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Main Street Inc. to hold annual meeting Wednesday

Big Spring Main Street Inc. will hold its annual membership meeting at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at Howard County Library.

Out-going directors are Pat Porter, Gail Earls and Cynthia Marshall. Current directors are Drew Mouton, Tommy Churchwell, Delbert Donelson, Jerry Kilgore, Greg Biddison and Dr. Cheri Sparks.

Members Charles Beil, Shirley Shroyer and Richard Atkins will be electing three new directors to serve as well as new members to expand the membership.

"We will have a full board for the first time in a number of years," said Mouton, who added that plans will be laid out for the future at Wednesday's meeting.

"We are encouraging the public to attend. Anyone that is interested, please feel welcome," said Mouton.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 7:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Rannels.
- American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.
- Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124

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Collins relieved of duties as HC athletic director; Hansen to fill in

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College officials announced this morning that Hawks head basketball coach Tommy Collins has been relieved of his duties as the school's athletic director.

Rumors that Collins, who has served as Howard's athletic director for the past five years, had been relieved of his administrative responsibilities began to circulate late last week, but college officials refused to



COLLINS HANSEN

respond to a number of calls from the Herald and other media until issuing a press release today.

Collins has been the Hawks head basketball coach for the past seven years, missing the playoffs just once during that span, in 1995.

Collins was named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) men's coach of the year in both 1998 and 1999. His 1999 team became only the third squad in the WJCAC's 50-year history to go undefeated in conference play.

Today's announcement comes on the heels of the Hawks' win at New Mexico Junior College

on Monday night, a victory that leaves Howard tied atop the WJCAC standings with a 9-1 record in league play.

The college's press release indicated that a decision to review the entire athletic department had prompted the appointment of Terry Hansen, executive vice president at Howard, as interim athletic director.

"We are assessing and evaluating the administrative structure of our athletic program, and Terry Hansen will be serv-

ing in the role of athletic director while we look at all our options," Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president, said in the release.

"Terry Hansen has experience in management and program evaluation, and we are confident he can do this job along with his other duties for now."

The press release indicated the move "creates an opportunity for Collins to devote his energies and talents to his players."

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Howard County Christians lift their voices in prayer

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

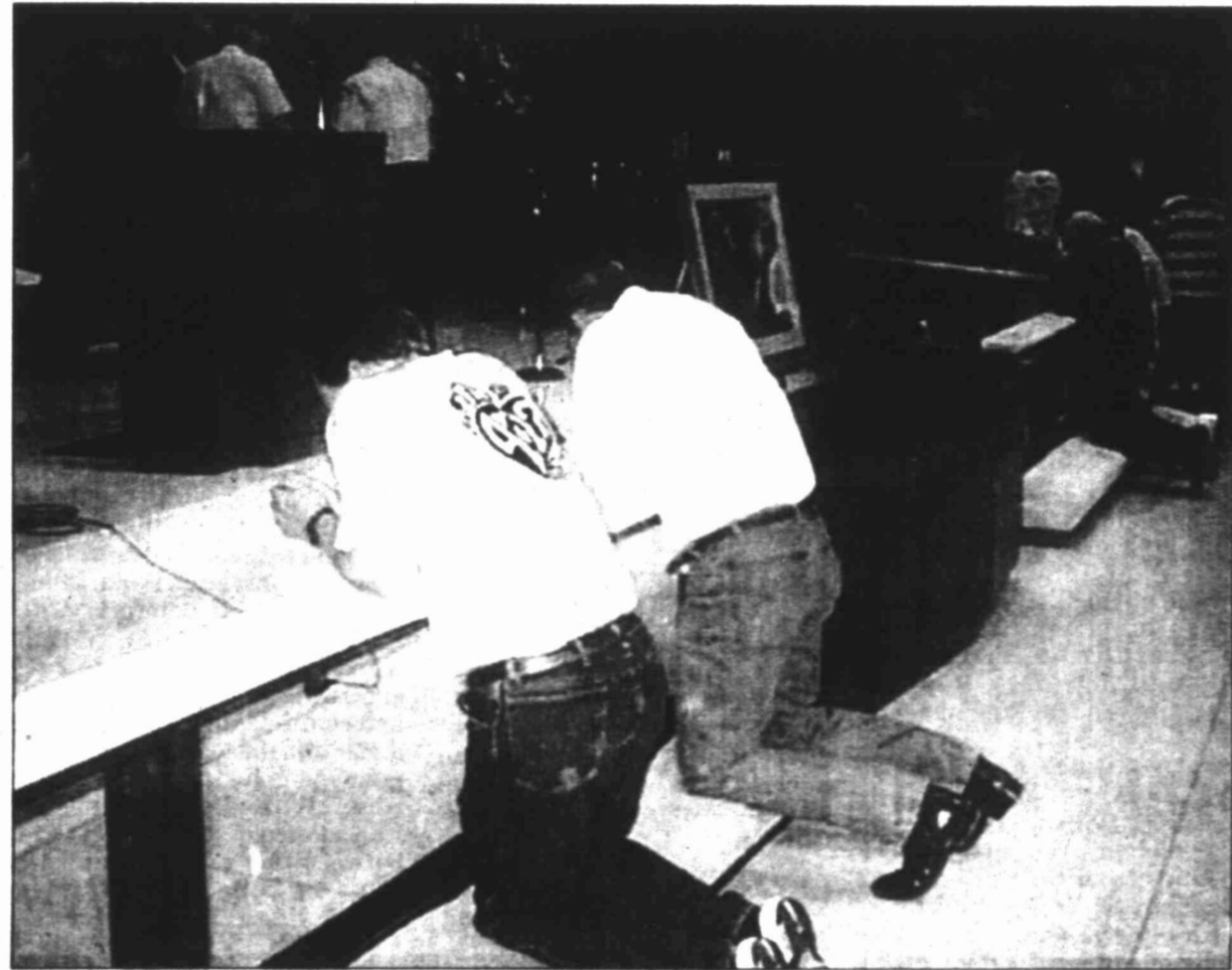
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their sins, and will heal their land. Chronicles 7:14.



HUFF

Hundreds of Howard County Christians lifted their voices in song and prayer at the West Texas Rain Rally on Monday, asking not only that the Lord bring rain, but that He bring a healing of hearts.

"We are from different denominations, but we all have one faith. The ground is all level at the cross," Roger Huff, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene told those who assembled for the second annual rain rally at First Baptist Church.



This group of prayer warriors was only a handful of the approximately 800 people in attendance at Monday night's West Texas Rain Rally at First Baptist Church.

"Whether we raise our hands or clap our hands is not the issue. The issue is the heart.

Where do we stand before God with our heart?" he said. "It's not the rain, for God has promised He will bring the rain — but it is the heart. If we will humble ourselves ... He will hear from heaven. And he will forgive us, and He will heal the land."

Though the mood was sometimes light — "Baptists, you can raise your hands. It's okay," joked the Rev. Eddie Tubbs — it was clear that those who came to the rally were of a single mind. Banded in groups of two to a dozen or more, arms around each other — some standing, others kneeling — they praised God, and asked Him for forgiveness.

At the microphone, wives of farmers and ranchers offered words of prayer. They were fol-

lowed by more than a dozen ministers, preachers, pastors. And finally, farmers and ranchers — those livelihood depends on water for their crops and livestock — stood to humble themselves and open their hearts and souls to God.

"Lord we need the rain, but we need you in our hearts more," said one.

"Thank you Lord, for my family, my wife and children," another said. "Thank you for the blessings I have received."

John Walker, publisher of the Big Spring Herald, testified how the first rain rally a year ago had brought him back to Christ and changed his life.

