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## Forum reveals Alzheimer's group needs stronger presence here

#### **Tonight:**



THURSDAY February 11, 1999

#### **Port-to-Plains** topic of meeting this afternoon

A meeting regarding the Port-to-Plains Highway, Highway, which could include an I-27 designation, will be held at 2:30 today at Big Spring City Hall, 310 Nolan St.

Representatives from the city of Lubbock and the Chamber Lubbock of Commerce, who have already met with San Angelo officials about the project, will be onhand.

A large turnout is encouraged to show community support for the Port-to-Plains project.

#### Hale reception set for 4 today -

Bill Hale, new Abilene District engineer for the Department Texas of Transportation, will be honored with a reception today at 4 at the Dora Roberts **Community Center.** 

The reception is being hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the public is encouraged to attend and welcome the Dallas native to West Texas.

#### WHAT'S UP ...

Features Editor The Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter needs to establish a

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stronger presence in Big Spring. That was the conclusion Tuesday after a public forum conducted by the agency, which offers support and information to families and caregivers of the Alzheimer's victims. Based in Midland. the group covers 24 West Texas counties, including Howard.

"We just think this is so incredibly important," said Gail Harmon, executive director of the association. "We can only do it with your help. You've got to guide

She discussed ideas to increase visibility in Big Spring, including holding a local "Memory Walk," the group's annual fundraiser. Harmon said she would also like to form a community advisory board of Big Spring residents to oversee services here.

Other ideas included holding family support groups in different settings. Several have been tried at health care facilities, and the most successful one is now at a retirement center.

In the future, Harmon said she would even consider opening an office in Big Spring, staffed by volunteers.

"We know we're not touching the peo-

ple we need to in Howard County," she said, estimating the number of Alzheimer's victims locally at 1,100. She said the number might even be as high as 1,900.

Maryjane Allen, program services director, said the agency conducts regular information sessions in Big Spring in addition to the support groups that meet monthly. Participants in the forum said those meetings needed to be better advertised.

The agency has one very successful support group in Big Spring, which meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at Canterbury South. Allen said support groups were one of the most valuable resources for family members of victims.

"Support groups do the most good." she said. "You can find out what works for one person might not work for everyone, and get some other ideas."

The groups feature different topics each month, such as safety in the home or caregiver stress.

Harmon said she was surprised by the low attendance at Tuesday's forum. Of more than 60 community leaders who were invited, a dozen people attended.

But she said the agency is committed to its mission, and finding a way to bet-

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## Love is definitely in the air, say local florists

#### By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

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Local florists are in a frenzy at this time of year, preparing for an onslaught of deliveries and purchases for Valentine's Day.

"We're pretty busy," said Debra Lusk, owner of Faye's Flowers. "We were a little concerned since it falls on a Sunday, but that hasn't been a problem."

Debbie Sheppard, owner of Dakota's Flowers, and Q.T. Coats, of a Timeless Design, agreed.

"We thought we'd be slower because it's on a weekend, but so far so good. I guess love is in the air," Sheppard said.

"It just fell at a very weird time this year," Coats said. Florists said the "old stand-

bys" such as roses, candy, balloons and stuffed animals are still the most popular choices for gift-giving on the holiday. Sheppard said "fire and ice" roses, which she introduced last year, have become a top seller this year. The roses are white at the base of the petals, gradually turning red at the tips.

"These are going out by the dozens," she said. with extra employees and



BSISD Board to call for trustees' election tonight

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Calling for the May 1 board of trustees election tops the agenda for the Big Spring ISD board,

which convenes at 5:15 p.m. today. Two seats will be up for election District 1, currently held by Irene Bustamante, and District 3, held by Larry McLellan.



Candidate filing begins Monday and runs through March 17. Only those residents residing with District 1 and District 3 may seek election.

Retirements, resignations and employments are on the agenda, and the board will go into executive session to discuss contract extensions for administrators, directors and coordinators. Superintendent William McQueary said the contract extensions are routine but that the district will take a strong look at cutting costs in late spring and early summer. "We will probably eliminate some positions. We always go in at the end of the year and usually we can eliminate some through attrition. We just won't fill those positions. This is going to be a very conservative year for us," McQueary said. Also to be considered this evening is the proposed calendar for 1999-2000. Calendars are made up by the district wide site-based decision-making committee and then voted on by

#### TODAY

G Friends of the Library. noon. Howard County Call Loraine Library. Redman at 264-2260. Legion American Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

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

**D** 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.

**G** 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).

D Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will observe "Friendship Nite" beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:30, followed with a time of fun and fellowship. Come dressed as a "doll" or your favorite cartoon character.

□ Valentine's Dance, 8-midnight, \$3 per person, \$5 couple. At American Legion Hall, 3203 W. Hwy 80, with band, "Special Effect."

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extended work hours, the florists said they expect to make most of their deliveries on Friday. Still others will be made Saturday. The florists said they will be working all day Saturday. Faye's will be open from noon to. 4 p.m. Sunday for late purchases, but won't make deliveries that day. Still, Friday will be the biggest delivery day, florists agreed.

to businesses that won't be open on the weekend or even Monday," Coats said.

(their Valentine bouquet) at the office, so Friday's the deal," Lusk said.

Deliveries to the schools had to be made today, since Friday

Kim Harp, an employee at Faye's Flowers, prepares a large bouquet of roses to go out for an early Valentine's Day delivery. Local florists are working feverishly this week to make up all the flower, candy and balloon orders for the holiday. is a school holiday. Although most of their orders have been from men to women, Lusk and Sheppard agreed women do often send Valentine's gifts to men as well. "I think what they're sending is balloons, candy, even some plants," Lusk said. "We have

some arrangements made up "Most of the orders are going for men." gifts are available for anywhere from \$8 on up.

"I think women like receiving

together," she said. Coats said Valentine's Day is the second biggest floral holiday, next to Mother's Day. "Everybody has a mother." he

said. "But I guess not everybody has a sweetheart." Sheppard said she had one

local man come in to buy a bunch of roses, planning to make a marriage proposal for Valentine's. He planned to place the ring inside the petals of one rose, so when his intended smelled the bouquet, she would see the ring.

"He was so excited," Sheppard said. "I thought, 'romance lives!' "This is a fun holiday. It really is."

## **BSSH** volunteers taking gift orders

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**Big Spring State Hospital** volunteers will be taking Valentine gift orders as long as gifts last.

Volunteers will deliver two carnations in a bud vase, potted ivy, a bean bag puppy and. candy bouquet, or a lucky horseshoe, candy and balloon bouquet. Each gift is \$8.

Benefits from this fund-raising event will go toward patient services, such as special needs and parties. Call 268-7533 or 268-7535 to order.

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#### Local, area public school students to have long weekend By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Some local students will enjoy a three- or four-day weekend beginning Friday, due to teacher in-service meetings and President's Day.

Big Spring students and teachers are dismissed Friday, and students will continue the holiday through Monday.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16 for all Big Spring students.

In Coahoma, students and teachers share the same holidays as Big Spring students: There is no school in Coahoma Friday or Monday, and classes resume Tuesday.

Forsan students will have class on Friday, but they will be dismissed Monday on President's Day. Classes resume Tuesday in Forsan.

Glasscock Independent School District in Garden City, Sands Consolidated School District in Ackerly and Grady Independent School District in Lenorah will have classes as usual.

Those districts do not observe President's Day.





Valentine flowers and other

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"We do have some who will

tomers drop as much as \$150

buy the candy, balloons, a big

stuffed animal and flowers all

for a sweetheart

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant Earl King of Monterey Construction does the finishing work to cabinets in one of the classroom storage areas at the new Big Spring Junior High School.

## New junior high about 92 percent completed, school officials remark

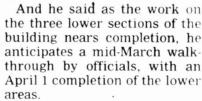
#### By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

About 92 percent of the \$12 million Big Spring Junior High School is complete, school offi-

cials said today "We can tell where we are because we have 92 percent of the money paid. We pay as much as we feel has been complete, SO that we have left what it should cost us LOGBACK

if we had to finish the work ourselves," said Ron Logback, business manager for Big Spring Independent School District.

Logback explained that in the last pay period request from the contractor, the district held back some money, because officials believed more work needed to be completed to reach that point in the project.



"We have an elaborate punch list, there's a full page on each room that goes from the floor to the drop ceiling above to the fire ceiling, all the walls and all the brick," he said.

The two other sections, the mall area, cafetorium, gymnasi ums and locker rooms, should reach the final stages in mid-May, with completion by May's end.

"We should be looking on the final punch list on the building. just the building not the landscaping. I look for them to have the work finished mid-June or by June's end," Logback said.

A dedication of the building is tentatively set for the latter part of June, he said.

"We should learn more about that from Mr. (Bill) McQueary

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## OBITUARIES

#### **Grover Bennett** Cunningham, Jr.

Funeral service for Grover Bennett Cunningham, Jr., Austin, will be Friday, Feb. 12,. 1999, at 10 a.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church in Austin.

Mr. Cunningham died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1999.

He was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Big Spring. He served in the Army Air Force and graduated from the University of Texas with degrees in law and accounting. Mr. Cunningham worked in his father's law/accounting office in Big Spring, served as city judge and joined several charitable organizations.

He returned to Austin in 1962. Survivors include: his wife, Grace Yeu-Fang Cunningham; two daughters, Carol K. Noble of Austin and Cheri G. Collins of Salem, Ore.; stepchildren Lee, Shari and Bill Webb of Austin, Dickie and Terri Reed of Alaska, Paul Pai of New York, N.Y.; and James Pai of Austin; brothers Joe Bruce Cunningham of Fort Worth, and Wilbur Paul Cunningham in Big Spring; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. George's Episcopal Church or for the Temple (IBPS), 8557 Research Blvd., Austin 78758. Arrangements are under the

direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Austin.

#### **Gladys M.** Cowling

Gladys M. Cowling, 86, Kermit, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999, at Winkler County Memorial Hospital. No services are scheduled.

She was born Oct. 14, 1912, in Denton County, and lived in Amarillo, where she worked as a nursery worker at First Baptist Church. She was a member of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Kermit, where she had lived the last 10 vears

Survivors include: a sister, Mary Cowling, Kermit.

Arrangements are under the

Wilkins on Nov. 11, 1974 in Chico.

Survivors include: wife, Patti Biffar; his parents, Clyde and Corrine Biffar; son Aaron Biffar and daughter, Andrea Biffar; sister Lurae Biffar; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Hawkins Funeral Home, Bridgeport.

#### Isabel Rodriguez

Graveside service for Isabel Rodriguez, 89, Big Spring, was 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999, at Big Spring State Hospital **Cemetery** with Chaplain Rick Foster officiating.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999, in a local hospital. She was born June 15, 1909 in Mexico. There are no known survivors

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

#### **R.V. Robinson**

Funeral services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton for R.V. Robinson, 75, Stanton. He died Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999 at a Big Spring Hospital.

#### **Randall** Howie

Randall W. Howie, 85, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, passed away on Feb. 9, 1999, at 4:45 p.m. in El Paso, following a long illness.

Services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

He was born to Henry Franklin Howie and Mary Ann Cox Howie on Dec. 2, 1913, in Terrell.

**Randall married Ethel Alice** Holmes on Jan. 14, 1944, in Monahans, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 1997. Randall grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. He had worked for the Texas Department of Public Safety for 33 years in Perryton, Borger,

## LOCAL

ing food," he said. The gymnasium floors still need seal coating and detailed painting, he said. The stripes painted on the walls, which in the larger gymnasium reads "Big Spring Junior High School" in black and gold letters, is nearly complete.

