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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 28°-30° WEDNESDAY 38°-42°

Readers invited to help locate heroes, characters

The Herald is encouraging its readers to participate in this year's Progress Edition, "Heroes and Characters of the Crossroads."

Specifically, we are looking for people who have made some type of impact on others in the Crossroads Area, through their kindness, wit, talent, determination or other traits.

If there is someone you consider to be a hero or a character, submit that person's name to the Herald in writing. Be sure and explain why you think he or she should be included in this special, four-section edition. Also include information so that we may get in touch with you, as well as the person's name you submit. The person you submit may be living or deceased.

The Herald will select individuals from those submitted to feature in the special edition, which will be published in late March.

All names must be submitted in writing no later than Feb. 18 and either brought to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Parent-Teacher Organization of Big Spring Junior High School meets 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- 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.
- 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 Room.
- 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, Hermans, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes.

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UIL's biennial realignment moves schools around in West Texas

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Texas' University Interscholastic League, the governing body of high school athletics in the state, made one of its most drastic changes ever Tuesday in regards to a district including Big Spring.

The UIL, which realigns schools every two years, moved Big Spring from the six-team District 5-4A into an eight-team District 4-4A that stretches from San Angelo on the south to Plainview on the north — a distance of 240 miles.

The new district includes former 5-4A members Big Spring, Lake View, Andrews and Snyder and adds Plainview, Levelland, Lubbock Estacado and Wolfforth Frenship.

Three of those schools — Plainview, Estacado and Frenship — were all on the 1999 Steer schedule. Both Plainview and Frenship made the playoffs.

Big Spring athletic director Dwight

WEST TEXAS FOOTBALL DISTRICTS

CLASS 4A

District 4 — Andrews; Big Spring; Levelland; Lubbock Estacado; Plainview; San Angelo Lake View; Snyder; Wolfforth Frenship.

CLASS 3A

District 4 — Alpine; Crane; Fort Stockton; Kermit; Monahans; Presidio.
District 5 — Abilene Wylie; Ballinger; Clyde; Early; Merkel; Sweetwater.

CLASS 2A

District 3 — Coahoma; Colorado City Colorado; Forsan; Plains; Seagraves; Stanton.

CLASS 1A

District 9 — Garden City; Robert Lee; Roby; Roscoe; Rotan; Sterling City.

SIX-MAN

District 6 — Borden Co.; Hermleigh; Ira; Loraine; Highland; Westbrook.

District 7 — Sands; Grandfalls-Royalty; Imperial Buena Vista; Klondike; Grady; Loop.

Butler was in Lubbock at a regional realignment meeting and was unavailable for comment.

Dropping enrollments took two long-time Big Spring foes — Sweetwater and Fort Stockton — away.

Fort Stockton will now compete in District 4-3A with Alpine, Crane, Kermit, Monahans and Presidio while Sweetwater will be in District 5-3A with Abilene Wylie, Ballinger, Clyde, Early and Merkel.

Either school could have petitioned the UIL to allow it to continue to compete in Class 4A, but neither did.

Another area school, Colorado City, dropped from Class 3A to Class 2A and will now compete in District 3-2A with Coahoma, Forsan, Plains, Seagraves and Stanton.

The realignment is the first time in a number of years that all of the area Class 2A schools have been placed in the same district.

In Class A, Garden City remains aligned with Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan and Sterling City in District 9. The Bearcats will continue to compete in Region II.

There was movement in the area's

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Big Spring Police officers Jay Fryer, left, and Cpls. Gilbert Barraza and Sid Brunson responded to a house alarm in the 1800 block of Johnson earlier today. The officers were attempting to locate a resident of the home to make certain everything was OK.

Snow?

Winter storm watch issued today, tonight for Crossroads Area

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A winter storm watch is in effect for Big Spring, Snyder and Colorado City today and tonight, and forecasters are predicting two to four inches of snow.

"This winter storm watch covers Big Spring, Big Lake, Colorado City, Snyder and other parts in the area. We should see rain developing this morning and moving across the area and changing to snow late afternoon," said Ray Fagen, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland.

Today's high temperature is expected to hover under 40 degrees, with 38 degrees predicted. Tonight, the temperatures should drop, just below freezing, to 30 degrees, Fagen said.

"With the cloud cover today, we shouldn't see today's temperatures vary all that much. We're getting this blast of cold air because finally that upper level jet stream that has been sitting along the U.S.—Canadian border has moved down," Fagen said.

Although rain and snow will be a relief from the dry climate

Big Spring has experienced this past year, Fagen said snow is not the answer to the drought.

"It takes much more snow to equal an inch of rain. There is a 10-to-1 ratio, so that is takes one inch of snow to equal one-tenth inch of rain," he said.

And although the cold weather and winter storm watch continue the recent cooler temperatures, Fagen said ultimately, the winter of 2000 will prove to be milder than usual.

"Overall, as winter moves into spring, we'll see that it has been dryer than normal and warmer than normal," he said.

Normal temperatures for this time of year are 58 degrees for a high and 30 degrees for a low.

A record high temperature was set in 1963, when the mercury hit 80 degrees. And a record low was set in 1985, when the temperature dipped to minus 8 degrees, he said.

"We will be looking at warmer temperatures by this weekend," Fagen said.

By Thursday, temperatures should rise back into the 60s, he said.

"Once this system moves east, by Wednesday afternoon, we should see temperatures back into the 50s and 60s," he said.

Local business receives 'shot in arm' from Moore Development directors

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A local Big Spring businessman received what he called "a shot in the arm" on Monday when directors of Moore Development for Big Spring approved his request for a \$15,000 no-interest loan.

Kevin Rich, owner of Commercial Cabinets, requested a matching fund loan from the board in order to purchase new equipment needed for the further growth of the four year old business.

The board approved a \$15,000 no interest loan that is repayable in five years.

According to Rich, a 30-year-

old Big Spring native, the loan will be a definite shot in the arm for his business.

"We are still a young business but we just recently hired four people and we are intending on hiring a couple more later, probably by March," Rich stated. "I certainly appreciate the board approving the loan and for the support they have given us."

Rich says his business manufactures commercial cabinets for schools, hospitals, and other facilities.

Board president Charles Beil was glad the board was able to help the young entrepreneur.

"First of all, this is the sort of thing the board was established

for is to help generate new business or to help older ones expand," stated Beil.

"Second of all, it delights me to no end to be able to help give a boost to our young businessmen because that's what it's all about," Beil concluded.

The action came during the board's regular meeting, held in the board room of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The only other action on the agenda was routine business, including the approval of the 1998-1999 audit, which will now be sent to the city council.

The next scheduled meeting for the agency is set for Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Coahoma man killed when trapped between drilling rigs

HERALD Staff Report

James Gunn, 37, of Coahoma, was killed Sunday when he was crushed between two drilling rigs that were being moved in a work yard located at 2410 N. Anderson Street.

According to the Howard County Sheriff's Department, a 911 call was received at 7:45 a.m. Sunday in regards to the accident. Gunn was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he later died.

According to chief deputy Kerry Fritz, Gunn was caught between two drilling rigs that were being moved and the drivers of the rigs were unaware that he was there. No charges are pending.

Arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



James Darling with the city of Big Spring removes debris from a water main repair on Main Street earlier today. The pipe was damaged when city workers began street repairs near the intersection of Main and 11th Street.

Local Alzheimer group to hold caregiver series

CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Howard County Advisory Committee of the Alzheimer's Association will be presenting a caregiver series entitled "Taking Away the Car Keys" at 7 p.m. next Tuesday.

The presentation will be given by Sgt. Lee Everett of the Big Spring Police Department and Janice Wagner, a registered nurse from Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The event will take place at the Marcy House, located at 2301 Wasson Road.

The caregiver series is being sponsored by the Greater West

Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. It is open to the public and there is no charge.

According to Vicki Cole, chairman of the Howard County Advisory Committee, the presentation should be interesting and worthwhile.