"When you ask the Lord to give us water for the soil,"

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A spirited and highly emotional song service with songs such as "Showers of Blessings" helped kick off the rain rally as hundreds gathered to pray for rain and a healing of hearts.

Early voting in Big Spring mayor's race gets under way Wednesday

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Early voting in the Big Spring mayoral election begins Wednesday in the secretary's office at City Hall.

Seeking the post are former city council-



FERGUSON

man Russ McEwen, current councilman Greg Biddison and current councilman and mayor pro tem Oscar Garcia.

The three are seeking to replace former mayor Tim Blackshear, who automatically gave up the post when he filed as a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives' District 70 seat.

Biddison's name will appear first on the ballot, followed by Garcia and McEwen. The ballot

order was determined by draw.

Early voting will run through Feb. 29, weekdays during normal business hours.

"Any registered voter who lives within the city limits can cast a vote in this election," said Tom Ferguson, city secretary.

Those who don't cast a vote by Feb. 29 can do so on election day, March 4. On that day, voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in council chambers,

adjacent to City Hall.

"This is a change from the past. For this election day only, voting will be at the council chambers instead of the high school cafeteria," said Ferguson.

In doing so, the city will spend only \$750 to \$1,000 for the election. The cost-saving measure was approved by the justice department.

"For the upcoming council election though, we will move

back to the high school cafeteria," said Ferguson.

The council election is set for May 6 and includes Garcia's District 2 post, Biddison's District 6 post and the District 4 post held by Tommy Tune.

People interested in filing for one of the council seats can do so Feb. 16 through March 22. Anyone age 18 or over who has lived in the city for a year can run for city council.

Veterans saluted with cards, cake and song during week-long observation

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Big Spring VA Medical Center kicked off a National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans on Monday.

"We, across America, think that this is the best time of the year to honor our veterans, on Valentine's Day," said Cary Brown, VA Medical Center CEO. "It's all about love and on Valentine's Day you do something for someone to show



BROWN

them your love, so it's not coincidental that this salute falls on this special day."

Students from St. Mary's Episcopal School delivered Valentines and coupon books to veterans in the morning.

That afternoon, the hospital hosted a party with special visitors, autograph signings, choir music by the nursing home choir and many other activities.

"This is National Hospitalized Veterans Week and we have a lot of activities scheduled this week to let them know we haven't forgotten them and we appreciate and love them," said Larry Moore, recreation therapist with the VA. "We can



VA nursing home patient Burvel Day, left, enjoyed entertainment during the VA Medical Center's tribute to hospitalized veterans Monday along with Larry Moore, VA recreation therapist, and Clara Hernandez, a community relations volunteer.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

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OBITUARIES

Almeda Frances Coffman Shive

Almeda Frances Coffman Shive, 93, Coahoma, died on Monday, Feb. 14, 2000, at her residence. Graveside service will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park and memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma with Dr. Walter Lee Jr., pastor, and the Rev. Allen Guthrie, retired Presbyterian Minister, officiating.



She was born on Jan. 7, 1907, in Coahoma, and married DeWitt Shive on June 7, 1924, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1968.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. Shive was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, an honorary lifetime member of the Presbyterian Women and a Past Worthy Matron of Coahoma Chapter No. 499, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Wendell and Helen Shive of Coahoma; one daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Fred Willis of Lampasas; one sister, Bessie Lee Cavin of Odessa; four grandchildren, Keri Willis Wimer and husband, Mike, and Ron Willis and wife, Janet, all of Dallas; Suzanne Shive and Louise Shive Haigler and husband, Scott, all of San Antonio; four great-grandchildren, Cole and Megan Wimer and Sarah Beth and Laura Haigler and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Coffman, a sister, Jessie Hoover and a brother, K.K. Coffman.

Palbearers will be Ron Willis, Mike Wimer, Scott Haigler, Rex Shive, Milburn Hoover, Bill Hoover, Lindsey and Billy Jack Darden. Honorary palbearers will be Louis Loveless and Rob...

Ethridge. The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma; P.O. Box 94; Coahoma; 79511, or Home Hospice; 1802 W. Wall St.; Midland; 79701, or to a favorite charity.

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

Ruby Creighton Brown

Ruby Creighton Brown, 86, Kerrville, formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, in Kerrville. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Brown was born on March 10, 1913, in Vincent, and married J. Lloyd Brown in 1945, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 18, 1997.

She was a member of a pioneer Howard County family, her parents were William and Anna Creighton. She had lived in Kerrville since 1984, and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kerrville and was a former member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: a brother-in-law, T.J. Brown of Midland; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Creighton of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter; her parents, Will and Anna Creighton; her brothers, Clarence, Charlie, Merrill and her twin brother, Reuben Creighton; and by her sisters, Pearl Malone, Mamie Robertson, Lucy Carr, Lillie Carr, Lois Thomas, Jewell Cullwell Dyess and Opal Newton.

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

Bernardo Gutierrez

Rosary for Bernardo Gutierrez, 98, Stanton, will be recited at 7:30 tonight at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and assisted by Deacon Ernie Sanchez. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Stanton.

Mr. Gutierrez died Monday, Feb. 14, in a Stanton care center.

He was born on May 20, 1901, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. He married Matilda Benavides on April 29, 1929, in Campbellton. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1998. Mr. Gutierrez was

a longtime resident of Stanton. Survivors include: his son, Manuel Gutierrez of San Antonio; four daughters, Julia Romero, Priscilla Garza, both of Stanton, Maria Hernandez of Big Spring, and Elena Samora of Eastland; 18 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Winona B. Foster

Funeral service for Winona B. Foster, 82, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Deral McWhorter, of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ, and Van Pendergrass, of Downtown Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Foster died Saturday, Feb. 12, in a Stanton nursing home.

She was born on May 27, 1917, in Young County. She married Simmie Alexander Foster on Jan. 27, 1935, in New Castle. He preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1992. She was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ. Before moving to Stanton in 1984, she lived in Belaire.

Survivors include: one son, Gary H. Foster of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Simona G. Jimison of Eyota, Minn.; two sisters, Judy Reed and Ellen Morgan, both of Stanton; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Lindy Oldfield

Funeral service for Lindy Oldfield, 73, Sayre, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Sayre with Tom Cooksey and Robert Lakey officiating. Burial will follow in the Lone Oak Cemetery.

Mr. Oldfield died Sunday, Feb. 13.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1926, in Van Zandt County. In the 1950s he and his father moved to Big Spring to farm. He worked in Big Spring and Howard County as a police department dispatcher and retired as the longtime Chief Deputy to A.N. Standard in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954. He married Roberta Christine Robbins in Big Spring.

Survivors include: his wife, Roberta Oldfield of Sayre, Okla.; two sons, Barney Oldfield of Dallas, and Ronnie Oldfield; three sisters, Clara Mae Oldfield Hoover, Sarah Lee Oldfield Norman, and Henrietta Oldfield Sadler, all of Canton; a brother, Jack Oldfield of Canton; two granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Martin Funeral Home, Sayre, Okla.

Norma Mae Robinson Dennis

Graveside service for Norma Mae Robinson Dennis, 87, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, in the Englewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Dennis died Sunday, Feb. 13, in Mountainview Lodge, Big Spring.

She was born on May 18, 1912, in Latexo County. She attended school in Shady Grove. She married Roy Robinson in Crockett in February of 1931. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1984. They moved to Wilson in 1975. She returned to Crockett where she lived until moving to Big Spring in 1993. She was a member of Westview Baptist Church, the Ladies Auxiliaries of Slaton's VFW and American Legion Posts.

