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VITA volunteers ready to assist individuals Feb. 8

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 8.

Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance, not just senior citizens.

Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income. They should also bring a copy of their 1998 tax return for reference.

Others who need assistance with taxes but cannot come during those hours can call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, to arrange another time or place.

For more information, call Kennemur or the center, 267-

WHAT'S UP... WEDNESDAY

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

It's been a while in the making but repairs and renovations at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium are almost complete.

The latest addition will be lighting and sound systems, paid for through a \$52,000 grant Dora Roberts from the Foundation.

"This will be the last portion of that project to completely upgrade the auditorium," said Emma Bogard, Big Spring assis-

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

County commissioners, dis-

trict court employees and other

interested persons toured the

ing the mural and the vestibule

at the entrance," said county

While many of those attend-

ing the tour marveled at the

plans presented by Furqueron,

everyone agreed renovating the

nearly 70-year-old building will

"It really won't be that diffi-

cult, but it may be a little

messy. The building is made of

concrete, and there's some clay

tile and block, really a little of

Library book shelves still

stand, permanently fixed in

everything," Furqueron said.

architect Phil Furqueron

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Staff Writer

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The lighting and sound were included in an addendum to a contract awarded to Johnson Construction last year, but had to be pulled out because of a lack of funds.

Johnson The work Construction did included repairing the interior of auditorium, which received extensive damage during the May 1996 hail storm. The largest portion of the repairs included a coat of plaster throughout the historic building. The wooden stage floor was replaced. Painted ceil-

Dora Roberts Foundation grant to enhance auditorium lighting, sound ing tiles were removed, repainted and replaced as well. That addendum may allow the

city to proceed with purchase of the lighting and sound system without having to go out to bid. "We're checking on that right

now," said Bogard. "We had addendums to the original contract that would include lighting and sound. If we can do a a city hall, jail and fire station change order, that's what we want to do."

systems, Bogard said. "With this, we should have an auditorium and added air conauditorium that people will

enjoy," Bogard said. "The sound in there has definitely been a problem, especially for a play, or when just one individual would speak. This should take care of that problem."

The auditorium was built in 1931 as part of a \$200,000 bond issue. Voters at the time approved the facility along with in one complex.

In 1988, the Dora Roberts The \$52,000 grant is for both Foundation financed a complete renovation of the 1,492-seat ditioners.

The auditorum has hosted symphony concerts, traveling shows, school plays and churches services over the years. It is home for the Big Spring Symphony and Crossroads Community Concerts series.

Among the performers who have played the auditorium have been Elvis, Wayne Newton, Agnes Moorehead, the Marine Band, Herb Shriner, Charles Laughton, Basil Rathbone, Percy Grainger, Ballet Lubbock and the Southwest Festival of Gospel Music.

Gift Officials get look at future district courthouse

Dora Roberts Foundation gives \$285,000 to local college By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Trustees with Howard College Monday accepted a \$289,000 gift from the Dora Roberts

Foundation with a declaration of appreci ation. "It is with great pleasure

we pass this resolution, said Don McKinney president of McKINNEY the board of trustees.

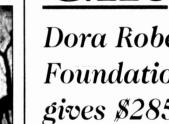
Dora Roberts Foundation provides funds to the college each year, which in turn finances ongoing projects as well as helps create new ones, according to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

ION US AND OUR VISION HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivan

This 1938 Peter Hurd mural, painted as a Works Progress Administration project in the former Big Spring post office, will become a focal point of interest when the building is remodeled into a district courthouse.

place within the first floor. walk," Crooker said. Demolition of the shelves floor will be remodeled to contain a new district courtroom. along with offices for the district judge, court bailiff, court coordinator and a jury room. These offices will be connected through doors, but will also allow safety and security for the district officials.

The north end will contain baseboards which Furgueron The south end of the first the district clerk's office and said will be preserved.



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

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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. American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. □ 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. Bring a lunch. □ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant. Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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seems to be the most practical method of removal. "We couldn't move these out

when we moved into the new library because they are firmly in place, and we couldn't figure out how to get them out of here," said commissioner Bill Crooker.

High ceilings on the first floor conceal the former postal walkway that allowed supervisors to spy on employees they suspected were stealing mail.

"If you look, you can still see the peek holes in the walls they used to look around after they climbed the stairs up to the

District Judge Bob Moore said he welcomes the additional security and privacy, which he does not have in the present district court location.

"I have looked up from my desk a couple of times and found someone standing there," he said.

records, and additional storage space for records will be located down stairs.

"We'll have about as much room as we do now, but it will be arranged differently," said District Clerk Glenda Brasel.

A sally port, or inmate arrival and departure unit, will be installed on the west side of the building. A sally port is an entrance that can be secluded and is secured.

Downstairs, a law library, grand jury room and offices for the district attorney will be located. These rooms have large oak windows with oak

The former post office also boasts three large skylights in the top floor, but Furqueron said it is still undecided whether they will be preserved. The mural, which measures about 30 feet across, is a Peter Hurd original that was commissioned as a Works Progress Administration in 1937.

Hurd, a renowned artist, painted murals in a handful of post offices across the nation.

The renovation is made possible with a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation. Furgueron should begin seeking bids for the work in February.

County reviews nuisance laws, plans more active enforcement with help from state inspector By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday solicited the help of a Texas Department of Health inspec-

tor to enforce state nuisance laws.

"Thissomething we've needed for many vears received

another call JONES about this this morning, and I know other commissioners are receiving

calls also," said commissioner Bill Crooker. Wavne Jones, health inspector for the state, traveled from Midland to attend the commissioners' meeting. He explained the procedure his office undertakes when responding to an allegation that upkeep on a property has deteriorated and

is creating a health concern. "The first thing we do is a visual inspection, to see if the complaint is valid and not just a neighbor angry with another neighbor. If we determine there is cause for concern, we then take photographs of that property, and then write a letter to the occupant, giving them 30 days to clean up their property," Jones said.

He said the focus is allowing

the property owner to have time to correct a lawn or acreage that does not comply with the health codes.

'However, if they do not correct the problem within 30 days, we will fine them from \$10 to \$200 a day for every day the property remains unclean,' he said.

Thus far, Jones said he has investigated and contacted four different county residents concerning the condition of their property.

"Two of those quickly corrected the problem when they got the letter. The other two gave me constant excuses, so after 30 days I filed a complaint. Now those two have greatly improved their property, and while it is not perfect, we are making progress," Jones said.

He said minimum standards outline by the state define what is a health or safety issue as opposed to just unsightly housekeeping.

"The law says they have to clean it up, and the law also says I have to report it to the local authorities, such as the county or city judge. I send my reports to you," he said to the commissioners.

Another location he is investigating is within the city limits, he said, and involved a rodent problem at one location

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"Words can never express how much we have appreciated the Dora Roberts Foundation through the years, and it is with heartfelt thanks that we accept this. The foundation makes such a difference for our institution and our community," Sparks said.

The foundation gifts are used in part to fund two nursing positions within the Associate of Applied Science Registered Nursing Program.

