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Heroes, characters needed for Herald Progress Edition

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

- American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Big Spring Newcomers Club, contact Pat Mireles at 267-8741 for time and location.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- AMBUCS, noon.
- Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.* All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

- Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.
- Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

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Area school districts to receive recognition at spring conference

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Sands Consolidated School District will be honored for consistent excellence in education, along with 323 others, at the spring conference of the Association of Compensatory Educators of Texas.

"This is the first year we have received the highest honor, and we are so pleased. I have to give the credit to my elementary principal Zelda Bilbo and to Conchita Rodriguez, who work with the migrant students," said Dr. Donald Bryan, Sands superintendent.

Sands CISD will receive a distinguished award for being an exemplary

school district for the past three years, as determined by the Academic Excellence Indicator System of the Texas Education Agency.

Bryan said in the past, the district had received either honored or commended awards from ACET. But now that the district and particularly the elementary campus has achieved exemplary status for the third straight year, the highest recognition is a welcome award.

"We work at it. One of our programs is that we identify our students and their weaknesses, and then we pull them out and tutor them one on one," Bryan said.

Bryan also said a summer smart program, which allows migrant students 42

days of instruction during the summer, has also added to the success of the district.

He added that at least Bilbo, and perhaps others will be attending the spring convention April 19-21 in Austin to receive their award.

The recognition from the ACET, which is an organization of schools that receive Title I federal funds, allows three separate honors. Those schools that receive an honored award have maintained academic excellence for two straight years, while those that receive commended recognition achieved exemplary status in 1998-99.

"I am please to call attention to these

480 schools because they show that our schools can achieve high levels of performance even when faced with challenging demographics in their student population," said Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson.

Grady and Glasscock County Independent School Districts received a commended honor for achieving an exemplary rating in the 1998-99 school year.

"These schools demonstrate that when teachers, administrators, parents and communities work together to improve teaching and learning, our students can

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Irma Bustamante puts gas in her car at a local convenience store. She said she paid about 3 or 4 cents more a gallon than she did on her last trip to the pump. Unleaded regular gasoline was selling between \$1.29 and \$1.39 in Big Spring on Wednesday.

Air Force plans public meeting, flyover demonstrations Friday at Snyder airport

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

SNYDER — U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will join Air Force personnel for a public meeting and demonstration Friday at Winston Field.

The focus of the meeting will be the Air Force's announcement last week that it has selected a portion of West Texas for its Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI).

Included is an eight-county tract dubbed the "Lancer" Military Operations Area which includes portions of Kent, Scurry, Fisher, Stonewall, Borden, Dawson, Lynn and Garza counties. The Air Force intends to fly B-1 and B-52 bomber aircraft at 3,000 to 18,000 feet above the Lancer MOA to run various electronic tests.

The training area also includes a Military Training Route, which would be used to train pilots at altitudes down to 300 feet. A portion of that training route would be north up the Howard-Mitchell County line into the Lancer MOA.

A final decision on the proposal is expected in early March by Lt. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, deputy chief of staff, Air and Space Operations.

Friday's meeting and demonstration is being held to show citizens the types of aircraft that are expected to be flown over the area, as well as answer questions those in the audience might have.

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz will open the meeting at 4 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., B-1 and B-52 bomber aircraft will conduct several flyovers, demonstrating different maneuvers.

Air Force displays will be

available at the airfield beginning at 3:30 p.m.

"They've asked the Air Force if they would have a fly-over to let the people see what the planes sound like at 3,000 feet and the Air Force has agreed," said Fritz. "They'll have two decibel meters. There will be an Air Force person at each one and several citizens. I understand they are going to fly the B-1s in several different wing configurations, too."

One of the complaints those who oppose the RBTI have voiced is noise from the low-flying jets.

The activities — all open to the public — will take place at and in front of the hangar at Winston Field. Inside the hangar, the Air Force will have displays set up.

Snyder Chamber of Commerce will offer free Cokes and hotdogs to those who attend.

Arbitration

Energas to take rate hike proposal to RR Commission; TXU tariff request on hold

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Unable to reach an agreement with a steering committee, Energas will now take its proposed rate hike to the Texas Railroad Commission.

"Both parties worked hard to reach a settlement, but unfortunately, in five meetings they were not able to do so," Dan Alderson, Energas manager of public affairs for the Southern Region, told Big Spring City Council on Tuesday.

Energas had proposed a system-wide \$19.8 million rate increase last August, a hike amounting to about 8.4 percent to its customers.

At that time, the City of Big Spring joined with a coalition of 66 other cities in forming a five-member steering committee to address the issue. The committee hired a consultant to determine what percentage of rate increase Energas deserved, if any.

"What they apparently said is that not only should there be no increase, rates should be lower," said Gary Fuqua, Big Spring city manager.

Alderson asked the council Tuesday to reject the proposed rate increase, effectively moving ahead with the arbitration process.

However, at the recommendation of city staff, the council took no action, pending a resolution from the 67-member coalition of cities.

"Some city councils have

already gone ahead and rejected the proposed increase, but we recommend we take it up at our next meeting after we receive the resolution. I am sure we will reject it too, but we'd rather wait until we get that from the coalition," said Fuqua.

Alderson told council members that Energas filed an appeal Monday with the Railroad Commission.

"The Railroad Commission will hear both sides and make a ruling on the rate case itself. Whatever the commission decides will go into effect for customers," he said.

"This in no way hampers our relationship with Big Spring. It has been a good one. We are still very much in tune with Big Spring and with economic development in this city," Alderson told the council.

In other action, the city council suspended for 90 days the filing of a rate tariff by TXU Electric.

Local TXU manager Mike Nieto told the board that the request was simply a necessity for the company to prepare for deregulation.

"This is not a rate increase; it is not a rate decrease," said Nieto.

He said the primary purpose of the filing is to modify, close or delete certain existing tariffs to help make the transition to a competitive retail market as of Jan. 1, 2002. He noted that Senate Bill 7, passed by the Texas Legislature, requires the action.

However, upon the recommendation of city staff, the council decided to suspend the tariff request for 90 days in order to allow a steering committee from the coalition of cities to study to matter.



NIETO

CRMWD board receives information on lake levels

By WADE WARREN
Herald Correspondent

Meeting for the first time in Snyder, the Colorado River Municipal Water District board of directors learned Wednesday

that the immediate area is not the only part of Texas suffering from the lack of rainfall.

CRMWD staff engineer Chris Wingert said San Angelo lakes are less than 10 percent capacity.

Wingert said Lake J. B. Thomas is just over 14 percent of capacity at 28,950 acre-feet, while E. V. Spence Reservoir near Robert Lee is at 11.5 percent of capacity at 56,220 acre-feet.

Lake Thomas' maximum storage is 204,000 acre-feet, while Spence Reservoir's capacity is 488,760.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir, near Ballinger, is at 56.8 percent of

capacity with 314,750 acre-feet impounded.

While Lake Thomas remains low, it was cited as one bright spot for the water district last year with regard to inflow.

The lake received 42,206 acre-feet in 1999, as compared to Spence's 16,323 and Ivie's 24,845.

Most of the inflow into Thomas occurred in June of last year when the Borden County area received heavy rainfall.

Snyder recorded 22.07 inches of rain last year, as compared to 11.80 in Big Spring, 8.12 in Odessa and 7.60 in Midland.

"Looking at the worst-case scenario, if Thomas does not receive any inflow at all, we will be looking at severe drought conditions that will again require the use of the water wells (in Snyder) in July, 2001," said Wingert.

The board did meet briefly in executive session in a matter related to Lake Thomas.

CRMWD manager John Grant said the district began dredging around the Snyder intake pump

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Fiesta Dodge General manager Chuck Potts presents Fran Turrentine, manager of the Big Spring Humane Society, a check for \$850. In addition to the check the Humane Society also received over \$200 worth of pet food. KBST morning show co-host Mike Kias looks on.

OBITUARIES

Edna L. Perkins

Edna L. Perkins, 98, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, in a local nursing home. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on Aug. 2, 1901, in Farmersville and married Estes Perkins on July 10, 1926, in Malador. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1950.

She had lived in Big Spring for the past 56 years and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Perkins had been a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for 56 years and was a member of American Gold Star Mothers since 1952.

Survivors include: her daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Howard Shanks of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Nancy Perkins of Rhode Island, Carol Woods of Dallas, Gary Shanks of Allen and David Shanks and Janet Sneed, both of Midland; five great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Arthur Gene Perkins, Jesse B. Perkins and Weldon Glen Perkins; and by a grandson, Larry Gene Perkins.

Pallbearers will be Wade Shanks, Charlie Shanks, Lawrence Ray Lewis, Fred Phillips, Charles Barbee, Harold Cain, Steve Stephenson and Ráford Dunagan.

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

Curtis Neill

Service for Curtis Neill, 73, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, in a Midland hospital.

Helen Threats

Service for Helen Threats, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Clifton McMurtrey, 73, died Wednesday. Services are 10:30 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Troy Farrig, 89, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Clifton McMurtrey

Service for Clifton (C. Mac) McMurtrey, 73, Big Spring, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at the Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dean Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.



McMurtrey died Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on May 29, 1926, in Leon Springs. He grew up in Ingram and Kerrville and graduated from Tivy High School in Kerrville. He served in the Army during World War II in Europe. He was in the Rainbow Division and was in the Battle of the Bulge. From 1946 until 1986, he was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone. He was a Baptist and a member of the Telephone Company Pioneers. He had also been a member of the American Legion and the Eagles Lodge. He married Jane McMennamy on Sept. 4, 1948, in Hale Center. They came to Big Spring in 1950 from Abilene.

He is survived by: his wife, Jane McMurtrey of Big Spring; one daughter, Carolyn Peaselee of Troy; four sons, Larry McMurtrey of Mertzon, Tommy McMurtrey of Big Spring, Johnny McMurtrey of Lawton, Okla., and Kenny McMurtrey of Fort Stockton; one sister, Frances Remmler of Cibolo; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rex Kelly

Service for Rex Kelly, 94, Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000.

SCHOOLS

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be winners in the classroom," Nelson said.

An exemplary rating from TEA is achieved when a district receives a 90 percent passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test overall and for each student group. Student groups are determined to be African American, white, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged.

Also, to be an exemplary school, a district must maintain a drop out rate of less than 1 percent, and must have 94 percent of all students in attendance.

All 326 districts, that will be honored this spring are referred to as Title I schools, because they receive federal funds under the Title I Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides funding to improve schools with high percentages of economically disadvantaged students, Nelson said.

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two years ago in order to get water to the intake pipes, but it failed to first get a permit from the Environmental Protective Agency.

Grant said the district later received a permit, but the EPA issued an administrative complaint. No additional action is expected, Grant said.

The board agreed to expand the district's weather modification program to include all of Dawson County. Now, the target area includes Dawson, Borden and Mitchell Counties, and parts of Scurry, Howard, Coke, Nolan, Sterling and Glasscock.

The board also adopted policies related to activities at the

district's lakes, mainly bass tournaments.

New rules for sponsors of "for-profit" tournaments include a permit at \$100 per day if the number of entries exceed 500, and no charge and no permits for non-profit tournaments if the number of entries is fewer than 500.

A permit, but no fee, is required for non-profit tournaments that exceed 500 entries.

