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Citizens academy formed to assist fire department

Big Spring Fire Department has formed a Citizens Fire Academy, and the first class of six individuals begins March 1.

The 12-week class will offer students an opportunity to ride a fire truck, wear bunker gear and fire fighting breathing apparatus, and extinguish a controlled fire.

Each weekly class is three hours long, and participants will be cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certified.

Following the completion of the course on May 17, a community invitation to participate may be extended by the department.

Class participation is limited.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ 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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Settles roof work to be paid through Poka Lambro contract

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Placing of the windows at the Settles building is almost complete and the next step in the long-term process of restoring the former hotel into a usable facility will be getting under way soon.



FUQUA

Gary Fuqua, city manager, said that patching the Settles' roof is expected to be helped along with funds generated from a \$600 a month contract with Poka Lambro PCS (Personal Communication Services), Inc.

"We've met with Friends of the Settles (FOS) and that will be the next priority, to do some type of repair to the roof," said Fuqua.

He said there are several possible solutions, ranging from patching the roof, which would eliminate most of the leaks, to

replacing the roof.

"What it cost to fix properly is \$142,000, which is out of the question," said Fuqua.

To patch the roof would cost approximately \$4,500, and that could be accomplished with the monthly payments from Poka Lambro, Fuqua said.

"The city council has said they would like to see the money put back into the building. The city may have to put some money up front to get the job done, but this ensures it will be paid back," said Fuqua.

Poka Lambro PCS of Lubbock

is a division of Tahoka-based Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and holds 21 PCS licenses in Texas and New Mexico.

To aid in the transmission of signals, Poka Lambro is locating a number of antennas in West Texas — including one atop the Settles. The four-inch by four-inch square antenna stands about seven feet tall and will be mounted on the building roof.

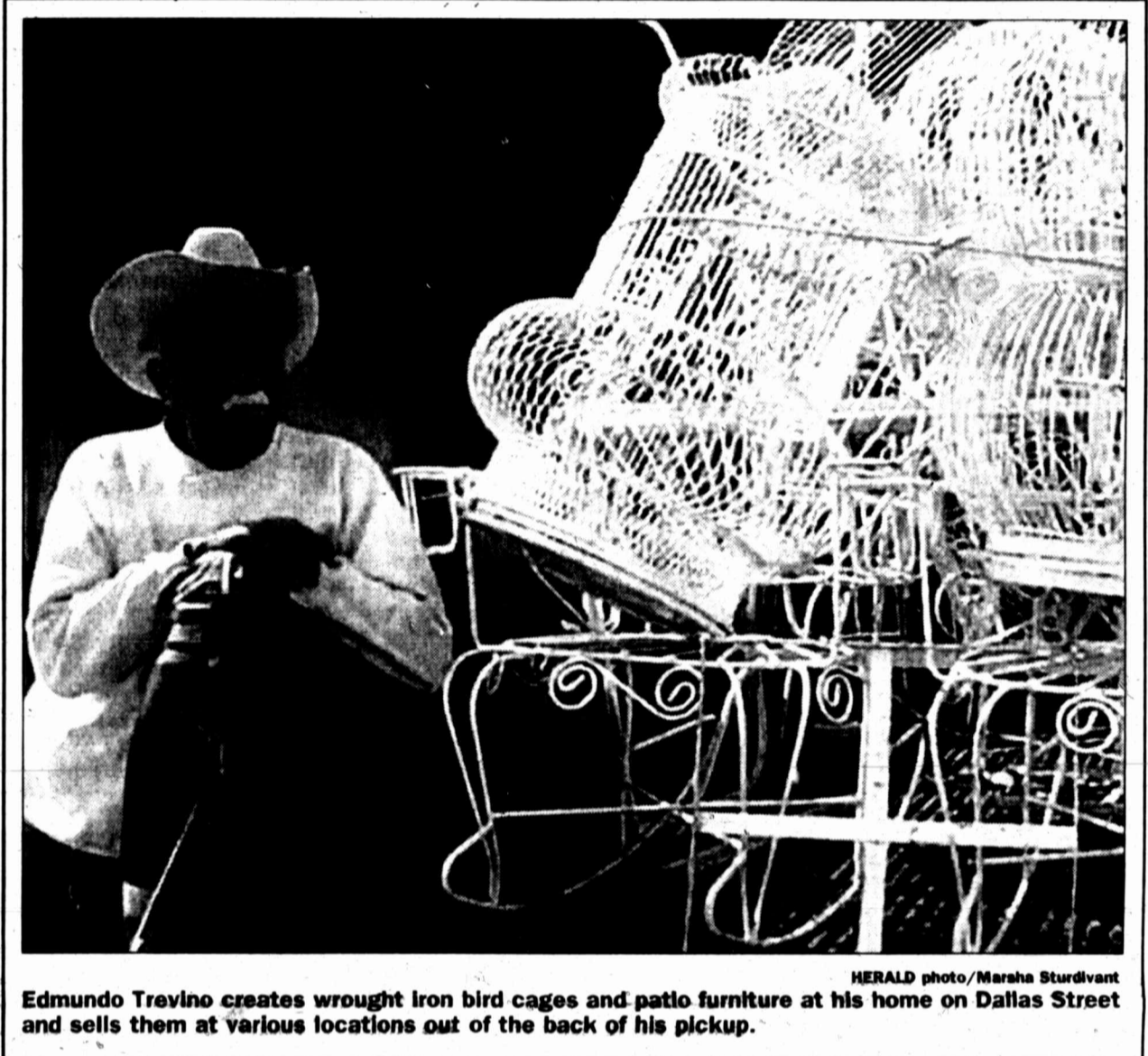
Equipment connecting to the antenna will be mounted in a room being partitioned off in

the former pharmacy on the northwest corner of the ground floor.

In addition to its current arrangement with the city, Poka Lambro officials have indicated the company would be willing to consider the building as a site for a retail outlet once logistical questions are answered.

"There are some things that would have to be addressed, such as power and water and restroom facilities," explained

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Edmundo Trevino creates wrought iron bird cages and patio furniture at his home on Dallas Street and sells them at various locations out of the back of his pickup.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Deadline nears for livestock program

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

More than 60 Howard County producers who suffered losses due to the drought have applied for help through the Livestock Assistance Program so far.

"We've had about 65 applications and I had anticipated about 100," said Rick Liles, Farm Service Agency county executive director. "But we still have until the close of business on Friday."

That's the deadline for Howard County livestock producers to take advantage of the federally-funded program. Specifically, the program provides assistance to livestock owners who suffered losses due to the drought.

Application is made by acres and the number of producer-owned animals from April 15 until Dec. 15, 1998.

"We would certainly encourage anyone who feels they may be eligible to contact our office," said Liles.

Howard County features about 325,000 acres of ranchland, most of which is dedicated to cattle. Liles estimated about 10,000 cows, each of which will have a calf at sometime. There are about 400 to 500 head of sheep in the county, he estimated.

Some \$200 million has been appropriated nationwide for the program. Just how much Howard County producers will benefit, won't be known for

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Youths charged in vandalism detained at juvenile facility

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Two youths accused of participating in the December vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial were transported Tuesday to a juvenile detention facility in Sweetwater.



LOCKHART

"They will be detained until their hearing," said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

These juveniles were two of five individuals arrested Monday and charged with spray painting gang-related graffiti on and around the M-60A tank at the memorial.

Also arrested were 19-year-old Norma Godina, 18-year-old Miguel (Mike) Losoya Jr., and 17-year-old Ishmael Rivera.

The adults were charged with felony criminal mischief more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000, and were detained on \$15,000 bond.

Losoya and Rivera remain in custody. Godina posted bond and was released, according to

the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

The 16-year-old boy and 15-year-old girl have been charged with graffiti on a public monument more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000, a state jail felony, said Margy Thompson-Bradberry, chief juvenile probation officer with Howard County.

"This is a progressive Level Four. There are five levels, the fifth being 180 days in a secured facility, usually a boot camp. So they are just one level away from spending six months locked up," Thompson-Bradberry said.

The two juveniles have been placed in Sweetwater at the Tesson Management Co., a detention facility, Thompson-Bradberry said.

Along with probation the youths are expected to receive. Thompson-Bradberry said other penalties will be assessed.

"They will receive community service, I hope lots of community service, and will have to pay restitution and write a letter of apology to the community," she said.

A court date has not yet been set, and Thompson-Bradberry said that will be arranged by

the county attorney and the county judge.

Lockhart said procedure is for the juvenile probation department to submit a recommendation to his court, which he may either accept or reject.

"If I'm not happy with it, I'll send it back. They need to be pretty tough," he said.

The youths gave no indication for a motive in their alleged part of the vandalism that marked the Vietnam Memorial M-60A tank and the concrete surrounding the monument, he

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State hospital volunteers ready to help woo true love

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Hoping to surprise your sweetheart with something special for Valentine's Day this year? Big Spring State Hospital can help.

Volunteer services at the hospital will once again deliver gifts to lucky Valentines in the community, for only \$8 each. Singing telegrams will be available for \$20 each.

Available gifts include a bean-bag toy dog with a box of candy and balloon, or a mug that contains an ivy plant and a stuffed bear. Other choices are a silver horseshoe with a box of candy and balloon, or two carnations in a bud vase. Volunteers have been working for several weeks already, assembling the gifts.

"These volunteers are so wonder-

ful, and they love it," said Kathy Johnson Higgins, director of community relations for the hospital. "We have volunteers flocking in here to do nothing but this project."

Money raised from the sale of the gifts will go towards "extra" things patients need, like clothing and personal items, and for patient parties and special events. Throughout the year, volunteer services is called on to provide special clothing, needs, transportation money and patient care items that the hospital would not normally provide.

Patients were recently treated to a pizza party, for example, courtesy of Volunteer Services.

Higgins said they are only part of a full slate of fund-raising projects, but

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Maria Brito, left, and Penny Hill assemble gifts that will be delivered for Valentine's Day as a fund-raiser for Volunteer Services at the Big Spring State Hospital. Orders are being taken now for the gifts and singing telegrams.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

OBITUARIES

B.A. Kinard

Service for B.A. Kinard, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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FOS member Tommy Churchwell, but think about how far we've come on this project.

Churchwell said that a couple of years ago, there were questions as to whether the money could be raised to replace the glass and now the group is talking with potential tenants and looking at ways to accommodate them.

"Our understanding is that Poka Lambro wants to add to the looks of the building and that they are looking at having their name placed on the windows, when they go in," Churchwell said.

"We've got a long way to go, but we've also come a long way."

Herald news editor Bill McClellan contributed to this article.

MEETING

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housing, population, transportation, community environmental issues, fire protections, physical and geographical features, solid waste, storm water drainage, subdivision rules and regulations, waste water and a comprehensive implementation of the plan.

The Community Round Table is open to the public, and anyone who might not have received a formal invitation is urged to contact the chamber to secure their reservation, she said.

"Everyone in the community is invited, and if someone cannot make the luncheon but would like to be placed on our mailing list, they just have to call us at the chamber," Newton said.

Members of the city and county are always well represented at the round table, she said, as well as Howard College and the Big Spring Independent School District.

Also, representatives from the Big Spring-Lamesa Ministerial Alliance, the Texas Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be on hand to provide reports, she said.

The Big Spring Senior Citizen organization, as well as the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program will be represented. And Moore Development For Big Spring, Fina Inc., the Big Spring State Hospital and Hispanic Women For Progress representatives are expected to attend.

"And the NAACP, as well as the presidents of all the PTAs (Parent/Teacher Associations) have been invited," Newton said.

Reservations for the luncheon, which is a pay as you go, may be made by calling the chamber at 263-7641. The meal

is \$5, and the luncheon should conclude about 1 p.m.

"We want everyone to be able to return to work on time," Newton said.

LIVESTOCK

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a while, Liles said.

