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Monthly surplus sale is Wednesday

Big Spring State Hospital's monthly surplus sale will be Wednesday 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. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, and the sale will begin at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more information.

TODAY

- 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

WHAT'S UP...

- 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.
- Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Charles Bailey at 263-1067.

FRIDAY

- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

- Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares call 267-7034 or 263-6305 for more information.
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Potton House, 200 Gregg, 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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Warrants issued for Vietnam Memorial vandals

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Bond was set today at \$15,000 each for three adults arrested for the Dec. 1 vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial.

In police custody are 19-year-old Norma Godina, 18-year-old Miguel (Mike) Losoya Jr., and 17-year-old Ishmael Rivera. Also in juvenile custody are a 15-year-old female and a 16-year-old male.

All five are accused of felony criminal mischief more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. If convicted, the adults face from 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the newly-funded Street Crime Unit aided in the apprehension of the suspects.

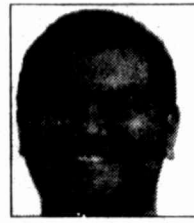
According to a news release,



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RIVERA



LOSOYA JR.

the three adults were identified by Det. David Mohn through information he discovered about two weeks ago.

Acting on that information, Mohn learned the location of these individuals, and he and Mike West Jr. located the suspects at Twin Towers Apartments.

Upon questioning, the individuals gave voluntary statements to Mohn and West, which was used in securing arrest warrants from the district attorney's office.

The suspects provided further information that revealed they

moved to Big Spring in November 1998 from the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the

adults denied any gang relations.

"They said they just had the paint. On the one hand, they said they were affiliated with a gang in Dallas, but they were from the Rio Grande Valley. If I had to speculate, I'd say they were trying to get their group going here," Smith said.

The Vietnam Memorial was the target of two nights worth of vandalism last December, according to Charlie Lewis, president of the Vietnam Memorial Committee.

Alleged gang-related graffiti was spray painted on the con-

crete and sidewalks surrounding the M-60 tank, as well as tagging on the tank itself.

"We had a couple of guys who work with gangs come out and look at the graffiti, and they identified five names in a special code. And sure enough, we have five arrested," Lewis said.

Because the tank is federal property, the possibility of federal charges against those found guilty of the crime are being assessed by U.S. assistant attorney Dick Baker.

"I'll research it and let you know," Baker said.

Lewis said the tank, as well as the land, is still federal property, as the committee leases the land from Howard College, which in turn leases the land from the Department of Education.

Memorial committee members removed the graffiti with the use of a high pressure sprayer, and stricter patrols

were placed at the memorial site.

"We've been told it will cost an estimated \$150 per letter to correct this, and once we finish with the acid and staining the side walk, we estimate that will be about right. We'll have to paint the tank because there are some cuss words we can't get off," Lewis said.

An emergency meeting of the Vietnam Memorial Committee Monday night informed all the veterans about the progress of the case.

"We're pleased with the work the police department has done and with their diligence in sticking with it. I'm going to let the courts handle this situation now," Lewis said.

The juveniles appeared before County Judge Ben Lockhart in court today. The adults will remain in custody until such time as they are able to post bond.



Second grade students from College Heights enjoy their playground monkey bars during recess.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Christmas in April president determined to see agency reorganize, and needs help

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Wanted: 10 hard-working, caring people to join a non-profit agency that is reorganizing. Long days, some work outdoors, and pay is only the satisfaction of helping an elderly neighbor.



RILEY

That's the help-wanted advertisement Don Riley might write. As new board president of

Christmas in April, Riley knows he has his work cut out for him, and he wants to recruit some more people to share in it.

"We've got to know where we are starting from," said Riley, who works as safety director for Fina Oil and Chemical.

Longtime board president Bob Noyes recently retired from the top job at Christmas in April, citing a need for change to revitalize the program. CIA repairs homes for the poor and elderly, with a community-wide workday each April, and smaller projects throughout the year.

The agency's board of directors consists of about 20 people, with only about half continuing

to be active. As CIA reorganizes, it is also in need of new board members to take on tasks such as publicity and fundraising, home evaluation and coordination of repair projects.

Fundraising is a big part of the agency's need right now, since donations have declined in recent years. If enough funding is not found before this year's workday, April 24, CIA may have to ask each group to fund its own work. That plan worked last year, but it is not ideal, and Riley said he would rather not have to take that approach.

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African fashions on display Wednesday

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Howard College and South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be celebrating February as Black History Month in style.



BURCHETT

Both schools will be hosting an authentic African fashion show Wednesday. At noon, Howard College's cafeteria will host the creations of Nigerian-born Deun Shonowo. The collection will show again at 7 p.m.

at the SWCID campus. Shonowo is an acclaimed designer of African fashion who owns her own company, DE African Elegance, Inc., in Little Rock, Ark.

Amy Burchett, dean of students at Howard College, said the fashion show event has been a staple of Black History Month observance at SWCID for the last several years.

"The kids have really liked it," Burchett said. "It had not been at Howard College before, so we thought this year we would bring it to our campus as well."

The show is expected to showcase current African styles as well as give a historical perspective on African attire. Shonowo will share some of her

heritage and personal history as part of the program, according to press information.

The community is invited to see both shows. On display will be a variety of designs, including electrifying colors, animal prints and blends, according to press information. Shonowo designs clothing styles that include everything from loungewear to evening wear.

"We expect this to be a really fun as well as educational activity for black history month," Burchett said. "We hope the community will join us."

Since students from each campus model Shonowo's clothes, they get more involved in the

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Achoo!

Flu and cold season nothing to sneeze at, local professionals say

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The cold and flu season hit Big Spring recently, as evidenced from school absences, and the amount of patients flocking to the doctor.

Goliad Middle School, with a student population of about 690 students, reported 140 students absent one day last week.

"We had more than 100 absent every day, but it seems to be turning around as we only had 68 absent (Monday)," said Goliad attendance clerk Amy Fields.

Jeff Murphree, director of nursing at Malone & Hogan Clinic, said several different illnesses have struck Big Spring residents recently.

"Unofficially, there seems to be three to four variations of the flu going around, with some respiratory systems affected," he said.

"There is also a flu that strikes the GI system and creates nausea and vomiting and diarrhea. And there is also a bacterial infection with pneumonias and respiratory disease processes," Murphree said.

Murphree said the family practice clinic has seen about 90 patients each day during the past few weeks, an increase from the normal amount of patients expected during the cold and flu season.

"It is hard to predict normal amounts, but this time of year

we generally expect to see 50-60 patients, in that range. I would say we have set some records recently in patient numbers," Murphree said.

Dr. Mike Auringer, a family practitioner with Malone and Hogan Clinic, said much of the respiratory problems seen recently might be directly related to the dust in the air.

"We've only been seeing the flu in the past couple of weeks, and we're hopeful it's slowing down, until the next dust storm," Auringer said.

Both Auringer and Murphree recommend seeing a doctor if body temperature maintains more than 100 degrees, or if the nausea and vomiting lasts more than 24 hours.

"The viral infection seems to run its course within two or three days. The bacterial is lasting a couple of weeks," Murphree said.

