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## 80 Bites teams with symphony Saturday night

Around the World in 80 Bites, the annual food festival at the Heritage Museum will take place Saturday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A Big Spring Symphony concert begins at 8 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium.

"80 Bites" benefits the museum's operating budget, raising up to \$2,500 each year. It features food cooked by local residents from various countries and regions of the U.S.

Tickets to eat all you want at "80 Bites" are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for students. This year, the Big Spring Symphony and museum are offering a special ticket price that will allow visitors to attend both events for one price.

The symphony concert will feature "World's Greatest Choruses" with the Big Spring Chorale and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. For \$12, an adult can attend both the concert and the food festival beforehand.

Buy your combination ticket at the museum, or call 267-8255 for more information. The Symphony Guild also plans a booth at "80 Bites," featuring cheeses from around the world.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

☐ Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

### FRIDAY

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

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

### SATURDAY

☐ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Pottom House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

### MONDAY

☐ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

☐ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

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## County under extreme fire alert

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Howard County is under an extreme fire danger alert, and residents are encouraged to do all they can to prevent the start of a fire.

"If we get a fire going and with wind conditions like we have today, we are going to be looking at a major event," cautioned Lou Sloat, state information officer with the Texas Forest Service.

"The main reason for the alert is the carry-over in drought conditions and the long range forecast which calls for no

appreciable rainfall in the next 30-day period," he said.

The alert covers the area from Brownwood to the south and east, Midland-Odessa to the west and north to the Oklahoma line.

Mahlon Hammetter is the team leader for the Panhandle area, Sloat said.

He said risk assessment teams are evaluating conditions and riding with volunteer fire departments to watch fire behavior. They will be assessing if there is a need to stage some people in areas, or to bring in aircraft on standby to help fight fires.

"The basic purpose is to keep

anything we have small where it won't grow in size," Sloat said.

He said an extreme fire danger alert means that if a hundred sparks were scattered, there is a potential that 90 or more would start a fire. Enhancing the problem is that the dry conditions on varying vegetation makes fires unpredictable.

"Winds can change quickly and dry vegetation can create its own weather," he said. "There are just a lot of severe fire conditions right now."

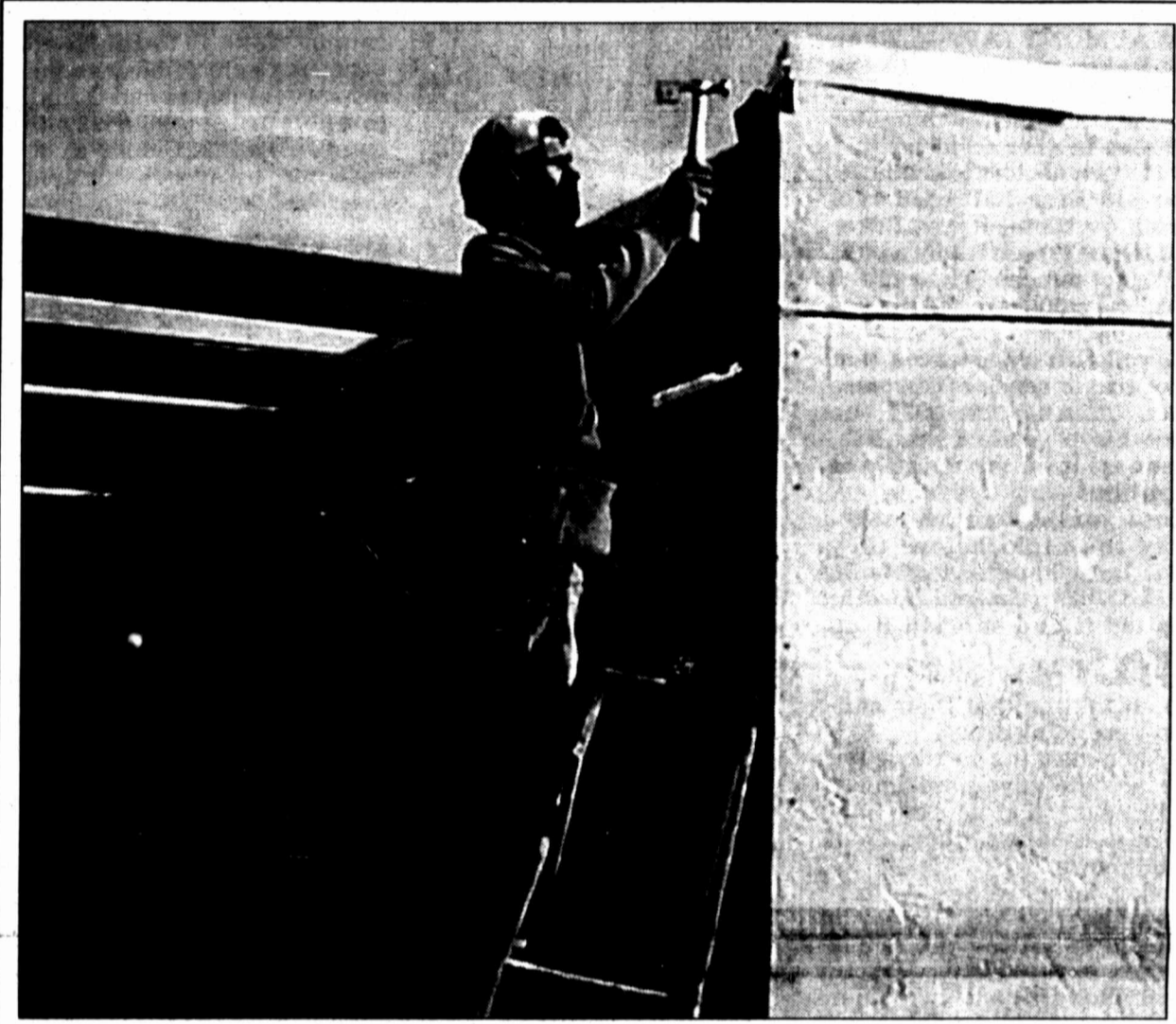
Citizens have done a good job in keeping man-caused fires to a

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Howard's men and women play their final home games of the season tonight, playing host to Frank Phillips' Plainsmen and Lady Plainsmen at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Women's action gets under way at 6. Slated as "Pack The Dorothy Night," all fans wearing red will be admitted free.

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro



Jose Villa with Palacios Home Improvement puts up siding on the outside walls of 20 additional rooms added to the new Christian Renewal Center, as workers continue to remodel the old Brass Nail and Cahoots on south Highway 87.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Grand jury

### Indictments returned against 3 accused of spray-painting graffiti on Vietnam Memorial

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury returned 10 indictments Wednesday, including indictments against the three adults accused of vandalizing the Vietnam Memorial.

Norma Godina, 19; Miguel Losoya Jr., 18; and Ismael Rivera, 17, were all indicted for a charge of graffiti by the grand jury for an offense that occurred Dec. 2, 1998.

On Dec. 3, 1998, alleged gang-related graffiti was found spray-painted on an M-60 tank and the concrete sidewalks at the Vietnam Memorial.

These three adults, along with two juveniles, were later identified through the newly-funded Street Crime Unit, and arrested.

The charge of graffiti is a state jail felony. If convicted the three face 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Also indicted by the Howard County grand jury were:

- Anthony Ray Butler, 45, for burglary of a building, an offense dated Sept. 21, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the Big Spring Police Department.

- Dobie Dee Caldwell, 33, for possession of a controlled substance for an offense dated Aug. 22, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

- Donna Christine Deuley, 27, for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for an offense dated Dec. 2, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

- Rudy Escalera Jr., 17, for burglary of a building, a state jail felony, for an offense dated Oct. 11, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

- Jose Enriquez Faz, 20, for burglary of a building, a state jail felony, for an offense dated

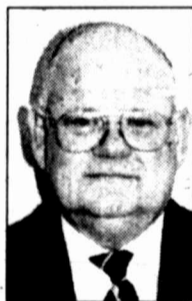
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## Juvenile vandals to serve 300 hours of community service

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Two juveniles accused of participating in the Dec. 3 vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial received a county court sentence of probation and community service Wednesday.

"You are charged with the December 3 vandalism to-wit, aerosol paint was sprayed on the tangible property of Charlie Lewis, that property being a



**LOCKHART**

public monument, with a pecuniary loss of less than \$20,000" Lockhart said.

The two youths, a 15-year-old girl, and a 16-year-old boy, pleaded "true" to the charge as read by Lockhart.

"I rule they did act in a delinquent manner, and we will have the recommendation from the juvenile probation office now," said county judge Ben Lockhart, who presided over the hearing.

The offense is a state jail felony, county attorney Mike Thomas said.

118th District Court juvenile probation officer Gerri Randle delivered the department's recommendation to the court,

*"We hope to educate them about what a veteran is and what the memorial is."*

-Charlie Lewis, VMC president

which Lockhart approved.

Both juveniles will serve terms of probation until they are 18 years old, with yearly reviews, according to Randle's recommendation.

