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Crimestoppers needs your help

Crimestoppers is seeking help from citizens in solving a burglary that occurred Jan. 1 at a business on the north-east side of Big Spring.

The rear door of the business was forced open, and items removed include professional equipment and the company pickup. The pickup is described as a 1979 red GMC with the license plate IRTM53.

Call 263-TIPS if you have any information about the incident. Crimestoppers is authorized to pay rewards up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of individuals connected with crimes.

Ham radio class planned Saturday

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 (W6NBC) 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.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY
□ 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).
□ 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."
□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Trustees prepare for May 1 election; incumbents to run again

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees Thursday called for an election May 1, approved 27 employee contracts, and cautioned local residents about visiting the site of the new junior high school.



MCQUEARY

"The press has given us great coverage on our new junior high school, almost too great. We've got to let the public know that the building is not open, and the construction company has asked us to keep people out," said superintendent William McQueary.

Trustees learned local community members, sometimes in groups, have stopped at the junior high school and toured the building, which inhibits some of the work being done, he said.

Ron Logback, business manager for the district, said tours of people through the building might delay construction, and the district would be liable for the delay.

"We will have an open house and dedication for the building this summer, and the community will be invited then to come see the facility. We understand everyone is just excited about the new junior high school," McQueary said.

Filing for the trustee election May 1 is Feb. 15 until March 17 at 4:30 p.m., following trustee approval. Candidates

may file at the administration building on 11th Place Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Board president Larry McLellan, representing a three-year term for District 3, has indicated he will run once again for his position on the board.

District 3 covers much of the Marcy Elementary boundary, along with areas along S. U.S. Hwy 87.

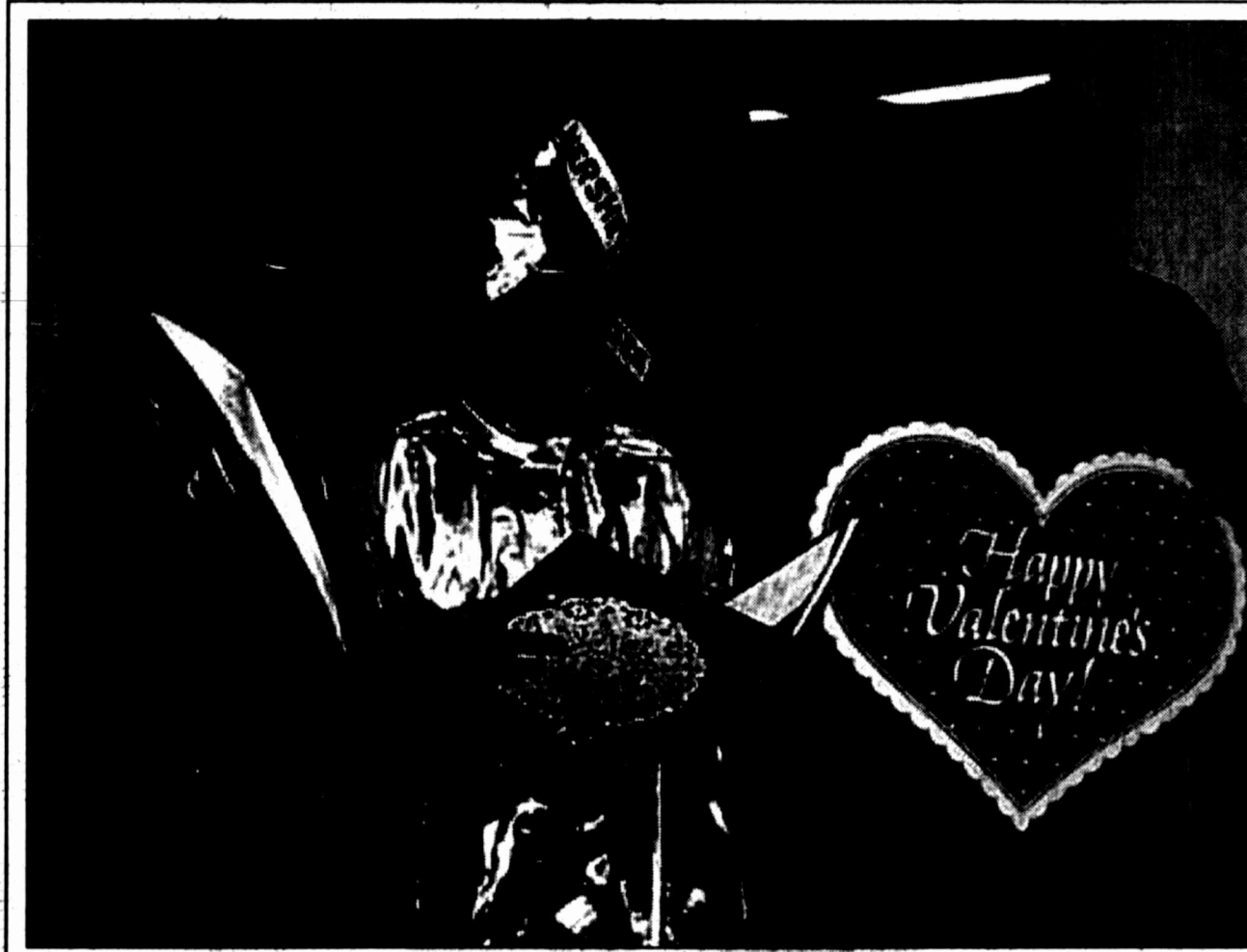
"This will be my last time to run," McLellan said. Board secretary Irene

Bustamante, representing District 1, has also indicated she will seek re-election for her three-year term.

District 1 covers the north and west parts of Big Spring, including Bauer Magnet School boundaries, as well as parts of Marcy Elementary boundaries.

In other business, trustees approved a request from Bauer Magnet School principal Andre Clark to seek a \$150,000 federal grant from the Texas Education Agency for a school-wide read-

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From left, Dolores Currie, Carol Scott, Jackie Henry and John Ross warm up in the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services building this morning, preparing to go out and "deliver" singing Valentines. The singers, along with Ken Moore, had a busy morning scheduled.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Highway project

Lubbock touts Port-to-Plains to Big Spring officials

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

It was a long time coming, but on Thursday, representatives of the city of Lubbock and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce were in Big Spring in an attempt to gain support for the Port-to-Plains highway project.

While the Port-to-Plains Highway would not be an interstate route, as such, the route being touted by the Lubbock-led group is the same one heralded by Big Spring transportation boosters for the past seven years.

It would serve as the Western United States and Canada's NAFTA highway, to use a term coined by the chamber's Transportation Committee during the I-27 extension study and in presentations to the Transportation Commission as recently as 1997.

The route would swing east out of Denver, avoiding the congestion on I-25, and follow U.S. 287 south through Colorado and Oklahoma into the Texas Panhandle. It would tie in with I-27 at Amarillo and follow that route to Lubbock, then pick up U.S. 87 through Lamesa, Big Spring and Sterling City on the way to San Angelo.

At San Angelo, the route would pick up U.S. 277 through Sonora and on to the border at Del Rio.

"This route is on the U.S. Department of Transportation system map," explained City of Lubbock civic services director Tommy Gonzalez. "This is not a 'wish this was it route,' but it is there (on the DOT's official map of arterial and major highways)."

Gonzalez said Lubbock's effort thus far has been to the north and that they had not contacted any communities to the south "because we didn't really know where you stood."

He was then advised that it was Big Spring, in the summer of 1992, that hosted the first meeting of what was called the "U.S. 87/I-27 Coalition" at that time and that the community had an established record of sup-

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Weevil eradication: 'Window of opportunity' now

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Cotton producers in a six-county area were told Thursday they have "a small window of opportunity" to fund the Permian Basin Weevil Eradication Zone.

Eddy Herm, president of the zone's advisory committee, told those gathered at the Farmer's Co-op Gin in Ackerly that time is right to consider the program.

"We've got a small window of opportunity with the state promising some funding. There may be some federal funding available, too," said Herm, a Howard County producer.

The advisory committee's proposal would establish a maximum assessment rate of \$6 per land acre for dryland cotton and \$12 per land acre for irrigated cotton.

"Everybody probably won't agree that that is the best way, but it is the way the committee decided would be the most fair for everyone," Herm told the group.

Jim Brown, a Dawson County dryland cotton farmer and a director on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board, agreed on the timeliness of the issue.

"Now is as good a time as we are going to get to vote on the eradication program," he said.

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PERMIAN BASIN ZONE MEETINGS

- March 9, Ackerly Co-op Gin, noon, lunch.
- March 9, Welch High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- March 10, Dawson County Community Building, Lamesa, 8 a.m., breakfast.
- March 15, Grady High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- March 16, Howard College Tumbleweed Room, Big Spring, 8 a.m., breakfast.
- March 16, Midland, time and place to be announced.
- March 17, Stanton Community Building, 8 a.m., breakfast.

Lawmakers propose measures to help defray costs

HERALD Staff Report

While cotton producers were gathering in Ackerly to discuss a pending vote on funding the Permian Basin Eradication Zone, lawmakers were making plans to help defray costs of the effort state-wide.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, proposed emergency appropriations Thursday of \$25 million for boll weevil eradication. In addition to Ratliff's proposal, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has legislation pend-

ing that would authorize a state-funded, cost-share program for weevil eradication.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs applauded the measures.

"Cotton is the state's top cash crop, earning more than \$1.5 billion a year in direct cash receipts," Combs said. "Sen. Ratliff, Sen. Duncan and the Texas Legislature understand the problems of drought and boll weevils that have plagued our cotton farmers. Our producers have been losing their competitive edge to growers in

other southern states which have not experienced drought and where boll weevil eradication has been completed, resulting in lower production costs."

Combs pointed out that other states, including Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas received a 30 percent direct cost share from the federal government to offset the cost of their programs. That federal share has since dropped to 10 percent, "so state assistance will help make up some of the difference to complete this critical program in Texas."

Combs has proposed to lend more than \$100 million in low-interest funds from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

"If we are able to decrease the estimated \$100 an acre program by \$20 with direct funding, I am hoping to further reduce the cost of the additional \$80 through the low-interest loan program," Combs said. "The money to lend for eradication is already available so this proposal is good for farmers and taxpayers alike."

BSISD approves school calendar

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees approved a school calendar for the 1999-2000 school year Thursday that will find students returning to school Aug. 9.

"That we start a little early is in the negative, but we can never please everybody and make everybody happy when it comes to the school calendar," superintendent McQueary said.

Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent for personnel

and administration, said a subcommittee of 365 teachers and paraprofessionals voted on one of five calendars for the school year.

The one approved by trustees received the most votes, 132, he said.

"This approval is contingent on no changes being made by the Legislature. It calls for 187 school days scheduled again, and it is possible the Legislature might designate more days for staff development," he said.

One important component of the calendar is for students to have completed the first semester before Christmas break.

High School principal Kent Bowerman said the Christmas semester end is needed for high school students, to prevent lost

class days of review following the two-week holiday.