"We give these caregiver series' on a quarterly basis on various topics in order to help better educate the public. This particular series happens to be on Alzheimers, a growing concern for those in the caregiving profession," said Cole.

Everett explained he would be there to provide support from

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OBITUARIES

Don Sweeden

Graveside service for Don Sweeden, 63, Midland, was 2 p.m. today in the Fairview Cemetery, Midland.

Mr. Sweeden died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1936, in Gorman. He married Sandra J. Thompson on June 19, 1976.

Survivors include: his wife, Sandra Sweeden of Midland; several children; his mother, Nettie Sweeden of Midland; a brother, Chuck Macke of Big Spring; several grandchildren; seven nieces; and four nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland; P.O. Box 2621; Midland; 79702.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Dorras Burns

Memorial service for Dorras Mae Anderson Burns, 74, wife of a former Big Spring resident, was 10 a.m. today, at the First Methodist Church of Burleson.

Mrs. Burns died Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at Huguley Memorial Hospital.

She was born on April 15, 1925, in Port Arthur. She married Sam L. Burns on June 29, 1947, in Houston.

Survivors include: her husband, Sam L. Burns of Burleson; two daughters, Georgia Olivier of Mansfield, and Sammie Ferguson of Whitney; a sister, June Rhodes of Houston; a brother, Bruce Anderson of Houston; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Benbrook Funeral Home, Benbrook.

Melba Huddleston

Funeral service for Melba J. Huddleston, 77, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church in Snyder, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Huddleston died Sunday, Jan. 30, in a Lubbock hospital.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1922, in Erath County. She married R.C. Huddleston on Aug. 27, 1966, in Amarillo. She lived in Snyder the past 10 years and in Amarillo for 27 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Avenue D Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include: her husband, R.C. Huddleston of Snyder; one son, R.C. Huddleston Jr. of Skytook, Okla.; her mother, Hazel Haynes of Wink; five brothers, Marshall Haynes of Wink,

Roscoe Haynes of Andrews, Billy Don Haynes of Violet Hill, Ark., Leon Haynes of Pearidge, Ark., and Jimmy Haynes of Seagraves; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Joe Wayne Land

Joe Wayne Land, 60, Coahoma, passed away on Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at his home following a short term illness.

Service will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Land was born on May 11, 1939, in Troup. He served in the U.S. Navy from May of 1956 to May of 1960 on the USS Missouri.

Mr. Land married Betsy Rawson on March 4, 1983, in Lovington, N.M. He was an oil-field equipment operator for Safety Lifts, Inc., at the time of his illness. He was previously employed at Big Spring State Hospital and Howard College as a painter and later became a contract painter. Mr. Land had been a lifelong resident of Howard County and was a Baptist.

He loved sports and supported the Coahoma Bulldogs and Howard College Hawks. He was a very outgoing person, met many people and was a friend to all.

He is survived by: his wife, Betsy Land of Coahoma; one daughter, Raunda Jo Smith and husband Wayne of Kilgore; one stepson, Jeff Rawson of Baltimore, Md.; two grandchildren, Derek Boyd and Kristen Dillard of Kilgore; one brother, Billy Gene Land and wife, Dee of San Angelo; three sisters, Gwen Burchell, Lazell McCurtain and husband, Jim, all of Big Spring, Gail Briggs and husband Charles of Marble Falls; three nieces, Melody Conner, Denise Iden and Tammy Ochoa, all of Big Spring; three nephews, Roger Burchell and Billy Osborn, both of Big Spring, and Bobby Osborn of Silsbee; two aunts, Mabel Cook and Rita Allen, both of Tyler; and numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Pierce Land and his mother, Ethel Louise Smith Land, one son, Thomas Wayne Land on Oct. 18, 1995, and one brother, J.C. Land.

Pallbearers will be Pat Grigg, Neil Rhinehart, Prentice Gamble, Joe Gamble, Larry Pherigo, Z.B. Rhinehart, Ardis Chatham and Al James. Honorary pallbearers are R.L. Coates, Frank Coates, Bill Jackson, Garland Land, Dick Jackson, Bob Cornhill, Wayne Fields, Brad Harmon, Quail Dobbs and Bill Gressett.

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

Paid obituary

Lois L. Mason

Graveside service for Lois L. Mason, 82, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000, at Pioneer Cemetery in Graham.

Mrs. Mason died Monday, Jan. 31, in a local hospital.

She was born on Dec. 18, 1917, in Corsicana. She married Donald J. Mason on Aug. 16, 1936, in Tyler. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1983. Mrs. Mason came to Big Spring as a teenager and had worked as a beautician for many years until retiring. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: one son, J.D. Mason of Stockton, Calif.; one sister, Bertha Bowlin of Big Spring; and two granddaughters.

Viewing will be until Wednesday morning at the funeral home.

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

WHAT'S UP

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9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

• Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

• Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

• Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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the law enforcement prospective.

"I will be there to answer any questions anyone may have as to what we as police officers can and cannot do. Some folks believe we have the right to take the keys away from elderly folks in order to prevent them from injury or perhaps injuring others. That's just not the case," said Everett. "There is a process you must go through and we are however able to help in that process but we can not just take their keys away from them."

Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to notify the association by Monday, Feb. 7, to ensure an adequate amount of handouts will be on hand for the presentation.

UIL

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three six-man schools — Borden County, Grady and Sands — which competed in the same district for the past two years.

Borden County will remain in District 6, competing with Hermleigh, Ira, Loraine, Highland and Westbrook while Grady and Sands were moved to District 7, along with Grandfalls-Royalty, Buena Vista, Klondike and Loop.

There was no realignment of West Texas Class 5A schools.

Statewide, the UIL created a 10-school district in Houston in a much-anticipated realignment announced today that also continues movement of high school students away from cities, with class minimums still on the rise.

The UIL said two years ago it wanted to steer clear of 10-team districts, but did it for the second time in two years, this time in Southeast Texas.

Chavez, a new Houston school, debuted at Class 4A while three other schools

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dropped down to 4A. The only other 10-school district in the state is in Fort Worth, which was created at the last realignment when three schools dropped to 4A and another came up from Class 3A.

A 10-school district in the Rio Grande Valley was dissolved in the last realignment when several schools there threatened lawsuits.

The Dallas-Forth Worth suburbs had some of biggest growth as six schools climbed up from 4A and another went from 3A to 4A.

A Class 5A district was added to the area with Colleyville Heritage, Keller, Keller Fossil Ridge and Coppell — all formerly from District 11-4A — moving up. Those schools were placed with Weatherford, which also went up a class, into District 5-5A with Richland, Haltom and Fort Worth Paschal.

Cedar Hill made the move to 5A as well, taking Duncanville's spot in a district with Arlington-area schools. Duncanville, which won the 1998 Class 5A Division I state championship, was placed with schools from Irving and Grand Prairie along with Hurst L.D. Bell and Euless Trinity.

Frisco, which is north of Dallas, made the climb from 3A to 4A.

Inner-city schools had the biggest decline in numbers, with three schools each in Dallas, San Antonio and Houston dropping down a class.

In Class 5A, the attendance bar went up again with the minimum climbing from 1,780 to 1,865. The minimum increased by 130 students the last time around.

The Class 4A minimum grew by 65 students to 845 and the two lowest classifications increased by 10 students each. The minimum in Class 3A stayed at 345.

The UIL ended up with 225 schools in Class 5A, 218 in Class 4A, 216 in Class 3A and 225 in Class 2A. Class 1A had 310 basketball-only schools, 134 football schools and 96 six-man football schools.

These changes stand from the 2000 through 2001 school years.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

BRIEFS

THE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION from Big Spring Junior High School will meet Tuesday in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Richard Hickham of MH/MR. All parents and teachers of junior high students are invited to attend, along with other interested persons.