"These are ongoing positions in the department that the Dora Roberts Foundation funds for us each year," said interim vice president for instruction Linda Conway.

Sparks added that the funds will also be used to purchase a new sign for the Dorothy Garret Coliseum, as well as provide scholarships for students and funds for the softball field.

"And this will fund the Educare Center, which will provide not only day care facilities for our students, but also provide training for students enrolled in child development," Conway said.

Trustees also received an update on program of inmate vocational education.

The Federal Correctional Institute is providing vocation training for inmates in a coop-

See COLLEGE, Page 2

Police investigate alleged sexual assault of female

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating a report of a sexual assault on a female that allegedly occurred on Jan.15.

According to police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the incident happened during the early morning hours of the 15th but was not reported until last Friday.

The incident was reported to have occurred on the east side of Big Spring by an assailant known to the victim. The victim claims to being forced to have sexual contact with the subject without her approval. No weapons or physical injuries were reported.



District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, architect Phil Furgueron,

District Clerk Glenda Brasel and District Court Coordinator Donna

Tune study blue prints of the proposed district courthouse during

a tour of the former library and post office, which will be remod-

eled this year to house offices for district officials.

LOCAL

OBITUARIES

William Jefferson Lackey

Service for William Jefferson Lackey, 79, Midland, will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000. in the Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis Bode officiating, and the Rev. Gale Wilson assisting. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park

Mr. Lackey died Sunday, Jan. 23, in a Midland hospital.

He was born on May 2, 1920. in Sayre, Okla. He moved to Midland in 1927. He was in the service during World War II and then worked in the oil field in West Texas until his retirement. After retirement, he was self employed as a carpenter until 1990. He was active in Boy Scouts of America. The Gem and Mineral Society and was a volunteer with Hospice

Survivors include, two sons. Kenneth Roy Lackey of Big Spring, and Richard Shane Lackey of Midland, a brother, Walter E. 'Gene' Lackey of Midland; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews Visitation will be from 6 to 8

tonight at the funeral home

The family request memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society: 2304 Wadley: Midland, 79705, or to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621 Midland: 79702

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Midland

Beulah Mae Hall

Beulah Mae Hall; 97. Stanton. SATURDAY died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, in a local nursing home. Service were 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Curtis Cadenhead. Interment followed in the **Evergreen** Cemetery

She was born on April-26. 1902. in Glasscock County, and married Morgan Hall on June 1, 1924, in Stanton-He preceded her in death on Feb 23, 1973.

member of the First United Methodist Church, a member of Women, Beta Sigma Phi-Sorority, Stanton Music Club, Martin County Old Settlers

grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Jo Jon Cox and a granddaugh'er. Martha Hall Phillips.

Family suggests memorials to: Martin County Convent Foundation: Box 645: Stanton; 79782. Martin County Historical Society, and First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home Paid obituary

Guy Talamantes Service for Guy Talamantes, 44. Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Monday, Jan. 24, 2000. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness

Luis R. Herrera Service for Luis R. Herrera,

Coahoma, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

He died Tuesday, Jan. 255, 2000. in a local hospital.

Thelma Corcoran

Service for Thelma Corcoran, 86. Mesquite, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, in Mesquite

WHAT'S UP

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J Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome

MONDAY

→ Big Spring Evening Lions Club. 6-30 p.m. 1607 E Third.

COLLEGE

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Beulah Mae was a charter erate effort between Howard Collège and the prison

"We have a great relationship the Friendship Sunday School with Howard College, and with Class, United Methodist the community as we work to turn liabilities into assets. We have been here 14 years, and we the original secretary for are very pleased with the program," said FCI Warden Ralph Pavne

District 3, District 4 and an atlarge positions on the board, which will be elected this May. Currently, McKinney, Harold Davis and Sue Partee have these positions. Sparks said Partee replaced Dr. P.W. Malone after his death, and this at large position will rotate into the six-year term after the next election

HEALTH

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that was interfering with another property owner.

"This building sat next to a restaurant, and the mice and rats were coming to the restaurant to eat and then returning to the property. The owner was very nice and allowed me to look inside, where we found ample evidence of a serious rodent problem. That problem is now being corrected. This is a health issue, because I have never seen a disease-free rat," Jones said.

And while these five incidents are those being investigated in Howard County now, commissioners indicated they would soon make use of Jones' service and target other residents whose properties pose a health or safety risk.

"I believe we will need your assistance. We can make visual inspections and then fill out a complaint form and submit it to you. And I believe we should allow this to encompass the city as well, and let them be aware of what we find within the city limits," Crooker said.

Weeds and tall grass are more of an issue for the fire marshal, as this creates a fire hazard, Jones said.

"Sometime people are nice, and sometimes they can be not so nice. The law says I have to report them, and the law says 1 can give them 30 days to clean up their property. After that, we go to JP court, where they can be fined up to \$200 a day. Most people will choose to clean up their land other than paying a fine like that," Jones said.

In other business, commissioners approved personnel changes presented by County Treasurer Teresa Thomas and discussed road and bridge machinery replacements. Commissioners decided to notlease 1.5 acres as an oil and gas lease at this time.

"This is more trouble than I think it's worth," said County

BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, January 25, 2000

BIG SPRING **A**ROUND THE **TOWN**

Ms. great-uncles and Rodriguez's sister were heading to meet the women at the airport. They did not bringing Elian along, and Spencer Eig, an attorney for the Miami rela-

uncles.

tives, said they were told the p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic grandmothers had no interest Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, in meeting with the great-Midland. Call 263-8920. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

"Elian is disappointed," Eig Settles, noon open meeting and said. "I know the grandmothers 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study. are disappointed. The situation is heartbreaking for the Canterbury are sponsoring a Gonzalezes new grief support group. It will

Dr. Bob Edgar, general secre- meet the second Wednesday of tary of the National Council of each month at 3 p.m. in the Churches, who sponsored the community room at Canterbury women's trip, said the grand-South: 1700 Lancaster mothers were scared to come to Miami because of protests by Cuban-Americans who want SUBMIT IT IN WRITING. Elian to stay in the United States.

MARKETS "They were frightened. They see the thousands of people here in Miami marching and protesting and you can imagine as very simple, loving, caring grandparents that they would be frightened to come," Edgar said.

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 Cifra 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. Texas Instruments 115 + 4.

. "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.

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transported to SMMC.

6:01 p.m. - 400 block North Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 55, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

· CHAD CAMP, no age available, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

 WILLIAM MURRAY, 39, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

March cotton 56.75. up 40 points: CRIMINAL TRESPASS Feb. crude 28.30, up 47 points: WARNING was issued in the cash hogs at \$1.50 higher at 1700 block of East Third. 38.50 even; cash steers steady at • UNAUTHORIZED USE OF 70 even; Feb. lean hog futures

A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of Lamar. • DELIVERY OF COCAINE

was reported at the police station

 BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama. • DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

was reported in the 600 block of Steakley.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Wasson Road. An electric meter was damaged at a cost of more than \$75.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of Gregg. Damage to bricks on a building wall, along with a Cadillac, was reported. Value of the damage was unknown.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2100 block of Monticello, 1100 block of North Lamesa Hwy and 300 block of Owens.