"They will finish sanding the floor in the smaller gymnasium today. They will start on the bleachers the first of next week," he said.

Carpeting continues, as does tile work in the locker and shower areas off the gymnasiums, and air conditioning ducts in the locker areas.

"The locker areas are still the most incomplete, with about 70 percent of the work done," he said.

The grounds of the building are undergoing a transformation as well. Areas are being prepared for landscaping and paving, and much of the external concrete areas have been poured.

They are preparing the area, and I expect to see light poles go up in the next week or two," Logback said.

"We are coming down to the final stages," he said.

## HOLIDAY

Continued from Page 1A Stanton Independent School District will observe the holidays next week. Students will be dismissed Feb. 18 and 19.

Classes will resume Feb. 22.

## BSISD

analysis.

Continued from Page 1A faculty. McQueary said that the faculty's recommendation is a calendar similar to the one

being used this school year. Budget amendments and a grant application are on the agenda, as is a report on the current and delinquent tax

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\$50 less than \$500, Jennings said. He was transported by EMS

personnel to the hospital, and although uninjured, he is despondent, the sheriff said.

No one was injured in the incident, and the inmate did not struggle or fight with the deputies and jailers who came to his aid, the sheriff said.



THURSDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland. Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical

vears old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett Center, third Thursday of the at the police department at 264month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211 2564.

•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.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Tax collections are running Settles, noon open meeting and close to last year at the moment, 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

> Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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#### BRIEFS

**BIG SPRING HERALD** Thursday, February 11, 1999

LOTTO:20,22,25,27,30,49 Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

PICK 3: 6,5,3

was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-LENCE was reported in the 3000 block of old Hwy 80.

## SHERIFF

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

• JESSE CORTEZ, 46, was arrested for contempt of child support order.

 SEAN LEON GUERRERO. 20, was arrested for issuance of bad checks.

 RUBEN S. GUTIERREZ, 40, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated."

MAXWELL RICHARD WALKUP, 47, was arrested on an Ector County warrant for failure to appear and theft by check.

• JAMIE ESTRACA, 18, was arrested for a Greer County, Okla. warrant for felony failure to appear

**MICHAEL RALPH HUGH-**ES, 32, was arrested for prohibited weapons.

 ANTHONY LEE EVANS. 18, was arrested for parole violation/possession of a controlled substance, failure to identify and fugitive from justice.

 JEFFERY CURTIS DUN-LAP, 20, was arrested for burglary of a building and burglary of a habitation.

• KATRINA ROGERS, 23, was arrested for felony forgery. • KENDALL RUFFIN, in custody, was arrested for sexual assault of a child.

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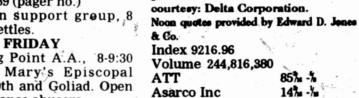
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#### Glenn Reid Biffar

Funeral service for Glen Reid Biffar, 50, Krum, will be Friday, Feb. 12, 1999, at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Krum with minister Ed Gatlin officiating. Burial will be in Chico Cemetery.

Mr. Biffar died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1999, in Denton.

He was the owner of Glenn R. Biffar Concrete Contractors, and had been a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring. He married Patti

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Randall W. Howie, 85, died Tuesday. Services are 1:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial in Trinity Memorial Park. NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Bill Sneed, 71, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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and Mildiand, he returned to Big Spring in 1977

After retiring from the DPS he went to work for the Big Spring Police Department for three years. He moved to El Paso Jan. 2, 1998. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He is survived by one son

and daughter-in-law, James and Angie Howie of El Paso; three sisters, Maxine David of Stockton, Calif., Lois Webb of Big Spring and Polly Smith of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Forrest Lamberty of Colorado Springs; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, John Crittenden.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## JUNIOR HIGH\_

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(superintendent) at the meeting tonight," Logback said, referring to the scheduled school board meeting.

Logback said the move from **Runnels Junior High School to** the new junior high school should start in June.

"We've got all the equipment on site. The cafetorium should be finished in about three weeks, and the kitchen area is about 70 percent complete. This is a really heavy area, what with all the plumbing and electrical work. It's pretty technical, with a completely equipped kitchen for cooking and prepar-

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ed 98 percent of taxes due. Delinquent tax collection is up from 6.8 percent last year to 7.3 percent this year, he added.

Last year, the district collect-

"Last year at this time we had

collected 51 percent and this

year we've collected 48 percent.

so we're very close in compari-

son to last year right now,"

McQueary said. "It's something

we'll keep taking a look at.

## SUPPORT

the superintendent said.

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ter serve Big Spring and surrounding communities.

The Alzheimer's Association offers such services as Safe Return, a national wanderer's identification program; a helpline for information on what to expect and care tips for family members; training for caregivers; respite care resources; a quarterly newsletter; a speaker's bureau and research information. Association staff can be

reached at 1-800-682-1174.

### County jail inmate tries to commit suicide

**Emergency medical personnel** responded to a call about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Howard County Jail in response to an attempted suicide.

"This was a bona fide attempt to end his life," said Sheriff Bill Jennings.

Currently, the 41-year-old inmate is hospitalized, under a doctor's care. He remains in custody of the Sheriff's Department.

On Feb. 1, this inmate was arrested for a motion to revoke probation for theft more than

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**A "NO-CODE" TECHNICAL** LEVEL "Ham" radio class will be sponsored by the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club on Saturday in the Ellen Phillips **Realtors conference** Room, 610 Main, Suite C, from 8:30 a.m. until 11.

The class is free, but students. must purchase the text. The class will be taught by Jim LeMarr (W5NBC) with help from Chris Churchwell (KC5DFZ) and Jose Gonzales (KB5GXW). An optional Morse code class (for all levels) will be taught after the no-code tech class from 11 a.m. to noon. Instructors will be Gonzales and Raford Dunagan (WD5EFJ)

For more information, call LeMarr at 394-4424 or Gonzales at 263-5777.

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX** ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 1998 income tax returns for individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park.

The service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

Those requesting assistance are asked to bring their tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing their 1998 income, as we as last year's tax return.

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POLICE

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

 CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest Second.

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 500 block of Main, 1800 block of Marcy and 2000 block of Gregg.

 BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong.

**ASSAULT** was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth.

 JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 3700 block of Calvin

 DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported at the intersection of 14th and Owens streets.

DAVID CAMPBELL, 38,

revoke probation/driving while intoxicated.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Big Fire Department/EMS reports: WEDNESDAY 12:36 a.m. - 1200 block E.

16th, medical call, service refused. 8:24 a.m. - 2000 block

Virginia, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:27 a.m. - 1200 block Harding, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:23 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:12 p.m. - 900 block Willa. gasoline spill.

2:16 p.m. - 400 block Scurry. trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:45 p.m. — Howard County Courthouse, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 5:14 p.m. - 1500 block Leatherwood, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

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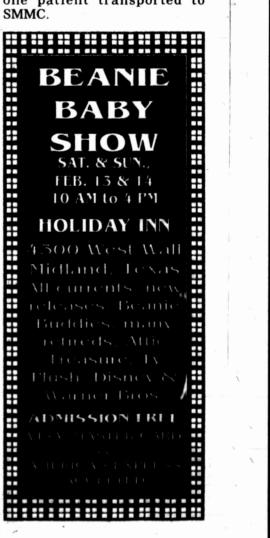
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## GENERAL NEWS

## Senate moving closer to acquittal; neither article may get majority

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate, poised to acquit President Clinton, has become the stage for a lesser drama centering on whether prosecutors will come away with even a simple majority favoring his conviction and removal from office.

With Republican hopes for a 67-vote conviction margin now just a distant memory, attention turned to the struggle for a mere majority — a legally empty result that nevertheless would offer rebuffed House prosecutors a symbolic achievement for all their uphill work.

"The drama is going to be whether obstruction gets 50 votes or not," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

AUSTIN (AP) - Future stu-

dents would have to pass the

Texas Assessment of Academic

considered the stronger of two charges in impeachment trial deliberations that enter their third day today. Numerous senators have predicted the perjury article against Clinton would not achieve a majority.

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Three Republicans said Wednesday they will not vote to convict Clinton. If three more do so and all 45 Democrats vote to acquit, the articles would fall short of a majority. Opinion polls have shown consistently that about two-thirds of the public think Clinton shouldn't be convicted and removed.

"I wouldn't be surprised if others would make a similar announcement — how many I Schumer, D-N.Y. don't know," Sen. Connie Mack, The article cited by Schumer, R-Fla., said of anti-conviction

announce his position.

Nearly half the 100 senators had not addressed their colleagues after the second day of closed-door deliberations ended Wednesday. Votes on the articles were possible late today, but senators were prepared to delay the verdict until Friday. The votes would be in open session.

If acquitted, there is a chance that Clinton would face no formal rebuke by the Senate. A Democratic initiative to censure Clinton struggled for survival under Republican resistance.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said that if GOP leaders prevent a censure vote, supporters might simply draft a decla-

obstruction of justice, has been Republicans. Mack did not ration condemning the president's behavior and circulate it for senators to sign

> Wednesday's session spanned eight hours with several breaks along the way. More than 30 senators spoke, with most taking the maximum 15 minutes allotted and some reminded by Chief Justice William Rehnquist's gavel that time had expired. The first day of deliberations on Tuesday covered a period of slightly more than four hours.

> While the transcript of the deliberations will remain secret unless the Senate changes its mind later, some senators have read to reporters the remarks they prepared for the closed session.

Moderate Republicans James

Jeffords of Vermont, Arlen Monica Lewinsky were widely Specter of Pennsylvania and John Chafee of Rhode Island announced their opposition to conviction on Wednesday.

Jeffords told reporters, "The pressure is coming on to get a majority."

But a spokesman for Majority Leader Trent Lott said the leadership had not tried to line up votes for conviction:

Lott, R-Miss., issued a state ment at mid-afternoon declaring that the evidence "shows that the president has committed perjury and obstructed justice. The only question left is, will the Senate vote to find him guilty of committing these high crimes."

Clinton's actions to conceal

condemned by Democrats and Republicans alike, including those opposing conviction.

Jeffords said Clinton "gave misleading statements. ... did obstruct justice, but his actions in this case do not reach the high standard of impeachment."

Specter told reporters he couldn't bring himself to vote for acquittal when the roll is called, but rather would declare the allegations were "not proved.'

Chafee said that despite Clinton's "reckless, tawdry behavior," he concluded that House prosecutors presented "circumstantial evidence" that was "rebutted by direct evi-

## Committee approves anti-social promotion bill

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#### their parents successfully appealed — under a bill approved unanimously by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday. The effort to stop the passage of students from grade to grade

when they're not academically prepared, known as social promotion, is a key initiative of dard. Gov. George W. Bush.

Amarillo, sponsor of the bill. After the bill was forwarded to the full Senate on a 9-0 vote, Skills in third, fifth and eighth Bush said, "We're off to a good grades to be promoted - unless start. ... I think it's an indication people are understanding this is a program to have high standards and early interventions.'

Under the measure, the TAAS requirement would kick in with the fall 1999 kindergarten class. Students already in school wouldn't have to meet the stan-

**Backers envision \$203 million** "If we continue to let this hap- in extra funding for programs pen, it is we who are failing, not to ensure students get the skills the students," said committee they need. Teachers would get Chairman Teel Bivins, R- stipends to participate in train-

ing seminars focusing on reading. Students who fail the TAAS would get more than one chance at the test.