"We will transmit the requests to a central location. They will total those requests and go on from there," he said. "No one can predict what the amounts will be."

Meanwhile, application for the Crops Assistance Program, which was to have begun Monday, has been put on hold temporarily," Liles said.

"Right now, we are without software and without training, but I do believe we will be able to start signing people up next Monday," he noted.

Liles is to attend a training seminar on Thursday.

"We'll know more after that," Liles said.

Liles said Tuesday that although he's not aware of any major hog producers in the county, Howard County has been approved for direct payment to hog producers.

Eligible producers will receive up to \$5 per slaughter-weight hog marketed during the last six months of 1998. Producers will be paid on up to 500 market hogs, or an equivalent number of feeder pigs. Therefore, the maximum payment will be \$2,500 per operation.

Producers are eligible if they marketed fewer than 1,000 hogs during the last six months of 1998 are are still in operation today.

Producers interested in the payments for hogs or in the crop disaster assistance program should call 267-2557.

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said.

"They didn't seem to me to have any idea in the world what the Vietnam Memorial is all about," Lockhart said.

VALENTINES

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the Valentine gifts have been a great success for the last six years.

"It's such a bargain," she said. "And it really helps the volunteer program do these special things."

A limited number of gifts are available, so volunteers urge calling now to place your order. Call volunteer services at 268-7522 or 268-7535.

Deliveries will be made Thursday and Friday, Feb. 11-12. Singing telegrams will be "delivered" on Friday morning only. Gifts that are to be delivered to local schools will be taken on Thursday.

Volunteers will blanket the city late next week, making deliveries.

Considering a marriage proposal, or need to send a personal message? Each gift and singing Valentine comes with a gift card that can include a personal message. Singing Valentines also come with a carnation.

Orders for gifts will be taken as long as the items last. Singing Valentines can be ordered through Wednesday, Feb. 10.

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 carry-out will be available. For more information, call 263-2084.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

Bright light in sky stuns watchers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A meteor that may have been as big as a Volkswagen streaked across the Western sky Tuesday morning, startling

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people from Las Vegas to San Francisco.

The mysterious light was described by one caller to a San Francisco radio station as "bright and blue and really fantastic." It was seen for about five seconds around 6 a.m.

"You'll see a few of these bright ones in your lifetime," said Jay Goguin, an astronomer at the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility in Hawaii.

"The things that reach the ground are small meteorites like grains of sand. But when they're big and bright like this, they're probably the size of a basketball or bigger ... up to (the size of) a small car, depending on how bright it was," said Goguin, who didn't see the light himself.

The blue, green or yellow light from meteors is generated when the atmosphere's gases are heated by the impact of the flying rock, pieces of which break off and get vaporized as they travel as fast as 43 miles per second.

Explosion at Ford plant slows production around U.S.

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. scrambled to bring in generators Tuesday and get its River Rouge complex back in operation after a deadly explosion halted work there and slowed production at other Ford plants around the country.

River Rouge contains a Mustang assembly plant as well as parts factories that make such things as engines, doors, hoods and glass. If production doesn't resume quickly, work will be slowed at 16 of the No. 2 automaker's 20 North America assembly plants.

The explosion at a power station Monday killed one person. Fourteen other workers remained in critical condition Tuesday. The cause of the blast was under investigation.

Many of the 10,000 workers at River Rouge awaited word on when they could return to work. Ford assembly plants in several other cities were also asked to scale back production.

River Rouge manager Art Jones wouldn't speculate on when production at the complex might resume. "I just can't tell you until we push the button and see if it works," he said.

In trying to get at least part of the complex restarted, Ford hauled in six generators at its key stamping plant and four at its engine plant.

An automotive analyst said Ford, like other automakers, has a contingency plan to get parts from outside suppliers. That could minimize the production slowdowns.

MARKETS

March cotton 60.35 cents, up 27 points; Feb. crude 12.53, up 23 points; Cash hogs steady at 27 even; cash steers steady at 60 even; Feb. lean hog futures 40.55, down 92 points; Feb. live

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,4,4
Cash 5: 5,17,29,34,39

cattle futures 63.15, up 15 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes ATT, Asarco Inc, 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.

SHERIFF

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

• JOE STEWART JACKSON, 52, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

POLICE

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

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1700 block of Marcy.

• WILLIAM JONES, 34, was arrested for a parole violation warrant.

• DANNY RODRIGUEZ, 21, was arrested for local warrants.

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported at the police station.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell and 1600 block of Birdwell.

• CHARLES ELLISON, 21, was arrested for local warrants.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 100 block of East 15th.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of East I-20.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of West Fourth. A television/VCR unit, valued at \$400, and a sound board with two speakers, valued at \$475, was

reported stolen. • THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of East 15th. A compact disc stereo, two jewelry boxes, an alarm clock, miscellaneous clothes and personal photographs, valued at \$245, was reported stolen.

• STALKING was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 60
Tuesday's low 31
Average high 58
Average low 28
Record high 81 in 1995
Record low -8 in 1985
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.03
Year to date 0.28
Normal for the year 0.65

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY

8:56 a.m. — I-20 mile marker 195, traffic accident, service refused.

9:14 a.m. — 1100 block E. 13th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:22 p.m. — 2800 block Apache, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:36 p.m. — 1100 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:50 p.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:49 p.m. — 1600 block Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:02 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:11 p.m. — 1500 block E. Sixth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:00 p.m. — 300 block North Runnels, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.

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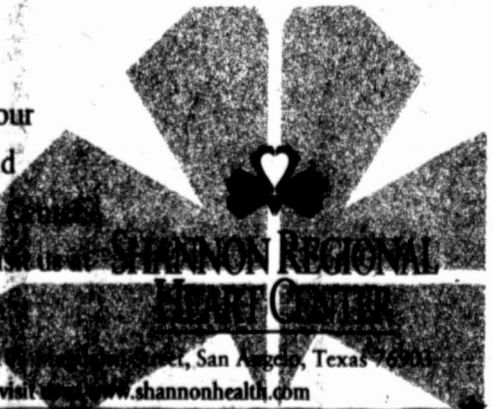
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B.A. Kinard, 82, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING AMATEUR Radio Club is sponsoring a class on "Ham Radio." If you are looking for a hobby that involves talking to people in all walks of life from all over the country, skywarn, helping the community, a great group of local hams and challenges, maybe this is for you.

Classes begin Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Ellen Phillips Realtors, 610 Main, Suite C. For more information, call club president Jose Gonzales at 263-5777 or the coordinator, Jim LeMarr at 394-4424. All it will cost is your time and the price of the book (approximately \$20).

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Oil tax break placed on fast track in Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Calling slumping prices an "emergency" for small oil producers in Texas, Gov. George W. Bush and state lawmakers are fast-tracking legislation to give them temporary tax relief.

"There's a lot of people hurting," Bush said Tuesday. "There's producers who are hurting. There are people who work for oil companies who are hurting. There are people in the service industry who are hurting badly."

The \$45 million bill would temporarily exempt small producing wells from the state severance tax.

The bill was scheduled for consideration today by a Senate committee and

could reach the full Senate early next week, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said.

Bush has designated the bill an emergency, speeding up how quickly it could become law.

"The reason this is an emergency is that it's affecting a lot of people's lives in a serious, serious way," Bush said. "It is job survival right now."

The commitment to quick action was praised by Railroad Commission Chairman Tony Garza. The commission also regulates the oil and gas industry.

"When's there trouble in the oil patch, there's trouble in Texas," Garza said. "It's a matter of survival for one

of our state's leading industries, a sector that provides jobs for Texans, revenue for essential state services and funding for public schools."

Sponsored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, the bill would exempt wells producing fewer than 15 barrels of oil a day when the price has been less than \$15 per barrel for three months.

It also would apply to natural gas production if that price falls to less than \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet on production of 90,000 cubic feet or less per day.

The current severance tax on oil is 4.6 percent of the value at the wellhead

and 7.5 percent on natural gas, according to the Railroad Commission.

Perry said continuing low prices have forced some producers to close wells.

However, the tax break would be temporary because the state comptroller is forecasting a price rebound by late summer or early autumn, he said.

"The price of oil today is hovering around \$11 a barrel. U.S. rig counts are at historic lows. And there are literally thousands of Texas jobs that have been lost. There are even more jobs jeopardized today with the dilemma we find ourselves in," Perry said.

Bush, a former oil and gas business-

man, said it will ultimately take higher prices to lift the strain on oil producers but said the tax break will help.

"I don't know whether or not the price of oil is going to remain forever at \$9 a barrel, or \$10 a barrel. I do think it makes sense to provide cost relief to make sure we don't prematurely plug wells," Bush said.

Lawmakers said the exemption will cover about 80 percent of the wells in Texas and about a third of oil output.

The legislation will be sponsored in the House by Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Congress renews efforts to curb cost of regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — New House Speaker Dennis Hastert is trying to get off to a smooth start by giving priority to bills making federal laws and rules less onerous — measures that are sure to win some Democratic support.

The House is to take up a bill Thursday to extend a 1995 law designed to ensure that the private sector, as well as state and local governments, will be better protected from federal laws that impose new rules but don't help pay for the added costs of those rules.

Next week the House is scheduled to debate a bill that waives fines for small businesses that make minor errors in filing required federal paperwork.

Another bill up for a vote in the House Small Business Committee today would make it easier for small businesses to file paperwork electronically or by phone.

The House speaker sets the legislative agenda, and Hastert, R-Ill., decided to give priorities to these bills to show that "the Republican Congress is returning to work on core issues," said Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind., sponsor of the bill waiving fines for small businesses. "It's the first of several indications that Congress is getting back to the things that people care about."

Hastert's spokesman, Pete Jeffries, said it was natural to give priority to the bills

"because they have bipartisan support and we can ring up a couple of legislative victories."

In the Senate as well, Sens. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., John Breaux, D-La., and Trent Lott, R-Miss., are backing a "regulatory right-to-know" bill that would require the White House budget office to provide Congress with annual reports on the benefits and costs of federal regulatory programs.

The three House bills all passed in similar forms last year with some Democratic support, but didn't make it through the Senate.

The White House voiced strong opposition to the two bills dealing with so-called unfunded mandates on states

and cities and the fine-waiver bill, saying they could make it harder for the federal government to legislate or monitor issues involving human health, safety and the environment.

The 1995 unfunded mandates law required analyses of the costs of new programs on both the public and private sector and allowed members to raise points of order, or parliamentary objections, to bills that don't help pay for new costs on the public sector.

The new bill, sponsored by Reps. Gary Condit, D-Calif., and Rob Portman, R-Ohio, would also give lawmakers the right to object to bills that would cost the private sector more than \$100 million in one year.

Effort against invading plants, animals expanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is directing an expansion of government efforts to combat the growing economic and environmental threat posed by the invasion of exotic foreign plants and animals.

These predatory species, such as the zebra mussel that first surfaced in the Great Lakes and the Asian long-horned beetle that attacked maple trees in Chicago and New York, have caused in many cases widespread economic and ecological harm.

Citing the growing threat from non-native species, Clinton was signing an executive order today directing agencies to "mobilize the federal government to defend against these aggressive predators and

pests."

The order creates a new inter-agency Invasive Species Council that within 18 months is to develop a broad management plan to minimize the economic, ecological and human health impacts of these species and keep them from spreading.

The president's proposed budget, sent to Congress earlier in the week, also calls for spending an additional \$29 million on combating invasive species and on research on restoring damaged ecosystems.

Exotic species — from non-native fish to various plants, bugs and shellfish — have found their way into the country in numerous ways, such as by clinging to ships, burrowing into wooden shipping crates, in food, aboard aircraft or in water

discharged from foreign freighters.

These unwanted pests "threaten to wreak major economic and environmental havoc" unless they are brought under control or kept out of the country altogether, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

Glickman along with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Commerce Secretary William Daley will chair the new council, White House officials said.