Also, each defendant will serve 300 hours of community service, 200 of which will be performed at the Vietnam Memorial under the director of the memorial committee.

The remaining 100 hours will be performed at the Veteran's

Administration Medical Center, she said.

In addition, the youths will be required to pay \$20 court costs, \$15 probation fees, and a financial restitution of \$272 each, according to Randle's testimony.

Also, both defendants will be required to write letters of apology, she said.

Don Richard, attorney for the 16 year old, said both defendants have also spent the past

30 days incarcerated, which has been part of their punishment.

Richard and Harvey Hooser, attorney for the 15-year-old, explained to the defendants and their families the seriousness of the charges and how the court proceedings would work.

Lockhart explained to the defendants that penalties could include incarceration in a Texas Youth Correctional unit.

Six members of the memorial committee witnessed the proceedings.

Clara Justice, who represents her late husband Jim on the committee, said she was satisfied with the decision.

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## Commissioners plan another session dealing with budget woes

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will meet for a budget workshop Friday at 9 a.m., to continue brainstorming ideas that will help offset an anticipated two-year, \$1.67



**KILGORE**

million revenue decrease.

County judge Ben Lockhart said no final decisions have been made, and no action taken by commissioners. This is early in the year for the county to be looking at the budget, but Lockhart said with the anticipated loss, commissioners believed the time to start preparing is now.

"Usually, Jackie (Olson, county auditor) and I begin looking at the budget in April, and the commissioners start in mid-June," Lockhart said.

However, some action that will help save money in this year's budget is anticipated Friday, he said.

"We've decided we'll cut travel expenses, and we're still working on insurance," Lockhart said.

By reducing the amount of liability insurance, as well as increasing the county's deductible, several thousand dollars are expected to be saved, Lockhart said.

Jerry Kilgore, commissioner for Precinct 2, said while thou-

sands of dollars may not equal the \$1.67 million loss expected, "every little bit helps."

Recently, commissioners decided to remove the county trapper position, which saves the county \$21,300 in salary, plus benefits.

"This was done strictly due to the budget. We just can't afford to keep that position," Lockhart said.

During recent idea-sharing sessions, commissioners have contemplated and discussed several options at reducing the

county's nearly \$7 million budget.

"Our tax levy is about \$5 million, and it's close to \$7 million with fees and things we take in during the year. But when the economy goes down, the amount of fees being collected goes down too," Lockhart said.

Kilgore said the county is looking at all areas of the budget to consider where savings might occur. He said high-dollar purchases, such as heavy

support the enactment of a program of business tax credits, including an investment tax credit and a research and development credit to enable the state to partner with cities and counties to attract new business to Texas.

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approved bids for an industry brochure and passed two resolutions.

Board members were told it has been confirmed that April 19 will be "Big Spring Day" in Austin.

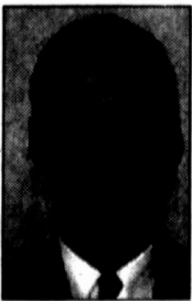
"There is a lot still in the planning stage," said Pam Welch, Moore Development assistant director.

Representatives from the city, county, college, public schools and other entities and organizations are planning to make the

## 'Big Spring Day' at capitol will be April 19, board learns

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board members on Wednesday discussed preliminary plans for "Big Spring Day" at the state capitol,



**SHARP**

trip. A bus or busses will be made available to transport citizens who can make the Monday excursion. Others may wish to take private vehicles or make other arrangements.

"We'd like to have as many people as we can," said Welch.

The purpose of the trip is to enhance relations between state lawmakers and the city of Big Spring and Howard County.

More information about the trip and activities planned in Austin for the group will be

approved as soon as it becomes available, Welch said.

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OBITUARIES

Lottie V. Gilmore

Graveside service for Lottie V. Gilmore, 70, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Bishop David Mohn officiating. She died Monday, Feb. 22, 1999, at Rosary Manor in Centralia, Wash., following a long illness.

Mrs. Gilmore was born Feb. 4, 1929, in Madisonville, and married Eugene R. Gilmore, Big Spring, on March 10, 1952, in Riverside, Calif. She had lived in Big Spring for 12 years and in Washington for the last year. She was an aircraft electrician for Lockheed in Ontario, Calif.

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regional economic development cooperative will probably meet with them in the near future.

The proposal would link Howard, Scurry, Nolan, Jones and Fisher counties together to promote economic development in the area. "I personally think a regional corporation would be a help," said Sharp. "We've seen it work in other states." He said however, that he did not believe such a project would necessitate employment of staff, and said it could be overseen by a volunteer board.

COUNTY

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equipment for the road and bridge department, may be delayed until finances improve.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Tim Salazar, 66, died Tuesday. Services were 11 AM, today at Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park. Lottie V. Gilmore, 70, died Monday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Maurine S. Harrison, 95, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3:30 PM Friday at Eastland Cemetery, Eastland, Texas. Florence K. Hallam, 94, died Tuesday. A memorial service will be at a later date.

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"We're really looking at what we just have to have," Kilgore said.

Other areas, along with insurance and equipment the commissioners are discussing, are possible reducing utility consumption, changing work schedules and hours, and downsizing payroll. "We're looking at a lot of different things, and how this will impact people, as well as how it will impact services," Kilgore said.

GRAND JURY

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July 5, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD. Gene Hernandez, 18, for delivery of a controlled substance, a second degree felony, for an offense dated Sept. 22, 1997, in a case with evidence compiled by the Department of Public Safety. Michael Lee Hodnett, 34, delivery of a controlled substance, a second degree felony, for an offense dated Nov. 16, 1996, in a case with evidence compiled by the DPS.

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"I think we got as good as we can get," Justice said. And Jerry Groves, public relations officer for the memorial committee, said the idea is to acquaint the youths with the committee members and provide them with knowledge about the importance of the memorial.

"They will be under our supervision, and I think this is just," Groves said. "When we get them out there we will try to teach them what this is all about, and we'll try to reach them. Even if it's just one of them who comes away with a greater understanding, that will be an accomplishment." Vietnam Memorial Committee president Charlie Lewis said Randle had talked with him before the trial, to determine if this recommendation was satisfactory.

FIRE

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minimum over the past year, Sloat said. Most last summer were caused by lightning. Still, five or six fires exceeded 5,000 acres last year across the state, and some 3,000 acres burned last week in the Panhandle. Major causes of man-made fires are power tools, cigarettes not properly extinguished and vehicles driven in high, dry grass. Nick Harrison, regional fire coordinator for the Taylor County area, said that rural areas are especially susceptible to wildfires. "What most people don't realize is that on volunteer fire departments, most all of the vol-

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unteers are at work during the day, and there is a delayed time to respond. If it (a fire) happens between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., there is no one around, or limited volunteers, to respond."

"March is traditionally a time of very windy weather. We want people to be extremely cautious," said Harrison, who added that the Texas Forest Service will be asking counties to enact burn bans.

Ron Perry, who works out of Barnhart, is the regional fire coordinator for the area that includes Howard County.

"We had a pretty good prevention effort last summer and fall," said Harrison. "The public has been very good at helping keep man-caused fires down. It is crucial. We are all in jeopardy if a fire breaks out in these conditions."

Jurors begin deliberations in Plano heroin trial

BEAUMONT (AP) — When Bill Baker was called to the hospital the morning of Nov. 9, 1997, he thought his daughter had been in a car accident.

But when doctors told him 16-year-old Erin had died of a heroin overdose, it was Baker who felt he'd been hit by a bus. "We got punched right in the nose," he said. "We did not see it coming." Lowell Hill experienced that same tragic sense of surprise when on Aug. 19, 1997, he found his 18-year-old son, Rob, unconscious and could not rouse him.

Both youths had been at a party the night before they died. Both bought a capsule packed with powdered heroin, emptied it and snorted it up their nose. And both their fathers never had an inkling that their children were doing drugs.

"You're talking to two guys who are the guys next-door," Baker said. "Had nothing happened to Erin, we would have never known." Today, jurors resume deliberating the fate of 11 people accused of selling the drugs that led to the deaths of Erin Baker, Rob Hill and two other young people in the affluent Dallas suburb of Plano.

Although prosecutors were barred from telling jurors about the overdoses, the deaths may be considered by the judge in assessing punishment if the defendants are convicted.

A rarely used federal sentencing guideline allows for stiffer punishment when a lethal dose of drugs can be traced to the dealer. Because of that provision, the defendants face up to life in prison.

And that's why this case is so important, said Hill, who watched closing arguments Wednesday alongside the Bakers.

"If they can get a conviction and it is upheld, this could help everyone else in the United States deal with this problem," he said.

"You have to have harsh sentences," added Baker. "But the legal piece is only part of the solution. The biggest part is the awareness that, hey, this can kill you."

In closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Baldwin told jurors the defendants were responsible for as much as 99 percent of the heroin and cocaine that hit the streets of Plano in 1997.

"Lives were destroyed. Families were destroyed. Futures were stolen," he said. "All these defendants profited

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from that destruction."