The initiative drew favorable comments from business people and educators - including those whose school districts have instituted their own antisocial promotion programs, such as Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District.

State law already says students may be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency. But there's no state standard to ensure students aren't passed without demonstrating knowledge.

"We looked at it as parents. I wanted to make sure my son can read, write and perform mathematics," said Thom Vines, assistant superintendent at Lubbock-Cooper ISD.

The Texas Federation of Teachers estimated in 1996 that 150.000 Texas students are promoted every year without passing their courses.

**Opposition** to the proposal came from lawyer Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which has filed a lawsuit challenging the state requirement that students pass an exit-level TAAS to get a high school diploma.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) When Patricia Henley was 15, she watched sultry star Susan Hayward smoke on the big screen. It was cool. It was glamorous. She said no one

told her it might be deadly. Three decades later, the former three-pack-a-day- smoker with inoperable lung cancer convinced a jury that Philip Morris Cos. concealed the risks and addictiveness of smoking, and the panel rewarded her by returning the largest verdict ever in a tobacco lawsuit filed by an individual – \$51.5 million.

"I feel wonderful," said Ms. Henley, who pledged to donate any money she receives to educate youngsters about the dangers of smoking.

"This is a great day for the children.'

Ms. Henley, 52, won \$50 mil lion in punitive damages Wednesday on top of \$1.5 million in compensation awarded by the Superior Court jury a day earlier.

Although no similar verdict against the tobacco industry has survived on appeal isomer say Ms. Henley's case marks an makers.

Dr. Stanton Glantz, a

1996 that exposed tobacco industry documents, said he believes plaintiffs' lawyers have learned from mistakes.

"I think you're just beginning to see the beginning of the dam burst," he said. "The evidence of wrongdoing by the industry is getting overwhelming."

Ms. Henley thought she had pneumonia when she started coughing and having trouble singing. She was about to record a country and western music compact disc when she finally sought help.

She was diagnosed a year ago with inoperable cancer. Ms. Henley was forced to quit smoking and educate herself about what was in all those Marlboros.

"I went from knowing nothing to knowing too much," she said. "We went into this case figuring we'd never beat big business.'

She sued Philip Morris in May

Her lawyer, Madelyn Chaber, asked a jury of five men and seven women to "send a message back to this company that the price of human life cannot ghange in fortune for cigarette be calculated "into the cost of doing business."

Punitive damages were the

### Fraser introduces telecommunications legislation AUSTIN (AP) - A state law- states because of the inflated

consumers \$500 million a year on their telephone bills by lowering the amount local telephone companies can charge to connect in-state long distance calls.

The legislation sponsored by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, would reduce the 12 cents a minute Southwestern Bell and GTE charge to connect in-state long distance calls. The bill high-volume would cut the charge, which is tacked on to monthly phone

bills, to 5 cents.

maker says he can save Texas access rates charged by local telephone companies," said Fraser.

"Texans for too long have which have lobbied for the

been paying higher long dis- reduction, must "proportional-

tance rates compared to other ly" pass along the savings to

Administration asserts authority to send

The Public Utility Commission planned to reduce the access charge last year, but put off its plans when it couldn't get iron-clad guarantees from the big three – AT&T, MCI WorldCom and Sprint – that they would pass on the savings to all customers, not just the long-distance um minis ses users. . .... All agreed, except MCI.

Long-distance companies.

residential and business customers, not just their preferred year and has already prompted customers, according to the bill. an air war between industry 'Anyone who makes a long

distance phone call from their home or business would benefit under this bill," Fraser said.

For two years, the PUC would have the authority to assess administrative penalties against long-distance companies for not passing the savings to all customers, under the legislation. local phone companies, but Texas firms and their cus-

expected to be a top issue this interests that want the access charges reduced or left alone.

The access charges are used to keep basic local rates low, according to the Texas Telephone Association, which includes Southwestern Bell.

"Rural and urban customers of Texas local phone companies will wonder why some legislators want to confiscate hupdreds of millions of dollars from under current law has limited tomers and give it to such out-

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approval. Citing Bosnia as a precedent, **Undersecretary of State Thomas** Pickering told a skeptical House committee Wednesday, "There is ample constitutional precedent for this type of

> action.' But Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif., one of several International Relations Committee members who were cool

Kosovo in a NATO peacekeep-

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U.S. peacekeeping ground troops to Kosovo WASHINGTON (AP) - The to the idea, challenged the Clinton administration, risking senior State Department offia blowup on Capitol Hill, says it cial. "Previous constitutional has the constitutional power to violations do not justify subsesend American ground troops to quent ones," he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said that President Clinton was considering whether a civilian European force — backed by U.S. air and naval power "over the horizon" - might be the way to monitor a settlement of the Kosovo conflict.

However, Talbott said "there is a high degree of skepticism that this is sufficient" and some kind of ground force would be necessary.

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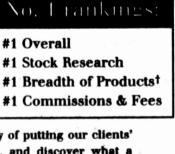
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## OPINION

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## Democrats have a reason to be nervous

his is the way impeachment ends, not with a bang but a whimper. The Senate will acquit William Jefferson Clinton of high crimes and misdemeanors, but

not vindicate him. No one - not even the most partisan Democrat believes the president is truly innocent of

anxiety recently in an interview with The Washington Post. He recounted a conversation he had on a campaign trip

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he took during the last election. His driver, a liberal activist, complained: "You know, I really don't care what Clinton did. It's not important to me or to my friends.'

Feingold was shocked. "I don't want to sound self-righteous, but I care a lot about his behavior,"he told the woman. "For liberals to think that all we care about is 10-point programs and not values and how you live your life, no, no," he implored. "I deeply resent this president's behavior and what it's done to us.

life. Every time Clinton has

lied, he's been rewarded, which

has only encouraged him to lie

Democrats have far more to

what happens next. Sen. Russ .

Feingold, D-Wisc., voiced that

fear than Republicans about

When Clinton leaves office in two years, he will have succeeded in diminishing the stature of the office beyond recognition. No longer will a president be expected to exem-

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that way nearly all his political plify high moral standards, be a hero to our children, someone we admire and trust. Surely Russ Feingold is not the only Democrat who understands this.

In both public and private. Democrats in Congress fairly drip contempt at the mention of Clinton's character. One liberal Democrat congresswoman recently complained to me that the president can't be trusted on human rights policy. He'll say one thing and do quite another, she said.

While no fan of Clinton's Republican predecessors, the congresswoman acknowledged that they were at least men of their word, they had never lied to her about what they intended to do.

The problem is the president lies. He lies to his wife. He lies to his friends. He lies to his political allies. He lies to the American people. He even lies under oath. Everyone knows it. And no one does anything about it.

The next two years cannot be easy for the Democrats. Their fortunes are inextricably tied to the president's. He sets their party's agenda. They have no

choice but to work with him and to accept him at his word, even when they know it isn't worth much. Those who vote to acquit the president will have this burden to bear. They will leave in office a man whom they do not trust.

Democrats have created a ' moral dilemma from which there is no escape. They have put their party on the side of perjury and obstruction of justice in order to save a man whom they fear will continue to embarrass and betray them. Those fears are well-founded.

Throughout the entire impeachment process, Clinton has behaved with utter defiance.

Where other men would have retreated in shame, he has stayed in the public eye, cocky and sure that he would emerge unscathed. In his entire life, he has never been forced to face the consequences of his actions: not by his wife, not by the voters, not by his fellow Democrats in Congress.

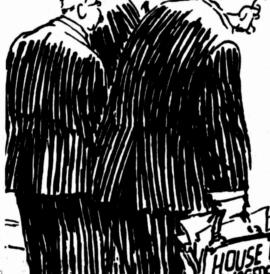
Democrats have reason to be nervous. As sure as night follows day, history will repeat itself. It always does with Bill Clinton.

## OUR VIEWS

lthough the high school basketball playoffs are just on the horizon and college basketball teams are winding down their conference schedules, the boys of summer will soon be taking center stage.

Baseball season is upon us. Little League programs are already taking their first steps toward forming for the year, most high school programs are within a couple of weeks from opening their season and Howard College's Hawks are primed not only for their 1999 home opener, but the start of Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play at the same time.

The Hawks will open WJCAC play at 2 p.m. Friday when they play host to Frank



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so they will vote to put this matter behind them as quickly

#### move it from base ρr a number of months, city officials have been faced with the dilemma of locating new hous-REX BALLIN TIMES LINCO

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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ing for the inmates who are part of the Wilderness Camp program of the Texas Department of Corrections.

This program, where inmates with a short amount of time remaining on their sentences stay within a community and do community service work, is one that we should do everything within our power to retain.

rently housed is in deplorable condition - and unless a new housing facility is provided, Big Spring will lose the program.

- is the former GAMCO facility on the Snyder Highway.

But are those assumptions correct?

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OUR VIEWS

Wilderness Camp:

Makes no sense to

First, the \$50 per square foot figure provided by city officials as the cost it would take to build a new building should be an insult to any reasonable person.

# The ex-barracks building in which inmates are cur-

One prospective site - called a "done deal" by some

According to city officials, the price is right, the building is right and there's no reason to not move ahead with the project.

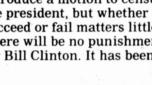
Business people in and around this community build

introduce a motion to censure the president, but whether they succeed or fail matters little. There will be no punishment for Bill Clinton. It has been

## CHAVEZ so. But the senators are tired of

sitting silent in their chairs while their poll numbers plummet and the president's soar,

as they can. Democrats will try feebly to



buildings every day for much less than the \$50 per square foot that was attributed to the Lubbock architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

Second, is the building right?

The building would have to be retrofitted to accommodate the inmates for sleeping, eating, showers, bathrooms and so on - with the so on including increasing the size of the water supply line as well as constructing a septic tank system capable of servicing a 200-inmate facility.

No, neither the price nor the building seem right.

Instead of relocating the facility away from the Air Park area, where location of such housing is both accepted and acceptable, why are city fathers so intent on this location or, for that matter, any other away from the current location?

It can't be money, for the estimated \$50,000 monthly benefit placed on the work the inmates perform allows you to cost-justify a \$600,000 facility in a single year! But if you want to spend less ... less than \$600,000 ... less than Parkhill, Cooper & Smith's \$459,000 ... less than the expected \$225,000 to \$250,000 the city wants to pay to purchase this building, you can easily do so. A 20,000 square-foot metal building constructed of 24gauge steel, complete with concrete pad, comes in at less than \$100,000 according to a person in the building industry.

That leaves a lot of financial flexibility to do the necessary work inside the building to make it ready for the inmates. In fact, since of one the selling points on the Snyder Highway location is the fact the inmates can do the work inside, why not allow them to do the work inside a new building.

By constructing a new building at Air Park, the city can take advantage of existing facilities as well as existing infrastructure - while saving money and eliminating ill will and hard feelings in the community.

But the cry from city officials that "we don't have any money" - just doesn't hold water.

There's monthly revenue from Air Park businesses and there's the money from the sale of the city's interests in the prisons to Cornell a couple of years ago, for starters. Advance the money from one of those funds and pay it back monthly ... with interest, if you will because of the value of the work done each month by the inmates.

We don't want to lose the Wilderness Camp program, especially when the prospects for doubling its size exists, but we don't believe the city has dealt with this project in either a logical or open manner - which causes questions and concerns about why one particular location is being pushed so hard and exactly who is doing the pushing.

No ... the price on the building isn't right ... the location isn't right ... and the manner in which the city has handled this isn't right.

