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Coahoma Lions staging annual Pancake Supper

Coahoma Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$3.50 and children not yet in school may eat free.

Tickets may be purchased from any Coahoma Lions Club member or at the door.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard College Library. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Charles Bailey at 263-1067.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Informed prayer and prayerful action, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church. For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

□ 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 Pottton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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County commissioners address lost revenue head-on

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Howard County commissioners on Monday told county employees of a number of measures the county will take to reduce expenses beginning on April 1, including reducing the work week from 40 to 37 1/2 hours.

The work week will remain at 37 1/2 hours until Oct. 1, 2000 when it is reduced to 35 hours.

Working from a five-year plan, commissioners explained



LOCKHART

the cuts were necessary in light of a declining mineral base and that while the reduction in hours — and accompanying pay reduction — was an option they were reluctant to take, the alternative was to eliminate jobs.

"Most were expecting something," County Judge Ben Lockhart said of the reaction by employees. "Some weren't happy ... that's an understatement, I guess."

Commissioners reduced their pay by 10 percent and met with the county's elected officials early Monday afternoon to request that they follow suit.

"The elected officials knew something was coming, too," Lockhart said. "Most have been telling us since last fall they'd rather lose a little time and

salary than employees."

Beginning with an estimated budget balance of \$3 million in the county's three major funds — general, road and bridge and equipment operating — the plan will allow the county to hold its own the first year, cut into reserves by \$412,000 in year two and \$1 million in year three.

By Sept. 30, 2002, the county's reserves will be down to an estimated \$784,400 — or a little over one month's operating expenses — or one-fourth of what the county tries to maintain.

"This is based on a best-case scenario," Olson cautioned commissioners. "As you can see, any little cushion we've had (in the budget) is just not there."

Olson warned commissioners that any change in the collec-

tion rate for taxes — or reduction in property valuations — would have an adverse effect on the projections.

Under the plan, commissioners cut expenditures in at least 10 major areas as they developed the five-year plan.

For the six months beginning April 1, expenses will be reduced by \$164,100 — with \$107,500 coming from the 2 1/2 hour work reduction. Other savings will come in the areas of increased premiums on employees with dependents on the health insurance plan, increasing the doctor and prescription co-pay, increasing the deductibles on various insurance coverages and the cancellation of the trapper's contract.

Then, beginning Oct. 1 and

continuing through Sept. 30, 2000, an additional series of reductions will take place.

Major reductions for that period will come through reductions to the road and bridge department's vehicle budget (\$260,000) and through the reduced work week (\$215,000).

Also included in the cuts, which total \$749,350, is an additional reduction in county participation in dependent health coverage, deductibles on various insurance coverages, the cancellation of the trapper's contract, reducing the capital expense budget as well as cutting the vehicle budget for both the fire department and sheriff's department.

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More than 750 people gathered together at First Baptist Church Monday night to participate in a West Texas Rain Rally. The service of prayer and music brought together members of various Christian denominations who united in their common need for rain.

Howard County prays for rain

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A common need formed a common bond and 750 to 800 people who share a common belief Monday prayed for divine intervention to end the West Texas drought.

"We rely on the rain here and we rely on God for that rain," said Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear, who opened the West Texas Rain Rally at First Baptist Church.

Community members from all around Howard County, as well as neighboring communities and counties, began arriving at the sanctuary about 6 p.m. The evening of devotion opened with Jody Nix, accompanied by members of the church's praise team, with traditional songs and music.

Folks from many different Christian denominations joined together in songs such as "Victory in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace" at the beginning of the program.

Divided into three parts of

directed prayer, those attending then were led into personal prayer by First Baptist Church pastor Eddie Tubbs.

"Repentance literally means to turn from and to turn to," Tubbs said. "We must prepare to come to God to ask Him for rain. And before we do, we better make sure we have turned from the world to God."

Ed Williamson, pastor at the First United Methodist Church, brought those attending into prayer for the communities as a whole. His instruction was to worship in truth and spirit.

And Randy Cotton, Trinity Baptist Church pastor, instructed believers to join together in groups to beseech God for rain.

"This is a great crowd, and we serve a mighty good God," Cotton said. "It's not that He's trying to hurt us, He's trying to get our attention."

Cotton, and Tubbs read Bible scripture that related to the present-day drought. Each pastor said God provides the rain, and that age-old written promises are just as true today.

"His word is that He will not withhold anything good if we are repentant and turn to Him," Cotton said.

Tubbs read from the book of II Chronicles, in a passage that records a conversation between God and Solomon:

"If I shut up the heaven that there be no rain... If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn



At the West Texas Rain Rally, Alan Wright and his sons Dusty and Brent gathered and knelt together, as they joined others in a prayer for rain to end the drought.

from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:13-14.

"My first prayer has been answered, because the drought

in my heart has ended, and I have showers of blessing. The drought in my heart is gone, as God has already sent refreshment in grace and

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Rock show

30th annual event slated for weekend

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Saturday, Big Spring will be the site of buried treasure, at the 30th annual Gem and Mineral Show.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Prospector's Club, the show will feature dealers, demonstrators and displays of everything from precious stones and polished minerals to petrified wood. It takes place at the Howard County Fair Barn from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7.

Admission is free. "It's going to be a very good show," said Ralph Matteson, club president. "We've got 10 dealers with uncut gems and minerals, partially prepared stones and slabs of rock."

One new attraction will be handmade turquoise and silver jewelry from Colorado. Dealers will offer such services as setting a selected stone into a ring and sizing it on the spot.

There will also be a snack bar run by the club.

Club members promise something of interest for all ages. A spinning wheel game will offer rock-related prizes — a popular attraction for kids.

"This is something the kids will really like," Matteson said. "It's like the Wheel of Fortune, except the spinner points to a number, and they get a prize every time."

There will also be a "mystery rock," which visitors can try to identify.

"This was actually found in Big Spring," Matteson said. "There is some question as to whether it's a meteorite or not."

Displays and demonstrations will be set up by people from Big Spring and other clubs all over the southwest. One dealer is even coming from Ohio for the show.

"People come in from several other states and stay overnight here," Matteson said. "A lot of people don't know that about this show."

Hourly door prizes donated by the dealers will be awarded. The show's grand prize, an Australian blue topaz faceted in the "Star in Big Spring" design, will go to one lucky winner at the show's close on Sunday.

The theme of this year's show will be "Revealing Earth's Hidden Treasures." Members said the theme reflects the work done by rockhounds, or those who practice the lapidary hobby, bringing out the beauty in rocks and stones.