The deaths of the four youths and several others over an 18-month period drew national attention to Plano, which became a living illustration of how drug abuse has crept from the inner cities to suburban sidewalks.

The trial was moved from North Texas to Beaumont because of publicity.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459. Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

FRIDAY Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study. AI-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

BRIEFS

A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses paid.

A FISH FRY TO benefit the Danny Heckler family will be March 14 at Mel's Catch of the Day Fish Market.

The all-you-can-eat meal will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. and is \$8.50 a plate. An auction will follow at 3 p.m.

The Heckler home was burned by fire in October and funds will be used to help with the expense of rebuilding.

Anyone who would like to contribute items for the auction can deliver them to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mel's or the Salvation Army. An auctioneer

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,8,1 LOTTO: 9,11,21,24,31,46 Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers

will be preparing 1998 income tax returns for individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park. The volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service, and service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

MARKETS

May cotton 59.10 cents, up 128 points; April crude 12.47, down 14 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 26 cents even; cash steers steady at 64 even; April lean hog futures 43.47, up 5 points; April live cattle futures 67.95, up 50 points.

RECORDS

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POLICE

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

- REBA FURLONG, 67, was arrested for forgery of a government document. RICHARD HUCKABEE, 38, was arrested for local warrants. THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wason, at the intersection of 18th and Gr. g., 4800 block of West Hwy 80 and at the intersection of 11th and Settles. MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1700 block of Wason, 400 block of FM 700 and at the intersection of Third and Nolan. DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR INVALID was reported at the police station. MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg. ATTEMPTED ARSON was reported at the police station.

PICK 3: 7,8,1

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- JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 120 block of Airbase Road and 1200 block of east Sixth. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway. JEREMY HEDGES, 17, was arrested for indecent exposure. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Westover and 1800 block of Goliad. ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. ISABEL CALDERON, 25, was arrested for a warrant for criminal mischief. BONNIE BIRMELIN, 38, was arrested for public intoxication. SEIZED PROPERTY was reported in the 300 block of Runnels. MARTIN ALVARADO, 17, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2400 block of Johnson. A roofing deck nailer, four roofing nailers, a skill saw and an electric drill, all valued at \$2,700, were reported stolen.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today: REYMONDO CHAVARRIA, 34, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of carrying a prohibitive weapon. KENNETH D. SCOTT, 30, was arrested for a motion to revoke probation of forgery of a financial instrument. OSCAR SAAVEDRA HERMANDEZ, 46, was arrested for a Nolan County warrant for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle. EDWARD GARCIA JR., 19, was arrested for bond forfeiture of driving while license suspended or invalid. KATHERINE HARDIN, 41, was arrested for two charges of forgery of a financial instrument.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: WEDNESDAY 9:40 a.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. 11:08 a.m. — 1700 block Owens, medical call, patient transported to SMCC. 12:00 p.m. — 400 block Birdwell, smoke scare. 12:43 p.m. — 500 block Donley, medical call, patient transported to SMCC. 2:54 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMCC. 5:34 p.m. — 1000 block Gregg, traffic accident, service refused. 5:35 p.m. — 3300 block Auburn, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

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# Military pay raise bill gains strong support

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to raise salaries of the nation's 1.4 million active-duty military by 4.8 percent is roaring through Congress, despite objections from some lawmakers that Congress first should find ways to pay for it.

The package, which marks the biggest military benefits increase since the early 1980s, also includes boosts in retirement and GI Bill educational benefits. The measure next goes to the House, where it also has wide support.

They suggested that some of the pay raise money might wind up coming from the newly realized budget surplus — which both parties want to set aside for shoring up Social Security and which Republicans hope to partly tap for a pay raise.

But Majority Leader Trent, R-Miss., told the Senate: "This is the right way to begin this year. ... It would be insanity for us not to do this bill, and do it now."

# U.S. Census Bureau decides to revive sampling

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Census Bureau's decision to go ahead with two types of counts next year was intended to end bickering over its methods, it didn't work.

"The two-number census is going to be an absolute disaster," contended Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee's census subcommittee.

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# Push begins for new bankruptcy overhaul bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House supporters of a bill that would make it more difficult for people to erase their debts in bankruptcy courts say Philip Strauss, an assistant district attorney in San Francisco, can help make their case.

the proposed legislation to overhaul the nation's bankruptcy laws would "drastically improve" the ability of law-enforcement agencies to collect child support payments.

rupty code, Strauss said. The House last fall passed similar legislation, bringing a veto threat from the Clinton administration, which said it was too harsh on debtors.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey urged President Clinton to endorse the new House bill, which had attracted support from 34 lawmakers from both parties.

# Lawmakers slam Clinton administration on crop insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP lawmakers lashed out at the Clinton administration for failing to come up with a way to pay for a proposed crop insurance overhaul, but vowed to move forward anyway to help struggling farmers.

Agriculture Committee hearing Wednesday. "American agriculture at this moment is having some severe difficulties."

issued his budget with no proposals on how to fund crop insurance changes — even after mentioning them in his State of the Union address.

Currently, many farmers don't have crop insurance and those who do complain that it is too expensive and inadequate.

# Simpson loses appeal, faces custody retrial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The O.J. Simpson story will have another chapter in court, a new custody battle that promises to revive the argument over whether the former football star killed his ex-wife.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Volunteers help make tax filing almost tolerable

Each Monday, a group of local residents gathers at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Their mission: to help other people with their taxes.

It's a job few people can imagine doing, much less for no pay, but these trained volunteers do it willingly. They even say they enjoy it.

VITA, or the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, is available each Monday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Spring City Senior Center. Led by retired accountant Dorothy Kennemur for nearly two decades, the group completes tax forms for anyone in need of assistance.

The program began at the first of February, and runs through March. After 12 hours of training from the Internal Revenue Service, all of the volunteers passed a rigorous examination to be sure of their capabilities.

Since they began their work this year, the group has successfully filed taxes that involved dividends, self-employment, oil income and farm returns, and they've filed countless returns with earned income credit and the new child tax credit.

This year's crew of tax preparers includes Jean Tidwell, who has 17 years of experience with the program, Bill Gonzalez, who is working on his second year, and newcomers Vaughn Martin, Paul Smith and Sam Barrow.

Kennemur said the common denominator among them is simply that they enjoy helping people, and they want to take the dread and fear out of tax time. That's the true spirit of a volunteer.

We salute the hard-working, committed people who staff this service, and a special thanks to Kennemur, who has been coordinating the program for 13 years. It's special people like these who help make our community a better place.

Call the senior center at 267-0628 for more information about the program, and find out how you can volunteer to join next year's VITA program.

## OTHER VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I realized several years ago that the lack of voter apathy stemmed from only one thing. People finally realized that this is not a government of the people, for the people and by the people. It is for sale to the highest bidder. It took them a long time to see what I realized when I was 12 years old. People were discussing the pros and cons of lobbying. I saw then that was the first step in making our government for sale.

Now that people realize our government belongs to the highest bidder they realize it is going to be bought and it does not make much difference where the money comes from as long as those who supply it get to rake off the American taxpayers.

They also can see that once a candidate gets into office, they become so besotted by power, they are a permanent fixture in Washington and will do anything to stay. When and if they quit running for the office,

they are positioned off on the taxpayer for a pension. One they voted for themselves in the dark of night, when they were sure no one was looking. This happened to the Social Security "hole" dragged in regularly with threats of bankruptcy, or unannounced changes that John Q. Public gets.

No, we no longer own the government! The government owns us. If you don't believe me take a look at how much money the government skims off your next paycheck before you lay eyes on it.

Then write in, and tell the editor I'm wrong and why. If you are an elected official and you're not a non-voter, if they haven't yet voted, ask them how much a vote of theirs has ever changed a thing in Washington.

Then as Paul Harvey says, "You will have the rest of the story."

KATHERINE WILCHER  
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# Security tops freedom for many Americans

James Bovard, the American government's most unfavorite journalist, has done all who value liberty a great service: He has meticulously documented freedom's demise in America and set it all in its proper philosophical framework.



CHARLEY REESE

An intelligent reader of "Freedom in Chains, the Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen" (St. Martin's Press) will have no doubt left that American liberty is now more myth than reality, and that the U.S. government is drifting inexorably toward an authoritarian state.

It is the documentation -- the specific cases, the specific rulings, the specific statements -- that create the menacing mosaic of a state with an insatiable

appetite for more power. Bovard writes in his final chapter: "To blindly trust government is to automatically vest it with excessive power. To distrust government is simply to trust humanity -- to trust in the ability of average people to peacefully, productively coexist without some official policing their every move. The State is merely another human institution -- less creative than Microsoft, less reliable than Federal Express, less responsible than the average farmer husbanding his land, and less prudent than the average citizen spending his own paycheck."

That should give you the flavor of the book, and I will leave the rest to you and simply add my own comments to reinforce his theme. Truly, freedom is the capacity to make decisions in the absence of coercion. Since every law, by its nature and regardless of its subject, commands us to do something or not do something, it follows like a river down a hill that freedom is diminished law by

law, regulation by regulation, for each one eliminates a decision we could have made ourselves.