Survivors include: a son, John Robinson of Hereford; four sisters, Hazel Brandon, Maggie Nickels, Tiny Mosser of Houston, and Myrtle Chambliss; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Big Spring.

Local arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

PRAYER

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Walker said, "also ask Him to give our souls water."

He read a letter from governor and presidential candidate George W. Bush.

"The recurring periods of drought that we have experienced in Texas highlight the need to conserve water and plan for the future," Bush wrote. "During difficult times, we also turn to prayer for guidance, direction and comfort. This interdenominational rally brings people together to pray according to their own beliefs and reminds them of our dependence on the Almighty. I commend you for participating in this rally and recognizing the importance of faith."

between the prayers and messages of faith, those in attendance lifted their voices in song. "Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need," they sang, many with their arms held high. "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead."

"I'll Fly Away," "Do Lord," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "Victory in Jesus" were others, led by a group of local musicians and church music leaders.

In a solemn moment, Rev. Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, reminded the crowd that rain had come shortly after last year's rally. For a while, he said, crops looked good. And the in August, the rains stopped. He said he asked God why the rain stopped, then realized the Lord may have been making a point. "The greatest harvest is not what grows in the field," said Tubbs, "but what God has created in our souls."

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

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COUNTY

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addressed the need to make amendments to the appointments to the Texas, Mexico, Asian corridor board of directors. Crooker serves on that board now along with County Judge Ben Lockhart and Terry Wegman. Crooker suggested the court appoint Kent Sharp to the board to replace Wegman as Wegman has been inactive since his appointment.

Crooker also asked that Charles Beil and Lee George be added to the board as alternates. He also asked for the addition of commissioners Jerry Kilgore, Gary Simer and Emma Brown as alternates to the board. The motion was carried.

Howard County Clerk Donna Wright appeared before the court to ask for part-time help with the coming March 14 primary elections. Three part-time helpers were approved to help during the election at a rate of \$6 per hour.

VETERANS

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never repay them for what they did for us but we can in some small way show them we care."

Moore led the nursing home choir in a few karaoke songs with visitors from Howard College joining in.

A large table was set up with various treats, including a large sheet cake donated by the Odessa HEB. On the cake was a drawing of a veteran snapping a salute with the engraved words, "A big salute to our veterans." The cake was surrounded by valentine shaped cookies, cupcakes and other snacks, all donated by the VFW auxiliary #4372 of Odessa.

The group of veterans were entertained by the Howard College rodeo team doing some rope tricks, followed by local fiddle player Jody Nix, who sang a few requested songs to the delight of the audience. The salute will continue

throughout the week with several other activities scheduled. Anyone interested in being a part of the week-long celebration should call the office of community relations at 264-4824.

COLLEGE

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and that the college would conduct a complete self-study of its program, as well as studying other junior college athletic programs.

Hansen, a 22-year veteran employee of the college, indicated Monday's announcement was a response to "a changing environment as Howard College moves into the 21st century. "Howard College has a long history of successful athletic programs, but we do not have a full-time athletic director," Hansen said in the release. "It has always been a part-time position and this makes it hard on anybody, especially on a coach."

"We will assess our future direction within the athletic department and continue to maintain our high standards while providing a competitive edge for our college."

Collins was not available for comment.

POLICE

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

•CRISTOPHE CHAVEZ, 27, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•BOBBY HOLLEY, 25, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid drivers license.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Monmouth.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

•THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of E. Marcy, in the 1700 block of Virginia, and in the 2400 block of Alamesa.

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Helen J. Threats, 71, died Thursday. Funeral services were 11:00 AM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Norma Mae Robinson Dennis, 87, died Sunday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM, Thursday in Englewood Cemetery, in Stanton.

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Georgia recovering from shock of tornadoes that leave at least 22 dead

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — When the tornado that had leveled his house finally moved away, Harris Malcom crawled out from under a mattress and looked up into blinding rain and lightning.

His living-room rafters were crushed like toothpicks. But poking out from a 3-foot-thick pine tree that caved in his roof were two branches, forming a makeshift cross.

"You find out what kind of faith you've got when something like this happens," Malcom, pastor of First Baptist Church in Camilla, said Monday.

Although Malcom's home was destroyed, he emerged from the tornadoes that hit southwestern Georgia early Monday relatively unscathed. However, at least 22 people died and more than 100 were injured in the storms, the state's deadliest twisters since 1936. The oldest victim was 85 years old, the youngest 8 months. Many likely were killed as they slept, police said.

The tornadoes smashed mobile homes, flipped automobiles and demolished trees into splinters. Mitchell County, about 30 miles north of the Georgia-Florida line, was hardest hit, with 14 dead, when two

separate twisters cut a 1.5-mile-wide, 10-mile-long path through the county.

"It was just total destruction," said Kenneth Hill of Camilla, who spent Monday night at a shelter after a tree crashed through his roof. "Mobile homes on top of mobile homes — houses blown away, just frames."

Families of the injured and missing scrambled to see if loved ones were among the dozens sent to hospitals from Albany to Tallahassee, Fla.

In Camilla, shelters were set up at churches and schools. An American Red Cross shelter

offered cots, food, nursing and counseling for storm victims.

"People will probably get tired and hungry as the night goes on," Red Cross spokesman Bill Maddox said. "We're going to be here a while."

Mitchell County Hospital, a 33-bed facility more accustomed to infant ear infections or an occasional heart attack, resembled a battleground field hospital.

More than 120 people swamped the hospital in the early morning. Mothers begged nurses to find their children. Hospital administrators in T-shirts and blue jeans tended to

massive head wounds. Patients covered the halls, slumped on lobby chairs and packed into the chapel.

The hospital even lost its water connection and, for several terrifying minutes before a generator kicked in, all electricity.

"It was absolutely the worst thing I've ever seen," said Cara Tyson, the hospital's assistant director of nursing, who fought blinding rain and flying tree limbs to get to work. "It was a disaster — people were crying, children were hurt."

High wind and hail also caused scattered damage in

much of Alabama, including widespread damage in Cullman, and knocked out power to an estimated 22,000 customers.

Two tornadoes destroyed at least a dozen structures in Arkansas and injured two people. Trees and power lines were down in parts of Mississippi and Tennessee.

Back at First Baptist Church in Camilla, church members had been planning a Valentine's Day party for children on Monday. Instead, they plan to feed rescue crews sugar-coated candy hearts and chocolates today before they begin a second day of cleaning up.

Clinton supports bill repealing Social Security earnings limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jumping on a politically popular cause, President Clinton said Monday he would sign a Republican bill to repeal the Social Security earnings limit for hundreds of thousands of Americans aged 65-70.

"It's the right thing to do, let's just do it," Clinton said. House Republicans already were introducing a repeal bill and promised to put it on a fast track for a vote, likely in March.

Clinton's support gives powerful momentum to an election-year drive to eliminate the earnings penalty, which takes \$1 in Social Security benefits from seniors for every \$3 they earn over a prescribed limit, currently \$17,000.

More than 800,000 seniors lose part or all of their benefits because of the earnings limit, according to Social Security

Administration estimates. The earnings ceiling will increase to \$30,000 by 2002 under current law.

The president has advocated eliminating the earnings limit before, but only as part of a comprehensive plan dealing with the threat of Social Security insolvency as the baby boom generation retires. Just last week, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said Clinton would not support a piecemeal approach that doesn't address solvency.

Clinton's shift came on the heels of a defection by 48 House Democrats on a Republican bill to give couples — rich and poor — relief from the marriage tax penalty. The House sent the legislation to the Senate last Thursday on a vote of 268-158, a margin insufficient to override a possible veto by Clinton.