• WEEKEND REPORT indicates one assault, two burglary of a habitation, four criminal mischief, two driving while intoxicated and one driving **BIG SPRING HEF** Tuesday, Janua

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A powerful churned up the today after b Southeast with than a foot of snow of thousands of p power.

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Parties

WASHINGTON unusual decision top budget analy three separate mates is touchin tion-year battl Democrats and over how much b will be.

Dan Crippen, d nonpartisan Budget Office, is release three su tions for the comi Wednesday. Congress ultima will determine money is available spending increas reduction.

Democrats are embrace the sma projections. That 10 years ending roughly \$1 trilli

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Survivors include a son. Jerry Hall of Austin, a brother. A.L. Houston of Odessa five grandchildren. Morgan Cox of Tarzan, Robert Cox of Austin. Jonama C. Allen of Starton Richard Hall and Julia Hall both of Austin; and four great-

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

21th & Johnson = 267-8288

Guy Farmer, 56, died Frie Graveside services will b 10:00 AM Wednesday at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

Nita Ann Rawls 35, died Saturday. Services are pending in National City, Calif.

Guy-Talamantes, 44, died Monday, Services are pending.



Thelma Corcoran, 86 died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Tony Kennedy, vocational coordinator with FCI, presented trustees a pictorial display of the vocational programs available at the prison.

Inmates may select to study masonry, building trades, elec trical trades, computers, maintenance, heating and air conditioning, cable fabricating and computer-aided drafting, among others, he said.

We try to teach job skills to nmates so they can contribute o society when they are released, just like you and I do,' Kennedy said.

Howard College provides fulltime instructors for the programs, while FCI provides the location and the inmate stulents, he said.

Payne said studies following mates after their release are of conclusive as yet, but premanary reports indicate reciidism of inmates who receive reation training has declined. in 30 to 50 percent

In other business, Howard ollege trustees learned the district is in solid financial condition following the quarterly investment report and the year-Is audit.

Sparks contract was renewed for another two years, until 2002. following a unanimous vote by trustees. An election guide has been approved for the

GARAGE

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Judge Ben Lockhart.

Cuban boy's grandmothers leave without visiting him

MIAMI (AP) – Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers flew to Miami on Monday in hopes of meeting with their 6-year-old grandson before they return to Cuba, but the women left town without seeing the boy because of a dispute over the site of the get-together

The boy's maternal grandmother, Raquel Rodriguez, and paternal grandmother, Mariela Quintana, shunned an invitation to have dinner Monday night at the home of Elian's relatives in Miami, who insisted the meeting take place there.

The grandmothers wanted to meet privately with Elian at a neutral site. After flying in from New York, they spent about five hours at the airport before getting back on the plane and taking off for Washington, where they planned to meet with members of Congress on Tuesday.

The grandmothers left while a group including Elian's two

Counseling •Samaritan 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 1-800-329-4144. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

 Innovators in glyconutritionals are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

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FIRE/EMS

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

7:36 a.m. - 700 block W. 16th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:20 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC

- 3200 block 11:57 a.m. Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1300 block 5:32 p.m.

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while license invalid reports. Also one forgery, one indecency with a child, two possession of drugs and one sexual assault report. And eight thefts, six conve-

nience store thefts, 15 information calls, 16 arrests, one major accident and two minor accident reports.

RECORDS

Monday's high 65 Monday's low 35 Average high 59 Average low 28 Record high 83 in 1950 Record low 10 in 1930 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.41 Month's normal 0.48 Year to date 0.41 Normal for the year 0.48 Sunrise Wednesday 7:44 a.m. Sunset Wednesday 6:13 p.m.

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A powerful winter storm : churned up the East Coast today after battering the Southeast with ice and more than a foot of snow, leaving tens of thousands of people without power.

Snow began falling in New York City before the morning commute and up to 8 inches were forecast to fall across New England by tonight. The storm arrived with winds gusting to 30 mph, making it feel well below zero from New Jersey to New England.

As much as 7 inches of snow was predicted for Virginia and the Washington suburbs. Schools and businesses were closed from the Carolinas to New England, and flights were delayed or canceled across the

region. Some airports, including New York's LaGuardia and Washington Reagan National Airport, were closed.

"People kept saying 'We haven't had winter, we (haven't had) winter," said Richard Jones, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Raleigh, N.C. "I guess this will show them.

In Washington, most federal agencies were shut down. Even Andrews Air Force Base, Md., told non-essential workers to stay home.

Tiny Buffalo, S.C., seemed more like Buffalo, N.Y., after the rare winter storm dumped more than a foot of snow.

"It's just like a Christmas card," said Clorise Duncan, a retiree. "It's a pure sheet of snow, and it's just so pretty, so pretty.

day, said she spent her time wishing the snow would stop." More than 200,000 customers in North and South Carolina were without power early

today. In northeast Alabama, 12,000 people remained without power from an ice storm that hit Saturday.

In Atlanta, about 100,000 customers were still without electricity three days after a weekend ice storm left approximately 1.8 million powerless. Energy companies say it may take a few more days to restore power to everyone.

Schools were closed again today in Atlanta and a preliminary statewide damage estimate stood at \$25 million.

In the West, the biggest win-

Cynthia Vanderford, whose ter storm of the season lingered family had no power most of the across the Sierra Nevada after dumping more than 3 feet of snow. Storm warnings were issued for western Nevada and the Lake Tahoe region.

"We are very happy. We'll be 100 percent open by (today),' said Monica Bandows, spokeswoman for Heavenly Ski Resort on the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

Six-year-old James Carbia was waiting for the snow to end so he can get back to his firstgrade class at General Greene Elementary in Greensboro, N.C. Carbia made a snowman, threw snowballs with the other kids, read his favorite book and even talked his dad into making up math questions for him.

"I've done the last thing I could think of doing, and I'm starting to get bored," he said.

Gore wins big in Iowa, Bush bests Forbes, Keyes

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) -Fresh from victories in the first voting of the 2000 presidential campaign, Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush quickly turned their attention today to the contest in New Hampshire, exactly one week away.

In the caucuses Monday night, Gore piled up a yawning gap over rival Bill Bradley, and Bush faced stiff competition from second-place finisher Steve Forbes.

"Yesterday was Thank you, Iowa.' Today is 'We're ready New Hampshire," Bush said early this morning after an overnight flight to Manchester, N.H. Later, he told CBS' "Early Show" that Forbes "deserves credit for a strong second."

"I, however, had a strong first," he said.

An exuberant Gore said the competition from Bradley "is great. It's put wind in my sails and made it easier for me to get my keel deeper in the water, so to speak.

On the Republican side, with more than 97 percent of the state's 2,142 precincts reporting, Bush had 41 percent of the vote while Forbes had 30 percent. Conservative Alan Keyes had a solid third-place showing with 14 percent.

"This is not a good night for the power brokers in Washington," Forbes told cheering backers Monday night. "We broke the political rules."

Forbes argued that his showthe conservative candidate" to Feb. 1.