Dealer-demonstrators and club members at the show will be able to answer questions about the "rockhound" hobby and business. Anyone interested in joining the prospector's club can pick up an application at the show.

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OBITUARIES

Bobby Glenn
Lepard

Funeral service for Bobby Glenn Lepard, 40, Canyon Lake, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister at 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He died Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999, at a San Antonio hospital.

Mr. Lepard was born March 15, 1958, in Big Spring, graduated from Coahoma High School in 1976 and attended Howard College.

He worked in civil service for the United States government for 15 years and took medical retirement in 1995 from Edwards Air Force Base in California. He was an avid photographer and member of the Cystinosis Foundation.

He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include: his parents, Glenn and Cheryl Lepard of Canyon Lake; two sisters, Diana Basquez of Denver, Colo., and Julia Ball of Houston; two nephews and a niece.

The family suggests memorials to: Cystinosis Foundation, 2516 Stockbridge Drive, Oakland, Calif., 94611.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Mary Jean
Harrington

Funeral service for Mary Jean Harrington, 85, Nacogdoches, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, March 1, 1999.

PRAYER

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mercy," Tubbs said.

Toward the end of the service, Tubbs asked five women to pray before the people. These were Sherry Newton, Betty Thomas, Suzanne Cranford, Connie Tubbs and Dottie Jones.

"We have people here who have been in the farming and ranching business for generation after generation. (They) know how we need our women and the prayers of our women," Tubbs said.

Others who helped present the Rain Rally were Ryan Walker and Clem Jones, as well as Stan Haynes, music director for the church, who was unable to attend due to a death in his family.

John Walker, managing editor of the Big Spring Herald, read a letter to the crowd received from Sen. Robert Duncan.

Duncan said legislators could

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Jean Harrington, 85, died Monday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE
& WELCH
Funeral Home

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

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not pass legislation that would cause rain, and that it was time to ask God for help, Walker read.

News of the rally reached across the nation, Tubbs said, as multi-media giants such as Newsweek, ABC News Radio, and WBAP-TV in Fort Worth had contacted him about the gathering.

"But I could tell most of them were not Texans. And they didn't know where Big Spring is, and had no idea what 'ya'll' was. I told them we are east of Midland, and they asked where is Midland. Finally I told them if they really needed to know where we are, we're north of Sterling City," Tubbs said.

Another common belief expressed through the gathering was the surety that the drought will end.

And the belief of each of the persons attending, as they sang "How Great Thou Art" and "I'll Fly Away," among other favorites, was that the rain will come.

"My faith is based on the promise of God, and my God hears the prayers of a humbled people and He will answer us," Tubbs said.

A service of thanksgiving is already planned for a celebration of the end of the drought, Tubbs said.

"We will get back together to thank God."

COUNTY

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Following those cuts, the county will end the fiscal year with a budget balance of \$2,588,450 — heading into what looks to be the most difficult year.

Starting Oct. 1, 2000, tax losses of more than \$1.5 million are projected.

The biggest reductions in that budget will come when the work week is reduced to 35 hours (\$430,000) and through reductions to the road and bridge department's vehicle budget (\$268,000).

In all, cuts of \$972,350 are planned, which will leave the county with a balance of \$1,507,800 on Sept. 30, 2001.

In year three, a slight recovery is foreseen — 25 percent of tax losses — but the budget balance will dip to \$784,400 by Sept. 30, 2002.

In years three and four, state officials are projecting a recovery, which will allow the budget balances to increase to \$1.325 million in year four and \$1.867 million in year five as the cuts remain in place.

REUNIONS

THE CLASS OF 1954 is having their 45th class reunion, Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:

Lunnell Barron, Doss Brookshire, Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Pat Everett, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newell, Jeanette Petty, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, J.W. Thompson, Joy towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, Mike Williamson, and Ronald Young.

If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, L.D. Bender, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Brent Brooks, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Kenny Brown, Mike Brumley, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette

Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, Billy Joe Clayton, John Douglas Cockerham, Elodia Corralez (Cherry), Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Glenda Kay-Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Corky Grantham (Burcham), Darwin Griffith, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascula Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Gary Kelly, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Charles Kimble, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Carolyn McMurtrey, Nancy McWhorter, Wanda Jane Mesmer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Thomas Molina, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (McCurdy), Sherry Muse, Coleman Nalls, Garland Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, Jane Ovale, John Pannel, Ralph Passmore, John Patton, Richard Barry Payne, Roger Dale Peacock, Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras, Michael Proctor, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Peggy Riherd (Williams), Ophelia Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch (Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gwenthe Gayle Smith, Wendell R. Stewart, Sharon Swim (Lane), Dana Sue Templeton, Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Flores Vera, Carl Van Vleet, Charlie Voight, Roy Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, Rocky Wooley, and Manuel Ybarra.

Please contact Shelane Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South, Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South, Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family-Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy, Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213, Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling. Attention: Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-1144.

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Although he is beginning to show improvement, his recovery is expected to be long. Anyone can make donations to the J.B. Rinehart Fund to help his family.

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

A BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

overnight trip, all expenses paid.

The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Tanya at 268-9015 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will be collecting "used eyeglasses" during the month of March. "Drop your used eyeglasses at any Big Spring pharmacy, in the collection containers. For additional information contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 6,2,6
CASH 5: 6,11,24,33,38

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

girls who disappeared nearly two weeks ago during a trip to Yosemite National Park are probably dead.

The families "understand that the probability of their loved ones being alive after this length of time is very small," said agent James M. Maddock. "But we always hold out that hope that a miracle could occur."

Maddock said he was confident the mystery would be solved.

Carole Sund of Eureka, 43, her 15-year-old daughter, Julie, and Silvina Pelosso, a 16-year-old family friend from Cordoba, Argentina, were last seen on Feb. 15 in rural El Portal, leaving a restaurant near the lodge where they were staying.

The women were reported missing Feb. 17, a day after they missed a rendezvous with other family members at San Francisco International Airport.

Though investigators "don't have that concrete evidence that a crime occurred, we are all operating under the assumption that a crime did occur," Maddock said.

Maddock said investigators have gathered valuable information, but refused to elaborate.

MARKETS

May cotton 58.95 cents, up 46 points; April crude 12.40, up 16 points; Cash hogs steady at 26 cents even; cash steers steady at 64 even; April lean hog futures 43.10, down 37 points; April live cattle futures 68.27, up 2 points.