American tyranny has come gradually, like a slowly rising river. Each of us does not recognize the danger until the water comes in our door. Until then, it is merely someone else's problem, one we fool ourselves into thinking won't reach us.

The big problem I see for those of us who care about freedom is that we are not organized. Rather, we are separate little groups concerned mainly about one particular subject, whether it's freedom to own firearms or property rights or press rights or religious rights.

Half the time we don't even communicate, and in some cases we oppose each other.

Many newspapers, fierce about the first amendment, actually lead the campaign against the second amendment. Urban folks, mostly renters or mortgage payers, tend to be unsympathetic to the encroachment on property rights which,

at the present, mainly hit large property owners like farmers or developers.

On the other hand, statist -- those ideologically driven to increase the power of the state to point where no individual freedom is left -- tend to be united and organized.

I don't know how it will end. Many Americans, it seems to me, prefer security to freedom. There is, after all, a rough and raw side to freedom, for it means assuming personal responsibility for income, home, safety and health. It means the discipline to plan and to forgo the immediate pleasure for the more distant payoff. It means hard work and a frugal habit. It means the courage to risk failure, to risk loss, and the endurance to survive them. It isn't easy.

You could say freedom is like a wild mustang that is difficult to mount and to ride, and that lots of folks prefer the comfort of a carriage drawn by government-broke horses.

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## Phantom calls, peaceful destinations

### Misery loves company

I found out I'm not alone in having had a telephone with its own mind and a dialing finger. Dozens of readers from several states wrote to tell me about their experiences with phones that made mysterious calls to 911.

Most of our stories were roughly the same. We'd be sleeping soundly or going about daily chores when a law officer would appear at the door and ask what the emergency was. I always hated to disappoint.

It's reassuring to know someone's at the other end of a frantic call, but you have to hope the system doesn't work like the story of the boy who called "Wolf!" I became afraid that one day there would be a problem -- a grease fire in the kitchen, a rabid dog in the yard -- and the dispatcher

would remember all the false alarms.

"Oh, it's just that Johnson woman calling again; ignore it."

Some who had the same problem suspected a cellular or portable telephone was involved -- their own or someone else's -- but old lines, wet lines and ghosts were all blamed as well. One woman said she was charged for making 511 and 811 calls she never placed, and a Florida man wrote that one night his telephone made its own call to a taxi dispatcher.

One authoritative e-mail (can e-mail be authoritative?) gave me a list of possibilities. Probably, the BellSouth expert said, the "impulse noise" or clicking on my telephone was being interpreted by the phone company's "pulse decoders" as a rotary phone dialing 911. OK.

The phone repairman never did find the exact source of the confusion. He installed a totally new line, which suited me just fine.

A voice on the porch National Public Radio put a voice to the heroine Mae Bertha Carter earlier this

week. I had read about Mrs. Carter in Atlanta author Constance Curry's wonderful book "Silver Rights." And Monday night I sat on my front porch and heard for myself the wise, tremulous voice of that remarkable woman.

Mae Bertha Carter's children were the first black students to attend all-white schools in Drew, Miss., after desegregation became law. The Carter kids were teased or shunned, and the Carters soon were run off their sharecropping farm by angry whites.

Mrs. Carter told her children never to hate anyone, that she wouldn't tolerate it. She often sang to stay calm, she said, or to make days picking cotton pass quicker.

The NPR interviewer asked her to sing for him, and when Mae Bertha obligingly burst into song my arms felt like a Braille Bible.

Hers is the voice of courage. And I smiled and thought for the umpteenth time that radio done right is hands-down better than television.

Mom and Pop After my recent discourse about small motels -- the good,

the bad and the ugly -- several of you making plans for spring break vacations wanted some recommendations for inexpensive trips to uncrowded destinations.

For my money -- and despite the casinos -- the Mississippi Gulf Coast remains the best all-around beach scene. Ocean Springs, Bay St. Louis or Pass Christian are your best bets, though you'd miss a treat not to catch the boat to Ship Island in Gulfport.

The seafood is fried, the fancy old homes serve as an architectural museum and mom and pop motels are everywhere. They used to be cheap, but the casino scene may have changed that. Beachcombing and waves are best on the Gulf side of Ship Island.

I love Apalachicola, Fla., too, though I fear it might eventually become cute and coordinated. For now, it remains a worthy destination and workaday; it still smells like raw seafood.

My father used to escape to Apalachicola to go deep-sea fishing, and I'd say the musical name of the town over and over, enchanted.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Jimmy Carter was the first president to walk the inaugural parade route from the Capitol Building to the White House.

◆ The work of Franz Joseph Haydn includes pieces known as "The Frog Quartet" and "The Bear Symphony."

Got an Item?  
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Coahoma to host UIL academic meet in March

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

On March 29-30, the halls at Coahoma High School will be bustling, and the classrooms will be filled.

But this time, only about one-tenth of the 300 students will be from Coahoma. That's because the school plans to host the UIL District 3-2A academic tournament.

"We're always excited to do something like this," said Dottie Rogers, a teacher and UIL coordinator for the school. "We're all having to pull together to get this ready to go."

She said the two-day meet is hoped to boost pride among students and teachers at Coahoma High School.

"When you have something like this, this place just sparkles," she said.

Classes will be dismissed on March 29, but plenty of students will still be at school. If they aren't part of the UIL academic team, others will be working in a concession sponsored by the sophomore class, or working at other duties related to the meet. Volunteers from other campuses will be called in to help, including

judges from Odessa and teachers from Big Spring.

"It's a lot of work and it takes a lot of people to put this together," Rogers said.

On March 30, competition may move to local churches, or school may be delayed a bit to allow time for the meet, Rogers added.

Academic meet competitors will arrive from Post, Plains,

Seagraves, Stanton and Tahoka. Rogers said she expects the Coahoma team of about 30 students to do very well.

"We've had five practice meets, and we've got some really good kids this year," she said.

At those practice meets, one student has already earned two first places and a third place in literary criticism, while two others did well in computer applications.

Some of the other categories of competition include: science, number sense, news and feature writing, accounting,

spelling, informative and persuasive speaking.

Coahoma expects to send a full team to every competition except computer science. There is no programming teacher at the school this year, and only one student plans to compete in that area.

Rogers said she encourages students to compete in academics, because if they advance to state competition, they can be eligible for one of 860 scholarships.

"We've had a student every year who's gotten one of those," she said. "I think they would tell you it was worth it."



ROGERS

Reasons not to smoke marijuana are many

QUESTION: How do you feel about the dangers of marijuana usage? I've heard that it isn't addictive and therefore isn't harmful. I've also heard that it is very dangerous. What are the facts?

DR. DOBSON: Let me quote Harold Voth, M.D., senior psychiatrist for the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan., and associate chief of psychiatry for education at Topeka Veterans Administration Medical Center. These are the facts he provided, which speak for themselves:

- 90 percent of those using hard drugs such as heroin started with marijuana.
- Five marijuana cigarettes have the same cancer-causing capacity as 112 conventional cigarettes.
- Marijuana stays in the body, lodged in the fat cells, for three to five weeks. Mental and physical performance is negatively affected during this entire period of time.
- A person smoking marijuana on a regular basis suffers from a cumulative buildup and storage of THC, a toxic chemical, in the fat cells of the body, particularly in the brain. It takes three to five months to detoxify effectively a regular user.

- The part of the brain that allows a person to focus, concentrate, create, learn and conceptualize at an advanced level is still growing during the teen-age years. Continuous use of marijuana over a period of time will retard the normal growth of these brain cells.
- A study at Columbia University revealed that female marijuana smokers suffer a sharp increase in cells that damaged DNA (the chemical that carries the genetic code). It was also found that the female reproductive eggs are especially vulnerable to damage by marijuana.

- A second Columbia University study found that a control group smoking a single marijuana cigarette every other day for a year had a white blood-cell count that was 39 percent lower than normal, thus damaging the immune system and making the user far more susceptible to infection and sickness.
- One marijuana cigarette causes a 41 percent decrease in driving skills. Two cigarettes cause a 63 percent decrease.

Given these facts, it is unconscionable that people who should know better continue to advocate the legalization of marijuana.

QUESTION: I just found out that I'm pregnant! When the doctor told me, he warned me not to drink anything with alcohol in it until the child is born. I'm used to having a few beers after work and I like a cocktail several times a week. Is it really necessary for me to give up all alcohol until my baby arrives?

See DOBSON, Page 6A



DR. JAMES DOBSON

ODDS-N-ENDS

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — Want some great drinking water? Well, head to the desert.

Desert Hot Springs, Calif., topped 39 water samples from 14 states and the District of Columbia on Saturday to win the municipal division at the "Toast to the Tap: International Water Tasting and Competition."

It marked the second straight year that a southern California entrant won the municipal competition. Last year, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California won.

Desert Hot Springs, located near Palm Springs, "obviously is known for its water because it's where people took their mineral baths for many, many years," said water master Arthur Von Wiesenberger, who oversaw the judging. "We've been doing this competition for nine years, and California has done better than expected."