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serve as an alternative to the front-running Bush. It also set the stage for a three-way primary fight in New Hampshire between himself, Bush and Sen. John McCain.

McCain suggested Forbes had benefitted from a low caucus turnout, because conservatives tend to show up in larger numbers. The relatively high number of independents in New Hampshire would make for a much broader political spread here," McCain said

Trailing those three and likely facing campaign re-evaluation was Washington activist Gary Bauer at 9 percent and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch at 1 percent. McCain, the Arizona senator who skipped lowa to focus on New Hampshire, pulled 5 ^spercent of the vote.

"In my view, the game is here," McCain said from New Hampshire, where he was campaigning and where polls show him in a too-close-to-call race with Bush. "We'll find out in the next few days whether it was a wise investment."

Among Democrats, with 98 percent of the 2,131 precincts reporting, Gore had piled up a commanding 63-35 lead over Bradley after a tough caucus campaign and was hoping for a bump heading into New Hampshire.

With only 47 Democratic and 25 Republican delegates at stake in Monday's caucuses. the real prize was momentum ing means he's "emerged as for New Hampshire primaries

Parties duel over size of expected budget surpluses WASHINGTON (AP) – An Social Security, say congres- projections highlights the increased spending for defense unusual decision by Congress' immense political pressure on

top budget analyst to produce three separate surplus estimates is touching off an election-year battle between Democrats and Republicans over how much black ink there will be.

nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, is expected to release three surplus projections for the coming decade on The figure Wednesday. Congress ultimately chooses will determine how much money is available for tax cuts, spending increases and debt reduction.

Democrats are expected to embrace the smallest of three projections. That total, for the without endorsing one as the

sional aides speaking on condition of anonymity.

Republicans have not decided what to do, but many of them including Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. – seem likely to endorse a projection total-Dan Crippen, director of the ing about \$2 trillion over the period, aides said. That is about double what CBO projected last year, a figure that has grown because of the persistently strong economy.

CBO will also release a third projection which, though arrived at differently, also foresees about \$2 trillion in black ink, aides said.

It is unusual for CBO to produce multiple surplus estimates 10 years ending 2010, will be figure it believes most valid. roughly \$1 trillion excluding CBO's decision to release three

vie over rival visions of how to use the government's projected extra cash. The figure Democrats like assumes that the one-third of the \$1.7 trillion federal budget that Congress must approve every year will grow annually

the agency as the two parties

at the rate of inflation. That one-third of the budget covers everything but automatically paid benefits like Social Security and interest on the federal debt

That option assumes the most spending — with less money left over for the GOP's proposed tax cuts — than any of CBO's alternatives. It also most nearly approaches what has actually happened in recent years, as in later years than the assumplawmakers have consistently tion Republicans will use.

and many domestic programs.

The number many Republicans like assumes that the money spent on that onethird of the budget will remain frozen at roughly \$620 billion. about what is being spent this year. It assumes less spending than Democrats would like, with more money left over for tax cuts.

The third option assumes that spending limits on this portion of the budget will be obeyed. These limits have been surpassed for the past two years by tens of billions of dollars annually, and are virtually certain to be ignored again this coming year. This calculation assumes bigger surpluses for the next few years, but smaller surpluses

Surgeon general to unveil 10-year health plan for U.S. WASHINGTON (AP) - The today only 15 percent of the pop- People 2010 program will target state and local health agencies

10-year health plan for America half the number of overweight couch potatoes, particularly kids who'd rather play comput- kids. er video games than shoot baskets or run track.

It focuses on whipping kids areas – called "leading health into better shape, getting people indicators" to quit smoking, cutting drug broad range of health and, one use and pushing teens to either might argue, social concerns.

surgeon general is unveiling a ulation does – and reduce by that won't be popular with or obese children, which now stands at about 11 percent of

To get there, the surgeon general will begin measuring 10 that address a

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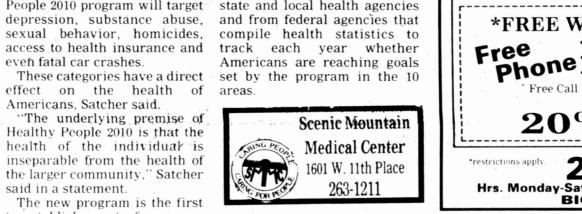
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Satcher's blueprint aims for 30 percent of Americans to exer- ing people to exercise more, the ments. The surgeon general's cise 30 minutes each day

In addition to working on traditional health goals such as Surgeon General David increasing the number of kids getting vaccinated and persuad-

the larger community," Satcher said in a statement.

The new program is the first to establish a set of measuresurgeon general's Healthy office will collect data from Hrs. Monday-Saturday10 AM-7:00 PM - Sunday 1-6 BIG SPRING MALL

Texas students to face tougher graduation test

AUSTIN (AP) - More work dents are getting the kind of will need to be done to get Texas students through a new, tougher high school graduation Nelson. test and on to college, according to the state's top education chief.

"This is probably the most critical thing we have to deal with in the next four years," said education commissioner Jim Nelson.

getting ready for the state's new graduation test — which will measure a much broader range of academic skills and be tougher to pass than the current lower-level skills in math, readexam.

"We need to make sure stu- The News

preparation they will need ... to pass that exit exam." said According to education guide-

lines approved by the Legislature last year, students entering ninth grade this fall will need to pass the new graduation exam by the time they become a senior in high school. Among the subjects covered

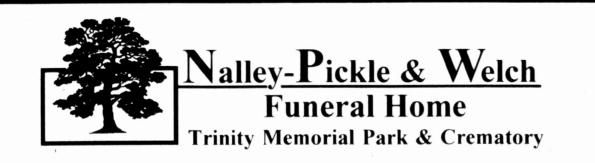
He said teachers need to start on the new test are Algebra I, geometry, English III, writing, U.S. history, biology and integrated chemistry and physics. The current test measures ing and writing, according to

"We need to do whatever we can to enhance junior high and high school preparation,' Nelson said. One cause of the problem, Nelson said, is the large num-

ber of junior high and high school teachers who are not certified in subjects they teach. Last year, 20.5 percent of high school teachers and 22.8 percent of junior high teachers were not certified.

Nelson also pointed to the high attrition rate among teachers

Studies indicate that about 50 percent of Texas teachers leave the profession within their first five years on the job.



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OUR VIEWS

Time is running out to pay taxes without penalty

s the introduction to the television shows says, "like sands in the hourglass ..." And nothing is more true than the fact time is running out to pay your property taxes. In fact, Monday at 5 p.m. is the final moment you can either pay in person or postmark your payment letter to avoid penalties.

The Howard County tax assessor's office collects taxes for all of the taxing entities in Howard County including local school districts as well as the respective municipalities the junior college and the county itself.

The monies generated by the various taxes — along with monies collected by the entities themselves for the various services they may provide – help pay for the operation of the organization.

Historically, Howard County taxpayers have paid their taxes well — and on time.

And on time is a key point here, because with the arrival of Feb. 1, the penalties begin to kick in on the taxes owed.