White House taking up Web security with cyber experts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling the outburst of Internet attacks "obviously very disturbing," President Clinton is bringing technology experts and even a mysterious hacker named Mudge to the White House to look at ways to tighten security on the World Wide Web.

The initial idea of the session was to address the problem of terrorists using cyberspace. Clinton says last week's attacks underscore a need for the government to focus on protecting the Internet itself.

"These denial-of-service attacks are obviously very disturbing and I think there is a way that we can clearly promote security," Clinton told CNN.com Monday in what was

billed as the first online interview of a president.

The Globe and Mail in Toronto reported today that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has joined the hunt for the hackers. The FBI believes "that one or more Canadian servers was used in the communication or maybe was used to launch one of the attacks," Sgt. Tom Pownall, a program analyst with the RCMP's computer crime unit, told the Globe.

The Toronto Sun said police are preparing warrants to obtain information on a user who was formerly a member of Internet Direct, a Toronto-based service provider.

Among the participants in today's White House meeting is

Mudge, nickname for a member of a "think tank" of hackers who perform security consulting under the name AtStake.

About 20 executives from technology companies, as well as officials from the National Security Agency, also were invited to the meeting.

Managers of a recently formed warning network for banks said computer experts at some of the nation's largest financial institutions received warnings of impending threats days before last week's attacks began.

Banking officials never passed those warnings to the FBI or other law enforcement agencies, because they weren't allowed to do so under rules of the unusual security arrange-

ment, formed with the government's encouragement.

To encourage open participation by banks and other financial firms, the Treasury Department decided that information disclosed within such a network would not be turned over to federal regulators or law enforcement agencies. It worked well for the banks that were forewarned about the attacks last week but the system also ensured the same warnings were not widely distributed.

The banking network issued the first alert in the latest attacks on Feb. 4, "when we started seeing certain machines being compromised," said William Marlow of Global Integrity Corp.

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OUR VIEWS

Remembering our hospitalized veterans this week

Monday began a full week of events for the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Our Big Spring VA Medical Center is recognizing this event with entertainment, autograph signings and receptions.

The community is pitching in as well, visiting our hospitalized vets to thank them personally for their sacrifice. That this event began with Valentine's Day is no coincidence — columnist Ann Landers asks her readers each year to send Valentines to veterans and they respond more than one million times.

Some local school children and other groups took time Monday to distribute cards and other gifts to those at our Big Spring hospital.

A variety of service organizations and active duty military will participate as well, visiting and bringing refreshments to hospitalized veterans. Another goal of this campaign is that people learn more about the role of volunteers, a vital part of the medical center's work.

VA Chief Executive Officer Cary Brown said the national salute serves a dual purpose, education for the public and cheer for veterans.

"The National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans gives everyone a chance to let those who have given the nation so much know they are not forgotten," Brown said.

We should all do our part to let our hospitalized veterans know they are appreciated, and that we recognize their sacrifice. This week-long observance offers the community its chance to do just that.

Covering the Courts: The cursing canoeist

Some of the facts in the case of Timothy Boomer are in dispute, but the substance of the incident is clear. On a Saturday afternoon in August 1998, Boomer was canoeing on the Rifle River in northern Michigan with half a dozen friends. Their canoes were loosely tied together by bungee cords. Boomer ran into a submerged rock and tumbled into the river. His canoe and his friends went on without him. Boomer retrieved his paddle and strode through the waist-deep water in pursuit of his companions.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

He did not go quietly. Witnesses said he went loudly. He expressed his feelings in language regrettably appropriate to the occasion. He announced that he wanted out of this expletive river, and he wanted his expletive canoe back. A passing canoeist, Tammy Smith, said she covered the ears of her 2-year-old daughter and told her 5-year-

old son not to listen. Two deputy sheriffs were patrolling the river at the time. They too were offended. They might have arrested the cursing canoeist under a common-law charge of disorderly conduct. Instead they plunged hip deep into a river of constitutional law. They arrested Boomer under an 1897 statute that makes it a crime in Michigan for anyone to use "indecent, immoral, obscene, vulgar or insulting language in the presence or hearing of a woman or a child."

The case went to trial last June in the district court of Arenac County. A jury found Boomer guilty, and trial judge Allen C. Yenior sentenced him to four days of community service, plus his choice of three days in jail or a \$75 fine. The American Civil Liberties Union is defending Boomer on his appeal to the circuit court. The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression has filed a brief in his behalf.

The trial judge threw out the element of "obscenity." Under the relevant Miller case of 1973, the expletives did not appeal to prurient interests. Judge Yenior also knocked out the law's reference to "women" as a violation of the principle of equal protection. The court further ruled that under the cir-

cumstances, the expletives were not "fighting words." They were not directed personally at anyone.

The judge stopped short of dismissing the charge. He allowed the prosecution to proceed on the grounds that Boomer's curses were not the kind of speech the First Amendment was intended to protect. He said the words did not convey any meaningful expression of thought or idea. They had "no socially redeeming quality whatsoever." In effect, the curses were not speech at all.

The Thomas Jefferson Center argues that Boomer's appeal is controlled by the Supreme Court's 1971 opinion in Cohen v. California. I don't know about that. In the Cohen case, one Paul Robert Cohen was charged with disturbing the peace by wearing a jacket bearing a message suggesting what should be done with the draft. It was undeniably vulgar speech, but it was speech that did convey a political message. Speaking through Justice John Marshall Harlan, the high court held that the message was protected by the First Amendment. Harlan refused to recognize a distinction between vulgar and nonvulgar political speech. By contrast, Boomer's tirade was not political speech at all.

Does this make a constitutional difference? I believe it makes no difference whatever. Speech is speech. It is the vocal or symbolic employment of language. Under our Constitution it can be enjoined only for the protection of vital public interests. Yes, offensive conduct of course may be punished, but words, mere words? This the Constitution forbids.

The Thomas Jefferson Center says in its brief: "Mr. Boomer's outburst may seem, on the surface, so far from the Framers' concept of 'speech' as to present no legitimate First Amendment issue. It is quite true that most listeners would have found his language not only intemperate, but vulgar and deeply offensive as well. So sharp a departure from norms of civility and rationality, even among indignant canoeists on a summer Saturday afternoon, should be condemned and discouraged."

That judgment is, however, not the one now before this court. Rather, the issue posed by this appeal is whether tasteless use of language that may offend, or even wound, listeners, can be the target of criminal sanctions.

That's the key point. The law operates to punish bad conduct. Short of punishing outright obscenity, the law ought never to punish bad words.



How a country treats its oldest people

I was waiting for a prescription to be filled, killing time at the greeting card counter where hearts with movable parts sold for \$4 and more.

The woman came in from the bitter cold wearing a long coat and a kerchief on her head. I'm no shrewd judge of age, but she looked to be in her mid-70s. She approached the pharmacist's window and held out a brown plastic pill bottle.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

"I'll be getting my check in a couple of days," she said, "but right now I just want to buy two pills."

I thought about the scene all the way home. The pharmacist sold the woman two pills. The number she could afford. Two lousy pills. I didn't hear how much they cost. I thought about how they would rattle around in that big brown bottle.

Were they for her? Maybe for a child? Did they help control her blood pressure, her cholesterol? Did they ease some kind of pain?

The scene made me want to hit a politician. Any old local, state or national politician would do. It made me mad at the elec-

torate, too, we ambivalent voters who keep figuring we're going to be millionaires eventually and have more in common with oil barons and princesses than poor old women.

