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Tonight:



TONIGHT **WEDNESDAY**
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Hale reception slated Thursday

Bill Hale, recently named as Abilene District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, will be in Big Spring Thursday afternoon to attend a chamber of commerce reception in his honor.

The reception will begin at 4 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We would like to encourage everyone to come out and give Mr. Hale a warm, Big Spring and Howard County welcome," said chamber president Chuck Williams.

Hale fills a position left vacant when Maribel Chavez was transferred to El Paso.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

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

THURSDAY

□ Gileons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library. Call Loraine Redman at 264-2260.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

□ Big Spring Newcomers Club, contact Pat Mireles for time and location, 267-8741.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4).

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Colder air on the way, but it's not expected to stay very long

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Don't blink: Colder weather is on its way back, briefly.

A cold front is expected to make its way through West Texas late Wednesday or early Thursday, bringing the temperatures down to more seasonable levels.

"Thursday will be windy and much cooler," said senior meteorologist Perry Martin, with the National Weather Service in Midland.

After another spring-like afternoon Wednesday, highs Thursday may not get

above the mid-50s, and could stay 10 degrees lower, forecasts predicted. Martin said a Pacific front, combined with an arctic front, would be the cause of the changing weather.

"This front with its origins in the Pacific Ocean should hit first," Martin said, "with the arctic system down behind it."

A slight chance of showers is predicted along with the arrival of the cold front, but no other precipitation is expected.

Friday morning, the cold weather continues, with a low temperature in the 20s, Martin said. Some forecasts said the lows may actually be in the teens.

But don't expect the winter weather to last. Martin said the forecast calls for normal high temperatures by Friday afternoon, climbing into the 60s.

"This is going back to what it really should be at this time of year," Martin said. By Saturday, the NWS expects we will be back with the extremely warm weather of late, with highs climbing into the 70s.

Meanwhile, afternoon temperatures have been warm lately, but not record setting. Monday's high temperature of 83, however, tied the record high from 1943.

For this spring-like winter, Martin

said credit (or blame) goes to La Nina, a weather pattern that brings cooler temperatures to the South Pacific. Recent West Texas weather, Martin said, has been fairly normal for a year when La Nina occurs.

As we head toward mid-February with a short blast of winter, Martin reminded weather-watchers that our seasons are already in transition.

"We're heading out of our winter season," he said.

"Typically January and February are the coldest months. The days are getting longer now, and we're already heading toward spring."



Moss Elementary students Clara Long, left, Kristin Perez and Anthony Padron enjoy the school playground equipment during Monday's 85-degree afternoon.

CISD turmoil

Principal placed on leave, trustees won't explain why

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Coahoma ISD trustees placed high school principal Keith Price on leave with pay Monday night during a special board meeting.

Trustees Ben Bowlin and Bill Gressett answered "No comment" when asked for a reason for Price's leave with pay. Price's annual salary is \$48,000, and he will earn \$16,000 remaining in his contract.

Trustee Hubert Rowden said trustees prefer for board president Gail Wells to answer any questions. Wells could not be reached for comment.

Trustees also contracted with Region 18 for services needed in a superintendent's search, as well as agreed to offer Wayne Mitchell, retired Stanton superintendent, a position as interim superintendent.

Bryan LaBeff, executive director of Region 18, presented several options to trustees, as did Frank Moates, representing Texas Association of School Boards.

"In my opinion, the most important job you will ever do as a board is hire a superintendent," LaBeff said.

Trustees also considered procedure for selecting an interim superintendent. LaBeff said he had discussed with two retired superintendents, and his opinion was that either man would make an excellent choice.

"I encourage you to hire someone as soon as possible. You have two qualified interim superintendents in this region, Ted Bedwell and Wayne Mitchell, and that does not become available very often," LaBeff said.

Trustees Gail Wells, Bill Gressett and David Elmore voted against offering the position without interviewing Mitchell.

Trustee Ben Bowlin made the motion to hire Mitchell, with an amendment that his salary be

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Another \$6.4 million for wind project prompts county to grant tax abatement

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Howard County Commissioners on Monday granted a full abatement request to West Texas Renewable Limited Partnership — the Howard County wind farm — for an additional \$6.4 million worth of construction.

Under the abatement, the county will forgive taxes on four additional turbines on a declining basis — 100 percent in the first year, 90 percent the second, 80 percent the third, 70 percent the fourth and 60 percent the fifth year following completion of the project.

In the sixth year following completion, the project will go on the county's tax rolls at 100 percent valuation.

The additional wind turbines, which will stand nearly 400-feet tall from ground to the top of an extended rotor blade, will bring the total value of the 50-turbine project to just over \$49 million.

While the commissioner's vote was unanimous, it was cast despite the objections of Forsan resident Roy Simmons, the only person to speak during a public hearing on the abatement request.

Simmons told commissioners that with the declining mineral values in the county, he was concerned that they were giving away money that would cause an increase to property owners.

Both commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker attempted to explain the county's position to Simmons, albeit unsuccessfully.

"It's a declining abatement," Kilgore said. "After five years,

Department heads plea for help in wake of county's hiring freeze

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Howard County commissioners faced a variety of issues at Monday's meeting, but none more troublesome than how to handle personnel vacancies under their recently mandated hiring freeze.

Both Irene Dominguez, the county's indigent health care director, and Bill Jennings, the sheriff, asked commissioners for help with personnel shortages.

And both were told to wait while commissioners studied the issue and developed a policy.

Jennings was understanding Dominguez was less so.

"With the work load, there's no way a one-person office can work," she told commissioners, explaining that her current clerk would be leaving in July. "There's no way I can do it by myself."

Mary Garcia, currently a employee in the sheriff's office, is the person Dominguez wants to fill the vacancy.

"If it was as simple as a transfer from one department to another, solving the problem might not be so hard. Instead, Garcia's departure from the sheriff's department would place Jennings in the position

of having to hire a replacement for her.

Commissioner Bill Crooker asked Dominguez if she could wait until commissioners reviewed the problem, the hiring freeze and the anticipated tax shortfall and came up with a solution.

"How long?" she asked. "As soon as we can look at it and come up with something," he said.

"Well, when do you want me to come back?" she asked.

County Judge Ben Lockhart said that since Dominguez' vacancy was still nearly five months away, he would like to wait a bit to see if the situation resolved itself.

"Well, when do you want me to come back?" she asked again. "We'll let you know," Lockhart said.

"Do you want me to come back next time?"

"I said, we'll call you and tell you when after we've come up with something," he said, ending the conversation as she left the court.

Jennings then told commissioners he was presently short two full-time jailers and that he had 55 prisoners in jail.

"That's eight over the maximum allowed by the state and I'm using all my staff full-time," he explained. "The only other alternative I can see is to take 25 or so to another county jail and pay (to house them) by the day."