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DuPont	52 1/2 +
Exxon	65 1/2 +
Halliburton	28 1/2 +
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Intel Corp	114 3/4 +
Mobil	82 1/2 +
NUV	9 1/2 +
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Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2 +
SBC Com.	51 1/2 +
Sears	40 1/2 +
Texaco	46 1/2 +
Texas Instruments	92 1/2 +
Texas Utils. Co	42 1/2 +
Unocal Corp	28 1/2 +
Wal-Mart	86 1/2 +
Amcap	17.84-18.93
Europacific	28.62-30.37
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	287.60-288.60
Silver	5.43-5.48

POLICE

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

• JAMES NELSON, 29, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of East 15th, 400 block of Rannels and the 2000 block of Gregg.

• NARTHA MARTINEZ, 35, was arrested for local warrants.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

was reported in the 600 block of East Third, 500 block of East FM 700 and 200 block of Brown.

• JOHNATHAN TAYLOR, 19, was arrested for warrants.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 500 block of Main and 1800 block of Choctaw.

• FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of East 15th.

• DOG BITE was reported at the police station.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 3700 block of Connally and the 2700 block of Lynn.

• CHARLES GJEDDE, 39, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and for inhaling a volatile chemical.

• FRANK MARTINEZ, 20, was arrested for local warrants.

• GLORIA CRUZ, 27, was arrested for theft.

• LISA FLORES, 17, was arrested for minor in possession.

SHERIFF

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

• TONY MARTINEZ, 36, was arrested for a bench warrant for aggravated assault of a peace officer.

• ELISEO MORA AYALA, 23, was arrested for California fugitive warrants for motion to revoke probation of terroristic threats.

• CHRISTY FOWLER SCOGGIN, 27, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

• FREDDIE RAY LEONARD, 36, was arrested for second offense, driving while intoxicated.

• TRACY ROY YOUNG, 35, was arrested for bondsman off bond of possession of marijuana and bondsman off bond for driving while license suspended.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
8:11 a.m. — 600 block State, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:12 a.m. — 4200 block Muir, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:53 a.m. — 400 block Hillside, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:08 p.m. — 1200 block Dixie, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:27 p.m. — 1600 block Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:24 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 83
Monday's low 43
Average high 62
Average low 35
Record high 86 in 1974
Record low 2 in 1922
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.63
Year to date 0.28
Normal for the year 1.26

Scenic Mountain
Medical Center
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Lawmakers finding budget surpluses hard to get at for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — There it sits, a projected surplus for next year exceeding \$100 billion, and lawmakers of both parties would love to use big parts of it for new spending, tax cuts or both.

But despite this eagerness to use the money in fiscal 2000 to demonstrate their priorities, they are finding political and budgetary hurdles in the way.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and other top Republicans were meeting privately today to search for answers to the problem. It's a session that spotlights how lawmakers are still feeling their way through the new era of federal surpluses.

"There is a sense of struggling with what the federal budget is today," said Richard May, a consultant and former chief of the House Budget Committee's GOP staff. "The world is different."

Ultimately, the lawmakers probably will discover ways to spend some of the surpluses, as they did last fall when they grabbed about \$20 billion of the surplus for an end-of-session spending bill.

But they're not there yet. Consider tax cuts, long one of the Republican Party's defining issues.

Most Republicans want to vote this year to cut taxes substantially beginning in 2000, when the presidential and con-

gressional election campaigns will be in full throttle.

They'd love to leave that tax cut unpaid for. That is, rather than finding budget savings to offset its costs to the government, the lost revenue would simply make future surpluses smaller.

But so far, they've been stymied. That's because for the next few years, almost all of the budget black ink comes from enormous annual surpluses the Social Security system is running to prepare for the baby boomers' retirements. And President Clinton has used that fact to press a potent political argument.

He says the Social Security portion of the surplus should be

used only for Social Security. The pension program for the elderly and disabled is so popular that most Republicans are reluctant to ignore Clinton and use that money for tax cuts. In effect, that has left the GOP grasping at how to cut taxes deeply enough next year that voters will notice.

One possible solution: Finance the tax cuts with the interest the Social Security trust funds accumulate each year. That plan is favored by House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, a GOP presidential hopeful.

A bill by Reps. Wally Herger, R-Calif., and David Minge, D-Minn., would leave \$51 billion of that interest available for

spending or tax cuts next year and \$38 billion available in 2001, but then push the interest off-limits completely in 2002. Hastert likes the idea.

But the proposal is opposed by other Republicans, including Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. They worry the plan would expose Republicans to Democratic accusations that the GOP is raiding Social Security.

Hoping to stir up public support for tax cuts, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and other House Republicans plan a rally Wednesday aimed at highlighting the Republican drive to cut taxes.

Both parties want to increase

spending next year, but, like the tax cuts, it remains unclear how they would pay for that.

Clinton wants more than \$20 billion in new spending next year for child care, schools and other items. But he would pay for them with higher tobacco taxes and other proposals Congress has rejected before, leaving the fate of his initiatives in doubt.

Meanwhile, the Senate last Wednesday approved, 91-8, increased salaries, pensions and other benefits for military personnel. The bipartisan measure would cost about \$3 billion next year, the Congressional Budget Office says, rising to \$18 billion by 2009 as all of its improvements kick in.

Senate to help small businesses cope with Y2K failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate wants to help small businesses deal with Year 2000 computer crashes as part of a "Y2K Day" devoted to making people more aware of the problems that could arise from computers not prepared for the new millennium.

A special Senate panel on the Year 2000 computer problem also was releasing a report today detailing widespread disturbances that could occur on and after Jan. 1.

The authors of the report, Sens. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., wrote in a letter to their colleagues last week that all sectors of the economy "are at risk, including public utilities, health care, telecommunica-

tions, transportation, banking and finance, commerce and small business and national security."

One major concern, the report says, is that 90 percent of doctors haven't fixed their computers and could temporarily lose medical records and smaller hospitals may not be fully prepared for possible shutdowns in medical devices such as dialysis machines.

The Senate planned to spend the afternoon discussing the report, which emphasizes that for most people disruptions will be minor — phones will work and planes will keep flying — but recommends that people stock extra food and water in the event of temporary shortages.

The Senate also was voting today on a measure sponsored by Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., that would require the Small Business Administration to guarantee loans for businesses trying to fix their own computers or threatened by the Y2K problems of their suppliers, customers or financial institutions.