Why aren't we all marching in the streets to protest the inequitable and cruel health care system of this country? Millions have no health insurance. There are old people in this country who — if they do see the doctor — can't afford their medicine. Many are riding buses to Canada where, for some inexplicable reason, they can buy the same drugs for a fraction of the cost.

Pharmaceutical companies make me see red. They pay for those cheesy TV ads and tack that cost onto already-overpriced drugs.

The drugstore scene I witnessed should have been videotaped and played again and again in presidential primary states. Bush and Gore and McCain and Bradley should be explaining at every turn, in every speech, just how they would prevent such scenes from being commonplace in this country.

Anyone who wants to be president should be spelling out details, debating the fine points of overhauling our failed current system that tends to the rich and leaves the poor to suffer and die.

Reporters and pundits get wrought up about such peripheral issues as whether or not South Carolina should fly the

Confederate battle flag. And we ignore gross and widespread misery.

(For the record, two of my great-great-grandfathers died fighting for the Confederacy, one in Atlanta, the other at Manassas. I honestly believe they were honorable men, who, if alive now, had rather hold a politician's feet to the fire about health care than Southern heritage.)

Thirty years ago, at Robert E. Lee High in Montgomery, Ala., as white teen-agers, we willingly shelved our Confederate battle flags and stopped singing "Dixie" at pep rallies when the black and white schools merged. We showed more maturity and wisdom than the adults.)

Politicians, of course, love such emotional distractions. It's a lot easier to address flag issues — whether the issue is burning or flying them — than it is to offer solutions to massive failures that daily, hourly, directly affect millions.

It's interesting, even amusing, to see how the wily politicians weave and dodge.

But it would be far more satisfying to focus on health care, the lack of it, and ask why the richest country in the world would mete out a pill at a time to a sick old woman.

When will we rally in the streets to demand action on matters of life and death? That's when calculating, poll-taking, consensus-seeking politicians will be forced to listen.

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OTHER VIEWS

The United States moved away from its near-isolationist opposition to the labeling of genetically modified foods last weekend when it accepted a new international agreement that will speed the labeling of such foods on the world market.

But it has yet to shed fully its unconditional support of the biotech industry, as evidenced by the compromise it exacted in the U.N. Biosafety Protocol: For two years after the protocol takes effect, labels need merely say a product has been engineered, without specifics.

During those two years, negotiators will work out more specific labels.

The United States had only a handful of allies in opposing labeling, 125 other nations supported the move, including members of the European Union.

EU resistance to so-called "Frankenfoods" is strong in light of member nations' experiences with food scares, from Mad Cow fatalities in the '90s to historical episodes of famine.

While there is no evidence genetically modified foods are unsafe to eat, consumers do have legitimate concerns that make detailed labeling imperative.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Wildcats in playoff with Klondike tonight

Grady's Lady Wildcats, runners-up in District 18-1A, will take on Klondike's Lady Cougars in a bi-district playoff game tonight at 8 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

That game will be preceded by a boys' practice game between Ira's Bulldogs and the Reagan County Owls at 6.

Several more games have been added to the coliseum's postseason schedule, including a tripleheader on Friday.

Ozona's Lions will take on Wellman's Wildcats in a 4 p.m. game Friday, followed by a 6 p.m. area playoff on featuring Ozona's Lady Lions and the winner of today's Seagraves-Sundown bi-district game.

And at 8 p.m., Post's Lady Antelopes will play an area game against the bi-district playoff winner between Wall and McCamey.

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

And on Friday, Feb. 25, Eldorado's Eagles will face the winner of a bi-district playoff game between Stanton and Sundown.

Softball boosters slate meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Those interested in working the concession stand during Lady Steers softball games are still needed.

For more information, call Kelley Howell at 263-0747 or 263-4624.

American Little League to hold meeting tonight

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

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

National Little League sets Thursday meeting

An organizational meeting for the National Little League in Big Spring has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday 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.

AREA GAMES

TODAY GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

- 6 p.m. • Big Spring vs. Stephenville, Class 4A bi-district game, at McBee Complex at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.
6:30 p.m. • Stanton vs. Hale Center, Class 2A bi-district game, at Seminole.
7 p.m. • Garden City vs. Marathon, Class 1A bi-district game, at Odessa College Sports Center.
8 p.m. • Grady vs. Klondike, Class 1A bi-district game, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- 7:30 p.m. • Snyder at Big Spring (VB)
• Coahoma at Tahoka (VB)
• Stanton at Post (VB)
8 p.m. • Forsan at Wall (VB)

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- 5-45 p.m. — Big Spring Lady Steers vs. Stephenville Lady Yellowjackets, KBST-AM 1490.

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NBA 7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls, TNT, Ch. 28.
7:30 p.m. — Milwaukee Bucks at Dallas Mavericks, FOX, Ch. 29.

Franklin's 22 points lead Hawks to 71-59 win over NMJC

By TODD BAILEY Herald Correspondent

HOBBS, N.M. — Howard College's Hawks marched into the Lea County Event Center on Monday night and took a 71-59 win over New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds.

It was NMJC's third straight home loss, frustrating NMJC head coach Jeff McCool.

"I told the team that we should just play all of our games on the road," McCool said, noting that the Thunderbirds have won their last two road games.

"I don't know what to think," McCool added. "I have my theories. We have just played really poorly at home. We aren't ready to play at all ... just don't have any intensity."

The Thunderbirds, now 9-17 overall and 3-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play, forced a slow tempo early in Monday's game and maintained it for most of the first half.

Only twice did Howard, now 17-8 on the season and 9-1 in the league, get into a running game, and both times resulted in missed shots.

But the Hawks did a good job of offensive rebounding and converting those misses, building its first-half advantage to as many as 10 points on two occasions.

Howard didn't seem to mind the slow play. The Hawks ran their offensive sets, mainly to 6-foot-3 sophomore swingman Derrick Franklin, who has 14 points in the first 20 minutes of play and finished with a game-high 22 points on 10-of-11 shooting.

The T-Birds responded with a balanced attack. There was 6-foot-7 post James Felder hitting the boards and getting inside shots to finish the first half with six points, while Don Fleming, Anthony Moncrief and Anthony Harley contributed from outside.

Fleming hit a fall-away bank shot with 3:05 to go in the half, pulling NMJC to within three, 24-21, as part of an eight-point Thunderbirds run. Felder added a nice inside move, cutting the deficit to one at 24-23.

Felder would finish the night was NMJC's leading scorer with 14 points, while Harley had 12 more.

The Hawks responded to NMJC's threat with a 6-2 run over the final 1:20 to take a 30-25 halftime lead.

And in the second half, it was all

Hawks. Howard started with final 20 minutes with an 8-0 run — Franklin scoring the first six.

"He had a good game," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said of Franklin's performance. "We need him to play like that, because he is a good player."

"In the second half we strung a couple of points together and kept our lead ... then held on at the end," a somewhat relieved Collins added.

While the Hawks were running on all cylinders, NMJC was simply trying to make a shot or two. The T-Birds were 3-of-11 from the floor during the first nine minutes of the half.

As a result, the Hawks were able to build their lead to as many as 19 points, 65-46, when freshman Steve Bonner hit a bucket.

"We flat out went cold in the second half and Howard's intensity picked up," McCool said. "The difference between Howard and the rest of the teams in the conference is that Howard plays with intensity more consistently through the game than anybody else."

Collins was just as happy the Thunderbirds went through that cold spell as his counterpart was frustrated. "They (NMJC) had the opportunities

on offense to score points, but they couldn't get the shots to fall," Collins noted. "At the end, though, they were finally making those shots and cut into our lead pretty good. We're just happy we were able to hold them off."