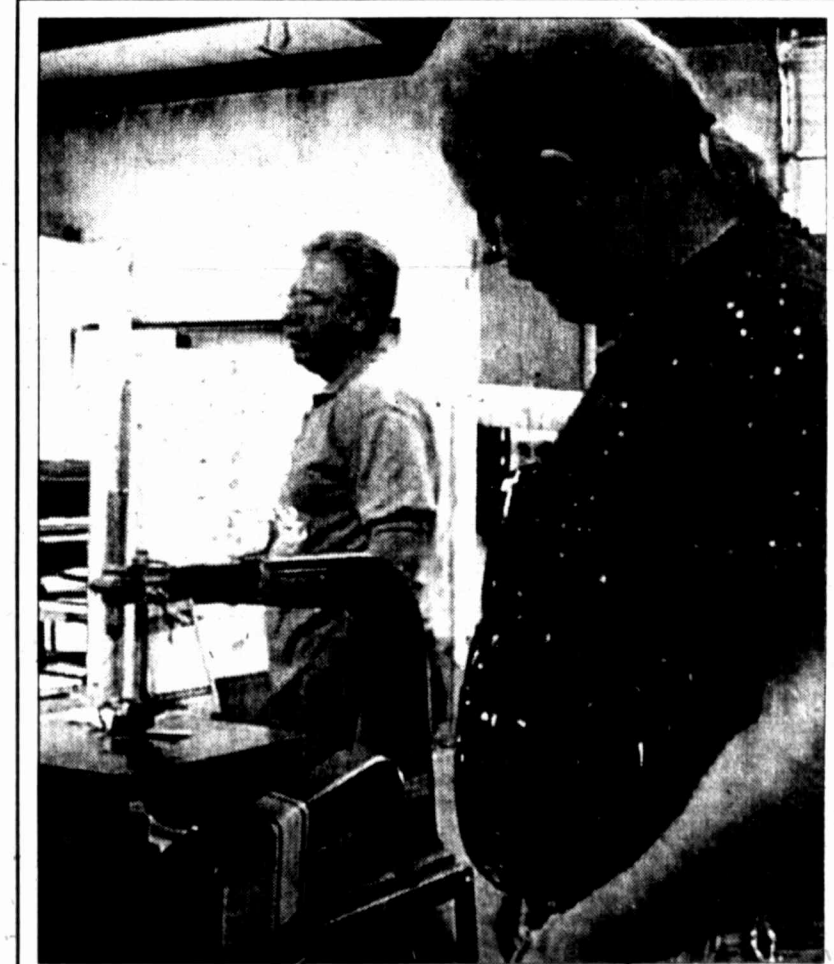
"For nausea and vomiting, drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration, and if it persists more than 24 hours, contact your physician," he said.

The bacterial infection will require a doctor's prescription of antibiotics, while the viral infections will not respond to antibiotics, he said.

"We urge patients to contact their physician if they have a new onset of symptoms at any time," Murphree said.

Other warning signs that

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Herb Tollison views a wood lathe available for silent bid at the Big Spring State Hospital surplus sale. Viewing of items continues through noon Wednesday. Bids will be opened Wednesday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

OBITUARIES

Willard T. Stovall

Funeral service for Willard T. Stovall, 83, Springtown, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. today at Laurel Land Memorial Park under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home. Burial will follow.

He died Jan. 31, 1999, at Harris Methodist Hospital. Mr. Stovall was born Oct. 26, 1915 in Jones County and worked as a concrete plant operator. He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

Survivors include: sons, Willard R. Stovall of Weatherford and Donald L. Stovall of Cleveland, Tenn.; a stepson, Ronnie Bryant of Ardmore, Okla.; stepdaughters Lois Jordan of Fort Worth and Billie Johnson of Fort Worth; brother Neil Stovall of Houston; sister Reva Gross of Burnett, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home, Fort Worth.

Ada "Jane" Armstrong

Graveside service for Ada "Jane" Armstrong will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Van Horn Cemetery in Van Horn, under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home. She died Tuesday in Lubbock.

Mrs. Armstrong was born Sept. 3, 1909 in Center Point, and married Pat Armstrong Sept. 4, 1931, in Gorman. He preceded her in death.

She taught school for nearly 40 years in the Van Horn area and was a charter member of First Baptist Church there. She was a graduate of Sul Ross College.

Survivors include: twin daughters, Lora Warren of Big Spring and Elizabeth Parker of Lubbock; a sister, Lora Odum of Fort Worth, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock.

CIA

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"That's our biggest concern: Are we going to be able to afford to fund our projects?" Riley said. "We've got a pretty short time frame between now and our workday."

Increasing the active members on CIA's board is hoped to spread out some of the work, allowing more use of sub-committees. Riley said anyone with interest is welcome to join the board; a place can be found for all sorts of talents and skills.

"We'd love to have the most skillful people in town," he said. "Anybody that's interested can do a lot to help us."

Especially needed are

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Thomas M. (Tom) Gregg, 84, died Thursday. Services were 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Claudio Rodriguez, 55, died Saturday. Funeral services will be 2:30 PM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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retirees, who can devote time to evaluating houses that are being considered for repair projects. Currently, Riley said he needs at least three or four more people who can take over those duties.

With more help, CIA can do more for the poor and elderly of the community, Riley said.

"We've got a challenge," he said. "We've helped a lot of folks, and we want to continue to do that."

ILLNESS

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immediate medical attention is needed is any difficulty in breathing, he said.

"The very young and the very old, or anyone with a compromised immune system is more at risk, and the illness seems to be much worse for them," he said.

"Good advice is if you have some of these symptoms, stay away from elderly and the young, any high risk group," Murphree said.

The illness season seems to have reached its peak, he said.

"Right now we're at a plateau," Murphree said.

FASHION

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show — and have a good time, she added.

At the noon showing, visitors can also have lunch in the Howard College cafeteria. The noon meal is served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and the cost is \$3.75.

Admission to both showings of Shonowo's collection will be free. For more information, call Howard College at 264-5000 or SWCID at 264-3700.

Dozens of emu carcasses found in Dallas suburb

RED OAK (AP) — Veterinarians, volunteers and the SPCA were trying Monday to save dozens of starving emus while workers buried 69 of the big birds.

The emus, found in a pasture south of Dallas, had not received food or water for several weeks, authorities said.

Normally vegetarians, the birds had turned to eating each other, vets said.

"We found feathers in the stomach of one of the birds that we did a post-mortem on," said Dr. Valerie Jaffe. "And we observed several birds in the pen that were cannibalizing the remains. So they were eating whatever they could find."

Near the pen, a barn on the property held enough grain to feed the birds for 90 days. However, feeding troughs were contaminated, officials said.

The birds belonged to a developer from the north Dallas suburb of Plano, who contacted police. He could be charged with animal cruelty, investigators said.

Indigenous to Australia, adult emus stand about 5' feet tall and weigh about 100 pounds. They have long, strong legs and are swift runners.

Earlier this decade, emu and ostrich ranches proliferated rapidly as breeders envisioned a big demand for meat, oil and feathers.

When the bottom fell out of the market in 1993, emu chicks — which at one time were selling for \$15,000 — only garnered about 15 cents.

Many ranchers simply released their flocks.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room

213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

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.

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

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT is taking applications for the spring Citizens Police Academy class. The class will receive 3.6 continuing education units at Howard College, and learn about the department's operations in the community.

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.big-spring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-2564.

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.

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

Charles Ar buckle, Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, L.D. Bender, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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, Rodney Domingo, 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 Grissom, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilaro, Iasculia Hilaro, 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 McMurtry, 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 (Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adeylene Ann Scott (Lews), Rpwan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gwenthe 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.

AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY will host a barbecue Saturday from noon-3 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. Cost is \$5 per plate, and carryout will be available.

For more information, call 263-2084.

Texas Lottery

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POLICE

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

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan.

• BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place. Three baseball bats, 48 baseballs, 14 pairs of baseball pants, a video camcorder and a wooden door and a lock, in the amount of \$2,014, was reported stolen or damaged.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of east 11th Place.

• THEFT was reported at the police station.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at 22nd and Gregg and the 1200 block of Scurry.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at Fourth and Johnson.

• PAULA BAKER, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 1100 block of West Fifth.

• MIGUEL LOSOYA, 18, was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000.

• ISHMAEL RIVERA, 17, was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Willia.

• NORMA GODINA, 19, was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000.

• ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 3200 block of Fordham.

• RUNAWAY was reported in the 120 block of Airbase Road.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2100 block of Warren.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1700 block of Marcy.

• KEITH RICH, 18, was released from custody when it was discovered he should not have been arrested. His traffic warrants had been dismissed.

• THE WEEKEND SUMMARY reflects four assaults, one burglary of a building, four criminal mischief, one driving while intoxicated, two driving while license invalid or suspended, one evading arrest and one disorderly conduct.

Also, two thefts, one possession of marijuana, one tampering with an identification number, six minor accidents and two major accidents and 19 arrests.

SHERIFF

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

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Good news: Groundhog predicts an early spring

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Thousands of winter-weary people who waited through a rainy night were rewarded this morning: Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow.