Under the noncontroversial legislation, the SBA is expected to guarantee about \$500 million in loans through the end of the program on Dec. 31, 2000. Studies have concluded that up to 750,000 small businesses could be severely hurt or be forced to shut down because of the glitch in many computers that keeps them from differentiating between the year 2000 and the year 1900.

Bennett and Dodd also were going behind closed doors with other senators during the day to discuss Y2K-related national security and international issues.

The Pentagon, which was explaining its Y2K readiness at a House hearing today, insists that its thousands of computer systems will be upgraded by the end of the year and there will be contingency plans in the event of any malfunctions.

Of greater concern is the threat of a severe economic blow to the countries around the world lagging in their Y2K preparations. Russia in particular could face midwinter energy shortages and breakdowns in its nuclear power and missile systems.

Timber company, government agree on Headwaters deal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Pacific Lumber Co. and government authorities agreed late Monday on a \$480 million plan to create a public preserve of ancient redwoods — a dramatic reversal of the timber company's decision just three days earlier.

The deal was struck two minutes before a midnight deadline. "We have a deal," said Interior Department spokesman Tim Ahern.

The intense negotiations involving Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, state resources officials and company executives and lawyers took place via

telephone conference calls between California, Texas and Washington, D.C.

The original deal would have had Pacific Lumber and another logging company sell 10,000 acres of the Headwaters Forest — including about 5,000 acres of old-growth redwoods — to the United States and California. Some of the trees in the area 250 miles north of San Francisco are 1,500 years old.

There was no immediate word whether the provisions of the agreement were substantially different than the plan rejected Friday by Pacific Lumber.

Company officials had feared

the plan's restrictions on logging near streams and wildlife habitat would ruin their business. The rules would be locked in for at least 50 years.

Ahern said the "environmental protections were not changed, in either the federal or state proposal. This is a strong package."

The \$250 million Interior Department appropriation would have disappeared without a deal by midnight Monday. The initial state share of the deal, \$130 million, was scheduled to dissolve if the federal share disappears.

Pacific Lumber and its corpo-

rate parent, Houston-based Maxxam Corp., have been the object of lengthy court fights and demonstrations — including the nation's largest forest rally, a 1996 environmental protest in which more than 1,000 people were arrested.

Before the agreement was disclosed, Vice President Al Gore said the government wasn't backing off the terms it proposed as part of the deal.

"We think what was proposed is good for the American people, good for California, good for the environment and good for this company," he said during his visit to Oakland.

Commission discusses taking DNA from everyone who is arrested

DALLAS (AP) — A national commission of legal, scientific and medical experts has considered taking DNA samples from every person who is arrested as a way of tracking criminals.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, during a two-day meeting here, also tackled the potential privacy and police-harassment problems that could arise if law enforcement agencies created a database of the genetic information.

The 21-member panel met at the Adolphus Hotel in downtown Dallas Monday and will get together in other cities over the next five months in response to Attorney General Janet Reno's request to study the issue.

The Department of Justice has taken no position on the controversial issue. Officials in New York, Louisiana and North Carolina have made legislative proposals to permit such testing.

All states are permitted to take DNA from convicted sex offenders, murderers and child molesters, but a lack of financing means 450,000 samples haven't been analyzed.

Local police departments and cities don't have the money to pay for employees, lab space and equipment necessary to analyze those samples and add them to the FBI's national database, which contains about 40,000 DNA profiles.

"Taking care of the backlog is

the concern before we even reach the civil-liberties issues," said defense lawyer Barry Scheck, best known as a member of O.J. Simpson's legal team. "To do all this costs a lot of money."

Panel members estimate it would cost at least \$22 million to analyze the current backlog of DNA information.

"Cost, of course, would be a major issue" if DNA testing were expanded, Dallas police Sgt. Jim Chandler told The

Dallas Morning News. But "we've had cases where we've utilized DNA very successfully, so it's certainly something we would want to take a look at."

Dr. Philip Reilly, a geneticist who also has a law degree, said it would be more reasonable to draw DNA samples from convicted felons before parole, not at arrest.

"New York City had 360,000 arrests last year. ... It just isn't realistic to do it at the point of arrest," he said.

But that's what New York City Police Commissioner Howard Safir wants to do. The commissioner, who spoke before the panel, has proposed DNA testing for everyone arrested in the five boroughs.

"The Number 1 civil liberty is to be free from crime," he said. "This would have a very positive effect on crime rates."

Reilly said fewer rapes would probably be committed if DNA testing were used more often with suspects.

Federal prosecutor attempting to block day trips by Reagan's attacker

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal prosecutor is trying again to keep John W. Hinckley Jr. from making short trips away from a mental hospital, saying the attempted presidential assassin may still be dangerous.

Hinckley recently won court permission for supervised day trips away from St. Elizabeths hospital, despite objections from federal prosecutors. Prosecutors said Hinckley remains disturbed and unpredictable 18 years after he tried to kill President Reagan shortly after he took office.

On Monday, the top prosecutor for the District of Columbia asked a federal appeals court to reconsider its January ruling.

"We believe that the potential impact of the opinion on public safety presents an issue of exceptional importance, which

should be reconsidered," U.S. Attorney Wilma Lewis wrote in court papers.

Hinckley, 43, has been confined to the hospital since 1982, when he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the 1981 shootings outside a Washington hotel.

Reagan, his press secretary, James Brady, and two law

enforcement officers were wounded in an attack Hinckley later said was an attempt to impress actress Jodie Foster.

Hinckley's doctors support supervised day trips as part of treatment that could eventually make Hinckley well enough to leave the hospital, his lawyer said.

"Every doctor who has seen

John in the recent past has said he does not present a risk of danger to the community," lawyer Barry W. Levine said Monday.

"This position advanced by the U.S. attorney is nothing short of fear mongering, and it is shameful."

Levine said the appeals judges should let the initial decision stand.

Hinckley began pressing for greater freedom more than a decade ago, but has never won the right to leave the hospital grounds. Levine has complained repeatedly that Hinckley is being treated more harshly than other patients acquitted by reason of insanity.

"There's a special rule for John Hinckley," Levine said.

"He knows if his name was not John Hinckley he would have had these privileges long ago."

A federal judge turned down Hinckley's request for a Christmas visit with his parents and girlfriend in 1997. Hinckley appealed and a three-judge panel eventually cleared the way for his off-campus visits.

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OUR VIEWS

Good luck to HC teams headed to Region V Tourney

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks will begin their respective runs in the junior college basketball playoffs this week taking part in the Region V Tournament at Hardin-Simmons University's Mabee Complex in Abilene.