Babbitt said the costs to habitat and the economy from such invaders "are racing out of control" as the non-native species in many cases overpower native species and alter regional ecosystems.

Biologists estimate that more than 6,000 plants and animals have been introduced into the

United States from abroad by accident or misguided intentions.

In the Bay Delta area around San Francisco alone, there have been 234 non-native exotic species recorded, with a new species entering the bay every 14 days, says Linda Sheehan of the Center for Marine Conservation.

"Exotic species are wreaking havoc on our coastal ecosystems," Sheehan said.

A group of West Coast environmentalists recently petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate ballast water discharges from ships, calling such discharges "the single largest cause of exotic species invasion."

There has been no reply to the petition from the EPA.

School suspends students from extracurricular activities after beer bust

DALLAS (AP) — School officials in the affluent Highland Park neighborhood have suspended about 200 students from extracurricular activities after police raided an elaborately planned weekend beer bash.

Highland Park school Superintendent John Connolly said the district wants to show students that such behavior will not be tolerated.

"As a society we often look the other way rather than face tough issues head-on," Connolly said in announcing the disciplinary action Tuesday. "This school district will not look the other way."

The party was organized by students at Highland Park High School and held at a downtown warehouse on Saturday night.

The students had rented the warehouse for \$1,000 and chartered city buses to transport partygoers who had paid from \$35 to \$55 each to attend the beer bash, authorities said. Nearly 300 tickets were sold, and police said about 250 people ranging in age from 14 to 19 attended.

Police, acting on a tip, descended on the party about midnight and ticketed more than 150 teen-agers from the Park Cities, two wealthy enclaves north of downtown Dallas.

Anne Tasian, an 18-year-old Highland Park senior identified as a main party organizer, was arrested and charged with supplying alcohol to minors. A 34-year-old man hired as a bouncer at the party also was arrested.

Dallas Police Chief Ben Click, who recently attended a national conference on underage drinking, has ordered his investigators to find any adults responsible for the bash.

Highland Park school officials released a statement Tuesday night saying that all students involved in the party would be barred from extracurricular activities until further notice.

The statement didn't say precisely how many students were affected, but the number was believed to be about 200. District officials could not be reached to clarify the number.

Since the party was not a school-sponsored event, the school can't suspend students. Suspension from extracurricular activities was the only option.

"If this means there are not enough students to perform in an activity or play a sport, then those activities will be canceled," Principal Bob Albano said.

Immediately affected was the boys varsity basketball team, which played rival West Mesquite for first place Tuesday night without 10 of its 14 players, including four starters. West Mesquite won 32-30.

Post office ends year with \$550 million surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service had a \$550 million surplus at the end of the fiscal year, its fourth straight year in the black.

The agency's annual report released Tuesday said it handled 198 billion pieces of mail in the fiscal year that ended last September, or approximately 376,712 items per minute.

That's 41 percent of the world's mail, the post office said. The second busiest postal service, in Japan, handles 6 percent.

Total income of the post office in fiscal 1998 was just over \$60 billion, with expenses of \$59.5 billion, the report said.

The \$550 million surplus follows years in which the post office had surpluses of \$1.7 billion, \$1.5 billion and \$1.2 billion.

That income has permitted the agency to purchase costly equipment to speed the sorting and handling of the mail while reducing its long-term debt. The agency's debt now totals \$6.4 billion, down from \$9.9 billion in 1992.

The post office raised the price of sending a letter a penny, to 33 cents, on Jan. 10, citing rising costs and the need to avoid falling into the red while still struggling to pay off its past debt.

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OUR VIEWS

A chance to help: Bible class needs grow as size does

Big Spring is unique in many ways, some appreciated, some hardly noticed. One of the unique things about our community is a class at Big Spring High School — a class that studies the Bible. Because of our country's laws, this class must be funded privately, and for the most part, Big Spring has supported the effort.

But this year, more students than ever have signed up to take the class, so the need for funding is greater than ever before. This year, there are three classes meeting at different times throughout the day.

Organized and run by the Howard County Minister's Fellowship, the class meets at the high school during the school day. It uses school facilities, but the teacher's salary must be paid and all materials must be purchased without school funds.

The Rev. Lee Rushing, an independent minister in the community, is currently in his second year of teaching the class. He has added computers to the curriculum, and uses materials gained from his visits to the Holy Land to make lessons more interesting.

Although he doesn't preach to students, Rushing said the Bible's values come through. "I show that God changes people's lives," he said last summer, just before the fall semester started. "You can't look at any person in the scriptures and not know that."

If continuing this part of our children's education is important to you, consider supporting it with a donation. If teaching our high schoolers Bible history and the values found there seems like a worthy endeavor, can't you give something to help keep it going?

Several efforts have gone a long way toward funding the class, including donation drives by local Sunday school classes, bake sales and the like. But, with the largest enrollment ever, the need is also greater than ever.

Contributions can be sent to: Howard County Ministers Fellowship, c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Big Spring.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, our chapter conducted a drive for stuffed animals to be used by the Child Protective Services, the Rape Crisis/Victim Services, and the Big Spring State Hospital adolescent unit in their work with children in difficult situations. Through this drive, well over 300 stuffed animals have been collected and distributed.

Our chapter would like to thank Debbie Jensen of the Big Spring Herald, Ann of KBYG, and the Big Spring Cable TV for their help in advertising our drive and also to thank Dick Helms of Athletic Supply and Wal-Mart and its employees for allowing us to place our collection bin at their business-

es.

We would also like to thank the following known contributors for the stuffed animals: Scott Emerson, Beth Ann's, Merle Norman, Stage, Joy's Hall Mark, and H.E.B.

We also thank our chapter members and the many unknown but most generous citizens of Big Spring who also contributed.

On behalf of our chapter, the above agencies and, most important of all, the children who will receive them, our most sincere thank you.

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Emily Lyons steadily building over the ashes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — For a woman with one eye, Emily Lyons sees things quite clearly. "There is hope that they will capture Eric Robert Rudolph," she says, "though not a whole lot as long as there are people out there who think he's the best thing since white bread." She is not a bitter woman. On the contrary, Emily Lyons can laugh about dark things, crises that would test the mettle of most — major surgeries, a lost career, a lost year. She jokes of making lemonade from lemons, and gamely uses a lighted magnifying glass to read a restaurant menu, or the speaking schedule in her own datebook. She and husband Jeff even made a game of using refrigerator magnets to find the spots on her mutilated legs where nails remain embedded. She cracks wise, she copes.

But those who would defend or shelter the bombing suspect Rudolph are no laughing matter to Emily. Her face darkens, her voice changes, turns caustic, when she speaks of the bombing suspect. "I want to

see him face to face, that's all. I want him to see what he did."

Doctors plucked out Emily's mangled left eye and poured a cold goo into the socket for fusion a mold for a prosthetic. That was one of 13 surgeries she's had in the last year. Her right cornea, as well, was pitted by the bomb blast that last year rocked Birmingham's New Woman All Women Health Care, an abortion clinic where Emily was a nurse. The bomb also killed policeman and family man Robert Sanderson. Guarding the clinic was one of Sanderson's three jobs.

Emily Lyons has spent the year crawling back. She now requires four levels of lenses and a Sherlock Holmes-sized magnifier to read the largest of print. Her e-mail is flashed on a giant TV screen. She walks, but with difficulty. The scars on her legs are hideous. She is a relatively young woman, 42, suddenly saddled with infirmities of the very old.

The latest plastic surgery on her face was just before Christmas, and the results are impressive. With her long, curly hair — curls that inexplicably appeared after the blast — she looks a little like the actress Amy Irving. With its scars erased, her face is once again that of the pretty nursing student Jeff Lyons fell in love with in 1978, 16 years before

they married. (Both wed others first, then divorced; they finally married each other in 1994.)

Since last year's bombing, Jeff and Emily have become inseparable. They operate in perfect tandem, like a well-oiled ballroom dance team, like the Ginger and Fred of disaster. They speak in a close couple's shorthand, as if they've been married 50 years instead of five.

Jeff is a computer analyst, but Emily's recovery has been his main business the past year. He schedules most of her interviews and is writing a book about the ordeal. "It used to be I'd tag along on his business trips, but now he goes with me," Emily says. She lately has alternated hospital stays with speaking engagements, finding herself in great demand.

In the past year, she has testified in Washington against the gutting of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) law, which the courts have held applicable to violent anti-abortion groups. She has accepted awards from various women's and victims' rights groups and made national television appearances. This past week alone, she traveled to Atlanta, Oregon and New York, Jeff by her side.

"I have to do something," she says. Once scared silly of public speaking, she wrote her

own dramatic speech for the Oregon meeting of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. She began by asking the audience to close its eyes:

"Two weeks of your life have just passed that you know nothing about ... As you begin to come out of this deep sleep of two weeks, you realize that something is very wrong. You can't talk because there is a tube in your throat to keep you breathing. You're not eating either, but there's a tube in your nose for that ... They keep using a person's name, but it is not a name you remember. Your husband tells you that they are talking about you. Security is tight, so they have changed your name ... Someone may sneak in and finish the job of murdering you ..."

The skin grafts, bedpans, hydrotherapy — "the torture chamber where they take a high-pressure water hose and clean your burns and open wounds" — are all part of the graphic arsenal Emily uses to guide listeners through her pain to the "bigger picture."

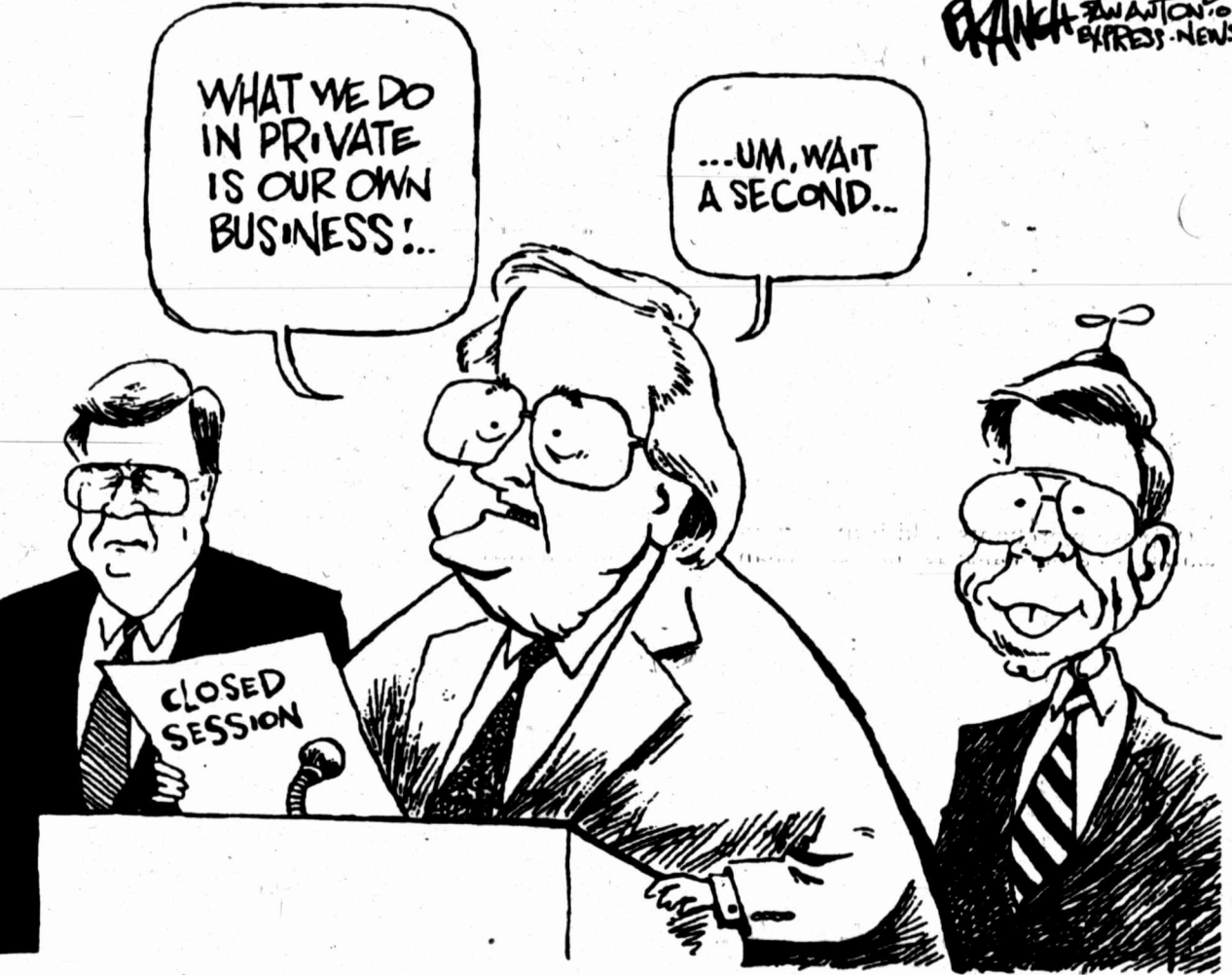
"It has been 26 years since 'Roe vs. Wade,' Emily says. "We thought that was all that would be necessary, but now we have to continually protect that right, day after day."