If a property owner hasn't paid their respective taxes by mid-summer, the penalties and legal fees could add up to as much as 33 percent of the initial tax-bill

The only problem, however, is that the penalties are compounded - 7 percent in February, but 9 percent in March on the original bill plus the penalty. When all is said and done, an unpaid tax bill that was initially \$400 could grow to as much as \$895 by the time all penalties are added – so, it's a lot easier and a lot less expensive to pay your tax bill on time!

Pay equity scheme has little chance of passing

hy shouldn't women soccer players earn as much as their

male counterparts, especially when the U.S. women's team are world

question into

for his new fight for pay equity legislation in

On Monday, President Clinton enlisted World Cup women's soccer champion midfielder Michelle Akers in his effort to pass a \$27 million fed eral Equal Pay Initiative. Akers' teammates on the cham pionship U.S. women's soccer team are currently embroiled in a bitter wage dispute with the U.S. Soccer Federation. which has proposed paying the women champions less than their male counterparts currently earn.

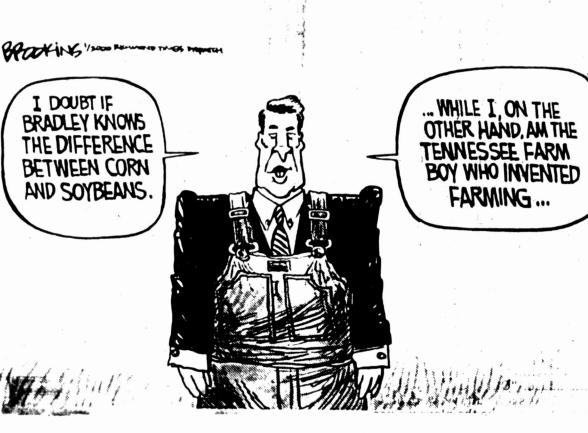
President Clinton wants to

convince the public that women's earnings should equal men's - they don't now. falling short about 25 cents on the dollar to men's wages on average. And what better example to show how unfair the system is than to trot out Akers, whose pluck and skill helped make her team world champions but couldn't guaran tee her equal pay?

Unfair it may be, but then, fairness has almost nothing to do with what determines wages which is why President Clinton's campaign is likely to

fail. For years now, feminists and their Democrat allies in Congress have proposed various schemes to ensure "pay equity" between men and women. Of course, equal pay for equal work is already the law of the land. Since 1963, the Equal Pay Act has made it illegal for an employer to pay a female worker less than her male counterpart, so long as they are performing the same job. But it is not illegal for employers to pay different wages to employees who perform different jobs, even if the jobs seem in some way comparable.

If, for example, a company employs both computer software programmers, who are



mostly men, and librarians, who are mostly women, nothing in the law now mandates that the employer pay them the same wages. But "pay equity" advocates would like to change that. They argue that workers should be compensated based on their education, experience, nesponsibility and working conditions. If programmers and librarians measure the same on these criteria, then, their pay should be equal. Any pay differential that favors the mostly male programmers must be discrimination, according to the feminists. Of course, the feminists and Democrat politicians who make this claim probably haven't tried to hire any software programmers lately. If they did, they would quickly find that the supply of those trained to program software can't keep up with the demand, which is why employers are willing to pay a premium for programmers' ser-

gender. On the other hand, there are more women - and men with degrees in library science than there are jobs to accommodate them, which is why their salaries remain lower than they might deserve. Sex doesn't have anything to do

vices, no matter what their

with it.

But what about soccer players? Those marvelous women who won the World Cup last July were performing the same job as the men, only doing it better. So, why shouldn't they make at least as much money as their male counterparts? Well, maybe they should. And if they can generate the same enthusiasm and audience for their future games as they did last summer, I'm betting they will, eventually.

For now, the U.S. Soccer Federation, which employs both teams, claims the men's team generated about \$4.1 million last year to the women's \$1.6 million. In essence, that's the current market for the two teams, which could change if the women keep outperforming and out-drawing the men. If so, the federation would be foolhardy to keep the women's wages lower, especially if it means the best players refuse to play, as about 20 of the champion players have during this labor dispute.

Michelle Akers and her teammates would be better off placing their faith in the market to reward their skills than in some bureaucratic "pay equity" scheme that has little chance of passing.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for printing my letter about the dangers law enforcement officers face and the need for the State of Texas to assist in paying them a living wage. Because you chose to inform the public, the message has gone out. Citizens from your county have requested petitions. Our "posse" is gathering signatures to support salary increases for law enforcement officers

The greatest obstacles are those who question why the state should compensate local or county officers. Do you realize that 100 percent of arrests by county deputies are for violations of the Texas Penal Code? Some 90 percent of citations by city or town police are for violations of the Texas Penal Code. Only 10 percent of their arrests are for violations of local ordinances. The State of Texas is getting a good deal, and it is not costing the state a dime.

Do you know that in 1999, the Texas Legislature passed legislation to compensate two locally elected county officials? HB 1123 says that a

county judge who does not practice private law, and who spends 40 percent of his time on judicial cases, is given a \$10,000 yearly subsidy from the state. Similarly, HB 804 gives some county attorneys a \$33,900 yearly state subsidy. These two are being compensated because their efforts are necessary to execute the law. The state legislature has now set a precedent to compensate county officers. Why aren't they willing to compensate those who enforce the law, those who put their lives on the line? It takes

both law enforcement officers and judicial officers to provide a safe environment.

Our "posse" is growing. We want to invite more of your citizens to join. E-mail me at mailto:bharpermurphy@hotmail.com or write me at P.O. Box 102; Fort Stockton; 79735.

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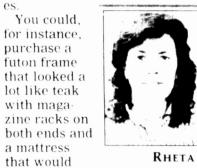
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Incompetent shall inherit the earth

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the futon lady insisted I hear her entire spiel. There were, she explained in a savvy singsong, many choices. Varving styles, frame stains and mattress-

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you could select a mattress cover from a wall full of different patterns, materials and prices.

I listened, but longed for the Good Old Days when buying a futon meant leaving the store with a mattress filled with cotton batting and tied up with rope

I chose the simplest thing I could find – it was, after all, a bed for a spare room and an occasional guest — and the saleswoman said she'd check her warehouse to make sure my choice was available.

The "warehouse" turned out to be a trailer in the parking lot. I backed the pickup to the mobile storage, and a young fellow threw a torn box in the bed.

"Is it all there?" I asked, looking suspiciously at the hole-y box.

checked eåch box. You can guess the rest of the story. After a long drive home I discovered that none of the bolts and screws was in the box, and without them, 1,000 choices in color and style did-

n't matter one whit. I thought of that recent experience when I read a New York Times story about incompetents. A Cornell psychology professor has found that the world is full of incompetent people, and that most of them. do not suspect they are incompetent.

"One reason the ignorant also tend to be the blissfully self-assured," the story said, "is that the skills required for competence often are the same skills necessary to recognize competence.

Now you may know what they say about the social sciences. Anything "discovered" in the social sciences is usually either obvious or untrue.