The No. 8-ranked Lady Hawks, who finished the regular season with a 27-3 record and a 12-2 mark in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC), will be first to step into the regional spotlight.

As runners-up to WJCAC champion Midland College, the Lady Hawks will face McLennan Community College's Lady Highlanders, the third-place finisher in the northern conference, at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The Hawks, 24-5 overall, became the first team since Midland College's 1986 squad to finish WJCAC play undefeated.

As western conference champions, they'll face fourth-place northern conference finisher Hill County Junior College at 8 p.m. Thursday.

First round victories would put both Howard teams into the second round on Friday and the regional championship games will be played Saturday evening.

The Lady Hawks will be gunning for a second straight region championship and a return to the NJCAA National Women's Tournament in Salina, Kan., while the Hawks have their sights set on a berth in the NJCAA National Men's Tournament in Hutchison, Kan.

Both Howard College teams provided an impressive following of Crossroads Country fans with spectacular play all season and we want to take this opportunity to congratulate them on the success they've enjoyed to this point.

What's more, we wish them the best of luck in this week's regional tournament and look forward to following them to appearances in the NJCAA's national showcases.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I wonder about some people. RE: Other Views Feb. 25

I have to agree with your view but if you didn't vote, keep your damn thoughts to yourself because non-voters do not earn the right to gripe.

You're part of what you are griping about by not voting. How can a person not vote and then gripe (to use a nice word) about any government action, good or bad. One thing I can do openly is gripe about the government all I want because I am on of the (to your way of thinking) STUPID ones that uses my right to vote.

Voter apathy? You better look it up because there is no such thing. Either you are a voter or you are not. You cannot have voter apathy if you didn't vote because you are not a voter.

ROGER L. FOSTER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Covenant Health System, in cooperation with Malone & Hogan Clinic, will be conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment in our area within the next two weeks. The endeavor is very important because it will provide the foundation from which a Community Health program will be developed.

As many of you are aware, Covenant Health Systems is the entity resulting from the merger last summer of St. Mary Hospital and Lubbock Methodist Hospital System.

The mission of Covenant Health System is to "extend Christian ministry by caring for the whole person, body, mind, and spirit - and by working with others to improve the health and quality of life in the communities we serve".

This mission provides the opportunity for us to partner with Covenant Health System in determining the health needs of the people of our area.

Approximately 600 residents of our county will be randomly selected to participate in the program. I encourage all our area residents who receive a survey in the mail to complete the survey as honestly and accurately as possible.

This will allow us to be an advocate for the health needs of our community. Our county's survey results will be shared with you as soon as they become available later this spring.

On behalf of Malone & Hogan Clinic and Covenant Health System, we thank you in advance for your participation.

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GOP's speak-no-evil edict won't work...again

By **WALTER R. MEARS**
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a political commandment, the Republican admonition against speaking ill of each other is durable but fictional, regularly recited and as regularly ignored.

It will be again in the 2000 presidential campaign.

And so the party chairman who said he will play referee and blow the whistle on GOP candidates who attack Republican rivals is not going to stop play or even slow it.

Jim Nicholson's attempt is in the tradition of party leaders who try to deal in advance with the divisions that are inevitable among contestants for nominations. The aim is damage control, so that disputes of the primary campaign won't last to hurt the nominee in the general election.

"We have an adversary, and it is not us; it is them," Nicholson said in Des Moines, Iowa, where the 2000 competition begins.

But he's not running or managing a candidate. For those who are, the adversaries in the first round are other Republicans, since only one of them can win and take on the

Democrats on Nov. 7, 2000.

In a crowded field, it's an elimination contest, to be played out more rapidly than ever before because of the profusion of major state primary elections due before springtime next year.

And the 11th Commandment works best for leaders, as it did for Ronald Reagan, patron of the notion when he first ran for office 33 years ago. "Thou shalt not speak ill of a fellow Republican," it read. While Reagan always said it, he didn't always observe it when he was a challenger, trying to wrest the 1976 nomination from Gerald Ford — and saying the president had neither vision nor leadership, but a spend-thrift pork barrel of gift projects to barter for votes.

Reagan insisted that he wasn't breaching the motto he'd adopted but was campaigning on issues and policies, not personal attacks. It was a distinction that made no difference for Ford, who narrowly won the nomination but lost the White House.

That claim echoes, too.

It is what Steve Forbes said in defending his negative television campaign against Bob Dole, a tactic that stalled the former senator in early 1996

primaries and scarred him later in his lost challenge for the presidency.

"It's always been based on principles, issues and record," Forbes says now. "They were never personal attacks."

Of course Dole had his own attack ads, designed to block Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee governor. Alexander is running again and says this time he is prepared to counter-attack to defend himself.

And conservative Patrick J. Buchanan, who spares no one when he gets going, as against George Bush in 1992 and Dole in 1996, has yet to get started.

Hardly a promising setting for Sen. John McCain's request of party activists to withhold support from GOP candidates who attack other GOP candidates. "Scorched earth Republican primaries will lead directly to an Al Gore presidency," McCain told California Republicans at their weekend convention.

"What does he think this is, some sort of tea party?" Alexander said.

No, he thinks it may be a way to move up in the rankings, by taking his stand for harmony against the bitter political backdrop left by impeachment. For him or any

of the other lesser-known candidates to become real contenders, front-runners like Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole will have to be slowed. There'll be plenty of money and plenty of TV ads aimed at the leaders. And that just might create an opening for a candidate like McCain.

The speak-no-evil commandment came originally from a doctor named Gaylor Parkinson, the California Republican chairman, in the bitter aftermath of the 1964 Democratic landslide. When Reagan ran for governor of California in 1966, he used it to advantage against a more seasoned challenger for the GOP nomination.

It's more complicated now. That was before the era of high-cost, high-intensity TV campaigns, and the attack ads that can undercut a leader.

And the price tag is not only in political insults. An embattled leader can be forced into spending that leaves him scrambling long before the general election campaign. That happened to Dole in 1996.

It could happen again.

Walter R. Mears is vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press.

You really know you're a lame duck when your wife is the hottest story in town...



Still not a lock that Hillary will run for Senate

Run, Hillary, run. That's what plenty of friends and consultants have been advising the first lady lately about campaigning to be the next Democratic senator from the state of New York.