Harghita Naturally Sparkling Mineral Water of Romania captured the sparkling water division, beating out 10 other competitors, among them entries from Italy, France, Norway, Belgium, and last year's winner, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"I took a taste of the Romanian water and it was surprisingly pleasant," Von Wiesenberger said.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The titans of turkey calling competed recently in the Super Bowl of the business, but nary a gobble-gobble was heard.

The 15 contestants in the Wild Turkey Bourbon Grand National Calling Championship Saturday clucked, purred and yelped. That's because wild turkey hunters attract the male "gobblers" by imitating female turkeys, or hens.

David Metcalf, a carpenter from Cuba, Mo., won for his impression of a hen sending love signals.

Metcalf said he practices about an hour a day.

"It's as good as it gets," said Metcalf, who will receive \$5,000 in prize money.

The contestants sweated and paced around like major league baseball pitchers. Many placed a mouthpiece-like device in their mouths to help imitate a hen's sound.

One by one, they took the stage and did the calls requested by moderator Tom Stuckey: yelping hen, excited hen and fly-down cackle.

There were no real turkeys, but the stage had shrubs and stuffed gobblers. Most contestants turned their backs to the audience to make the calls, usually by raising their hands to their mouths like a harmonica player.

Young choir students raising their voices

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

A large group of seventh and eighth grade choir students recently participated in the Junior High Solo and Ensemble contest. They came back with more high ratings than ever.

"We had a higher percentage of success this year," said Craig Felty, one of three teachers working as part of a team in the choir department this year. "Our kids that went (to the competition) just did really well."

The following seventh grade students made a division I, the highest rating, on their solos: Jackie Bowen, Justin Ferrell, Bryson Hall, Will Liggett, C. J. Lowery, Sonya Ortega, Josh Wilson, and Kristina Woodruff.

These eighth graders made division I ratings on their solos: Amanda Chapman, Crystal Clark, Rachelle Guinn, Stormie Huff, Tiffany Moore, and Nichole Rushin.

The following seventh graders made a first division on an ensemble: Dustin King, Will Liggett, C. J. Lowery, and Josh Wilson.

These eighth graders made a I on an ensemble: Latoshia Banks, Amanda Chapman, Maranda Clark, Rachelle Guinn, Stormie Huff, Shameeka Johnson, Tiffany Moore, Victoria Patterson, Sheena Payne, Nichole Rushin, Esha Ward, and Rachel Wester.

The following students made a division II on their solos: Tia Baker, Maranda Clark, Patrick Coker, Cole Furqueron, Kimberly Hilario, Courtney Hudgins, Shameeka Johnson, Lorita Shulze, Krystal Smith, Heather Parnell, Sheena Payne, and Thomas Olague.

These students were awarded a division II on their ensembles: Tia Baker, Jackie Bowen, Crystal Clark, Maranda Clark, Emily Copeland, Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Guerra, Kim Hilario, Whitney Oppgaard, Heather Parnell, Donetta Scott, Krystle Smith and Rachel Wester.

Choir teaching staff are looking forward to next year, when seventh and eighth graders will be together at Big Spring Junior High School, instead of separated at Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior High.

"This will help our program by combining the grade levels," Felty said. "We'll be able to divide them according to ability rather than grade. Before, that's always been something we've had to work around."

Felty works with Linda Lindell and John Ross in a team approach toward teaching choir. In the junior high choir program, the goal is giving stu-

appreciation of music, Felty said.

"If they can get that, they'll be able to do so many other things with it: Church choir, community choirs ... When I direct adult choirs, the number one thing I hear is that they wish they'd learned to sight sing in school choir. That's something we work on."

Felty said he continues to be impressed with students' interest and hard work in the music programs.

"We want to get them where they understand and appreciate music," he said. "They can be musicians, not just singers."



Top choir performers from Runnels, top right, and immediately above, were among the local junior high students who received I and II ratings on solos and ensembles at a contest recently earlier in the month.



Top choir performers from Goliad included the girls above and at left, and the boys above and at left. Teachers were extremely pleased with the number of high-performing singers at the recent competition.

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

**EDUCATOR NAME:** Robert Jennings  
**POSITION/SCHOOL:** Second science teacher, Grady ISD  
**YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION:** 9 years  
**UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB:** Since we live in an information age with rapidly-changing technology, I focus on training students to be self-sufficient in their education.  
**WHY I BECAME A TEACHER/EDUCATOR:** Teaching has always interested me. I like knowledge and enjoy helping students learn.  
**SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** Computers, gardening, aviation.

**FAMILY INFORMATION:** Wife Sue and daughter Beth.  
**MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:** Working with students from the seventh grade through their senior year and watching them mature academically and emotionally.  
**IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT WOULD BE:** To have more time to prepare for class.



THE LAST WORD

There are occasions when it is undoubtedly better to incur loss than to make gain.

Titus Maccius Plautus

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it reluctantly.

Terence

Few of us can stand prosperity, another man's I mean.

Mark Twain

**DOBSON**

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DR. DOBSON: I urge you to heed the advice of your physician. That precious baby inside of you could be severely damaged if you continue to drink in the next few months. Your child could have what is known as "fetal alcohol syndrome," which can cause heart anomalies, central nervous system dysfunction, head and facial abnormalities and lifelong behavior problems. Fetal alcohol syndrome is also thought to be the leading cause of mental retardation. It is a terrible thing to inflict on a child.

Babies can be harmed by alcohol in the blood of the mother at any time throughout gestation, but they are especially vulnerable during the first trimester. You should not drink during the remaining months of your pregnancy, but by all means, don't swallow a drop of alcohol right now.

You may remember the story of Samson in the Old Testament who terrorized his enemies, the Philistines. Before he was born, his mother was told by an angel that her child was destined for greatness, and that she must not weaken him by imbibing strong drink while she was pregnant. Medical science has now verified the wisdom of that advice. That's why a similar warning to pregnant women is posted by law wherever liquor, beer or wine are sold.

For you, and for all pregnant women and those who anticipate becoming pregnant -- don't take chances with your babies' future. There is no level of alcohol that is known to be safe. Abstain for the entire nine months. You and your baby will be glad you did.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

**Study warns growth hormones may not be worth trouble or expense**

**The Associated Press**

Giving growth hormones to short but otherwise healthy children adds only a modest 2 inches to their height on average, a study found, leading some experts to question whether up to 10 years of daily injections are worth the cost and the trouble.

The 10-year study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine is the first long-term look at the controversial practice of administering growth hormones for cosmetic reasons, a use that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Raymond L. Hintz and colleagues at Stanford University showed that about 80 percent of the children studied reached heights greater than would have been expected otherwise. However, the results in individual children varied, and 20 percent saw no height increase.

What's more, few of the children reached the target height set by doctors based on the size of the child's parents.

Hintz called the results "somewhat disappointing."

"The question is: Do we treat, understanding that it's not a 100 percent guarantee and that it's years of treatment, or do we let nature take its course?" he said. "This is going to be a difficult judgment. I think different parents are going to give different answers."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends use of growth hormones only in children who have a deficiency of the hormones; a rare chromosomal abnormality called Turner syndrome that stunts growth in girls; or a chronic kidney disorder that retards growth.

The academy warns that the hormones should not be widely used for cosmetic reasons because they could lead to tumors, diabetes, hip problems or difficulties with self-esteem. This study found no side effects.

Even though the FDA has not approved the drugs for use in short but otherwise healthy children, it is not illegal to do so. Roughly 30,000 children are treated with growth hormones in the United States yearly.

Especially for kids and their families

**The Mini Page**

By BETTY DEBNAM

**Escape From Slavery**

**Harriet Tubman**

One hundred fifty years ago, Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery. But her own freedom wasn't enough. She risked her life 19 more times to rescue other slaves.

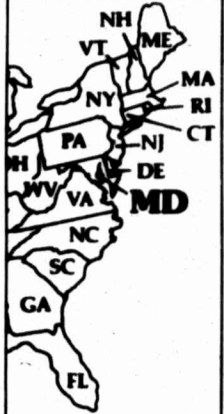
She became the most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad, leading about 300 people to freedom.

**Life as a slave**

Harriet Tubman was born a slave in Bucktown, Md., in about 1820. She was named Araminta, but called herself Harriet in honor of her mother. Her parents, Harriet Green and Benjamin Ross, had 10 other children.

The young Harriet hated housework. On the plantation most of her work was outdoors, chopping wood or laboring in the fields. This hard work made her very strong.

When she was about 12, a slave tried to escape. The overseer ordered her to help tie up the runaway so he could be whipped. Harriet refused to move. The overseer was so angry he hit her in the head with a two-pound weight. Harriet never fully recovered. For the rest of her life she had very bad headaches. She had spells that put her deeply asleep without warning. She could not be awakened until the episode was over.



Harriet Tubman was an amazing woman. Not only did she free hundreds of slaves, she also helped the Union Army, and worked for women's rights, the elderly, and for schools for black children.