Food and product vendors will be not authorized if the number of entries are fewer than 500, and permits will be granted only if the concessionaire agrees on tournaments greater than 500 entries.

The cost of the permit is \$25 per day.

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MONDAY

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

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 21, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main.

Big Spring Chapter no. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 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 College Cactus Room.

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

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

BRIEFS

BAPTIST TEMPLE CHURCH WILL BE having a divorce workshop starting Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. and will continue for eight consecutive Mondays.

This workshop is for any divorced, separated or widowed person and the cost is \$35 (which includes materials, workshop and refreshments). The deadline to register is Feb. 21. Call the church at 267-8287 for more information. Child care is available upon request.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is offering disaster training courses. Thursday, Feb. 24, is introduction to disaster and damage assessment from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, is mass care and shelter operations from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, is emergency assistance to families from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Introduction to disaster is a prerequisite for all other courses. These classes will be held in the library at Balmorea High School. To register for the class please contact Susie at 1-800-219-2154.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eye-

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glasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Goenke at 393-5298.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals from Monday, Feb. 7-Monday, March 27. 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. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

MARKETS

March cotton 55.85, up 5 points; Feb. crude 29.27, up 50 points; cash hogs at 40 even; cash steers steady at 70 even; Feb. lean hog futures 55.80, up 17 points; Feb. live cattle futures 70.50, down 12 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets unavailable by press time.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 79
Wednesday's low 44
Average high 59
Average low 31
Record high 88 in 1957

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 3,8,3

Lotto: 29,32,9,21,38,50

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

Record low 10 in 1929

Precip. Tuesday 0.00

Month to date 0.07

Month's normal 0.13

Year to date 0.49

Normal for the year 0.71

Sunrise Friday 7:33 a.m.

Sunset Friday 6:28 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

5:24 a.m. — 500 block Edwards, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:25 a.m. — 1500 block W. 11th Place, transfer patient to Lubbock Covenant.

7:31 a.m. — 1300 block Utah, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:43 a.m. — 4200 block Hamilton, trash fire, extinguished.

10:29 a.m. — 1600 block Sunset, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:55 a.m. — 1600 block W. 11th Place, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:35 p.m. — 1000 block N. Main, medical call, service refused.

4:44 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:50 p.m. — 1900 block N. Monticello, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

TIMOTHY EASLEY, 40, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

BETTY DAVIS, 28, was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

JAVIER LOMAS, 36, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

JON GUZMAN, 34, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was invalid.

MICHAEL SEAY, 21, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

CHRISTENE BEAM, 19, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

JEREMY MINTER, 20, was

arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

KIRK FOWLER, 21, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was invalid.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin and in the 900 block of Goliad.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 100 block of E. 2nd.

THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Johnson and in the 2300 block of Wasson.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today:

MICHAEL ALLEN SEAY, 21, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

LARRY LEROY HAMRICK, 25 was arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

TREVOR ASHLEY ROTEN, 30, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

LARKIN JAMES EVERETT, 38, was arrested on a charge of bond forfeiture/driving while license suspended.

DARRELL LOYD THOMAS, 61, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more offenses.

ANDRES JUAREZ, 40, was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

CAROLINE CUELLAR, 31, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended/failure to identify.

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Study shows millions of Americans going hungry as economy booms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Churches and volunteer groups are launching a campaign to combat the problem of hunger that recent reports say persists in America despite growing prosperity.

The latest study by Bread for the World today scores the world's wealthiest nation for "doing less than any other developed nation to combat pervasive hunger."

One in 10 American households is unable to afford the food it needs, the report said. Citing Agriculture Department data, the report pushes a plan for increased wages and nutri-

tion programs it says could end hunger in the United States.

Globally, non-government organizations have adopted a goal of cutting hunger in half by 2015 by pushing governments to add about \$4 billion for a variety of programs.

The campaign is buoyed by progress in recent years. The proportion of world hungry has dropped by 50 percent and the actual number by 17 percent in recent decades.

But 31 million Americans and 791 million people in poorer countries "still face hunger as a regular fact of life," the report said.

"The level of effort required to end widespread hunger is relatively small," Bread for the World said, noting that U.S. aid to other countries continues to decline while other nations' contributions rise.

The nationwide campaign, Hunger 2000, seeks improvements in the federal Food Stamp program, an increase in the minimum wage by \$1 an hour, and more government spending to combat hunger.

About 1,000 churches across the country are asking devotees to give "offerings of letters" to be sent to Congress pushing hunger issues.

The goal is 100,000 letters. As further evidence of persistent hunger in America, the U.S. Conference of Mayors reported in December a survey of 26 cities that demand for emergency food rose 18 percent the previous year.

The Bread for the World report also parallels the conclusions of a Tufts University study released last month showing that 30 million Americans worry about where they will get their next meal.

That study said the numbers have not decreased over the past four years despite unprecedented economic growth.

An Agriculture Department report released in November, lists 18 states and the District of Columbia where at least 10 percent of households are going hungry or don't have consistent access to adequate food. New Mexico had the largest percentage — 15.1.

Texas, Mississippi, Arizona, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oregon had rates of 12.6 percent or higher.

Hunger also has become a minor issue in the presidential campaign, with Texas Gov. George Bush saying he doesn't believe the federal ranking of Texas as second-hungriest state

in the nation, with 5 percent of Texas families sometimes going hungry.

The new Bread for the World report says increased spending of just \$18 per person per year would end hunger in America, while an extra \$1 billion a year would pay America's share of fighting world hunger.

The report notes that while hunger has decreased worldwide in the last 25 years, terrible conditions continue to exist in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, and two-thirds of the world's hungry still live in poorer Asian and Pacific countries.

Lawmakers seek better health care for military retirees

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan group of lawmakers say the nation must live up to its promise to provide full health care access to military retirees, even if it costs billions of dollars.

In testimony before Congress on Wednesday, Defense Secretary William Cohen agreed that the government has an unfulfilled obligation to retired career servicemen. "This is perhaps the single most important issue we can address this year and in the future," Cohen said.

The lawmakers, speaking separately at a news conference before cheering veterans, said they will make sure the issue

comes up this year, and introduced legislation that would bring sweeping changes to the retiree health care system.

The legislation "would rectify a broken promise made to those servicemen and women who were promised by recruiters that they would have fully paid health care for life," said Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., sponsor of the Senate bill with Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga.

Under the proposal, 20-year retirees who entered military service before June 7, 1956, could enroll in the health care program for federal civilian retirees — the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program — with the government paying 100

percent of costs.

Those entering after 1956, when the military health care plan CHAMPUS was enacted into law, could join FEHBP under the same conditions as civilian retirees. At age 65, they could either stay in FEHBP or participate in Medicare.

Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., House sponsor along with Rep. Ronnie Shows, D-Miss., said cost estimates run in the \$8 billion to \$10 billion a year range. "So what?" he said. "That absolutely means nothing to me. We gave our word."

With the budget running big surpluses, he said, "now is the time and maybe the only time" to do right by the nation's mili-

tary retirees.

Before 1956, the military promised free health care for life to retirees. After that all retirees were entitled either to free care at a military facility on a space-available basis or could sign up with an insurance plan, for many the HMO-like Tricare program. At age 65, all retirees are switched to Medicare.

The closing of many military bases has made it tougher for many veterans to use military hospitals, while Tricare, is "one of the worst HMOs in America," Norwood said. Reimbursement rates are only about 75 percent of what Medicare pays, he said.

Politics the main event in House vote on marriage penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Staking election-year strategy on a parade of tax cuts, Republicans are using the first major House vote of the year to push a 10-year, \$182 billion income tax cut for millions of married couples.

Replaying last year's tax fight, President Clinton is threatening a veto but some Democrats worry that the measure will have political appeal in competitive districts as they attempt to retake control of the House.

"These Americans do not just reside in Republican districts," said Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz.

The legislation today is among the more popular parts of the \$792 billion tax cut vetoed by Clinton last year. Republicans are carving up that bill into a series of measures intended to force Democrats into a series of politically difficult House votes.

Republicans "really believe that they can con the American people to believe that we are rejecting things, instead of being positive in working with them, in getting something done," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

The GOP bill would cut taxes

for all married couples who file joint income tax returns, not just the estimated 25 million two-earner couples who pay a "marriage penalty" compared with what they would owe if single. Half the bill's cost would go to increase the "marriage bonus" enjoyed by millions of other couples, mainly those in which one spouse earns much more than the other.

Almost 50 million married couples filed joint tax returns in 1997, according to the most recent complete IRS statistics.

"If we are going to provide tax relief for married couples, why

pick and choose which couples will benefit?" said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga. "All married couples should benefit, not just those with dual incomes."

Clinton argues that the GOP bill is too costly — it is four times as expensive as the president's version — and is skewed toward people with higher incomes. Clinton also says the bill would consume a chunk of the projected budget surplus before plans are laid to ensure the future solvency of Social Security and Medicare, payment of national debt and to pay for key spending increases.

Reno promises federal battle against cyber-vandals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno promised today that federal law enforcement authorities will do all in their power to combat a wave of Internet vandalism.

Responding to a rash of attacks that disrupted a number of flagship Web sites, Reno said "these cyber-assaults have caused millions of Internet users to be denied services."

She said the motives of the vandals are not known "but they appear to be intended to interfere with and disrupt legitimate electronic commerce."

"We are committed in every way possible to tracking down those who are responsible," she said.

Ronald Dick, a cyber-security expert at the FBI, said the hackers could face a maximum penalty of 5 to 10 years in jail and up to a \$250,000 fine, or in some cases "twice the gross loss to the victim."

Internet vandals on Tuesday waged an unprecedented campaign of electronic assaults against Web sites belonging to some of the biggest names in cyberspace, disrupting access for consumers to the some of the Web's most popular sites. Today, the online brokerage,

ETrade, said its Web site was attacked. "Customer accounts were never compromised," spokesman Patrick DiChiro said. Fewer than one-fifth of its customers were affected by the clogged traffic for about 90 minutes before the company blunted the attack, he said.

On Tuesday, a rash of attacks struck sites that included those of eBay, Amazon, CNN and Buy.Com, all in unusually forceful assaults similar to one that overwhelmed Yahoo! a day earlier.

Reno said the Justice Department the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, in cooperation with the business community, are seeking "to keep pace with the cyber-criminals of the new millennium."

She told reporters at an afternoon news conference that among the chief concerns of law enforcement officials is to get prompt reporting of incidents of cyber-vandalism. Reno also said federal authorities are working with state and local counterparts to improve their capability to deal with such crimes.

President Clinton had said earlier he didn't know if there was anything Washington could do.

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OUR VIEWS

Great to witness construction all over Big Spring

Everywhere you look around Big Spring these days construction is in progress. From one end of the city to the other, crews are busy leveling ground, pouring cement or framing buildings.

A short trip north of town along U.S. Highway 87 brings you to the largest project — the 76,000-square-foot Texas Veterans Home. At that size, it will be late this year before it is completed, but in the meantime it is providing jobs for more than a hundred workers.

Just around the corner, construction is going on off the Interstate 20 service road at the USDA Research Center. A spacious drive and parking area and a facade are just some of the renovations going on at the facility, which will eventually house offices for the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Travel south on Highway 87 — call it Gregg Street now — and take a right on Fourth Street to Bob Brock Ford. There, a separate facility is being set up for the Nissan dealership.

