at South Plains. Currently is the team's second-leading scorer, she's posting much improved numbers than she did a year ago when she averaged 7.6 points per game along with 3.5 rebounds, two assists and two steals per outing.

High School: Moore averaged 15 points, nine rebounds, three steals and three blocks per game during her senior season at Irving Nimitz High School. She was named the all-tournament team at the Irving ISD Invitational, was named the city's player of the year and was a first-team pick by District 6-5A coaches when they selected their all-district team.

Coach Matt Corkery's comments: "Latasha is an extremely athletic player that is capable of really exploding on offense, and she's done that several times this year. We were looking for her to step in and provide us with some scoring right away and she's done that."



CEASAR



MOORE

MVP Elway leads Broncos to a second championship

MIAMI (AP) — It was the perfect ending for John Elway. Now, is it the end?

Elway's not saying. But if you judge by his performance in Sunday's Super Bowl, hanging around might seem like a great idea.

"I am just thrilled to death that we won," Elway said after winning his second straight NFL title — and the Super Bowl MVP award, to boot — in a 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. "I am thrilled to death to be a part of this team, thrilled to death I can help them win."

"This is what we play for. To be able to do it two years in a row is unbelievable."

Which makes some people think it would be unbelievable for Elway to walk away. After 16 seasons, at age 38, to say he's had enough would be understandable. To leave a "dynasty," as receiver Rod Smith dubbed the Broncos, could be too challenging for even Elway.

"If he leaves, God bless him," said Smith, who caught an 80-yard touchdown pass and had five receptions for 152 yards. "I'm all for it, if that's what he decides. But hopefully he will be back, because we need him. We want to make this a habit."

Losing the Super Bowl was Denver's habit for too long. The Broncos were 0-4 before they upset Green Bay last year. With Sunday's romp, they became the first AFC team to win consecutive league crowns since the Steelers won the 1979 and '80 Super Bowls.

No team has won three in a row. Nor has any quarterback. Sound tempting, John?

"Definitely, this will go into the thinking and throw a kink into the thinking on what I

decide to do next year," Elway said. "But I am going to enjoy this win, because that is what I have been working for. That is what I came back for."

While Elway has erased all those painful losses with his consecutive championships, Dan Reeves remains winless as a head coach in the big game. He has been to an incredible nine, but the only victories came as a player or assistant coach in Dallas. That was before he took over the Broncos and failed in the 1987, '88 and '90 games. And long before he guided Atlanta's amazing turnaround from 3-13 two years ago to the franchise's first Super Bowl appearance.

The Falcons' sloppy showing Sunday should not obliterate their achievements this season. That is surely realized by Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery in December, but returned to lead the team to playoff wins over San Francisco and Minnesota.

"They all hurt," he said. "It's a huge disappointment. You get to this game for one reason, to win. I told them two weeks ago how difficult it was going to be and how bad you are going to feel if you lose it."

"They have an awful lot of things to be proud of. We've come an awful long way."

They forced themselves to have to go much too far against much too good a team on Sunday. The Falcons, who led the league with a plus-20 turnover differential, yielded three interceptions, two by Darrien Gordon, and a fumble. They also saw usually reliable Morten Andersen miss a 26-yard field goal and Jamal Anderson, the powerhouse run-

ner, fall short on a fourth-and-1. Safety Eugene Robinson, arrested Saturday on a charge of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex, was beaten on Smith's 80-yard bomb and had a rough night.

All of that is devastating against an attack like Denver's, which got 102 yards rushing from league MVP Terrell Davis; did not allow Elway to be sacked — he barely was threatened; and enjoyed a vintage performance from the quarterback, who went 18-for-29 for 336 yards.

"I feel pretty great right now," Elway said. "It was unbelievable (to be the MVP). It's something that I had never done before, and winning the award definitely hit my heart."

While Elway was at the heart of Denver's big production, Davis didn't even get into the end zone. When the Broncos get close to the goal line, they almost always hand him the ball; he had 21 touchdowns rushing this season.

The 2,000-yard rusher watched as fullback Howard Griffith scored on two 1-yard plunges.

"When you have a guy like Terrell in the backfield, it makes it easier to catch them off guard," said Griffith, who scored a grand total of no touchdowns on the ground this season. "Me getting the ball, (the odds) were pretty steep. What it comes down to is everyone being accountable for the things out on the field that they do."