Other components of the calendar are 10 Christmas holidays, four Thanksgiving holidays, with the school year ending for students May 19.

Other possibilities had a first class day as Aug. 11, Aug. 12 and Aug. 23. Holidays for Christmas and Thanksgiving were also somewhat different, and the last day of school varied between May 24 and May 31.

Setting the first day of school on Aug. 9 caused some discussion between trustees.

Trustee Mike Dawson said he has received two telephone calls at home from parents disagreeing with the early August start date.

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Bill Hale, left, new Abilene District engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, was welcomed to Big Spring by Howard County commissioners Bill Crocker and Gary Simer during a Chamber of Commerce reception in Hale's honor Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

OBITUARIES

R.V. Robinson

Service for R.V. Robinson, 75, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp, pastor, and Rev. Wayman Swopes, of Greenwood Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Robinson died Thursday, Feb. 11, in the VA Hospital in Big Spring.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1923, in Wingate. He grew up and went to school in Wingate. He served in the Army during World War II in the 86th Signal Corp. Upon returning home from service, he was employed with Cap Rock Electric Coop in Stanton. He married Anna Lou Anderson on Dec. 21, 1946, in Midland.

Survivors include: his wife, Anna Lou Robinson of Stanton; two sons, Rodney Robinson of Midland, and Don Robinson of Katy; one daughter, Debra Trantham of Midland; one sister, Grace Childers of Wingate; one brother, Roy Robinson of Bronte; his stepmother, Madge Robinson of Wingate; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to: Greenwood Baptist Church Building Fund; 10908 FM No. 307; Midland; 79706; or First Baptist Church; P.O. Box 1168; Stanton; 79782; or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Mary Joyce Russell

Mary Joyce Russell, 66, Big Spring, passed away on Friday, Feb. 12, 1999, at 8:01 a.m., at Mountain View Lodge Nursing Home following a short illness.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Mike Dennis, minister of Anderson St. Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born on April 2, 1932, in Kilgore. She married Wymon Russell on Nov. 16, 1966, in Big Spring, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1984.

She was a member of the Anderson St. Church of Christ. She grew up in Odessa and came to Big Spring in 1965 from Odessa, and also had lived 13 years in Lubbock, returning here in 1983. Mrs. Russell had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital and Lubbock State School for 21 years, retiring in 1993.

She is survived by: one step-daughter, Mona Moore and her husband George of Big Spring; one stepson, Leon Russell and his wife Gail of Azle; one brother, James Addy and his wife Shirley of Gardendale; five grandchildren, Greg Moore of Arlington, Brian Moore and his

wife, Karen of Big Spring, Bri Russell, Brandon Russell and Brady Russell, all of Azle; and two nieces.

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

Bobbie Medley

Bobbie Medley, 75, Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999, in a local hospital. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1923, in Big Spring, and married M.E. Medley who preceded her in death.

She grew up in Big Spring and had lived in Odessa for 20 years. She returned to Big Spring in 1987. Bobbie was a homemaker and a loving aunt.

Survivors include: one brother, Gerald Harris of Big Spring; seven nieces and nephews, Lee Harris, Clay Harris and Leslie Williams, all of Big Spring, Matthew Harris of Dallas, Andra Dunn of Post, Beverly Johnston of Houston, and Marvin Harris of Odessa.

She was also preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Lola and B.P. Harris, and one brother, Andrew Harris.

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

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port for the project.

A total of 20 entities have signed on in support of the project, according to Gonzalez.

County officials attending Thursday's meeting indicated they would be supportive when the issue came before commissioners, while city staff will take the issue before the city council.

Gonzalez said a financial commitment, based on a per capita formula, will be sought from both the city and county.

A \$50,000 fund currently exists in San Angelo from the I-27 project and the possibility exists that those monies can be directed to this project, according to current and former chamber officials.

About 20 city and county officials and community leaders participated in the meeting at City Hall.

"I think it was an excellent meeting," said Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Chuck Williams. "There were some excellent points made in our behalf and this is certainly something we should be able to get behind completely."

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ing improvement program.

The program, called Renaissance Reading, will be available to all students at Bauer, if the grant is approved. The funds will be used to purchase computer programs as well as books for the program, and all staff at Bauer will undergo two days training for the program, Clark said.

"Our needs assessment found that our children's scores in reading are not as good as they have been in the past. The site-based committee recommended that we apply for this program, and that we implement it school wide," Clark said.

Trustees also accepted the resignation of Janice Rosson-Bond, who has been with the district the past 35 years. She is currently College Heights Elementary principal.

"We will invite Janice to celebrate with us at the retirement reception in May, when we will honor her many years of service to the district," deputy

superintendent Murray Murphy said.

Also, Ida Flowers and Rachel Swinney's resignations were accepted. These teachers are expected to move out of district, he said.

And two new employees were hired per trustee approval. Sheryl Rushing has been hired as a math teacher at Rannels Junior High School, to replace a teacher who retired in January.

And trustees agreed to hire Jill Heerssen as a speech therapist, using federal funds to provide her salary, Murphy said.

"Mr. Light (special education director) said he feels so strongly about hiring her he would take it out of his federal monies. A speech pathologist you hire when you can find them. We are recommending this in anticipation of a position opening next year," he said.

Contracts for all principals and assistant principals, administrators, directors and other technical support staff were approved by trustees.

Five contracts were extended for two years. These are Dwight Butler, athletic director, Ron Logback, assistant business manager, Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent for business, Murphy and Bowermon.

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Brown said future meetings will be held in various communities within the Permian Basin Zone.

"We hope to get people from the Rolling Plains Eradication Zone to speak at some of our meetings...to help you make an informed decision as you possibly can," he said.

Danny Howard said that the program is necessary, even at a time when farmers are already hard hit.

"We all know how hard it would be for us to pay this," he said. "I owe maybe more money to the bank than I should. But it is more expensive trying to control it (the boll weevil) on your own."

Howard said that in 1997, he sprayed one field two times at \$8.50 an acre in a somewhat unsuccessful effort to get rid of weevils. Instead of the bale and a third per acre he thought he might get, he got nine-tenths of a bale. He calculated his loss to the weevil at about \$70 per acre, plus the \$8.50, or a total of \$78 to \$78.50.

"Why would I want to spend \$78 an acre to save \$6?" he said, speaking of the proposed maximum assessment for dryland cotton farmers.

Sonny Buchanan, who farms near Coahoma, said he has seen the difference in cotton in Mitchell County, which is under the eradication program.

"I don't see any way we can pass this up at this time. If it ever does start raining again, we are going to have to do something about the boll weevil," he told the group.

"We aren't going to strongarm anybody," said Herm. "We think people will decide that \$6 to \$12 is cheap. It's kinda like the Fram commercial. Pay me now, or pay me later."

None of the 40 or so producers at the meeting voiced open opposition, but several were concerned that the state might not help with the funding of the four-year program.

Herm told them that the program is contingent upon getting state or federal funding.

"If we don't get the state funding, this won't get off the ground," Herm told them. "That is what this referendum is based on. We have to have the funding."

The Permian Basin Eradication Zone contains approximately 500,000 acres in Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin and portions of Borden and Midland counties.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Ballots will be mailed on March 18 and are due to be returned by April 8. They will be canvassed April 15-16 by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). It will take a two-thirds majority to pass.

In a related vote, cotton producers will also elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years have until March 9 to submit nominations for the board member position.

Persons wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form and biographical information sheet. The nomination must also be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Nomination forms are available from local county extension service offices.

Conducting Thursday's meeting was Dolores Alvarado Hibbs, deputy general counsel for TDA. She said Susan Combs, ag commissioner, is "working hard" to get state funding for the program.

Producers who wish to have information on the program can call (514) 463-7593 or visit the TDA website at www.agr.state.tx.us and look under rules and regulations, Chapter 3.

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Other trustees said they had not had any complaints.

Trustees Al Valdes made the motion to approve, and Irene Bustamante seconded.

"I make a motion we go with the majority rule and approved this calendar," Valdes said.

BRIEFS

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MARKETS

March cotton 56.70 cents, up 18 points; Feb. crude 12.03, up 18 points; Cash hogs steady at 28 even; cash steers steady at 64 even; Feb. lean hog futures 42.05, up 5 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.12, up 20 points. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 9310.42 Volume 226,416,940 ATT Asarco Inc 86% - 1% Atmos Energy 14% +% BP Amoco 25% -% Calenergy Inc. 83% -% Chevron 28% -% Cifra 79% +% Coca Cola 11% to 11% 63% -%

TEXAS LOTTERY

Table with lottery numbers and percentages for various items like Compaq Computer, Dell, DuPont, etc.

PICK 3: 9,9,2 CASH 5:1,28,29,31,35

WARNING was issued in the 300 block of West Fourth. SEIZED PROPERTY was reported on Midway Road. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1300 block of Utah. THEFT was reported in the 400 block of East FM 700. THEFT was reported in the 400 block of East Marcy. A woman's purse, containing \$15 in currency, a wallet, credit cards, checkbook cover with a calculator and a cellular telephone was reported stolen.

SHERIFF

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

LELA ANN WILLIAM, 32, was arrested for failure to identify/fugitive from justice.

MICHAEL ALLEN SEAY, 20, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated and motion to revoke probation/driving while license invalid or suspended.

JUAN R. PROVENCIO, 42, was arrested for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

GILDA VALLE CASTILLO, 44, was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant for theft more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000.

PATRICIA AARON, 47, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

MICHAEL DON FULBRIGHT, 34, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated and no liability insurance.

KENNETH LEON ROGERS, 40, was arrested for a Ward County warrant for sexual assault.

NATALIE RENEE BUCKNER, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY 2:06 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:18 a.m. - I-20 mile marker 174, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

11:31 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:50 p.m. - 500 block Abrams, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:34 p.m. - 1300 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to Midland.

4:42 p.m. - 1900 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:38 p.m. - 2800 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

6:02 p.m. - 800 block Cherry, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:00 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to University Medical Center, Lubbock.

8:42 p.m. - 2200 block Central, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

11:57 p.m. - 300 block W. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

ISIDIO VALLE, 40, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

NICK HERNANDEZ, 17, was arrested for local warrants.

JACK TAYLOR, 20, was arrested for evading arrest.

JOSHUA MINZENMAYER, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.

JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1000 block of North Main and the 500 block of Main.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 100 block of Northwest Second.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Donley.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Senators primed to acquit, but not to forgive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirteen months after the name Monica Lewinsky rattled the White House, senators are primed to acquit Bill Clinton and end the second presidential impeachment trial in U.S. history. But senators appear far less willing to forgive Clinton for concealing an extramarital affair from the nation and his family.

Today's historic votes on two articles of impeachment charging Clinton with perjury and obstruction of justice complete a drama that has riveted official Washington, roiled a midterm congressional election and worn out the patience of the American public.

And it has caused Clinton, and the presidency, incalculable damage.

"The president's self-indulgent actions were immoral, disgraceful, reprehensible," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla. "History should — and, I suspect, will — judge that William Jefferson Clinton dishonored himself and the highest office in our American democracy."