Jennings also told commissioners he was short a dispatcher and that he anticipated losing two deputies to Tom Green County (San Angelo) because of wages.

Commissioners were consid-

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Poly Castaneda of A-Aguirre Construction in Big Spring finishes the mortar and brick work on the external areas of the expansion at the VA Medical Center. The exterior is expected to be complete this week.

Big Spring anticipates receiving \$25,000 for recycling containers

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring should receive \$25,000 in grant money to purchase 30-cubic-yard recycling containers, if the grant is approved Wednesday at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission meeting.

"This is the regional allocation that is generated through tipping fees that the city and county receives. The state keeps some of it, and then the fees are allocated back on a percentage," said PBRPC executive director Ernie Crawford.

Tipping fees are those fees charged at a landfill for disposal of solid waste, said Bobby

Tucker, engineer and municipal solid waste coordinator with the commission.

Tucker said Big Spring has received two grants from the commission within the past two years.

"But they actually turned back in \$17,000 from last year, and requested that and an additional \$8,000 more," Tucker said.

The 1998 grant of \$19,200 was secured and awarded as funds to finance transportation of recyclable materials to market, he said.

"They took bids, and had an excess," he said.

The 1999 grant request of

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Senate to take up oil tax cut today

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to give a \$45 million temporary tax break to small oil producers isn't about corporate welfare but job preservation for many everyday working people, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry says.

The Texas Senate was scheduled to take up the measure today.

Perry said he expected stories from senators about "blue-collar, workaday men and women whose jobs are on the line, whether roustabout crews or small businessmen who've got supply companies."

"This is not some welfare program for rich oil, big oil," the Republican said.

The bill sponsored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, would exempt

small oil producers from the state's severance tax when the price for crude oil falls below an average \$15 per barrel for three consecutive months.

Gas producers would be exempt when the price dips below \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet.

The current severance tax on oil is 4.6 percent of the value at the wellhead and 7.5 percent on natural gas.

Officials said the exemption — for wells producing 15 barrels or less per day — would cover 83 percent of wells in Texas and about 38 percent of output.

If approved, the tax exemption would apply from Feb. 1 until the end of the cur-

rent budget year, Aug. 31.

The issue has been declared an emergency by Gov. George W. Bush, who said he hoped it would keep small producers from having to prematurely shut in wells.

Oil producers have said that at the current low price, it costs many of them more money to keep pumping than they earn from the small wells.

"As we see the price of oil drop and the number of shut-in wells increase, then it's pretty scary for big sections of our state for this trend to continue. Hopefully, this will help slow down that trend and let us play catch-up until the oil prices change," Brown said.

Senators to debate impeachment articles

WASHINGTON (AP) — After listening quietly for weeks to testimony and argument, senators are ready to debate President Clinton's fitness to remain in office. But first they must decide whether to hold their historic deliberations in public or behind closed doors.

Even as deliberations begin, senators are struggling to draft a strong censure resolution condemning Clinton's behavior in trying to hide an extramarital affair. Proponents of censure hope to bring it to the Senate floor immediately after the trial.

With all the evidence submitted, including videotaped testimony from the woman at the center of the sex and cover-up case, former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the Senate was on a path to end the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years on Thursday or Friday with an expected acquittal.

But before senators begin debating perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges today, they were deciding whether to change a Senate rule requiring closed deliberations.

Proponents of openness had the difficult task of capturing a two-thirds majority in the face of opposition from Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Lott said he would allow senators to enter statements in the official record to explain their votes.

Opponents feared that if the television cameras stayed on, senators would use the maximum time allowed under the rules — 15 minutes per senator, or a total of 25 hours — for debate on the two articles of impeachment.

"I have a heavy tilt toward not opening them up because I want to save some time for the censure resolution," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I. The Senate begins its annual February recess at the end of the week.

But in closing arguments Monday, the chief House prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., derided the censure alternative. "Do you really cleanse the office as provided in the Constitution or do you use Air Wick of a censure resolution?" he asked.

White House counsel Charles Ruff, summing up for Clinton, ridiculed the prosecutors' case, saying it was built on "shifting sand castles of speculation." He said prosecutors were "more focused on retribution, more designed to achieve partisan ends, more uncaring about the future we face together."

While a bipartisan group of senators was writing and rewriting censure language, Democratic leader Tom Daschle moved to force a procedural vote designed to get a censure resolution before the Senate.

The procedural motion may be the most that pro-censure senators can achieve for now, because censure opponents might have the muscle to block a resolution from reaching the Senate floor. But the test vote would at least give senators a chance to record votes to criticize the president's conduct in concealing an extramarital affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

Daschle also told reporters that Democrats would force the Senate to return to the issue later this year if Republicans didn't agree to permit a vote on censure. But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on Sunday that it was unlikely that senators — eager to return to legislative issues — would revisit the issue after the Senate begins its annual February recess next week.

More testimony presented on deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to deregulate the state's electric market would unfairly penalize companies that have operated efficiently, according to some utilities.

Utility officials testified Monday before the Senate Special Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring, which is considering a deregulation bill introduced by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

Under the bill, companies would continue to recoup from customers their investments in power plants that may be worth

less in a competitive environment. Electric customers are currently paying these costs — estimated at about \$4 billion.

But the bill also says that utilities with plants that may be worth more in the competitive market would have to share the potential profits with customers.

The utilities see this as an unfair penalty.

"We shouldn't be penalized for working efficiently," said David Wilks, president and chief operating officer of Southwest Public Service Co.,

which is based in Amarillo.

Wilks said that while the state Public Utility Commission estimates his company's potential profits from power plants at about \$900 million, the company puts it closer to \$200 million.

"There's obviously tension between the two positions" that will have to be worked out by lawmakers, said Sibley, chair of the committee.

The provision of the bill would mostly affect companies providing electricity in the Panhandle and parts of south Texas.

The issue of so-called stranded investments — in which companies fear being left with debts from building power plants as deregulation takes away their customers — helped derail a deregulation bill in 1997. It's also expected to be an issue this session.

The House State Affairs Committee also began hearing testimony on electric utility deregulation Monday. Utilities testifying before the committee stressed the need to ensure that existing companies aren't given any unfair advantages.

Texas lawmakers unveil child care package

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislative effort to strengthen access to quality, affordable child care includes tax credits for businesses that pay some child-care expenses and incentives for better training of child-care workers.

"Not only is child care about the safety and happiness of our children, it is also about the productivity, of our current workforce and the skill and ability of our future workforce," state Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said at a Monday news conference.

The legislators pointed to a

Study shows there is only one accredited child-care center for every 2,637 children.

1996 study by Working Mother Magazine, which reported that 2.8 million Texas children under 18 years of age have both parents — or their only parent — in the workforce.