**Growing fears**

When she was about 29, Harriet's master died. She heard she was going to be sold to a plantation further south. This had already happened to some of her sisters.

The further south slaves were sent, the more unfriendly territory they would have to cross to escape to the free North.

Also, Harriet was scared of the trip. When slaves were sent south they were often chained together. She was afraid she would be struck by one of her sleeping spells. If this happened, she might be shot so she wouldn't slow down the rest of the chained slaves.

**The escape**

Harriet tried to persuade her husband, John Tubman, a free man, to go north with her. He refused. She talked three of her brothers into escaping with her. But before they had gone very far, they became frightened and made her return to the plantation with them.

In 1849, Harriet decided to escape on her own. Her father had taught her how to survive in the woods. She had heard about sympathetic people, good hiding places and the best route to take. She was ready to take the risk.

She had to travel about 90 miles, but she made it. She reached the free state of Pennsylvania and continued on to Canada.



**Meet Omar Gooding**

Omar Gooding plays Morris "Mo" Tibbe on the show "Smart Guy." He grew up in Los Angeles. His older brother is actor Cuba Gooding Jr. Their father, Cuba Sr., was a singer in a musical group. Someday Omar and his father would like to form a rap group.

Omar was discovered by an agent when he went with Cuba to pick up a script. His first parts were in commercials; his first TV part was in the show "Webster." Soon he got parts in other shows, including "Empty Nest," "Blossom" and "Mr. Cooper." Two of Omar's favorite pastimes are reading and performing Shakespeare on stage. In high school, he won first place in a Shakespeare festival.



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  - 1 celery stalk, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 2 cups tomato juice
- What to do:
1. Combine all ingredients in a casserole. Mix well.
  2. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour.
- Serves 6.



**HARRIET TRY 'N FIND THE HOUND'S WORDS**

Words that remind us of Harriet Tubman are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HARRIET, UNDERGROUND, RAILROAD, HIDE, RUNAWAY, SLAVES, ESCAPE, NORTH, SOUTH, MOSES, FREEDOM, STATIONS, AGENTS, NURSE, SPY, ELDERLY, FIELDS, WAR, UNION.

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**Freedom Fighter**

**Moses of her people**

Not one single person Harriet Tubman led was recaptured or killed. Everyone trusted her strength of character to get them through the journey.

If even one person became frightened and turned back, everyone else would be in much greater danger. To keep everyone safe, she threatened to shoot anyone who tried to go back.

Slave owners feared her so much that they put out a reward of \$40,000 for her capture.

She became known as the "Moses of her people." Moses was a man from the Bible who led his people out of slavery to freedom.

Harriet Tubman usually made her trips south in the fall and the spring. She spent the summers working odd jobs such as cook or dishwasher to earn money for her rescue missions.

She brought several of her family members to freedom. On one trip back, she found that her husband had remarried.

In 1857, she was finally able to bring her parents to freedom. She saved enough to buy an old horse and wagon to carry them. Before, she had only been able to bring out strong, young people who could handle the hard trip.



In many different ways, Harriet Tubman worked all her life for people in need.

**The Underground Railroad**

The Underground Railroad was a system of secret routes and hiding places used by runaway slaves escaping from the South to freedom in the North. There were many brave, caring people who helped runaway slaves escape to freedom.

- Agents were people who helped the fugitives.
- Conductors led fugitives from one hiding place to another.
- Stations were places to hide along the way.



Union soldiers called Harriet Tubman "General Tubman." She was paid nothing for her war work, although she did receive food.

**Life in Auburn**

After freeing her parents, Harriet Tubman moved to Auburn, N.Y., with them. She had been worried about how they would handle the freezing Canadian winters.

Many of her powerful friends, such as New York senator William Seward, lived in Auburn, so she felt it was a reasonably safe place to live.

Sen. Seward helped her make arrangements to buy a house. She shared it with people in need, the sick, aged and homeless.

A teacher in Auburn, Sarah Bradford, wrote about Harriet Tubman's life. The author gave the money from the book sales to Harriet.

With this money, she was able to pay on her mortgage and also buy 26 acres of land.

In 1903, she gave buildings and the 26 acres to the A.M.E. Zion Church to be used as a home for the aged.



Harriet Tubman died in 1913 at the Home for the Aged she had founded. She was about 93 years old. She is seated in front of the infirmary at the Home for the Aged grounds. She is wearing a shawl.

The Mini Page thanks Patty Henry, historian, National Park Service; and the Rev. Paul G. Carter, Harriet Tubman Home Inc., Auburn, N.Y., for help with this issue.

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#### Boys' playoff games slated at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for two more boys' high school basketball playoff games this weekend. Ozona's Lions will take on Tahoka's Bulldogs in a Class 2A area game at 8 p.m. Friday. And on Saturday, Wall's Hawks will play Hale Center's Owls in another Class 2A boys' area playoff at 7 p.m.

#### Big Spring night slated Friday by Jackalopes

Friday will be "Big Spring Night" for the Odessa Jackalopes game against the Waco Wizards at the Ector County Coliseum.

A group of at least 200 Big Spring residents is expected to be on hand for the game which begins at 7 p.m. Friday. Mayor Tim Blackshear will drop the ceremonial first puck prior to the game and Big Spring Symphony trumpeter Jose Gonzales will play the national anthem.

Reduced tickets, priced at \$7 and \$9, are available by calling Carroll Jennings at 267-5201.

#### Little League coaches clinic slated for Sunday

Howard College head baseball coach Brian Roper will conduct a clinic for Little League coaches and parents from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Jack Barber Field. The free clinic, Roper explained, will provide fundamentals and teaching skills to help volunteer coaches better prepare their young players for the upcoming season.

#### Tennis carnival scheduled at Figure 7 on Saturday

The Crossroads Tennis Association and Jim Blacketer Tennis will host a free tennis carnival from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

More than 50 local businesses have donated prizes for the carnival which will include a fast serve court, rally with a pro court, prize court, "scoop it up" court and face painting. Youngsters in the first through fifth grades will be able to sign up for the upcoming USA Tennis midgets program set to begin Monday, March 1, with a 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. session.

The cost for the midgets program is an unopened can of Wilson Championship or Penn Championship tennis balls.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

#### Little League umpires slate Tuesday meeting

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Umpires Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League games this season should attend.

For more information, call Don Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 267-2939.

### LOCAL GAMES

#### HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS TONIGHT

6:30 p.m.  
• Borden County (16-3) vs. Miles (14-15) at Merkel (boys' area playoff game).

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**JUCO BASKETBALL**  
6 p.m. — South Plains Lady Plainsmen at Howard Lady Hawks, KBYG-AM 1400.  
8 p.m. — South Plains Plainsmen at Howard Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
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6:30 p.m. — Purdue vs. Minnesota, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8:30 p.m. — Cincinnati at South Florida, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
9:30 p.m. — Arizona at California (joined in progress), FXS, Ch. 29.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m. — Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Texas muscles Baylor to wrap up regular season title

WACO (AP) — The Big 12 Conference regular-season basketball championship goes to a burnt orange crew that handed out black and blue bruises for souvenirs in its torrid title run.

The physical Texas Longhorns bullied their way to a 62-52 victory over Baylor on Wednesday night to clinch the title with one game left, against Missouri in Austin on Saturday.

The No. 22 Longhorns had another hard-rebounding and solid defensive effort that underlined their shocking season.

Kris Clack scored 21 points, but it was a 42-27 rebounding edge that gave Texas the blue-collar win.

"I'm really happy for our players,"

said first-year coach Rick Barnes. "We showed a lot of mental toughness and discipline over the last two months. The players put their egos aside and were rewarded with a championship."

The Longhorns, picked by the coaches in preseason to finish fifth, locked up the league title with a 13-2 record (18-10 overall).

"It's pretty phenomenal what coach Barnes did at the University of Texas in his first season," Clack said. "It was a roller-coaster season, but we knew it was just a matter of time before we started winning."

Texas dominated the cold-shooting Bears from the start and built a 21-point lead early in the second half at 38-17 on

two free throws by Gabe Muoneke, who finished with 16 points.

"Coach Barnes brought a level of confidence to this team that we've never seen before," said Muoneke. "We weren't really surprised this happened to us. It was our goal. Those who said we would fall flat didn't attend our practices."

Baylor closed the deficit late in the game with eight points by Jamie Kendrick, but it was too little, too late.

Seven-foot center Chris Mihm, with 10 points, was the only other Longhorn in double figures. He also had five blocks and 12 rebounds.

Kendrick had 23 points and Ben Echols 10 for the Bears.

Baylor coach Harry Miller said Texas is the real deal.

"Texas is a tough outfit, and if they get a little perimeter shooting that could be hard to deal with the NCAAs," Miller said. "To have a 13-2 record in the league is quite an accomplishment. It's tough to win on a road in this conference. Texas got too many rebounds and second shots for us. Their defense is very, very good."

The Longhorns started the season 2-7 under Barnes, who came to Texas from Clemson after Tom Penders was let go. But they rallied to win nine of their last 10 and 16 of their last 19.