Survivor Emily Lyons has opened a lot of eyes in the year since she lost her own.

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The devil made Texas, so the poem goes

There is an old poem that has been researched and researched by Texas scholars for generations and still its origin is uncertain.

Some say the poem can apply to any area or state, but I don't think so.

On a recent CD released by the Gillette Brothers of Lovelady, Texas, Pip Gillette sings the poem. It's called THE DEVIL MADE TEXAS and goes like this:

O, the devil in hell they say he was chained and there for a thousand years he remained.

He neither complained nor did he groan

but decided to start up a hell of his own

where he could torment the souls of men without being shut in a prison pen.

So he asked the Lord if he had any sand left over from the making of this great land.

Well the Lord he said yes I've got plenty on hand but it's way down south on the Rio Grande.

And to tell you the truth the stuff is so poor I doubt it will do for a hell any more.

Well the devil went down and looked over the truck and said if it came as a gift he was stuck

for after he'd examined it carefully and well he decided the place was too dry for a hell.

Well the Lord just to get the stuff off of his hands he promised the devil he'd water the lands

for he had some old water that wasn't no use a regular bog hole that stunk

like the deuce.

So the grant it was made, the deed it was given, the Lord he returned to his place up in heaven.

The devil soon saw he had everything needed to start up a hell and so he proceeded.

He scattered tarantulas over the road, put thorns on the cactus and horns on the toads.

He sprinkled the sand with millions of ants so the man that sits down must wear soles on his pants.

He lengthened the horn of the Texas steer and added an inch to the jackrabbit's ear.

He put water puppies in all of the lakes and under the rocks he put rattlesnakes.

He hung thorns and brambles on all of the trees, he mixed up the dust with chiggers and fleas.

The rattlesnake bites you, the scorpion stings, the mosquito delights you by

buzzing his wings.

The heat in the summer's a hundred and ten, too cool for the devil and too hot for men

and all who remained in the climate soon bore stings, bites and scratches and blisters galore.

He quickened the buck of the bronco steed and poisoned the feet of the centipede.

The wild boar roams in the black chaparral it's a hell of a place that we've got for a hell.

He planted red peppers beside all the brooks the Mexicans use them in all that they cook.

Just dine with a Texican and you will shout I've got hell on the inside as well as the out.

Pip's singing is found on the CD "The Gillette Brothers' LONE STAR TRAIL" available at Rt. 4 Box 131, Crockett, Texas 75835, 409 636-7165.



TEXAS BEANS

DALLAS (AP) — are just natural with Texas and horns, home boots, boot-scocs and beans. Nothing fancy, just p Not kidneys, n Great Northern beans.

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BEANS

Texans share their secrets for the best beans

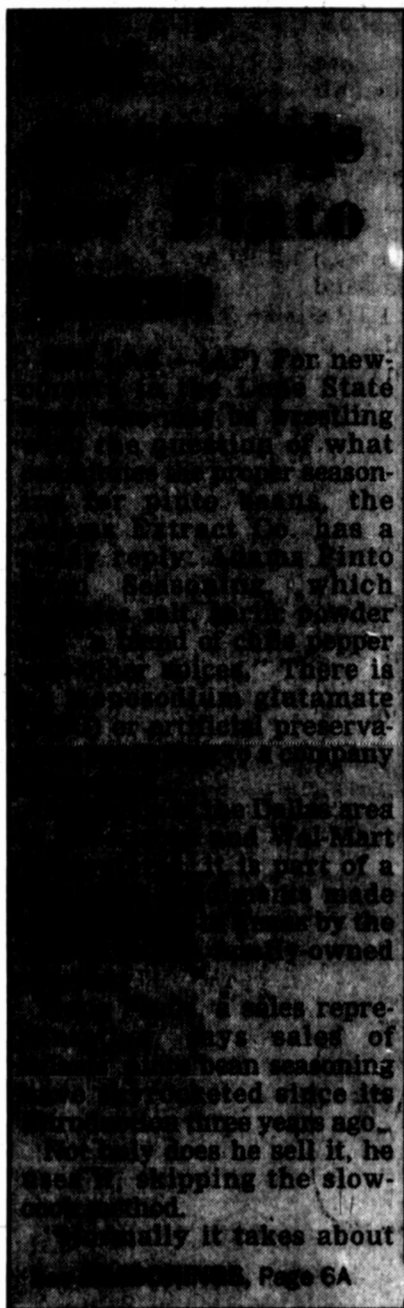
DALLAS (AP)— Some things are just naturally associated with Texas and Texans — longhorns, home on the range, boots, boot-scootin', barbecue and beans. Nothing cute, nothing fancy, just plain old pintos. Not kidneys, not navys, not Great Northerns, not black beans.

In fact, when you say "beans" to most Texans, pintos are presumed to be the legume in question.

Some time back, two readers, both men, J.B. and M.S., asked for help finding two bean-based recipes. One wanted a noncommercial blend of bean-friendly herbs and spices; the other sought information about cooking — soaking vs. not soaking, length of cooking time, what to add, when to add it. A third reader, K.B., wanted a way to cook a pot of beans that could be enjoyed without fear of, well, uh, audible gastric distress.

Readers responded with a vengeance. Suggestions came through the mail, over the Internet, from as near as Plano and Irving, from as far as Midland, Naples and Como.

One in particular, B.F., submitted detailed instructions, distinguishing along the way between "basic beans," with salt, pepper, onion and chili powder, and "Tex-Mex" beans, with garlic, oregano, ground cumin and fresh jalapenos. Both are launched with the cook's choice of ham hocks or salt pork. Unlike most submis-



sions, his does not call for pre-soaking the beans, nor does it require meat.

Incidentally, he notes in his letter, the recipe he submitted is the same one he shared with a pinto bean club. But he is quick to point out that "No good recipe is firm, it is always subject to variations and ... to the cook's whim of the moment. That's the fun of cooking — wondering how it's going to turn out this time!"

Another recipe included butter, bacon, stewed tomatoes, parsley and marjoram. E.S. says she has been cooking her version of Southwestern pintos for more than 40 years — but know up front that her recipe is a five-hour labor of love.

A friend sent Lauretta Brock's recipe for beans, but cautions that making beans is like making barbecue: real personal. She pronounced Ms. Brock's beans the best she's ever tasted.

Although there were few constants among bean fanciers, most seemed to call for the inclusion of some incarnation of pork — salt pork, bacon, ham hocks, smoked sausage or ham. Most also seemed to prefer adding salt well into the cooking process, not at the start. Salt, some said, toughens the beans and slows the cooking. Others tossed it in at the outset. One or two people use chicken stock instead of water. Some soak, some don't. Some were specific in their preference for cast-iron kettles.

All, however, admonish cooks to wash and pick over the beans carefully. Small stones capable of chipping teeth occasionally get bagged with the beans.

Curiously, there were no vegetarian submissions and no mention anywhere of cholesterol, calories or fat.

A few addressed the undesirable side effects of eating beans by offering various suggestions, from overnight soaking to par-boiling and then soaking.

"A major source of gas in the intestinal tract comes from nondigestible carbohydrates," says Dr. Scott Grundy, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "And this includes beans and legumes. Discarding the water in which dried beans are soaked before cooking may decrease gas fermentation somewhat."

So, without further ado, enjoy some reader responses to the quest for a perfect pot o' beans.

EVELYN STONE'S SOUTHWESTERN PINTO BEANS

- 2 pounds dry pinto beans, sorted and rinsed
 - 1 pound salt pork, cut into chunks, at room temperature
 - 6 garlic cloves, chopped
 - 2 teaspoons dried oregano
 - 9 pequin peppers (see note)
 - 2 teaspoons salt
- Cover beans with cold water in a large pot or Dutch oven. Bring to a full boil over medium heat.

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How to stay on the right track with your New Year's Resolutions

People of all ages made New Year's Resolutions that in some way included amending lifestyle to improve fitness and health.



DANA TARTER

If you fall into the category of getting fit and healthy in 1999 then read on for some tips to keep you on the right track.

Fitness has its own built-in rewards. A balanced, ongoing fitness program can help you feel better, look better and enjoy life more. Once you have made a commitment to changing some of those old bad habits into new good habits you must develop a plan of action.

A total fitness program combines acting fit and eating fit. Either of these factors alone is not enough. For example, some people diet but never exercise. Others exercise vigorously, but ignore good eating habits. And some try to diet and exercise but cannot seem to keep it up for very long at a time. Even the best of intentions can fail if a plan of action is not set into motion.

Research shows that thin people are usually more physically active than overweight people. So now is the time to start acting like a fit person. Find ways to fit activity into your daily

life. It isn't easy because we have cars to take us places, we sit at a desk for most of the work day, then we can be found sitting in front of the television when we get home. Some ideas for adding activity to your day include: park at the far end of the parking lot, use the stairs, walk when possible instead of driving, stand when your on the phone instead of sitting. Every bit of activity burns some calories.

Random eating can lead to overeating. And meal skipping can be hazardous to your diet and health. Ever hear the term "3 squares a day", this refers to three square meals a day, at least. Some people find that eating several small meals or snacks during the day can help keep them on the right track and eating more healthy. Whatever your plan of action is a regular eating pattern will help you control your eating and make you less likely to end up eating in binges. The same holds true for your exercise program. Plan a set time on designated days for exercise and think of these times as appointments with yourself that cannot be broken. Never push all of your activity into the weekends. Your body will be unprepared for the sudden strain, and injuries may result. The pattern you choose is up to you, but make it fit into your lifestyle so it will be easier to follow.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent - Home Economics.

Beans are the gourmet's delight and the budget's best friend

Beans belong to the food group called legumes which also include dried peas, lentils and peanuts. Combined with grains, nuts and seeds, the legume family contributes toward feeding the people of the world. Beans, nearly a perfect food, are the richest source of vegetable protein content which makes them a necessity in countries with little meat. Did you know the word "protein" comes from a Greek word meaning, "to take first place?"

Beans have been found in Bronze Age deposits in Europe dating back to 3,000 B.C. They were grown by ancient Romans, Greeks and Egyptians, and were used in rituals as offerings of food for the dead and to the powers of the after-

world. Chinese merchants sold bean relishes as far back as the 1st century A.D. Native to the New World are the kidney beans, garden and field beans. The Incas of Peru domesticated these beans and they were used extensively by the Indians of both South and North America. Beans are easily grown in poor soil and dried easily for long storage. One of the ceremonies of the Hopis is the Bean Festival. The Seneca Indians believed beans were a special gift of the Creator to man.