The same study showed that there is only one accredited child-care center for every 2,637

children and one accredited family child-care home for every 10,424 children statewide, they said.

"We are in a crisis," said Rhonda Paver, chair of the Child Care Council. "Child-care centers have closed due to fiscal reasons and severe lack of staff, we have high turnover and no one left to take over the job."

Proposals would:

— Provide franchise tax credits for Texas businesses that pay some of the child-care expenses for their employees.

— Provide funds for a Training our Teachers (TOT)

program, making scholarships available to students pursuing their Child Development Associate credentials who commit to three years in the profession.

— Under tentative legislation still being discussed, create a college loan forgiveness program for degree-holders in early childhood development who plan to join the field.

Sandra Briley, the director of the University of Texas Childcare Center, said the latter would be a strong incentive for students to pursue the child-care profession.

Gun industry wins battle in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — Following heavy lobbying by the National Rifle Association and others, the Georgia Senate has approved a bill that could bar Atlanta from pursuing its liability lawsuit against the gun industry.

By a 44-11 vote, lawmakers on Monday approved legislation that would prohibit local governments from suing gun makers. The bill is expected to be passed by the House, which approved a similar measure last year, and signed into law by Gov. Roy Barnes.

The vote followed an intense lobbying effort by the NRA and the Senate's Democratic leader-

ship. The gun industry is lobbying other states to pass similar legislation.

Opponents of the Georgia bill called the legislation anti-Atlanta and unconstitutional.

"We do not believe it is legal for the Georgia General Assembly to prohibit cities from filing lawsuits designed to protect the public's interests," Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell said. "We still believe the Senate and the House have sent the wrong message to the public."

Atlanta filed its lawsuit against 17 gun manufacturers last week as the city hosted the nation's largest gun show. It

joined four other municipalities — Chicago, New Orleans, Bridgeport, Conn., and the unified Miami-Dade County government in Florida — in seeking reimbursement for the costs of gun-related violence.

The Chicago suit claims gun makers and dealers purposely flood the suburbs with guns, making it easier for criminals in Chicago, which has tougher anti-gun laws, to bring one into the city. Other suits seek compensation for costs incurred from gun violence.

James Baker, chief lobbyist for the NRA, said some Republicans were contacted to support the measure.

Man serving life term for killing is freed

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — A man who spent seven years in prison for a rape and murder he didn't commit was finally freed — 15 months after another man was convicted of the crime.

"It's been a living hell," Anthony Gray, 31, said after his release on Monday.

Gray had pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and first-degree rape in the killing of Linda Mae Pellicano, 38, and was sentenced in 1991 to two concurrent life sentences.

But Gray's present attorney, Joel Katz, said Gray has a below-average IQ and was pressured into the confession,

believing he would avoid the death penalty if he entered a guilty plea and agreed to testify against two other men. One man was found innocent, and the other's case was thrown out of court.

"They were trying to get me the death penalty for something I didn't do," Gray said Monday. "Why should I die for something I didn't do?"

In 1992, Calvert County State's Attorney Robert Riddle urged police to reopen their investigation after he reviewed the case and began to suspect that Gray wasn't the killer.

Five years later, police arrested Anthony Fleming for break-

ing and entering. Trying to plea bargain, Fleming gave details about Mrs. Pellicano's killing that made investigators suspect he was involved.

DNA evidence from the case matched Fleming's.

He pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Gray was not released immediately partly because of caution by Katz and Riddle.

"I wanted to make sure we left no stone unturned before we did this extraordinary thing," said Riddle, who was on hand to see Gray released.

"There was justice today."

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Street Crimes Unit revitalization good decision by BSPD

We've been as concerned about crime in our city as anyone so we were pleased to learn recently that Big Spring Police Department has formed a new street crimes unit. Currently, it's a two-man team, due to be expanded by one, at least, if the force can get a grant from the Permian Basin Council of Governments.

But if that sounds small, the size of the unit will be balanced somewhat by Chief Lonnie Smith's decision to let the group have the freedom it needs to operate. The team isn't tied down with other investigations. It isn't held to a shift or a timeclock. Officers David Mohn and Mike West Jr. can be where ever they need to be, whenever they need to be.

Plus, they are getting cooperation — enthusiastic cooperation — from the school district, juvenile probation and housing authority.

Already, the Street Crimes Unit has met with success. Acting on a tip from Crime Stoppers, Mohn and West arrested five individuals who have been charged with vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial.

The Street Crimes Unit is a welcome addition. We applaud Chief Smith's desire and effort to get the unit up and running again and for the city, school district, juvenile probation, housing authority and others who have offered monetary assistance to make it happen.

Now the unit needs our help. The best crime prevention is a caring community. One which will look out for its neighbors, which won't turn its head when it sees a problem, but will report it. A community which supports its police department, sheriff's office and the other agencies that work to keep us safe.

Let's make sure we give this special unit — and all of our peace officers — our thanks, our appreciation, and our support.

OTHER VIEWS

Somebody should have been singing "Don't let the stars get in your eyes" when state legislators watched Texas lottery receipts rocket through the roof a few years back.

Texas lawmakers began to view this financial windfall as a magic goose that would keep delivering golden eggs. They even earmarked the lottery for public education, as if it would guarantee sufficient school revenue.

The lottery train has since been derailed from the fast track. And state officials are trying to place blame for the wreck.

The history of lotteries in other states would help pinpoint the culprit. It's apathy. Players tend to get bored after a few years and stop spending as much money on lottery tickets.

Their excitement at seeing millionaires announced is tempered by the fact that they have won little or nothing themselves.

The Texas lottery ticket sales have dropped from \$3.7 billion in 1997 to \$2.9 billion last year. The Texas Lottery Commission blames the drop on the Legislature's vote to reduce the prizes and lottery advertising. Commission members want more money to promote the games and an increase in lottery revenue paid to winning

tickets.

Given the recent decline, the commission's request should be heeded by Texas lawmakers. A better-financed advertising campaign could generate more public interest.

But even if revenue increases, Texas should not become dependent on this risky funding source. State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, was right when he said many Texans may have decided the lottery "wasn't a good gamble."

The senate or personally wants the lottery abolished. That should be up to the voters, who approved it, not Texas legislators.

Properly operated, the lottery can supplement other state revenue and help Texas hold down its taxes. It cannot and should not serve as a long-term response to the financial needs of Texas' schoolchildren.

Other states are now clamoring to be part of multistate games that attract large audiences with promises of huge payoffs. Those lotteries indeed create excitement. But they also serve as a reminder about the fickle mood of participants.

The Texas lottery is simply another slice of the state's financial pie - not a goose laying golden eggs.

The sooner state officials accept that, the better.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Some Valentine advice from a husband

By MARK LOYD

Valentine's Day creates its own set of challenges in a young marriage.