It's time for city officials to allow the city manager and city staff to develop a plan for keeping the facility where it belongs — at the Air Park.

## Oh, the high price tag for TAAS

n the summer of 1984. members of the 68th Legislature passed a historic education-reform bill. Some of the reforms, like the no-pass.

no-play rule, had merit. The provision to measure individual school's performance through a common testing program also had

merit. WARREN However. implementation of this

program has resulted in excessive testing in Texas public schools

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Today, TAAS, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, is given each year in grades 3 through 8, and the exit-level TAAS in 10th grade

Now State Education **Commissioner Mike Moses has** recommended additional tests. proposing that the TAAS be given in both grades 9 and 10, and the exit-level test be postponed until grade 11. He has also recommended additional tests in some subject areas in grades 4, 5 and 6, and in science and social studies in the 10th grade. Senator Teel Bivins, Amarillo, will introduce legislation to implement these proposals.

John Stevens, executive

director of the Texas Business and Education Coalition. recently endorsed these proposals in an editorial in the Dallas Morning News. He argues that testing in the 9th grade would "enable teachers and parents to identify students who need help at this critical stage." I question the need for this additional test. Six years of testing in grades 3-8 should

already have identified any student who needs help. Stevens supports moving the exit-level TAAS to the 11th grade because, "Once students pass the exit-level TAAS, they can take minimal courses and coast through their last two years of high school." This remark is an insult to

high school students and teachers One unpublicized fact about

TAAS is its high price tag. The cost of administering TAAS last year was 16 million dollars. The money would be well spent if students were really helped, but I am not sure this is the case. Consider this: Random test-

ing in public schools with a norm-referenced tests, one that compares achievement scores on a national level, is mandated by the Texas Legislature. I called the Texas Education Agency and asked if Texas scores had risen since the TAAS. The answer was, "They have remained about the

same. The expenditure of 16 million dollars does not include the outlay for salaries of TAAS employees. At the Texas Education Agency, there are 50 contract and non-contract employees in the Assessment **Division of TAAS. I was unable** to learn how many are employed by the Accountability and Curriculum Divisions.

In addition, there is the tremendous expense, including air fare and hotel bills, for sending teachers and administrators, statewide, to meetings where they participate in committees that critique types of test questions for the TAAS. In an article in the Abilene Reporter-News, the state education commissioner admitted that costs will increase under this new proposal. However, he insisted that the cost of the testing program is "less than 1 percent of all our spending on public education.

The fancy phraseology of his statement, notwithstanding, this can mean a hefty expenditure. I am sure his proposal will have the strong support of test makers and test scorers. I cannot think that informed taxpayers will be equally enthusiastic.

It is time for Texas to question the merits of TAAS, and to question the wisdom of funding additional testing.

Jean Warren is a retired educator and frequent contributor to the Big Spring Herald.

**Phillips' Pla**insmen 'at 'Jack' Barber Field. That nine-inning game will be followed by a doubleheader at noon Saturday.

Howard's baseballers opened their season last weekend with a third-place finish at the **Blinn Invitational Tournament** in Brenham, winning three of the four games they played. Among those three wins was a 7-0 shutout of No. 9-ranked Northeast Texas Community College's Eagles and a 9-8 thriller over No. 10-ranked Navarro Junior College's Bulldogs.

This year's Hawks team promises to play a more exciting brand of baseball than Howard's 1998 team that boasted a lineup of power hitters that lived and died by the big inning.

Those heavy hitters have been replaced with personnel more suited for station-to-station baseball.

But Howard's style of play won't be the only change in store for fans who arrive for Friday's home opener.

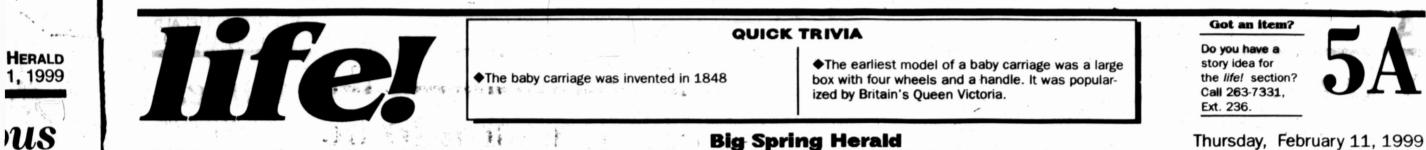
Improvements are being made at Jack Barber Field most notable being an ongoing construction project that will provide restrooms for fans.

In addition, the home grandstand along the first base sideline has been covered, not only to provide shade, but also for protection from popped foul balls that sometimes seem to rain on fans seated in those bleachers.

With a more exciting brand of baseball on tap, improvements to the facility and free admission, there's no reason for the Hawks go lacking for a fan following.

We wish the Hawks the best of luck this season and look forward to seeing you there both Friday and Saturday cheering them to success.





## Big Spring High School awards academic letters, jackets to 99

#### By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

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Academic letters and letter jackets were presented to 99 students at Big Spring High School recently.

"Since we've started awarding the academic letters and jackets three or four years ago, we've seen an increase every year," said Principal Kent Bowermon.

All students are eligible, based on their grades from the previous year.

"This goes all across the spectrum," Bowermon said. "It has been extremely successful." Cost of the program has also been worth it, he added.

"When (Glynna) Mouton was on the school board, she was big backer of academics and she got the funding to get this started," he said. "It's grown ever since.

"What we're discovering," Bowermon said, "is that more and more freshmen are becoming aware of it and it's helping them with their grades.'

To be eligible for the letters, students must have nothing less than a yearly average grade of 90 in each subject, and neither semester grade can be lower than an 87. Students must be taking at least two courses in English, math, science or social studies during they year they are eligible for the letter.

As with all University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities, students are eligible for only one jacket, but can receive a new letter each year. Bowermon said many of the

students recognized with the academic letters have already received jackets and other letters in sports, band, theater, or other activities.

"They have to be committed to their studies," Bowermon said. "These kids that you see on the sports page for example, they are still required to take care of academics. That's why they are here.

"That's why when you go to games, you see students sitting in the stands doing homework. There are only so many hours in the day."

Last year's senior students receiving the academic letter or jacket were: Justin Ball, Licia Doll, Chris Felty, Melanie Flenniken, Matthew Fraser, Maria Garvin, Maggie Haddad, Maria Hinojos, Kelly Hollar, Kara Hughes, Kelsey Ingram.

Also Taylor Johnson, Somer Leubner, Hsiao-Hsuan Li, Kim Long, Amy Mayes, Kristina McWherter, Lauren Middleton, Jonathan Morales, Emily Mouton, Wesley Mouton, Justin Myers, Rachel Nash, Amanda Nelson, Brady Patterson, Stephen Smith, Michelle Steward, Kayne Stroup, Angela Sturm, Trisha Trevino, Monica Villarreal, Stefanie Waggoner, Jeremy Weaver, Jennifer Wilks, Brian Willberg, Greg Woolenzien, Alicia Wood, Kim Yanez.

This year's senior students honored were: Larissa Adkins, Williams Aguirre, J.J. Beckworth, Lorie Broussard, Ashley Buson, Heather Burt, Stephanie Castaneda, Robin Dickens, Thomas Garza, April

Patterson, Rachel Ray, Sammy Rodriguez, Jennie Tedford. Beatrice Trevino, Meredith Ware, Drew Wegman, Annette Wennerbom, Alison Woodall.

This year's junior students earning the academic letters were: Christina Atkerson, Jonathan Bagwell, Jearlyn

dents must meet requirements in grade point average and classes taken.

Holland, Catherine Juare, Izitzitlini Marsh, Christine Medellin, Amanda Miller.

Also Fred Morales, Evelyn Munoz, Kristina Nelson, Alicia Phifer, Cheryl Platte, Justin Richter, Ashley Simmons, Danielle Stokes and Vanessa Yanez.

Sophomores honored were: Joseph Bumbulis, Luis Diaz, Melissa Flenniken, Heather Harris, Joshua Howell, Isaac Kremsky, Justin Nichols, Sarah Sanghavi, Olga Sifuentes, Irene Trevino, Jesus Valdez and Jessica Way.

## BRIEFS

#### Stressed out? Try a 'Mood Meter'

BOSTON (AP) - City workers feeling the blues can call up a "mood meter," an automated phone system that screens for depression. They just can't expect to talk to a live person.

Callers listen to recorded descriptions of how they feel and are asked how often they feel that way.

Descriptions range from "I get tired for no rea

work spotted Yoshiko cradling her offspring, dubbed Toshi.

"The baby looked like she had just been born," Mark Atha said. "It was a total shock."

Gibson, Juanita Gonzales.

Also Lauren Hillman,

Sterling Hillman, Matthew

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Leannah, Stephanie Lewis,

Yuching Li, Karen Martinez,

Lindsay Moates, David Moore,

Jennifer Morgan, Zachary

Odell, Christopher Olson, Keely

The baby, which has bright pink feet, weighs about 2 pounds — average for a chimp newborn - and is nursing well, the zoo said.

Zoo officials plan to take blood from Toshi in a

## Courtship model not for all teens

QUESTION: My oldest son is to group situations in carefully approaching the age where we had previously agreed to allow him to date. The more I think about it, though, the more the whole idea concerns me. It seems that even in the best of dating situations, the negatives in "saving exceed the positives. I can't oneself" for

controlled settings. Physical intimacy for the sake of titillation and experimentation is considered to be most inappropriate. It is

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**Courtesy phot** These students were among those awarded academic jackets and letters recently at Big Spring High School. To earn the honor, stu-

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son" to "I feel others would be better off if Iwere dead." Callers punch the digits and hear a recorded diagnosis that urges severe cases to get counseling.

Officials said the hotline is valuable for the city's 18.000 workers, who are often blamed for the city's maladies. But it's also good for the city: Healthy employees are less likely to be absent and are more likely to be productive, officials say.

"It's not meant to replace an appointment with a mental health professional, but it's a push in the right direction," said Joe Cullinan, clinical director of the city's Employee Assistance Program.

The hotline was installed in October and so far has received 155 calls, Cullinan said.

Other public employers, such as the city of Toledo, Ohio, the Broward County (Fla.) Sheriff's Department, and federal agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have also adopted the hotline, provided by the Wellesley-based National Mental Illness Screening Project, a nonprofit organization.

"As an employee, it's a great idea," said city human resources worker Bill Kessler, 46, of

#### Surprise! Chimp gives birth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Who is the father of Yoshiko's baby?

It's a mystery at the Los Angeles Zoo, where the 8-year-old chimpanzee gave birth over the weekend.

Keepers say they didn't know Yoshiko was pregnant and aren't sure how she got that way. All three of her eligible mates have had vasectomies, the zoo said Tuesday.

Three other males haven't had the procedure, the zoo said. Still, 44-year-old Toto has never shown any interest in the opposite sex, while 4year-old Glenn and 2-year-old Ripley are too young to be monkeying around.

The surprise birth was discovered early Sunday when an assistant keeper arriving for

few months and use DNA testing to determine the father, chimpanzee keeper Vicki Bingaman said.

#### More poor preschoolers overweight

ATLANTA (AP) - More and more preschoolers from poor families are overweight, the government reported Tuesday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 8.6 percent of the low-income 2to 4-year-olds it studied in 1997 were overweight, up from 7 percent in 1989. Among children under 2, the percentage rose from 10.8 to 11.3. Researchers believe the increase is due to high-calorie convenience foods rather than lack

of physical activity, said Dr. Kelley Scanlon of the CDC. The report showed some improvement.