Texas went into the game ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 for the first time this season.

## Howard Profiles

**Hawk:** Fred Lewis, 6-foot-4 sophomore power forward.

**Hometown:** Baltimore, Md.

**Quick Facts:** Currently averaging 1.8 points and 2.9 rebounds per game coming off the bench for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) champion Hawks who carry a 23-5 overall record and 13-0 mark in league play into tonight's regular season finale with Frank Phillips College's Plainsmen at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Has missed the Hawks last three games with a knee injury. Returned to the Hawks lineup after having participated in the Howard program during the 1996-97 season.



LEWIS

**High School:** Averaged 15 points and nine rebounds per game during his senior season at Towson Catholic High School. Was a first-team all-league selection in both his junior and senior years. Career high-point game saw him scoring 32 points.

**Coach Tommy Collins' comments:** "Fred is an outstanding screener and low post defender. He has improved his offensive skills and that makes him very valuable to us. Coupled with his physical toughness, he has a great work ethic and is an excellent role model for our younger players both on and off the court."

**Lady Hawk:** Shaketha Ashley, 5-foot-5, guard.

**Hometown:** Compton, Calif.

**Quick Facts:** Currently averaging 2.1 points, 1.9 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1 steal per game in limited playing time as a reserve for the No. 9-ranked Lady Hawks, who bring a 26-3 overall record and 11-2 WJAC mark into tonight's final home game of the season against Frank Phillips.



ASHLEY

**High School:** Averaged 18 points, seven assists, five rebounds and three steals per game her senior season at Dominguez High School, leading her team to a 27-6 record and a C.I.F. Division II-AA championship. Earned all-league honors three times, was an All-C.I.F. first-team selection her junior and senior seasons. Named a Los Angeles Times South Coast All-Star as a junior and senior, as well as being the L.A. Wave Player of the Year as a senior.

**Coach Matt Corkery's comments:** "Shaketha possesses a lot of quickness and can use that on both ends of the floor. Her ball handling and passing skills make her an excellent guard. Her enthusiasm to play the game really makes her a great addition to our team."

## Hawks survive error-plagued Lubbock Christian JV twinbill

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

It's called winning ugly ... very ugly.

Howard College's Hawks improved their overall record to 15-1 Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep of Lubbock Christian University's Chaparral junior varsity.

But the two wins were anything but the walkovers one would expect from the high-flying Hawks when facing an all-freshman opponent.

Instead, the Hawks were forced into extra innings in both games and had to overcome 12 errors to take the 10-9 and 12-10 wins.

"It was interesting ... that's my comment on this one," Hawks head coach Brian Roper said after seeing sophomore transfer third baseman Drew Topham atone for three errors with a nightcap-winning two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth.

"At the start of the season I said we were a very average team and that we'd have to scratch and claw for everything we get, but this wasn't what I was talking about," Roper explained. "The one thing I've been sure of was that we were a good defensive ball club, but we didn't play a lick of defense today."

"We played about as bad as we can, but I'm proud of the way we battled through the adversity," he added.

It was clear the Hawks weren't the same team that dominated a powerful Vernon Regional Community College squad in a three-game series the previous weekend.

The Hawks have just one day to return to the top of their game before playing host to El Paso Community College in the first game of a three-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) series at 2 p.m. Friday.

Being at full strength this weekend will be important, Roper says, because El Paso will arrive as virtually an unknown quantity.

The three-game series will conclude Saturday with a doubleheader slated for a noon start.

At the outset of Wednesday's twinbill, it looked as if the Hawks would make quick work of Lubbock Christian, answering an unearned Chaparrals' run in the top of the first with five of their own in the bottom of the frame.

Second baseman John Michael Herrera tied the game with a one-out solo home run to left.

The Hawks' next four runs in the rally were generated with just two hits and a Chaps error. Howard made it a 6-1 lead in the second when Herrera drew a two-out walk and scored on a double to left by Topham.

Lubbock Christian narrowed the margin to 6-4 in the third when lead-off batter Ryan Sundlie reached base on an error, center fielder Garrett Phipps managed an infield single and left fielder Matt Middleton took Hawks starter Frankie Keller deep to left center for a three-run homer.

Howard padded the lead to 7-4 in its half of the inning when Chad Verret led off with a triple to right center field and scored on first baseman Caleb Reger's single down the line in left.

Another Howard run in the fourth made it an 8-4 Hawks lead, but the Chaparrals added two more runs off Keller in the fifth and then chased reliever Josh Duwe with two more unearned runs in the sixth, tying the game at 8-8.

In the top of the seventh, Lubbock Christian took its second lead of the game with an unearned run off Mike McMillan.

Verret kept Howard in the game with a solo home run in the bottom of the inning. And after sophomore closer Duite Welch pitched out of a jam in the top of the eighth, the Hawks mounted a two-out rally when Herrera and Topham drew back-to-back walks and catcher Robert Ramos delivered a game-winning single up the middle.

Few could have imagined that after committing five errors in the opener, the Hawks would add seven more in the second game.

Lubbock Christian jumped on top, touching starter Eric Gober for three runs, then chased him from the mound in the third, turning three hits and a pair of errors into a 7-3 lead.

Freshman Chris McLain managed to quell the riot and the Hawks tied the game in their half of the third, turning two Chaparral errors and singles from Topham, Ramos and Jay Alsup into a four-run rally of their own.

Herrera ripped his second home run of the day in the bottom of the sixth and Howard tied the game at 10-11 in the bottom of the seventh when Verret and Reger led off the inning with back-to-back walks off Chaps reliever Kendall Cox and Alsup delivered a run-scoring single to left, setting the stage for Topham's heroics in the eighth that gave the pitching win to McMillan, who'd come on to relieve Duwe in the sixth.

## Arkansas pulls off 104-88 upset over second-ranked Auburn

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn, which has won a lot of lopsided games this season, found out what it's like to lose by a big margin.

Pat Bradley scored 23 points and Chris Walker added a career-high 21 as Arkansas stunned the second-ranked Tigers 104-88 Wednesday night.

"When they got a double-digit lead, we couldn't come back," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said. "I thought our shot selection was poor."

Auburn had been winning by an average of 23 points this season. The Tigers' only previous loss was at Kentucky, 72-62 on Jan. 20.

But Auburn (25-2, 13-2 SEC), allowing only 59 points per game, couldn't contain the Razorbacks (20-8, 9-6).

"I didn't give our players a chance to react in the dressing room," Ellis said. "I told them how I felt and didn't wait for a response."

Arkansas, which upended No. 6 Kentucky in its last outing, led by 16

points with 11:30 left and stretched the margin to 21 with 7:35 remaining.

"We didn't back down," coach Nolan Richardson said. "We kept pushing it and got to their legs. Once we got to their legs, our shots picked up and their shooting diminished."

Bradley and Walker each were 5-for-7 from 3-point range. Bradley broke the SEC record for career 3-pointers when he sank one with 7:43 left in the first half. It was his 347th career 3-pointer.

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 1 Duke 96, DePaul 64; No. 5 Maryland 77, Clemson 60; No. 8 St. John's 73, Notre Dame 53; No. 10 Ohio State 63, No. 16 Wisconsin 54; No. 13 Kentucky 88, Vanderbilt 63; No. 19 Florida 89, South Carolina 61; No. 20 Indiana 70, Illinois 64 in overtime; No. 22 Texas 62, Baylor 52; No. 24 Syracuse 73, Boston College 56; and No. 24 Temple 71, Fordham 49.

**Duke 96, DePaul 64**

Trajan Langdon scored 25 points, Elton Brand had 20 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks, and Duke (28-1) tied a school

record with its 23rd straight victory.

Quentin Richardson led DePaul with 21 points.

**Maryland 77, Clemson 60**

Steve Francis scored a career-high 32 points and Maryland set a school record for regular-season victories.

Francis was 11-of-15 from the field and 6-of-6 from the free-throw line. He also had five dunks, eight rebounds and six steals for the host Terrapins (24-4, 12-3).

**St. John's 73, Notre Dame 53**

Tyrone Grant and Lavor Postell each scored 19 points as St. John's kept alive its hopes for a share of the Big East regular-season title.

The Red Storm (23-6, 14-3) are tied with Miami for second place in the conference, one game behind Connecticut. Each team has one regular-season game left. Freshman Troy Murphy scored 22 points for the Fighting Irish (13-15, 7-10).

**Ohio St. 63, Wisconsin 54**

Scoonie Penn scored a career-high 30

points, including nine down the stretch, as Ohio State beat visiting Wisconsin.

Ohio State (22-6), which finished last in the conference with a 1-15 record last season, improved its league record to 12-3 and locked up the No. 2 seed in next week's Big Ten tournament.

**Kentucky 88, Vanderbilt 63**

Seniors Wayne Turner, Scott Padgett and Heshimu Evans each scored in double figures in their final home game for Kentucky.