It's a day when many young wives are thinking about tapping, albeit briefly, into their husbands softer side.

Many young husbands, however, are lucky if they remember to do anything and those who do often are met with a dilemma — gift or no gift.

At the very least, buy a card — Valentine-themed is preferred and sign it "Love, (YOUR NAME HERE)."

Should the gift route be taken, read this road map before taking that initial step. Here are some gifts to

bypass:

Tools — that's a gift more for the giver.

Power tools — see Tools.

Small appliances — Blenders, toaster ovens and the like don't usually score a lot of points.

Gift certificates — Husband thinks he's setting a limit when he's actually granting permission to spend more.

Liquor — Wife will likely question your motive and how you spend your time.

Gifts that get a mixed reaction:

Lingerie — be sure it's tasteful; if you don't know her size order it smaller, not larger.

Shoes — what message are you trying to convey?

Auto parts — this shows you care, but it's hard to show off

new struts to your friends.

Faux anything — sooner or later she's going to find out either on her own or from someone else.

Sporting goods — are you saying she's fat?

Gifts that never fail:

Fresh flowers — have them delivered, even if it's a day or two early, to a location where she's surrounded by co-workers, family or friends.

Diamonds — go see Walter at Brehmers Jewelers and show the wife you aren't as bad as she makes her friends think.

A trip to a day spa — allow her to get out of the house and focus attention on herself and that crick in her neck.

Renew your wedding vows — either privately or among

friends and loved ones. Reaffirm the best decision you two ever made.

Plant her a tree — (digging the hole alone should be proof you care about her).

Love on her — brush her hair, rub her back, her feet and shoulders.

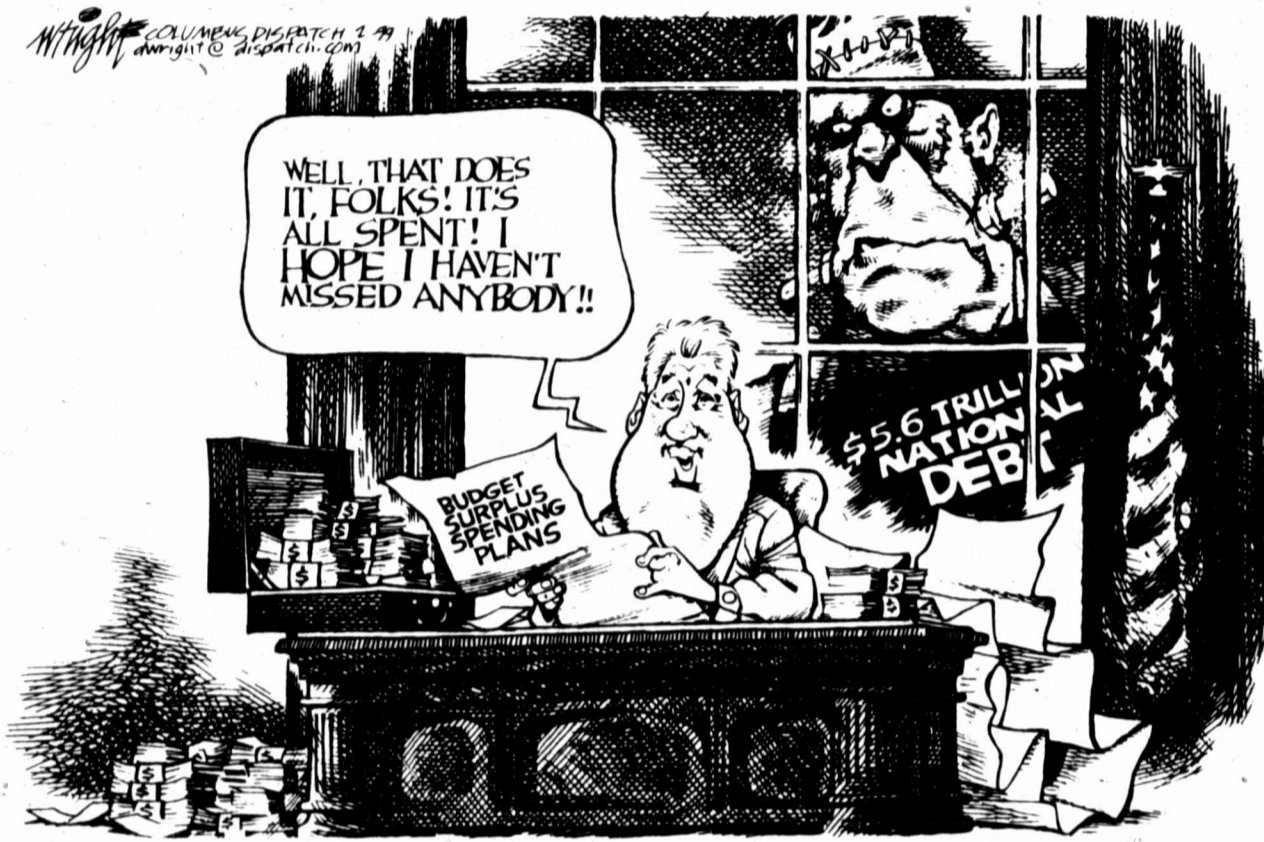
A gentle hand and a soft voice can do wonders.

Make her feel good about herself and maybe, just maybe, she'll feel better about you and your refusal to put your shoes in the closet.

This advice comes with no guarantee.

The learning curve, sometimes, is heart-shaped...

Mark Loyd is a reporter with the Kerrville Daily Times.



Public condemnation of Clinton seems likely

There has been much talk that the general population ("outside the Beltway") is bored with the impeachment proceeding.

They may also be a kind of mantra now repeated as a conversational cliché.

Senate offices are reporting a 10-fold increase in their mail, the increase entirely due to the impeachment. And, objectively considered, the whole thing has been fascinating from beginning to its presumed end on Feb. 12, the start of the Senate's normal recess. In fact, a useful college or graduate seminar on government could be conducted using only this extraordinary event.

The whole thing — and in particular the present evolution of a statement of censure — is an example of Rousseau's theory of the General Will. That means that in any deliberative body, no individual or faction is likely to get exactly the end result desired. The General Will emerges from the give-and-take of the deliberative process and the contending interests of the participants.

It is important to notice that President Clinton can be removed from office only by a "super majority," or two-thirds — 67 votes — in the Senate.

It is certain that pure republican theorists would regard this as savoring of monarchy. A European prime minister falls if he loses a vote of confidence by a single vote.

And it is pretty clear that a majority could be achieved in favor of removing Clinton. Last year, House Democrats moved to censure Clinton as a substitute for voting impeachment, and that motion lost 230 to 204.

Whether a majority of one or more could be achieved in the Senate cannot be known, but it would certainly be a cliffhanger. The question before the seminar then would be the desirability of the "super majority." It could surely be argued that it should be easy, not difficult, to remove a president. In the current maneuvering over a censure resolution, we again see the theory of the General Will operating.