The Hawks finished the game with four players in double figures. Along with Franklin's 22 points were 12 from Bonner and 10 each from Vasilis Tsimliariadis and Donald "Yogi" Connor. "That really doesn't surprise me," Collins said of the Hawks' offensive production. "We usually have multiple digit scorers in a lot of our games."

The Hawks return home to host Odessa College's Wranglers at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 8 p.m. Friday, while the Thunderbirds hope to maintain their streak of winning on the road when they travel to Roswell and visit New Mexico Military Institute. ...

NMJC 71, HOWARD 71. HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 10-11 2-2 22, Justin Rhodes 3-8 0-0 6, Terrance Radford 0-1 0-0 0, Chris McMillan 0-0 0-0 0, Vasilis Tsimliariadis 4-7 2-2 10, Steve Bonner 4-7 4-4 12, Darryl Martin 2-4 1-1 4, Doug Whittier 1-2 0-0 2, Donald Connor 5-7 0-1 10, Totals 30-53 10-15 71. NMJC — Tony Slater 3-9 2-4 8, Ryan Chandler 1-3 0-0 3, Kemar Burrows 0-2 0-0 0, Don Fleming 2-4 0-2 4, Anthony Harley 3-11 3-6 12, Vincent Richardson 2-8 0-0 3, Anthony Moncrief 2-7 0-0 7, Matt Doherty 2-3 2-6, James Felder 5-11 4-9 14, Totals 25-64 11-25 59. Half-time score: Howard 26, NMJC 26. Three-point goals: Howard 1 (Franklin); NMJC 6 (Harley, T. Moncrief, Chandler, Richardson).

Lady Coyotes win in a walk

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Borden County's Lady Coyotes looked for all the world to deserve their No. 4 ranking Monday night, as they opened the Class A girls' basketball playoffs with a 69-18 romp over Dawson's Lady Dragons.

In fact, for all intents and purposes, the Lady Coyotes needed less than six minutes of the first period to chalk up their bi-district championship.

Borden County literally took control from the opening tip, as 6-foot-1 junior post Valerie Wootan tapped the ball back to a teammate and second later senior Lindzey Smith ripped mesh from three-point range to give the Lady Coyotes a lead they'd never relinquish.

Lady Dragons captain Amy Goode responded with a jumper from the key, getting a 1-1 tie. Dawson would make the game.

By the time Dawson scored from the field again — a layup by Sena Brown with 2:07 showing on the first period clock, the Lady Coyotes owned a 20-6 lead and were well on their way to a 28-6 margin at the second quarter's start.

Wootan did most of the damage in that big first quarter, scoring 10 of her game-high 22 points, not only dominating the boards with her height, but displaying a deft shooting touch.

Although Borden County would not be as dominant again, due in large part to Lady Coyotes head coach Gailan Winegarner's decision to give his reserves plenty of playing time.

Still, the Lady Coyotes turned a 32-9 lead with less than three minutes left in the first half into a 41-9 edge and continued their charge to a 52-9 margin midway through the third quarter before Winegarner again pulled his starters from the game.

Not only were the Lady Coyotes dominant on the offensive end of the court, their defensive pressure forced one Dawson turnover after another.

And even when the Lady Dragons did successfully get the ball down court and manage to run their offense, almost every missed shot turned into an outlet pass that Borden County turned into transition points.

In the end, it was just a matter of how many points the Lady Coyotes would score in improving their record to 26-3 on the season and advance to the area playoff round where they'll face the winner of the Robert Lee-Blackwell bi-district game.

The win was so easy, in fact, that Winegarner lamented the fact that Dawson hadn't been able to make it more of a con-



Borden County's Valerie Wootan (51) puts up a shot and scores two of her 22 points during the Lady Coyotes 69-18 bi-district playoff romp over Dawson's Lady Dragons on Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

test. "I wish it had been a little more of a test," the Lady Coyotes boss said moments before he and his players began cutting the net away from the goal on the west end of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We're probably going to have the same kind of game with Robert Lee or Blackwell," Winegarner admitted. "But I imagine we'll get a test soon enough. I don't think there's much question that Windthorst will give us a tough game."

"Of course, you never know ... somebody else could jump up and give us a surprise," he added. "That's why you have to show up and play these games. Just because you're supposed to be better than somebody doesn't mean you're going to beat them."

But as long as Wootan plays as dominant a role as she did Monday night, the Lady Coyotes will be a force to be reckoned with.

In addition to Wootan's 22, the Lady Coyotes put three other players in double figures, as junior Bekah Hensley and seniors Julie Mayes and Smith all managed 11 points.

Senior post Adrianna Baeza added nine more for Borden County, while Goode's six points were the best the Lady Dragons could muster, finishing the season with a 15-14 record.

... Borden County 69, Dawson 18. Dawson — Haley Holder 0-0 0-0 0, Charissa Bennett 0-0 0-0 0, Nyla Brown 0-0 2-0 2, Amy Goode 1-0 4-4 6, Katy Goode 0-1 0-0 2, Sena Brown 1-0 0-2 2, Laurel Hayes 0-0 0-0 0, Wendy Brooks 0-1 0-0 3, Laura Ammendt 0-0 0-0 0, Sarah Miller 2-0 0-0 4, Totals 4-2 4-8 18. Borden County — Holly Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Crystal Dye 1-0 0-4 2, Sharna Isaacs 0-0 0-0 0, Sitash Hendley 4-1 0-1 11, Julie Mayes 4-1 0-0 11, Lindzey Smith 2-2 2-2 11, Adrianna Baeza 3-1 0-0 9, Naci Ploie 0-0 1-2 1, Haley Adcock 0-0 0-0 0, Valerie Wootan 9-0 4-4 22, Rika Copeland 1-0 0-2 2, Totals 24-5 6-12 69. Score by Quarter: Dawson: 1-4-10-11. Borden: 7-15-20-37. Three-point goals: Dawson 2 (K. Goode, Brooks); Borden County 5 (Hendley, Mayes, Smith, Baeza). Total fouls: Dawson 12, Borden County 10. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Rebounds: Dawson 15-14, Borden County 26-3.

Lady Hawks roll on with 77-65 win over Lady Thunderbirds

By SCOTT JONES Herald Correspondent

HOBBS, N.M. — The road to the Region V tournament became a little bumpier for New Mexico Junior College's Lady Hawks, while Howard College's Lady Thunderbirds cemented themselves in the postseason picture with a 77-65 win in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) women's action Monday night.

Howard's win at the Lea County Event Center could have been disastrous for the Lady Thunderbirds, save for one thing. South Plains, which entered league play tied with NMJC for fourth place in the standings, also lost — a 50-47 setback to Western Texas' Lady Dusters.

The top four teams in the WJCAC qualify for this year's regional in Lubbock. Making things tougher for NMJC, however, is the Lady Thunderbirds' remaining schedule. Two of their three remain-

ing games are against league leaders Midland College and Odessa College, while the other is Thursday-night's game at Western Texas.

"This definitely doesn't help," NMJC head coach Ara Baten admitted. "We are going to have to win at least two and maybe all three of these last games to get in. A week and a half ago we were in great shape, and now we've backed ourselves into a corner."

The Lady Hawks showed why they're an elite team Monday, using a stingy defense to gain and then protect a lead of about eight points much of the second half.

"We'd get it down to five or eight points and we'd have a critical mistake, or turn it over, or miss an assignment ... mental errors," Baten noted. "Something bad would happen every time we'd get a run going and a lot of that can be attributed to Howard. They played great pressure defense, and we didn't handle their pressure well at all."

The Lady Hawks overplayed the pass-

ing lanes and intercepted a number of NMJC passes in the first half, creating a number of almost uncontested layups.