What the Broncos do is beat you in every element that matters. Can Elway ignore that and head into retirement?

"I am not going to cross that bridge for a while," he said. "There is nothing that feels better than this."

Top three teams remain unchanged in women's basketball poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennessee, Purdue and Louisiana Tech remained the top three teams today in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had two new teams at the bottom.

Louisiana State and Florida International joined the poll for the first time this season. LSU's inclusion gave the Southeastern Conference five teams in the Top 25, more than any other league.

Tennessee (19-1) received 40 of 41 first-place votes and 4,024 points from a national media panel to lead the poll for the fourth straight week and fifth time overall this season.

The Lady Vols, eyeing a fourth

straight national championship, ran their winning streak to 18 with victories over two ranked teams: Georgia and Alabama. Their only loss this season was to Purdue, which received the other first-place vote.

Purdue (19-1) had 981 points, while Louisiana Tech (17-2), which has lost only to Tennessee and Purdue, had 947.

Georgia lost to Mississippi State in addition to Tennessee and fell four places to eighth. The teams ranked four through seven each moved up one spot: Connecticut, Colorado State, Notre Dame and UCLA.

Duke remained the No. 9 team and Texas Tech held at No. 10.

Old Dominion moved up one spot to 11th. Then it was Rutgers, North Carolina, Virginia Tech and Iowa State,

followed by Virginia, Clemson, Penn State, Auburn and Boston College.

Alabama, Kansas, UC Santa Barbara, LSU and Florida International claimed the final five spots.

LSU (15-5) has won three of its last four, the latest a 63-61 overtime victory over Auburn. The Tigers were last ranked in the 1997-98 preseason poll, when they were tied for 25th. They were ranked the final 10 weeks the season before.

The other SEC teams in the poll are Tennessee, Georgia, Auburn and Alabama. The Atlantic Coast Conference and Big East each has four teams.

Florida International (16-3) has won nine of its last 10, with the only loss in that span coming at Louisiana Tech. The Golden Panthers were ranked the final

12 weeks last season, when they finished 29-2 and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Tulane and Ohio State dropped out. Tulane, which had been 18th, lost at home to Louisville and Cincinnati. Ohio State, which was tied for 19th, lost to Purdue and Michigan before beating Indiana.

Virginia and Penn State each moved up three places for the biggest jump within the poll. Penn State averaged 91 points in three victories during the past week, while Virginia had a 31-point win over Wake Forest and a 20-point victory over Clemson.

Georgia's drop of four places was the biggest in the poll. Virginia Tech fell from 11th to 14th after losing for the first time, 71-67 at Xavier.

Longhorns now really on a roll under new coach's lead

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As the third Big 12 basketball season moves into its final stage, at least one big favorite seems to be emerging.

It's not the league champion, Missouri. Oklahoma State and Kansas are 6-2 and locked in second place right behind 7-1 Texas, a 76-75 winner over Massachusetts in a non-conference tilt on Sunday.

It's the coach of the year. Heading into February, it would be hard to find anybody who's apparently done a better job than Rick Barnes. Texas' first-year head coach has taken the Longhorns (12-9 overall) to nine wins in 10 games after a slow start.

The Longhorns were just 14-17 a year ago.

For newcomer-of-the-year, a leading candidate to emerge the past week would seem to be Missouri freshman Keyon Dooling. The flashy point guard had another great game Saturday as the

Tigers beat Baylor 73-55, with 22 points, four assists, four steals and some eye-popping ball-handling.

"He hypnotizes you like a cat going after a canary," said Baylor coach Harry Miller. "Next thing you know, poof, he's gone."

The Tigers, after coach Norm Stewart drew widespread criticism for the way he was handling his freshman star, have won three in a row and Dooling has proven himself the flashiest freshman in the league.

In his last three games, all Tiger victories, Dooling has produced 56 points, 11 assists and eight steals.

Teammate Albert White admitted he sometimes just feels like standing and watching his young point guard.

"But if you're in a position to get the ball, you'd better pay attention because he'll hit you in the head," White said.

Another heralded freshman waited until the final seconds to make his

impact Saturday. Kansas point guard Jeff Boschee, who was 0-for-3 from the floor, made a 3-pointer with eight seconds left to lift No. 22 Kansas to a shaky 77-74 victory over Colorado, which had rallied from a 17-point deficit.