There appears to be an overwhelming bipartisan consensus in the Senate that Clinton's conduct from the beginning of this scandal was "deplorable," "indefensible," etc. On the Sunday talk shows, Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy and Republican Bob Bennett agreed that "condemnation unites the Senate."

This is probably so. I have seen estimates that Clinton enjoys the personal loyalty of no more than a half-dozen Democratic senators, and it is also in the interest of Senate Democrats to put serious distance between themselves and Clinton concerning the swamp of matters into which he has sunk himself. It is in the interest of Senate Democrats to use censure language that will be strong, but not so strong that it will undermine their almost united stand against removal.

The Senate Republicans have an interest that pulls in an opposite direction. They want language in the censure resolution that will support the decision of the Republican House to forward the perjury and obstruction charges to the Senate for adjudication.

In other words, they want language that will employ such legal terms as the above "perjury" and "obstruction." They cannot leave House Republicans out there on a political limb by endorsing language that in effect ignores the impeachment resolution of the House. But neither side in the Senate wants Clinton to walk away "vindicated" by a Senate vote that fails to achieve a two-

thirds majority.

This feeling was strengthened by the pep rally Clinton held on the White House lawn on the evening of his impeachment by the House. It was further reinforced by reports in the press on Sunday that Clinton, even now, is boasting that he has "beaten the odds" and showing no signs of embarrassment or regret.

On Sunday, Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., turned very angry when apprised of this. She has probably been angry ever since she was angry over Clinton's face-to-face lies to her earlier last year. You can lie to a creature like Sidney Blumenthal, but beware of lying to a U.S. senator. She and Republican Sen. Bob Bennett have been laboring over the language of a censure resolution that they hope command a bipartisan majority, and, if possible, an overwhelming majority.

The language, though the document of course is evolving, sounds stern and accurate to me (though space does not permit full quotation). It accuses Clinton of conducting "an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate in the White House which was shameful, reckless and indefensible." It says that he "deliberately misled and deceived the American people, and officials in all branches of the United States Government." And that "he gave false or misleading testimony and impeded discovery of evidence in judicial proceedings."

The document goes on very strongly that "William Jefferson Clinton's conduct in this matter is unacceptable for the president of the United States, does demean the Office of the President as well as the President himself, and creates disrespect for the laws of the land and violated the trust of the American people."

That sounds to me like a good case for removal. Any military officer guilty of similar behavior would spend time

in Leavenworth. And it would seem to satisfy Clinton's lawyers, who do not want legal terms like "perjury" and "obstruction" in the motion because they would prejudice any actions brought against Clinton after he leaves office.

Republican Sen. Phil Gramm and Democratic Sen. Bob Kerry, however, seem dead set against any censure. Indeed, Gramm threatens a filibuster, on the grounds that it is both unconstitutional and a political cop-out. The latter because it will be a way of allowing Democrats to vote both for acquittal and express disapproval. Apparently Gramm wants to squeeze upward the "convict" vote total. He may also see censure as chiefly providing political cover for Democrats voting for acquittal.

Sens. Lieberman and Feinstein, however, said that they are confident that 60 votes can be found to cut off any such filibuster. On Sunday, several senators were inflamed over evidence that top Clinton aide Blumenthal may have lied under oath about transmitting Clinton-prompted language to the press in order to smear and discredit Monica Lewinsky. They are prepared to demand action by the Justice Department. Blumenthal may have a problem.

Welcome to Clintonland. Whatever one thinks of any of the various players, it should never be forgotten that all of this began with William Jefferson Clinton. It did not begin with Henry Hyde or Kenneth Starr or the House managers or the Senate trial. The scandal had its origins in the reckless behavior of the president. And no one has brought up the possibility that his "phone sex" lengthy phone calls to Lewinsky could have been tapped and recorded by foreign embassies, the mob or anyone else. The blackmail potential was huge.

My bet would be on the General Will of the Senate to censure sternly.



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Lady Steers meeting on Thursday

The Lady's Club, will meet Thursday in High School Activity Center.

Plans for the Steers Sports discussed.

For more info 393-5672.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers boosters meeting on Thursday

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Plans for the upcoming Lady Steers Sports Banquet will be discussed.

For more information, call 393-5672.

Special Olympians attend basketball tournament

Twelve athletes from Howard County took part in a Special Olympics basketball tournament Saturday in Fort Stockton.

The tournament called for individual players to take part in skills contests.

Local players earning first-place gold medals were Stacy Wells, Robert Edwards, Charles Thomas, Josh Hughes, Hal Porter, Choya Baker and Aireba Taylor.

Silver medals were presented to Tommy Lasater, Bobby Emerson, Cecil Mitchell, Cody Porter and Cynthia Valesquez.

Prior to the start of Monday night's Howard College-New Mexico Military Institute basketball game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Special Olympics officials presented a plaque to coaches Matt Corkery and Tommy Collins recognizing them and their Lady Hawks and Hawks players for their help in conducting the local basketball program.

Lady Yearlings close out season with twinbill split

Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings finished their 1998-99 basketball season splitting a pair of games with Sweetwater's young Lady Mustangs.

In the opener, the Lady Yearlings "B" team suffered a 28-13 loss despite the eight points scored by Krystal Long, finishing the year at 3-8 on the season.

The nightcap, however, saw the Lady Yearlings "A" team close its season with a 7-8 mark thanks to a 36-15 win.

Christina Gwyn paced the "A" team with 16 points while Amanda Lasater added 12.

Lady Steers freshman finish season with win

Big Spring's Lady Steers freshmen finished their 1998-99 basketball season Monday night with a 38-29 win over Sweetwater in Steer Gym.

The win avenged a one-point loss in double overtime from the two teams' last meeting and allowed the Lady Steers to finish at 10-9 on the year.

Jessica Woodward led the Big Spring scoring with 16 points, while Dena Cook had eight points, Tejal Patel added six and Chelsea Churchwell scored four.

Coach Mike Wallace also praised the defensive play of Mollie Maberry, Taylor Kennedy, Shelby Tissue and Ashley Newton.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TONIGHT

6 p.m. • Fort Stockton at Big Spring (girls and boys). 6:30 p.m. • Post at Coahoma (girls and boys).

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• Sterling City at Garden City (girls and boys). • Grady at Sands (girls and boys).

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Arista pleased with Lady Steers showing in softball scrimmage

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Lady Steers got their first taste of softball game conditions Monday afternoon winning two of three games in a four-way scrimmage with Lubbock Monterey, Snyder and Hereford.

For coach Dan Arista, charged in his first season at the Lady Steers helm to rebuild a team that reached the Class 4A regional semifinals in both of its first two years of existence, the overall experience was a good one.