Go back to Gregg Street and left on Eighth to Scurry and you'll see that the Westex Telcom Customer Service Center is well under construction. It should be completed in April.

Over on 11th Street, the Trinity Baptist Church multipurpose center is near completion, and about as nice looking a building as we could have imagined. It will be a major asset to the church and no doubt to the community.

That takes us out to FM 700 and the south side of Big Spring, where the new Sonic 2000 Drive-In is coming along quickly. It won't be long until we can pull in there for a burger and fries.

Just down the road, land is being cleared for the new Culligan Water Systems offices. And on out east, we can see where the lot across from Solitaire Homes is being readied for expansion.

No doubt we haven't hit every spot on a would-be working tour of Big Spring, but we have offered up enough to show that construction is going strong here. Construction means immediate jobs in the form of builders, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, roofers — on and on. And in most of the cases we've mentioned, it means additional jobs to our community once those new structures are completed.

It also says positive things about our economy — positive things that we believe will attract even more businesses and even more construction. You're looking good, Big Spring.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you Big Spring.

Thank you for your generosity and help in the Boy Scouts "Good Turn Food Drive." Because you care we were able to add over 4,100 cans and bags of food to the Salvation Army pantry.

Well done!

A special "Thank You" to the boys and their adult leaders who gave of their time and furnished transportation and supervision for this project. There are a lot of generous businesses and individuals in our city. Special thanks to HEB for donating the bags for the food drive, the Big Spring Herald for inserting the bags

in the papers and for all the publicity given to this project.

Thanks to Cox Communications for the ads on cable television, to KBST and KBYG for the air time on their stations.

A special "Thank You" to Leland and Merline Pierce for fixing up the horse trailer so we could transport the food to the Salvation Army.

Big Spring, you are a generous and caring community and for that the Boy Scouts are very appreciative. Without your assistance we couldn't get it done.

CLEM JONES
FOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN
BIG SPRING

Tracing the roots of a dancer-photographer

When Lisa Marsh was growing up in Albany, Ga., a neighbor child taped pennies to the bottom of Lisa's shoes to illustrate the rudimentary joys of tap dancing.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

It was love at first clomp. Soon afterward, at the ancient age of 12, Lisa's first real dance lessons began. That's a rather late start in the world of dance, but it was a fish-to-water plunge for Lisa.

"I knew early on that what I wanted in life was to have my own ballet school," she says.

Lisa Marsh has an indisputable dancer's body and a kind of artistic enthusiasm that make her seem younger than her 33 years. A mere penny on her sole, after all, gave her this golden vision.

The dream was almost interrupted when she reached college age and her father tell ter-

minally ill. She wanted to stay close to home and abandoned the idea of studying dance at Duke University.

But the selfless father insisted his daughter go ahead with plans, and Lisa compromised by choosing a Georgia school. (She majored in dance at Brenau University.)

Today she does have her own dance school, lithe Lisa, but under the unlikely umbrella of a Baptist church. (Baptists aren't known for embracing dancing of any kind.) Marietta's Eastside Baptist began sponsoring the dance program seven years ago, and Lisa's bright, art-lined studio is behind the church on the top floor of the Christian Activity Center.

Lisa was sitting in the choir loft when she first heard about the church's rather radical plan to include dance in its recreation program. The first year, to everyone's surprise, 39 students showed up to take lessons. Lisa quit her other day jobs one by one as the classes grew. (Now there is a waiting list; you don't have to be a church or denomination member to take lessons in classical ballet, jazz or adult tap. Three other teachers are on board as

well.)

"It's unusual," Lisa says, in classic understatement, of her church-connected school. This year her troupe was invited to perform at the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting in Macon, a giant leap for any Baptist ballerina.

"It was a chance to show them (other Baptists) how beautiful dance is, and to open hearts."

But dance isn't the only discipline that figures into this story. Lisa recently won \$1,000 and first place for a photograph she entered in a Campbell's Soup promotional contest.

There were 50 first place awards nationwide, and one grand prize. Winners get to see their photo on a billboard in their state.

Lisa, whose hobby is photography, first heard about the contest on TV. She started thinking about the perfect, natural subjects she had pirouetting in and out of her life on a daily basis.

She made a few phone calls, borrowed a tripod and armed herself with plenty of film and soup mugs.

The good news came just before Christmas. One day soon, the seven 5-

year-old members of Lisa's ballet class will be treated to a costume tea party. After tea, the tiny dancers will march down the street to watch a movie. (You think of the book "Madeline" when Lisa happily describes the future outing.) The field trip won't take them far afield, but it's Lisa's way of saying thanks.

The girls, after all, donned their pink ballet duds on a nonlesson day and showed up to help out. They each got a mug of soup and a straw and went about the business of being darling.

The winning shot shows two girls, best friends Shannon Rose Forde and Anna Gibson, merrily sucking soup through straws. Their mugs will be blown up billboard size.

"I hope the sign won't be on an interstate," Lisa says, "but on a side street where we can all go and stand and look at it."

The next recital for Lisa's dance troupe will be March 25. Lisa adapted "The Tale of Three Trees" for the theme, and the public is invited. But if you're in Georgia and can't catch the show, watch for ballerinas on a billboard near you. Coming soon.

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Life was simple back during band trips

I started playing trumpet when I was in the seventh grade in Fort Worth. Once I was playing a solo before the entire student body. The song was "My Happiness."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Back then, school auditoriums were not air conditioned, so the windows were kept open. A stiff breeze swept across the stage and blew a page of the sheet music off the music stand.

The sheet landed right at the feet of the female first chair violinist. While taking a breath during my solo, I sort of whispered to her out of the side of my mouth, "Pick it up." She just sat there. I was at the point where I needed the sheet that was on the floor, so I kept on playing, reached down and picked it up. I managed to finish the solo and got hearty applause along with some giggles.

I loved playing the trumpet. It was one of the first skills I could call my own. I played it all through Arlington Heights High School. My girl friends told me they could hear my trumpet playing during half-

time shows at football games. Made me feel real good.

One year, we took a band trip to Amarillo when our high school football team went to the state playoffs. It was so cold they canceled the half-time show because band officials were afraid our mouthpieces would freeze to our lips. Band members retreated to the school buses and still froze. It was cold.

When I was in the all-city high school orchestra in Fort Worth I was first chair trumpet and had to play three extremely high notes as a solo to start a difficult piece of music. And the notes were to be played on a cold lip. That means the music started after a long speech. I worried all during the speech, concentrating on playing the high notes, fingering the valves and taking my mouthpiece off the horn to keep it warm. When the conductor raised his baton, looked at me and brought it down, I performed flawlessly. It was a great moment in my music career.

Band trips were so much fun. A few of us smoked cigarettes and little cigars on the bus enroute to various events where we played. As I recall, Mr. Carson, our band director, didn't seem to mind. He never lectured us about smoking. He just wanted us to play good. And we did. We won all sorts

of medals and trophies in contests.

Once we took the band bus to Waurika, Oklahoma for a contest. There were band kids there from several nearby states.

We swarmed all over that small town. Some of us owned our own cars back home and were accustomed to getting around on wheels and didn't like to be without them.

We found ourselves in a residential neighborhood near town and I saw a nifty little Ford coupe sitting in a driveway. I knocked on the door of the house and a lady came to the door. I told her we were in Waurika for a band contest and needed to borrow her car to drive around town. It sounds crazy, I know, but she got her keys and we took off in that lady's car.

We went to the center of town and pulled up to a bunch of our fellow band members. They were impressed to see us in a car. We drove around for about an hour or so. We got out of the car to go in a drug store and a man came in. I just felt that he might be the husband of the lady whose car we had borrowed. Sure enough, he was. He was, very nice, just asked us for the keys and said he hoped we enjoyed our ride. That's all there was to it. Life was so simple back when I made band trips.

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Valentine's Day not just for women anymore

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Prissy Stanley is not afraid to send a huge balloon bouquet or a basket of goodies to her husband on Valentine's Day.

In fact, her husband Terry, who works at Fina Refinery, often makes the trek to the front gate to pick up a large, embarrassing gift and then back to his office where it is displayed for all to see.

"I usually get a grin and a 'Thank you, darlin'," Prissy Stanley said. "I think he gets a kick out of it."

Valentine's Day is no longer a holiday supported only by men. Sure, plenty of gals will be waiting for that floral delivery, box of candy or even diamond jewelry when Monday comes, but men will get gifts, too.

Florist Q.T. Coats of A Timeless Design said he has plenty of women customers who send bouquets, balloons and stuffed animals to their boyfriends and husbands.

"I think most men would like to have flowers or something like that," Coats said. "They buy them and send them to their wives, don't they?"

He said any type of bouquet would do.

"Flowers don't have a gender. Just choose what you like and he will like it, too."

If his favorite color is blue,



Q.T. Coats of A Timeless Design said he has plenty of women customers who send bouquets, baskets and balloons to their husbands and boyfriends on Valentine's Day.

for example, try an iris or other flower that comes in the color. He said plenty of spring flowers are becoming available now in a variety of colors.

"They are going to take a little razzing about it," Coats said, "but chances are the other guys are going to wish their wives would do the same thing."

If balloons and stuffed animals don't seem to fit the bill, consider a basket of snack food he likes, even chips and bean dip if those are his favorites. Or try a coffee mug filled with candy, or a living plant for his office.

Coats said his customers at this busy holiday time are still mostly men, but his female customers have one important thing in common — they plan ahead.

"Women order in advance," he said. "Men usually do not."

And it's not just at Valentine's Day. Coats said several of his female customers send flowers to their husbands on their anniversary or other special occasions throughout the year.

Prissy Stanley said women should not be afraid to embarrass their husbands a little to show how much you care about them.

"I think you need to do those things," she said. "It helps you keep in touch. There is nothing the matter with a wife flirting with her husband."

Been there, done that

Check family history sources more than once to maximize their benefit for you

This week I want to discuss what I call, "traveling the same road twice," or checking again at a place you may have looked before.

Many years ago I started searching for my ancestors. I wrote letters to people all across the country, individuals, courthouses, state archives etc. I found out a lot, yet missed much valuable information for three reasons. The first was, I did not get all of the records of a certain family, that is the in-laws as well. Two, I did not check out the various spellings of names. Three, many times people that you contacted years ago have received new information and can add to what you found when your first started your search.



BOBBY RAWLS

I had done a little research on the Kinsler family because of the marriage of Joseph Rawls to Sophia Kinsler. Joseph Rawls, who is my fifth great-grandfather. I recently discovered that the Murff family states this Sophia Rawls was married to John Murff before her marriage to Thomas Rawls. In reality, it was a different Sophia Kinsler that married John Murff, then Thomas Rawls, and they confused the two Sophia Kinslers, since each had married a Rawls.

A person that was looking for information on the Internet sent me some information that had been sent to her on several families, including some on Gabriel and Joseph Rawls. That information has been circulated since 1966, as she sent me a copy of several letters that John H. Parker of Liberty, Miss., had sent in that year.

One for the references was to the Adams family, and that of

the Pitts family. I have been researching the Pitts family for a lady here in town, and had remarked that there was a possible connection. This letter refers to the Pitts family of Newberry County, South Carolina, which is where we suspect her family is from. Small world.

Another instance is when I was researching the Rawls, Hart and Sasser families from Mississippi, a lady that I had sat next to at the LDS library, was descended from this same family. We each had information on the families that the other did not.