The percentage of poor infants who were breast-fed rose from 35.3 in 1989 to 46.2 in 1997. The CDC studied low-income children from 44 states, the District of Columbia and five Indian tribes

#### Vaccine for ear infections studied

A common microbe appears to be the leading virus causing painful middle ear infections in children.

Three types of bacteria are considered the most common causes of such infections, but viruses that cause respiratory infections are also known to be major culprits.

Dr. Terho Heikkinen and others from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston studied 456 sufferers between the ages of 2 months and 7 years.

They found that respiratory viruses in the lungs of 186 of the children. The syncytual virus, or RSV, was most frequently implicated in ear infections, present in the middle ear fluid of 48 of the children.

The study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine concluded that an effective vaccine for RSV would greatly reduce the incidence of both ear and respiratory infections.

nelp but leel that I'm setting my son up for failure.

Several of my friends have adopted the concept of "courtship" rather than dating. Could you please explain this idea to me, and suggest which of the two arrangements you favor?

DR. DOBSON: Simply put, the 'courtship'' concept is a reaction to the dating model, which is thought by many to be unhealthy.

Dating couples go through a series of short-term and often unsatisfying relationships over a period of five or 10 years or longer. As such, they are being taught to flit from one relationship to another like a honeybee buzzing from flower to flower. Why would they not be inclined later to bail out on a marriage partner when bored or frustrated? Dating also encourages sexual familiarity and experimentation. It isn't difficult to understand why an increasing number of parents feel this traditional model undermines commitment, exclusivity and permanence in marriage.

The courtship model, by contrast, seeks to postpone emotional and physical entanglements until they occur with the probable husband or wife. The family is very supportive in helping to choose that special individual for a serious courtship when the time is right.

Until then, relationships between the sexes are limited

the man or woman with whom a lifetime will be spent. Many par-

ents. and undoubtedly **DR. JAMES** the majority DOBSON of teen-agers, would considthe

courtship model to be extreme and terribly restrictive. Not every teenager would tolerate it.

I believe it is a good idea in those settings where both generations are committed to it and are willing to work together to make it successful. "Courtship" is not recommended in cases of adolescent rebellion or where there is great resistance to the idea. Whether or not to take this approach, therefore, is a matter for individual families to determine. QUESTION: We hear so

much about mothers being depressed and unable to accept the empty nest when the kids leave home. In our family, however, it was Dad who took it hard. He went into a tailspin for more than a month. Is this unusual?

DR. DOBSON: No, it happens very commonly. In a recent study, 189 parents of college freshmen were asked to report their feelings when their son or daughter left home. Surprisingly, the fathers took it harder than the mothers.

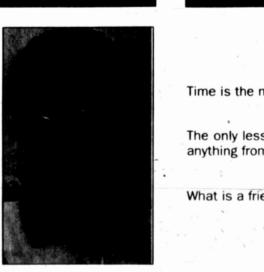
That resistance to the empty

nest was the theme of the movie "Father of the Bride, which was a hilarious and touching tribute to the love of a father for his daughter. When George, the dad, sat across from his daughter at the dinner table and learned that she was engaged, he took the news hard. He couldn't believe what he was hearing. He had to clear his vision when he saw his daughter as a baby girl, and then as a 10-year-old tomboy, and finally as a beautiful young woman of 18. His little girl had grown up so quickly and now she was leaving home. He would never again be the main man in the life of his precious daughter, and there was griev-

ing to be done. Why do men sometimes take the empty next so hard? One of the chief explanations is regret. They have been so busy, working so hard, that they let the years slip by almost unnoticed. Then suddenly they realize it is too late to build a relationship with the child who is leaving home forever.

For those of you who still have children or teen-agers at home, take a moment regularly to enjoy your remaining time together. Those days will be gone in the blink of an eye.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald.



Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend.

#### Theophrastus

The only lesson history has taught us is that man has not learned anything from history.

#### Anonymous

What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.

Aristotle

## **EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK**

#### **EDUCATOR NAME:** Dottie Rogers

POSITION/SCHOOL: English I teacher, Coahoma High School YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION: 15 in teaching, 22 in education.

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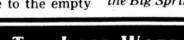
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MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: To see the "light" come on when they grasp a concept or experience success. IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB. IT WOULD BE:

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## Life

## First five years: Teacher shares his all-too-common experient

SAN ANTONIO (AP)-Winter is the time of year when Julio Ramirez usually dreams of his high school students cramming algebra equations as they prepare for final exams.

But on a December morning, images of unfamiliar work settings invaded his sleep.

Ramirez, a 32-year-old teacher at Lanier High School on San Antonio's West Side, awoke to realize that, for the first time since he started teaching five years ago, he is considering leaving his job.

"Everyone recognizes teaching is one of the most demanding professions out there, but they don't recognize it by paying me enough so I can provide for my family, buy a house and drive a decent car," he says.

National experts say teacher are most likely to leave the pre fession in the first five years. Texas loses 30 percent of its teachers within the first two years and 50 percent within the first five.

Stress, poor working conditions and concerns about low pay lead teacher to abandon the field, surveys show. Ramirez says he can handle the pressure but is increasingly troubled by what he calls a lack of "economic respect."

Yet Ramirez sets aside his frustration when he enters the classroom.

Last year, Ramirez's International Banking and Business magnet school students outperformed all other classes in the San Antonio School District on the state algebra exam.

This year, Ramirez hopes they'll do even better.

"As a teacher, we're supposed to stand in front of a classroom and encourage our students to get either a two- or four-year degree in a competitive field such as math, science, engineering or computers. If they do, they can live a certain lifestyle. That's the American dream," Ramirez says.

'Their own teacher, who did follow those rules, is not living the American dream. I've lost their economic respect."

In truth, his students and peers admire him. He was named math department cochairman this year. He tells his students not to choose teaching. yet several say they hope to fol"Need help?"

Mario doesn't answer. "Put the calculator down," he tells a reluctant Mario. Like an actor, he projects for his audience.

"I know we encourage the calculator, but try to step back: ... especially when you're dealing with simple numbers like this."

He closes with a pep talk. "Marci's mom is graduating from UTSA (the University of Texas at San Antonio)," he

says. "It's never too late ... I was the first to graduate from college in my family. You don't have to be an Einstein. Lord knows, I wasn't. I got Bs and Cs straight through high school. "All you need to go to college

is determination. Ganas. Desire."

Ramirez tells his students they go through little he hasn't heard or experienced. As a result, he hears about lost virginity, rape, family problems nothing he wouldn't hear on the wealthier North Side, he is quick to point out.

'Not only are you a teacher, you are a mother, brother, sister, father, clergyman, counselor, dictator. This is the challenge and I am up to it." he says. "This is what I am going to miss.' ...

**Today's teachers** 

In a "pink collar" field full of Anglo women, Ramirez is a rarity. And the pink collar is graying.

Two million of the country's 3.5 million teachers are expected to retire in the next 10 years. Serious shortages already exist in bilingual education and special education, which require special skills; and math, sci-

ence and computers, where private companies pay top dollar. Last year, 96 percent of Texas public school teachers were certified in specific skills, such as math or science teaching. But about 30 percent taught outside their area of expertise.

One of every five SASD high school math teachers wasn't certified in math, state data shows.

State teacher unions, pointing to the dearth of qualified educators, are lobbying for a \$6,000 pay raise in the Legislature.

Texas teachers ranked 38th in the nation in annual pay in 1996-97, when they earned an average \$32,426, according to a study by the American Federation of Teachers.

More than one-third of Texas teachers held outside jobs, double the national figure, according to a survey last year by the Teachers Texas State Association. The survey also found 40 percent considered leaving the job because of stress, poor working conditions and low pay.

The pool of veteran teachers is rapidly declining.

'If I stayed, it's because together we've been able to make ends meet. We don't have the big house or the fancy cars," says Margaret Arevalo, a

26-year math teacher in the Edgewood School District. She married a history teacher who doubles as a community college teacher.

She says she wouldn't want to counsel Ramirez.

"All I know is our kids need good teachers how long can the state of Texas let them leave?"

State Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said public school teachers never have been paid their full value.

"There are 325,000 (Texas) teachers who are willing to work today at these pay levels. Teaching has never been a profession people went into to get rich. They love the work. They went into it for the intangible rewards."



low his example. For boys at the high school, Ramirez serves as a key role model.

Unlike most professions, teaching offers Ramirez no career ladder short of leaving the classroom for administration. He burns to test himself elsewhere, to see if he can turn the drive that energizes his students into financial gains.

A day with Julio

One December day, Ramirez parked his truck and hit the ground running at 7:30 a.m.

"We've got to hustle." he says, brushing aside a reporter's apologies for making him late.

Then he's moving, shaking out his keys, opening his classroom door, fishing for pages to photocopy. He waves to students and hums like a motor as he cruises through the bustling hall.

His students file into Room 114 to find four problems on the board.

"All right, boys and girls, you've got a warm-up (exercise) there," Ramirez says. Two dozen students groan. They discard jackets, pick up calculators, settle into a rhythm.

Ramirez zings a set of rapidfire questions at his class.

What does the square root of 37 mean? OK, but what does it mean in plain English? . . . Let's use that common sense first. . . . Did y'all finish (problems) No. 2 and No. 3?" There is a chorus of yesses.

He neutralizes a squirming student by sending him to the board. "Johnny, why don't you come up and show us No. 2?" Next, Mario goes to the front

board and stares at it. 'What's the matter?" Ramirez asks. "You're acting like you've

never been to the board. Did you do the problem?" "No.'

"Can you?"

"Yes."

"Do you need a calculator?" He helps Mario get started. then reviews problems for the class. He turns.



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## IN BRIEF

#### Postseason cage tilts slated at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for a number of postseason basketball games, the first of them coming Friday as Borden County's Lady Coyotes play a practice game against Ozona's Lady Lions and the Coyotes take on Stanton's Buffaloes in a boys'

practice game. "The Dorothy" will also be the site for two bi-district girls' playoff games on Tuesday.

Abilene's Lady Eagles take Lubbock Lubbock on Coronado's Lady Mustangs in a Class 5A playoff at 6 p.m. Tuesday, followed by an 8 p.m. Class 3A showdown between Slaton's Lady Tigers and Crane's Lady Golden Cranes.

#### Lady Steers boosters set meeting for tonight

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.

#### National Little League slates Monday meeting

The Big Spring National Little League will hold a meeting for all persons interested in helping with the 1999 Little League season for 7 p.m. Monday at the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Little League registration begins Feb. 20.

For more information, contact Jim Wilson at 263-0062, John R. Sparks at 263-8527 or Jerry and Carlon Baker at 263 3242.

#### CGA membership tourney schedulet for Sunday

hold its annual membership

#### Sports Editor

Although Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers golf teams opened the 1999 season in less than impressive fashion last week, coaches Gary Simmons and Mike Scarbrough expect better showings as their teams prepare to host the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament this weekend.

The tournament gets under way Friday with a field of 25 boys teams playing at the Comanche Trail Golf Course, while the girls' division's field of 22 teams will play at the Big Spring Country Club.

Saturday's final rounds will see the boys play at the country club, while the girls play Comanche Trail's layout.

"This is going to be a really good tour-

Steers, Lady Steers golfers host BSHS Invitational this weekend By JOHN A. MOSELEY showing this week. good enough to finish seventh in the both divisions," Simmons said as he prepared his Steers for Friday's opening round. "Right now, I guess you'd have to say that Lubbock Coronado or Odessa **Permian would be the favorites** in the bovs' division. but (San Angelo) Lake View's supposed to be pretty good, too.