In 1836, the first farm crop of beans was grown in eastern New York state. The garbanzo bean, or chickpea, is a native of Southern Europe and was brought to this country by Spaniards. The soybean is the richest natural vegetable food known and the most important legume in the Far East. There are many regional bean dishes; Boston Baked Beans, Southern Black Bean Soup, Western Chili and Mexican Refried Beans, to name a few. There are French Cassoulets, Italian Bean Soups, Greek Bean Stews and Spanish Rice and

Beans. Every country has a favorite bean dish.

The bean is a gourmet's delight and the budget's best friend.

It's fun to mix up a batch of nine bean soup mix and package it with a recipe to present as a hostess gift. If you want to get real fancy, you could make a gift basket by putting the bean mix packet and recipe in a purchased "bean pot", add some rafia or a kitchen towel for filler then all a couple soup bowls, a bottle of hot sauce, package of cornbread mix, a couple of hot pads and maybe a wooden spoon.

Use your imagination to substitute your additions to the gift basket.

Nine Bean Soup Mix

Use a 1# bag of each of the following dried beans and mix together:

- Black Beans, Red Beans, Pinto Beans, Navy Beans, Great Northern Beans, Lentils, Split Peas, Black-eyed Peas and Barley Pearls.
- Divide into 10 2-cup packages for gift giving and present with recipe for Nine Bean Soup.
- Recipe:**
- 2 cups Nine Bean Soup Mix
 - 2 quarts water
 - 1 lb. ham, diced
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1 (16 oz.) can tomatoes, undrained and chopped
 - 1 (10 oz.) can Rotel Tomatoes and Green Chilies, undrained

Hot sauce to taste
Pepper to taste
Sort and wash 2 cups bean mix; place in Dutch oven or soup pot. Cover with water 2 inches above beans and soak overnight.

Drain beans; add the 2 quarts water, ham, onion, garlic and salt.

Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 1/2 hours or until beans are tender. Add remaining ingredients; simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serve piping hot with cornbread.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The best way to serve leftovers is to someone else!

Jaggers prepare for battle

LONDON (AP) — Reports say she may unleash American divorce lawyers in search of a massive payout. He still maintains they were never legally married.

Jerry Hall's woebegone expression this week during a Paris shopping spree said it all: Her divorce fight with Rolling Stone Mick Jagger, the man she lived with for 21 years and married in 1990, promises to be down and dirty.

Luciana Gimenez Morad was five months pregnant with Jagger's child.

One consolation: The public — and the British tabloids — certainly seem to be on Ms. Hall's side.

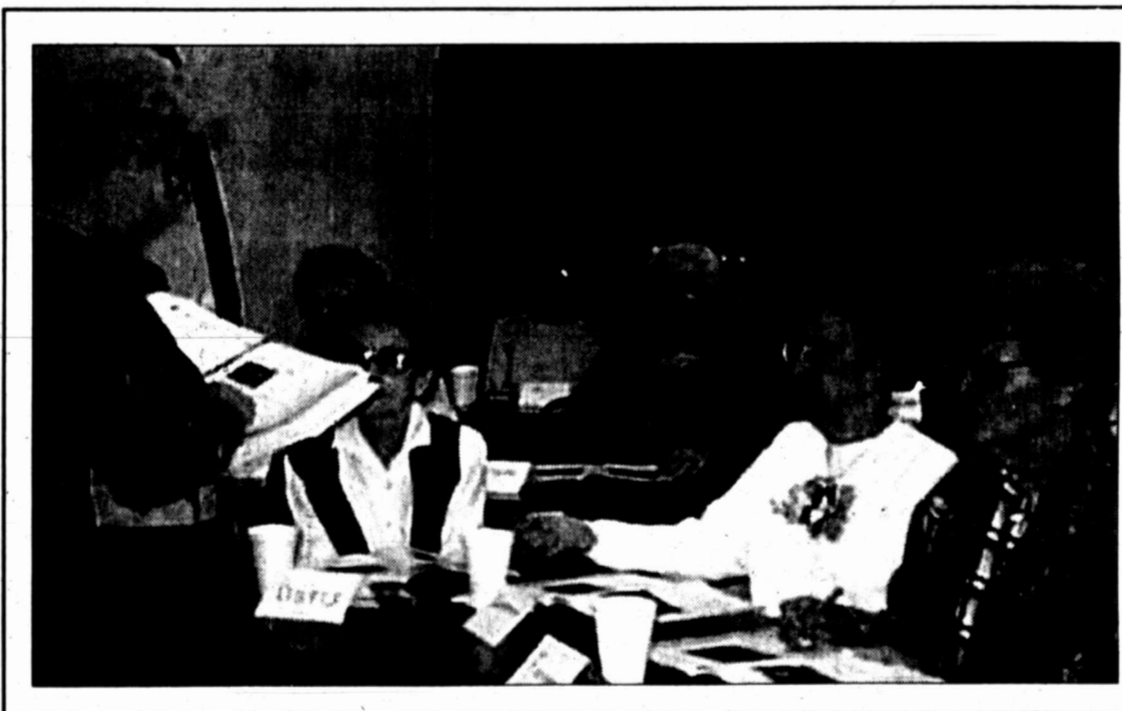
"Jumping Jack Cash and the art of being a cad, cad, cad."

The Daily Mail ran a grim and grimacing picture of the 55-year-old Jagger next to a headline posing the question, "Is this the stingiest old man in Britain?"

Gossipmongers reported this week that Ms. Hall, 42, is investigating Jagger's activities in Los Angeles, where he often has spent time at a mansion the couple owns there.



SUE HAUGH



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Mary Louise Traczyk, left, teaches a defensive driving course for seniors at the Senior Citizens Center Monday.

SLICE of life!

EAGLE SCOUT HONORS

Eric Gutierrez, 16, son of Roy and Leticia Gutierrez, earned the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Achievement in an awards ceremony Jan. 23. The ceremony was the "Voice of the Eagle."

Eric became a Boy Scout in 1994. He has been a member of Troops 401 and 379. In October, Eric's Eagle project was the planning and building of a handicapped ramp at the Vietnam Memorial. His troop sponsor is the Vietnam Memorial Committee.

Eric is the senior patrol leader in Troop 379 and is active with the Honor Guard color guard the troop started. He is also active in band at Big Spring High School.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

THE LAST WORD

Aspects are are within us, and who Seems most kingly is king.
Thomas Hardy

Those who lose dreaming are lost.
Australian Aboriginal proverb

Saddle your dreams afore you ride 'em.
Mary Webb

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BEANS

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um heat, then reduce heat to a slow simmer. Water should cover beans throughout the cooking process. If more water is needed, add boiling water. At the end of the first hour, add salt pork.

At the end of the second hour, add garlic. At the end of the third hour, add oregano and peppers. At the end of the fourth hour, add salt.

At the end of the fifth hour, eat. Makes 14 servings.

Note: Pequins are usually a summer chile; you can substitute serranos, one-to-one, as pequins are smaller but hotter. If you want to turn down the heat, use only 5 chiles.

Per serving: Cal 466 (51% fat) Fat 27 g (9.7 g sat) Fiber 16 g Chol 28 mg Sodium 800 mg Carbs 42 g Calcium 86 mg

LAURETTA BROCK'S PINTO BEANS

2 pounds dry pinto beans
1/4 to 1/2 pound salt pork, sliced thin or diced

1 large onion, chopped
1 large green papper, diced
4 cloves garlic, sliced thin
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chiles

1 (16-ounce) can tomato sauce
Soak pinto beans in water to amply cover overnight. Next morning, drain the beans. Return beans to pot. Add salt pork, onion, green pepper, garlic, chili powder, tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt pork and water to cover. Simmer covered pot very slowly, adding hot water as needed. Cook until beans are tender and juice is thick and soupy, about 5 hours. Makes 14 servings.

Per serving: Cal 364 (34% fat) Fat 14 g (4.9 g sat) Fiber 16.9 g Chol 13.9 mg Sodium 474 mg Carbs 46 g Calcium 93 mg

BETTY SLOANE'S COWPOKE BEANS

1 pound dry pinto beans
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 large clove garlic, chopped
2 cups chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 2/3 cups stewed tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon marjoram
5 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon salt

Soak beans overnight in water to amply cover. Drain. In a large cooking pot, cover beans with water. Add bacon, crushed red pepper and garlic. Bring to a boil and reduce heat.

Cook, covered, until tender, about 3 hours. Sauté onion in butter until tender. Add tomatoes, parsley, cumin, marjoram, chili powder and salt. Simmer over low heat about 45 minutes. Add tomato mixture to beans. Simmer 20 minutes more. Makes 7 servings.

Per serving: Cal 322 (20% fat) Fat 7.3 g (3.3 g sat) Fiber 17 g Chol 16 mg Sodium 615 mg Carbs 49 g Calcium 106 mg

FRANK WEBER'S CROCK POT O' PINTOS

1 pound dry pinto beans
Chicken stock
1 small onion, chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 1/2 teaspoons pure chile powder (not blended)

1/2 pound smoked ham or sausage, diced (or thick-sliced bacon, fried and diced, with 1 tablespoon of the bacon drippings added to the pot)

Salt to taste

Pick over and rinse beans several times. Put beans in a slow-cooker and cover with chicken stock. Add onion, cumin, chile powder and meat. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Add salt. Allow beans to slow-cook for 4 more hours. Makes 8 servings.

Note: For thicker beans, when beans are tender, puree about 1 cup of beans with some cooking liquid in a blender and return to the pot.

BILL FLOYD'S BASIC BEANS

1 pound dry pinto beans
2 small ham hocks
1 medium onion, coarsely chopped

2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons black pepper
1 teaspoon chile powder

Do not presoak beans. Instead, pick, sort and rinse beans. Bring a big pot of water to a boil and add beans. Return to a boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat, cover and let beans soak for 1 hour. Empty pot into a colander and discard water. Rinse beans thoroughly with cold water. (Following these steps reduces the probability of digestive distress.) Return beans to pot and cover with water. Add ham hocks. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to a low simmer. Replace liquid as needed. After 1 hour, add onion, salt, pepper and chile powder. Add more water, if needed. Cook until beans are done, about two hours. Makes 8 servings.

SANTA FE FRIJOLE

REFRITOS

4 tablespoons lard or vegetable oil
3/4 cup finely chopped onion
2 teaspoons minced garlic
3 cups well-cooked pinto beans, drained; reserve cooking liquid

2 chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, chopped (see note)

Salt to taste

Heat the oil in a large skillet and saute onion until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and saute 2 minutes. Add beans and chipotles; mash the mixture with a bean masher or the back of a large spoon, adding reserved bean cooking liquid or water until a thick paste is formed. You also can use a food processor to "mash" the beans. To do this, transfer about 3/4 of the bean mixture to a food processor and pulse until mixture is coarsely pureed. Return the mashed beans to the pot. Continue to cook, stirring, until heated through. If the beans seem too dry, add a little more cooking liquid. Add salt to taste. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Check supermarket specialty departments to see if they carry chipotles; Fiesta Marts, for example, have a substantial inventory of international foods.

Per serving: Cal 183 (30% fat) Fat 6 g (1.4 g sat) Fiber 7.9 g Trace chol Sodium 299 mg Carbs 25.4 g Calcium 51 mg

Source: "The Santa Fe School of Cooking Cookbook"

ODDS-N-ENDS

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — A convicted drug dealer who rejected a plea bargain because a psychic predicted he'd never be convicted could face a nasty future — at least 10 years in prison.

Federal prosecutors had offered Bernardo Arroyo, 26, a deal that would have resulted in a two-year prison sentence for being involved with a reputed drug ring.

He was convicted late last month of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, as well as a separate charge of distributing methamphetamine.

Arroyo rejected the deal after a psychic assured him that he would never spend a day behind bars. Arroyo then waived his right to a jury trial and placed his fate in the hands of U.S. District Court Judge Oliver W. Wanger.