Call John Richard Sparks, 263-8527, for more information.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 1,9,0

Cash 5: 6,9,13,19,31

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

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities:

• **HECTOR ROBLES MELEN-DEZ**, 20, evading arrest/driving while license suspended.

• **BRAD WAYNE LONG**, 17, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SANTOS HERRERA**, 26, arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, fleeing police, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• **RUSSELL CRAIG GRANT**, 17, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence-minor.

• **JACOB JACKIE RIOS**, 32, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.)

• **MICHAEL DON GRESSETT**, 42, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more, and driving without valid license.

• **KRISTIAN MARIE THOMPSON**, 25, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

CORRECTION

In Sunday's *Big Spring Herald*, it was reported that bags for use in the Boy Scout Good Turn Food Drive were inserted in that day's editions. The bags will actually be inserted into Wednesday's newspaper.

MARKETS

March cotton 57.35, down 51 points; Feb. crude 28.13, up 49 points; cash hogs at 40 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 56.77, up 2 points; Feb. live cattle futures 70.27, up 12 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets unavailable by press time.

RECORDS

Monday's high 53
Monday's low 32
Average high 57
Average low 30
Record high 81 in 1963
Record low 1 in 1950
Precip. Monday 0.00
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Month's normal 0.60
Year to date 0.42
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POLICE

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

• **ANGELA LANG**, 25, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **AMANDA LOPEZ**, 19, was arrested on a U.S. Marshall warrant.

• **TARA COATRES**, 26, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JAMES WILSON**, 18, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson and on the 200 block of East 3rd.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry and in the 700 block of Abrams.

• The Big Spring Police department reported the following incidents for the weekend ending Jan. 31.

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BURGLARY OF HABITAT 2
BURGLARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE 2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 4
DWI 2
DWLI 2
EVADING ARREST 1
HARASSMENT 1
MINOR CONSUMING ALCOHOL 1
THEFT 7
CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT 7
ARRESTS 12
ACCIDENTS 3
FATALITY 1
MINOR 2

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY

1:45 a.m. — 600 block McEwen, dumpster fire, extinguished by responding units.

6:19 a.m. — 1200 block Mesa, traffic accident, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:16 a.m. — 1400 block Wood, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:12 p.m. — 300 block N. Scurry, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:57 p.m. — 1900 block Gregg, traffic accident, three patients transported to SMMC.

5:44 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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24th & Johnson 267-8283
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Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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Melba J. Huddleston, 77, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
Jimmy Gunn, 37, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Alaska Airlines Flight 261: No survivors among 88 on board

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Investigators trying to learn why an Alaska Airlines jet with 88 people plunged into the Pacific had at least one clue today: The pilot sought an emergency landing after reporting problems with a device that's supposed to stabilize the plane.

No survivors had been found by early today following the Monday crash of Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The plane, which plunged into the ocean about 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles, was en route to San Francisco, and then Seattle.

Coast Guard Lt. Chuck Diorio said several bodies were recovered from the 58-degree water, but he could not give a specific number.

The Coast Guard and commercial squid boats were searching the debris field 10 miles from shore in water from 300 feet to 750 feet deep. National Transportation Safety Board investigators were expected on the scene by 7:30 a.m. CST.

As the stench of jet fuel hung in the air, the search boats used nets to haul

in grim reminders of lives lost: a tennis shoe, a stuffed animal and a number of small souvenirs from Mexico.

"Every resource is out there to find people," Coast Guard Capt. George Wright said.

Moments before the 6:36 p.m. CST crash — described by a witness as a nose dive — one of the two pilots radioed that he was having trouble with "stabilizer trim" and asked to be diverted to Los Angeles for an emergency landing.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," San Francisco International Airport spokesman Ron Wilson told KRON-TV.

The flight was normal until the crew reported control problems, said a source with close knowledge of the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity. Radar showed the plane, an MD-83, plummeting toward the sea shortly afterward.

On MD-80 series airplanes, the horizontal stabilizer looks like a small wing mounted on top of the tail. The

stabilizer, which includes panels that pitch the nose up and down, is brought into balance, or "trimmed," from the cockpit.

If a plane loses its horizontal stabilizer, there is no way to keep the nose pointed to the proper angle, and the aircraft will begin an uncontrollable dive.

Evans said the plane had no previous stabilizer problems, and FAA spokesman John Clabes said it had never been in an accident.

A National Park Service ranger on Anacapa Island, off the coast of Oxnard, saw the airliner go down and was first to report it, said spokeswoman Susan Smith at the Channel Islands National Park headquarters in Ventura Harbor.

"He observed a jet going down in the Santa Barbara Channel. From his observation it was nose first," Smith said.

Tony Alfieri, owner of a squid fishing boat, told the Los Angeles Times that he and his crew "heard a big boom

and we saw a big splash, I mean like 200 feet in the air. We thought, 'Oh my God, this is not a good deal.'"

There were 83 passengers and five crew members aboard, Evans said. Thirty two were bound for San Francisco, 47 for Seattle, three were continuing on to Eugene, Ore., and one to Fairbanks, Alaska. The two pilots were based in Los Angeles and the three flight attendants were based in Seattle.

The passengers included three airline employees, four employees of sister airline Horizon and 23 relatives or friends of the employees.

Both pilots were Alaska Airlines veterans. Capt. Ted Thompson, 53, was hired Aug. 16, 1982, and had 10,400 flying hours with the company. First Officer William Tansky, 57, was hired July 17, 1985, and had 8,047 flying hours with the Seattle-based airline.

The plane itself was built by McDonnell Douglas, now part of Boeing, and delivered to Alaska Airlines in 1992, said John Thom, a

spokesman for Boeing's Douglas aircraft unit.

Evans said the plane was serviced on Sunday, went through a low-level maintenance check on Jan. 11 and had a more thorough routine check last January.

Alaska Airlines, which has the image of an Eskimo head and face painted on the tails of its planes, has an excellent safety record. It serves more than 40 cities in Alaska, Canada, Mexico and five Western states.

It had two fatal accidents in the 1970s, both in Alaska.

The MD-80 series is a twin-jet version of the more widely known DC-9, with a single aisle and an engine on each side of the tail. It went into service in 1980 and of the 1,167 series planes delivered, Boeing reported last year, only nine had been lost in accidents.

Alaska Airlines has been the subject of an Oakland, Calif. federal grand jury investigation over maintenance and repair records for some MD-80s in the past year.

Vote gets under way in New Hampshire

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Seeking a last-minute edge, presidential candidates headed to factory gates and polling places today as notoriously cantankerous New Hampshire voters began having their say.

George W. Bush predicted "I'm going to win," while rival John McCain joked about a landslide victory in the tight GOP race.

Bush appeared at the Webster School in Manchester at 6:25 a.m. with morning coffee in hand, greeting voters. "The key is to convince the people on our team to vote and the undecideds to come our way, and that's what I'm going to spend the day doing," Bush said.

As the organizational muscle swung into play, the fiery rhetoric of the past few days was muted a bit in both the Republican and Democratic races.

"We feel we've done just about everything we possibly could," Al Gore's wife, Tipper, said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "We feel like the energy is moving definitely to our campaign."

New Hampshire voters traditionally show up in heavy numbers for the first-in-the-nation primary, and there was little reason to believe that would change. Forecasters predicted only light and scattered snow showers.

Voters in the tiny northern towns of Dixville Notch and

Hart's Location turned out at midnight to give Democrat Bill Bradley and McCain the early leads. Bradley had 13 votes and Gore 5 in the Democratic race. McCain had 19 to Bush's 17 votes.

"The landslide has started. Timber!" McCain joked on the "Imus in the Morning" radio show.

"It shows it's going to be a good race," Bush said, expressing confidence he would win the five-man contest.

None of the candidates were taking anything for granted as they opened the campaign's final day in the pre-dawn darkness. Polls showed competitive races on both sides of the partisan aisle.

Vice President Gore, "campaigning full blast every minute of every hour," even planned a 3 a.m. rally Wednesday in New York City.