Ithink this incompetency business is obvious. Have you ever heard a caller to talk radio who was either witty or politically astute?

Why does the most off-key singer in a congregation sing the loudest?

Some of us question ourselves at every turn, which the Cornell psychologist believes is a good thing. We are wracked with reasonable doubt about our intellect, appearance, talent and literacy. We know how little we know.

Not the incompetent. He has no clue. Therefore he cracks the most jokes, offers the most

political observations, gives tips on everything from stocks to home furnishings.

But there's another fairly obvious thing the story didn't mention. And that's the fact that in today's world, incompetency is frequently rewarded. Maybe those who know little and think they know lots have every reason to be confident of success. In this society, they are sure to rise to the top.

Self-assurance seems infinitely more useful than actual knowledge in the work world of 2000. The glib have a real advantage in a shallow society. They call and run meetings, dress for success and write mean memos. They look and sound satisfying to bosses who too often wouldn't recognize a real workhorse if he showed up and neighed.

You get ahead at Futon World by making a sale, not by making sure the nuts and bolts are in the box.

In the social world, the same is true. Confidence is a lot more important at a dinner party than intellect or practical ability. A bon vivant beats a plumber or a scholar every time.

Computers, of course, exponentially compound incompetence, magnify and amplify stupid mistakes. Incompetents love them.

So, if the Cornell study is true, and my corollary holds, we can look forward to a new century in this old world run by confident, well-paid incompetents.

The screws are loose. They're not in the box.

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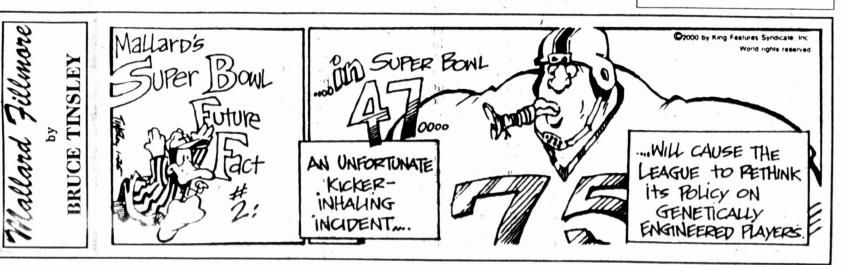
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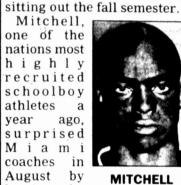
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IN BRIEF

Mitchell makes return to University of Miami

Former Big Spring High School football and track star Tory Mitchell has returned to the University of Miami after



leaving the school prior to the first day of

The former state and national high school sprint champion returned to Miami and enrolled for the spring semester and is currently working out with the Hurricanes track team, according to Miami assistant sports information director Phil de Montmolin.

He is also expected to take, part in spring football drills.

Stewart second overall in gymnastics showcase

Stephanie Stewart, a Level 10 gymnast for the Big Spring Sidewinders YMCA Gymnastics Team, finished second in the all-around standings Saturday at the 2000 Dawg Days Classic at the University of Georgia.

The only gymnast from Texas entered in the event, Stewart competed against athletes from Ohio, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and several New England states.

She finished first on the uneven parallel bars with a 9.55 score, was third in floor exercise with a 9.275, fourth in the vault with a 9.4 and sixth on the balance beam with an 8.825.

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Virginia back among the nation's elite in women's Top 25

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Virginia women's basketball is back in its accustomed place — the Top 25.

The Cavaliers, who before this season had appeared in 175 consecutive polls, returned to the rankings Monday at No. 25.

"It's an honor to be ranked and noticed by our peers, and with that honor comes a responsibility," Virginia coach Debbie Ryan said. "This team is ready to handle

poll, however, Virginia had a 10-game winning streak broken by an 85-74 loss at Kent.

Another newcomer, Stanford, returned to the poll at No. 24 after being ranked for three weeks early in the season.

Connecticut (17-0) remained a unani-

Just hours after being voted into the

mous choice for No. 1 after rolling to three more victories by comfortable margins. But there's a new team at No. 2. Louisiana Tech (13-2) moved into that spot in place of Tennessee (14-3), which fell to fourth after its worst defeat in more than 15 years, 78-51 at Georgia.

Georgia (19-2) also beat Georgia Tech and then-No. 10 Auburn and jumped four places to third.

Virginia's run in the rankings ended when the Cavaliers did not make the first poll this season. They started 4-4, then lost one of their best players when junior guard Erin Stovall left the team for personal reasons.

But the remaining players rallied around each other and ran off the 10 straight wins.

"When it initially happened, I got the message on my answering machine and my heart sank, no question about that." Ryan said. "Quite honestly, we were going to miss Erin the player and Erin the person.

"But the players said to me not to worry. They were going to take care of things if I could just spend some time with them on the defensive end. That made me think, wow, these players know what they're talking about. They know what they want to accomplish. They had no fear.'

During its winning streak, Virginia scored fewer than 70 points only once. The Cavaliers now lead the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring and they're the league's hottest shooting team.

Virginia also has gotten a big lift from 6-foot-3 freshman Schuye LaRue, who leads the ACC in field-goal percentage and leads the team in scoring and rebounding.

"Schuye is somebody we need a lot on the interior to score for us." Rvan said. "She's somebody that can rebound the basketball, and she's really picked up on our defense. She's learning how to handle the physical aspect of the game."

Notre Dame held at No. 5 in the poll and Iowa State climbed two spots to sixth, matching its highest ranking. Penn State fell three spots to seventh after losing at Michigan State.

North Carolina State, Duke and UCLA completed the Top Ten. North Carolina State beat Duke in overtime but lost to Virginia and Texas and fell two places.

Auburn was 11th and LSU 12th. Then it was Rutgers, Texas Tech, UC Santa Barbara, Old Dominion and Purdue, followed by Arizona, Boston College and Mississippi State.

Illinois. Tulane, Oklahoma, Stanford and Virginia held the final five places. Illinois fell eight spots, the biggest drop in the poll, after losing to Michigan and Purdue.

Stanford (11-4) has won nine of its last 10 after a 2-3 start that included a 28point loss at St. Joseph's.

Hawks workmanlike in win over Odessa

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports, Editor

ODESSA – It took a couple of minutes for Howard College's Hawks to get things in gear offensively Monday night, but once they did, Odessa College's Wranglers could only try and catch up. They never did.

Although the Wranglers did make one impressive run midway through the second half, Howard simply had too many guns for Odessa to handle and the Hawks rolled to a 77-63 win in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) action.

As a result, the Hawks improved to 12-8 on the season and 4-1 in conference play, sharing second place in the WJCAC standings with South Plains' Texans, who dropped a 75-70 decision to College's league-leading Midland Chaparrals.

"We struggled some offensively at times, but I really didn't think they could cover us, and as it turned out, they couldn't," a satisfied Howard head coach Tommy Collins said following the workmanlike victory.