That means that spring is just around the corner. A cheer went up as members of the local Groundhog Day club made the announcement, shortly after dawn. If Phil had seen his shadow, it would have meant six more weeks of winter.

"We will feel winter's wrath, but spring is coming," said Bill Cooper, president of the Inner Circle, the club that stages the annual midwinter festival.

It was the same cheery news in Lilburn, Ga., where Georgia's groundhog forecaster, Gen. Beauregard Lee, also failed to see his shadow. Cloudy skies shadows away when the 9-year-old rodent came out of his small mansion at 7:34 a.m., said Ruth Letowsky, a spokeswoman for the Yellow River Game Ranch, where Gen. Lee lives.

The Groundhog Day tradition is rooted in a German superstition that if an animal casts a shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — bad weather is coming.

In the 110 years since German farmers began the festival in Punxsutawney, the morning of Feb. 2 has evolved into an elaborate show of hoodwinkery.

In years past, members of the club voted the night before whether or not Phil would see his shadow, rain or shine. Despite overcast skies last year, the club announced the shadow appeared. They set off fireworks to simulate a sunrise.

This year, club members insisted, they did not decide what Phil's decision would be until they actually approached his burrow.

An announcement this morning estimated the crowd at just 15,000. Bad weather and a Groundhog Day in the middle of the week kept attendance down, but the crowd was full of enthusiasm for Phil.

Mike Simmons made a four-hour trip from the town of Tunkhannock to be here. Asked why, he said: "I have no idea. For the absurdity?"

"It's something unusual," offered his friend, Sandra Peoples.

Social Security shaping up as big fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deal to strengthen Social Security's finances is far from done, but Republican lawmakers and President Clinton have agreed to set aside a large chunk of government surpluses to pay for fixing the retirement program.

How to repair the fund that millions of Americans rely on still has to be hammered out.

"The heavy lifting on Social Security hasn't even begun," said Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee that

oversees Social Security. Shaw and other influential Republicans have been critical of the specifics of a Social Security plan Clinton outlined in the fiscal year 2000 budget he sent to Congress on Monday.

Clinton, however, said he believes agreement is possible this year "if we work together across partisan lines and make some tough but fully achievable choices."

Clinton's proposal, first announced in his State of the Union speech, would use 62 per-

cent of the government surpluses expected over the next 15 years to beef up Social Security's cash reserves.

That's more than \$2.7 trillion by the latest projections, and could push the cash shortage now expected in 2032 back by more than 20 years.

Republican congressional leaders have agreed to set that money aside for now. But the bipartisan accord on Social Security ends there.

The president wants the government to invest a quarter of

the \$2.7 trillion in cash into the stock market to try to increase the money's value.

Republicans strenuously object, saying that if the government becomes a Wall Street player, politics would inevitably corrupt free enter-

prise. With the rest of the money, Clinton would use a complicated accounting strategy to simultaneously pay down the national debt and obligate more of the country's future resources to Social Security.

Christian group wants boycott of prayer breakfast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oklahoma Rep. Steve Largent says this week's Congressional Prayer Breakfast is a time for reconciliation — not politics — so he won't rescind an invitation to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"The Prayer Breakfast was designed not for political purposes but as an independent event with the goal of bringing about reconciliation all over the world," the conservative Republican said Monday.

Two conservative Christian groups have spoken out against the invitation, and one of them, the Traditional Values Coalition, is urging members of

Congress to boycott the event Thursday.

About 3,500 politicians, diplomats and religious leaders attend the breakfast each year.

Largent is chairman of this year's breakfast. Each year, that position rotates between Democrat and Republicans and between House members and senators.

"Each year, thousands of invitations are sent out under the chairman's signature," Largent said. "For the last three years, I am told Mr. Arafat has been an invitee. This year he accepted."

Arafat has not been invited to speak at the breakfast, and several Israeli government officials

also have been invited, Largent said.

The State Department said it had not yet received confirmation that Arafat would attend.

Christian Coalition Executive Director Randy Tate said he personally will not attend the breakfast because of a scheduling conflict and because the Arafat controversy, but his group has not called for a boycott.

"We have been troubled by this event," Tate said. "We feel very strongly that honor and legitimacy should not be bestowed on a terrorist, a man with blood on his hands."

In a letter to members of

Congress, the Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, said the invitation should not have been extended.

"No matter how good the intentions of the breakfast's organizers are, the results of their decision to invite this international outlaw to this event has been disastrous," Sheldon's letter said.

"Until Arafat repents the many murders of innocent people that he has encouraged or silently approved, there should not be a place for him at the Prayer Breakfast table or any other table of civilized people, for that matter," Sheldon wrote.

Smokers would pay, others benefit from Clinton's budget proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smokers would pay 55 cents more, or an average of \$4 a pack, if Congress approves requests in President Clinton's budget for fiscal 2000.

But soldiers looking for a raise, students in cramped classrooms and stay-at-home moms and dads would benefit from the president's spending blueprint.

Foster youths on the verge of adulthood and legal immigrants also fare well in the \$1.77 trillion budget proposal the president sent to Capitol Hill on Monday. So do children in Head Start and Social Security recipi-

ents of today and tomorrow.

There's money to speed the development of lightning-fast supercomputers to help scientists provide earlier tornado warnings and design fuel-efficient autos. There's more money for the Pentagon and for AIDS research.

And there's more to hire teachers and put extra police officers on the beat in rough neighborhoods.

The president's budget, prepared at a time when federal coffers are overflowing with surplus money from the booming economy, has morsels for almost everyone.

The Republican Congress, which has rejected many of his ideas in the past, is not likely to look kindly on many of his provisions this time.

Democrats and Republicans agree that 62 percent of the projected budget surpluses — \$4.85 trillion during the next 15 years — should be set aside to save Social Security. But they're at loggerheads over what to do with the other 38 percent.

Clinton wants to use the rest of the surplus to make Medicare solvent for 20 years and set up new subsidized retirement accounts for working Americans.

He also proposes to increase spending for scores of domestic programs and give the Pentagon \$261 billion in new spending, including a 4.4 percent pay raise for military members in 2000, followed by five annual increases of 3.9 percent.

Republicans, on the other hand, want to use the rest of the money, after Social Security, for a 10 percent across-the-board tax cut. Clinton's budget is a spending smorgasbord, said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "If you live in this galaxy... he has got a program for you."

Among the other tidbits the president seeks:

—A \$250 tax credit for stay-at-home parents caring for a child under age 1 — up to \$500 for two or more.

—A \$1,000 tax credit to help patients, families and caregivers cope with the burdens of long-term care.

—Money to send another 42,000 children to Head Start, and money to let foster care kids keep their public health insurance when they turn 18.

—Another \$22 billion in school construction and modernization bonds to ease overcrowding.

—Triple the money for after-school programs.

—Money to recruit and prepare thousands more teachers.

—For the college-bound, a \$125 increase in the maximum Pell grant to \$3,250. Post-college, Clinton would let taxpayers deduct interest on their student loans for the life of the loan, not just five years.

—Money to restore food stamps for 15,000 legal immigrants who are 65 and came to the United States before Aug. 22, 1996.

On the other side of the ledger, Clinton proposes \$82 billion in new or increased taxes, in addition to a 55 cent increase in the cigarette tax.

Committee starts considering utility deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — A special Senate committee considering proposals to deregulate electricity in Texas heard testimony Monday that rate payers have no choice but to repay utilities for their investments in power plants.

"We did make a promise, though not in a written contract, to pay for these investments," said Pat Wood, chairman of the Public Utility Commission, which regulates the industry.

The Senate Special Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring began its first meeting of the session contemplating so-called stranded costs — an issue

that helped derail an attempt to deregulate the \$19 billion utility market in 1997.

The state's largest utilities, such as Dallas-based TU Electric and Houston Lighting & Power, contend they made multibillion-dollar investments in power plants with the encouragement of state regulators.

Utility customers are currently paying for those plants over 30- or 40-year plans, but the utilities want the debts retired before the market is deregulated.

"What we're talking about doing is paying them earlier than we would have. ... So we

can't get through with this and get on into a competitive system by 2002," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, chair of the committee.