Bradley was headed to a factory gate today in search of support, and was closing his campaign with a noisy round of voter turnout rallies.

His cardiologist, J. Thomas Bigger, appeared on CBS' "Early Show" to assure voters that Bradley's health is "outstanding" despite several bouts of irregular heartbeat in the past month.

"This is more of a political issue than a health issue," Bigger said, explaining that Bradley "has no heart disease

and has no risk of heart disease."

The fight between Gore and Bradley heated up over the weekend, but softened Monday as both rivals focused on energizing backers.

"I hope you will feel if you cast that vote that you're part of something new and fresh that is part of a new beginning," said Bradley, who intends to stay in the race whatever the outcome is in New Hampshire. Pre-primary polls showed mixed results, though most gave Gore the tinnest of edges. Gore won the lead-off Iowa caucuses by nearly 2-to-1.

McCain focused heavily on New Hampshire in search of a badly needed win to cement his status as the alternative to Bush, the national front-runner. Most polls showed the Arizona senator with a small lead, but with Bush closing near the end.

Publisher Steve Forbes hoped for a solid showing to bolster his standing among party conservatives, but was getting competition from fellow conservatives Alan Keyes and Gary Bauer. That cadre of conservatives could be further thinned after New Hampshire.

Forbes, unfazed by polls depicting his inability to get a bump from his strong second-place finish in Iowa, vowed to press on with his largely self-

financed campaign.

"We're going to do to the Washington politicians what you do to these lobsters," he said while visiting a fish market in Exeter.

In a symbol of a campaign that's been troubled, Bauer tumbled off a stage during a pancake-flipping demonstration Monday in Manchester.

"I'm a survivor," he declared, after popping back up. Bauer was spending today on an intense campaign swing from polling place to polling place.

Keyes lagged in the polls, but the conservative with the fiery rhetoric draws solid crowds and about 700 showed up for an election-eve rally in Nashua.

"If this is any indication, I would venture to guess that we won't have a bad day," he said.

Both parties have insurgents, and New Hampshire's quirky political climate left room for suspense. Of the 700,000 registered voters, there are more unaffiliated voters than either Republicans or Democrats, and winning them could be key to both Bradley and McCain because the party establishments tend to favor Bush and Gore.

That left Bradley and McCain sounding similar themes on primary eve — as they appealed to the independent-minded people of New Hampshire.

130-foot-long dinosaur fossil found in Big Bend

DALLAS (AP) — In a state that prides itself on all things big, it's only fitting that scientists are happy about their latest discovery: the largest dinosaur fossil ever found in Texas — and the world's largest plant-eater.

The four-footed dinosaur from the late Cretaceous Period.

Scientists from the University of Texas at Dallas uncovered the fossil in Big Bend National Park in far southwestern Texas, bordering Mexico along the Rio Grande River.

The bones are either those of an unusually large member of a dinosaur family known as alamosaurus or an entirely new species, according to James Carter of UTD's department of geosciences, who found the first fossilized fragments of the animal's neck.

Either way, they fit the classification of a "superfamily" of herbivorous dinosaurs called sauropods, which have a long neck, a tail and a small head.

"Never before has an articulated neck of this length and quality of preservation been found anywhere in the world from the Cretaceous Period," Carter told the Houston Chronicle. "It is extremely rare."

UTD's Homer Montgomery

and his students had been excavating the remains of a juvenile alamosaurus since 1995 when, at a nearby site, Carter discovered evidence of the larger specimen.

The Cretaceous Period extended from 65 million to 135 million years ago and was characterized by the development of flowering plants and the disappearance of dinosaurs.

The largest dinosaurs vanished early in that period and it was believed all had died out by around 100 million years ago, Carter said. The Big Bend sauropod find, however, is dated to about 65 million years ago.

"It may have been 100 feet to 130 feet long, depending on the body style," Carter said. "That would rival the giant dinosaurs thought to be extinct by the end of the early Cretaceous Period, some 32 million years earlier."

A method of removing the bones has not been determined, and the National Park Service is conducting an environmental impact study.

"We will do an assessment and look at the options," said the park service's Mark Flippo. He said officials were considering lifting the bones out by helicopter.

Chechen rebels try to escape through Russian lines

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia (AP) — Some 2,000 Chechen rebels abandoned Grozny after months of relentless Russian ground and air attacks and were trying today to get through the federal lines and escape.

Chechen and Russian commanders said that some rebels were still fighting in Grozny and the insurgents had not given up the Chechen capital altogether, although a large part of the garrison appeared to have left.

The Chechen fighters started leaving Grozny on Monday with the exodus continuing overnight, according to rebel commanders and residents in nearby villages. There was no sign that any of the estimated 15,000-40,000 civilians trapped in Grozny had been able to flee.

Several prominent Chechen commanders were killed or badly wounded when a large contingent of rebels blundered into a minefield on the edge of Grozny, according to Chechen fighters and local residents. Dozens more fighters were killed or wounded when Russian artillery pounded the rebel force trapped in the minefield, they said.

Russian officials sought to play down the development, insisting that major fighting

was continuing in parts of Grozny. Government spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said reports of a major rebel breakout had not been confirmed.

Col. Alexander Veklich, a military spokesman in Grozny, told NTV television that rebels had tried to break through to Alkhan-Kala, on the outskirts of Grozny, and "now these groups are being destroyed."

"One of these groups hit the minefield, the other was destroyed by our units' artillery fire," he said.

Even if the rebels have given up the battle for Grozny or are preparing to do so, the Chechens are not likely to end the war. The rebels lost Grozny in the 1995, but continued fighting until they retook the city in 1996.

The rebel strategy in Grozny was to inflict as many losses as possible on the Russians, but to avoid suffering heavy casualties that would harm their ability to continue the war.

Among the Chechen commanders reportedly killed were Aslanbek Ismailov, who had headed Grozny's defenses, Khunkar-Pasha Israpilov, and Grozny Mayor Lecha Dudayev. Chechen field commander Shamil Basayev was reportedly

badly wounded when his car was blown up by a mine.

The rebels were regrouping in Alkhan-Kala and heading for rebel positions in the southern mountains. Others said they were heading for their native villages.

Russian combat units ringed Alkhan-Kala with tanks and armored personnel carriers but appeared reluctant to move in and attack the rebels. A few skirmishes erupted on the outskirts of the village, and there was desultory artillery fire from Russian positions.

Local people in Alkhan-Kala said several dozen wounded rebels were lying on the snow around the village's small clinic because there was no room for them inside.

"Wounded fighters lie almost in piles inside the hospital, and we had to put dozens more on the snow outside," said Baiant Munayeva, who helped care for the wounded.

"There is just one doctor, and no medicines, no syringes, no nothing. Dozens have had their legs torn away, and they lie there covered with blood."

News of the rebel move came as Russian forces claimed to be closing in on the center of Grozny and a top commander repeated Russian predictions

that the Chechen capital would soon fall.

"There has been a turning-point in fighting for Grozny," Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev said today, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. "The taking of this city is a matter of the nearest days."

The Russians have been fighting since October to seize Grozny. On Monday, Russian commanders announced that federal forces had finally pushed into strategic Minutka Square after two weeks of fierce combat with rebels. The square is adjacent to several of Grozny's main thoroughfares and could be a staging post to take the city center.

The Russian military previously has made premature claims of controlling sections of Grozny, only to admit later that militants continue to be active there, subjecting federal forces to withering sniper attacks and ambushes.

Russian jets and helicopter gunships flew more than 180 combat missions over Chechnya on Monday, the military said. In addition to Grozny, they targeted the Argun and Vedeno gorges, which are key channels for rebel reinforcements and supplies in the southern mountains.

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OUR VIEWS

Scouts food drive serves a number of good purposes

The annual Boy Scout "Good Turn Food Drive", one of the more worthwhile projects undertaken annually in the community is scheduled for Saturday and we are proud to be a part of the effort.