For an extra \$8,000, the psychic also offered to put a curse on Assistant U.S. Attorney and the drug agents who investigated the case.

He is to be sentenced April 5.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Off-roaders are hopping mad over toads.

The U.S. Forest Service last week closed about 3,000 acres of Angeles National Forest trails, streams and a campground until 2003 to protect the endangered arroyo southwestern toad.

Off-road vehicle enthusiasts are furious.

Moser was among a group of about 40 off-roaders gathered outside the newly locked gate to the Littlerock Reservoir on Sunday to protest the Jan. 25 decision to close 17 miles of their favorite trails.

Officials say it was necessary to close the trails because off-road drivers often crush small toads, hikers injure them in shallow streambeds, noise from the Littlerock campground drowns out the toad's mating calls.

SEASONINGS

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half a day to cook pintos, so I do them in a pressure cooker," he says. "Once it pressures up to where you hear the little deal on the top, I let them sit for about 45 minutes so they can pressure down.

"Then I add the seasoning, put the lid back on and cook them for another 25 minutes. You don't even have to add meat if you don't want to."

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Tory Mitchell, Kyle Herm become part of national signing day party

Staff and wire reports



MITCHELL HERM

These are heady days for college football coaches in Texas. Not only have they slowed a decadelong exodus of the state's top high school players, but they're also reeling in some of the best recruits from other states.

That combination should make Longhorns coach Mack Brown and Aggies coach R.C. Slocum two of the happiest men in the country Wednesday when freshmen-to-be make their college choices official.

In Crossroads Country, Big Spring's Tory Mitchell was to have signed with Miami's

recruiting services rank the incoming classes for Texas and Texas A&M among the best in the country with the Longhorns topping the majority of lists.

National champion Tennessee, Miami and perennial powers Ohio State, Florida State and Notre Dame also are expected to do very well.

"Right now we have Texas No. 1 in the U.S. and Texas A&M No. 6," said Allen Wallace of Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep magazine. "Mack Brown has clearly made a statement. He's awakening a sleeping giant."

"I think R.C. Slocum saw this as a serious challenge and he

stepped it up. He appropriately reacted to a change in circumstances with his major rival and they shouldn't be underestimated."

The Longhorns and Aggies wowed everyone this year by soaking up most of the state's best players and using their remaining scholarships on elite guys from other states.

Texas has USA Today's offensive and defensive high school players of the year in quarterback Chris Simms of Ramapo (N.J.) High and linebacker Cory Redding of Galena Park North Shore, plus three stars from Colorado. Simms initially committed to Tennessee before

switching shades of orange and picking Austin.

A&M is bringing in four of the state's most highly sought recruits in Bryan defensive lineman Ty Warren, Cy Falls linebacker Jason Frederick, Brownwood quarterback Colby Freeman and defensive back Sam Davis. The Aggies also are adding three California gems and two from Louisiana.

"They cherry-picked some players from out of state who they really wanted and targeted. That's what pushes them into the nation's elite," Burton said, noting that in past years programs such as Michigan and Florida State have used Texas

talent as the icing on their classes.

According to Wallace's count, four of the top eight Texas recruits will become Aggies and two will be Longhorns.

Of the consensus top 30 players, an overwhelming majority choosing are going to Texas colleges — quite a change from the years when more than half fled the state.

"Notre Dame, Tennessee and Kansas State are the only teams that came to Texas and went away with more than one very talented player," Burton said. "Usually Michigan, Florida State, Oklahoma and other schools do that, too."

IN BRIEF

Coahoma cagers take pair from Seagraves

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Bulldogs took a pair of big wins from Seagraves here Tuesday night.

In the girls game, Coahoma improved to 19-8 overall and 7-1 in district play, clinching a playoff berth with a 73-44 win. Jayci Roberts led Coahoma with 18 points, while Kortney Kemper and Suzanna Wood each had 10 points.

In the boys game, the Bulldogs won 63-47, improving to 18-8 overall and 4-4 in district.

The win sets up a big game on the road at Plains Friday.

Blake Nichols had 26 and Ryan Peckham 12 for Coahoma.

G-City sweeps Roscoe

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's No. 23-ranked Lady Bearkats ripped Roscoe 56-29, while the Bearkats completed the swep with a 58-47 win in the nightcap.

Now 21-2 overall, the Lady 'Kats were paced by J'Layne Niehues with 17 while Kynda Batla added 14 and Stormi Chandler 13.

In the boys game, Chris Bryan had 16 and David Stone 11 as the Bearkats improved to 12-11 overall.

Garden City returns to District 4-4A play against Irion County in Mertzon on Friday.

Grady splits pair of games

LENORAH — Grady's No. 4-ranked Lady Wildcats clinched a state playoff berth here Tuesday night with a 68-30 win over Westbrook while the Wildcats dropped a 59-42 decision.

Now 24-2 overall and 7-1 in District 18-A, the Lady Wildcats jumped to a 23-2 first quarter lead and coasted.

Katie Yates led Grady with 27 points, including three 3-pointers, while Rebecca Robles and Ballie Greenshaw had 15 points each.

In the boys game, Grady managed just 15 second half points in falling to 14-12 overall and 2-5 in district play.

Frankie Garza led Grady with 14 points, while Jim Bob Hagerman had 13.

Goliad wins one of four

GOLIAD'S Lady Mavericks A team was the only winner against Snyder on Monday, taking a 36-28 win.

Leina Braxton led the way for the Lady Mavs with 19 points, while Kim Green added eight and Whitney Hufford seven. Lindsay Phillips chipped in two points.

In girls B play, Snyder won 38-21 despite Karissa Magers' 14 points.

Snyder also swept both boys games — 44-25 over the White team and 46-38 over the Black.

Clayton Wigington led the Whites with eight points, while Wesley Smith had 13 to pace the Black team.

ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- Men**
6 p.m. — Miami at St. John's, ESPN.
7 p.m. — Texas A&M at Texas, Fox Southwest.
7 p.m. — Wake Forest at Virginia, ESPN2.
8 p.m. — Maryland at Duke, ESPN.
NHL
7:30 p.m. — Chicago at Anaheim, ESPN2.

Forsan's Queens snap losing skid

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

FORSAN — Forsan's Buffalo Queens snapped a 13-game losing streak while winning their first District 2-2A game of the year here Tuesday night, 51-48 over Sonora.

Forsan got 17 each from Jancy Crow and Melanie Crouch — including three crucial three-point shots by Crouch — as the Queens battled the taller Lady Broncos before a sparse crowd.

Forsan jumped to an early 5-0 lead behind a short jumper off the left base line by Crouch, a free throw by Crow and a jumper from the free throw line by Tiffany Sayles — and led throughout the first half.

In fact, when Tonnie Loera laid the ball in after stealing it underneath the Sonora basket, the 7-0 run put together by the Queens gave them a 17-10 lead with 1:29 left in the half.

But Sonora, which had played tentatively in the first half, turned the pressure up a notch on the Queens at the start of the second half and turned a 9-0 run into a 21-17 lead with 5:55 left in the third period.

That was the first lead change of the game — but it wouldn't be the last.

Crouch's first three-pointer of the night pulled Forsan to within one, 23-22 with 4:35 left in the third period, while her second trey staked the Queens to a 25-23 lead with 2:34 on the clock.

The score was then tied at 25-25 and 27-27 before Stacy Fox connected on both ends of a one-and-one to put Sonora up, 31-30, with 15 seconds left in the period.

Leslie Patterson came back to hit the second of two charity tosses for Forsan to tie the score at 31-31 with five seconds left in the period.

Sonora quickly went up by three in the final period before a turnaround jumper by Crow pulled Forsan to within one. Kira Marshall then hit a three after a Forsan turnover to put the Lady Broncos up 37-33 with 4:59 left in the game.

On the next trip up the court, Crouch hit her third three-pointer of the night to pull Forsan within one, 37-36, but three free throws gave Sonora another four-point lead, 40-36.

Crow completed a three-point play when she scored off a backdoor shot, then connected on the free throw with 4:01 left but it wasn't until she scored an inside basket following a Sonora turnover that Forsan took the lead back, 42-41.

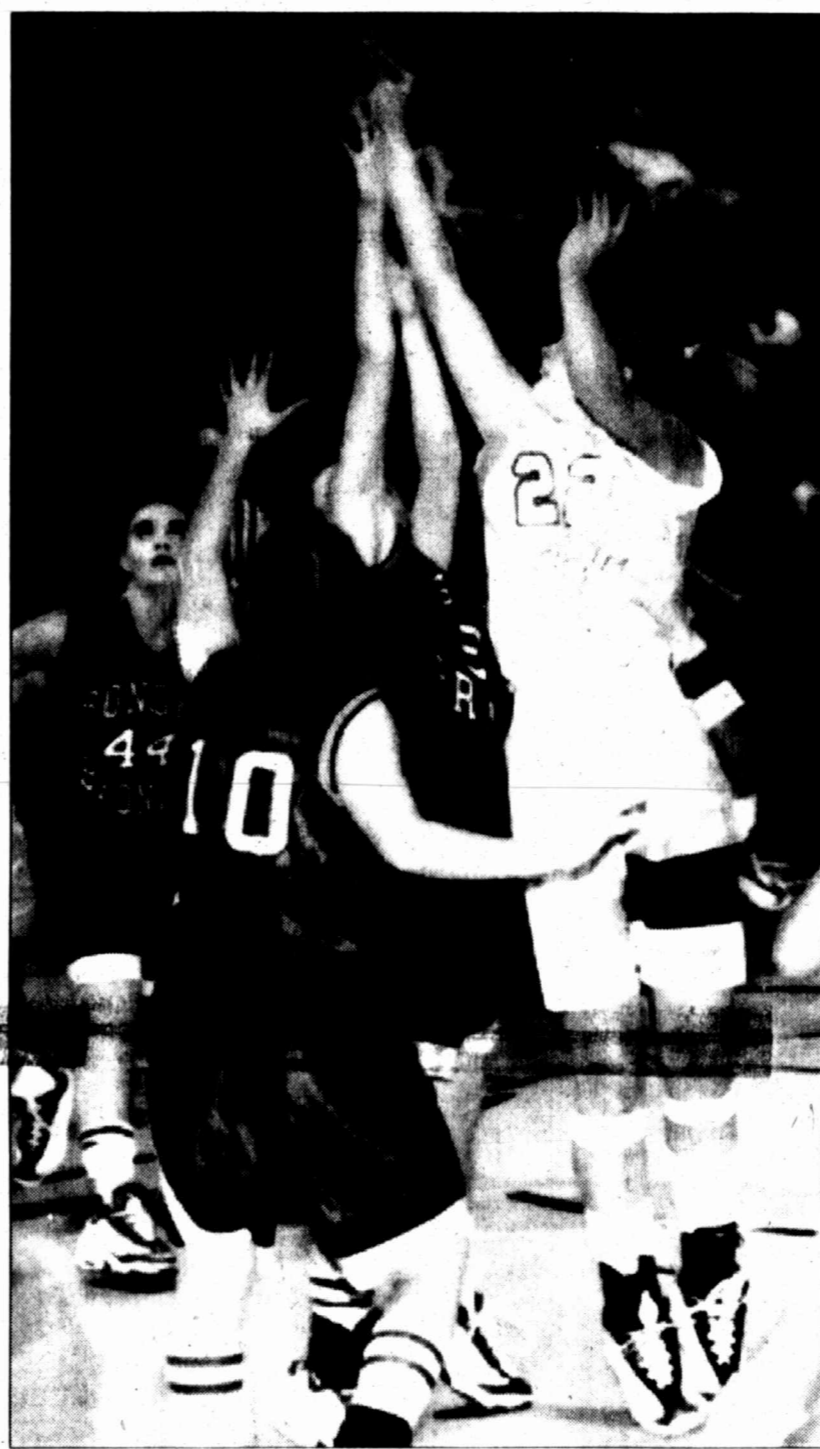
Fox gave Sonora the lead, 43-42, on a short jumper with 3:16 left in the game only to have Crow tie the score at 43-43 when she made the first of two free throws with 3:04 left.