Three pieces of legislation filed set out different ways to pay the so-called stranded costs, which the PUC estimates will be about \$3.3 billion by 2002. Sibley's bill calls for the private utilities to be reimbursed through a bond process.

"I am satisfied that we're doing what we have to do, constitutionally," Sibley said.

Sibley said the utilities would have constitutional basis to stop the deregulation process if stranded costs were not part of

legislation passed on the issue. In New Hampshire, utility deregulation has been held up by that exact issue, he said.

"I think some (people) are trying to say... that we were giving the utilities a gift, which is just not the case," Sibley said.

The stranded costs are the result of bad decisions by the utilities, which consumers should not have to pay for, said Tom "Smitty" Smith, executive director of consumer watchdog group Public Citizen. They were not forced to build these plants, he said.

"Smart utilities built coal, not nuke, plants and don't have stranded costs," Smith said.

Judge moves to ban sale of self-help legal software in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge in Dallas has taken a step toward banning the sale of self-help legal software in Texas, ruling that it amounts to unauthorized practice of law.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders issued a summary judgment on Jan. 22 to prevent Parsons Technology Inc. from distributing future copies of Quicken Family Lawyer and Quicken Family Lawyer '99 in Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Products already in stores apparently are unaffected by the ruling.

Lawyers involved in the case said an injunction to enforce the ruling could be issued within the next two weeks.

Attorneys representing Parsons said they are planning to challenge the ruling and will ask the judge to place the ban on hold, pending a decision from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Consumer groups and industry experts blasted the ruling. "You can quote me: This is sick. This reeks of greed," said Ann Stephens, president of PC Data, a company that tracks the sale of software for personal computers. "Boy, these lawyers are sticking up for their own, aren't they? I don't think they're representing you or me."

David Schenck, an appellate

lawyer representing Parsons Technology, said that eight states have considered cases against self-help legal publishers, but Texas is the first to opt for a ban.

"Texas is apparently alone in banning books and software according to the judge's ruling," Schenck said. "Our opinion is the Texas statute doesn't reach that far and if it did it would violate the First Amendment."

The do-it-yourself products sell for under \$30, and the latest

version offers more than 100 legal forms and instructions on how to file a will, prenuptial agreement, employment contract, real estate lease or similar document.

The judge's ruling marked a major victory for the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, an investigative arm of the Texas Supreme Court that is fully funded by the State Bar of Texas.

Mike Ticer, a Dallas attorney who chairs the committee,

praised Sanders' decision.

"I think overall it is probably the most comprehensive, well-reasoned, authoritative judicial opinion in the United States on this subject," Ticer said. "It becomes a benchmark or a measuring stick as to what constitutes unauthorized practice of law for some self-help materials."

The Quicken Family Lawyer products go beyond generic information because they are interactive, Ticer said.

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OUR VIEWS

Air Force must be responsive to property owners

"Oh beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain..." We all know those as the opening words from America the Beautiful. They take on a special significance right now to some residents of West Texas and New Mexico.

Because it is in those every same spacious skies that the song refers to, that the U.S. Air Force wants to fly its planes. Bombers, B-1s and B-52s, in low-level training runs. Runs that will make their way across ranch land, cropland — the "amber waves of grain" that we have out here in our part of God's country.

Many of the residents of our area — in particular our neighbors in Dawson and Borden counties — are concerned. They are concerned that these flights will disrupt, even destroy, their way of life.

They are worried that the effect of jets streaking across the sky in mock bombing runs at 300 feet will be devastating to their cattle, their horses, and that the propellant not expended by the exhaust of these bombers will have time to fall on the ground, eventually threatening their crops, their grasses, their streams and stock tanks.

They are afraid that the dove, quail and deer leases will be left with no game, and worse yet, that wildlife will eventually disappear from the region altogether. And they are concerned, in part, because they haven't gotten enough of what they feel are open answers to their questions from the government.

It's the same government that not so many years ago, asked for their sons. That government — their government — that asked that they fight overseas for freedom. Just as their fathers and their fathers' fathers had.

Giving their time, and in some cases their lives, for their country is something those West Texans have never balked at, never walked away from. It is something they have done with pride and without question. They were fighting for liberty, for freedom, for justice, for their beliefs and for this land, their land.

The government contends it would be cheaper for the Air Force to fly over West Texas. It is closer to her bases. The government contends it would be easier.

We'd note that it would be easier, too, if the farmer had decided to be a doctor, or a lawyer. It would be easier on him, if he didn't face up and down markets, drought, sandstorms, and fire. But he chose the life. He chose the land. It's his land.

A government has a right to ask a man to fight for freedom of his country, even for the freedom of another country, if it means his country may also be threatened.

But we question whether that government morally has the right to ask for the use of that same man's land if... If there is any question, however remote, however distant, that those flights might harm his livelihood.

This is America. We are so very proud of our spacious skies. Let us be just as proud, and just as protective of our waves of grain, and the men and women who put them there.

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Affirmative action carries an unkind stigma

I've been debating affirmative action for more than 20 years, so it's difficult for my opponents to come up with any arguments I haven't heard before. What's more, I've learned to remain calm and cool even when an opponent resorts to personal attacks. So I was a bit surprised last week when I felt my hackles go up during a discussion at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on the future of affirmative action.



LINDA CHAVEZ

One of the other participants, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Halberstam, nonchalantly said that he regarded affirmative action as a "tax" on whites, which he was happy to pay given the sorry history of discrimination against blacks in this society and the privileged position that whites enjoy because of that discrimination.

What bothered me in his formulation was not just the knowledge that this "tax" is almost never borne by the Halberstams of the world —

Harvard class of '55 and all the wealth and fame that goes with having written more than half a dozen best-sellers. More often than not, this "tax" falls on the working-class policemen or firemen who have been denied promotions because of an affirmative-action plan, or their children who have been kept out of top-ranked state universities because of a race-based preference in admissions.

But my anger was probably more personal than principled. I resented Halberstam's description because it seemed infuriatingly patronizing. Here was yet another guilty white liberal out to do me and all my black and brown brethren a huge favor. "Has it ever occurred to you," I asked him, "that some of the intended beneficiaries of your noblesse oblige may not want to bear the stigma that goes along with being judged by lower standards than whites?"

Proponents of affirmative action don't want to talk about the stigma of affirmative action, and some even deny it exists. But its effects can be every bit as pernicious as old-fashioned racial prejudice. If ever there was a case study in the destructive possibilities of affirmative action, it is a new book by Wall Street Journal reporter Paul Barrett, "The Good Black: A True Story of Race in America."

The book tells the story of Lawrence Mungin, who, as a child of the New York City housing projects, studies hard, excels in school, graduates from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and ends up practicing law in Washington, D.C., only to find himself denied a partnership in his large, Chicago-based firm.

Although one usually slow to blame racial discrimination for his problems, Mungin ended up suing his firm, alleging that it discriminated against him because of his race when it failed to consider him for partner in 1994. In painstaking detail, Barrett describes Mungin's rise and fall, a good deal of which he observed firsthand, having been Mungin's roommate at Harvard and, later, having watched Mungin's suit against his former law firm wind its way through the courts. A

though Barrett is careful not to make judgments about whether the law firm did or did not discriminate against Mungin, he paints a devastating picture of the firm's senior partners treating Mungin as an affirmative action charity case, rather than the competent professional he surely was.

But Mungin was not totally blameless in his predicament, either, a point that comes through in Barrett's book despite his hesitance to make

it directly. Mungin earned his way into Harvard College based on competitive grades and test scores and a personal history of overcoming adversity, but he admitted that affirmative action got him into Harvard Law School, since his undergraduate grades and law school aptitude test scores were below Harvard's demanding standards.

Moreover, Mungin freely touted his minority status when applying for the job at the law firm he later sued. And the firm's partners — self-identified liberal Democrats — liked to think of themselves as committed to affirmative action, at least so long as it didn't interfere with their firm's profits.

Like many liberals, the partners were happy to embrace affirmative action — so long as someone else was paying affirmative action's "tax on whites." But they could never consider an affirmative action beneficiary their equal. They wouldn't entrust him with important work at the firm and, consequently, he could never prove himself to their satisfaction.