"The real difference was our defense," Collins added. "Our pressure just wore them down. As a result, we were able to come back and make the plays we needed to make down the stretch. The key to the Hawks success, and Garden City's junior high ultimately to Collins' satisfaction with Lady Bearkats took a pair of his team's overall play, was improved wins Monday night from concentration. "They were able to make that come-The evening's opener saw back in the second half, scoring points the Lady 'Kats "B" team take off our breakdowns to some extent," he a 26-16 win behind Rebecca noted, "but overall our concentration Cmereck's seven points. was better tonight. We had some lapses, In the "A" game, the Lady but we had our heads in the game more Kats improved their record to and that made a big difference. 12-0 with a 30-11 win From the outset, it looked as if the Jessica Hoch paced Garden Hawks might struggle with the upstart City with 13 points. Wranglers, as Odessa jumped out to a quick lead on three-point shots by Junior high Lady Steers Keyron Wilkerson and Maurice Turner, win three of four games but when Wilkerson scored from close range at the 15:36 mark for an 8-4 lead, **Big Spring Junior High's** Howard's defense took control. Lady Steers took three wins in The Wranglers would not score again against for almost four minutes, while the Sweetwater on Monday night. Hawks rattled off eight straight to take a The seventh-grade "B" team 12-8 lead. took a 31-15 win geind April The two teams traded buckets for a Salazar's eight points, while couple of minutes before the Hawks the seventh "A" team dropped went on an 11-2 run that turned a 16-14 a 27-23 decision, despite lead into a 27-16 advantage. Carissa Mattson's 10 points. Howard maintained that 11-point lead The eighth-grade "B" team to the halftime break, entering the lockrolled to a 40-11 win behind erroom with a 37-26 edge. cierra Butler's 10 points, Odessa would fall behind by 13 in the while Leina Braxton scored 21 early stages of the second half, but with in the eighth "A" team's 35-17 16:44 left in the game, began a lengthy run at the Hawks, pulling to within four All four teams fared well in at 55-51 with 8:05 showing on the scoretheir own tournament over board clock. the weekend, the seventh "B' The Wranglers would not score anothwon its division, while the er field goal for 51/2 minutes, however, others were runners-up. and the Hawks would all but ice the game with a 15-1 run behind the play of **AREA GAMES** freshmen Steve Bonner and Vasilis Tsimpliaridis and sophomores Derrick Franklin, Darryl Martin and Donald 'Yogi" Ceasar. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Lady Hawks suffer upset loss, 66-58, to Lady Wranglers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

ODESSA - Sooner or later, it had to happen.

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered their first loss to Odessa College's Lady Wranglers since the mid 1980s Monday night, and in the process relinquished sole possession of first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) women's basketball standings.

In the aftermath, Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry was offering no excuses for the 66-58 loss.

"Odessa just whipped us ... they wanted it more than we did," Mayberry said after seeing the Lady Hawks squander a seven-point halftime lead.

"You've got to give Odessa credit for that, though," he added. "They took us out of everything we wanted to do. They did a great job of running that 3-2 matchup zone in the second half ... forcing us to take outside shots and we didn't make inem. After getting off to a somewhat cold start and falling behind 6-0 in the first three minutes of the game, the Lady Hawks quickly took control when Koretha Johnson and Ashanti Nix nailed a couple of three-point shots. From there the Lady Hawks began pounding the ball inside; giving posts Caryn Ross, Grace Gantt and Yolanda Grant chances to score. In the process, Howard put Lady Wranglers posts Breanna Evans and Kim Cole in foul trouble. But in creating foul problems for Odessa's posts, the Lady Hawks ultimately put themselves in jeopardy. While the Lady Hawks would lose their lead with 14:42 remaining in the game, they did manage to pull even at 53-all and even took a brief 56-55 lead with 7:08 remaining when Nix hit her second three-point shot of the evening. But for the remainder of the night, the Lady Hawks would go scoreless from the field, their final two points coming when Nix hit a pair of free throws with one minute left on the clock. Gantt finished with a game-high 12 points for the Lady Hawks, while Nix had 10. Grant and Koretha Johnson each chipped in nine more. That was not enough to keep the Lady Wranglers from improving their record to 14-7 overall, and more importantly. pull into a three-way tie with the Lady Hawks and Midland's Lady Chaparrals for the WJCAC lead.

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Charlotte Hornets, TNT, Ch. 28. 7:30 p.m. — Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

The result was a 70-52 lead and from there the Hawks simply coasted to the win.

Bonner, who'd done much of his dam-

Once again, the Los Angeles Lakers

Stockton had 18 points, 15 assists and

had no answer for Utah's duo of John

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as the Jazz stayed close. nine rebounds, and Karl Malone scored "(Malone) was just in a rhythm and 31 as the Jazz outlasted the Los Angeles when he gets in a rhythm, it's tough to Lakers 105-101 in double overtime stop him," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "That's experience for you." Los Stockton, who has never had a triple

Angeles' Glen Rice said. "A lot of times experience can beat you, regardless of how much talent you have. They're one of the most experienced teams in the league and they find ways to win."

The Jazz, who lost the first two meetings of the season to the Lakers, have

HERALD photo/lim Flerro

Howard College freshman Steve Bonner collides with a Midland College player during the Hawks' conference loss Jan. 13 in Midland. Bonner scored a game-high 21 points in the Hawks' 77-63 road win over Odessa College's Wranglers on Monday.

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Monday's Results Odessa 66, Howard 58: Midland 80, South Plains 47 New

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Mexico JC 87, New Mexico Military 82; Frank Phillips 80 Thursday's Gamer

In other games, it was New York 112,

In Salt Lake City, Quincy Lewis scored

Seattle 106; Chicago 83, Indiana 82;

Denver 110, Vancouver 98; and Portland

six points in the second overtime and

Stockton added four as the Jazz sent the

Lakers to their fourth loss in the last six

Shaquille O'Neal lead all scorers with

"We needed to get the ball off the

36 points and played 55 minutes but

perimeter. Of course I'm disappointed I

Bryant had 26 points on 9-of-24 shoot-

didn't get the ball much in the over-

scored just four points after regulation.

Stockton, Malone team up to lead Jazz in win over Lakers give it their all against these guys (the ing and Rice added 20 for the Lakers.

Knicks 112, SuperSonics 106

One night after criticizing his teammates for their lack of hustle and toughness, Gary Payton got himself ejected late in the first quarter of a loss in New York

Payton had to be restrained by his teammates as he stormed after referee Ted Bernhardt, who whistled him for two technical fouls. The Sonics, playing with the passion that Payton had complained was missing, kept the game close the rest of the way but still suffered their third straight defeat.

Allan Houston scored 27 points, Latrell Sprewell had 24 and Patrick Ewing added 18 for the Knicks.

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Odessa, scoring 16 points, while swingman Willie Puckett was the Wranglers' only other player to finish in double fig-The Hawks now prepare to play host to Clarendon at 8 p.m. Thursday in

age with 13 points in the first half, fin- all and 1-4 conference mark into that ished with a game-high 21 points for the Hawks, while Franklin added 11 and Ceasar contributed 10 more. HAWKS 77. Freshman post Kresimir Tomorad

Maurice Turner led the way for

exico JC 62, Western Texas 57; Clarendon 71, Frank Phillips

knocked Los Angeles out of the playoffs

two of the past three years — led by

They teamed up again Monday night.

big shots throughout the fourth quarter

double in his 16 seasons, matched his

career high in rebounds with nine and

"I don't really pay much attention to

the statistics," Stockton said. "I am more

happy about the contributions we got

from everyone. We needed everybody to

played a season-high 47 minutes.