In yet another instance, while I was at the Howard County Library, I checked the register for the genealogy room and found a local lady researching the Rawls and Massey families. It turns out that the Rawls were from Tyler County, Texas, and that I had quite a bit on her family. In turn she had a diary that she graciously let me copy pages from. I thank her very much!

With the coming of the Internet, more and more people are beginning to share their family history with others. This has brought about a boon for genealogists and family historians. By making the right connection, we can find and share information that was once considered lost forever, and by retracing our steps, we can find information that has been added to libraries and archives all across the country.

People are giving their old letters, copies of Bibles and other important family heirlooms to local libraries, museums, genealogical societies, and state archives as well. Check out the area your family lived, and re-check the places you looked before, you may be pleasantly surprised.

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SCHOOL NEWS

BSHS UIL teams

The Big Spring High School speech and debate teams have been competing in UIL practice meets recently.

In a tournament at Abilene High School Jan. 14-15, the duet acting team of Torryn Haynes and Haley Haynes received a trophy for their performance from "The Murder Room" and were named sweepstakes finalists.

In Snyder, Ana McLaughlin

received a first place in poetry interpretation. Torryn Haynes and Haley Haynes also received a third place in duet acting.

In Monahans, Ana McLaughlin earned another first in poetry interpretation, while a fourth place went to Torryn Haynes and Haley Haynes for duet acting. Sarah Smith also earned a fourth place in poetry.

In Andrews, Big Spring earned five individual trophies and one for a team. Aaron Scholer took first place in ready writing.

Annette Richardson got a third place in ready writing. April Ward got first place in editing and a third place in

headline writing. Sarah Smith earned a second place in poetry. Jordan Partee earned a second place in current issues/events.

The current events team of Jordan Partee, Chris Bravo, Michelle Stokes, Eloy Leal and Ryan Gannaway earned a second place.

BSHS Color Guard
Big Spring High School Mariah Color Guard earned a second place trophy at the North Texas Color Guard Association competition.

"We put the winter color guard back together last year, and this is our second year back. We earned this second

place trophy in the Regional "A" Division at our first competition of the year," said BSBS band director Rocky Harris.

Harris said eight girls comprise Mariah, which was the name of the former color guard for the school. It has been brought back in recent years and has had success in several competitions.

One student member of the group, Becky Vera, competed in the solo contest and earned a third place out of 20 students who entered that aspect of the competition.

Mariah has two more competitions this year, as well as a state contest. The next contest is March 4.

Differences between men and women are obvious and subtle

QUESTION: You've discussed briefly some of the physiological and emotional differences between the sexes. Could you list other physical characteristics unique to males and females?

DR. DOBSON: Men and women differ in countless ways, many of which they aren't even conscious of. Here are just a few of those differences.

1. Women have greater constitutional vitality, perhaps because of their unique chromosomal pattern. Normally, women outlive men by three or four years in the United States. Females simply have a stronger hold on life than males.

2. Men have a higher incidence of death from almost every disease except disorders related to female reproduction and breast cancer.

3. The sexes differ in skeletal structure, women having a shorter head, broader face, less protruding chin, shorter legs

and longer trunk. The first finger of a woman's hand is usually longer than the third; with men the reverse is true. Men's teeth last longer than do those of women.

4. Women have a larger stomach, kidneys, liver and appendix, and smaller lungs than men.

5. Women have three very important physiological functions totally absent in men — menstruation, pregnancy and lactation. Each of these mechanisms influences behavior and feelings significantly. Female hormonal patterns are more complex and varied. The glands work differently in the two sexes. For example, a woman's

thyroid is larger and more active; it enlarges during menstruation and pregnancy, which makes her more prone to goiter, provides resistance to cold, and is associated with the smooth skin, relatively hairless body and thin layer of subcutaneous fat that are important elements in the concept of personal beauty.

6. Women's blood contains more water (20 percent fewer red cells). Since these supply oxygen to the body, women tire more easily and are more prone to faint. Their constitutional viability is therefore strictly a long-range matter. When the working day in British factories, under wartime conditions, was increased from 10 to 12 hours, accidents of women increased 150 percent — but not at all in men.

7. Men are stronger than women in brute strength.

8. Women's hearts beat more



DR. JAMES DOBSON

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Longhorns, bison big draw for state park

SAN ANGELO (AP)— The San Angelo State Park has been home to one of the most diverse collections of wildlife in all of West Texas since its inception five years ago.

On any given day visitors can see rare birds, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, whitetail deer or quail feeding across the open ground.

But two of the park's largest species just may be two of its biggest attractions.

Every day, people travel to the state park to watch, and many times feed, the American bison and Texas Longhorn herds that roam across the West Texas pasture.

Bill Guffey, who has taken care of the park's livestock since it opened, said the herds have withstood the Texas drought pretty well this year.

"Bison do a lot better than domestic livestock," he said. "They are more of a browse eater; a lot like goats. They will eat some brush that domestic livestock will not."

"There is a lot of grass out here. But unfortunately it's all dead. But the animals have held their weight pretty well considering the year we've had."

Guffey said the key to rangeland management is to not over-graze the land during bad years. However, Guffey said, that is a luxury most area ranchers do not have.

"We raise the animals to show the public," he said. "Ranchers have to make a living off the land."

"We try to rotate the animals to different pastures fairly often. And we don't want to put

them in too small of an area."

To compensate for the loss of any winter weeds, Guffey feeds the herds supplemental 20-percent protein range cubes and bales of hay.

Many times, visitors to the park bring range cubes of their own to feed the livestock. And Guffey said one man even cuts Johnson grass before entering the park to feed the hungry herd.

"People love them," he said. "We have had people come from a long way away to feed them."

Guffey said all visitors to the park have to feed the bison from across a fence to ensure their safety.

"Bison can be aggressive," he said. "Bison are always wild animals. If you get around them and they are expecting food they can get excited."

"And there is a pecking order with the bison. None of the other animals get near the older animals when they are eating. They are in charge."

"Little Chief," a 2,400-pound bison bull, is in charge of the San Angelo herd.

There are 13 bison in the state park and Guffey said he only wants to add two to three bison calves per year.

"We have the right numbers for what we are doing here," he said.

In the 1920s, J. Frank Dobie assembled a small herd of Longhorn cattle for the State of Texas because the breed was on the verge of extinction.

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SCIENCE NEWS

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. (AP) — Crab shells, plastic utensils, even livestock carcasses are making their way back to the soil as communities are pushed to reduce landfill waste with increased composting.

"Anything that came from something alive is compostable," said Mark Van Horn who runs the student farm at the University of California, Davis. "The trick is to make the conditions right so it can biodegrade."

Van Horn says those conditions are the right combination of air, water, nitrogen and carbon, reacting together to reach a temperature of about 140 degrees.

While thousands of gardeners and farmers make their own compost today, there are also more than 3,500 working commercial compost facilities in the U.S., according to the national Compost Technology Group. The facilities are paid to accept garbage, which they turn into fertile soil and sell to commercial farmers for about \$20 a ton.

Consumers can buy bagged compost for their gardens for about \$1 a pound in typical landscaping stores.

The number of composting centers is growing by a few hundred each year as communities seek to control overflowing landfills.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SKYWARN 2000 SPOTTER TRAINING Classes by the National Weather Service are scheduled in the area in February and March.

All classes are free, begin at 7 p.m. and will last about two hours, with a short break.

This year's classes will include video of the Midland tornado in 1999 and the Oklahoma City tornadoes of May 3, 1999. Also, thunderstorm types and strategies for locating tornado formations are just some of the topics that will be covered in the class.

For more information contact George Mathews, warning coordination meteorologist at 915-563-5006, ext. 223.

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rapidly than those of men (80 vs. 72). Their blood pressure (10 points lower than men) varies more from minute to minute, but they have much less tendency to high blood pressure — at least until after menopause.

9. Women can withstand higher temperatures better than men due to a difference in their metabolism.

10. Men and women differ in every cell of their bodies because they carry a differing chromosomal pattern. The implications of those genetic components range from obvious to extremely subtle.

Who can estimate how many other sex-related influences lie below the level of consciousness?

QUESTION: My wife and I sometimes get into fights when neither of us really wants to argue. I'm not even sure how it happens. We just find ourselves locking horns and then feeling bad about it later. Why can't we get along even when we want to?

DR. DOBSON: To answer the question I would need to know more about the circumstances that set off the two of you. The best I can do is describe one of the most common sources of conflict between people who are committed to each other. I call it experiencing "differing assumptions."

When husbands and wives engage each other in angry combat, they often feel hurt, rejected and assaulted by the other person. But when these battles are analyzed objectively, we often see that neither side really meant to wound the other. The pain resulted not from intentional insults, but from the natural consequences of seeing things from a different angle.

For example, a man might assume that Saturday is his day to play golf or watch a game on television because he worked hard all week and deserved a day off. Who could blame him? But his wife might justifiably assume that he should take the kids off her hands for a few hours because she's been wiping runny noses and changing diapers all week long. She deserves a break today and expects him to give it to her. Again, it's a pretty reasonable assumption. When these unique perspectives collide, about 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, the sparks start to fly.

How can you avoid the stresses of differing assumptions at home? By making sure that you and your wife get no surprises. Most of us can cope with anything if we see it coming in time.

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

ODDS-N-ENDS

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — An 18-year-old baby sitter was arrested after authorities found her five young charges unattended, and the woman naked in a closet with her boyfriend.

Three of the children, who ranged in age from 2 months to 13 years old, were wearing nothing more than soiled diapers, police said.

The baby sitter, Angelica Cartagena, faces three counts of risk of injury to a minor, police said. The mother of the three youngest children, Maria Ruiz, 18, faces similar charges.

A truant officer went to the apartment Tuesday after one of the children, a 10-year-old boy, didn't show up for school, police said.

When he found the children unattended, he called police. Officers found Cartagena, naked, with her boyfriend, in a 4-foot-by-6-foot closet that had apparently been converted into a bedroom.

Tech professor earns spot in Texas Science Hall of Fame

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech education professor Gerald Skoog is in good company.

He was recently listed along with three Nobel laureates, four astronauts, a former chairman of the State Board of Education, two famous heart surgeons and a pair of well-known inventors as charter members of the Texas Science Hall of Fame.

"When I was first notified, I asked who else was on the list," Skoog said. "When I found out I was on there with Nobel laureates and the inventor of the integrated circuit, I was pleased to be in such heady company."

The interim dean of Tech's College of Education, where Skoog has taught science education and researched the teaching of evolution in schools since 1969, said he's met very few people in 30 years as quick on their feet as Skoog.

"I've met very few people who can make the right comment at the right time like he can. I've met very few people who can ask the right questions like he can," Larry Hovey said. "When you look at those people who were inducted into the hall of fame, he belongs there. It's not only fitting, it shows who he is."

"He's impressed me."

Skoog first began researching evolution in education while a graduate student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

"I was a biology teacher," he said. "I taught evolution. I drove by the William Jennings Bryan statue every day."

Skoog analyzed textbooks published from 1900 to 1968 for information about evolution because "the textbook is a strong indicator of what's being taught." After he came to Tech at a time when textbook adoption "used to get pretty rowdy," he also began looking at the legal and religious issues involved in the evolution debate.