Don't tell me affirmative action doesn't carry a stigma. And all the well-intentioned motives of liberals in promoting it can't make up for the very real damage it inflicts on the Lawrence Mungins of the world.

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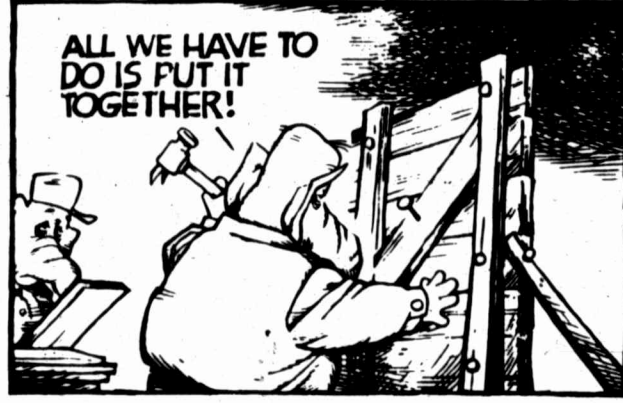
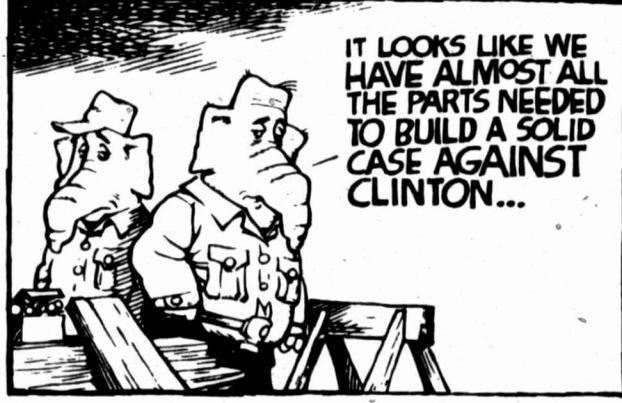
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More evidence to show Clinton is a bad guy

The Lindale (Texas) News and Times published a feature story on a local couple who are private investigators and who were hired by the second law firm which represented Paula Jones in her suit against the president.



CHARLEY REESE

Comments given to the paper by Rick and Beverly Lambert are interesting, and I'd like to share them with you. The remarks are all from the newspaper article.

"I have never in my entire 28 years (in investigative work) seen a machine that works like Bill Clinton's machine," Rick said. "Fear and intimidation were used to keep people from talking... tactics by his machine kept a lot of the truth from coming out."

He said that after their first

day in Little Rock, Ark., they were followed everywhere and often when making cold calls were greeted by name. In other words, people knew they were coming.

Rick told the paper the work had left him "cynical and pessimistic."

"I've never worked a case that degenerated my view of the system more than this case has. I've seen a machine roll over people like tanks in Tiananmen Square... character means nothing anymore."

The point to keep in mind is that people don't fear normal politicians, even if they have information that could embarrass the politician. Clearly there are people in Arkansas, at least, who are afraid of crossing what Lambert calls the Clinton machine. People normally fear criminals.

Anyone who has read my column knows that I think Clinton is a sociopathic personality and an evil man. I believe that if he even attempted to tell the truth, his jaw would lock up and his tongue would become paralyzed. I think he has the compassion of a water moccasin and cares not a hoot

about any other human being on earth except himself.

So what's new? Nothing. The above is just another bit of evidence to support the view that Clinton is a bad guy. This couple, by the way, are not part of any conservative or political movement. They were just hired by a law firm and did the work for the money.

They are more credible than Clinton's propaganda entourage of lawyers and spinners and attack dogs like James Carville.

People are crazy if they think Clinton only lies and destroys other people's lives just to protect his sex life. His bad character will be at work in foreign affairs, domestic affairs, politics, budgets, whatever. A bad dog is a bad dog 24 hours a day. A liar is a round-the-clock liar.

Many Americans seem not to care as long as they think the economy is good. I said "think" the economy is good because it really isn't as good as many people believe. The stock market is not the economy. Out in the Plains, farmers are in a depression. Out in the oil patch, there's a recession

moving toward a depression. The steel business is being killed by cheap imports.

The record trade deficits that have piled up, one upon the other, as a result of Clinton's catering to multinational corporations will bite us eventually. Times are great for a small percentage of the population, but most families can't make it on one paycheck. Most people down around the minimum wage are barely subsisting. Most working folks, when you subtract inflation, are making less now than they did in the past.

The problem is that the media elite, the political elite and the corporate elite have all merged into one elite. What's reflected on the television and in the big newspapers is mainly the world of the elite, not that of ordinary Americans. They are largely unrepresented by the government and unnoticed by the media.

There's a lot of hard work to be done in politics if we want to leave our children a decent country.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Yearlings take two from Snyder hoopsters

Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings avenged a loss to Snyder here Monday with a 27-19 win.

The victory sends the 'A' Lady Yearlings into Monday's final game of the season with a 7-7 record.

Sterling Burchett led Runnels with eight points, followed by Courtney Brock with seven, Ashley Tuttle with six, Christina Gwyn with four and Amanda Lassiter with two points.

In 'B' play, Runnels took a 24-14 win over Snyder, paced by Crystal Laney's 13 points.

Also scoring for Runnels was Lindsey Webb with four, Rachelle Guinn with three and Rachel Wester and Crystal DeLeon with two each. Runnels will play its final basketball game in school history next Monday when Sweetwater comes to town. The 'B' game will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the 'A' game at 6:15.

Mitchell, Herm prepare to sign letters-of-intent

Big Spring's Tory Mitchell and Stanton's Kyle Herm will both sign national letters-of-intent with Division I programs on Wednesday.

Wednesday is the first day a student-athlete can sign a binding agreement.

Mitchell will sign with Miami's Hurricanes at 10:30 at the Athletic Training Facility, while Herm will sign with Rice University at noon in the high school gym.

Two other Stanton athletes, Jody Louder and Chad Smith, are expected to sign at a later date.

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, 215 W. 3rd St.

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

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

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

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

Games will be in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Kermit, Lamesa and Midland.

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

AREA HOOPS

- 6 p.m. — Big Spring at Andrews.
- 6:30 p.m. — Seagraves at Coahoma.
- 6:30 p.m. — Sonora at Forsan.
- 6:30 p.m. — Tahoka at Stanton.
- 6:30 p.m. — Roscoe at Garden City.
- 6:30 p.m. — Ira at Sands.
- 6:30 p.m. — Westbrook at Grady.

ON RADIO

- HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**
- 6 p.m. — Big Spring Lady Steers at Andrews Lady Mustangs, KBST-AM, 1490.
 - 8 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Andrews Mustangs, KBST-AM 1490.

ON TV

- TODAY:**
- COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
- Men
 - 6:30 p.m. — Michigan State at Penn State, ESPN.
 - 7 p.m. — Seton Hall at Boston College, ESPN2.
 - 8:30 p.m. — Tennessee at Arkansas, ESPN.

- SKIING**
- 4 p.m. — World Alpine Championships, ESPN.

UConn's run at poll's top over as KU's run in poll ends

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut's run as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press college basketball poll reached 10 weeks Monday, while Kansas was not in the Top 25 for the first time in eight years.

The Huskies (19-0), the nation's only unbeaten Division I team, were again the runaway choice, receiving 52 first-place votes and 1,756 points from the national media panel.

Duke (21-1) was No. 2 for the eighth straight week, getting the other 19 No. 1 votes and 1,720 points.

The rest of the Top 25 received a shakeup, with Kansas, which had been ranked for every poll since Jan. 29, 1991, dropping out along with TCU and Miami.

The three newcomers were No. 20 Utah, which was ranked 10th in the preseason poll and for the first weeks of the regular season; No. 22 College of Charleston, which is ranked for the second time in school history; and No. 24 Missouri, which is back in the Top 25 after a 3-year absence.

Cincinnati moved up two spots to No. 3, while Stanford, which lost at Arizona on Thursday, dropped one place to

fourth. Kentucky and Auburn each moved up one place to fifth and sixth, while Maryland, which lost by 13 points at Wake Forest, dropped from fourth to seventh.