Malone grabbed 13 rebounds and made

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*****Friends seek you out. Your convivial style seems to draw out the best in others. You can count on the unexpected. Seek out what you need in the midst of confusion. Your sense of direction brings organization when others flounder.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

****Get into work. Deal with fast changes in your customary manner. Others trust you to be even and levelheaded when they can't be. Listen to another's chatter. Be direct in your dealings. Incorporate others' ideas. Work as a team. Tonight:

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*****Yc ir creativity knows no limits. Use your imagination. Reach out for others. Take charge. Unexpected news from a distance jolts you. You can turn this issue around. A new relationship piques your imagination. Tonight: Make the most

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***You are anchored, where another might be full of confusion. Listen to a partner, whose solidity helps. Check in and find out what is going on with a loved one. You can be sure it's much more than you know. Keep priorities in mind. Tonight: A cozy nig ht at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Talk up a storm. Reach out for others. Unexpected news comes from a trusted associate. You might be surprised by what you hear. Keep communication open; don't make judgments just yet. Let others reveal their ideas. Tonight: Loving the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Work-related issues keep you hopping and thinking. Brainstorm with co-workers, but don't be surprised if somehow your wallet empties, as a result! Guard your finances. Remain direct about your personal boundaries. Family is supportive. Tonight: Indu lge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*****You are high-voltage, and others let you know just how much you trigger them. Sparks could fly with a child, but if you give him space to make decisions, everything will fall into place. A new person on the scene might be fascinating. Still, check him out carefully. Tonight: Beam in what you want

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Make home life your highest priority. Don't ignore the immediate. Stay centered when others create uproar. Be honest with yourself about something that no longer works in your life. You are an endless source of ideas. Tonight: Take a night off

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*****Aim for what you want. Change direction if necessary. Unexpected news keeps you hopping. Keep talks going, even if there are many ups and downs. Gather important information. You might need to regroup. A meeting proves to be significant. Tonight: Having a party, wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

****Your intuition serves you well with funds. Take a stronger stand at work. Deal with unexpected and unusual demands. Another covets what you have. Be willing to say no. You can be sure that your view is very different than co-workers'. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****You could be brusque when dealing with another and could inadvertently hurt his feelings. Make it a point to empathize more frequently. Imagine what it is like to walk in another's shoes. Accept an invitation, especially if it helps you grow. Tonig ht: A friend reverses course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***Let another guide you. You learn a lot about someone by letting him take command. Bosses prove to be testy, and they want everything their way. Let it be your pleasure to give others their way. Someone might reverse his stand out of the blue. Tonight : Curl up with a good book.

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DEAR ABBY: In 1989, my ... If you can swallow hard nephew Bryan and his fiancee enough to push away the fear, And say yes to the question accident. He was only 21 years that no one wants to hear, Then you will add a ray of hope when there's nothing left but crying. And become the "gentle link" between the living and the dving I believe that you'll find comfort though your heart has been laid raw, In offering hope to someone else who prays and waits in awe. Until it's done, you can't know how or whom your words will bless. But hundreds more will find new life if you will answer 'ves. DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Still Laughing in Dallas," regarding the whistle and the obscene telephone calls, reminded me of my own experience. My husband was on active duty and was often away from home. During those periods I would receive phone calls on an irregular basis. It seemed that this person would wait until about 10 minutes after I had gone to bed, then call and not say anything. It did not matter what time I went to bed. The only thing the police suggested was to change my phone number or keep a whistle handy. I decided that the whistle would wake my children and might push the caller into something more aggressive. Finally, one evening I had enough. I told the caller that if he would just speak to me, we could have a wonderful conversation. Did he know what it was like to be cooped up with two kids under the age of 4 for days on end without another adult to converse with? Changing diapers, cleaning up smeared food all over the table and chairs? I kept talking about the children and then I heard a "click." Never another phone call. Abby, I BORED the person into leaving me alone. FRANKLY BORING IN FOL-SOM. CALIF. DEAR FRANKLY: You may consider yourself "frankly boring," but I consider you to be a frankly intelligent woman who solved a difficult problem with a dose of reality. Thank you for an interesting letter.

could she refuse? In the days to follow she wrestled with the thought of standing in front of a group of strangers and pouring out the horrible story. She decided she needed to jot down something that could be read for her in case she fell apart. In the space of an hour, the enclosed poem is what God's grace allowed her to express. Perhaps you will feel it's worth sharing with your readers. - RON BELSHE,

RICHARDSON, TEXAS DEAR RON: I offer my condolences for the tragedy that took your nephew and his fiancee. Your sister's poem is certainly worthy of space in this column. Read on:

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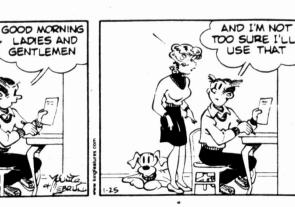
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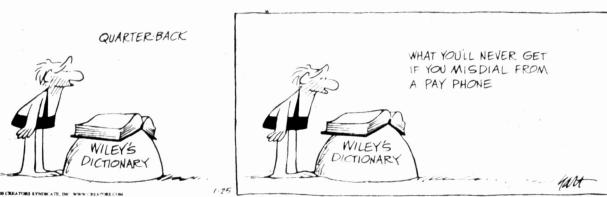
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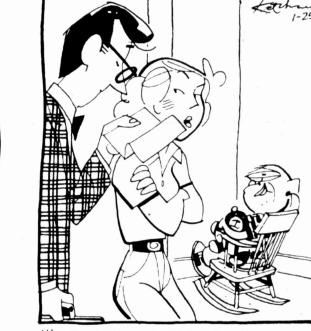
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In 1533, England's King On Jan. 25, 1890, reporter Henry VIII secretly married Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) Anne Boleyn, who later gave

birth to Elizabeth I. In 1787, Shays' Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service. In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor. In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48. In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707. In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television. In 1980, Finance Minister Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was elected president of Iran. In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States. Ten years ago: An Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, N.Y.; 73 of the 161 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67. Five years ago: The defense gave its opening statement in the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, saying Simpson was the victim of a "rush to judgment" by authorities who had mishandled evidence and ignored witnesses. One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the 2000 census could not'use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy. A Louisville, Ky., man received the first hand transplant in the United States. Jury selection began in Jasper, Texas, in the trial of John William King, charged in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. A powerful earthquake rocked Colombia, killing more than 1,000 people. Today's Birthday's: Journalistauthor Edwin Newman is 81. Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze is 72. Actor Dean Jones is 69. Corazon Aquino, former Philippines president, is 67. Blues singer Etta James is 62. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 57. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 56. Actress Dinah Manoff is 42. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 34.



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