"The important thing is that we'll get a good look at just what Lake View, Sweetwater, Andrews and the rest of the teams in our district have got," Simmons added, noting that this year's District 5-4A boys' field will be a strong one and believes the Steers will be extremely competitive. "I think it (district race) is going to be pretty wide open ... five teams are capable of winning it."

Although the Steers finished sixth last week at the Snyder Invitational. Simmons says he expects a stronger the way at Snyder with a 74-79, 153 -

"I think we'll play a lot better, because this is a good group of kids ... they play well," he explained. "We're not going to dazzle people with a couple of kids going out and shooting in the 60s, but we are capable of having four kids shoot in the

"That's what we're looking for right now ... being able to develop some consistency," he added. "We're looking for the right combination of kids right now, that's why we'll have three boys' teams competing this weekend."

The Steers' first team will consist of seniors Sammy Rodriguez, Rudy Bailey and O.J. Gamboa, Heath sophomore Isaac Hernandez and Wilburn

Rodriguez, the Steers' No. 1 player, led

good enough to finish seventh in the medalist standings, while Hernandez finished tied for 13th individually.

The second team will include senior "" Josh Long and juniors Richard Gaitan, Jamie Womble, Zach Hall and Jerrod Simmons; while the third team will include three freshmen - Will Connally, Dustin Rinard and Jacob Garcia - and sophomore Richard Key.

For the Lady Steers, a 458-394, 852 posted on the San Angelo Country Club and Riverside Golf Courses left them 11th in a field of 14 teams at the San Angelo Girls' Golf Classic.

Scarbrough, however, is anything but disappointed with the way his largely inexperienced Lady Steers squad is playing.

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Lady Hawks set for title fight Howard men put 9-0 mark on line against Chaparrals Howard Profiles

## on line against Chaparrals

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

No championship is won in just one game, but there are always pivotal moments in any title run that are glaring in ret-

rospect. Sometimes ... just sometimes, you can see such moments coming.

Such is the case tonight as Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks face what could well be their biggest games in the second half of the Western College Junior Athletic **Conference (WJCAC) schedule**, facing Midland College's Chaparrals and Lady Chaparrals.

Tonight's women's game set for a tip at 6 is without question crucial for the No. 8ranked and 23-2 Lady Hawks, as they attempt to avenge a 74-69 home loss to the Lady Chaparrals suffered a few

The Chicano Golf That loss on Jan. 18 was the Association of Big Spring will first home defeat the Lady Hawks had suffered in Matt Corkery's three years at the Howard women's helm. It was also only the third Lady Hawks loss at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the 1990s. The Lady Hawks want nothing more to erase the bad taste that loss left in their collective mouth and is almost a requirement if they're to live up to prepredictions that season Howard's women would win the WJCAC championship. Knocking off the No. 5-ranked Lady Chaps on their Chap Center home court would leave the Lady Hawks tied for the WJCAC standings with four games to play. Midland enters tonight's game with a 23-2 mark matching Howard's. However, the Lady Chaps currently hold a one-game lead in the WJCAC women's standings with a perfect 9-0 slate in conference play. What's more, the Lady Chaps come into the game with the nation's 10th best-offense, averaging 85.1 points per game with three players averaging in double figures. Midland is paced by Jhudy Gonzales' 14.9 points-per-game average, while teammates Julie Rampley and Amie Kane average 11.2 and 10.0 points per game, respectively. On the other hand, the Lady Hawks possess the nation's No.

6-rated defense, allowing opponents just 55.5 points per game. Offensively, they score at a 79.9 points-per-game clip.

In addition, the Lady Hawks have the conference's most prolific scorer in point guard Karlita Washington, who averages 20.5 points per game. Teammate Latasha Moore averages 11.7 points per game.

are coming off a less than thrilling performance against Western Texas, and Corkery says they'll have to play much better to knock off the Lady Chaps.

'We haven't said a word to them about Midland since we played them here," Corkery noted, explaining that the Lady Hawks showing in their 85-57 win over WTC should not have been the result of looking ahead.

Since that win, however, there's not question that orkery and his charges have neir focus clearly centered or the Lady Chaps.

And Corkery makes it clear

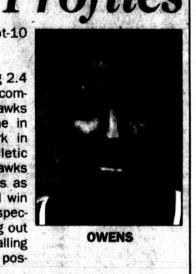
#### Hawk: Scooter Owens, 5-foot-10 reshman point guard. m: Baton Rouge, La.

ulck Facts: Currently averaging 2.4 points and 1.4 assists per game comng off the bench for the 19-5 Hawks is they head into tonight's game in Midland with a perfect 9-0 mark in lestern Junior College Athletic Conference play. Provided what Hawks head coach Tommy Collins credits as the pivotal play in Howard's road win over South Plains College with a spectacular save of a loose ball, diving out of bounds to save the ball and calling timeout in the process to maintain pos-

session. High School: Three times earned all-district and all-metro honors at Bob Jones High School. He was also a two-time all-state selection and was named his district's most valuable player his senior season averaging 19 points, eight assists and five steals per game. Also played on team that won four state AAU championships during the offseason. In track he was the Louisiana state champion in the 800 meters and ran a leg on the state championship 1 600-meter relay team.

Coach Tommy Collins comments: "Scooter has excellent quickness and is a good shooter with range. I had the privilege of hing his high school he same type of pt.

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UT regents give Brown extension AUSTIN (AP) - Texas coach ru

Mack Brown will earn \$1 million a year under a contract ,-; extension approved Wednesday 2). by university officials that ! seeks to keep him leading the Longhorns through the 2008 season.

The extension approved by .:the UT System Board of Jr. Regents raises Brown's total compensation by \$250,000 a year. It is retroactive to Jan. 1, the day Brown led the Longhorns to a 38-11 win over of Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl.

Brown's base salary is .... \$200,000 a year, with the rest of ye the money coming from 4.7 endorsements, radio, television ub and other media commitments, Mil summer camp income and nb expense allowances, the school said.

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The Lady Hawks, however,

tournament Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Entry fees for the four-man scramble are set at \$10 per person and CGA membership dues are \$20 per person.

The tournament will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. but players should be at the course and have fees paid no later than 8:30 a.m.

#### Hunter Education course scheduled for Feb. 20-21

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be conducted Feb. 20-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Boyce Hale will be the instructor for the classes. A fee of \$10 per person will be charged.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891

#### American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass

The pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country **Club and the Comanche Trail** Golf Course are participating.

## **ON THE AIR**

#### Radio JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m. - Howard College Lady Hawks at Midland College Lady Chaparrals, KBYG-AM 1400. 8 p.m. — Howard College Hawks at Midland College Chaparrals, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men 6:30 p.m. — Illinois at Michigan State, ESPN, Ch. 30. 9:30 p.m. -+ UCLA at Stanford, ESPN, Ch. 30. 11 p.m. - California-Irvine at

Utah State, ESPN, Ch. 30.

#### SKIING

4 p.m. - Wold Alpine Championships, women's giant slalom, ESPN, Ch. 30.

the Lady Hawks will have to play much better than they did when the last time the two teams faced each other if they hope to win.

We're going to have to do a much better job getting on the boards and execute offensively if we're going to beat them (Lady Chaps)," he added.

"That was the difference when we played them at home

.. they dominated the game inside the paint," Corkery added. "We can't let them do whatever they want to do inside the lane and expect to win.

"It's really a matter of intensity," he added. "More than anything that was what they had going for them the first time. They wanted it a little more than we did

Hawks head coach Tommy Collins is also concerned with the level of intensity his team has shown since the Hawks' 68-62 win over Midland on Jan. 18, Howard, now the nation's No. 24-ranked team, enter tonight's game with a 19-5 mark overall and a perfect 9-0 slate in WJCAC play. And, thanks to a

South Plains loss on Tuesday, the Hawks own a two-game lead in the conference men's standings.

What's more, the Hawks are the nation's No. 7-ranked team defensively, allowing oppo-

Lady Hawk: Kim Robertson, 5-foot-9 sophomore guard/forward. metown: Big Spring.

ick Facts: Currently averages 1.4 points and 1.4 rebounds per game in a reserve role for the 23-2 Lady Hawks, ranked No. 8 nationally going into tonight's game against No. 5-ranked Midland College's Lady Chaparrals. A walkon, she shot 50 percent from three-point range during her freshman season which was cut short due to an

ligh School: Led Big Spring's Lady Steers to a 19-10 record and their

sixth consecutive district championship in 1997 by averaging 11.5 points, seven rebounds and three steals per game. Was named the District 4-4A most valuable player her senior season, earning a first-team spot on the Herald's All-Crossroads Country Basketball Team. Was also named to the All-Permian Basin and All-West Texas teams selected by other newspapers. Joined future Lady Hawks teammate Ricka McKee on the Crossroads Classic All-Tournament Team her senior season.

Coach Matt Corkery's comments: "Kim gives us a needed threat behind the three-point line. As a sophomore she's become a leader ... particularly by example. She has a great work ethic. She knows what it takes to win and works hard to make herself and her teammates better every day."

while scoring 77.2 points per game

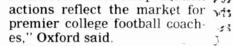
Greg Lewis leads the Hawks in scoring average with 17.7 points per game, while guard Larry Allaway averages 12.8 points. Still, the Hawks' inability to

maintain the level of intensity See HAWKS, page 2B

nents just 65 points per game, he'd like has seemed epidemic to Collins since Howard knocked off the Chaps during the second week of conference play.

ROBERTSON

"We haven't been the same team since the Midland game. we just haven't been outstand-



Brown's contract is extended 353 four years through Dec. 31, 131 2008. Also approved was an ,;; annuity to pay the 47-year-old ait Brown a net \$1 million when he 33 turns 55 if he is Texas' football coach for at least five years. :9.)

"I'm really excited about the confidence the university has shown in our program, not only for me but for our whole staff," 5.3 Brown said. 1.55

The university last month approved pay raises for se Brown's staff. Offensive and gra defensive coordinators Greg Davis and Carl Reese will each get raises of \$35,000, bringing their salaries to \$150,000 Brown's other assistants also will get raises of \$15,000.

Davis, Reese, strength coach 55 Jeff Madden, assistant athletic director for football operations ! Cleve Bryant and tight ends coach Tim Brewster also will co receive annuities after five years. Each will receive \$50,000 per year for five years.

Oxford said the new contract is necessary to keep Brown and his staff at Texas. Brown was 15! offered a job with an NFL team. Oxford said.

Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds wouldn't say what NFL team offered Brown a job.

## Hawks set to host Frank Phillips in home, WJCAC opener By JOHN A. MOSELEY

#### Sports Editor

The baseball season officially opens in Crossroads Country at 2 p.m. Friday, as Howard College's Hawks play host to Frank Phillips Plainsmen at Jack Barber Field.

Not only will Friday's game be the Hawks' home opener, but also opens Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play for the two teams.

Friday's game will be followed by a Saturday doubleheader starting at noon Saturday.

The Hawks opened their season last weekend with a third-place finish at the Blinn Invitational Tournament in Brenham, winning three of the four games they played.

Included in those three wins was a 7-0 shutout of No. 9-ranked Northeast Texas Community College's Eagles, a team that went to the NJCAA national tournament last season, and a 9-8 thriller over No. 10ranked Navarro Junior College's Bulldogs.

That was just the kind of start Hawks head coach Brian Roper had hoped for, save for a no-hit loss to Blinn's host team in the tournament's second game.