It's not a unanimous chorus, but it's certainly enough for us to crow about having reported this story three months ago — a full five weeks before the rest of the national press. Last week the hype hit its zenith with cover stories in both Time and Newsweek.

We authored a column Nov. 27 solely on this prospect, headlining it: "Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.?"

We reported then that sources told us Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., smiled as if it were a ridiculous idea when it was first floated to him, "but he quickly sobered up, considering it a real possibility."

We noted that she will want to strike out on her own political career after being so many years in the sometimes uncomfortable shadow of her husband's.

After raising these points, we noted that New York has one of the most lenient residence requirements for senatorial candidates in the country. To run for office, all you have to do is rent a hotel room on election day. The late Bobby Kennedy stayed at Manhattan's Carlyle Hotel, while leasing an estate in Glen Cove, for his successful senatorial bid.

Our associate Dale Van Atta spoke to a friend of Hillary's who pointed out that the First Lady's public image and issues "are perfect for that state's constituency."

We can now reveal that the friend who tipped us off is the politically savvy former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, a Republican who has been friends with Hillary for 30 years — since she first served as a congressional intern under his sponsorship.

Laird may be out of active politics himself, but he hasn't lost the spring in his step nor his canniness.

He had taken a close look at all the potential senate races Hillary might consider, and concluded that New York was by far the best for her — the most winnable, and the constituency that most suited her politics.

We quoted Laird last November saying, "she'd pull a

huge mainstream vote, the strongest women's vote, and minorities would flock to her."

Laird was dead on, and so was our column — as well as three months early.

Now the possibility is being reported by the rest of the press as if it just sprung like Athena from Zeus' head, fully armored.

Newsweek, coming late in the game like the others to this story, credits 14-term Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., as pushing the idea at the president's State of the Union address in January. He reported that she was "serious(ly)" considering it but said, "I can't think about it until the impeachment trial is over."

Continued the magazine: "She waited, maybe, 10 minutes. As the gavel fell on the acquittal of President Clinton on Friday, Feb. 12, Hillary was sitting down to lunch with former White House aide Harold Ickes, an old hand at New York politics... by the next day, Mrs. Clinton was working the phones, polling friends and advisers."

After all this is said, it is certainly not a lock that Hillary will run for the Senate. We think it's still 50-50.

For one thing, her ambitions are global. She loves the world stage, the ability to do good, in her view, by pushing to raise the standard of living and atti-

tude toward women and children around the world.

On that score, Hillary might be better suited to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, or head of the World Bank.

The first appointment would require Al Gore to win the presidency, but even then she would still have to promote Gore's policies, which might rankle a bit.

But as World Bank chief, she would command billions of dollars in resources, and be semi-autonomous in dispensing that aid and dealing with needy countries around the world. It might be an appealing job — and it pays much better than the U.S. Senate.

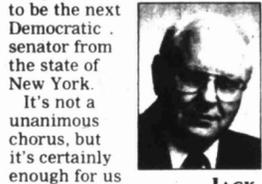
Finally, there is the prestige factor. As a senator, Hillary would be just one of 100 power players — and a minority one to boot, assuming the Democrats don't recapture the Senate in 2000.

If there's one person who'd thrill at the prospect of Sen. Clinton, it's Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. For decades, Kennedy has been the favorite whipping boy of the conservative right — which uses his name to raise millions of campaign donations from conservatives.

Should Hillary Clinton get elected to the U.S. Senate, she would surely take that mantle from Kennedy.

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IN BRIEF

Regional quarterfinal set tonight at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for a Class 2A boys' regional quarterfinal basketball playoff game between Wall's Hawks and Tahoka's Bulldogs at 7:30 tonight.

Tahoka, was an 87-64 area round winner over Ozona on Friday, while Wall managed a 42-31 upset of Hale Center in an area game on Saturday. Both of those games were played at The Dorothy.

UGSA officials announce local affiliation continues

The current directors of the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association will again be affiliated with the Abilene-based UGSA during the 1999 season.

A recent letter released by the association's offices incorrectly indicated that the Big Spring group would not be affiliated with UGSA this year.

UGSA president Jim Mullins said a notice will be sent to players in the Big Spring area containing corrected information.

For more information concerning the Big Spring UGSA program, call JoEllen Canales at 263-3623.

Forsan powerlifters win, qualify for regional meet

Forsan's Daniel Smith and Brian Mims took first-place finishes in their respective weight divisions Saturday at the Sundown Powerlifting Meet.

Smith won the 132-pound weight class with lifts totaling 870 pounds, while Mims was the 198-pound weight class winner with a lift total of 1,125 pounds.

With their wins, both Buffs lifters qualified for the Region 1 powerlifting meet set for March 13 in Colorado City.

Leal, Taylor record aces on Comanche Trail course

Jimmy Leal and James Taylor posted the first holes-in-one of their golfing careers recently while playing the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Leal recorded his ace on Feb. 24 using a 5-iron on the course's No. 15 hole. Dewey Byers, Pat Gent Jr., B.A. Brunson and Chris Pirkle witnessed the shot.

Taylor's ace came while playing the No. 4 hole on Feb. 26. He used a 7-iron on the shot witnessed by Les Hooper and Juan Rodriguez.

Little League umpires set to meet tonight

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

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League games this season is encouraged to attend.

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

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS TONIGHT

7:30 p.m.
Stanton Buffaloes vs. Farwell Steers at Lubbock Monterey (Class 2A boys' regional quarterfinal game)

Borden County Coyotes vs. Munday Moguls at Merkel (Class 1A boys' regional quarterfinal game)

ON THE AIR

Radio
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. — Stanton Buffaloes vs. Farwell Steers in Lubbock, KBT5-FM 94.3.

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Men
6:30 p.m. — Midwest Collegiate Conference championship, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8:30 p.m. — Sun Belt Conference championship, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY
7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Miami Heat, TNT, Ch. 28.

Texas' Mihm, Muoneke headline AP Big 12 team with Hamilton

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chris Mihm and Gabe Muoneke, the solid anchors of a powerful front line which enabled Texas to recover from a 2-9 start and capture the conference championship, were named to The Associated Press All-Big 12 team.

Only Nebraska center Venson Hamilton was named on every first-team ballot cast by a panel of 24 media representatives who cover the Big 12 full-time. Others named to the first team were Marcus Fizer, Iowa State's sophomore forward, and Oklahoma State senior guard Adrian Peterson, who led all Big 12 players with an 18.1-point scoring average in all games.