Padgett led Kentucky (22-7, 11-4 SEC) with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Turner had 15 points and Evans 14. The Wildcats shot 53 percent from the field and held Vanderbilt to 33 percent.

**Florida 89, S. Carolina 61**

Kenyan Weaks hit four 3-pointers and Florida continued its late-season shooting surge.

Florida (19-6, 10-5 SEC) finished 17-for-35 from behind the 3-point arc, marking the third straight game it has shot better than 48 percent from long range.

## Cowboys have enjoyed successful 10 years under Jones

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones will spend the decade anniversary of his takeover of the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday like he did the first day he bought the franchise — planning and scheming ways to get his team into the Super Bowl.

Under Jones' ownership, the Cowboys have won six NFC East titles, appeared in four NFC championship games, won three Super Bowls, and become worth an estimated \$400 million.

Yet, if the Denver Broncos win a third consecutive Super Bowl this upcoming season, Dallas might lose the coveted title of NFL team of the '90s.

Under former coach Tom Landry and former general manager Tex Schramm, both of whom were fired by Jones, the Co. boys lost out to Pittsburgh in the '70s and San Francisco in the '80s as the team of the decade.

Dallas won back-to-back Super Bowls under Jimmy Johnson, who exited the team because of a personality conflict with Jones, and a third Super Bowl under good buddy Barry Switzer, who finally wore out his welcome.

The Cowboys just finished a 10-6 regular season and first-round playoff loss to Arizona under Chan Gailey.

"We were disappointed with the way the year ended in the playoffs, but we are close to getting where we want to be again," Jones said. "We're never satisfied until we get to the Super Bowl. I think we are very close to getting there next year."

The owner's rancor with Landry, Schramm and Johnson has been well publicized. Jones has said he handled the Landry dismissal poorly. He has never been able to get on the same wave

length with Schramm, who is in the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton but has yet to be put in the Cowboys Ring of Honor.

"My relationship with the Cowboys hasn't been good," said Schramm, who still attends home games in his Texas Stadium suite. "You have to admire the way they brought in the talent to win the Super Bowls. Getting Jimmy was a big key. If Tom had retired, Jimmy would have been one of my top picks."

Under Johnson, Dallas was 44-36 with two Super Bowl wins and a 7-1 postseason record.

Under Switzer, Dallas was 40-24, 5-2 in the postseason, and a won the Super Bowl in 1995.

"It probably would have been best if I had encouraged Barry to leave after we won the Super Bowl," Jones said. "But

he never got credit for the job he did."

In this offseason, Jones plans to give contract booster shots to Deion Sanders and quarterback Troy Aikman and to try to find an impact free agent wide receiver.

"We made positive progress last year, and I feel good about our immediate future and long-term future," he said. "We will make the moves we feel we have to make to get to the level where we feel we need to be. We'll win again."

Jones doesn't spend much time celebrating anniversaries. Denver's late dominance in the 1990s threatens to take some of the luster off Dallas' decade.

"We have established a track record of being at the highest competitive level year in and year out," he said. "I see some very unique things that are cause for confidence in the future."

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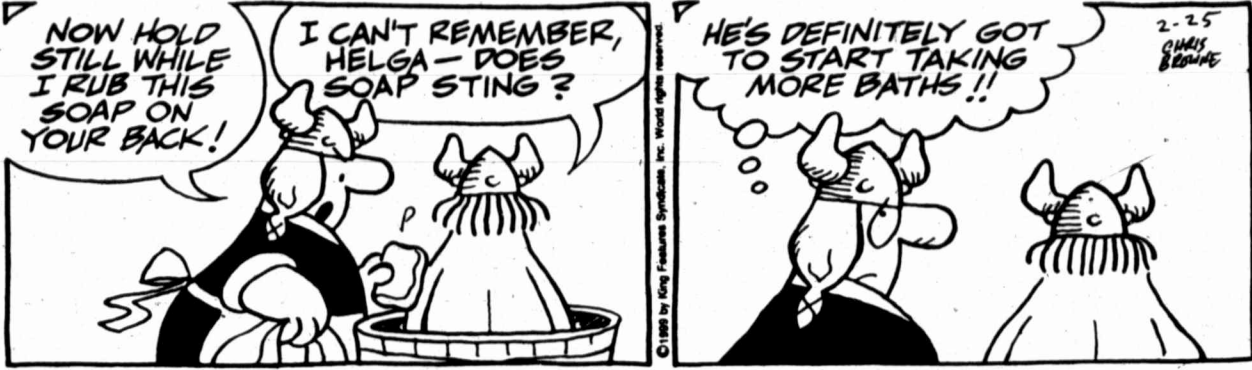


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FEB. 25

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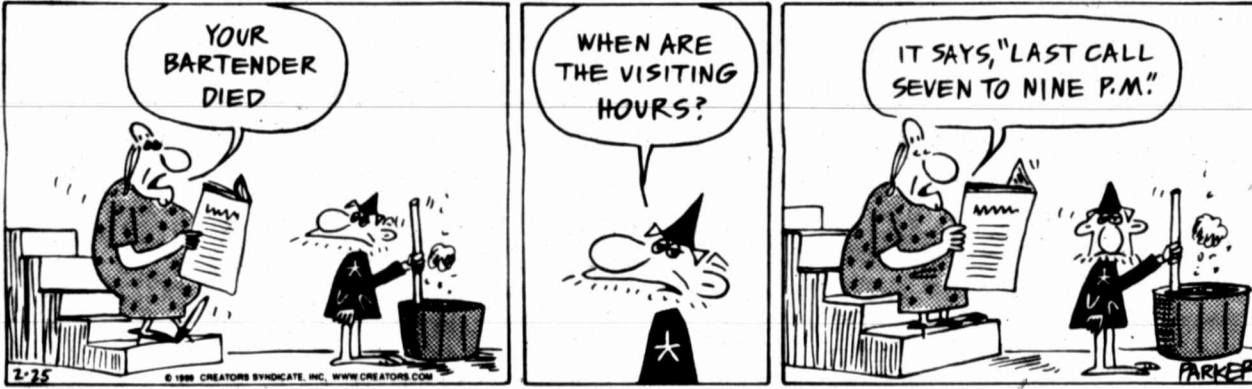
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

309 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1793, department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver. In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia. In 1950, "Your Show of Shows" made its debut on NBC.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1990, Nicaraguans went to the polls in an upset election victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago: President Bush left Japan, where he had attended the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, and arrived in China for a three-day visit.

Five years ago: American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

At the Winter Olympics in Norway, Oksana Baiul of Ukraine won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating while Nancy Kerrigan won the silver and Chen Lu of China the bronze; Tonya Harding came in eighth.

One year ago: The Supreme Court threw out a 16-year-old government rule that allowed company credit unions to accept members from other companies. Kim Dae-jung, once South Korea's leading dissident, was inaugurated as its president. At the Grammy Awards, Bob Dylan won best album and best contemporary folk album for "Time Out of Mind" while Shawn Colvin won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home."

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 72. Producer-writer Larry Gelbart is 71. Musician Tommy Newsom is 70. Actor Tom Courtenay is 62. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 62. Actress Diane Baker is 61. Rock singer-musician George Harrison is 56. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 56. Actress Karen Grassie is 55. Movie director Neil Jordan is 49. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 40. Actress Veronica Webb is 34. Actress Tea Leoni is 33. Actor Sean Astin is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Justin Jeffre (98 Degrees) is 26.

Thought for Today: "When you look into a mirror you do not see your reflection. Your reflection sees you." - Anonymous.

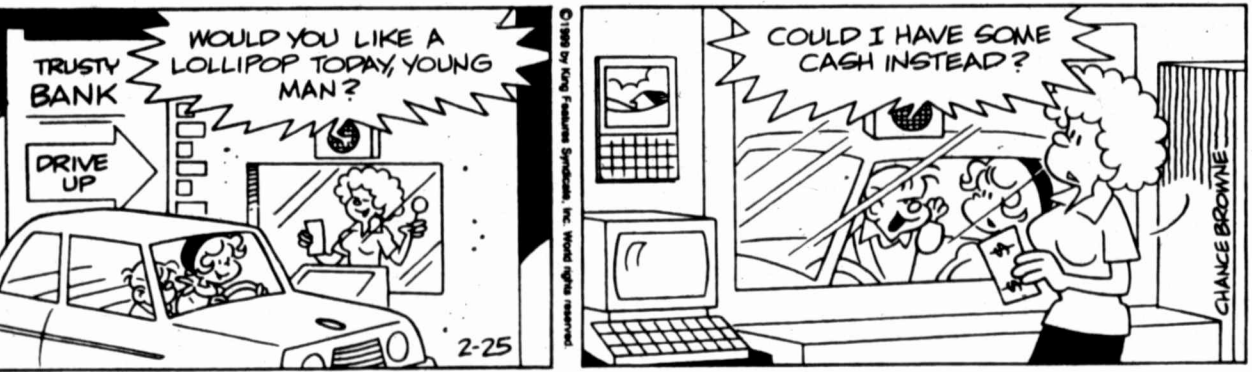
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