Through the years, Skoog's research has led him to speak on the subject before the National Academy of Science and serve as the spokesman for the National Science Teachers Association following the August decision to de-emphasize evolution in Kansas state science standards.

That decision last year "says that education is political," Skoog said. "Evolution is seen by biologists and scientists as the central unifying concept of biology. If you don't understand evolution, you can't understand the natural world."

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For more information, contact Allan Johnson at 263-1163.

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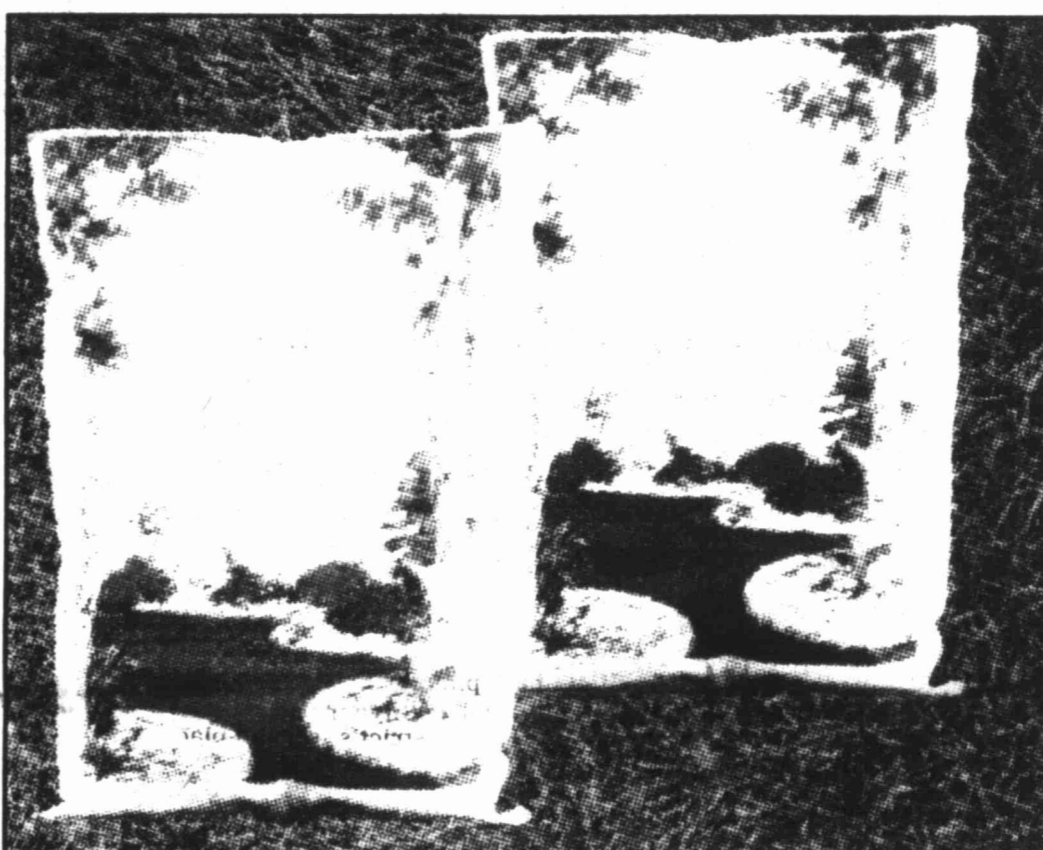
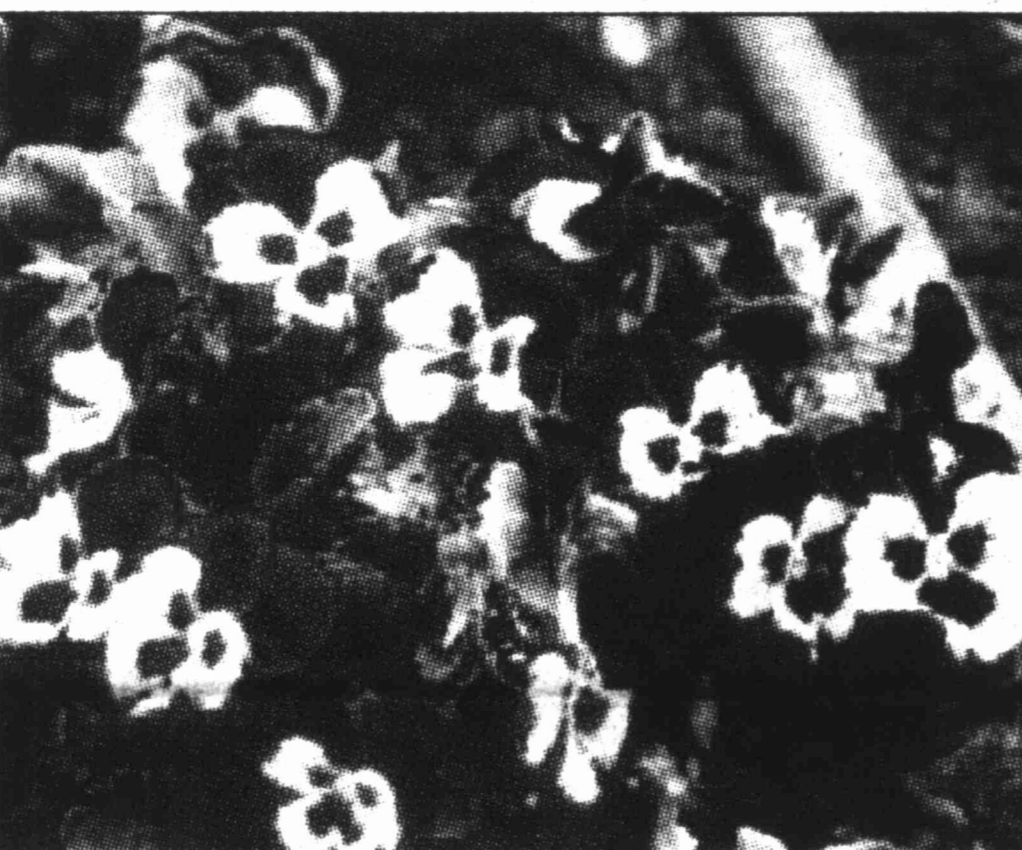
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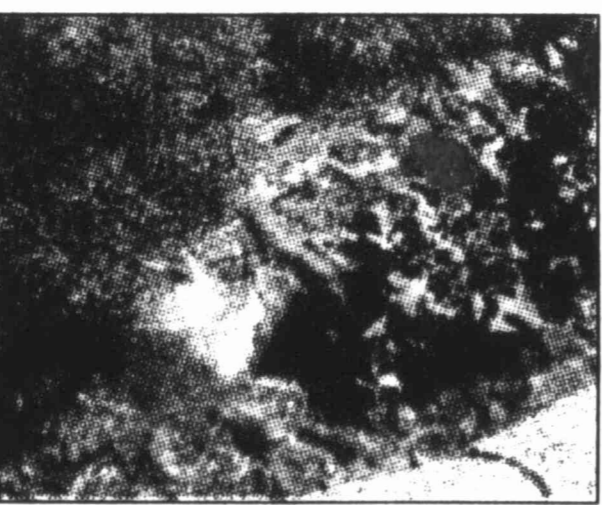
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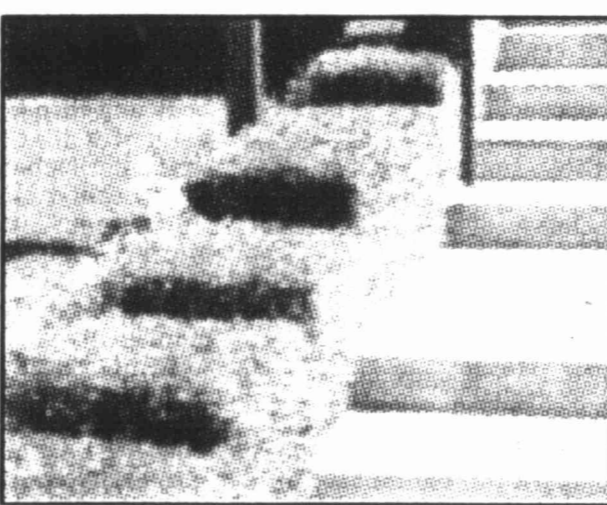


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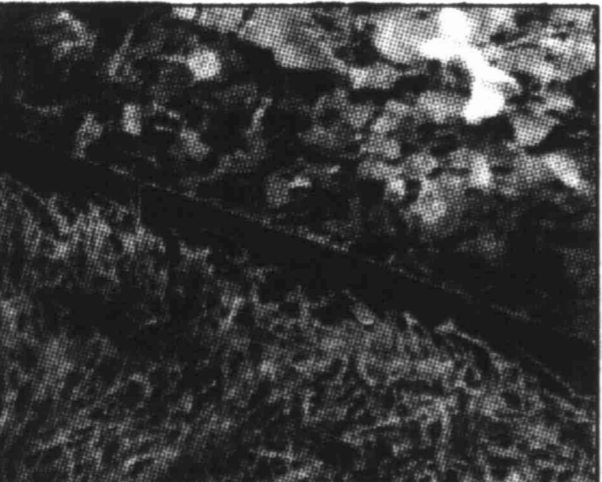
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IN BRIEF

Basketball playoff games slated at 'The Dorothy'

Seven high school basketball playoff games already have been scheduled for Dorothy Garrett Coliseum during the next two weeks.

First on the schedule is this weekend's three-team playoff to determine second and third place in the District 5-4A girls' chase.

Big Spring's Lady Steers take on San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at 7 p.m. Friday, the winner advancing to face Snyder's Lady Tigers at 4 p.m. Saturday.

On Monday, Borden County's No. 4-ranked Lady Coyotes will take on Dawson's Lady Dragons in a Class 1A bi-district playoff at 7:30 p.m.

The next night, Ira's Bulldogs will face Reagan County's Owls in a boys' practice game at 6, followed at 8 by a bi-district girls' playoff between Grady's Lady Wildcats and Klondike's Lady Cougars.

A boys' bi-district double-header is also set for Tuesday, Feb. 22. Grady's Wildcats will take on Wellman at 6 p.m. and Ira will take on Klondike.

American Little League to hold meeting Tuesday

The American Little League of Big Spring will hold an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at LaContesa Beauty Salon.

Those serving on the league's board for the 2000 season will be Robby Wegner, Craig Caudill, Stan Parker, Irma Paredes, Sheri Nichols, Darrell Nichols, Kathy Caudill, Kenda Jones, Twila Wegner, Sandy Elder, James Gross and Bobby Cordova.

For more information, call Robby Wegner at 267-1440.

National Little League sets meeting for Feb. 17

An organizational meeting for the National Little League in Big Spring has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Allan's Furniture.

All persons interested in coaching or helping out in any other aspect is asked to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-7416 or 263-1163.

Hunter education class scheduled for weekend

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 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors.

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

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TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

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• Howard College Lady Hawks at Frank Phillips Lady Plainsmen.
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ON THE AIR

Radio JUCO BASKETBALL

Women
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Men
7:45 p.m. — Howard Hawks at Frank Phillips Plainsmen, KBST-AM 1490.

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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6 p.m. — Pittsburgh at West Virginia, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Syracuse at Louisville, ESPN, Ch. 30.
9:30 p.m. — Arizona at Washington, FXS, Ch. 29.
Women
7:30 p.m. — Texas at Kansas, FXS, Ch. 29.