In Wednesday's Herald, readers will find plastic HEB grocery bags to be used during the food drive - scheduled from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The grocery company provides the bags for the Scouts to use and the Herald delivers them throughout the community and surrounding areas for the Lone Star District.

Then, Saturday morning, persons wishing to make a food contribution are asked to place non-perishable food items in the bag and then place it in a prominent spot on their front porch by 9 a.m.

Persons who think they might have been missed by the Scouts may bring their food bag to the north side of the Herald property and drop it off there.

All types of canned foods and dry packaged foods will be accepted.

The project is one of the Boy Scouts' efforts to help fight hunger in the local community. All food donated will be given to the Salvation Army.

This is one of those "feel good" projects that helps in a number of ways.

- Persons who are less-fortunate will receive much-needed help; Scouts will learn the true meaning of helping others; Members of the community will be able to help others.

We encourage our readers to join the Scouts of the Lone Star District, HEB Grocery Co. and the Herald in ensuring the annual "Good Turn Food Drive" is a rip-roaring success and make certain the Salvation Army's food pantry is filled.

OTHER VIEWS

The Supreme Court yesterday stripped congressional opponents of their principal excuse for not acting on campaign finance reform. Their argument had been that regulation of campaign giving, even for the high public purpose of preventing corruption or the appearance of corruption, was a violation of the free speech clause, since in politics money is equivalent to speech.

There will still be plenty of arguments about the point at which regulation goes too far and does infringe on speech. But plainly there is room to repair the law that both parties have shredded in recent election cycles.

THE WASHINGTON POST

The prospect of longtime United Nations-basher Sen. Jesse Helms addressing the United Nations Security Council might send a shudder up some spines. But, Helms' appearance before that group was not as bad as some might think and, in fact, could be considered a success.

The meeting was, well, diplomatic. In the first-ever address by a U.S. lawmaker to the Security Council Helms said, "If we are to have a new beginning, we must endeavor to understand each other better." Helms also told the council that the United States

would withdraw if the United Nations sought "to impose its presumed authority on the American people." The senator has long accused the United Nations of trying to become a coercive world government. He has claimed that the group is incompetent.

Helms raised some eyebrows when he complained that the United States spent billions of dollars on the United Nations. Yes, the United States does spend a lot of money. But, the United States is a wealthy country. The contribution of, say, Bangladesh - although smaller than that of the United States - is a much greater monetary sacrifice.

But Helms makes a good point: "The money we spend on the United Nations is not charity. To the contrary, it is an investment - an investment from which the American people rightly expect a return."

In the end, Helms said he was glad to talk to people he had never met and said the disagreements "would all work out."

The United Nations must be more aware of its position with the United States, which means Congress, which means the American people.

So, the United Nations has met one of its harshest critics. And the critic has met with his once-faceless adversary. And both came away with a little more understanding of the other.

THE WORLD, Tulsa, Okla.

Answer to political party question a surprise

Here's a political quiz: Which major political party is most out of step with the American people on the contentious issue of abortion?

Which party has refused to allow elected officials who disagree with the party platform on abortion to address the party convention? In which party is it more dangerous for a presidential candidate to disagree, even slightly, with the party's platform?

The answer to all three is the Democratic Party. Surprised? Don't be. The fact is, the unpopularity of the Democrats' radical position on abortion is the best kept secret in American politics.

First, neither party's platform represents the majority position on abortion. The Republicans oppose abortion in all circumstances, except to

save the life of the mother. The Democrats favor a woman's absolute right to abortion at any time during pregnancy, for any reason whatsoever, including sex selection. Only about 20 percent of Americans hold views at these extremes of the abortion debate, and of these, somewhat more - 13 percent - agree with the Republican Party platform on the issue.

Most Americans are ambivalent on abortion. They don't necessarily want to ban abortion, but they do want limits on the procedure. In one recent poll - paid for by a pro-abortion feminist organization, the Center for Gender Equality - 70 percent of women said they favor more restrictions on abortion, including 40 percent who said they oppose all abortions except those performed to save the mother's life or in cases of rape and incest.

Other in-depth polls in recent years show 74 percent of Americans endorse mandatory 24-hour waiting periods; 73 percent support prohibition of abortion after the first three months of pregnancy, except to save the mother's life; and 74 percent favor parental-consent requirements for pregnant minors. Moreover, support for restrictions on abortion has been going up in the last several years.

So, if most Americans want to restrict access to abortion -

even if they don't want to outlaw abortion outright, as the Republicans favor - why is it the Democrats get such a free ride on this issue? Perhaps, it's because the Democrats' position seems the more tolerant one. But in reality, the Democratic Party is anything but tolerant on the abortion debate.

Democrats, after all, are the ones who kept a pro-life Democratic governor, Robert Casey from Pennsylvania, from addressing their national convention in 1992. And as Al Gore can attest, any Democrat who hopes to win his party's presidential nomination had better toe the line 100 percent on abortion.

Last week, Gore found himself having to defend his abortion voting record in Congress. Like most Americans - more than 80 percent, according to the polls - Al Gore opposed federal funding of abortions when he was a member of Congress. He voted pro-life 84 percent of the time he served in the House of Representatives, according to the National Right-to-Life Committee. In 1977, he even supported an amendment that said abortion "takes the life of an unborn child who is a living human being," a view held by a plurality of Americans, 46 percent.

But Gore thinks he can't win

his party's nomination if he is perceived as even slightly hesitant on a woman's absolute right to abortion at any time, under any circumstances, for whatever reason. So, not only has he changed his position to be in lock step with the party's platform, but he's denied that he ever had any qualms about the issue. Last week, in New Hampshire, Gore contended, "I've always supported Roe vs. Wade. I have always supported a woman's right to choose," despite votes and statements to the contrary.

Apparently, Al Gore would rather lie about his record than have to defend a position that puts him in the mainstream of public opinion, so fearful is he that his party will deny him the nomination if he shows any ambivalence.

"This is not an issue you can straddle. You can't be on both sides; you have to decide which side you're on," Gore's opponent Bill Bradley warned him repeatedly in New Hampshire. Well, maybe not if you're a Democratic candidate. But most Americans find themselves right smack in the middle on this issue, regardless of what the Democratic Party insists.

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LINDA CHAVEZ



Mystery: Boulder's Little Girl Lost

BOULDER, Colo. - People perform difficult tricks in this town. A street entertainer in green shorts packs himself into a crate big enough to hold no more than two dozen oranges.

Puppeteer Bob Aiken impersonates a shaggy dog and rolls over and begs for money.

Boulderites climb ice, kayak in snow and strip buck naked to jump into the icy Boulder Reservoir.

They get their stress levels evaluated, patronize bakeries for dogs and advertise in the personals for "metaphysical companions with interests in parapsychology, wildlife, nature hikes and UFOs."

All in all, it's a can-do sort of town. An idealistic, self-improving, physically fit, therapeutically massaged, liberal, extremely affluent burg at the foot of the Rockies.

But Boulder authorities failed to solve the most celebrated child murder since Susan Smith had a bad hair day and couldn't find a baby sitter. The murderer, or murderers, of child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey remains at large. And that's a sore subject in lovely Boulder.

"I'm sick of hearing about the Ramsey case," a waiter in an Italian restaurant said when I asked what he knew about the TV miniseries being filmed here.

"I didn't even know they were filming a movie here," he sniffed and stalked off toward the pasta buffet.

Hard to have missed the Hollywood angle, what with the headlines in the tabloid Boulder Weekly screaming "The Great Ramsey Hoax: A descent through seven rings of media hell."

Beneath the headline is a photograph of the Ramsey family, including JonBenet, in Boulder, in happier times.

The alternative paper's bizarre story is all about how the planned disruption of filming here began as a "beer-soaked joke" by staff members and escalated into a national media event.