Texas began the year under new head coach Rick Barnes in the same disarray which characterized the end of the 1997-98 season when coach Tom Penders was fired and two players transferred.

Nobody picked the Longhorns higher than fifth in any preseason survey. But after losing nine of their first 11 games, they suddenly made as dramatic a turnaround as any program at any level.

Behind the dominant play of the 7-0 Mihm and the 6-7 Muoneke, Barnes and his team cruised to an 18-11 overall record and a 13-3 conference mark, ousting two-time defending champion Kansas by two games.

Mihm, a sophomore, averaged 13.6

points and a conference-leading 11.8 rebounds while Muoneke, a powerfully built 250-pound junior, averaged 16.9 and 6.9. Their partner on the Texas front line, 6-5 senior Kris Clack, was named to the second team after averaging almost 16 points and six rebounds.

"That front line of Texas is as good as any of the top five in the country," said Missouri coach Norm Stewart. "Like anything else, it took awhile to get everything fitted together. They are very, very good."

Hamilton, a 6-10 senior and the Big 12's most consistent performer throughout the season, finished the regular season averaging 18.3 points, tops in league

games, and 11 rebounds, second only to Mihm in the Big 12. He also led the league with a field goal percentage of .540.

In a victory over Iowa State in February, Hamilton became just the fourth player in Big Eight/Big 12 history with 1,000 career points, 1,000 rebounds and 200 blocked shots.

"He's done a great job on his team," Colorado sophomore Jamahl Mosley said of the Cornhuskers' star player inside the paint. "He's averaging a double-double and believe me, it's not easy to do that. He gets it done night in and night out. He gets it done on both ends of the court."

Lady Hawks set for Region V

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's No. 8-ranked Lady Hawks begin their bid for a return to the NJCAA national tournament Wednesday afternoon when they face McLennan Community College's Lady Highlanders in the opening round of the Region V Women's Basketball Tournament in Abilene.

The 27-3 Lady Hawks, runners-up in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) with a 12-2 record in league play, will square off with the 18-9 Lady Highlanders at 1 p.m. in Hardin-Simmons University's Mabee Complex.

Neither team will be a mystery to the other when regional play begins, because the Lady Hawks and Lady Highlanders have already faced one another this season — the second game of Howard's season.

While the Lady Hawks won that initial meeting, Howard head coach Matt Corkery says that win will have little to do with Wednesday's Region V opener.

"The fact that we beat them 40 to 35 points early in the season doesn't mean a thing this time around," Corkery said Monday evening. "We played them in the first week of the season ... we're not the same team we were back in November and they're not the same team, either."

What that first game did provide, however, was an idea of what to expect from the Lady Highlanders, who finished third in the northern conference.

Having seen a number of video tapes from McLennan's conference games, Corkery says he expects the Lady Highlanders to display the same style of play they employed earlier in the season.

"They're going to try to do what they tried earlier in the year," he explained. "They have a lot of versatility. Their big kids can shoot the three and

TO GET THERE

For fans planning to attend the Lady Hawks regional games, here are directions to Hardin-Simmons University's Mabee Complex:

Entering Abilene on I-20, take the Pine Street exit and turn right on Pine Street. The campus will be approximately five minutes south on Pine Street. After reaching the campus, turn right on Ambler Street and take the second entrance to the campus. That street will lead directly to the gymnasium.

their guards can post up, so they're going to try to put us in some mismatch situations.

"They'll shoot a lot of three-point shots and they'll make them if you're not out there putting a hand in their face ... playing good defense," Corkery added.

"We feel like we match up well with what they like to do, though," the Lady Hawks coach continued. "We spend a lot of time working with our guards on playing defense down low, cutting off the passing lanes and getting on the boards. At the same time, our big people are capable of moving out to the perimeter and playing good defense."

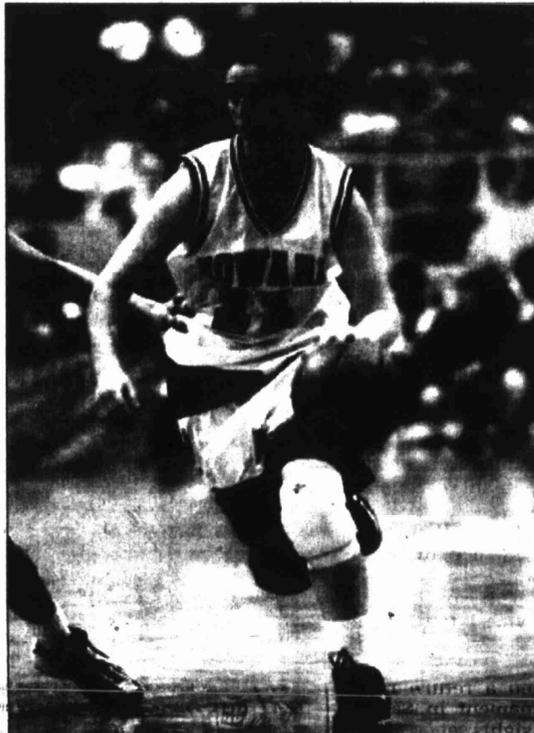
The Lady Highlanders, who average scoring 77 points per game while giving up 67 defensively, are paced by sophomore forward Moriah Johnson. She averages 16 points per game, while point guard Kendra Watson is scoring at a 12-point clip.

In addition, Corkery notes the quality of competition the Lady Highlanders have faced in the northern conference makes them a formidable opponent.

"People need to remember that they've played in an awful tough conference, just like we did," Corkery explained, noting that the nation's No. 2-ranked Grayson County College Lady Vikings were the northern conference's champion.

"That means we're going to have to execute on both ends of the floor if we want to advance in the tournament," he added.

"We're not going to make any major changes in what we try to do. I feel like at this point in



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro
Howard College's Ricka McKee (11) brings the ball upcourt during the Lady Hawks' regular season finale win over Frank Phillips' Lady Plainmen last week. McKee and her Lady Hawks teammates will open Region V play Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Abilene.

the season, you have to do what you've been doing all year. You stay with what's been successful for you."

While the Lady Hawks are defending Region V champions and have a core of sophomores who played a role in Howard's third-place finish at the NJCAA national tournament in 1998, Corkery says that experience doesn't really give his team an advantage this week.

"I think you can look at our experience last year as a positive, but it's not necessarily an advantage," he explained. "It is something you can draw on when the pressure is on, but you can't say that just because we went to the national tournament last year that we're going to have an edge."