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The Howard College Lady Hawks and Hawks delivered a 1-2 punch in WJCAC action this past week downing Clarendon College on Thursday and then making a 580 mile round trip to Borger to snuff out the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen and Plainsmen.

The Lady Bulldogs were simply no match for the #11 Nationally ranked Lady Hawks as they suffered a lopsided 84-48 loss to the Howard women. The Lady Hawks continued their quest toward a conference crown as they traveled to Frank Phillips and came away with a convincing 73-43 victory. The Lady Hawks season record



Forsan's Jancy Crow goes up for a shot while Sonora's Cindy Jones (44), Kyla Eaton (22) and Sara Ball (10) defend. Crow finished with 17 points as Forsan won its first district game of the year, 51-48.

Forsan then scored back-to-back baskets — by Jessica Hogg and Loera — against full-court pressure to go up four at 47-43 with 2:14 left.

Still, Sonora battled back to take the lead by one, 48-47, when Jones hit a pair of free throws with 49 seconds left. Crow responded for Forsan, though, making a pair of pressure shots with 28 seconds left.

In the boys game, Sonora took a 64-45 win behind a swarming defense that had 16 steals and forced 27 turnovers.

Daniel Whetsel led Forsan with 14 points, followed by Stanley's 13.

GIRLS GAME

FORSAN 51, SONORA 48

Sonora — Marshall 1 1 4 4; Fox 1 4 4 6; Mireles 3 3 4 9; Bell 1 0 0 2; Eaton 2 2 4 6; Jones 6 9 10 21; Ward 0 0 0 0. TOTALS 14 19 26 48.

Forsan — Loera 2 3 6 7; Burt 0 0 4 0; Crow 5 7 12 17; Crouch 5 4 5 17; Wallace 0 0 0 0; Alexander 0 0 1 0; Sayles 1 0 0 2; Hogg

3 2 7 8; Patterson 0 0 2 0. TOTALS 16 16 21 51.

Score by quarters:
Sonora 6 6 19 17 — 48
Forsan 10 7 14 20 — 51

3-point goals — Forsan 3 (Crouch), Sonora 1 (Marshall). Total fouls — Sonora 29, Forsan 20. Fouled out — Sonora (Jones). Rebounds — Sonora 30, Forsan 26. Turnovers — Sonora 24, Forsan 23. Steals — Sonora 3, Forsan 8. Points off turnovers — Sonora 7, Forsan 10.

BOYS GAME

SONORA 64, FORSAN 45

Sonora — Renfro 0 2 6 2; Ramos 8 4 5 20; Williams 0 3 4 3; Luna 5 2 4 15; Perez 1 6 6 8; Gonzales 0 0 0 0; Crain 3 1 2 7; Elliott 0 0 0 0; Dempsey 1 4 4 6; Majer 1 1 1 3. TOTALS 19 23 32 64.

Forsan — Smith 1 0 0 2; Osburn 1 4 8 6; Marino 0 0 2 0; Riess 0 2 2 2; Stanley 6 1 2 13; Anderson 0 1 2 1; White 1 0 0 2; Roman 0 0 0 0; Everett 1 0 0 2; Park 1 0 0 3; Drummond 0 0 0 0; Whetsel 4 6 8 14. TOTALS 15 14 24 45.

Score by quarters:

Sonora 12 21 18 13 — 64

Forsan 10 12 14 9 — 45

Three-point goals — Sonora 3 (Luna), Forsan 1 (Park). Total fouls — Sonora 19, Forsan 25. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Sonora 30, Forsan 32. Turnovers — Sonora 14, Forsan 27. Steals — Sonora 16, Forsan 4. Blocks — Sonora 3, Forsan 1. Points off turnovers — Sonora 15, Forsan 4.

Stanton sweeps Tahoka in 2A play

By STEVE REAGAN

Herald Correspondent

STANTON — Kyle Herm and Chad Smith ruined a perfectly good nail-biter Tuesday night.

With the Stanton Buffaloes clinging to a one-point lead with less than three minutes remaining in their game with Tahoka Tuesday, Herm and Smith decided to put an end to the suspense, combining for nine points down the stretch as the Buffs claimed a 60-50 victory over the Bulldogs.

The victory sealed a playoff spot for the 19th-ranked Buffaloes, who improved to 10-4 overall and 7-1 in district play. With two games left in the regular season, the worst Stanton can finish is tied for first place.

Tuesday's result was a far cry from the finish of the last meeting between the two teams, which ended with a 60-44 Tahoka victory. Opinions differed as to the major difference this time around.

The game resembled a tennis match, with momentum bouncing back and forth between the two teams. Neither team claimed big leads through the first three quarters — Tahoka led by as much as 7 points early in the second quarter, while Stanton's biggest advantage was a mere four points.

And when the teams ended the third quarter deadlocked at 38 each, it seemed that whoever had the ball last would be the winner.

But Herm and Smith put the brakes on that thinking with about 2:30 remaining.

With the Buffs up 45-44, Herm went to work, first connecting on a jumper, then dishing off to Justin Cobb for another basket and a 49-44 lead with 2:17 left. But he saved his biggest dagger for 30 seconds later, when his three-pointer from the left side of the court pushed Stanton's edge to six points and brought the packed crowd to its feet.

From there, Smith put the

icing on the cake, scoring on consecutive trips down the floor to seal the victory.

Tahoka was led by all-region player Brad Pebsworth, who scored 17 points but was constantly shadowed by defender Austin Kelly.

In the girls game, Stanton's Lady Buffaloes didn't need any late fireworks to win their game with Tahoka. Instead, they decided to settle matters quickly.

The Lady Buffs clamped down on Tahoka from the start, allowing only one point through the first quarter en route to a 60-35 shellacking of the Lady Bulldogs.

The win also cemented a playoff spot for Stanton, which improved to 15-8 overall and 6-2 in district play.

Julie Adams scored 18 points and Jonna Moore added 13 for the Lady Buffs.

BOYS GAME

STANTON 60, TAHOKA 50

Tahoka (50) — Brady Raird 1 0 0 4; Sedrick Williams 8 0 0 19; Matt Chancy 3 0 0 6; Brad Pebsworth 7 1 3 17; Shaun Williams 1 0 2 2; Jordan Satchel 1 0 0 2; totals 22 1 5 50.

Stanton (60) — Jeremy Smith 1 0 0 2; Kyle Herm 5 2 2 15; Justin Cobb 5 0 0 10; Austin Kelly 2 4 4 8; Jeremy Hull 3 2 2 4; Brady Cook 1 0 0 2; Chad Smith 9 1 2 19; totals 24 9 10 60.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Tahoka 18 10 10 12 — 50

Stanton 15 15 8 22 — 60

Three-point goals — Tahoka 5 (Se. Williams 3, Pebsworth 2), Stanton 3 (Herm 3). Total fouls — Tahoka 14, Stanton 11. Fouled out — none. JV game — Stanton 89, Tahoka 45.

GIRLS GAME

STANTON 60, TAHOKA 35

Tahoka (35) — Kelli Whitley 1 0 0 2; Leslie Gandy 1 0 0 3; Tany DeLeon 0 1 4 1; Courtney Stennett 2 4 8 8; Kollissa Keelin 0 1 2 1; Chelsea White 3 0 0 6; Jana Eudy 1 0 0 2; Cassidy Andrews 3 1 7 7; Amanda Fuentes 1 4 4 6; totals 12 11 25 35.

Stanton (60) — Brandy Alfred 1 0 0 2; Rachel Madison 2 0 2 4; Rannie Hull 3 0 0 9; Julie Adams 8 2 4 18; Stephanie Washington 2 0 0 4; Jessica DeLeon 2 2 2 6; Jonna Moore 5 0 2 13; totals 24 4 10 60.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Tahoka 1 10 17 7 — 35

Stanton 12 12 15 21 — 60

Three-point goals — Tahoka 1 (Gandy), Stanton 6 (Hull 3, Moore 3). Total fouls — Tahoka 12, Stanton 19. Fouled out — Washington; JV score — Stanton 50, Tahoka 35.

Andrews takes pair from BSHS

HERALD Correspondent

ANDREWS — After swapping leads six times in the first half, Andrews put their offensive machine into overdrive Tuesday night and blew open a nip-and-tuck ballgame in the fourth quarter outscoring Big Spring's Steers 26-14 for a 73-55 win.

The Mustangs shellshocked the visiting Steers, hitting nine field goals and traveling to the free throw line 7 times in the fourth quarter.

The Steers drop to 8-18 overall and 2-3 in district action. The

Mustangs improve to 7-19 and 3-2 in District 5-4A.

Chello Williams led the Steers with 18 points, followed by Jason Walker with 12.

Senior Andy Hall led the pack for Big Spring with eight rebounds, and Cowley grabbed six.

Andrews Lady Mustangs led 16-10 at the end of the first period and were never seriously threatened by the Lady Steers (5-22, 1-6) as they cruised to a 64-50 victory.

Melissa Forth led Big Spring with 16 while Melissa Flenniken had 12.

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER, HC SID

improves to 21-2 and a conference record of 6-1 to close out the first half of WJCAC play. Round two will crank up Thursday as they travel to Odessa to battle the 13-7 (2-5) Lady Wranglers, gametime is at 6 p.m. Be there or catch all the play by play action with Bob Bell on KBYG 1400 AM.

The Howard men cagers

remain alone, atop the conference standings with a perfect 7-0 record. The Hawks first blasted the Clarendon Bulldogs 79-61 and then continued their winning ways dunking (with force) the Frank Phillips Plainsmen 97-66 on Monday. Not since the 1991 banner year when the Howard Hawks went 32-2 and held a #1 National ranking,



have they ever again possessed such team dominance as they do now. The Hawks 17-5 (7-0) in WJCAC play will look to wrap up the Wranglers 11-11 (3-4) on Thursday. You can listen to the action with Steve Samuels on KBST 1490 AM. Both the Lady Hawks and Hawks return to the friendly confines of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Monday as the Lady Hawks host the 14-8 (3-4) Western College Lady Westerner at 6 p.m. and the Hawks host the 8-15 (2-5) New Mexico Military Institute Broncos at 8 p.m. Be a part of the crowd and watch some exciting basketball action. Howard College will continue

its salute to public schools Monday, featuring the Lady Independent School District.

Sports, sports and more sports. It's happening, the Howard Baseball team begin their spring season this weekend as Coach Brian Roper's squad travels to Brenham to participate in the Blinn College Tournament. In addition the Howard College Lady Hawk Softball season will officially kickoff this weekend as well, traveling to Fort Worth to face Texas Wesleyan University on Saturday. Call the HC sports hotline at 264-5169 for all of the latest in scores and highlights.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
THURSDAY, FEB. 4:**
Moneymaking opportunities
fall into your lap this year; dis-
cern which ones are workable.
Others respond to your charm.
You can increase your income
through your talents, artistic
ability and people skills. You
come up with wonderful ideas;
implementing them takes
anchoring, however. If you are
single, you are likely to meet
someone very special whom
you put on a pedestal. If
attached, share more of your
dreams with your significant
other. You find the exchange of
ideas rewarding and beneficial
to the relationship. Libra helps
you see the big picture.