In the rest of the Big 12 on Saturday, Oklahoma snapped a four-game losing skid with a 72-54 victory over Texas Tech, Iowa State won 52-47 and ended Nebraska's five-game winning streak, and a sluggish Oklahoma State put away Texas A&M 66-61.

The Cowboys hardly beat the Aggies on merit. Oklahoma State was outshot 53 percent to 38 percent, outrebounded 38-24, and had two starters foul out.

"We had three really good practices, and I really thought we were going to play a good basketball game," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton.

The Cowboys got a career-high 16 points and 11 rebounds from reserve Brian Montonati.

Every year since 1983, Kansas had beaten Colorado in Allen Fieldhouse by an average score of 89-65. But this time Colorado drew even at 74 with 41 seconds left on a three-point play by Jaquay Walls, then Boschee hit his game-winner.

"I've never made a shot like that and it is a pretty good feeling," said Boschee.

"You may have heard this before when I said he's either fearless or clueless, and both are OK," said Williams.

Nebraska's winning streak ended because Marcus Fizer listened to Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy. Fizer scored 12 of his 16 points after being benched the final 11 minutes of the first half.

"He had struggled in the first half obviously and didn't play much," said Eustachy. "I challenged him at half-time."

Nebraska's Venson Hamilton finished with 12 with Fizer guarding him, far short of his 19-point average.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a break from the frenetic, hectic pace. Events put you on overload; another is quite manipulative. Say "no" in a way that lets others know you mean it. Consider a special opportunity carefully; it might not be all it's cracked up to be. Tonight: Get some extra ZZZs.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Financial matters push your buttons. You might not be able to find the answers you want, presently. Keep long-term goals in mind. A family member provides many ideas; with this person comes a flurry of activity. A child or loved one makes a special effort. Tonight: Do something entertaining.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't give in to performance anxiety; just do what will get the results you want. You might be tempted to rebel or behave differently. Maintain responsibilities. Ideas float in when you brainstorm with a resourceful person. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you take an overview, you'll get past an extremely emotional issue. You might feel that another is being difficult. Indulgences mark conversations; lunches could become lengthy. Finances are prone to wild swings. Don't launch a "great" idea yet. Tonight: Computer games, or maybe a movie.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your whimsical words and ideas cause others to react strongly. Do you really care? A friend might feel left out when you make a mate or partner your highest priority. You might decide to spring for an important expenditure. Tonight: Go for togetherness.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your softer side comes out when dealing with others. Reevaluate your thoughts about a loved one. Sudden insights open new doors. You are changing and might need to adjust your work accordingly. Make an extra effort toward associates. Tonight: Out and about.****

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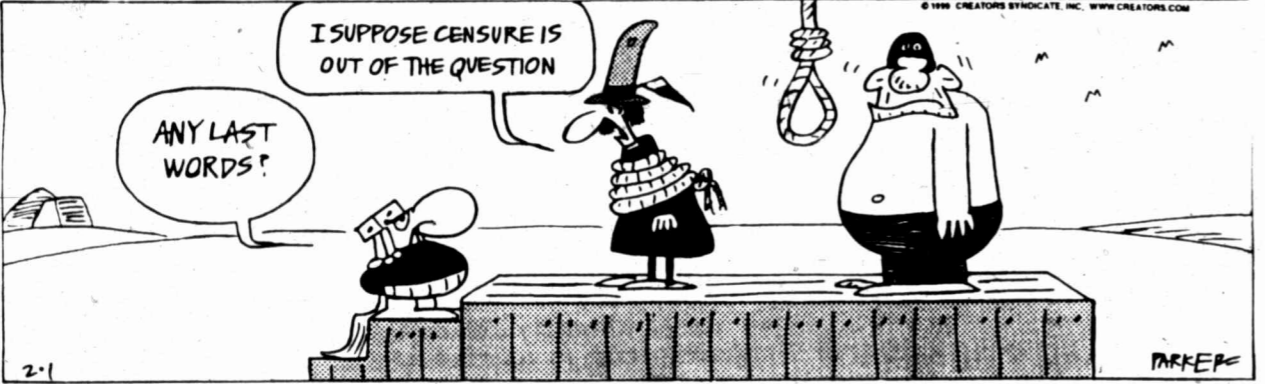
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"Guess what, Daddy! Our car has a dimple now!"