Michigan State and St. John's held on to Nos. 8 and 9, while Arizona moved back into the top 10 after the win over Stanford.

Wisconsin was at No. 11 and followed by North Carolina, UCLA, Iowa, Ohio State, Syracuse, New Mexico, Purdue and Minnesota, which were tied for 18th, and Utah.

The last five ranked teams were Indiana, Arkansas, College

of Charleston, Missouri and Miami.

Kansas (14-6) had lost three of four before beating Colorado at home on Saturday. The Jayhawks' run of 145 consecutive poll appearances was the third longest current streak behind the 156 of North Carolina and 154 of Kentucky.

Arizona, at 66 consecutive polls, moved into third place followed by New Mexico at 50, and Duke and Stanford, both at 49.

Utah (16-4) moved into the Top 25, having not lost since the Texas game when they dropped to 5-4 and out of the rankings.

College of Charleston (18-2) is

ranked for just the second time in school history. The Cougars were in the Top 25 the last five weeks of the 1996-97 season and got as high as No. 16.

Both their losses were to SEC teams — Georgia and South Carolina — and their current 15-game win streak started with a win over North Carolina.

Missouri (15-4) was last ranked for the first six weeks of the 1995-96 season and the Tigers came in having won three straight after consecutive losses to Kansas and Colorado.

TCU (15-6) dropped from No. 24 after consecutive WAC losses to Tulsa and Rice.

Hawks, Lady Hawks crush Frank Phillips quintets

By GARY EDMONDSON
Borger News-Herald

BORGER — The Howard College Hawks sliced and diced their way through the Frank Phillips College defense Monday night at the Borger Community Activity Center and coasted to a 97-66 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

The win keeps the Hawks alone atop the conference standings with a 7-0 mark. Howard is 17-5 overall. The loss drops Frank Phillips to 3-4 in conference and 7-14 for the season.

Frank Phillips got the first two points of the game on a jump by B.J. Davis, but that was one of only three leads the Plainsmen held all night — the third and final one coming when John Bush's two free throws put the home team up, 12-11, with 13:20 left in the first half.

But the one-two punch of Larry Allaway and Greg Lewis splitting the defense for layups or short jumpers combined with Lamont Roberts draining two three-point shots and Donald Caesar's strong inside game guided the Hawks to a 40-32 halftime advantage.

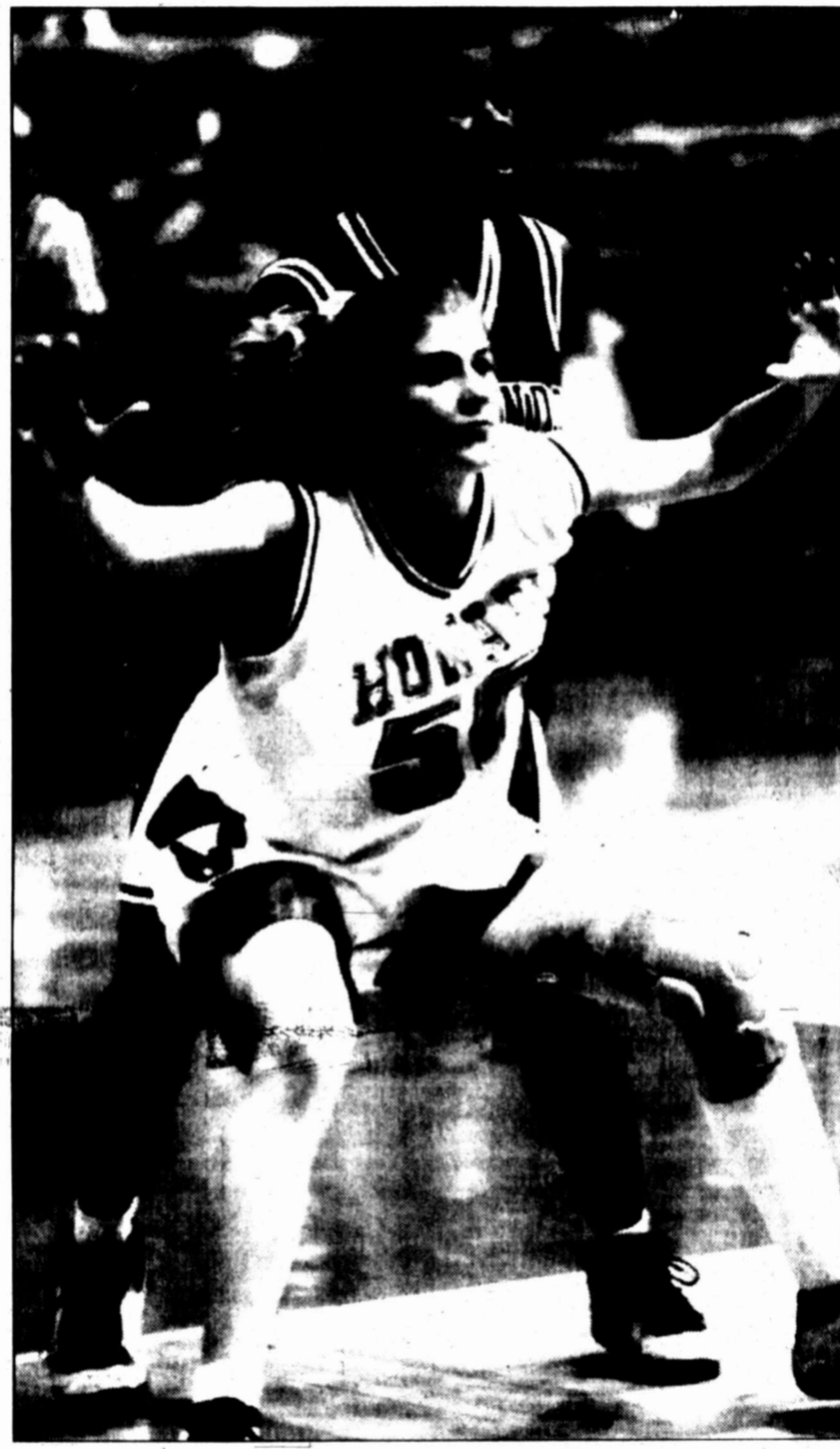
Nick Orr kept the Plainsmen within striking distance with 11 first-half points, showcasing his leaping ability and scoring on a jumper, a dunk, a tip-in, a drive and a trey.

Howard looked as if it might have some problems when Greg Lewis limped off the floor with an injured left ankle after just 15 seconds in the second half, but Allaway stepped up his high-stepping game and Darryl Martin came off the bench to provide additional speed for the Hawks' attack.

Howard stretched its advantage into double figures by opening the second half with an 18-6 run that featured Roberts and Allaway hitting six unanswered free throws where five of the six charity tosses crawled over the rim and settled into the net as the soft shooters illustrated the meaning of "getting the roll."

By the time the run was done, Howard led 58-38.

While the first half featured the Hawks shooting mainly from seven feet or closer to the basket, Howard bested that effort in the second half when freshman Derrick Franklin had back-to-back dunks and Caesar added a third and a free throw



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Lady Hawks freshman Caryn Ross waits for the ball in a game played earlier this season. The Medford, Ore. native had a season high 13 points Monday night against Frank Phillips. The Lady Hawks are at Odessa on Thursday before returning home to play Western Texas next Monday at 6 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

when he was fouled — and Franklin finished with a fourth straight slam to put an emphasis on the Hawks' dominance.

Frank Phillips closed to within 15 points at 65-50 when Anthony Simmons scored off a steal by Davis, but the Hawks answered with a 13-5 run, which featured an almost unheard-of six-point play.

As Allaway prepared to shoot two free throws, Orr spoiled his night's efforts by saying something to Allaway within earshot of an official, who promptly whistled a technical.

Allaway hit both free shots

By GARY EDMONDSON
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BORGER — The high-flying Lady Hawks of Howard College swooped into the Borger Community Activity Center Monday night and grabbed a 73-43 victory over the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

The win pushes the Lady Hawks to 6-1 as the first half of the conference comes to a close and 21-2 for the season. FPC remains winless in conference, at 0-7, and stand 5-17 for the year.