"We did fairly well," Arista said after seeing the Lady Steers drop a 2-0 decision in four innings of work against Snyder before rebounding for 13-2 and 8-8 wins over Monterey and Hereford.

"I saw some good things and some bad things," he added. "But for the most part, it was pretty encouraging. We made some mistakes that we're going to have to get worked out, but that's what you're supposed to see at this time of the year ... that's what you play scrimmages for."

The Lady Steers will play another scrimmage Saturday, traveling to Midland to take on Class 5A powerhouse Midland High's Lady Dawgs.

They'll open the 1999 regular season at 4 p.m. Tuesday, playing host to Odessa High's Lady Broncos at the new Big Spring Softball Complex.

Big Spring's loss to District 5-4A rival Snyder in the scrimmage's opener was more a result of a lack of hitting than a shortage of pitching — perhaps the best new Arista received during the day.

"That's been one of our biggest concerns going in ... finding the pitchers that are going to carry us," Arista explained, noting that the Lady Steers lost both Jessica Sisneros and Angie Phillips in addition to five senior starters from Big Spring's 1998 squad.

Sisneros, the District 4-4A most valuable player as a sophomore a year ago, moved to California with her family; and Phillips, who was expected to be the Lady Steers' ace following the loss of Sisneros, moved to Dallas during the summer.

Sophomore Kaci Aciri allowed just the two runs on four hits to the Lady Tigers in the opening loss and struck out three, then relieved senior Jessica Canales for three innings in the win over Hereford. Junior Monica Rubio, who was the

Lady Steers starting shortstop before suffering a knee injury last season, pitched the lopsided win over Monterey, going all four innings and allowing just two runs on three hits. She struck out two.

Sophomore Vanessa Rodriguez managed Big Spring's only hit in the loss to Snyder, but all that changed against Monterey pitching.

Junior Lindsey Moreno went 3-for-3 at the plate with two singles and a double; Canales pounded out three singles; and senior Renae Sheen added a 2-for-2 performance.

Lady Hawks survive WTC test

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Sometimes you win when you shouldn't.

That was the best appraisal Howard College Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery could offer Monday night after having seen his team stumble its way to a 56-46 win over Western Texas' Lady Dusters.

"We made it tough on ourselves," Corkery said following the win that improved the No. 11-ranked Lady Hawks' record to 23-2 overall and 8-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) play. "We just didn't play very hard ... Western Texas deserved to win this one."

Although the Lady Hawks jumped out on top early, fashioning a quick 7-0 lead, and would never trail in the contest, there was no question that Valery Jackson's WTC squad outplayed Howard at both ends of the court.

"Western put a lot of pressure on us and we didn't respond very well," Corkery added. "They're extremely well coached. You have to give them credit, they get after you."

Unfortunately for Jackson and her Lady Dusters, the Lady Hawks simply had more talent on the floor.

"That was the difference ... we had more talent," Corkery admitted. "But we were awfully sloppy and didn't have much intensity. Those missed layups were a sign that we had a lack of concentration."

The Lady Hawks coach refused to excuse the team's lackluster performance when asked if perhaps Howard's women were looking ahead to Thursday's showdown with league-leading Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

"I certainly hope that's not what we were doing," Corkery said. "Our philosophy has always been to take one game at a time. We haven't said a word to them about Midland since we played them here and there was no reason to be thinking about them tonight."

The key to the Lady Hawks' survival Monday proved to be the play of two sophomore guards, Karlita Washington and Ricka McKee, and a pair of freshman posts, Yolanda Grant and Caryn Ross.

While Ross was the only one of the four that failed to provide double-digit scoring for the Lady Hawks, fouling out of the game with six points with 5:47 remaining, she was one of the few Howard players that seemed to math Western's intensity.

McKee opened the Lady Hawks' scoring, nailing a three-pointer on Howard's first possession, then added seven crucial points in the first 10 minutes of the second half while the Lady Dusters were doing their best to claw back from a 27-18 halftime deficit.

Grant scored eight of her 11 points in the first half and came up with three big points in the closing moments, complimenting Washington's domination of the second half.

Washington, who spent most of the first half seated on the Lady Hawks bench with two fouls, led Howard's offensive production with 13 points, but was well off her WJAC best 20-point average.

Western Texas' Christi Wells matched Washington's 13 points to share game-high honors, nine of them coming in the second half as the Lady Dusters mounted their second-half challenge, pulling to within four points of the Lady Hawks with 7:56 remaining.

The Lady Dusters, however, were unable to provide double-digit support, as Danelle Brown's nine points and Rosalind Lawrence's eight markers were the best WTC could muster.

It was WTC's inability to take advantage of 28 trips to the free throw line that ultimately proved the Lady Dusters' downfall, as they hit just half of those opportunities.

Western Texas dropped to 3-6 in WJAC play with the loss and 14-10 overall.

In other WJAC women's games Monday, Midland took a



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard post Jovanae St. Cyr (30) says it all with her facial expression as she goes up to take a shot from the lane during Monday's game against Western Texas' Lady Dusters. The No. 11-ranked Lady Hawks managed a 56-46 win to improve their record to 23-2 overall and 8-1 in WJAC play. Howard travels to Midland on Thursday for a crucial conference showdown with Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

79-60 win over New Mexico Junior College; Odessa edged Clarendon 76-75; and South Plains beat Frank Phillips 74-46.

Lady Hawks 56, Western Texas 46
WESTERN TEXAS — Kathy Tran 0 0 2 6 2, Carrie Fincher 0 1 1 2 4, Heather Moon 0 0 0 0 0, Danelle Brown 3 1 0 0 9, Crystal Williams 1 0 1 2 3, Latasha Vizzarondo 0 0 0 0 0, Christi Wells 2 2 3 5 13, April Walker 2 0 0 1 4, Mary Cavazos 0 0 1 2 1, Rosalind Lawrence 2 0 4 6 8, Pamela Okhuongo 0 0 2 4 2. Totals 19 3 13 31 66.

HOWARD — Ricka McKee 2 2 0 0 10, Shaketha Ashley 0 0 0 0 0, Ashanti Nix 0 1 0 0 3, Karlita Washington 5 0 3 4 13, Latasha Moore 2 0 0 4 4, Jovanae St. Cyr 1 0 0 0 2, Shariena Charles 0 0 0 0 0, Aiesha Love 1 0 2 2 4, Yolanda Grant 4 0 3 4 11, Zakaya Gardner 1 0 1 2 3, Caryn Ross 3 0 0 1 6. Totals 19 3 13 31 66.

Halftime score: Howard 27, Western Texas 18.
Three-point goals: Western Texas 4 (Fincher, Williams, Wells 2; Howard 3 (McKee 2, Nix). Total Fouls: Western Texas 14, Howard 23. Fouled Out: Ross. Technical Fouls: Western Texas bench.