"The loss to Blinn was a big letdown on our part, but I really liked the way we rebounded and played well against a couple of nationally-ranked teams," Roper said. "That was especially important, because we're going to be a much different team than we were last year."

This year's Hawks team promises to play a more exciting brand of baseball than Howard's 1998 team that boasted a lineup of power hitters that lived and died by the big inning.

Those heavy hitters have been replaced with personnel more suited for station-to-station baseball.

"A big inning for us this season is going to be a leadoff walk, a stolen base and a run-scoring single ... maybe a double," Roper noted. "We won't be waiting on big innings. In fact, we'll be looking • to score runs in innings where we don't have a hit.

"We're going to be a team that manufactures runs and relies on strong pitching this time around," he added. "We certainly look a lot different. Instead of being a power hitting team, we have a "strong pitching staff and play defense really well."

Howard's change in style doesn't mean the Hawks don't have several returning players.

Right-handed pitcher Duite Welch, utility player Rhett Wells, left-handed pitchers Brandon Claussen and Josh Duwe, catcher Robert Ramos and shortstop Shane Webb return from last year's Howard team that qualified for the Region V tournament.

"Those guys ... every one of them are going to play a key role for us." Roper explained, adding that Webb plays a pivotal role. "Shane's really a leader for us ... he's kind of the glue that holds us all together. He has a tremendous work ethic ... an example for everyone else on PC the team.

"But we've got a great group of freshmen and a few sophomore transfers that are going to be the key to our success, as well," Roper added.

The four transfers include third baseman Drew Topham, who spent his first 'fi season at LSU; second baseman John J Michael Herrera, who comes to the Hawks after have played at McMurry as a freshman; designated hitter and utility player John Coleman, who played at San Jacinto College last season; and lefthanded pitcher Nick Webb, a Houston Bellaire product who spent his furst col-

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Washington at New Jersey, 6:3

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## Nebraska breaks Kansas' 15-year string; Sooners nip Texas with last-second shot

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For Nebraska, it was a higher power that led the team to its first victory over Kansas in Allen Fieldhouse in 15 years.

"A miracle, that's all I can say," the Huskers' Venson Hamilton said Wednesday night, after a 64-59 victory over the 24th-ranked Jayhawks. "I hope we don't see them any more, because I know they'll be mad.'

Kansas, in a year that has seen team streak after streak fall, had a double-digit lead at one point and was looking for revenge after Nebraska's 84-69 win on Jan. 27.

"When we got up by 11, we were ready to drive the final nail into their coffin, but we just didn't get it done," guard Ryan Robertson said. "You have to give them credit. They made the free throws and we didn't."

Kansas (16-7 overall, 8-3 Big 12) led 48-39 with 8:17 left, but Nebraska (16-8, 8-3) promptly went on a 10-1 run and made some clutch free throws in the final minute to take the win.

Oklahoma (17-7, 8-3) got a last-second jump shot from Michael Johnson to take a 64-63 win over Texas.

"It was on a play designed for Eric Martin, but they had him scouted pretty good and he was covered," Johnson said. "He came off a screen, but he didn't have a shot. So, he had confidence in me to make a play and he gave me the ball."

The result tightened the Big 12 race as the league-leading Longhorns fell to 14-10 overall and 9-2 in league play. But Texas remained in first place with Kansas loss to Nebraska.

'Oklahoma had a great night shooting the ball and we lost the game for lack of execution," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "It shouldn't have come down to that last shot if we had done a better job of executing. You can't lose a game like that at this time of the year.'

Colorado (12-12, 3-8) was down by as many as 18 in the first half against Oklahoma State (16-7, 7-4), but Jaquay Walls elevated his game in the second half to lead the Buffalos to a 83-80 win.

Walls, who finished with a career-high 34 point, scored 25 of those in the final 20 minutes.

The Cowboys hadn't scored for six minutes when Glendon Alexander hit a 3-pointer to cut Colorado's lead to 76-75 with 46 seconds left.

### OPENER

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legiate season at the University of Texas.

Howard's top freshmen will be lead-off hitter Kennard Bibbs, an all-state selection at Houston Bellaire last season, who'll move in as the Hawks' starting center fielder; Chad Verret, who'll hold the fort in right field; first baseman from Prescott, Ariz.; and pitcher

"I really thing we're an average baseball team right now," he explained. "There are no superstars on this team. We need to be very humble about what we do ... we're going to have to fight for wins.

That doesn't mean Roper thinks the Hawks will be unable to contend for the WJCAC championship.

stronger this year than it was and take each game as it Danny McMurtry from North last year maybe stronger comes."

But free throws and a last-second dunk by Walls sealed the win for the Buffalos.

Jamahl Mosley and Kenny Price each had 19 for Colorado, while Adrian Peterson led the Cowboys with 27 points.

Practice doesn't make perfect for the Texas A&M Aggies, 79-74 winners over Kansas State, but perhaps perfect practice does.

Chris Clayton and Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said the game was won in workouts.

'The last couple of weeks, our practices have been just like games," Clayton said. "We go hard, we practice like we don't know each other.

Lately, the winning has helped us play looser.' Added Watkins: "This win is a byproduct of

what's been happening in practice.' The Aggies (11-10, 4-7 Big 12) never trailed after

a 14-0 first-half run. Texas A&M led 38-31 at halftime and by 58-45

after the first of consecutive 3-pointers by Clayton with 10:54 left.

"The key was that we couldn't hit the open jumper in the first half," said Kansas State coach Tom Asbury. "We took too many threes, but that was probably part of their game plan. The other thing that hurt us was their tremendous offensive rebounding.

The Wildcats (15-9, 4-7) threatened a comeback in the closing minutes. With the Aggies ahead 74-65 with 1:24 left. Cortez Groves came off the bench and hit a trio of 3-pointers to make it 77-74 with 8.5 seconds to go.

But Texas A&M held on by hitting nine of its last 10 free throws.

Clayton finished with 11 points for the Aggies. Kansas State was led by Groves and Tony Kitt with 17 points apiece. Ayome May added 10.

It might be a case of the more things change the more they stay the same for Baylor (6-18, 0-11).

Bears' coach Harry Miller says his team showed improvement in its 75-66 loss to Texas Tech (11-13, 3-8).

'It is a very tough situation for our guys." Miller said. "The results are not what we want but they keep giving the effort. They are not giving up..

The Red Raiders led by only one point, 60-59, with about six minutes to play. But four straight points and nine free throws in the final two minutes sealed the win.

> than it's ever been," he explained. "I think it's going to be more competitive than it's ever been, because there are at least five teams that have the ability to win the championship.

"Frank Phillips is one of them, too," he added. "We need to get off to a good start this weekend. The thing we've got to do is stay "The conference is going to be within ourselves, work hard FISH Here is compiled Wildlife

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"I'm not at all disappointed and neither are our kids," he explained of the Lady Steers' finish in San Angelo. "Three of our players are new and were playing their first competitive high school rounds.

experience and should be better this week," he added. "We've learned it takes to keep our concentration for 18 holes in the wind and weather.

"Plus, we showed a lot of improvement between the first

and second rounds last week ... like 64 strokes," Scarbrough continued. "We're looking to improve on our weaknesses chipping and putting. We've got a very strong field coming in, but we should play better than we did in San Angelo."

The Lady Steers are led by "We learned a lot from the junior Ashlie Simmons, who posted an 86-83, 169 to finish tied for fourth in the individual medalist standings at San Angelo. and is joined by teammates Pricilla Del Bosque, Sarah Anthony, Julie Owens and Mandi Osborne.

HAWKS

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ing," Collins said. The Hawks, however, are not alone

"Midland's had the same problem ... they haven't been able to play with the same intensity, either," Collins continued. "But they seem to be getting back to where they need to be better than we are."

In fact, the Hawks boss says his team could well be suffering from its own success and needs real adversity to regain the fire it showed earlier in the season.

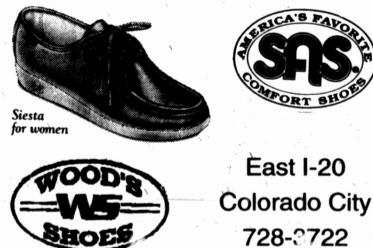
get our heads on straight," he noted. "I hope not, but if that's what it takes to get us ready to play the way we need to be playing when the regional tournament gets here, it would be a

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**BIG SPRING HERALD** Thursday, February 11, 1999

## FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 10. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.) CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on black and chartreuse 7" Power Lizards and dark colored jigs fished around the boat docks. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the docks, over

brush piles and in the rivers. Hybrid strippers are slow. Catfish are slow. BUCHANAN: Water clear; 57 degrees; 7' low; Black bass are fair on

black/blue rattlin' jig-n-pigs, white/red Terminator spinnerbaits (slow rolled) and crawfish pattern Rat-L-Traps fished around the islands. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on Horizon jigging spoons and slabs. Striped bass are good trolling bucktail jigs around Paradise and Highline in 26 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut baits. Yellow catfish to 8 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with

live perch. PROCTOR: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass are good on white spinner-baits and black Power Craws fished along the banks in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on small tube jigs (pink body-pearl tail) fished at the dam. Hybrid stripers are fair drift fishing chartreuse jigs with the wind in 20 to 30 feet of water. SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water stained; 55 degrees; 34.7' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are fair to good on motor oil or watermelon seed Carolina-rigged worms and jigging spoons fished next to the ledges and the grass in 20 to 40 feet of water. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are excellent on Hyper Striper jigs with a white grub trailer fished in 20 to 60 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in 80 to 100 feet of water in the river.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 50 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are fair to good on jigs fished in the creeks in 18 to 22 feet of water. Some fish are starting to show up on shallow flats and can be taken using a slow rolled white spinnerbait. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished off the barge. Catfish are slow. Two lanes are open at the boat ramp.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 45 degrees; 7' low; Black bass are fair on orange and white spinnerbaits. Crapple are good on minnows fished near the derricks in 18 feet of water. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on large shiners fished at night

on the south end of the lake. BRIDGEPORT: No report available this week

COLORADO CITY: Water murky; 54 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps fished over the rocks. Redfish are fair trolling stickbaits. Few fishermen out. FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained;

47 degrees; 17' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the dam by the rocks. Hybrid stripers are fair on shad and shiners fished on the west side of the

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They're Back! **Love Grows for Yo-Yos** 

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Yo-yos to know There are yo-yos that:



· have computer chips enabling different pictures to show with each throw.

> **Collecting yo-yos** Yo-yo collecting is becoming a popular hobby. Some people collect by new-model themes, such as sports, holidays, cartoon characters, superherces, unusual shapes and miniatures. Others try to collect old yo-yos that you might discover in an attic.



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Jump Rope Championships. Every two dium heat 10 minutes or until thick. Stir often In the fall of 1999, the world 3. Spread commeal mixture evenly over beans and corn. 4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6. AND YO-YOS AND YO-YOs FIND Words that remind us of jump ropes and yo-yos are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: JUMP ROPE, TOY, SPIN, KIDS, STYLE, GLOW, SMOOTH, CLUBS, OLYMPICS, FITNESS, PLAY, EXERCISE, HEART, WOOD, PLASTIC, TRICKS, SPORT, TURN. SESICREXEJAOETK

#### Hello, yo-yo

In the 1920s a Filipino man named Pedro Flores became rich making and selling yo-yos out of wood. Donald Duncan, founder of the Good Humor ice cream company, saw Mr. Flores showing yo-yo tricks in San Francisco, and bought the rights to make the toy in this country.

families

Duncan yo-yos became the most famous yo-yo in America. For years the Duncan company had the only rights to use the name "yo-yo."