Republican Sen. Robert Bennett of Utah predicted that Clinton's concealment of his affair with Ms. Lewinsky, which grew out of the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit, would forever tar him as "the most accomplished, polished liar we've ever had serving in the White House."

After another morning of closed-door deliberations, senators were to vote in public today on the impeachment articles, possibly around noon. With four Republican senators saying they would vote to acquit, it was possible that the articles would not even attract a simple majority in a chamber where the GOP holds a 55-45 edge.

Clinton, however, would not remain without troubles: He could face indictment, while in office or after his term, by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, and must finish his remaining months in office facing a GOP-controlled Congress that wanted him evicted from the White House.

The votes cap a five-week trial that featured for the first time

videotaped testimony on the Senate floor and provided the world its first good look at Ms. Lewinsky, the former White House intern. A national TV audience was able to watch as 13 House impeachment managers, all Republicans, argued that Clinton deserved to be thrown out of office, while White House lawyers said he should not.

Throughout the impeachment proceedings, opinion polls showed that most of the public gave Clinton low marks for personal trust and morality. But they approved of the job he was doing in a time of peace and a booming economy and did not think the sex and cover-up scandal was serious enough to warrant his removal from office.

Still, a Republican-controlled House in December voted virtually along party lines to send to the Senate for trial an impeachment case based almost entirely upon a voluminous report by Starr.

The report detailed Linda Tripp's secret tape recordings; furtive gropings and sex acts

between the president and Ms. Lewinsky near the Oval Office; late night phone calls between the president and the intern; and, most damning for Clinton, a stained dress.

Based on Starr's findings, the House approved one article of impeachment accusing the president of lying to a federal grand jury on Aug. 17, 1998, about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

The second charge said Clinton obstructed justice by trying to have Ms. Lewinsky sign a false affidavit in the Jones case; by a job search conducted by presidential friend Vernon Jordan; by the retrieval of presidential gifts by Oval Office secretary Betty Currie; and the alleged "coaching" of Mrs. Currie by the president for her grand jury appearance.

Senators said it was their constitutional duty to proceed with a trial, even though from the beginning there were doubts that the two-thirds vote required to convict Clinton and remove him from office would materialize.

Spring temperatures lead to lots of early blooms, but winter will be returning

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Daffodils, irises and all sorts of other flowers are starting to bloom, thanks to warm weather lately.

But springtime temperatures that have lingered since late January were dropping Thursday as a cold front moved into Texas and reminded budding plants and overeager gardeners that winter remains.

"Some of our gardeners have jumped the gun a little bit. You know, everyone wants that first tomato," said Calvin Finch, Bexar County extension agent for horticulture.

Because "the gardening hormones are flowing," some area nurseries asked their wholesalers to speed up plant shipments to meet customer demand, Finch said.

Those early efforts may prove futile if the cold front pushes temperatures down to the 32-degree freezing point or

even to the mid-30s and damages hot-weather plants, he said.

Adding to the potential problem is the prolonged dry spell in South Texas. Some ornamental plants are more susceptible to freeze damage if they don't have enough water, Finch said.

Highs have been in the 80s in South Texas this week and in the 70s in much of North Texas. High temperatures across the state have ranged from 10 to 20 degrees above normal.

The cold front was expected to bring with it temperatures close to or below freezing Friday night, said Michael Flynn, lead forecaster with the National Weather Service in New Braunfels.

Drastic temperature changes, he said, aren't all that unusual for February, a month known for both cold spells and sunbathing in Texas.

Falling oil prices may result in layoffs, program cuts

LUBBOCK (AP) — West Texas school districts might be forced into massive layoffs, program cuts and salary cuts to compensate for lost tax revenue because of plummeting oil property values, superintendents across the region said Thursday.

Some districts even fear not being able to open their doors if no action is taken to remedy the situation.

Andrews superintendent David Goodman said the \$7.4 million in tax revenue the state has estimated his district will lose constitutes about a third of his operating budget.

"This is the worst crisis education has had in this state in my memory," Goodman said. "Do you know of any business that could stand to lose one-third of its operating budget and still open its doors the next

"We won't be able to pay any teachers. Tell me what kind of school you can have without teachers."

—Denver City Supt. Steve Mills

year? Neither do I. Most public school districts aren't an exception."

Goodman said major personnel cuts could be in his district's future.

"It doesn't matter how many pencils you don't buy, you're not going to make up seven million dollars," Goodman said. "These kinds of losses can only be made up by cutting personnel."

The problems are caused by the oil industry's worst downturn in decades.

A worldwide surplus of oil has forced prices down, and the number of rigs actively explor-

ing for oil and natural gas in the United States hit an all-time low of 562 last month. As rigs shut down, the property where they sit dormant loses value. Lower property values means less taxes are collected on the land and less tax revenue for school districts.

The biggest losses in the state would be in the Permian Basin, where Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District is expected to collect \$8,332,800 less in property-tax collections, the Andrews Independent School District will be down \$7,468,380 and the Ector County Independent School District

down \$6,438,346. But the district that might suffer is Denver City ISD, which could lose \$5,250,000 — more than half of its normal operating budget.

Superintendent Steve Mills says if the losses are realized, there won't be school next year.

"We won't be able to pay any teachers," said Mills, whose district is about 60 miles southwest of Lubbock. "Tell me what kind of school you can have without teachers. We couldn't have school under the current law, and that's honest."

Iraan-Sheffield superintendent Bob McCall, whose district's estimated loss will be about 30 percent of its budget, said he will try to put off any layoffs as long as possible.

"We're hoping that it will never come to that but it is a possibility," McCall said.

Lawmakers addresses indigent health care

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston lawmaker is considering legislation to shift the focus of the state's "fragmented, unorganized, and uncoordinated" indigent health care system to providing better primary and preventive treatment.

Rep. Garnet Coleman, a Democrat, said Thursday that he was still figuring out how much the reforms would cost, but predicted they could ultimately save county governments money.

"We looked at the big picture of indigent health care in Texas and saw a system that spends health care dollars very inefficiently, and provides very few

incentives for cities, counties and hospital districts to participate," said Coleman, chair of the House Subcommittee on Indigent Health Care.

Last year, House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, asked Coleman's subcommittee and the House Committee on County Affairs to review whether the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act of 1985 needed to be updated. The interim study found that the "current indigent health care infrastructure tends to be fragmented, unorganized and uncoordinated."

Under state law, counties without public hospitals or hos-

pital districts must devote 10 percent of their property tax dollars to the health needs of the poor, including paying for inpatient stays and physician visits.

Above that 10 percent, the state reimburses the county for 80 percent of what they spend.

A bill Coleman said he will file lowers the amount counties must spend to receive state help to 8 percent and raises the percentage the state will reimburse them to 90 percent.

"It's hard to get to the level where you can get a state match," Coleman said. That's frustrating to local communities, he added.

Legislative package aimed at curbing drug use

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AUSTIN (AP) — Giving Texas youngsters a fresh reason to turn down drugs, tracking overdoses and creating tougher penalties for dealers when drugs cause death are proposed new tools in the fight against teen-age drug use.

"We've got to be tough, and we've got to be compassionate," Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday, joining a bipartisan group of lawmakers in touting a package of proposals

spearheaded by Senate State Affairs Chair Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

The package includes proposals to:

— Provide a model for public schools to do drug tests at parents' request. Parents would pay for two hair sample tests to be conducted within a year, and results would be sent only to parents.

— Prevent 16- and 17-year-olds from checking themselves out of drug treatment facilities if their parents checked them in.

Parents who check in children who are minors would have to approve their release.

— Create a statewide system for the Texas Department of Health to report overdoses and drug-related injuries and illnesses.

— Increase penalties for delivery of drugs when the sale directly results in the user's death.

— Create a "solicitation of drugs" offense and increase penalties for dealers who use minors to deliver drugs.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- **BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL**, which not only approved a reward program as a tool to help catch criminals, but got it started with a \$350 donation.
- **THE 99 BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**, who received academic letters and jackets.
- **FRAN TURRENTINE**, manager of Big Spring Humane Society, for her hard work in caring for Big Spring's unwanted animals.
- **TEXAS RENEWABLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**, for pledging an additional \$6.3 million worth of construction at the wind turbine facility.
- **HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY**, which was awarded \$6,075 in E-rate funding for telecommunications and information services.
- **THE LITERACY COUNCIL**, which began moving forward in the war against illiteracy by electing officers and establishing bylaws.
- **BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT**, which met the challenge from the Harley Owner's Group and donated to the fund to purchase a thermal imaging camera.
- **THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**, which began preparation for construction of the chapel at the memorial
- **FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE-BIG SPRING**, which was awarded national reaccreditation by the American Correctional Association.
- **AREA BOY SCOUTS**, for another successful Good Turn Food Drive.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

One out of every five children in America is being raised in poverty. That's federal policy. For more than three decades now, the government has chosen to give special aid to people at the other end of the age spectrum. Medicare was created to pay the medical bills of all people 65 or over, regardless of their income or assets.

Medicare and Social Security are the main reason that, according to the Los Angeles Times, 42 percent of the federal budget now goes to help those 65 and older.

They make up 13 percent of the population. All that government spending has worked. The poverty rate for those 65 and older is now about half of that for Americans under the age of 18.

But entitlements for the elderly have damaged the federal budget and the working class, who are socked with a payroll tax of 15.3 percent — counting the employer's match. Now for the bad news. In the next 30 years, baby boomers will retire and life expectancies will increase. Those 65 and older will make up 20 percent of the

population. Will they devour 60 percent of the federal budget in the process? ...

Failing to address this problem now, when times are good, dooms another set of children to poverty to support an aging population. This intergenerational shift of money is unfair.

CHARLESTON (W.VA.)
DAILY MAIL

Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the Nobel laureate who brought the "magical reality" of Latin American literature to a worldwide audience, can be relied upon for a Latin slant, a very Latin slant, on any subject. Particularly, the scandal that has enveloped William Jefferson Clinton.

Writing in the Colombian magazine *Cambio*, Garcia Marquez asked: "Is it fair that this rare example of the human species must squander his historic destiny just because he couldn't find a safe place to make love?"

To which, the very un-Latin reply is: "It's not about love, stupid. It's about lying."

THE POST AND COURIER,
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So what is considered "unreasonable?"

Of all the soft and spongy words in the Constitution — and the Constitution is full of soft and spongy words — none has caused more difficulty than "unreasonable." The Supreme Court has grappled with this troublesome adjective a hundred times in the past. At this term the court will grapple once more.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The case is *Wyoming v. Houghton*. This is the key question: Was the search of Sandra Houghton's purse an unreasonable search? The Wyoming Supreme Court said yes, the search was indeed unreasonable; the evidence turned up by the search should have been thrown out.