Only nobody else showed up to protest the "exploitation" of JonBenet. It was mostly just the TV cameras and the joke-protest organizers.

The "seventh ring" of media hell, according to the paper, was "Boulder Weekly's coverage of the media's coverage of Boulder Weekly's coverage, which you're now reading with a manic lust."

(I might have agreed with the writer's thesis of "Enough already!" but it seemed a tad hypocritical considering that pathetic front page photo, and the admission that the latest frenzy was partly orchestrated.)

I had been visiting family in Denver and drove to Boulder one

Sunday afternoon to see the former Ramsey house. I don't know why exactly. As the Italian restaurant waiter said, "It's just a house."

But I guess for the same reason I once visited Little Big Horn, or the shrine to the Donner Party. Morbid, murderous, macabre stories have entertained us since Shakespeare. Especially until we know the way they end.

It's just a house, maybe, but a house where the unthinkable and the unexplained happened. The Nancy Drew in me wanted to see what I'd seen on TV a million times: a gorgeous Tudor mansion with a giant evergreen giving the appearance of perpetual, perfect Christmas.

Apparently the question of who killed JonBenet is as evergreen as that tree. "Real justice must consider why the FBI didn't immediately take charge of the apparent kidnapping of the daughter of an executive of a division of the largest defense contractor - Lockheed-Martin - by a small foreign faction," as identified by the ransom note," a recent letter to the editor said. "Who is powerful enough to call off the FBI and why would they?"

There is a widespread sense of dissatisfaction over the handling of the Ramsey case in Boulder - all that unfinished business, tarnished reputations, fodder for Hollywood - that just doesn't jibe with its former self-satisfied, aggressively peaceful aura.

There is snow falling on cedars. © 2000 Rheta Grimsley Johnson

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IN BRIEF

Boys basketball boosters set meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Boosters Club has scheduled its next meeting for 5:15 tonight at Big Spring Junior High School. Members will be making plans for the Boys Basketball Banquet honoring all boys' basketball players on junior high school and high school teams. That banquet is set for March. Parents of all Big Spring boys' basketball players and others interested in the program are urged to attend. For more information, call Ruth Shellman at 263-3065 or 264-6738.

Junior high Lady 'Kats split with Robert Lee

Garden City Junior High School's Lady Bearkats split a pair of basketball games Monday evening at Robert Lee.

The evening's opener saw the Lady Steers "B" team take an 11-6 win.

But the nightcap was sweet revenge for the Lady Bearkat "A" team as it rolled to a 36-16 win behind Jessica Hoch's 10-point lead.

Meghan Niehues added six points, six rebounds and six steals in the lopsided win, while Amanda had six more points, while chalking up three steals and three rebounds.

National Little League meeting is Thursday

The National Little League of Big Spring will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Allan's Furniture.

Officers for the league will be elected during that meeting.

For more information, call Jim Wilson at 263-0062 or Jerry Baker at 263-3242.

Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

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

Softball umpires training set to begin on March 1

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association will begin training for all slow-pitch and fastpitch umpires at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Hogan Park in Midland.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

IT'S COMING

The Herald will include a complete listing of the University Interscholastic League's realignment for all classifications in the sports section of Wednesday's edition.

AREA GAMES

- TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**
6 p.m.
• Andrews at Big Spring (G-B)
6:30 p.m.
• Coahoma at Seagraves (G-B)
• Forsan at Sonora (G-B)
• Stanton at Tahoka (G-B)
• Garden City at Roscoe (G-B)
• Grady at Westbrook (G-B)
• Sands at Ira (G-B)

ON THE AIR

- Television**
NBA
7 p.m. — L.A. Lakers at San Antonio Spurs, TNT, Ch. 28
7 p.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6 p.m. — Michigan State at Michigan, ESPN, Ch. 30
8 p.m. — Tennessee at Kentucky, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Sheedy leads BSHS swim contingent at District 3-4A meet

HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers fared just about as well as expected Saturday during the District 3-4A swimming and diving meet — finishing third in the girls' team standings and fourth in the boys' chase. There were no real surprises in the team races, Pecos' Eagles living up to their favorite's role by piling up 1271/2 point to take the boys' championship, while Monahans' Lady Lobos had 93 points in taking the girls' title. Lady Steers senior Melissa Sheedy led the way for Big Spring, successfully

defending her district championship in the 200 individual medley with a 2:29.71 clocking, and adding a win in the 100 butterfly, as well. Sheedy's winning time in the 100 butterfly was 1:10.27. In addition, she teamed with Michelle Stokes, Tz Marsch and Heidi Robinson to finish second in the 400 freestyle relay and third in the 200 freestyle relay. The foursome of Vanessa Yanez, Nadia Torres, Amanda Chapman and Daniele Bartlett combined for a sixth-place finish in the 200 medley relay. Marsch added a second-place finish in the 200 freestyle for the Lady Steers, while Robinson added a fourth in the 50

freestyle and fifth in the 100 freestyle. Yanez was fifth in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 freestyle, while Torres was fifth in the 100 breaststroke and sixth in the 200 individual medley. Stokes added a sixth in the 100 freestyle, while Bartlett and Stephanie Pointon finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 500 freestyle. Junior Doug Willberg led the way for the Steers contingent, finishing third in the 200 individual medley and fourth in the 100 backstroke. He then teamed with Josh Pike, Wolfgang Robinson and Michael Carrasco to finish third in the 400 freestyle relay and fifth in the 200

freestyle relay. Wolf Robinson added a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle and was sixth in the 500 freestyle, while Carrasco was fifth in the 100 freestyle and sixth in the 50 freestyle. Pike added sixth-place points in the 200 individual medley, while Cody Clark rounded out the Steers' point production with a sixth-place finish in the 100 butterfly. Virtually the entire Big Spring team managed to qualify for the Region I, Class 4A meet set for Feb. 12-13 in Lubbock, since first-through sixth-place finishers in each event advance to regionals.

Hawks survive overtime scare

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — Howard College's Hawks found themselves pushed to the very limit Monday night, but still took sole possession of second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) men's basketball standings with a 60-55 overtime win over South Plains College's Texans.

After having seen his team forced into an extra period after having lead by as many as 13 points in the second half, one might have expected Howard head coach Tommy Collins to be disappointed in the Hawks' play.

Instead, Collins was decidedly pleased with his team. "Our guys played a great game tonight," the Hawks boss said. "This is a tough place to play, and we came in here and beat a good shooting team on its own court in overtime.

"We did a tremendous job of staying focused in a very difficult situation," Collins added. "I'm really proud of the way the guys played."

Collins was, however, frustrated by the game's officiating. "I'm not one to normally complain that much about the job the officials have done," he said. "But this was the worst job of officiating I've ever seen in the WJAC, and it really hurt our kids."

"That was a lot of South Plains being able to get back in it," Collins noted. "The last 10 minutes or so of regulation, our guys didn't know what to expect from the officials and it kind of paralyzed us a little defensively."

But when it really counted, the Hawks' trademark pressure defense made all the difference.

South Plains, which had a brief lead early in the game at 4-2, managed to take its second lead with 32 seconds left in the game when guard Phil Jones hit a pair of free throws to give the Texans a 53-51 edge.