The Lady Hawks started as if sluggish from the five-hour road trip from Big Spring, and, though they never trailed, were played tough by the Lady Plainsmen for about half of the first half and managed two early ties. The last knot in the score came when Mary Adams' two free throws knotted the score at 11-11 with 11:46 remaining in the first half.

Caryn Ross' six points paced Howard in the early going while FPC got four points each from Adams and Meeka Alford and a three-point shot from Brooke Moore. Latasha Moore hit her first trey of the half for HC as the teams sparred equally.

But, following Adams' free throws, the Lady Hawks rolled off a 24-6 run to take a 35-17 lead and gain control of the game. Despite that run, FPC scored the last seven points of the half to cut the margin to 35-24.

Latasha Moore hit another trey and added three more baskets during the Lady Hawks' run and Jovanae St. Cyr scored six straight points during one stretch and then stole the ball and fed Kim Robertson for a layup.

WJCAC STANDINGS

MEN	CONF.	ALL	WOMEN	CONF.	ALL
Howard	7-0	17-5	Midland	7-0	21-2
South Plains	6-1	18-8	Howard	6-1	21-2
Odessa	3-4	11-11	South Plains	5-2	14-9
Frank Phillips	3-4	7-13	NMJC	4-3	16-6
Midland	2-5	13-10	Western	3-4	14-8
Clarendon	2-5	11-8	Odessa	2-5	13-7
NMMI	2-5	8-15	Clarendon	1-6	7-8
NMJC	2-5	8-15	Frank Phillips	0-7	5-17

Monday's scores
Howard 97, FPC 66; Midland 68, NMMI 65; Odessa 72, NMJC 69 (OT) and South Plains 61, Clarendon 53.

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Howard 73, FPC 43; Midland 74, Western 57; NMJC 96, OC 71 and South Plains 62, Clarendon 43.

UConn's offense offensive in 59-42 loss to Orangemen

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun fully expected Syracuse to come out with its zone and trapping defense.

He didn't expect his top-ranked Huskies, playing without two injured starters, to wilt under the pressure.

But the result was a 59-42 Syracuse victory Monday night in UConn's worst offensive performance in 27 years.

The Huskies, who were without leading scorer Richard Hamilton and leading rebounder Jake Voskuhl, were the last unbeaten Division I team. They saw their 16-game Big East winning streak end as well as their 31-game home winning streak.

Calhoun didn't go looking for excuses.

"We did dress five people who could play. Richard and Jake didn't make any mistakes so they were no factors in the game," Calhoun said. "I

thought the guys on the floor would do a better job.

"We just played St. John's without (injured leading rebounder Tyrone) Grant and we were lucky to win. We had other guys who could have stepped up and tried to stop penetration and hit shots.

There's nothing wrong with our record, but there is something wrong with what happened tonight."

The No. 16 Orangemen simply outthrust the Huskies.

In other Top 25 games, No. 22 College of Charleston beat Georgia Southern 66-41, and No. 20 Utah beat No. 17 New Mexico 57-39.

The Huskies (19-1, 11-1 Big East) struggled all game on the offensive end against Syracuse's zone, shooting just 36 percent (16-for-45), including 3-for-15 from 3-point range.

"We would have played the zone whether Hamilton was there or not," Boheim said.

"We wanted to be in the game late and have their guys looking for Hamilton and he wasn't there."

The game was tied 25-25 at halftime, but Connecticut was just 7-of-22 (32 percent) from the field in the second half as the Orangemen built a lead of as many as 19 points, 54-35, with 3:10 to play on a jumper by Jason Hart.

Connecticut's starting backcourt of Khalid El-Amin and Ricky Moore combined for six points, all by El-Amin in the first half.

"We weren't shooting well, fine, but we still should have stepped up the defense," Moore said. "The shots weren't there tonight because they had four guys on the perimeter."

"We didn't have enough guys stepping up to the foul line asking for the ball. But that's not what we lost. We just let up on defense."

Calhoun couldn't hide his disappointment.

"We didn't get any loose balls and players other than Hamilton and Voskuhl are allowed to get loose balls," he said. "We had some guys out there tonight we can play and they didn't."

The 42 points matched the Huskies' lowest output since joining the Big East as they lost 60-42 to Georgetown on Feb. 27, 1982 and was their lowest since a 41-39 overtime loss to Boston College on Feb. 29, 1972. Their lowest output this season had been in a 59-54 victory over Massachusetts.

No. 20 Utah 57, No. 17 New Mexico 39

Hanno Mottola scored 16 points as Utah handed New Mexico its first loss this season in The Pit.

Utah, which earlier in the day ended its seven-week absence from the national rankings, outscored New

Mexico 17-1 over a seven-minute stretch early in the first half en route to its 12th straight win.

The Utes (17-4, 7-0 WAC) used stifling defensive pressure to force New Mexico (17-5, 4-3) into 10 first half turnovers and an assortment of poor shots. The 39 points were the fewest by New Mexico on its home court since a 61-37 loss to San Diego State on Feb. 3, 1984.

No. 22 College of Charleston 66, Georgia Southern 41

College of Charleston celebrated its return to the Top 25 after a two-year absence with a victory over Georgia Southern.

Jeff Bolton scored 13 points on 5-of-5 shooting for the Cougars, who are ranked for only the second time in school history.

Charleston (19-2, 11-0 Southern Conference) won its 16th straight game, tied with No. 2 Duke for longest winning streak in the nation.

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fessional. You will be unusual-
ly verbal and witty, drawing
scores of people with your easy
style of communication.
However, you may prefer to
remain a bit aloof, picking and
choosing those you want to be
close to. Develop greater finan-
cial security; work on a long-
range plan to make this so. If
you are single, you will want a
romantic relationship. Finally,
you're ready to shed your
armor and reveal yourself. If
attached, the two of you bond
even closer as you make your
spouse an even higher priority.
Virgo reads you clearly.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Allow work to dominate. You
might decide to take some time
off and relax in the near future.

Today, think through what
changes you might like to
implement. Making a dentist
appointment could prove to be
an excellent idea. Start on the
path to better health. Tonight:
Off to the gym ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Allow more lightness and fun
into your life. You could ques-
tion another's decisions.

However, staying clear and
direct works well for you.
Listen carefully to a child or
loved one. This person might
have an odd way of expressing
himself, but he needs or wants
more attention. Tonight: Make
love happen. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

If you could make changes at
home, what would they be? Pull
back and think about what
improvements might be need-
ed. As much as a vacation is a
good idea, stay focused on the
quality of your domestic life.
Tonight: Find a constructive
outlet for your emotions. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Make an additional effort.
You find that another is only
too happy to share with you. A
loving relationship grows

stronger as you detach and
understand your significant
other. Make time to take the
car in for a tuneup or oil
change. Tonight: Breeze
through a favorite spot or
two! ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Slow down. Take stock of
financial progress; see if you
are nearing your goals. Build
security and add to your status.

Meanwhile, dig into your day-
to-day work. You can accom-
plish a lot in the present atmo-
sphere. Allow a partner to con-
tribute feedback. Tonight: Get
into shopping. ****

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are personality plus.
Loosen up and relax. Where
have you been holding back?
Think through decisions and
listen to your inner voice. Take
a stand. You don't always have
to be helpful to others. It is
important to take care of you,
too. Tonight: Chase a
dream. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You need some thinking time.
Take a leisurely stroll at lunch,
or catch up on correspon-
dences. Consider a brand-new
exercise program or a diet. You
can't offer others much until
you are together and feeling
good. Tonight: Some hard-
earned rest. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Zero in on what you want.
This is no time to be shy. You
might need to make a request
more than once, perhaps even
on another day. You are plant-
ing seeds right now. Make time
for meetings. Getting together
with others proves unusually
rewarding. Tonight: A midweek
break. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)

Take a "hands-on" approach
to work. You can't depend on
another to come through for
you right now. Give some seri-
ous thought to changes you
might want to act on in the
near future. Make calls. Check
in on an older relative. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19)

A philosophical mind-set is

best. Convincing others that
you're right might not happen.
Make this a mental day: play
with different ideas. Do
research; seek expert informa-
tion. Don't get frustrated if
your inquiries don't receive an
immediate response. Tonight:
Listen to a favorite piece of
music. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Close relating remains effec-
tive. Others hold the keys to
the doors you want to unlock.
Though you might not get the
green light as much as you
would like, it is forthcoming.
Talk, logic and charm won't
change another's mind. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others are clearly the lead
actors. Use your powers of
observation. You learn a lot

about where they are coming
from. Stay aware of immediate
priorities; make key calls. You
could be overwhelmed.
Tonight: Dote on a partner. ****

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Teen works hard to polish her tarnished reputation

DEAR ABBY: When I was in high school and college, I was very promiscuous. I'm only 19 and have already had more than 10 sex partners. Because of this I have lost many friends, and at this point, I have no one to turn to.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN.