The facts set forth in the state's appeal are not in dispute. On the morning of July 23, 1995, officer Delane Baldwin of the Wyoming Highway Patrol was patrolling Interstate 25 in Natrona County. He stopped an old Cadillac sedan for speeding and asked the driver, David Young, for his license. At that point Baldwin noticed a hypodermic syringe plainly visible in Young's shirt

pocket. Officer Baldwin ordered Young to get out of the car and place the syringe on the hood. In response to a question, Young said he used the syringe to take drugs. Two fellow officers arrived on the scene. They removed two women passengers from the car and patted them down for weapons. One of the women, Sandra Houghton, left her purse on the back seat. She identified herself as "Sandra James."

Here the case gets sticky. Officer Baldwin retrieved the purse, opened it, and took out a wallet. Here he found a driver's license in the name of Sandra Houghton. When he asked the woman why she had given him a false name, she said it was "in case things went bad."

Baldwin continued his search. He found a syringe containing 60 cc's of liquid methamphetamine. Digging deeper, he found more syringes, razor blades, spoons and other drug paraphernalia. She admitted the purse was hers but selectively denied ownership of some of the items.

The officers then arrested Ms. Houghton for felony possession of drugs. At trial, the district judge denied a motion to suppress the evidence. A jury found her guilty, and the court imposed a sentence of two to three years in prison.

She appealed to the Wyoming Supreme Court. It voted 3-2 to reverse. Now we're in the U.S. Supreme Court, where argument was heard on Jan. 12.

What about it? Another of the soft and spongy words in the Constitution is "probable," as in "probable cause." This is what the Fourth Amendment says: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause ..."

As far back as 1925 the Supreme Court took an expansive view of the word "houses." The court created what has since been known as the "automobile exception." Unlike houses, which stay put, automobiles may be moved while police are still scratching their heads. Under the automobile exception, Ms. Houghton had a constitutional right to be secure in the Cadillac against what? To be secure against unreasonable search.

This is a close case. My first thought was that Officer Baldwin had behaved properly. The driver of the car was carrying a syringe; he admitted using it for illicit drugs. This suggested that a search of the car and everything in it would uncover more evidence of a forbidden traffic.

On second thought, I have

concluded that the Wyoming officers stomped on the Fourth Amendment. Until Officer Baldwin opened the purse, they had no probable cause to believe Sandra Houghton was guilty of anything. This was a perfectly ordinary cloth purse. It exuded no telltale bulges or odors.

I would agree that under the facts in this case, the officers had a right to search the car itself for contraband. If the driver had been carrying a suitcase, that too would be fair game. But a woman's purse? The purse did not belong to David Young. It could belong only to one of the women, and they were not subject to the kind of suspicion that would justify a search warrant.

The Supreme Court held in 1991 that in traffic stops such as this one, police may search an automobile and any containers within it "where they have probable cause to believe contraband or evidence is contained." Was Ms. Houghton's purse a "container"? Was the search reasonable or unreasonable?

God bless the cops! In the early morning darkness, beside a superhighway in Wyoming, they have to function as judges of constitutional law. In this case I believe they erred, but we can all agree with W.S. Gilbert: "When constabulary duty's to be done, a policeman's lot is not a happy one."

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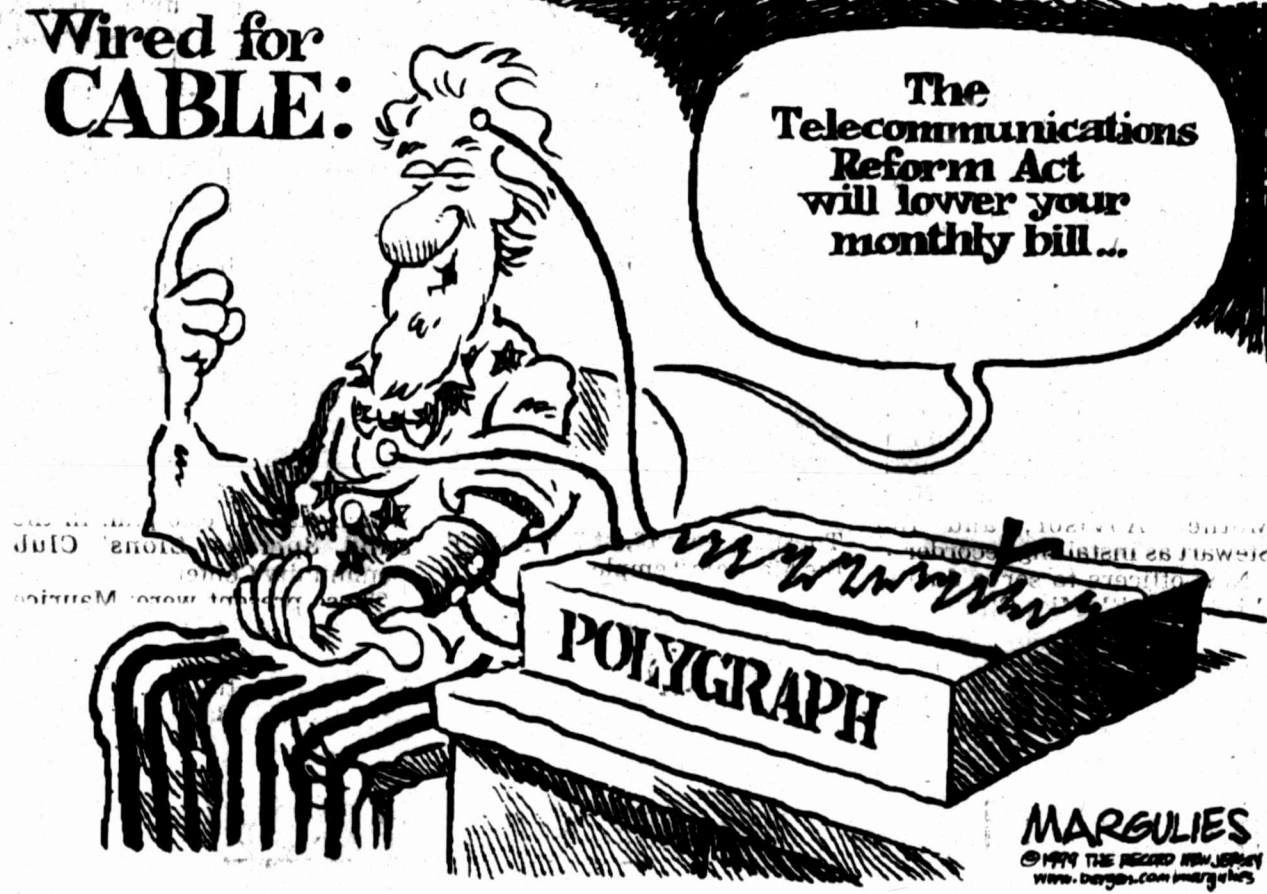
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Wired for CABLE:



Effect of TAAS on class instruction

No doubt Texas legislators had the best of intentions when they voted for the Texas

amount of time teaching test-taking skills and focusing on preparation for the TAAS.

The pressure is exerted in not so subtle ways. The teacher's own evaluation depends, in part, upon the accountability rating the school receives from the Texas Education Agency.

According to Shakespeare, "Comparisons are odious." This is certainly true of the Texas Education Agency School Rating System.

No allowance is made for diversity of backgrounds. Students in a school district in a small rural community with a stable population, with a higher expenditure per student, earns scores on the TAAS that gives the school an "exemplary rating."

On the other hand, students from a school district in an urban setting, one that serves a totally different population, may, despite the best efforts of the teaching staff, score lower. That school will receive an "acceptable," or in some cases, and "unacceptable" rating.

Finally, there is one fall-out from TAAS that is largely ignored by its supporters and the expanding bureaucracy the testing program has created. It is the student who has

completed all the required courses in high school but still is not allowed to graduate because he has not passed the TAAS exit-level test.

Last year in Big Spring, two students could not graduate for this reason.

In Abilene, the number was six.

There are many reasons this can happen. Students with some degree of dyslexia, or other learning disability, are in the regular classroom, not in special education, where they would be exempt from the TAAS.

Some students are weak in only one subject area, like reading or math. Some students are poor "test takers." They worry excessively, and their anxiety hampers their performance on a test.

Whatever the reason, the blow to self-esteem for such young people is unimaginable. Before Texas legislators vote to increase the amount of state testing, I hope they will study all aspects of TAAS.

I hope they will spend a day in a classroom and learn, firsthand, the effect of TAAS. Perhaps, by working with teachers, they could devise a plan that would truly help all Texas students.

Assessment of Academic Skills. However, they have unwittingly created a climate in the classroom that is not conducive to real education.

The truth is that TASS has led to mediocrity. The curriculum has been narrowed, and the preoccupation with test scores has left little scope for the creative teacher.

In a recent column in the Abilene Reporter-News, Mike Moses, Commissioner of Education for the Texas Education Agency, pointed with pride to the "impressive annual gains on the TAAS."

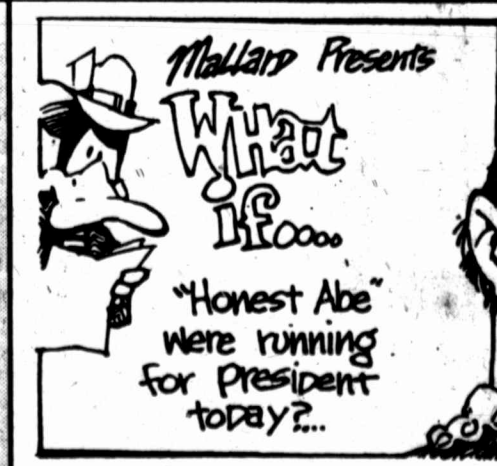
As a classroom teacher, I can tell Mr. Moses why those impressive gains have been made.

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JEAN WARREN

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Reuters News Service began by using pigeons to carry messages between the terminals of telegraph lines.

◆ About 56,000 Americans are over 100 years old.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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Big Spring Herald

Friday, February 12, 1999

Where shall we eat?

Believers need to consider if our response to worship fits

One of my favorite authors, Dr. Harry Wendt, author of Crossways and of Divine Drama (adult Bible Class courses) and editor of a newsletter entitled "Adult-talk," wrote some time back the following:

Those who heard Peter's Pentecost sermon asked, "What shall we do?" Today when the sermon is over, many ask only, "Where shall we eat?" The only hope for struggling churches is that they learn to take Jesus desperately serious once again.

"Professional" (I detest the term!) church workers need to remind themselves that they do not exist to serve people's whims, but Jesus' will. Furthermore, the fact that we "professionals" have the legal right to wave around an ordination diploma does not mean we have taken in all Jesus has to say! The fact that we made it through seminary can mean lit-

tle more than this: Our checks did not bounce, our hearts continued to beat, and we managed to answer sufficient questions correctly.

There are many who, though they profess they would die for the Bible, rarely read it. If Jesus' message is as simple as they presume it to be, why did God leave us with a challenging Library of books — and not merely send us a half-page fax entitled, "A Few Things To Think About, If You Have Time?"

What every child of God needs is not some "Thought for

the Day," but a moment-by-moment "Thump from the Deity."

What Harry says of "Professional church workers" is equally true of nonprofessional church people, or what some people might call "real Christians." If Jesus' message is as simple as many Christians presume it is, so that they did not need to spend time in reading and studying it, wonder why God went to so much trouble over thousands of years and scores of authors to make sure we got it.