FIGURE SKATING

11 p.m. — United States Championships, men's short program (same-day tape), ESPN, Ch. 30.

Mariners, Reds have tentative agreement on Griffey trade

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. is going to the Cincinnati Reds — if they can work out a new contract by this weekend.

Seattle and Cincinnati agreed Wednesday night to a tentative trade that would send the 10-time All-Star to his hometown Reds, a top baseball official told The Associated Press.

Cincinnati was given 72 hours to work out a contract extension with Griffey that would make the trade final.

"My understanding is there has been a window requested, and it has been granted," said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office. "The 72-hour clock is running."

Alderson would not say what players were involved in the proposed trade.

There was speculation that it might a

three-way deal involving the Anaheim Angels and outfielder Jim Edmonds, but it wasn't clear if the deal presented to baseball Wednesday night included two teams or three.

"In a follow-up to comments Tuesday by Brian Goldberg, Griffey's agent, we have been instructed by the commissioner's office to make no comment about the Reds and their ability to speak with Griffey's agent," Mariners president Chuck Armstrong said.

Under baseball's rules, teams must first agree on the players involved in a trade, then ask the commissioner's office for the 72-hour window. During that time, the acquiring team can attempt to work out a new contract or an extension with the player.

Goldberg earlier this week that his client would take less-than-market value

to play for Cincinnati, where he grew up. Griffey, who is eligible for free agency after the season, rejected a \$148 million, eight-year extension offered by the Mariners last year.

Seattle and Griffey wanted the matter resolved by the start of spring training.

Griffey, 30, had 398 career home runs in 11 seasons, along with a .299 average and 1,152 RBIs. Hank Aaron, baseball's career home-run leader with 755, thinks Griffey has the best chance to top his record.

Griffey, who will earn \$8.25 million this season, the final year of an \$34 million, four-year contract, told the Mariners in November that he wanted to be traded to a team closer to his home in Orlando, Fla.

Mariners general manager Pat Gillick held talks with the New York Mets the

following month, but Griffey then said he would accept a trade only to Cincinnati.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden cut off negotiations at the winter meetings, saying the Mariners' demands were too steep. But talks resumed in recent weeks.

Goldberg said Tuesday the Mariners gave him permission to talk directly with the Reds in an effort to break the impasse. Since there was no deal in place then and no 72-hour window that appeared to violate baseball's rules.

"Enough occurred for us to look into it," Alderson said.

Alderson said whether any penalties would be issued is something "that still has to be determined."

"I would say this wouldn't take us very long," he added. "Sometime next week."

Lady Steers draw Lake View

Snyder waits in wings for winner of Friday's mini-tourney opener

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

There was good news and bad news for Big Spring's Lady Steers following Wednesday's coin flip to seed the three District 5-4A girls' basketball teams tied for second place behind league champion Sweetwater.

First, the bad news. It took four coin flips Wednesday to decide that Snyder's Lady Tigers get an automatic playoff berth, while the Lady Steers and San Angelo Lake View's Maidens will have to play one another for the other.

The good news? Well, that centers on the fact that the Lady Steers will be the home team for the 5-4A mini-tournament this weekend, because it will be staged at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Steers will square off with Lake View at 7 p.m. Friday, the winner advancing to face Snyder at 4 p.m. Saturday for the district's second-place seed. The loser, of course, sees its season come to an end.

Sweetwater's No. 10-ranked Lady Mustangs literally ran away from the rest of the 5-4A field to claim their third straight district championship, but Big Spring, Snyder and Lake View finished the 10-game league schedule with identical 6-4 records.

The Lady Steers bring the only winning overall record into the weekend's mini-tournament, however, having posted a 17-12 slate. Lake View finished the regular season at 13-15 overall, while Snyder finished at 11-16.

But records won't mean anything this weekend. What will matter most Friday night, according to Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter, will be which team wants to extend its season and is willing to give the greatest effort.

"It's really going to come down to who wants it the most," Loter said after returning from Wednesday's meeting in Colorado City with officials from Snyder and Lake View. "The three of us are pretty even. Of course, I think we're the better team, but in head-to-head competition, each of us has split with the other."

The Lady Steers' Friday showdown with Lake View will come just a week following their 59-44 loss to the Maidens in San Angelo Central's gymnasium — a game that was most certainly different than Big Spring's 43-41 win when the two teams faced one another in the first half of district play.

The biggest difference between those two games, according to Loter, however, was the intensity the Lady Steers displayed.

"We had a bad night shooting and they had a great one," Loter said of last week's loss. "We shot 26 percent



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero
Big Spring junior guard Melissa Forth (30) drives to the hoop and scores in the Lady Steers win over Andrews on Feb. 1. The Lady Steers, who finished in a three-way tie for second place in District 5-4A, will play San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at 7 p.m. Friday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the first of two games that will determine the league's bi-district playoff representatives.

from the field and they shot 60 percent. But that had a lot to do with our defense ... we just didn't work very hard."

A repeat performance by the Lady Steers, she added, and Big Spring's season will come to an abrupt end.

"The one thing you can be sure of about Lake View is that they're going to come in her Friday and work hard," Loter explained. "I think we'll see a lot of the same things we've seen them do in our last two games. They'll try to put a lot of pressure on the ball and fall back into a zone."

"That means we're going to have to take care of the ball, be patient on offense and work hard on the defensive end of the court," she added. "Basically, we've got to play the same way we played against them the first time we played and not the way we did down there."

While Loter admits that life would have been a great deal simpler if Lake View had beaten Snyder on Tuesday — the Maidens would have advanced to bi-district play as

5-4A's second-place team, while the Lady Steers would have advanced as the third-place finisher — she believes this weekend's mini-tournament will prepare her team for the pressure it will face in bi-district play.

The 5-4A team that emerges from the weekend series as the second-place team will face the Cleburne Lady Yellow Jackets in a bi-district playoff, while the third-place finisher will face Stephenville's Lady Yellowjackets, District 6-4A's runner-up.

What's more, Loter also views this season's experience as a piece of a much larger puzzle involving her efforts to bring the Lady Steers back to prominence from last season's 6-24 record in her first year at the Big Spring helm.

"We've got an extremely young team ... with just one senior on our roster," the Lady Steers boss said, acknowledging that injuries and the decision of several sea-

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Maryland ends Duke win streak

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maryland's recent history against Duke is dismal, to say the least. The Terrapins made the latest game in the series one for the books.

Juan Dixon matched his career high with 31 points and No. 23 Maryland beat No. 3 Duke 98-87 Wednesday night, ending three impressive winning streaks by the Blue Devils.

The Terrapins (17-6, 6-4), who had lost 28 of their previous 33 games against Duke, snapped

—an Atlantic Coast Conference-record 31-game winning streak in the regular season.

—an 18-game overall winning streak, the longest in the nation.

—a 46-game winning streak in Cameron Indoor Stadium, one that dated to Jan. 11, 1997.

"Streaks come to an end, now we've got to start another one," Duke senior Chris Carrawell said. "It was a great run and it's sad it ended on our home court, but that's how God had it in the plans."

Terence Morris, who struggled through a 7-for-22 shooting night, gave Maryland the lead for good at 86-83 with a 3-pointer with 3:27 left. He added another 3 a minute later, and Dixon wrapped it up with three free throws in the final 31 seconds as the Terrapins closed the game with a 15-4 run.

"The coaches still told me to shoot," said Morris, who finished with 20 points, two less than teammate Lonny Baxter. "I knew my shot was kind of off in the first half, but they kept calling plays for me. Those last two 3-pointers were open, so I had to take them."

Shane Battier had 28 points for the Blue Devils (18-3, 9-1).

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was Iowa 67, No. 5 Ohio State 64, No. 8 Tennessee 110, Georgia 83, No. 25 LSU 83, No. 9 Auburn 68, Minnesota 77, No. 10 Indiana 75, No. 13 Connecticut 87, Boston College 58, No. 17 Iowa State 72, Missouri 62, No. 18 Texas 76, Texas Tech 60, and No. 22 Vanderbilt 65, Mississippi State 64.

"It's amazing to play that well and it still go down to the wire," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "They deserve to be No. 3. I think we caught

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In professional golf, it's Tiger's world at the moment

Everybody was warned. As the final Ryder Cup practice round wound down last September, swing guru Butch Harmon stood alongside a tee box. His foot was in a cast and his celebrated pupil was stuck on the other side of a crowd that had swelled to five deep.

He didn't bother looking for Tiger Woods, waiting instead for the "crack!" of the golf ball. As the gallery marched off, Harmon turned, "Wait until you see what Tiger's been working on."

What followed on a short walk to the clubhouse was a conversation only a golf junkie could love. Harmon said Woods' swing had progressed so far —

gaining consistency without sacrificing power — that they were experimenting with shots nobody else touched.

He gave this example: Players hood the face on their clubs to create "knock-downs" — typically mid- to short-iron shots that bore through the wind. Woods was hitting knockdowns, too, but with a 3-wood. The ball was traveling 75 feet high, but a ridiculous 270 yards down the fairway by the time it quit rolling.

"That's not all, either," he said.

"Honest."

The shot Woods needed to shape Sunday to kick-start his comeback at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am needed less than a third of that distance, a higher trajectory and it had to stop a lot faster. Until recently, it was a shot Woods didn't own.

From 100 yards, he usually hit a sand wedge with enough backspin to put Tommy Smothers' yo-yo tricks to shame. But on this day, with 97 yards

left at the par-4, 15th hole, Woods throtled back to a pitching wedge. With a stiff-armed swing, he landed the ball just right of the flag, where it promptly made a left-hand turn into the cup for an eagle.

At the next green, from 115 yards, Woods hit the same approach toward the flag with the same spin, and it nearly disappeared, too.

Alongside the 16th green, as the birdie cut leader Matt Gogel's lead down to 2, Harmon wondered aloud, "I'd like to know what Gogel's heart-beat is like when he sees that on the scoreboard."

He didn't have to wait long. When last season ended, a posse of Woods' peers vowed to get better, stronger, healthier, tougher. David Duval is more cut, Tom Lehman trimmed down by swearing off sodas. The weight machines in the PGA's fitness trailers "clang" all day and the blenders "whir" mixing high-protein shakes. So far, none of it has

worked. The longterm prospects don't seem much better, at least that's what Jack Nicklaus thinks.

"Guys will elevate their games because of how he's played. They'll have to elevate their games, and I think he'll probably receive more competition. That's no different than what I had. People would say, 'How well will Jack do next year?' And somebody else would come along," Nicklaus recalled.

Then he ticked off the names of Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Tom Weiskopf, Johnny Miller, Lee Trevino and Tom Watson. "All the guys, I kept elevating my game as they elevated their games. I would certainly expect Tiger to do the same."

A quick run-through of the names Woods has smoked on this run: Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Davis Love III, Miguel Angel Jimenez (on Jimenez'

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for Rank, Team, and Record.

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NBA STANDINGS

NBA Standings table with columns for Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Games Behind.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

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THURSDAY'S GAMES

Table listing Thursday's NBA games with columns for Home Team, Visitor, and Score.

TRANSACTIONS

Baseball transactions including signings, releases, and trades for various teams.