Collins unhappy with 20-point Hawks win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

"When is a 20-point win unacceptable?"

To Howard Hawks head coach Tommy Collins, the answer to that question is simple: It's whenever you should have won by 50.

That was Collins' assessment Monday night after he'd watched his Hawks take a 78-58 win over New Mexico Military Institute's Broncos.

"It was a terrible game to watch ... we played very poorly," Collins said following the win that improved the Hawks' record to 19-5 overall and left them atop the Western Junior College Athletic Conference men's basketball standings at 9-0.

"We weren't ready to play and they (NMMI) shot poorly," he added. "If they'd been able to shoot the ball well, we'd have been in trouble. We just haven't been able to maintain our focus."

The Hawks' inability to maintain the level of intensity he'd like has seemed epidemic to Collins since Howard knocked off Midland College's Chaparrals during the second

week of conference play.

"We haven't been the same team since the Midland game ... we just haven't been outstanding," Collins said, noting that the Hawks will have to improve Thursday when they travel to the Chap Center for what he expects to be a war.

"Midland's had the same problem ... they haven't been able to play with the same intensity, either," he continued. "But they seem to be getting back to where they need to be better than we are. Maybe we need to get beat to get our heads on straight."

The Broncos, however, simply didn't have the horses to provide such a challenge.

Although NMMI managed to take an early lead, Justin Rhodes hit a layup with 15 minutes remaining in the first half to give the Hawks a 6-5 lead and the Hawks would never trail again as they ignited a 16-3 run that all but cemented the Broncos' fate.

NMMI retaliated with an 8-3 run, trimming Howard's lead to just six points, 23-17, but freshman post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar hit a pair of shots from short range and sophomore guard Larry Alloway scored eight points in the final 1:33 of

the half to give the Hawks a 15-point, 37-22 halftime lead.

The Broncos did their best to match Howard in the second half behind the scoring lead of reserve post Mike O'Neill and guards Kevin Bullock and Anthony Poullard, but the Hawks eventually pulled away to as much as a 23-point lead simply because they possessed more overall talent.

While O'Neill finished with 17 points, 14 of them coming in the second half, and shared game-high honors with Alloway, the 10 points each provided by Bullock and Poullard simply wasn't enough to match the Hawks' overall production as Howard got scoring from all but one player on its roster.

Poullard might well have been more of a factor had he not spent much of the second half seated on the NMMI bench after he and Howard's Rhodes were whistled for double technical fouls at the 12:27 mark.

Guard Darryl Martin was the only other Hawks player to finish in double figures with 14 points, while Derrick Franklin and Ceasar finished with eight points apiece and Rhodes added seven.

points for the Hawks and the remainder of Howard's scoring came from four-point showings by Scooter Owens, Lamont Roberts and Fred Lewis.

The loss left NMMI with a 9-16 record overall and at 3-6 in conference play.

In other WJAC men's action Monday, Frank Phillips took a 79-70 win over South Plains, giving Howard a two-game lead with four games remaining in the regular season. Midland College took a 59-47 win over New Mexico Junior College and Odessa College's Wranglers were 79-50 winners over Clarendon's Bulldogs.

Hawks 78, New Mexico Military 58
NMMI — Dantral Coleman 2 0 0 2 4, Pucky Baker 0 0 0 2 0, Marvin Reese 0 0 0 0 0, Adam Pool 0 0 0 0 0, Artis Edwards 1 0 0 0 2, Kez Kennedy 0 1 2 2 5, Larry Davis 0 0 4 6 4, Kevin Bullock 2 1 3 5 10, Jorge Ontiveros 0 0 0 0 0, Anthony Poullard 4 0 2 2 10, Eric Valencia 2 0 0 2 4, Mike O'Neill 6 0 5 5 17, Roman Holmes 1 0 0 0 2. Totals 18 2 16 26 58.

HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 2 0 4 4 8, Justin Rhodes 3 0 1 2 7, Scooter Owens 0 0 4 4 4, Lamont Roberts 0 0 4 5 4, Larry Alloway 2 3 4 6 17, Don Peace 0 0 0 0 0, Greg Lewis 3 0 0 0 6, Darryl Martin 6 0 2 3 14, Donald Ceasar 3 0 2 2 8, Myron Brown 2 0 2 2 6, Fred Lewis 2 0 0 0 4. Totals 23 3 23 28 78.

Halftime score: Howard 37, NMMI 22. Three-point goals: NMMI 2 (Kennedy, Bullock), Howard 3 (Alloway 3). Total Fouls: NMMI 20, Howard 18. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: Poullard, Rhodes.

Lady Vols still No. 1 in AP poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Tom Collen knew he had a dynamite women's basketball team in the works at Colorado State. Did he know it would become the No. 5 team in the nation?

"I think our team was vastly underrated at the beginning of the year," Collen said. "But I can't sit here and pretend that I thought at the beginning of the year we were the fifth-best team in the country."

Yet that's where the Rams sat in The Associated Press women's poll Monday, No. 5 in a top six that was unchanged from last week. Tennessee remained the overwhelming choice for No. 1 and was followed by Purdue, Louisiana Tech, Connecticut, Colorado State and Notre Dame.

That's heady company for a school that had never been ranked before this season. The Rams made their debut in the third poll of the year, breaking in at No. 16 after winning the preseason NIT.

They beat Oregon, Florida and Rutgers in that tournament — all of whom have been or still are in the Top 25. At 24-1, Colorado State has the best record in the country.

Its loss was by five points at California, a game the Rams played without starting center Shannon Randles.

"I think this collection of young ladies has been a Top 25 team probably the last four years, but no one bothered to notice," said Collen, who's in his second season at the school.

"I'm most happy for them," he said. "I came into this last year, so I inherited them. It didn't take me long last year to realize they were a Top 25-type team. I watched them on tape, but they were even better in person."

The Rams are led by guard Becky Hammon, a 5-foot-8 senior who averages 20.5 points and shoots 50 percent from the field, 86 percent from the free-throw line and 39 percent from 3-point range.

With Colorado State getting little exposure outside the Rocky Mountain region, Collen agreed with the notion that Hammon might be the best player in the country that no one sees.

"I think she could play and start for any team in the country," he said. "I know people at UConn, Tennessee or Louisiana Tech would sit back and say, 'How can you say that?' But I know if Becky Hammon was with them four years, she'd be starting at point guard right now. I really believe that."

Tennessee held the No. 1 spot for the fifth straight week, receiving 41 of 42 first-place votes and 1,049 points from a national media panel. The Lady Vols (22-1) routed Mississippi and Mississippi State last week before holding on for a 66-60 victory at Vanderbilt.

Purdue (21-1) received the other first-place vote and had 1,004 points.