When my mother was in her early 50s she sat down one day and began a little spiral notebook which she entitled, "Things my children might want to know someday when I am gone." Little did she, or we know, that before she ended her 50s that she would be "gone." She died at the age of

58. She was concerned that her children had information that she thought would be useful after she was gone.

When God caused the authors of Scripture to write down the account of God's creation, His dealings with His people in Old Testament time, and the story of Jesus the Christ who earned for us eternal life, He was concerned that His children have information that would be necessary for them to live the Christian life, share the Gospel of His love and inherit eternal life.

If we do not spend time in reading and studying His book of instruction, wonder what this is saying? Is your reaction to worship and Bible study, "What shall we do?" or "Where shall we eat?"

Think about it!
Carroll Kohl is pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



CARROLL KOHL

CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Bethel Church

The Mt. Bethel Church family invites the community to an afternoon of praises in song presented by Elroy Devorce and Pastor E.C. Wilson Sunday at 3 p.m. The church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes St., which Rev. Wilson is the pastor.

Devorce is a gifted vocalist, pianist and organist. He has previously been associated with St. James Baptist Church and St. Matthew Baptist Church in Odessa. In the Dallas area he was associated with Peoples Baptist Church, the late Dr. S.M. Wright was pastor. For the last 10 years, Devorce has been associated with Faith Memorial Baptist Church.

Baptist Church invite the community to attend their showing of this outstanding new film. "The Ride" will be shown on Sunday at 6 p.m., 2000 W. FM 700. For more information, please call the church office at 267-1639. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

God's Church

The public is invited to attend God's Church, 206 E. 11th Place.

God's Church is an intimate fellowship of believers who come together on a regular basis to worship God, gain instruction from God's word and fellowship with one another.

First United Methodist Church
Dr. William McReynolds will be guest minister this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. He will speak on Luke 15:11-32, "He is standing on the porch." Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Remember that the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir meet to practice every Wednesday and would like to invite all that are interested in participating. The United Methodist Men will meet for their monthly breakfast on Saturday at 8:30. Everyone is invited to come and share in food and fellowship. Please call 267-6394 for more information.

The name "God's Church" is really not a name at all, but a statement of possession. God purchased His church with the blood of His only son, Jesus!

We have met as a "home church" for three years and have recently moved to a new location. Sunday morning fellowship is at 10:30 and worship service is at 11, and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in a Bible study.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

"The Ride" is a heartwarming family film for all ages, a new dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

It is a fun story about a tough old cowboy, 10 wild kids and one angry bull.

First Baptist Church

The GA Banquet is this Saturday in the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. Tickets will still be available this Sunday. Everyone is invited to this banquet which will help our GA's fund their camp costs.

"A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place" is an 11 week Bible study that focuses on the tabernacle and why God chose to dwell among us. This women's Bible study begins on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call the church office, 267-8223, to sign up for this class. Childcare is provided at no cost.

Come worship with us at 10:50 a.m. this Sunday. Next Sunday, Feb. 21, our morning worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. We welcome you to join us at First Baptist Church.

Remember that God has a

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CLUB NEWS

Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, Feb. 15. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The program will feature the Anderson Cousins' Band in a program of sweetheart music.

Updates on pending legislation will be given by Lucy Bonner.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Rainbow Girls

Rachel Clinton was installed as the Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Big Spring Assembly No. 60, on Saturday,

Jan. 30. The term is from February through May 1999 and has been dedicated to Rachel's Aunt, Sara Thixton.

The term theme is "Two by Two" and the poem is "God's Promise To You." The scripture quotation is from Genesis 6:19-20 and the symbols are Noah's Ark and white doves. The 7 p.m. ceremony was held at the Masonic Temple in Big Spring. The hall was decorated in Rachel's chosen color of purple and her selected flower, the white rose.

Installing officer was Laura Rutherford, assisted by the following: Debbie Rutherford as installing Marshall, Sheila Welch as installing chaplain, Julie Shirey as installing musician, Adele Tibbs and installing Mother Advisor, and Ina Stewart as installing recorder.

New officers to serve during this term with Miss Clinton are Leanna Cook as Worthy Associate Advisor, Aarika Thixton as charity, Victoria Patterson as Hope, Lakacia

Lewis as Faith, and Eunice Thixton as the Mother Advisor.

One service project the Rainbow Girls will be involved in during this term is the collection of canned foods to be donated to the annual Boy Scout food drive to benefit the local Salvation Army.

Rachel is the daughter of Dub and Lucy Clinton, and the granddaughter of Garner and Eunice Thixton and Buddy and Gladys Clinton. Rachel is a sixth grade student at Forsan Junior High.

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will have a stated meeting followed by a Valentine program Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with Nell Wright,

Vice-president, presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jarrell Barbee and the opening prayer was worded by Burnis Mason.

Twenty four volunteer hours were turned in to AARP and Jarrell Barbee will haul trash for the senior citizens the last of February.

Wright read a letter from the District 2-A1 Lions Eye Bank, Inc. asking for a donation of a percentage of our fundraising activities. Madeline Boadle made the motion that we not support the Eye Bank in this matter, but continue to give our 100 percent as set out in the by-laws.

The next meeting will be Feb. 15, and will be a meal. Visitors are welcome to all meetings which start at 6:30 p.m. in the Sand Springs Lions' Club Community Center.

Those present were: Maurice Wright, Nell Wright, Burnis Mason, Jarrell Barbee, Herschell Matthis, Ben Boadle and Madeline Boadle.

Falwell's newspaper calls Teletubbies character gay, criticizes show's influence

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — The Rev. Jerry Falwell is trying to out Tinky Winky, suggesting that the purple, purse-toting character on television's popular "Teletubbies" children's show is gay.

A spokesman for Itsy Bitsy Entertainment Co., which licenses the Teletubbies in the United States, said the purse is actually Tinky Winky's "magic bag."

"The fact that he carries a magic bag doesn't make him gay," Steve Rice said. "It's a children's show, folks. To think we would be putting sexual innuendo in a children's show is kind of outlandish."

The February edition of the National Liberty Journal, editing and published by Falwell, contains an article warning parents that the rotund Teletubby with the triangular antenna may be a gay role model.

To support its claim, the publication says Tinky Winky has the voice of a boy but carries a purse.

"He is purple — the gay-pride color; and his antenna is shaped like a triangle — the gay-pride symbol."

Falwell contends the "subtle depictions" are intentional and issued a statement Tuesday.

He said, "As a Christian I feel that role modeling the gay lifestyle is damaging to the moral lives of children."

The British show aimed at toddlers began airing on U.S. public television stations last spring. The Teletubbies are portrayed by actors in oversized, brightly colored costumes.

They all have television screens on their abdomens.

Rice said Falwell was attacking "something sweet and innocent" to further his conservative political agenda.

Falwell's spokeswoman, Laura Swickard, said the founder of the now-defunct Moral Majority agreed with everything that was in the NLJ article and would not comment beyond that.

Jenna's journey

Family battles for little girl's future after getting rare diagnosis

ARLINGTON (AP) — For a full five minutes, no one speaks.

Not the doctor who just delivered the news. Not the father who sits stunned, his usually analytical mind too numb to fully process the information he's received.

And certainly not the mother cradling her baby.

Bent over the tiny bundle, the mother's shoulders shake in rhythm with her sobs. Her quiet, mournful sounds fill the room like an icy chill. She is consumed by a single thought that erupts from her: "Please, I don't want my daughter to die!"

Keith and Sherri meet in 1994 on a blind date set up by a mutual friend. They don't seem to have much in common.

Petite and outgoing, Lufkin native Sherri McDonald doesn't hide her heart. She laughs often and cries easily.

Tall and lanky Keith, an Arlington native and Lamar High School graduate, also has a deep sense of humor, but his studious face reveals a more serious side. He rigidly controls his emotions, and tackles any

problem handed him by first analyzing its parts, then searching for a logical solution.

Their first date is a concert at Texas A&M University, where Sherri is finishing her business degree and from which Keith graduated in 1989 with a marketing degree. They discover a shared love of music.

Not long after, Keith relocates to Detroit, Mich., through his management job with Color Tile, but he can't get Sherri out of his mind. Finally, through the friend who set up their blind date, he locates Sherri in Chicago and they begin dating. Their family values, their long-term goals, their strong faith in God and their membership in the Church of Christ draw Keith and Sherri closer.

Keith soon receives another promotion that sends him back to Texas. Sherri quits her job and follows him. Twenty months after their first date, Keith, 28, and Sherri, 32, marry.

Not long after their wedding, Sherri discovers she is pregnant. After a miscarriage, they are thrilled when Sherri becomes pregnant again almost

immediately.

Jenna Marie Richbourg is born at 4:15 p.m. April 24, 1997, weighing 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.

"I was so ready for her," Keith says with undisguised pride. "I love children, and because we're older, we felt we were ready."

Keith is amazed at how fragile Jenna Marie seems, and he can't get enough of her tiny fingers and toes, her perfect little nose and the shock of red hair that flashes golden highlights when the light catches it — just like her mother's.

The next morning, euphoria gives way to anxiety.

A nurse notices it first — the dusky blue coloring around Jenna's mouth. It worsens when Jenna cries, indicating a circulation problem and possible heart defect.

Jenna is rushed to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where her pediatrician, Dr. Ray Rhodes, and cardiologist Dr. Matthew Wienecke begin tests. She is diagnosed with a heart murmur and arrhythmia. Until the cause of Jenna's heart prob-

lem can be determined, there is no way to know if the condition is temporary or long term.

"We just felt disbelief because you're children will be just like you," Keith says. "You always want your children to be healthy and when they're not, it's a shock. I wasn't in denial, but I just wasn't prepared for this."

After a week the murmur has lessened and the doctors tell Keith and Sherri they can take their daughter home. Jenna leaves the hospital in the same white dress, with its eylet trim and crocheted booties, that her mother wore home from the hospital 34 years earlier.

Sherri had planned to be a stay-at-home mom, but Keith has recently started his own business. Jenna's rising medical costs mean Sherri must return to work after three months to maintain the family's health insurance.

For five months Jenna and her parents frequently visit Dr. Wienecke's Fort Worth office while he determines the cause

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Slice of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jaime Bain of Big Spring will be featured in Angelo State University's production of the musical Cabaret. She is cast in the role of Fraulein Schneider. Cabaret is a classic musical set in Berlin, Germany during 1929-30.

Jaime is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is a former theater student of Tim Haynes and a former dance student of Laurie Churchwell. The daughter of Howard and Gloria Bain of Big Spring, Jaime is currently a sophomore at ASU.

The show is March 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the University Auditorium. Box office will open Feb. 24 from 1p.m.-5 p.m. daily. Call 942-2000 for information.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.big-spring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-2564.