NEW YORK JETS

Named Ray Hamilton defensive line coach and Bob Sutton linebackers coach.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Promoted John Matsko from offensive line coach to assistant head coach.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named Andrew McClave defensive assistant.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released LB Lee Woodall, DE Marlon Washington and S Tim McDonald.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released C Kevin Oliver.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Named Tom Alas chief financial officer.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Released DB Steve Jackson.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ATLANTA THRASHERS—Activated G Scott Farknauer and D Steve Staios from the injured list.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned D David Tanabe to Cincinnati of the IHL.

DALLAS STARS—Activated F Jamie Langenbrunner from the injured list.

EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned Chad Klerger to Hamilton of the AHL.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Acquired D Roy Fitzpatrick from the St. Louis Blues for D Dan Keczmer.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled D Colin White from Albany of the AHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Sven Butenschon from Wilkes-Barre Scranton of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Reassigned D Bryce Salvador to Worcester of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Activated G Felix Potvin from the injured list.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Philadelphia 4, Toronto 2; New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 1; Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 2; Florida 4, San Jose 1; Minnesota 2, Phoenix 2; Vancouver 4, Calgary 3; Dallas 5, Anaheim 3.

THURSDAY'S GAMES St. Louis, 6 p.m.; Washington at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.; T. Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Phoenix, 6:30 p.m.; Buffalo at Nashville, 7 p.m.; Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES No games scheduled.

SATURDAY'S GAMES No games scheduled.

SUNDAY'S GAME All-Star Game at Oakland, Calif., 5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES Indiana 111, Boston 104; Washington 72, New Jersey 90; Atlanta 121, Houston 100; Orlando 107, Washington 96; Miami 115, Golden State 100; Charlotte 103, Cleveland 95; New York 109, Milwaukee 103; Detroit 115, Toronto 108; UT, Seattle 117, Dallas 106; Utah 113, Chicago 86; San Antonio 106, Denver 97; Portland 107, L.A. Clippers 100.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES Dave Stevens on minor-league contracts.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BOSTON CELTICS—Traded F Danny Fortson to the Toronto Raptors for G Alan Williams and F Sean Marks.

PLACED G Doug Overton on the injured list.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed CF Marcus Camby on the injured list.

ACTIVATED C Andrew Lang and G F David Wingate from the injured list.

RELEASED F Mirsad Turckan.

PHOENIX SUNS—Activated C Mark West from the injured list.

OLIVER MILLER on the injured list.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Claimed G Activated C Andrew Lang and G F David Wingate from the Milwaukee Bucks.

FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE BUFFALO BILLS—Released WR Andre Reed.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released DB Rod Mullen and DB Steve Lofton.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released OT Lomas Brown and CB Antonio Langham.

DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed FB Brock Olivo.

SIGNED DE Jermaine Bennett, LB Delaunta Cameron, CB Chris Cummings, LB Scott Fields, DE Paul Spicer and DT Henry Taylor.

RELEASED QB Jeff Fox.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named Larry Beightol offensive line coach, Bo Pelini linebackers coach, and Frank Novak special teams coach.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released TE Ben Coates.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named John Bunting linebackers coach, Mike McCarthy quarterbacks coach, Rock Gulickson strength and conditioning coach, Evan Marcus assistant strength coach, and Winston Moss defensive assistant.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Announced the resignation of Dick Riffe, who ends coach, so he can become quarterbacks coach with the New England Patriots.

LADY STEERS

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soned players to leave the team have made changes in the Big Spring lineup throughout the season.

The Lady Steers roster will be even younger during the post-season, since Loter has moved up two players from the junior varsity and three more from the

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home turf in Spain), Els again, and Gogel, the only rookie in the bunch. If someone is going to force Woods to elevate his game, they're going about it very quietly.

With 17 career PGA victories, he now trails only Greg Norman (18) and Ben Crenshaw (19) among active members. Three more wins would earn Woods a lifetime exemption — perhaps before his 25th birthday. He is already second on the career money list, trailing Love by just \$32,000.

Each day, the comparisons to

freshman squad.

"We need all the confidence we can find ... not only for being ready for bi-district play, but for getting ready to play in the district we're going to be in next year," Loter added.

"But I'll tell you, I'm extremely proud of these kids," she continued. "They've worked awfully hard this year and we've

Michael Jordan seem less overblown. Beyond the wealth and the endorsements, Jordan had an aura, an edge that was worth a few points every game he ever played in. It wasn't just making his own shots, or getting all the calls going down the stretch. Sometimes, it was the guys he was after hearing his footsteps, short-arming jumpers when it was time to answer.

How many shots is it now worth being Tiger Woods? Every time the question comes up, Woods answers the same way: Ask the other guys.

"He's the kind of guy ... that when he's down, he still thinks

come a long, long way from where we started.

"No matter what happens this weekend, this is a playoff for us and it's going to be a positive experience. What's important is that these girls is fixing to get their first taste of what it's all about.

"That's got to be a positive for us."

he can win. And nobody has really knocked him off that," Love said. "There have been some guys that have played well, pushing him, but right there at the end, every playoff he gets in, he either hits a miracle shot or somebody hits a bad shot.

"He will have his average streak and his great streaks. And he is on one of his great streaks right now."

It's Tiger's world at the moment. The rest us are just tending the flags.

Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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them at the right time. It seems like there was more and more talk about the streak and this was our time to get a chance."

Neither team led by more than seven points until the final two minutes.

Iowa 67, No. 5 Ohio St. 64

Kyle Galloway hit a 3-pointer with 4 seconds left to give the Hawkeyes (11-11, 4-6) their third win over a ranked team. Dean Oliver had 21 points and Galloway added 12 for the visitors. Scoonie Penn had 22 points for the Buckeyes (16-4, 7-2), who had won eight straight and 12 of 13, and Ken Johnson matched his school record with 11 blocked shots.

No. 8 Tennessee 110, Georgia 83

Tony Harris scored 21 points for the Volunteers (20-3, 8-2 Southeastern Conference), who had their highest point total of

the season and got to 20 wins faster than any team in school history.

No. 25 LSU 83, No. 9 Auburn 68

Brian Beshara scored 24 points and Jabari Smith added 20 as LSU (18-4, 5-4 Southeastern Conference) beat its second Top Ten team this season. Mack McGadney had 19 points for the visiting Tigers (19-4, 7-3).

Minnesota 77, No. 10 Indiana 75

Joel Przybilla scored a career-high 33 points, including the game-winning basket with 3.9 seconds left for the Golden Gophers (12-9, 4-7 Big Ten). A.J. Guyton, who scored 27 points despite a 17-minute drought, was several feet short on a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Hoosiers (17-4, 7-3).

No. 13 Connecticut 87, Boston College 58

Albert Mouring was 5-for-5 from 3-point range and scored a

career-high 23 points as the Huskies (17-5, 6-3 Big East) beat the Eagles for the 22nd consecutive time. Freshman Troy Bell had 13 points for visiting Boston College (9-14, 1-9), which has lost 10 straight games.

No. 17 Iowa St. 72, Missouri 62

Marcus Fizer had 28 points and 12 rebounds for the Cyclones (20-3, 8-1), who improved to 3-1 on the road in the Big 12 after going 1-15 the last two seasons. Keyon Dooling had 18 points for the Tigers (14-7, 7-2), who had a seven-game conference winning streak snapped.

No. 18 Texas 76, Texas Tech 60

Chris Mihm had 23 points and 15 rebounds for his 14th double-double of the season as the Longhorns (16-6, 7-2 Big 12) rolled at home. Mario Layne had 20 points for the Red Raiders (9-11, 0-9), who have lost eight straight.

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BUCHANAN: 1007.75; Black pumpkin jig-n-pig red Rat-L-Traps flats with timber 1/8oz. chrome nows and troll from Morgan to bass fair to go humps and po trolling 1/2oz. jigging 1/2oz. through schools fish are slow.

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SOUTH AMISTAD: W degrees; 30' low jigs, soft plastic in 22 to 24 feet, on minnows fish and under the a and shad fished in 80 feet.

WEST ALAN HENRY degrees; Black rolled spinnerbait Crappie are fair minnows and jigs ARROWHEAD: degrees; Black 20s, minnows a baits, minnows a 20s, Crappie and white jigs fish the rocks in 15 slow. Channel and punchbait and fish to 15 pound fished in 15 feet.

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HUBBARD CR degrees; Black b Traps and shad crankbaits fished the n-rap. Crappie and white marab Creek. White ba slabs and minnow Hubbard Creek. C are good on worm 4 to 6 feet.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 2. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; 58 degrees; 8 low; Black bass are good on cl-artreuse and spinnebaits, and chrome/blue Rat-L-Traps fished around the boat docks. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished under the 279 Bridge.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 52 degrees; 1007.75; Black bass are fair on 1/4oz. pumpkin jig-n-pigs. Creme Super Tubes & red Rat-L-Traps fished on lake points and flats with timber. White bass fair on 1/8oz. chrome/blue Spin Traps, minnows and trolling shad-type crankbaits from Morgan to Beaver Creeks. Striped bass fair to good drifting live bait over humps and points in 18 to 25 feet, trolling 1/2oz. bucktail jigs and vertically jigging 1/2oz. Horizon Perk Minnows through schools. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are good on black and chartreuse Texas-rigged Power Lizards fished along the north shore. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished at the dam. Hybrid strippers are good on chrome/blue or chrome/black Rat-L-Traps fished at the dam in the morning just after sunrise (use a stop and go retrieve). Catfish are good on trotline set in the river baited with perch or cut baits.

WHITNEY: Water clear; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on perch pattern crankbaits and red Rat-L-Traps fished in 4 to 100 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and white jigs fished in 24 feet. White bass are excellent on live baits and slabs fished in 24 to 30 feet. Striped bass are good on shad and slabs fished in 24 to 34 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows fished in 16 to 20 feet in the creeks.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 56-64 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are good on jigs, soft plastics and crankbaits fished in 22 to 24 feet. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished up the Devil's River and under the 277 Bridge. White and striped bass are fair to good on slabs and shad fished in the Devil's River in 30 to 35 feet. Catfish are fair on cheesebait fished in 80 feet.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 50 degrees; Black bass are fair on slow rolled spinnerbaits fished in 4 to 8 feet. Crappie are fair at the crappie dock on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 50 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 20 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs fished near the derricks off the rocks in 15 feet. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and large shiners. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are fair on goldfish fished in 15 feet.

BRADY: No report available.
COLORADO CITY: Water murky; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps fished over the rocks. Redfish are fair trolling stickbaits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 54 degrees; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and shad or crawfish pattern crankbaits fished off the rocky points and the rip-rap. Crappie are fair on minnows and white marabou jigs fished in Sandy Creek. White bass are fair to good on slabs and minnows fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms fished on the flats in 4 to 6 feet.

KEMP: Water stained; 49 degrees; Black bass are slow. White bass are good on white and chartreuse slabs fished in 30 to 45 feet.