"YOU'VE GOT NO PLACE TO GO BUT UP, JOEY."

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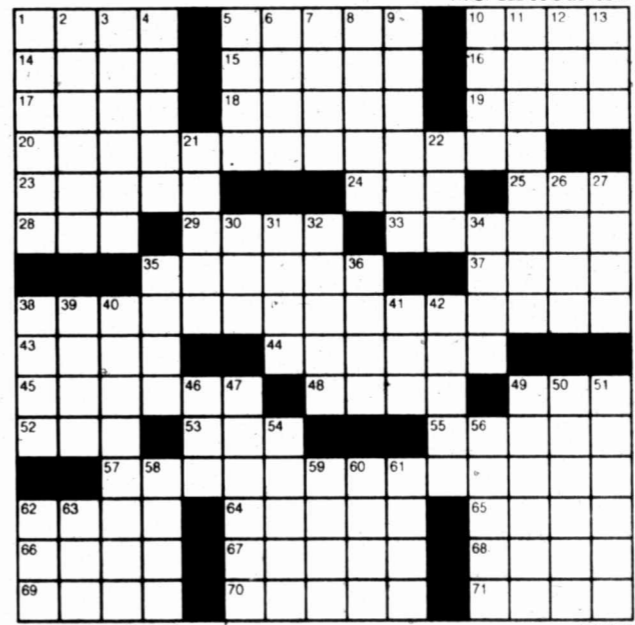
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 28th day of 1999. There are 333

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 1, 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence. On this date: In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J. In 1896, Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin. In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442d Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, was authorized. In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations. In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service. In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph. In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile. In 1979, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, whose prison sentence for bank robbery had been commuted by President Jimmy Carter, left a federal prison near San Francisco. In 1991, 35 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane at Los Angeles International Airport. Ten years ago: In his first diplomatic mission of the Bush administration, Vice President Dan Quayle began a trip to Venezuela and El Salvador. Five years ago: Jeff Gillooly, Tonya Harding's ex-husband, pleaded guilty in Portland, Ore., to taking part in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan. Gillooly struck a plea bargain under which he confessed to racketeering charges in exchange for testimony implicating Harding. One year ago: With Israeli and Palestinian leaders digging in their heels, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright conceded she'd made little progress in a whirlwind visit to the region to prod the two sides closer together. Today's Birthdays: Actor Stuart Whitman is 71. Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin is 68. Singer Don Everly is 62. Actor Garrett Morris is 62. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 62. Actor Sherman Hemsley is 61. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 60. Jazz musician Joe Sample is 60. Comedian Terry Jones is 57. Singer Rick James is 47. Actor-writer-producer Bill Mumsy is 45. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 45.

THE Daily Crossword

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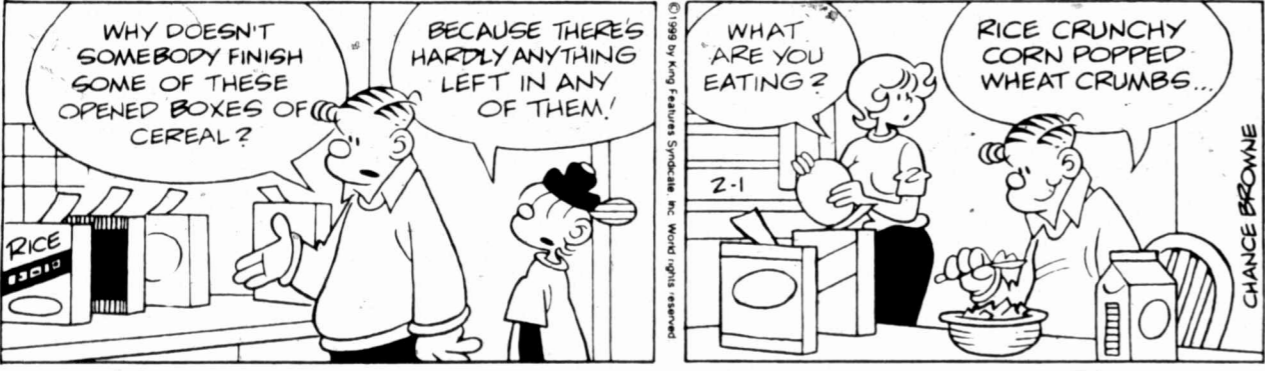
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