THE LAST WORD

Tradition is a guide and not a jailer.
W. Somerset Maugham

Train up a fig tree in the way it should go, and when you are old, sit under the shade of it.
Charles Dickens

Wise men are not wise at all times.
Emerson

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 tonight as Borden County's Lady Coyotes play a practice game against Ozona's Lady Lions at 5:30 and the Coyotes take on Stanton's Buffaloes in a boys' practice game at 7:30.

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

Abilene's Lady Eagles take on Lubbock Lubbock Coronado's Lady Mustangs in a Class 5A playoff at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

That game will be followed by an 8 p.m. Class 3A showdown between Slaton's Lady Tigers and Crane's Lady Golden Cranes.

Hawks sweep twinbill wins from McMurray

Howard College's Hawks improved to 5-1 on the season with a doubleheader sweep over McMurray University on Wednesday, setting the stage for today's home opener against Frank Phillips' Plainsmen.

The Hawks opened the twinbill with a 9-2 win behind sophomore pitcher Rhett Wells, who went the seven-inning distance and narrowly missed his chance at a shutout.

McMurray avoided the shutout, scoring two runs with two out in the seventh, but was never a threat to overcome the Hawks' heady lead.

Chad Verret paced the Hawks' offense in the first game with a two-run homer.

In the nightcap, the Hawks got a 4-for-4 offensive performance from third baseman Drew Topham and freshman pitcher Frankie Miller allowed just four hits in six innings of work in a 4-1 victory.

"I'm really pleased with the way we played," Hawks coach Brian Roper said following the sweep. "Our pitchers didn't walk a single batter and we only made one error in two games."

The Hawks opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference hosting Frank Phillips today and will play a noon doubleheader with the Plainsmen on Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

CGA membership tourney scheduled for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual membership 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 entry and membership fees paid no later than 8:30 a.m.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

TONIGHT

5:30 p.m.

• Borden County vs. Ozona at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum (girls practice game).

6 p.m.

• Garden City at Wall (girls practice game).

7:30 p.m.

• Sweetwater at Big Spring (boys).

• Borden County vs. Stanton at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum (boys practice game).

ON THE AIR

Television

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT, Ch. 28.

FIGURE SKATING

7:30 p.m. — U.S. Championships, ladies short program and original dance, ESPN, Ch. 30.

SKIING

6:30 p.m. — World Alpine Championships, men's giant slalom, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Rockets have too many weapons for Mavs in 105-95 win

DALLAS (AP) — Scottie Pippen isn't the only Houston newcomer making a big early impression.

Rookies Michael Dickerson and Cuttino Mobley and veteran Stanley Roberts showed Thursday night in a 105-95 victory over the Dallas Mavericks that the Rockets have weapons other than their well-publicized headliners.

Dickerson scored 21 points, including a game-sealing 3-pointer with 2:04 left, as the Rockets downed Dallas for the 10th consecutive time.

Roberts, playing in his first game for Houston, had 10 points and Mobley, a second-round pick from Rhode Island, scored eight points.

"Stanley Roberts and Dickerson stepped up for us," Houston's Charles

Barkley said.

Dickerson, a first-round draft pick from Arizona, came into the game averaging just four points. His 3-pointer gave Houston a 97-88 lead, and Dallas couldn't recover.

Dickerson was 8-of-13 from the field as he surprised Dallas with his outside shooting ability.

"Dickerson made some big shots for us," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "He's a very good shooter. Our bench did a great job for us."

Barkley had 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Rockets, Scottie Pippen added 16 and nine rebounds.

Othella Harrington had 13 points and Roberts 10.

"We played really good defense,"

Barkley said. "We haven't given up 100 points this year. That's great. We have to keep building on it."

Pippen agreed.

"Our team defense stepped up and helped us to this win," Pippen said. "We do a good job getting back in transition defense. You credit this win to our tough defense."

Samaki Walker of the Mavericks said Dallas couldn't get a clear shot.

"They just took it to another level in the fourth quarter," Walker said. "When teams challenge us like that we have to step up and take the challenge."

Dallas missed 16 of 23 shots in the fourth period with the game in doubt.

Hakeem Olajuwon had eight points and six rebounds in Houston's fourth

consecutive win after losing to the Los Angeles Lakers in the opener.

Robert Pack scored 31 points for Dallas, Michael Finley had 15 and Shawn Bradley and Cedric Ceballos 10 each.

"We weren't sharp again in the fourth quarter, and good teams make you pay the price," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

Pack said Dallas turned the ball over too many times when it counted.

"We didn't take care of the basketball and it hurt us," Pack said.

"We had our chances to beat a good team, but couldn't pull it off. I thought we would have enough energy to outlast a veteran team, but that wasn't the case tonight."

Hawks survive OT thriller, Lady Hawks fall

Clutch shooting at line provides tough 64-61 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Howard College's Hawks maintained their stranglehold on the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) men's basketball standings Thursday with a 64-61 overtime win over Midland College's Chaparrals.

In the process, the Hawks remained perfect in WJAC play at 10-0 and moved close to chalking up their first conference title since 1991.

The win also improved Howard's record to 20-5 overall — the first 20-win season in head coach Tommy Collins' five-year stint at the Hawks helm.

It was anything but easy, as neither team enjoyed more than a seven-point lead in the see-saw battle.

The Chaps refused to die after the Hawks twice took four-point leads in the final minute, as point guard Eugene Costello put up an off-balance prayer with 3:09 seconds remaining, banging in the three-pointer off the glass to tie the game at 55-55 at the end of regulation.

The Hawks, whose inability to make the most of three trips to the free throw line in the final minute of regulation, came up big at the charity strip in overtime — guards Larry Allaway and Darryl Martin hitting both ends of pressure-packed freebies to preserve the win.

"I didn't think it was a great job by our kids, but we finally got a couple of big rebounds and made the plays and the free throws we had to have in overtime," Collins said following the thriller.

"It was just exactly what we thought it would be," Collins added. "Anytime we play Midland it's going to be a war, and it was tonight. They (Chaps) played us hard ... their offense was outstanding and they really made the plays they had to make there at the end (of regulation). That's a sign of a good basketball team."

After falling behind 8-3 early in the game, the Hawks followed the lead of posts Greg Lewis and Donald "Yogi" Ceasar in putting together a 9-4 run that deadlocked the score at 12-12 midway through the first half.

Another unanswered string of



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard's Donald "Yogi" Ceasar (42) goes up and scores during a Hawks win earlier this season at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, as teammates Derrick Franklin (00) and Greg Lewis (30) position themselves for a rebound. Ceasar helped lead the Hawks to their 20th win off the season Thursday, scoring 14 points in a 64-61 overtime win over Midland.

Hawks' points later in the period allowed the Hawks to fashion the half's biggest lead at 21-15 with 3:46 showing on the clock.

But Midland kept Howard from scoring again while putting together its own nine-point string to take a 24-21 lead at the intermission.

The Hawks' inability to capitalize on those first-half runs, Collins said, was evidence his team wasn't mentally prepared for the game.

"I think we relaxed a little because South Plains lost the other night," Collins explained, noting that the Texans' loss to Frank Phillips on Monday gave the Hawks a two-game lead in the WJAC men's standings. "That probably has a lot to do with our inexperience. A lot of these guys are new ... we've got a lot of freshmen and a lot of our sophomores are transfers ... they don't know it gets tougher

in the second half of conference play."

That two-game lead became three Thursday, as New Mexico Junior College dealt South Plains its second straight loss, 77-65.

The Hawks learned just how difficult the second half of conference play can be first-hand in the second half, though, as the Chaps continually battled the Hawks through the final 20 minutes of regulation.

Freshman guard Justin Rhodes tried to ignite another Howard run early in the second half with a couple of three-point bombs, but Midland continued to answer tit-for-tat, as 6-foot-7 freshman post Mike Stewart and 6-foot-5 sophomore Mike Cummings continually answered from the paint, giving the Chaps a 35-31 lead with 13:15 to play.

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Lady Chaps' inside game too much for Lady Hawks

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

That loud "whoosh" you might have heard about 7 p.m. Thursday night was the air rushing out of the Howard College Lady Hawks' sails at Midland's Chaparral Center.

Playing one of their flattest halves in memory, Howard scored just 20 points over the game's final 20 minutes — including just five points over the final 7:10 of the contest — as they were soundly beaten by arch-rival Midland College, 62-52.

It was the first time ever for Midland to sweep the regular season series with Howard.

The loss drops the No. 8 Lady Hawks to 22-3 overall and 8-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play while No. 5 Midland improves to 24-2 overall and 10-0 in conference.

Looking more like one of the teams fans have seen play the Lady Hawks, rather than the red and black themselves, Howard was dominated in every aspect of the game over the final half.

While Howard fans might have been puzzled at what happened to their team, which held a 32-29 lead at the half, but Matt Corkery did.

"You have times when you don't shoot well," he said. "For a half, it's as cold as we've been shooting in a half."

As Howard's shooting touched iced up, Midland increased the heat on its inside game — pounding away in the lane trip after trip after trip as Autumn Johnson and Fatime Ndiaye, both 6-foot, 2-inch wide bodies, staked claim to the five-foot arc around the basket.

"You have to give credit to Midland," Corkery said. "They went to their inside game down the stretch and we didn't challenge them."

Despite their best efforts, the Lady Hawks could not maintain momentum.

After leading by as many as 10, 26-16 in the first half, Howard saw Midland fight back into the game.

A turnaround jumper by Amie Kane pulled Midland to within one, 34-33, with 17:18 left in the game before a free throw by Jovanae St. Cyr and a pair of quick baskets by Karlita Washington and Latasha Moore stretched the lead to six, 39-33, with 15:51 left.

Four straight fouls on

Howard as Midland took the ball to the net put Judy Gonzalez in position to again pull the Lady Chaps to within one, 39-38, when she made a pair of free throws with 13:15 left in the game.

Less than a minute later, Ndiaye gave Midland its first lead since the 18:24 mark of the first half when she went back up with a miss by Kane to make the score 40-39 with 12:20 to go in the game.

Midland then went up by four before a pair of three-pointers by Washington tied the game at 47-47 with 7:14 left.

A minute later, Gonzalez would hit a basket off a spinning drive to put Midland on top for good.

Following Washington's second three-pointer, Howard would be outscored 15-5 down the stretch — managing just two baskets by Love and a free throw by Washington — as Midland extended its lead to the final margin.

Neither team shot well from the floor for the game, with Howard connecting on just 20-of-62 shots (32.3 percent) and Midland just 23 of 66 (34.8 percent).

Washington paced Howard with 13 points, while Moore and Love each had 10.

"You have times when you don't shoot well," he said. "For a half, it's as cold as we've been shooting in a half."

Howard rebounded Midland, 38-33, while the Lady Chaps' forced 27 turnovers while committing 23. Howard had eight steals to three for Midland and recorded nine blocks — five by Caryn Ross — to one for Midland.

Next up for Howard is a home game Monday against New Mexico Junior College (17-8, 5-5), 85-64 losers to South Plains Thursday night.