NASWORTHY: No report available.
NOCONA: Water clear; 49 degrees; Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and slow rolled spinnerbaits fished in 10 to 14 feet on the outside edges of the grass. Crappie are good on white jigs and chrome jigging spoons fished in 15 to 25 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on chrome jigging spoons fished in 15 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 54 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits and deep diving crankbaits fished in 10 to 20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 35 feet. White bass are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow on goldfish and live perch fished in 10 to 20 feet.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on jig-n-pigs and watermelon Texas-rigged lizards fished in the rivers on rocky points and steep banks in 5 to 10 feet. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in the river channels in 16 to 18 feet. White bass are good on crankbaits fished up the Colorado River on the sandy flats and the deep flats in 25 feet.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and Carolina-rigs fished in 4 to 10 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 30 to 50 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines baited with live perch set in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water clear; 52 degrees; Black bass are slow on worms fished off the bank. White bass are fair on minnows fished in 10 to 12 feet. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut baits fished in 8 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on live shad or perch fished in 8 to 20 feet.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 48 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; Black bass are slow on red Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished in 15 to 25 feet. White bass are good trolling shad pattern crankbaits and vertically jigging chartreuse or white slabs. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on minnows fished in the shallows.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 62 degrees; 40 feet low; No fishing report available.
WHITE RIVER: No report available.

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Romantic Ideas Through the Ages
Courtship and Weddings

The Mini Page celebrates Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, with a story about courtship and wedding customs. While most of our readers are much too young to make wedding plans, it's fun to see how things have changed over the ages.



Cupid is the Roman god of love.

Martha Washington's lavender shoes. What? Martha Washington wore lavender shoes when she married George! She also wore a gold-colored dress!

Before brides started wearing white at their weddings, they wore their best dress of any color.

The Washingtons were married on Jan. 6, 1759.

Many weddings in Colonial times took place close to the Christmas season.

Martha Washington and George Washington.

Courtship
Flowers and fans

When a young lady was flirting, how she waved or snapped or held her fan might signal how she felt about an admirer.

What flower a suitor sent to a sweetheart

might also signal feelings. A rose would say, "I love you." A jonquil might mean, "Do you love me?" A snapdragon might signal "no." You had to be careful about which flower you sent.

Whom will I marry?

For centuries, girls have used many ways to find out whom they might marry. Here are some old beliefs. Maybe you might like to try some of them!

• Eat an apple and look in the mirror, and you will see the image of your husband-to-be.

• Twirl an apple by its stem while saying the alphabet. The letter the stem breaks on will indicate the lover's initial.

• Peel an apple all in one piece. Drop the peeling to the ground. The initial it appears to make will indicate your true love.

The Mini Page thanks Mary Schaller, a volunteer lecturer at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Hope chest

At an early age, girls would start collecting sheets, pillowcases, tablecloths and underwear to use after they married. They put the items in a special chest called a "hope chest."

Love knots

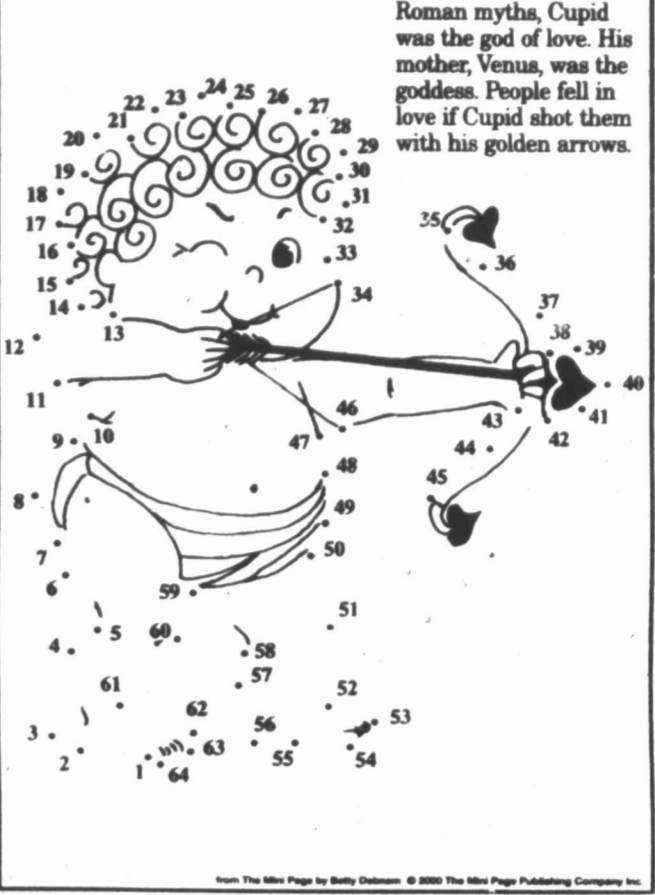
Hundreds of years ago, in the 1500s through the 1700s, love knots were popular because they look like a number 8 turned sideways. The sideways number 8 is a symbol of eternity. Brides used to wear dresses covered with love knots or bows. After the wedding, guests might snip them off as souvenirs.

Bundling boards

Early American settlers had a custom called "bundling." On occasions, a boyfriend might come to call on his sweetheart. If he had traveled many miles, and if it were late at night and very cold, they would visit in bed, fully clothed, with a "bundling board" between them.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter D.

Q: Why did the dog turn around twice?
A: Because one good turn deserves another!

Q: How does a door feel when it's locked?
A: All keyed up!

Q: Why is a duck always in debt?
A: Because he has a bill that can never be paid!

Go on a D word hunt. What other words can you find that begin with the letter D? What sound do you hear?

Rookie Cookies Recipe

Cupid Bread

You can make this for your sweetheart for Valentine's Day.

- You'll need:**
- 1/4 cup honey
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 - 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- What to do:**
1. Combine honey and butter or margarine in a large bowl. Mix until smooth and creamy.
 2. Add bananas and eggs. Mix well.
 3. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Mix well.
 4. Add dry ingredients to the large bowl. Mix well.
 5. Add milk and vanilla. Mix well.
 6. Pour into a greased loaf pan.
 7. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 to 55 minutes.

VALENTINE'S TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Valentine's Day are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: WEDDINGS, COURTSHIP, VALENTINES, DAY, LOVE, BRIDES, GROOMS, CEREMONY, DOWRY, SHOES, POETRY, FANS, CHURCH, RICE, ROSES, LUCK, CARD.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are making their own valentines for Valentine's Day. See if you can find:



- letter L
- peanut
- man in the moon
- banana
- pencil
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Courtship and Weddings

Valentine's Day

A special day set aside to honor lovers has been celebrated for hundreds of years.



The custom might have started in ancient Rome. At a special celebration, young men would draw the name of their girlfriend for a year out of a box.



We really don't know exactly who St. Valentine was. One story is that he was a priest who was jailed for not worshipping Roman gods.

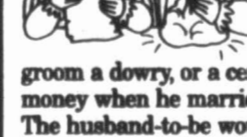
Another story is that he was a priest who married couples against the ruler's wishes. As early as the 1400s, people in England were sending love notes on Valentine's Day.

At first, valentines were handmade. Machine-made valentines became available in the mid-1800s.



Courtship

Courtship is a new idea. For centuries, families arranged weddings. Often couples would not even meet until their wedding day.



Arranged marriages are still made in some parts of the world.

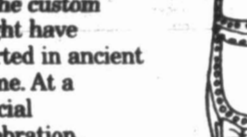
Dowries

For hundreds of years, a family was expected to give the groom a dowry, or a certain amount of money when he married a daughter. The husband-to-be would have to declare what property he owned.

This is still done in some countries today.

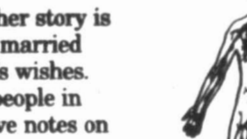
Good luck

There is an old English custom of having a bride wear a sixpence, a type of coin, in her shoe for good luck.



Brides should also wear: something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue.

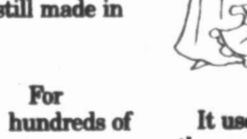
It was also supposed to be good luck for the bride to carry heather and rosemary in her wedding bouquet.



Some brides today still believe in this custom.

The wedding ring

The custom of the wedding ring goes way back to Roman times. The circle is a symbol of eternity.



Brides and grooms usually wear these rings on the fourth finger of their left hand. This custom started because people believed that a vein that runs through this finger goes directly to the heart.

Throwing rice

Today, many guests blow bubbles in the direction of the bride and groom for good luck.

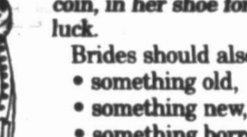


It used to be the custom in England for the wedding guests to break cakes over the heads of the bride and groom as they left the church. Doing this was supposed to bring a couple lots of children.

This proved to be very messy, so people started throwing rice instead. This was very bad for birds because they would eat dry rice. Rose petals are often used instead today.

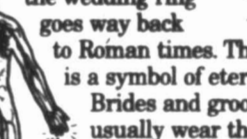
Old shoes

It has been the custom to tie old shoes to the back of the carriage or car as the married couple drove away on their honeymoon. These old shoes were a symbol that families and friends approved the match.



The broomstick

Jumping over a broomstick is an old African-American custom that is sometimes practiced today. After the couple say "I do," two friends hold a broom a little off the ground and the couple hold hands and jump over it. This is a symbol of their starting off life together.



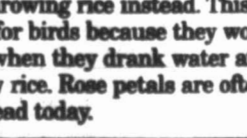
A noisy party

The "charivari" (shiff-a-ree) is an old custom from France. Friends would find out where the newly married couple were spending the night and gather under their window to sing, blow horns, and make lots of noise to keep them awake.



Poem for sale

In Shakespeare's time, many people could not read. A lovestruck lad might pay a poet to write a romantic poem for him. The sweetheart would treasure the handwritten scroll.



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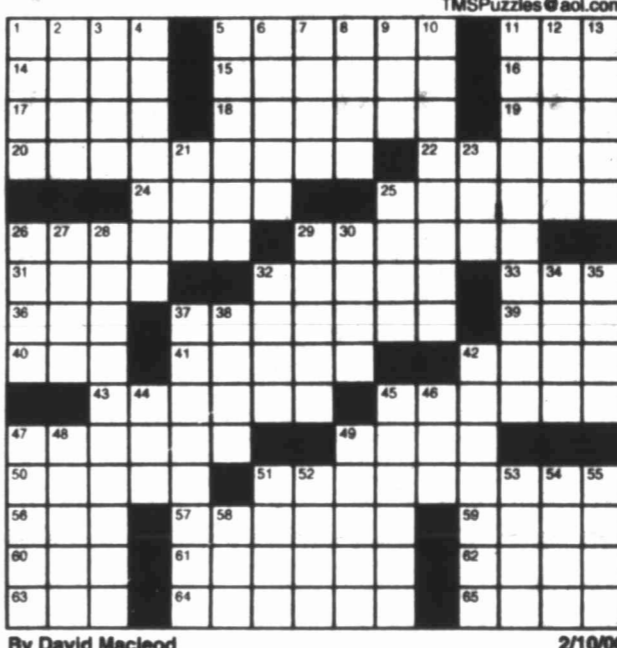
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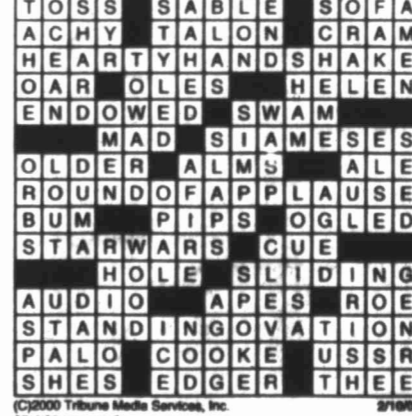
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