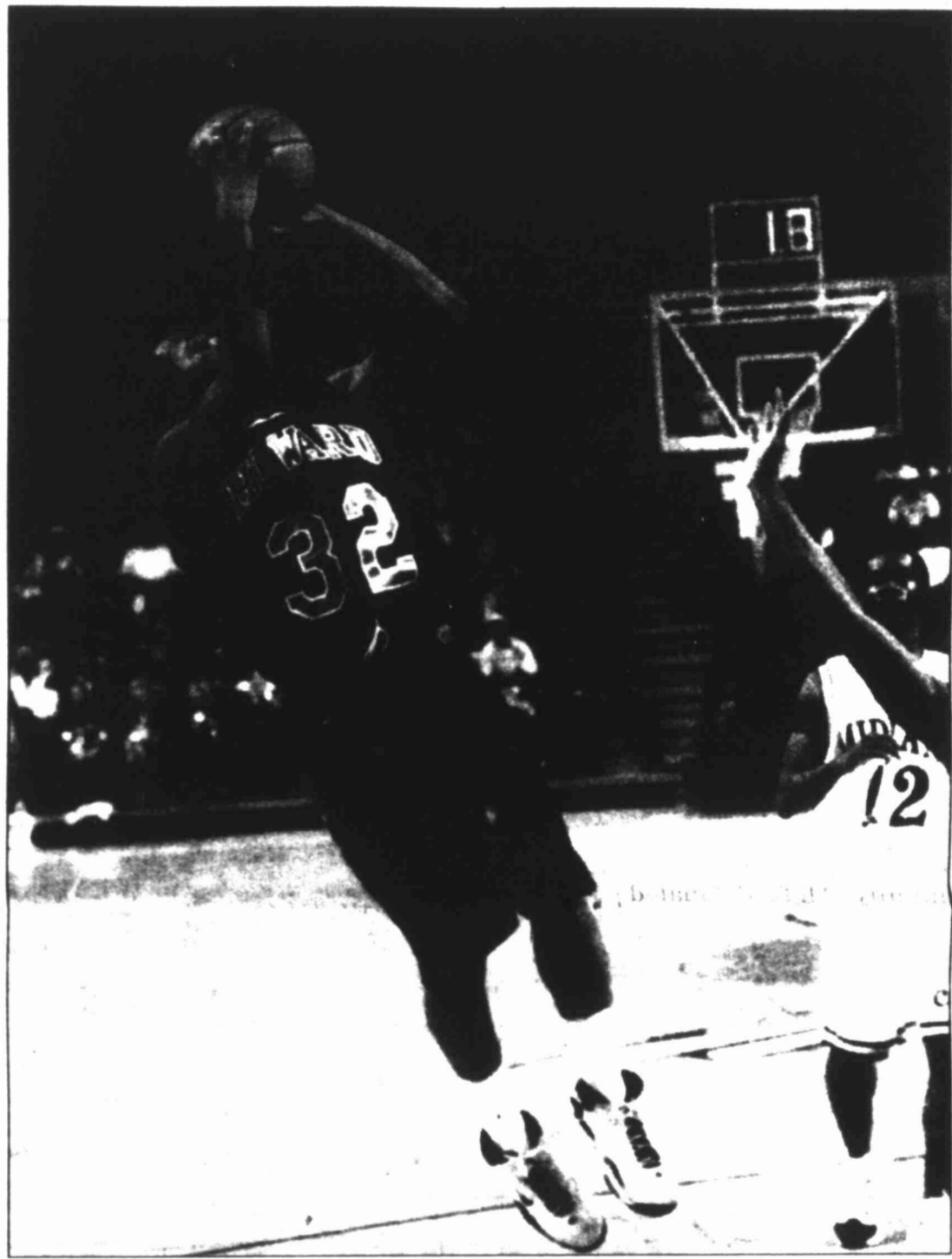
The Texans made a critical mistake at the other end of the floor with just 2.2 seconds showing on the scoreboard clock when Hawk swingman Derrick Franklin was fouled underneath the basket.

Franklin, who paced the Hawks in scoring with 14 points on the night, calmly nailed both free throws for his last and most important two points, sending the game into OT with the score tied at 53-53.

From there it was all Howard, as freshman post Steve Bonner scored on a feed from Darryl Martin, was fouled on the play and hit the free throw to put the Hawks on top for good.

South Plains would get its final points from post Bron Groomes, who finished the night with a game-high 15 and was the Texans' only player to reach double figures.

Martin, who finished the night with 10 points, matching Bonner's total, drove the baseline for a 58-55 lead and Donald "Yogi" Caesar capped things with a jumper from



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Howard guard Darryl Martin, pictured here scoring against Midland on Jan. 13, was one of four Hawks players who provided double-digit scoring in a 60-55 overtime win Monday night at South Plains College.

the block with 26 seconds left. Sophomore guard Justin Rhodes added 11 points from the Hawks, most of them coming on a trio of three-pointers.

What was most important in the aftermath to Collins, was the fact that the Hawks had "found a way to win."

"That's something that we've been waiting to see from this bunch," Collins noted. "Earlier in the season, we'd wind up in games like this and other people were finding ways to beat us. Now we're doing that. And doing it in a place like the Texan Dome during conference play is doubly important."

The Hawks, now 13-8 on the season and 5-1 in WJAC play, now own a two-game

lead over South Plains (4-3) in the loss column going into Thursday's trip of Roswell, N.M., where they'll take on New Mexico Military's Broncos.

HAWKS 70.
SOUTH PLAINS 55 OT
HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 4 5 7 14, Justin Rhodes 4 0 0 11, Terrance Radford 0 0 0 0, Vasilis Tsamplandis 2 0 0 5, Steve Bonner 4 2 2 10, Darryl Martin 4 2 2 10, Winston Brooks 1 0 0 2, Doug Whittier 0 0 0 0, Donald Caesar 4 0 1 8, Kresimir Tomorad 0 0 0 0. Totals 23 9 14 60.
SOUTH PLAINS — Reggie Brooks 3 2 3 8, Phil Jones 2 4 5 9, Willie Collins 0 1 1 0, Howard Bellamy 2 0 0 5, Tony Hammons 1 0 0 2, Felton Freeman 3 3 4 9, Bron Groomes 6 3 7 15, Norbert Mosley 1 0 1 2, Ryan Watkins 2 0 2 5. Totals 20 12 23 55.
Halftime score: Howard 29, South Plains 25.
At end of regulation: Howard 53, South Plains 53.
Three-point goals: Howard 5 (Franklin, Rhodes, 3 Tsamplandis); South Plains 3 (Jones, Bellamy, Watkins). **Total fouls:** Howard 20, South Plains 18. **Fouled out:** None. **Technical fouls:** Franklin, Robinson; Howard 36 (Bonner 9), South Plains 38 (Groomes 9). **Timeouts:** Howard 17, South Plains 18. **Assists:** Howard 12 (Brooks 4), South Plains 12 (Brooks 5). **Records:** Howard 13-8, 5-1; South Plains 10-12, 4-3.

Lady Hawks roll to convincing 67-37 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — Howard College's Lady Hawks literally took care of business in rolling to a 67-37 win over South Plains College's Lady Texans in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) basketball action Monday night.

Trailing only three times early in the game when both teams were trying to get into a flow, the Lady Hawks took control with a nine-point run midway through the first half and never looked back.

It was clearly the way Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry wanted his team to play as he returned to the Texan Dome where he'd coached the South Plains men to a national championship in 1991-92.

"That's the way we're supposed to play," Mayberry said after seeing the Lady Hawks close the first half with a string of 15 unanswered points and take a clearly insurmountable 37-13 lead into intermission.

"We didn't come in here and fool around with a team that's struggling ... we took care of business," he explained. "We did a great job of playing defense and kept our intensity offensively."

It was also a homecoming for Lady Hawks point guard Ashanti Nix, a

Levelland High School product, who responded with one of her better performances of the season and shared the team scoring lead with posts Caryn Ross and Vanessa Lehrmann, each of them finishing with 11 points on the night.

In fact, it was Nix who ignited that 15 point run at the end of the first half with a steal and layup.

South Plains, having lost the services of 6-foot-1 sophomore post Katrina Jordan, their leading scorer, to a knee injury last week, managed to a string of eight unanswered points early in the second half and turned it into a 14-2 run that trimmed the Lady Hawks lead from 49-20 to 51-32.

But that was as close as the Lady Texans would get, as freshman Koretha Johnson drove the baseline to start a string of nine unanswered Lady Hawks points.

From there it was just a matter of mopping up, as freshmen posts Grace Gantt and Lehrmann rattled off 12 of the Lady Hawks' final 14 points to ice away the 30-point win.