Midland 62, Lady Hawks 52
HOWARD — Ricka McKee 1 0 0 2, Shaketha Ashley 0 0 0, Ashanti Nk 1 2 2 4, Karlita Washington 4 3 4 13, Latasha Moore 5 0 0 10, Jovanae St. Cyr 2 5 7 9, Sharlene Charles 0 0 0 0, Aiesha Love 5 0 1 10, Yolanda Grant 2 0 1 4, Caryn Ross 0 0 2 0.
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Halftime score: Howard 32, Midland 29.
Three-point goals: Howard 2, Midland 2.
Total fouls: Howard 25, Midland 16. Fouled out: Howard (Washington, Love). Rebounds: Howard 38, Midland 33. Turnovers: Howard 27, Midland 23. Steals: Howard 8, Midland 3. Blocks: Howard 9, Midland 1.

Chi Chi making return to Seniors Tour after heart attack

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a hospital room after suffering a heart attack, Chi Chi Rodriguez wanted only the chance to be able to walk the fairways with his friends, whether that was on the Senior Tour or at the golf course near his home on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

Rodriguez returns to the Senior Tour today for the American Express Invitational in Sarasota, Fla., with a different game plan.

"Now that I'm feeling better, I want to compete again," he said.

Not that the biggest scare of his happy-go-lucky life hasn't instilled a sense of change.

He already has given up cigarettes, the last puff coming on Nov. 5, 1997. Since his heart attack in October, he has all but given up red meat, limiting himself to 3 ounces a week, if any at all.

And while he still has the charm and

gregariousness that made him one of the most popular figures in golf, he also carries a very serious message for anyone who will listen.

"Don't be stubborn," Rodriguez said. "Whenever you have pain or dizzy spells, get a stress test. Go see a doctor. Because the heart attack that I had could have been prevented."

Rodriguez is back on the tour for the first time since his Oct. 13 heart attack, which he says probably would have killed him if not for his brother insisting he go to a doctor.

Rodriguez was working out before a practice round for the Raley's Gold Rush Classic. He routinely went 30 minutes at 12 mph on the stationary bicycle, and he was playing well. A month earlier, his tie for fifth in the Comfort Classic was his best tournament of the year.

But when he got on the bike, he noticed something wrong.

"I had to stop because my stomach was

killing me," he said.

He took some antacid, got back on the bike and had to stop again after five minutes when he found it even more difficult to breathe and swallow. After a big breakfast — Rodriguez loves food about as much as golf — he finally agreed to see a doctor and couldn't believe what he heard.

"Mr. Rodriguez, you're having a heart attack right now," the doctor told him.

"It scared me for the first time," Rodriguez said. "Jim Anderson (his pilot) drove me to the hospital and a team of doctors were waiting to operate. If I had waited another 10 minutes, the doctor said I would have needed a heart transplant."

"They call it the widow-maker," he said. "About 50 percent of the people who get this kind of heart attack die. So I beat the odds pretty good."

Rodriguez has been doing that all his life. He learned the game in Puerto Rico

by hitting tin cans with a guava tree stick, then worked as a caddy before joining the U.S. Army at 19. He joined the PGA Tour in 1960 and won eight times during his 21-year career, playing on one Ryder Cup team.

He left his mark on golf through his Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation, which has raised more than \$5 million, and on the Senior Tour, where he has won 22 times, but not since 1993. Still, galleries love to watch him play, listen to him banter and perform his trademark sword dance whenever he makes a big putt.

"He would be a big void if he were gone," Larry Nelson said Thursday from the TPC at Prestancia. "Last year, we missed him while he was gone."

Rodriguez plans to play in only 18 tournaments this year as he slowly works himself into shape. He felt strong enough to play 27 holes two weeks ago, but does-

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New Browns now get ready to pounce on NFL's free agents

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A lot of NFL teams got very jumpy when they saw the Cleveland Browns take low-priced player after low-priced player in the expansion draft. The draft left Cleveland with nearly \$40 million to spend on free agents, allowing the Browns to outbid any team they want for top players in the free-agent period that begins today.

"We're looking to bring aboard any significant player who can have a major impact on the team," Carmen Policy, the new team's president, said. "Neither cap space nor cash should be an impediment to our going forward in free agency."

That's a new feeling for Policy, who was always over the cap when he ran the San Francisco 49ers. And look for 49ers to be targets, particularly young wide receivers Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes.

Owens is a restricted free agent, meaning San Francisco can retain him by matching any offer.

The Niners entered the free-agent period close to \$20 million over the \$57.3 million cap, a \$70 million differential from the Browns that makes it

almost impossible for them to match a Cleveland offer.

The other 30 teams, of course, have one advantage — established rosters — and most of them want to re-sign their own players rather than go after unknowns in the free-agent pool.

The best example of that is Minnesota, which finished 15-1 last season after re-signing four key players — defensive tackle John Randle, offensive tackle Todd Steussie, wide receiver Jake Reed and running back Robert Smith. But that set them back \$93 million.

Still, they've already resigned quarterback Randall Cunningham and offensive tackle Corey Stringer, and chances are they'll keep most or at least the best, like Pro Bowl linebacker Ed McClellan, strong safety Robert Griffith and defensive end Derrick Alexander.

"That's the way you like to do it, particularly when you can keep people of that quality," Buffalo general manager John Butler said.

"You know what your own players can do — on and off the field. You're never sure when you bring in new people. But that doesn't mean you won't look to plug holes."

HAWKS

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A 15-4 Howard run saw freshman post Derrick Franklin come up with big plays in the paint, while Rhodes and Lamont Roberts nailed three-pointers, as the Hawks retook the lead at 46-39.

Two minutes later, however, Midland had trimmed the margin to just one, 46-45, and began sending the Hawks to the free throw line.

Martin and Ceasar hit a pair of free throws each and Lewis hit a jumper from the win to give the Hawks a 52-49 lead with less than a minute to play.

But in that final minute, the Hawks couldn't capitalize on being in the double bonus, as Ceasar missed the front end on two more trips to the stripe and Lewis missed another, setting the stage for Midland's comeback.

The Chaps then jumped out to a three-point lead in the extra five minutes, but would not score in the final 3:03 of overtime, while Ceasar hit a jumper from the lane to pull the Hawks to within one, 61-60, setting the

stage for Allaway and Martin to provide the game-winning free throws at crunch time.

Martin finished the game as Howard's leading scorer with 15 points, while Ceasar added 14 and Rhodes finished with 10.

Stewart led all scorers with 17 point for the Chaps, while Costello finished with 16. Cummings had 12 more for Midland which dropped to 14-12 overall and 3-7 in conference play.

In other WJCAC men's action Thursday, Odessa took a 77-59 win over Frank Phillips, while New Mexico Military Institute beat Clarendon, 84-68.

Hawks 64, Midland 61 OT
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Halftime score: Midland 24, Howard 21.
End of regulation: Howard 55, Midland 55.
Three-point goals: Howard 4 (Rhodes 3, Roberts), Midland 3 (Costello 2, Alexander).
Rebounds: Howard 32 (G. Lewis 10), Midland 34 (Cummings 14). Total Fouls: Howard 24, Midland 26. Fouled Out: Conner, Stewart, G. Lewis. Turnovers: Howard 20, Midland 14. Technical Fouls: Conner.

RODRIGUEZ

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n't want to push it. He says he will treat golf even less seriously now, although he is very serious about his eating habits.

"My grandparents on both sides lived to be 100, and I figured I would live to be 100 without worrying about anything," Rodriguez said. "But I was eating too much of the wrong stuff."

"I tell you what," he said. "If you've got a good car, you bet-

ter put good gas in it or you'll ruin it."

Rodriguez has lost 17 pounds and feels better than he has in years. His doctors told him the heart attack probably had been in the makings for as many as four years, and Rodriguez is thankful to have a chance to keep playing.

"In bed when I was almost dead, I found out about life," he said. "Money doesn't mean anything. Your health is everything."

Stanford wins at the line for a change

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stanford has done almost everything right this season except shoot free throws. The sixth-ranked Cardinal took care of that in a big way against No. 9 UCLA.

The Cardinal went 31-of-40 from the foul line in their 77-73 victory over the Bruins on Thursday night, including a 22-of-24 effort in the second half. Not bad for a team that entered the game making just 67 percent from the line.

"They must have a great free throw shooting coach," UCLA coach Steve Lavin said jokingly. "I think I'm going to get into a bidding war and get him to our side."

Stanford (20-4, 10-1 Pac-10), which got its fifth straight 20-win season, now has a two-game lead over second-place Arizona in the Pac-10 race in pursuit of its first league title since the conference expanded to 10 teams in 1978-79.

"We really hung in there and played especially well in the second half," Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said. "I thought we used our heads much better in the second half to take care of the ball."

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday night, it was No. 1 Duke 100, Virginia 54; No. 5 Michigan State 61, Illinois 44; No. 14 Utah 86, San Diego State 38; and No. 25 New Mexico 82, San Jose State 46.

Arthur Lee had 17 points for the Cardinal, who rebounded from Saturday's home loss

NCAA ROUNDUP

to No. 2 Connecticut.

UCLA (17-6, 8-4) got within a point three times in the final two minutes, the last time at 67-66 with 1:08 left on two free throws by Jerome Moiso.

But Mark Madsen made two free throws with 41 seconds left, and Lee added two more with 19 seconds remaining for a 71-66 lead. Baron Davis hit a long 3-pointer with 14 seconds left to pull UCLA within two, but Stanford hit six straight free throws — four by Lee — after that.

Baron Davis had 23 points and JaRon Rush added 20 for the Bruins, who had three starters foul out.

David Moseley added 13 points, Tim Young had 12 and Madsen had 11 points and 12 rebounds for Stanford.

Duke 100, Virginia 54

The Blue Devils (24-1, 12-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) are off to the best start in school history thanks to their 19th straight victory and their seventh 100-point game of the season. William Avery, Elton Brand and Corey Maggette each scored 15 points for visiting Duke, which outshot Virginia 58.7 percent to 27.4 percent and outrebounded the Cavaliers 58-26. Willie Dersch and Chezley Watson each had 12 points for Virginia (13-12, 3-9).

Michigan St. 61, Illinois 44

Thomas Kelley had 10 points to lead a balanced scoring attack as the Spartans (21-4, 10-1) tied a school record with their 10th straight Big Ten victory. Michigan State led 33-14 at halftime by holding the visitors to 6-of-25 shooting. Cory Bradford, the Big Ten's leading freshman scorer, led Illinois (10-14, 2-10) with 13 points on 4-for-17 shooting.

Utah 86, San Diego St. 38

The Utes (19-4, 9-0 Western Athletic Conference) won their 14th straight game, their school-record 32nd straight at home and handed the Aztecs the worst loss in school history. Jeremy Killion was 5-of-6 from 3-point range and had 20 points for Utah, which led 38-19 at halftime. Donte Wilson had 10 points for San Diego State (2-20, 0-10), which has lost 10 straight games by an average of 22.4 points.