"They (Lady Hawks) had 18 points just on wide-open layups off turnovers in the first half," Baten said. "That's 18 points we just pitched them."

NMJC trailed 38-30 at halftime and was still behind by 12 early in the second half. The Lady Thunderbirds, however, outscored Howard 10-2 midway through the second half to cut the lead to just three, 49-46.

That's when the Lady Hawks stepped up the pace. Point guard Tashean Thomas sank a three-pointer from well beyond the arch to change the momentum. NMJC still trailed by just five, at 61-56, but that's as close as the Lady Thunderbirds would get.

Erica Gonzalez led the way for NMJC with 15 points, matching the production of Lady Hawks freshman post Grace Gantt.

But Howard got 23 game-high points from freshman Keretha Johnson and

Seton Hall, Purdue back in AP Top 25

The Associated Press

Seton Hall was able to celebrate its return to the Top 25 for a few hours. Purdue gets two days and has hope it fares better.

While Cincinnati, which has the nation's longest winning streak at 15 games, was No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll Monday for the sixth straight week, and Stanford and Duke stayed second and third for the fourth straight poll, two newcomers moved in.

Seton Hall came in at No. 23, the Pirates' first ranking since they were sixth in the final poll of the 1992-93 season, and Purdue came in at No. 25, the Boilermakers' first appearance since mid-December.

Seton Hall didn't have very long to enjoy the number in front of its name as it lost 59-50 to No. 18 Connecticut on Monday night. Purdue doesn't play again until Wednesday against Iowa.

Cincinnati (23-1), which has been No. 1 for a total of 11 weeks this season, received 66 first-place votes and 1,768 points from a national media panel. The Bearcats' only game last week was an 87-64 victory over DePaul.

Stanford (21-1), which beat Oregon and Oregon State last week, was No. 1 on five ballots and had 1,707 points, staying in the second spot.

Duke (19-3) had its 18-game winning streak broken by Maryland last week and then beat Georgia Tech.

Arizona and Tennessee each moved up three places to fourth and fifth, while Michigan State held fifth.

Ohio State dropped two places to seventh and was followed in the Top Ten by Oklahoma State, Syracuse and Indiana.

Florida led the Second Ten and was followed by Auburn, Tulsa, Iowa State, Temple, LSU, Texas, Connecticut, Kentucky and Oklahoma.

The last five teams in the rankings were Utah, Maryland, Seton Hall, Kansas and Purdue.

... LADY THUNDERBIRDS 77. NMJC 65. HOWARD — Terrellis Harts 3-8 3-4 9, Shanellia Adley 0-0 1-1 1, Ashanti Mc 2-0 0-0 4, Tashawn Thomas 3-0 3-0 6, Vanessa Robinson 3-0 0 0, Gina Gray 1-3 3-4 15, Yolanda Grant 5-11 1-2 11, Heather Johnson 7-10 6-11 23, Venusia McNeal 15-27 7. NMJC — Tiffany Davis 3-3 4-8 9, Theron Buchanan 4-7 3-6 11, Cassie Bayer 2-4 0-0 4, Jennifer Rogers 0-1 0-0 0, Alexis Marshall 0-0 1-2 1, Stephanie Ryan 2-0 2-0 5, Shantavia Scott 2-4 0-0 6, Gina Gonzalez 5-8 2-4 13, Adrienne Garcia 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 25-50 15-36. Half-time score: Howard 28, NMJC 26. Three-point goals: Howard 2 (Thomas, Buchanan); NMJC 4 (Buchanan, Marshall, Ryan, Gonzalez).

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1115 Lloyd 3/1 \$350
1804 A State 1/1 \$200
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The Local Employee Committee (LEC) of the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) will begin accepting applications for February 18, 2000 from health and human service charitable organizations, including federations of such organizations, desiring to participate in the 2000 SECC. Qualifying nonprofits organizations in Andrews, Crane, Ector, Howard, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Upton, Ward, and Winkler counties may obtain application kits from the LEC through the local campaign manager at 915/685-7700. Kits will be provided automatically to all organizations that participated in 1999. Application deadline to the LEC is March 24, 2000. Consult your local office for internal deadlines. 2618 February 15 & 16, 2000

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16
Your great capacity for understanding cap move mountains when dealing with coworkers and day-to-day matters. Your mind is unusually effective at discerning money-making possibilities. Opt to work more at home, set up a home office or bring your work home with you - at least mentally. If you are single, you're likely to meet someone through your work and daily life. Romance adds a new, playful quality to your life. If attached, share your work with your partner, who needs to know he is part of your team. CANCER cares a lot about you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***Examine security-related decisions of recent years. Make sure that what you've chosen will take you where you want to go. Communication is active, though you must express what is on your mind. Do nothing halfway presently. Tonight: Talk with family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***You naturally make the right decision. Be clear about what you need and expect. Express your ideas. Be direct with friends and in meetings. Exchange ideas with a close tie. Together you spice up a project until it sparkles and is destined for success. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***Deal with finances. Your instincts serve you with a money decision. Worry less; stay centered. Brainstorm with a boss, who is busy phasing in some important changes. Your contribution makes a difference. Play devil's advocate. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***Examine your choices and directions carefully. What could have been a great idea or a suitable goal might no longer be. Recognize that you and your needs have changed. Make plans that involve further extending your horizons. Tonight: Others are on a pitch in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Another whispers important news in your ear. You cannot deny what you are hearing. Your sixth sense has been telling you the same. Bosses' can be demanding, but you know exactly how to handle them. Keep a secret. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***Sometimes it is hard for you to change. Being able to detach, especially in your love life and with children, proves helpful. With your relaxed attitude, another is only too happy to reveal what is going on with him. Tonight: Join friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***Focus your attention completely on work. You cannot change direction now. Another thinks you have a lot more knowledge than you might actually have. Do your homework. Make sure you have the information you need. Tonight: Try to leave work early!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***Read between the lines. Often, it is what another doesn't say that tells you far more than what he does say. Listen to another's feedback; a child proves to be an unusual source of creativity. Allow your mind to roam; you find answers. Tonight: Surf the Net.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***Work on pulling a project together, rather than breaking it apart. Others need not agree with you. Communication of the homefront proves to be supportive. You easily work with a kindred spirit. A relationship is enhanced because of your willingness to trust. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***You discover just how open others are. Listen to feedback. Share what is happening with a partner. What you might consider a dud idea proves to have value. It might not sparkle, but it will work. A child or loved one remains demanding. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***Dig into work. Clear your desk. Discuss expenditures at work with your normal insight. Discussions might weigh on you, especially as to their long-term implications. Nothing is written in stone just yet. Bring extra work home. Tonight: Get some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***Trigger others' imaginations. Listen to feedback. Others clearly agree with you. Discussions are not only effective, they also have a humorous overtone. Allow spontaneity to play a bigger role in an important relationship. Tonight: Go with the moment.