I am changing now and have made some modifications in my life to raise my self-esteem. I know now that when I was younger, in order to feel wanted, I was willing to do anything to get attention. I now feel better about myself, but I'm finding it difficult to live down my bad reputation. People seem to have a hard time forgiving and forgetting.

Abby, I don't want to have to move. I just want people to accept me as I am now. Any suggestions how I can lose my past? -- REPENTED IN OREGON

DEAR SHERI: The child's words were profound. From the mouths of babes...

DEAR ABBY: My problem is that I have a brother who lives across the country who is planning to visit us and bring the 5-year-old daughter of a friend of his. He befriended an unwed mother and witnessed her daughter's birth, so a bond was formed between him and the baby. The natural father isn't even in the picture.

I want to write him a letter and explain what a burden this would be on his hosts, my husband and me. Abby, a child this age requires constant close supervision, not to mention entertaining, waiting on and cleaning up after, etc.

I know he'll be upset with me if I write him this letter, but I feel I have a right to be upset with him. He never once asked our permission; he just announced his intentions to bring her and stay with us for two weeks. Two weeks is too long for any company, especially when a young child is involved.

Before I write him, Abby, I would like your opinion. -- WORRIED SISTER IN ATLANTA

DEAR WORRIED SISTER: Your brother apparently feels that the child is part of his family. Be diplomatic; write to your brother expressing your concern about entertaining a 5-year-old for two weeks, noting that she may get homesick. If he insists on bringing her anyway, research ways to entertain a young child in Atlanta, including finding children her age to play with. Or make him responsible for the little girl's care and entertainment.

DEAR ABBY: Of all the phrases and terms we use, the one that offends me the most is "illegitimate child." I guess I'll go to my grave wondering what a newborn child does to become illegitimate. What horrendous crime did he or she commit? How did he or she sin beyond all redemption to become forever illegitimate?

If there's a stigma to be attached to a child born out of wedlock, let's put it where it belongs -- on the parents.

Put the word out, Abby, there is no such thing as an illegitimate child. There are only illegitimate parents. -- GENE IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR GENE: The term "illegitimate" originates from the old English laws of inheritance. A legitimate child -- one born within the bonds of wedlock -- could inherit his father's property. An illegitimate child could not.

You are correct that it's not the child's fault that his or her parents didn't marry. Rather, it's the sins of omission and commission on the part of the parents.

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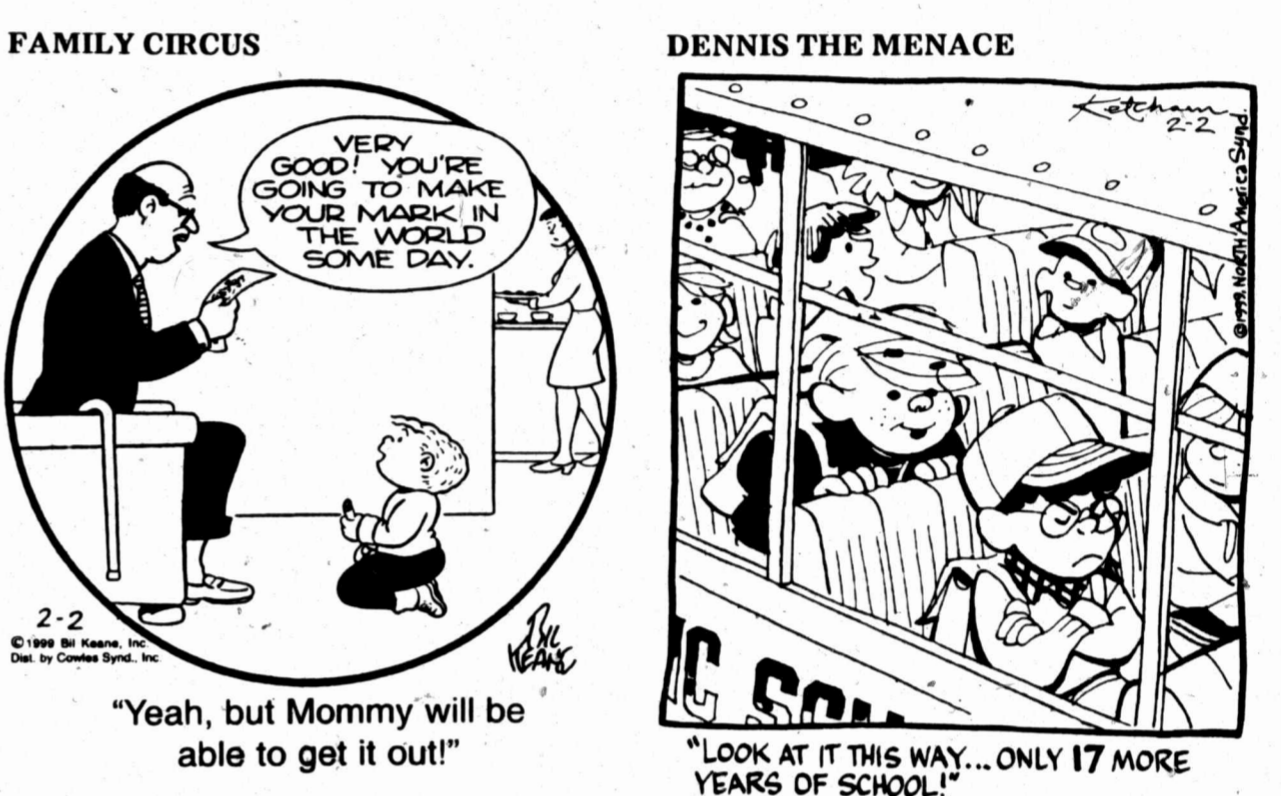
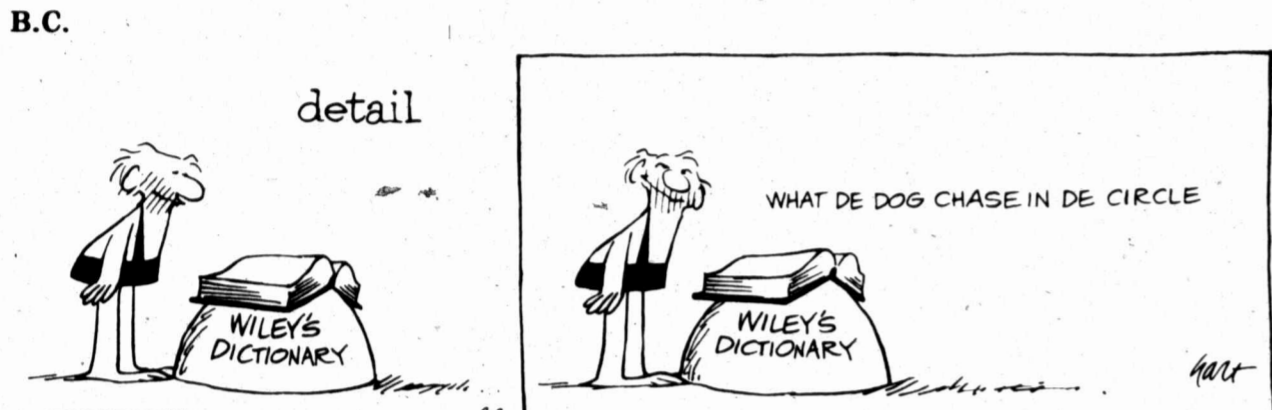
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