Donald Duncan sent teams of yo-yo men across the country to teach skills and hold contests. A kid could win a brand-new bike if he or she yoyoed well enough.

#### Yo-yos to and fro

The Duncan business went bankrupt in the 1960s. For a long time the yo-yo was out of style. A plastic company bought the Duncan name and began selling new Duncan yo-

yos. In the 1980s, many new A A firms started making better

spinning yo-yos. The spinning record with to the original wooden type is about 53 seconds. Modern

yo-yo records are longer than seven minutes.

The Mini Page thanks Stuart F. Crump Jr., editor, Yo-Yo Times newsletter, Herndon, Va.; Colleen Olson, manager, International Museum of Yo-Yo History, Tucson, Ariz.; and Patricia Hogan, Strong Museum, Roche N.Y., for help with this story.

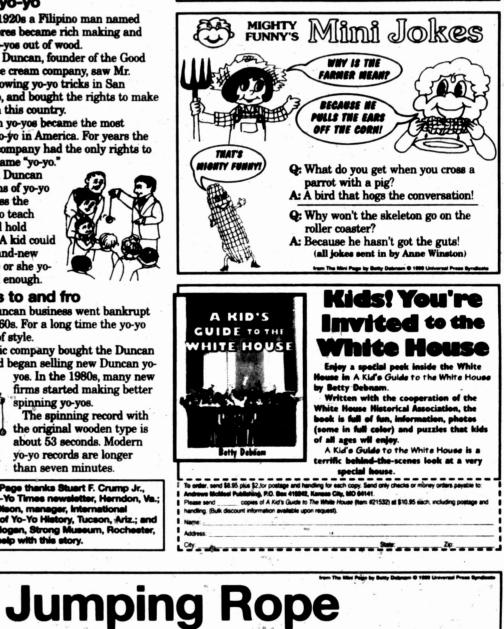
### Meet the Backstreet Boys



The Backstreet Boys really made it big last year. The members are Nick Carter, A.J. McLean Howie Dorough, Brian Littrell and Kevin Richardson. Brian and Kevin are cousins.

Since being formed in 1993 in Orlando, Fla., the band has

Howie has worked as an actor and has studied ballet. Brian, who began singing in church when he was young, likes playing basketball. He had heart surgery last year. A.J., whose full name is Alexander James, liked acting, singing and puppetry when he was young. Kevin is the oldest member. Nick, the youngest, likes basketball, sailing, video games and comic books.



#### Rhyming

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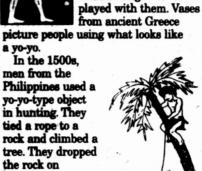
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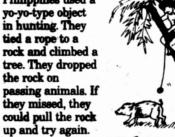
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HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 48 degrees; 4.8'low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are excellent on minnows and white marabou jigs fished around the boathouses in 12 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

KEMP: Water stained; 49 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are slow. White bass are good on white and chartreuse slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet of water.

NOCONA: Water clear; 49 degrees; 4.5' feet low; Black bass are fair on black and blue jigs fished in 10 to 14 feet of water. Also try slow rolling a white spinnerbait on the outside edges of the grass. Crappie are good on white jigs and chrome jigging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are fair on chrome jigging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water clear; 42 degrees; 10' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on minnows, jigs and spinnerbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 53 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on jigs and crankbaits fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Also try fishing in 30 to 40 feet of water on the main lake. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night under lights in 35 feet of water in the river channel near the bigger trees. White bass are fair to good on jigging spoons fished in 25 to 35 feet of water along the river channel. Catfish are slow

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 50 degrees; 12' low; Fishing reported generally slow. A 21 pound striped bass and a 6.5 pound smallmouth (new lake record) were caught this past week.

SPENCE: Water clear; 45 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are fair on worms fished off the bank. Striped bass to 30 pounds are very good on cut baits fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are very good on cut baits. Yellow catfish are very good on nightcrawlers and cut baits

STAMFORD: Water stained; 48 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 41 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are fair on red spinnerbaits and red shad worms fished over the grass beds. Crappie are fair on minnows. Hybrid stripers are fair on slabs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. TWIN BUTTES: The lake level is at 12% of normal due to work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in April or May. One ramp on the lake is reported barely accessible.

WHITE RIVER: Water muddy; 40 degrees; 20+' low; Black bass are fair on jigs and small crankbaits fished in 1 to 4 feet of water. Few fishermen out.







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#### **Double Dutch**

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ES (March 21-April 19)

Handle responsibilities in customarily efficient man-You are nearly intuitive making decisions, and you what works right now. A planetary change salutes ign for the next year. A new lucky cycle begins at 8:23 **EST.** Tonight: Pop open a of champagne.

**RUS** (April 20-May 20) Friends are verbal and sive. Now is the time to disong-term goals. An unusualad perspective helps you sionally and personally. plans for a getaway. You een "on" too long! Tonight: e happily from the mundane

**IINI (May 21-June 20)** 

Feedback takes you in a new direction if you are willing. ime for discussions with a er who provides a lot of t. Start professional negotia-Broaden your immediate of friends by networking. start your life! Tonight: Out special friend.

**CER** (June 21-July 22) Others are full of informa-News from a distance could new light on present plans. ling to take that workshop, ally if it will help you pronally. Career expansion is d this year, if you are in the ield. Otherwise, consider a d change. Tonight: Make a difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*Dig your heels into work, and you'll accomplish a lot. An associate whispers important

informative. Establish better understanding. You will gain through financial partnerships over the next year. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*You are more anchored than you have been in a long time. **Excellent** communication marks an established relationship with a co-worker. Talk about handling an increased workload. Jupiter moves into opposite sign tonight, offering you a year of options. Get ready! Tonight: Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\*Talks are very important for a decision. A child or a loved one shares with you. Express your feelings and be open to more closeness. Make plans to change your work patterns. You might want to make your day-to-day life more rewarding. Tonight: TGIF!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

\*\*\*\*Making money becomes your specialty. You might have a powerful instinctive reaction to another's suggestion. You are building stronger foundations. You'll be more likely to take risks over the coming year. Use good sense. Expect increased luck in your love life. Tonight: Toast the good times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\*Indulge yourself, as

opposed to always doing what you are supposed to do. **Communication flourishes; one** idea leads to another. You are full of mischief and charisma. You enter a cycle where your home life will be enhanced. Start improving the quality of your life. Tonight: The world is your oyster. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*Assume very little, but follow through on what you think is intrinsically correct, especially concerning funds. Brainstorm with an expert, and you gain: Make a list of what you would like to do to improve your daily life. You can make this happen; Tonight: Be mysterious.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

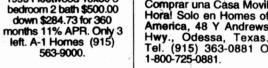
\*\*\*\*\*Don't hold back; speak your mind. Others need to know where you are coming from. If you aim high, you'll attain what you're after. Emphasize fulfilling a wish, expanding your group of friends and broadening your present horizons. Tonight: Lead the party! **BORN TODAY** 

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Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331. ext]. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

news; expect to hear Discuss a financial partnership with care. Your ability to relax, detach and escape is enhanced over the next year. Take time to integrate information. Tonight: To the gym for a workout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\*Creativity is high with your added charm. Another brings new facts to the table.

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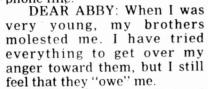
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## Parent fights phone company over adult calls made by child

VICTORIOUS DEAR Congratulations. I'm sure your letter will be of interest to other parents of "curious" children. Another effective preventive measure that parents can take is to put a 900 block or an international block on their phone line.



Abby, my marriage failed and I have never had a stable relationship because I feel that every man is lying to me and is out to hurt me. I just can't seem to get past the pain. I would like to put this behind me and forgive them, but I can't. -- MOLESTED IN MIL-WAUKEE

DEAR MOLESTED: You say you feel that your brothers "owe" you and indicate that you cannot heal because of your anger. They cannot repay your stolen innocence, nor can they undo your trauma. As an adult, only you have the power to heal yourself, with the help of others who have been in your situation and with professional counseling. Counseling and a self-help support group are not options; they're mandatory if you're ever going to put what happened behind you. At that point you may -- or may not -- choose to "forgive."

For the location of a support group in your area, send a long (business-sized), stamped (33 cents). self-addressed envelope to: Survivors of Incest Anonymous Inc., P.O. Box 26870. Baltimore, Md. 21212. ©1999 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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account. In the state of Oregon, the public utility commission regulates telecommunications. There is a statute that says, "Any obligation that may have arisen from the dialing of a pay-per-call is void and unenforceable if made by an

unemancipated child under 18 years of age.' Every state has its own regulations, but a call to your state's public utility commissioner should clarify whether people have to pay the bill in these circumstances. People can also contact the Federal **Communications** Commission in Washington, D.C.

The phone company knows it is supposed to write off the charges of such calls made by children. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of parents dispute their bill – even though this is a frequent occurrence. I hope my letter helps other parents. VICTORIOUS IN ORE-GON

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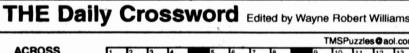
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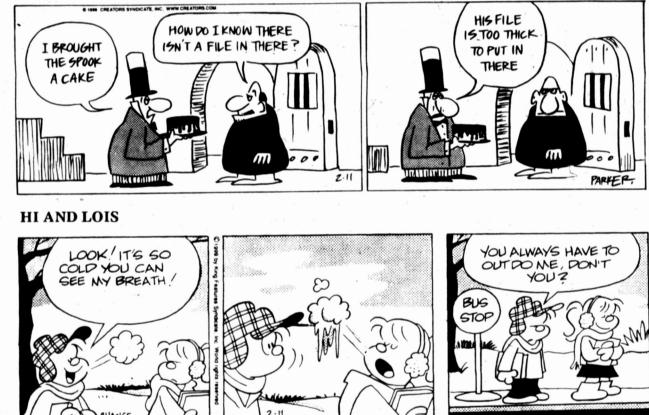
On this date:

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed for the first time to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary near Lourdes.

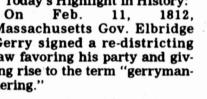
In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

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323 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Feb. On

11, 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a re-districting law favoring his party and giving rise to the term "gerryman-



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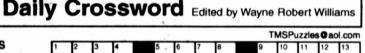
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In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with italy recogniz ing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City. In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union. In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II. In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran. In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity. In 1993, President Clinton announced his choice of Miami prosecutor Janet Reno to be the nation's first female attorney general. Ten years ago: Reverend Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston. Five years ago: President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, meeting at the White House, failed to resolve key differences on trade. The space shuttle "Discovery" returned from an eight-day mission. Actor William Conrad died in Los Angeles at age 73. One year ago: Attorney General Janet Reno asked for an independent prosecutor to investigate whether Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had misled Congress in connection with an Indian casino controversy; the counsel was later appointed. Skier Jonny Moseley won the first U.S. gold medal at Nagano, in men's moguls freestyle; Picabo Street won the women's super-G. **Canadian snowboarder Ross** Rebagliati was stripped of his gold medal after testing positive for marijuana. (His medal was later reinstated.) **Today's Birthdays: Author** Sidney Sheldon is 82. Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is 78. Actress Kim Stanley is 74. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 73. Actor Conrad Janis is 71. Actress Tina Louise is 65. Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan is 65. Actor Burt Reynolds is 63. Songwriter Gerry Goffin is 60.

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