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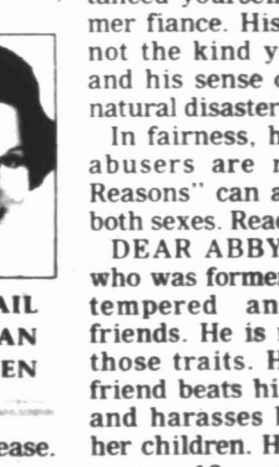
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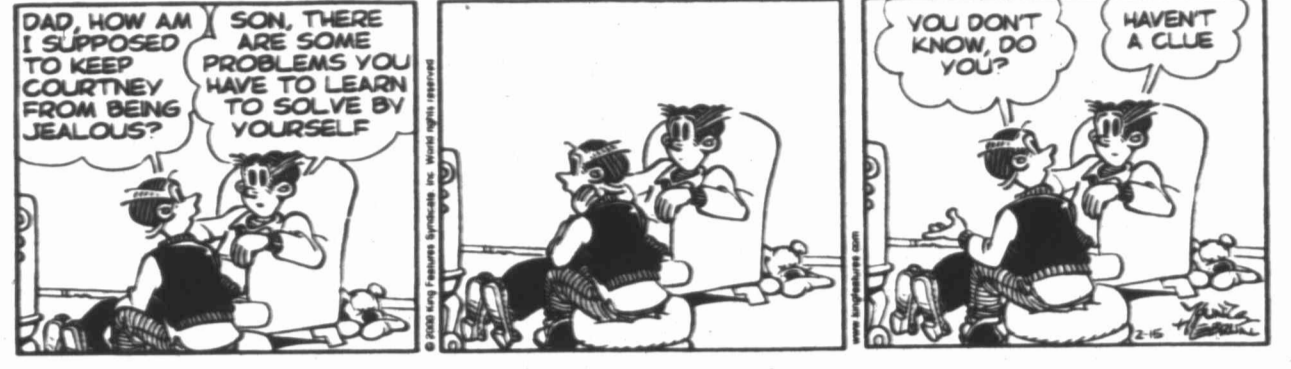
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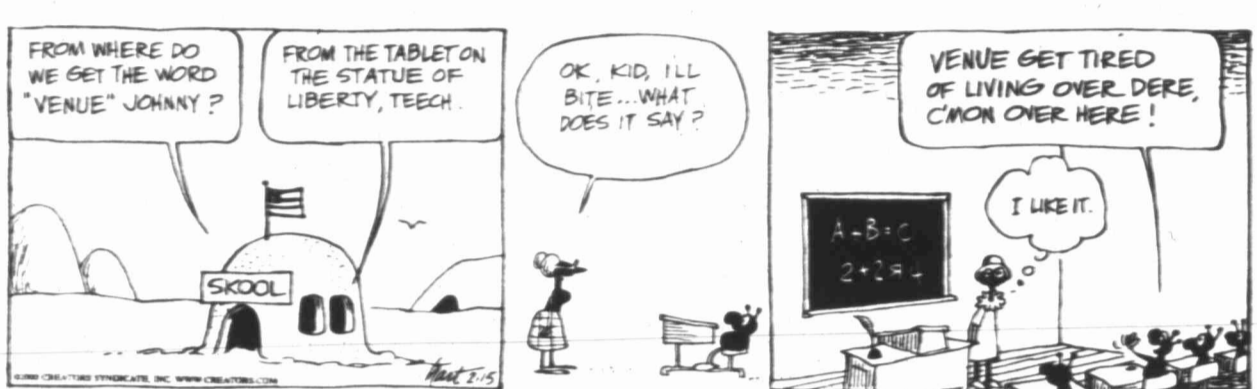
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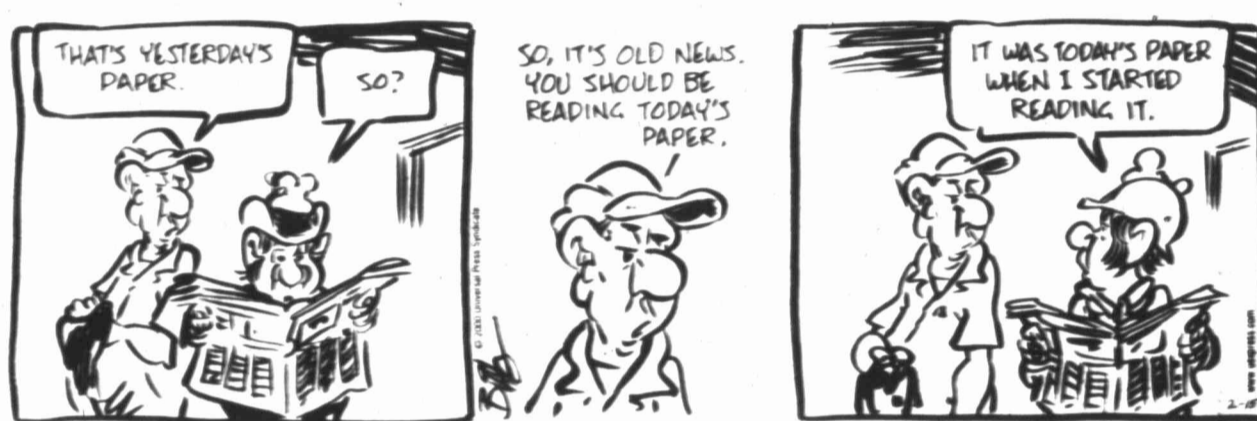
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2000. There are 320

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war

with Spain. On this date: In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa. In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established. In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass. In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court. In 1933, President-elect Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that killed Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak. In 1942, the British colony of Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II. In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa. In 1982, 84 men were killed when a huge oil-drilling rig, the Ocean Ranger, sank in a storm off the Newfoundland coast. In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan after nearly a decade of military intervention. In 1992, Benjamin L. Hooks announced plans to retire as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Ten years ago: President Bush and the leaders of Colombia, Bolivia and Peru met in Cartagena, Colombia for a drug-fighting summit. Five years ago: The FBI arrested Kevin Mitnick, its "most wanted hacker," and charged him with cracking security in some of the nation's most protected computers. (Mitnick was released this past Jan. 21 after serving five years behind bars.) A fire roared through a three-story nightclub in Taichung, Taiwan, killing at least 64 people. One year ago: The body of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African gunned down by New York City police, was returned to his native Guinea. Today's Birthdays: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 86. Country singer Hank Locklin is 82. Former Illinois Congressman John Anderson is 78. Comedian Harvey Korman is 73. Actress Claire Bloom is 69. Author Susan Brownmiller is 65. Songwriter Brian Holland is 59. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 56. Actress Jane Seymour is 49. Singer Melissa Manchester is 49. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 46. Reggae singer Ali Campbell (UB40) is 41. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club) is 40. Actor Michael Easton is 33. Actress Emily May Young is 30.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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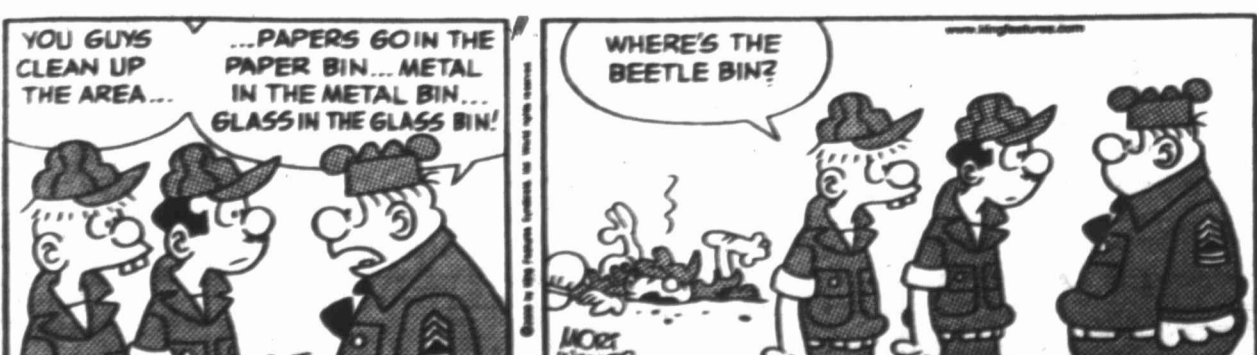
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