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)
You might be directed by a
dream or important morning
conversation. Visualize what
you want. Allow creativity to
play a greater role in your
decision-making process. A partner
seems too good to be true. This
is more than possible! Tonight:
Defer to others. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll accomplish much, as
long as you stay reality-based.
Don't buy into another's pipe
dreams. Your sense of direction
and anchoring make all the dif-
ference. Communicate with
others. Don't let anything fall
by the wayside. Efficiency
counts. Tonight: Off to the
gym. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Remain detached. You can
easily tumble into the world of
dreams. You might have a dif-
ficult time working on a practi-
cal basis. Recognize where your
head is, so you can deal with
work in a more positive man-
ner. Take an important step
while you're feeling lucky.
Tonight: Flirt and laugh. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
A partner keeps saying the
same thing over and over. You
could be having a hard time
understanding what another
wants. Build stronger founda-
tions in your personal life, as
well as in a key relationship.
Talk about long-term desires,
then take steps to make them
happen. Tonight: Home is
where your heart is. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Express feelings and don't
hold back. Your point of view
is welcomed. Partners verbalize
more clearly. You find others
responsive to your inquiries.
Roll with another's ingenious
idea. Options appear. Keep talk-
ing. Tonight: Do errands on the

way home. *****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Check out a work opportuni-
ty. Your vision of what is possi-
ble professionally can happen.
Be careful of how much you
invest. Co-workers support you,
even if they flood you with dif-
ferent ideas. They are running
with your ingenuity. Tonight:
Do some shopping. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Share your ideas. A relation-
ship does much to stimulate
your creativity. Talk and brain-
storm with others. Your view
of a loved one could be quite
idealistic. Your personality
melts others' resistance. Work
on your listening skills.
Tonight: Your smile works
wonders. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You might need to do some
thinking. Take a walk, mul-
over ideas. A loved one expres-
ses his caring by being there for
you. Don't take anything for
granted, nor leave any words
unsaid. Communicate direct-
ly on a one-to-one level.
Tonight: Do your own thing. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A discussion carried over
from late yesterday is benefi-
cial. Concentrate on one item
at a time. You could get side-
tracked. Daydreaming seems
inevitable. Try to harness an
imaginative streak and anchor
it in your life. Tonight: Join
friends. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Accepting responsibility does-
n't mean overspending. Be very
careful of any expenses you
agree to. You could find this
the beginning of an endless tap.
Discuss an investment, but
draw the line at risking your
personal security. Tonight:
Others respect your ideas. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Take the high road. Don't get
mired in petty details. You
have many good ideas; let them
happen. Don't hold back.
Creativity is high. Express
your imagination and ingenu-
ity. Let a daydream occur, but
don't make decisions just yet.
Tonight: Brainstorm with a
pal. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Close relating draws out
many of your fears and dreams.
Talk about these strong feelings
with a beloved partner or
friend. They need to under-
stand in order to honor your
sensitivities. Intuition is right
on; follow through on a great
idea. Check out an investment.
Tonight: Heating up the
night. *****

Son accepts gay dad's gift
but not his longtime lover

DEAR ABBY: Eight years
ago, I came out of the closet. I
had been married for 18 years
and had two children — a son,
15, and a daughter, 17. At the
time, I decided that for 40 years
I had lived my life, or everyone
else, and it
was time to
live my life
for myself.



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I have had
a lover for
seven years.
We have a
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ship. At the
time I "came
out," my fam-
ily disowned
me, and we
have not talked since. My son,
on the other hand, kept in
touch. He and his fiancée have
visited my lover and me sever-
al times, and we have enjoyed a
good relationship over the
years. During that time, my
lover and I have been very gen-
erous to my son with birthday
and Christmas gifts, and even
bought him a new car. When
he and his fiancée visited us on
several occasions, we all got
along well. They met our gay
friends and socialized with us.

Last week, my son called to
say they were sending out wed-
ding invitations. I am welcome,
but my lover is not. I explained
to him that we are just as much
a couple as my brother and his
wife, or my sister and her hus-
band. He told me that he did

not want his friends to know he
had a gay father, and therefore,
my lover would not be allowed
to attend.

I told him that if my lover
could not attend, then I would
not attend. If he cannot accept
us openly, and if he's ashamed
of our relationship, then I real-
ly do not want any further
contact with him.

We are very hurt. For the last
eight years he appeared to
accept our relationship, espe-
cially when it came to gifts and
several free trips for him and
his fiancée to visit us.

Abby, am I wrong? I'll be
interested in your comments.
— SAD IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR SAD: You are NOT
wrong. Being gay (or straight)
is not a matter of choice.
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belong in the dark ages. I hate
to see you break your last
remaining tie with your family,
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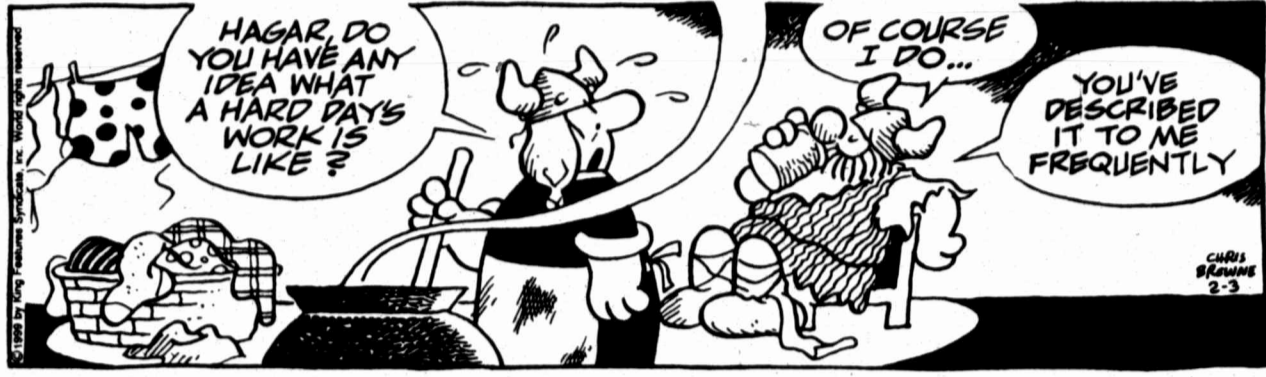
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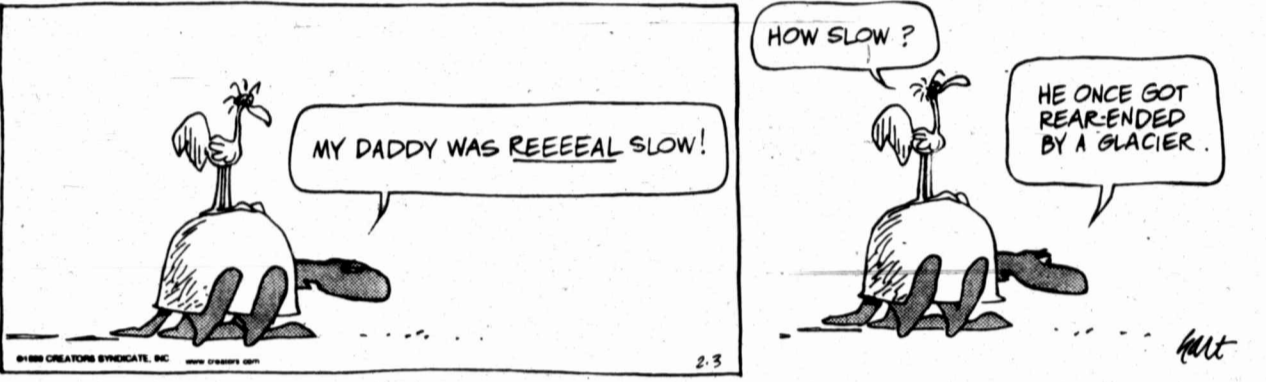
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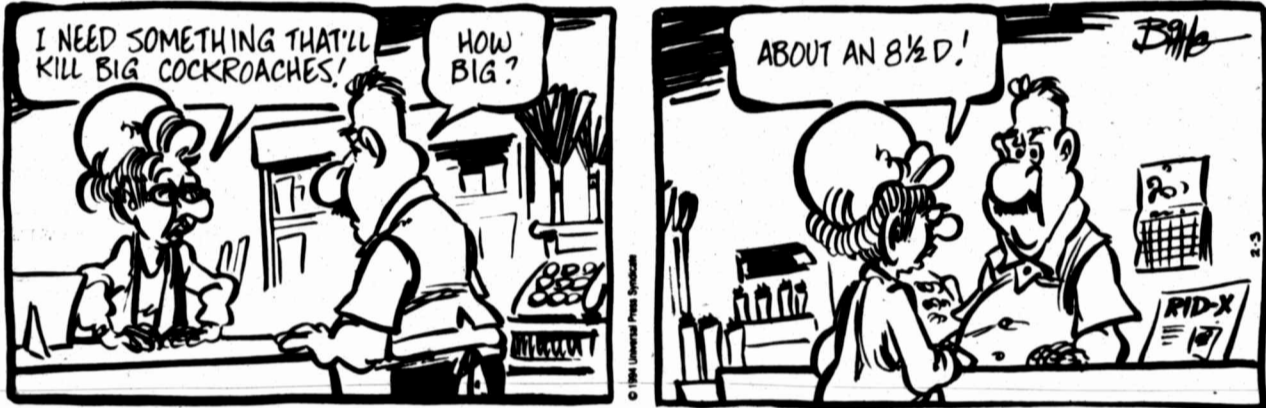
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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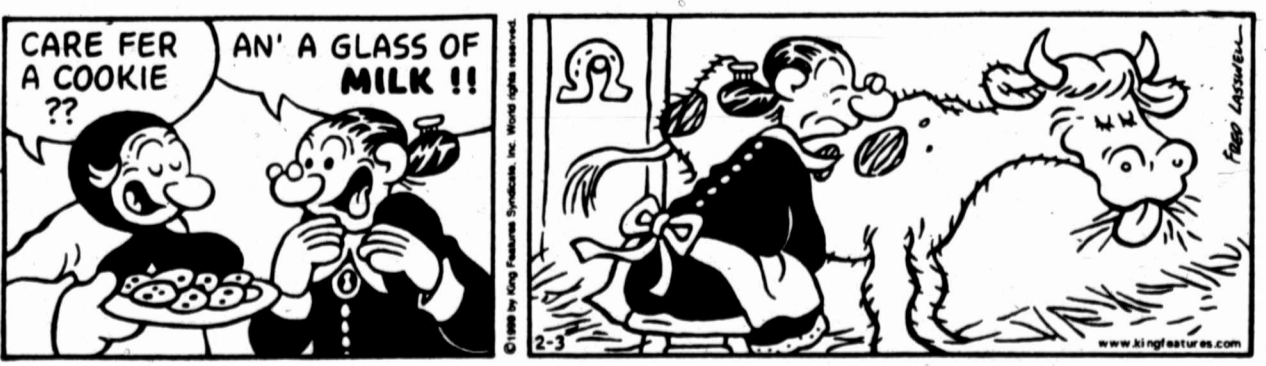
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formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America. In 1801, John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States. In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America. In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid. In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway. In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence. In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta. In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon - now Sri Lanka - became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth. In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army. In 1983, singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32. In 1987, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs, Calif., home at age 67. In 1997, a civil jury in Santa Monica, Calif., found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. Ten years ago: Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze wrapped up four days of high-level talks in China, the first visit by a Soviet foreign minister in three decades. Five years ago: The Federal Reserve increased interest rates for the first time in five years in a surprise announcement that triggered a huge sell-off on Wall Street; the Fed said the move was designed to head off any recurrence of high inflation. One year ago: An estimated 5,000 people were killed when an earthquake hit northeast Afghanistan with a magnitude of 6.1. Today's Birthdays: Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is 86. Feminist author Betty Friedan is 78. Actor Conrad Bain is 76. Actor Gary Conway is 63. Former Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., is 61. Movie director George Romero ("Night of the Living Dead") is 59. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 55. Comedian David Brenner is 54. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 52. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 51. Actor Michael Beck is 50. Actress Pamela Franklin is 49. Actress Lisa Eichorn is 47.

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