New Mexico 82, San Jose St. 46

Senior center Kenny Thomas got his eighth double-double of the season and the 33rd of his career with 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Lobos (19-6, 6-4 Western Athletic Conference), who had lost four of six. Michael Quinney and Shaun Murray each had 10 points for the visiting Spartans (11-11, 4-5), who trailed 38-21 at halftime.

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Tyson's lawyers have next move in appeal effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of letters from well-wishers have reached Mike Tyson in his jail cell. But the former heavyweight champion has not gotten any word on the status of an appeal or his probation.

Tyson's lawyers in Maryland said Thursday they are waiting for an indication from Indiana authorities as to whether the fighter's probation for a rape conviction will be revoked.

Indiana authorities said they would not act until the lawyers decide whether to appeal Tyson's one-year sentence for assaulting two motorists after a minor traffic accident in Gaithersburg, Md., in August.

"We had a case conference a couple days ago where we took into consideration the fact Tyson could appeal the sentencing in Maryland," said George Walker, Tyson's probation officer in Indiana.

"So given that situation, we once again have taken a wait-and-see posture for the next couple weeks to see if in fact he does appeal."

Tyson is on probation for raping a beauty pageant contestant in an Indianapolis hotel room in 1991. Tyson served three years in prison and was released in March 1995.

"If he does not appeal, then we'll set a hearing here locally and move forward on that," Walker said.

Walker's words left Robert Greenberg, one of Tyson's Maryland lawyers, almost speechless.

An hour or so earlier, Greenberg had said he was considering two options for Tyson, but that he needed "to get a better sense of what will happen in Indiana before any decision is made."

When told that Indiana would be waiting for him, Greenberg appeared surprised.

"I don't want to comment on that," he said. "I have to take a look at this first."

The news from Indiana means Greenberg and fellow lawyer Paul Kemp apparently will have less information than they hoped as they consider their two options: appealing the sentence or asking the judge to reconsider it.

Tyson, sentenced one week ago today, has 90 days to ask Judge Stephen Johnson to reconsider the sentence, but only 30 days to file an appeal — which would take the case out of Johnson's jurisdiction.

An appeal could result in a jury trial. If convicted, Tyson could get a harsher sentence and further increase his chances of more punishment in Indiana.

Meanwhile, Greenberg said he also has concerns over the possibility of Tyson resuming his boxing career while serving his sentence.

The scenario, if there is no appeal and Indiana takes no action, would involve Tyson transferring after 60 days to a pre-release center, where he could leave during the day to train at a gym and return at night. Tyson, with Johnson's permission, also could travel out of state to fight.

Greenberg said Tyson has received hundreds of letters and gifts, including money and food, at the Montgomery County jail, and that similar distractions could make it difficult for Tyson to train while serving at the less secure pre-release center.

"I'm concerned with what's going to happen if he does go over there," Greenberg said.

The prospect of Tyson fighting while an inmate would become moot if Judge Patricia Gifford, who sentenced the fighter for the rape conviction in Indiana, took action that prevents Tyson's transfer to the pre-release center.

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Traditionally, St. Valentine's Day is a time when we express how much we love and care about our family and friends. I fondly recall Valentine's Day during my years in elementary school, when all of the students would have the little "punch out" valentines which we would sign and exchange with other students, teachers and our families. Everyone received several cards, expressing in one way or another, St. Valentine's message of love.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on February 19, 1999 for the following: Four (4) 1998 new or used vehicles equipped with Police Packages for the Sheriff's Department. One (1) new 3/4 Ton Pickup for the Road & Bridge Department. Specification may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main Room 202, Big Spring, Texas or by calling (915) 264-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on February 22, 1999 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor 2165 February 5 & 12, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE THE HOWARD COUNTY AUDITOR WILL BE ACCEPTING PROPOSALS UNTIL 10 A.M. FEBRUARY 19, 1999 FOR THE ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT DRUG TESTING FOR DOT/FHWA FOR 12 EMPLOYEES. PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONERS COURT FEBRUARY 22, 1999 AT 10:00 A.M. JACKIE OLSON, COUNTY AUDITOR 2168 February 5 & 12, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Board of Trustees of the Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 2:00 p.m., March 1, 1999, for the following athletic areas: Football Supplies Volleyball Supplies Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number 263-264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Proposals will be presented or consideration to the Board of Trustees on March 18, 1999, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 2177 February 12 & 15, 1999

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX, 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1999 AT AMERICAN SELF STORAGE, 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX, 79720. PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. SELLER RESERVES RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT ANY BIDS. BIDS TO WITHDRAW PROPERTY FROM SALE. PROPERTY TO EACH SPACE MAY BE SOLD ITEM-BY-ITEM, IN BATCHES, OR BY THE SPACE. ALL SALES ARE SUBJECT TO TEXAS STATE SALES TAX. SALE IS ON THE CONTENTS OF: TENANT: FLOYDIE CLEMONS CONSISTING OF: 1 MINI BLINDS, BED, PICTURES, MISC. BOXES. TENANT: RONNIE PRYOR CONSISTING OF: TOOL BOX, REFRIGERATOR, STOVE, COUCHES, AIR CONDITIONER, TABLE, CHAIRS, MISC. BOXES. TENANT: LARRY PADRON CONSISTING OF: TABLE, CHEST OF DRAWERS, CHAIR, COUCH, BED, ICE CHEST, MISC. BOXES. TENANT: RUSSEL RAY CONSISTING OF: ANTIQUE STOVE, REFRIGERATOR, BED, CHAIRS BOOKCASE, CHILD'S CAR SEAT, MISC. BOXES. 2175 February 5 & 12, 1999

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 13: You can do nearly anything. Remain secure and don't let a tendency to be overly sensitive detract from your power. You offer much more than you are aware. Others provide feedback through their actions; you also receive financial remuneration for your excellence. If you are single, romance adds to your sense of well-being. Don't let a tendency to be critical erode what could be an excellent relationship. If attached, your relationship shines because of your extra efforts. Communication flows in a new direction. Take a quiet vacation together to reconnect on those deeper levels. Capricorn understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ****You start the day on the right foot, but by evening you could be shaking your head. As you assume your normal position of responsibility, everything seems to go to extremes. Power has its down side - others can blame you when things don't go right! Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Take an overview; think through ideas. You see new horizons because of another's positive attitude. Caring abounds when dealing with someone you put on a pedestal. However, you could cause yourself trouble if you internalize and start to worry. Don't. Tonight: Have a high-minded chat with another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****Make it a point to ask another about his feelings when it comes to an important personal decision. Plan a getaway. Invite favorite people along, even if it is only a day trip. A friend could be depressed, and could cast a situation in a more negative light than need be. Tonight: With your best friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****You feel another's caring on a deep level. Touch base with friends, catch up on news and socialize. You gain a different perspective if you are open to feedback. Lighten up and don't let another's attitude get to you. This could be a parent or boss. Tonight: The party animal emerges.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Nobody works harder than you, while adding that extra touch of lightness. You continue in this spirit, whether on a weekend project or putting in overtime at the office. However, a change in plans and perhaps a critical comment from a close associate might make you recoil. Tonight: Do for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****You have the best intentions, and another clearly understands. Your efforts come back in multiples. Your romantic life can be quite dicey.

whether you are single or attached. However, a partner may cop an attitude. Don't let this person push your buttons. Tonight: Relish the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***An extra effort comes through for you in a big way. Mellow out, and think through what you want vis-a-vis your home life. Your naturally cooperative spirit makes a big difference to another. Allow more lightness into your life. Don't let that difficult associate get to you. Tonight: Do what feels right for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****You are enthusiastic and feel like you could take the world by storm. In this spirit, you could overextend yourself with way too many plans. Even with all your energy, you can grow tired. Simplify your plans. Another would love to keep you in one place and indulge you. Tonight: Visit at a favorite restaurant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Using finances to make your life work is key. Family members have a lot to share. Listen to others, talk about needs. You might not always be sure about what works for you. Your sense of humor goes a long way in dealing with a contrary loved one. Tonight: Be indulgent of another's mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****Your smile melts another's barriers, allowing you more insight into his feelings and motivation. Your sense of humor plays a substantial role with a cantankerous family member. Keep the old saying in mind that sugar works better than vinegar. Tonight: Count on being the centerpiece.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***You sometimes don't get the whole picture - nor do you always want to. Think carefully right now. Your good intentions are more likely to be received if you show them in a practical, tangible manner. Buy that card or gift. Don't react to another's attitude. Tonight: Don't push!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Aim for what you want. Friends rally around you as you decide on plans. Though you might want to do everything, you can't. You could feel restricted financially, but that is about to end in the next few months. Continue managing your budget. Tonight: Have, go to or look for a party!

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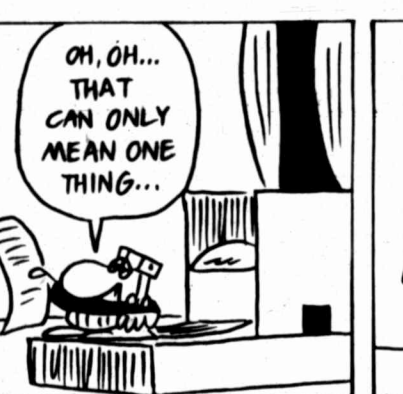
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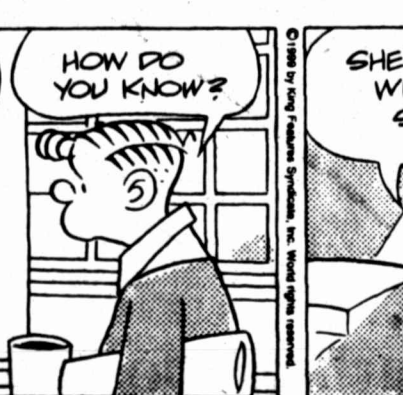
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1999. There are 322

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky. On this date: In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga. In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote. In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday. In 1907, more than 300 people died when the steamer Larchmont collided with a schooner off New England's Block Island. In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded. In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C. In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York. In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel. In 1973, the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place. In 1993, in a crime that shocked Britons, two 10-year-old boys lured 2-year-old James Bulger from his mother at a shopping mall in Liverpool and beat him to death. Ten years ago: The special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra case and the Justice Department reached an agreement on protecting classified materials aimed at allowing the trial of Oliver North to proceed. Five years ago: President Clinton signed an \$8.6 billion relief package for victims of the Northridge earthquake in Southern California. The XVII Winter Olympic Games opened in Lillehammer, Norway. One year ago: A federal judge threw out President Clinton's new line-item veto authority. At Nagano, Norwegian Bjorn Daehlie became the first man to win six Winter Olympic gold medals, as he placed first in the 10-kilometer classical cross-country race. An appeals panel reinstated Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagliati's gold medal, a day after he was stripped of the honor for testing positive for marijuana. Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 76. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 73. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is 69. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 65. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 64. Actor Joe Don Baker is 63. Author Judy Blume is 61. Country singer Moe Bandy is 55. Actress Maud Adams is 54. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 54. Actor Michael Ironside is 49. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 49. Actress Joanna Kerns is 48. Actor-former talk show host Arsenio Hall is 44.

THE Daily Crossword

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