"This is a different team than last year's," Corkery noted. "We play a lot of freshmen that don't have that experience to draw

Coaches say conference tournament is wide open

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — While lacking a top-rated team this year, the Big 12 may have something to offer that's even better from a fan's point of view — a wide-open tournament that any one of at least six teams might win.

"There's not really a Paul Pierce in this tournament, and there's certainly not a Raef LaFrentz," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said of the two departed All-Americans who helped Kansas go unbeaten through the last two tournaments.

"There are a lot of great players. But they're not all on the same team," said Sampson. "Everybody's got one or two really good players and that's why it's so wide open."

Most coaches figure any of the top four seeds — Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and regular-season champion Texas — are capable of winning this year's tourney, which starts Thursday in Kansas City's Kemper Arena.

Those four have the big advantage of not having to play the first round. But the lower seeds, who get started on Thursday include No. 5 Oklahoma State, the preseason choice, and No. 8 Colorado, which comes in with a four-game winning streak.

And what about Iowa State? The Cyclones haven't played particularly well the past month, but they packed a month's worth of momentum into Sunday's 52-50 victory over Kansas in their regular season finale.

"There are more quality teams in the field this year than I've ever seen," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton. "We don't have a great team in our league but we've got a lot of good ones. There are more teams capable of going in and winning the championship."

For the past two seasons, Kansas has perched atop the Big 12 all by itself in talent and power.

But this year the Jayhawks come in as the No. 3 seed and have been about as inconsistent as anybody else in a year that's seen Big 12 teams shoot lights-out one week, then take a nose-dive the next.

Now ranked No. 11, Lady Raiders preparing for play in postseason

LUBBOCK (AP) — After a season billed as a year to rebuild, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders once again sit atop the Big 12, ready to make a run for the NCAA championship.

The journey begins this week with the Big 12 tournament. The top-seeded Lady Raiders will face the winner of the Kansas State-Colorado first round matchup Wednesday.

Coach Marsha Sharp said the conference tournament will be a good testing ground for the Lady Raiders' "mental toughness."

"The tournament has the same feel of do-or-die," said Sharp, named coach of the year Sunday, and whose team won the Big 12 tournament last year. "It's a day-to-day situation where if you look past your next game, chances are you won't be in the game you were looking at."

Tech (25-3, 14-2) wrapped up its second straight regular-season crown Sunday with a 76-56 victory over Texas. The Lady Raiders ended league play on a six-game winning streak.

"It was the most intense, most emotional game of the season for us," said guard Renee Hanbutt. "It really taught us a lot about what is to come. We're focused and ready and that showed (against Texas)."

Sharp says the rematches that make up the tournament will be a good chance to evaluate how much Tech has improved since earlier this

season.

The Lady Raiders were less than impressive out of the gate, losing to then-No. 15 Old Dominion 85-64 in their third game. Tech then barely held off Southern Methodist and Stanford, winning both games by fewer than seven points with fourth-quarter rallies.

Things began clicking around mid-season with a 71-47 pasting of then-No. 14 Iowa State. "That game was a real turning point for us," Sharp said. "It gave us a lot of confidence and let us show that we knew how to win big games. We really came to play that night."

The Lady Raiders were expected to have trouble this season replacing last year's conference player of the year Alicia Thompson.

Her absence has been eased by the play of post Angie Brazier, herself named conference player of the year, with an average 22 points and eight rebounds, and Hanbutt, who has averaged 16 points. Forward Keitha Dickerson has helped with the rebounding chores, averaging eight.

"We're more set in knowing what we have to do out there," Sharp said. "Dickerson has to out-rebound everybody, (Melinda) Schmucker has to pass well and our seniors have to produce enough points for us to win."

Sharp says the team is playing with the attitude that anything is possible.

Steers stumble just short in 3-2 loss to Monahans

HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — Big Spring's Steers were left looking for their first win of the 1999 schoolboy baseball season as Monahans' Lobos took a 3-2 win in non-district action Monday night.

Despite the loss that left the Steers 0-3 on the season, coach Bobby Doe said he was pleased with the way his team played.

"We played well ... much better than we did in the doubleheader Saturday in Lubbock," Doe said after seeing the Lobos score in the bottom of the seventh inning to break a 2-2 tie and chalk up the victory.

"We're just so young and inexperienced, that it changes the complexion of what I'd normally do," the Steers boss explained. "We've got some talented kids, but they're going to take some lumps for a while simply because they're learning what it takes to play at a varsity level."

The Steers led the game twice during Monday's game, jumping out on top in the top of the first inning when Jason Choate reached base and scored on an RBI double by James Clements.

Monahans tied the game in the bottom of the fifth inning with a solo home run off losing pitcher Ricky Solis.

The Steers retook the lead moments later when Jose Camero singled in the top of the sixth and Daniel Beauchamp came up with an RBI single.

The Lobos continued to answer, scratching out a run in their half of the sixth and then dodged a bullet when the Steers were unable to capitalize after loading the bases in the top of the seventh.

Big Spring will try to break into the win column Friday when they open play in the Abilene Invitational Baseball Tournament.

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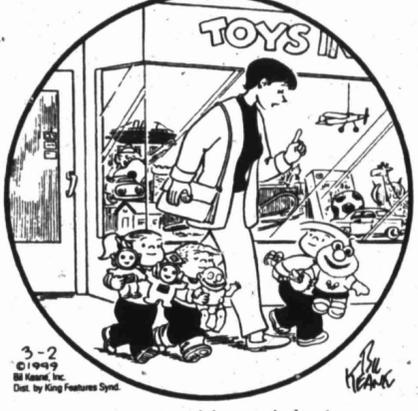
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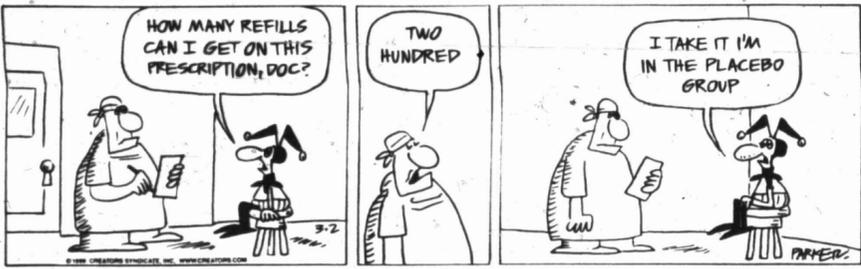
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The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 61st day of 1999. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on March 2, 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

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THE Daily Crossword

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