While Nix, Ross and Lehrmann led the way with double-digit scoring for Howard, every player on the Lady Hawks' roster contributed to the win, as the Howard bench outscored the Lady Texan reserves 33-18.

South Plains managed to answer with a game-high 12 points from post Shenika

Griffin and 11 more from Danelle Evans. But it was the Lady Hawks defense, and ability to convert South Plains mistakes into points, that stole the show.

The Lady Hawks forced 29 South Plains turnovers, while committing just 16 of their own. But more importantly, they scored 32 points off Lady Texan mistakes, compared to the seven they relinquished on turnovers.

The win allowed Howard to stay a half-game behind the WJAC's leaders, Midland and Odessa, but tied in the loss column.

The Lady Hawks will take a 17-5 record overall and 5-1 conference mark into Thursday's trip to Snyder where they'll take on Western Texas College's Dusters in the WTC Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

South Plains dropped to 10-12 overall with the loss and is now 2-5 in WJAC play.

LADY HAWKS 67.
SOUTH PLAINS 37
HOWARD — Ashanti Nix 1 0 0 2, Shenika Ashley 2 2 2 6, Ashanti Nix 5 0 0 11, Tashawn Thomas 3 0 0 8, Caryn Ross 5 1 4 11, Vanessa Lehrmann 3 5 6 11, Grace Gantt 3 1 2 7, Yolanda Grant 3 0 0 6, Koretha Johnson 1 1 2 3, Latonya Jackson 1 0 1 2. Totals 27 10 17 67.
SOUTH PLAINS — Lanna Quintana 1 2 3 4, Teneke Freeman 0 2 4 2, Meredith Coleman 3 0 0 7, Danelle Evans 4 3 6 11, Shenika Griffin 6 0 1 12, Christy Oden 0 0 0 0, Carrie Phelps 0 0 0 0, Jennifer Stockman 0 1 1 1. Totals 14 8 17 37.
Halftime score: Howard 37, South Plains 13.
Three-point goals: Howard 3 (Nix, Thomas 2); South Plains 1 (Coleman). **Total fouls:** Howard 10, South Plains 11. **Timeouts:** Howard 16, South Plains 29. **Technical fouls:** Howard 45 (Lehrmann 8), South Plains 43 (Quintana 15). **Fouled out:** Gantt, Lehrmann; None. **Attendance:** 432. **Records:** Howard 17-5, 5-1; South Plains 10-12, 2-5.

Iowa State fights way into Top 25

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eleventh in the Big 12 Conference two years ago and ninth last season, Iowa State is now tied for first. The Cyclones' climb to the top of the league — and into the national rankings — has been long, yet swift.

They moved into the AP college basketball poll at No. 20 on Monday, the school's first appearance in the Top 25 in nearly three years.

Undersized and shorthanded, Iowa State (16-3) has won 15 of its last 16 games, the latest a 74-66 victory over a much taller and deeper Kansas.

"We do have some talent on this team," said Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy, who uses a seven-player rotation. "Looking at the schedule, we anticipated having success, but in all honesty, not where we are now. It's a tribute to our guys and their hard work."

Iowa State's entry was part of continued change at the bottom of the poll, which had Cincinnati, Stanford, Duke and Syracuse in the top four spots for the second straight week. LSU and Oregon were the other newcomers, the third straight week that at least three teams moved in.

This is the first time Iowa State has been ranked since it was 18th in the final poll of the 1996-97 season. That Iowa State team, which was coached by Tim Floyd and featured Kelvin Cato, Detric Willoughby and Kenny Pratt, was ranked all season and climbed as high as fourth.

Eustachy has no one like the 6-foot-11 Cato in the middle. But he does have 6-8 Marcus Fizer, whose Karl Malone-like body and fierce determination make him a force inside.

Last season, when Iowa State struggled to a 15-15 record, it was Fizer or nothing. This season, transfers Jamaal Tinsley and Kantrail Horton have improved the guard play and 6-9 Paul Shirley has played well after sitting out last season.

"If we execute and play a certain way, we have a chance to beat a lot of people," Eustachy said.

As for being ranked, Eustachy took the news with a shrug. He was more worried about Iowa State's final nine conference games, five on the road.

"For me, it really doesn't mean anything," he said. "It's awfully premature. It's all about how you finish, and the games we have ahead of us are incredible. We'll be underdogs in a lot of them."

"I'm sure for the players it means something to them. It's a lot of hard work and that's nice. The biggest thing is, can you stay in it? I never mention the polls to this team."

Cincinnati (20-1) is No. 1 for the fourth straight week and the ninth overall this season. The Bearcats, who handed Iowa State one of its losses, got 65 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel.

Stanford (17-1) was No. 1 on three ballots and was second with 1,663 points, 74 more than Duke (16-1). Syracuse, the last unbeaten team in Division I, had the other two first-place votes.

Ohio State moved up three places to fifth, and was followed by Tennessee, Connecticut, Michigan State, Arizona and Auburn.

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KMID (2)	6:30	News (CC)	KPEJ (3)	7:00	70s Show	KERA (5)	7:00	Secrets of Lost Empires	FAM (6)	7:00	Who's Your Mother	KOSA (7)	7:00	Who's Your Mother	WFAA (8)	7:00	Who's Your Mother	KWES (9)	7:00	Who's Your Mother	WTBS (11)	7:00	Who's Your Mother	UNI (13)	7:00	Who's Your Mother
	7:30	Be a Millionaire		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five		7:30	Party of Five
	8:00	Dharma-Greg Sports Night		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)		8:00	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)
	9:00	NYPD Blue (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)		9:00	Jerry Springer (CC)
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	12:00	AM Gunsmoke		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)		12:00	Cops (CC)

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2000. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they had been refused service. On this date: In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J. In 1896, Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin. In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence. In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, was authorized. In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary general of the United Nations. In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph. In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile. In 1979, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, whose prison sentence for bank robbery had been commuted by President Jimmy Carter, left a federal prison near San Francisco. In 1991, 35 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane at Los Angeles International Airport. Ten years ago: East Germany's Communist premier, Hans Modrow, appealed for negotiations with West Germany to forge a "united fatherland." Five years ago: The Federal Reserve boosted interest rates by 0.5 percent, the seventh rate hike in a year. House Republicans pushed through a bill restricting the federal government's ability to impose unfunded mandates on states. One year ago: With the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton proposed a \$1.77 trillion budget for fiscal 2000. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky gave a deposition that was videotaped for senators weighing impeachment charges against President Clinton.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Anna May of "The Thief of Baghdad"
- Cherrystone, e.g.
- Nonentity
- Part of USA
- Greasy
- Qatar currency unit
- Delhi dress
- Gorbys' nation
- Columbus' destination
- Trans-continental railroad connection
- In-house #
- Do ax work
- Heart of a hurricane
- Space of "Carrie"
- Freshwater green algae
- S.A. country
- Out of the bus
- Wom away
- Sewing tool
- Wriggle
- Onassis, to pals
- Candler of Coca-Cola
- Amanda of "Married... with Children"
- True blue
- Resistance unit
- Compass dir.
- Acquire
- Last chance for second thoughts
- Boredom
- Smidgen
- Region
- Really stinks
- Off one's rocker
- Desire
- Foos
- Son of Seth
- Lotion additive
- 31 Female rabbit
- 33 Italian cheese
- 35 June 6, 1944
- 36 CNN's Klensch
- 37 Arrangement
- 39 Women's
- 40 Actress Paula
- 41 Uno, due, ...
- 46 Polish
- 47 First Shaker
- 48 Canadian capital
- 49 "Aids," e.g.
- 50 Sherpas
- 51 Underground excavations
- 53 Lawn
- 55 Microwave?
- 56 Person, place or thing
- 57 Eight, II
- 58 Russian range
- 59 Nevada resort
- 60 Thurmond of basketball

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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