After the top six, everyone moved. Duke, which has won 15 straight and 19 of 20, climbed two places to seventh, while Old Dominion was eighth, Rutgers ninth and Georgia 10th. Old Dominion and Rutgers both climbed three places. Georgia fell two spots after losing to Kentucky.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999:

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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) ***** The unexpected marks your day. New beginnings are possible. Break ground and move into uncharted territory. There is a tendency to go to extremes in your excitement. Welcome someone very different into your life. This person's energy and ideas are unique. Tonight: Brainstorm the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Allow creativity to dominate. Dynamic thinking and new ideas come from a partner. Tap into his ingenuity, especially with work, finances and long-term goals. Become a stronger believer in teamwork. Don't get stuck. Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Continue the togetherness theme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others offer more than you thought possible. Let a creative venture open up. Don't minimize the impact of news. Incorporate it into your thinking. Allow others to lavishly express their feelings, even if you are a little embarrassed. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Pace yourself. So much is happening, it's hard to stay focused. Letting your mind wander has creative value. Be more innovative in your work. A partner plugs his cause in a most unexpected manner. Caring and detachment mix well right now. Tonight: Exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You are full of fun, though this might not be conducive to getting the job done. Extremes are likely, especially on a one-to-one level. A partner goes way overboard for you. Spending for pleasure is likely. Associations contain interesting twists. Tonight: Audition for a play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Be more in touch with your feelings; share them with

a partner who means a lot to you. You handle the unexpected well, especially at work. You go to extremes with another, which is unusual for you. Concentrate on one item at a time. Clear out your work first. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Start a discussion. You might be a bit excessive with eating, talking or just enjoying. Mixing work and pleasure is okay, as long as everyone is clear about what is going on. A child or loved one delights you with his capricious nature. Why not join in? Tonight: Make it light and easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Consider the quality of your life. You could easily make a major purchase. Know when to curb spending; once you get started, it might be hard to stop. Remember long-term objectives, despite another's manipulations. Break ground with a family member. Do the unexpected. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your perky style makes friends. Roll with unpredictability. Display flexibility, and you draw others to you. Home life is considerably enhanced by a purchase. You could become quite extravagant, but you might not care! Tonight: Do whatever you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your good intentions come through, despite a low profile. Examine recent decisions that could affect daily life. You might opt for a new expenditure, or perhaps to spend more on a purchase. Be discriminating; you do it so well! Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Join friends, network and make what you want happen. A money decision might entail more spending on your part. Be sure you really want this and are not just reacting to a whim. According to a friend, you are full of surprises as you throw a curveball. Tonight: Midweek fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You magically attract what you want. Another is clearly responsive to your desires. However, make sure you aren't manipulating this individual. You could pay for that, ultimately. Listen to another's feedback, share unexpected insights. Know when to defer. Tonight: Working late.

BORN TODAY Actress Laura Dern (1967), actor Robert Wagner (1930), golfer Greg Norman (1955) ©1999 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Grandma needs advice for soon-to-be teen

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter's 13th birthday is approaching. It is special because she will be a teen-ager, an exciting time filled with new experiences and responsibilities. I would like to give her some advice about boys and dating. She is already boy-crazy. However, every time I try to tell her something, she says, "Oh Grandma, you're so old-fashioned! Things are different now."



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

What I need is some advice from you, Abby. She reads your column every morning before she goes to school, and she doesn't consider your advice old-fashioned. Please, Abby, can you help me to help my granddaughter? - GRACE IN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

DEAR GRACE: Your granddaughter is right about one thing: Things are different now from when you were her age. Teen-agers today must handle far more complex problems than either of us faced when we were young. Today's teens face pressure to have sex, and risk contracting sexually transmitted diseases if they do become sexually active. There is the temptation of drugs, and they must deal with more violence than we ever did. We have fewer stay-at-home

mothers these days, and without the necessary time to communicate with their parents, young people often pick up what they can from other teens who are equally inexperienced. For that reason, I wrote my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," which answers many questions teens have about sex, love, drugs, and how to handle the many pains of growing up.

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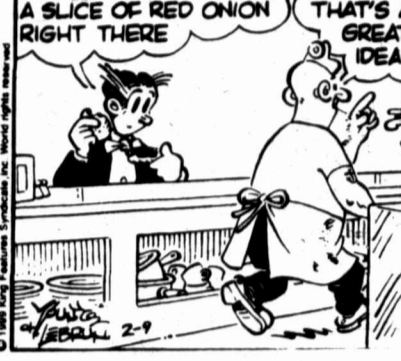
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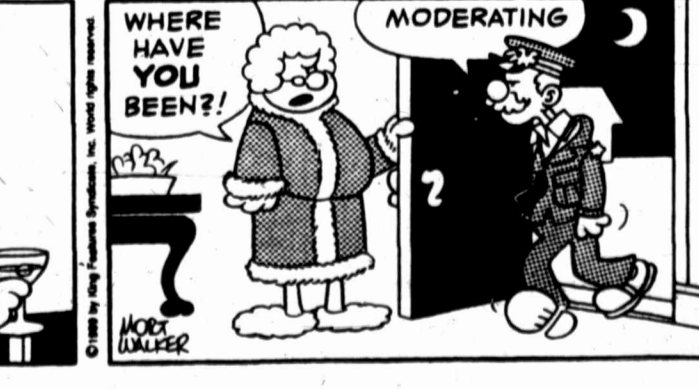
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 1999. There are 325 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS 1 Bear ingredient 5 Kitchen appliance 10 Exalted poet 14 Jai 15 Tall, slender structure 16 Niagara's source 17 Actor overlaps singer 20 Halos 21 Yucky 22 Cincinnati player 23 'The Ghost and Mrs. ...' 25 Singer-pianist Fats 29 Spiced with a fragrant root 33 ___ fix (obsession) 34 Plant of the orpine family 35 Woodshed item 36 Singer overlaps actor 40 Always, to poets 41 Perch 42 Waist band 43 Encounters 45 Moves smoothly and effortlessly 47 Ark builder 48 Conk out 49 Sponsorship 52 Shapeless chairs 57 TV host overlaps writer 60 'Rule Britannia' composer 61 Chris of tennis 62 Islamic republic 63 Ring bells 64 Opposing teams 65 Male: abbr. 44 Pitchfork point 45 More old-hat 46 Played (with) 47 Has the title 48 Fork in the road 49 White-tailed eagle 50 Watch out! 51 Part of B.A. 52 Free-for-all 53 Declare untrue 54 Spiced 55 Cornudrum 56 E pluribus 57 More expansive 58 Nice good-bye? 59 Memorize 60 Writer Deighton 61 Canvas coating 62 Gave a score 63 Banishment 64 Fender flaws 65 Truth, to Shakespeare 66 Operatic songlike 67 Novelist Jaffe 68 Baseball stat

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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