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VITA volunteers ready to help with income tax

Volunteer income tax assistant volunteers have been trained and are preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals through Monday, March 27.

Hours are 9 a.m. until 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.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, 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, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

□ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.

□ Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

FRIDAY

□ 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

□ Odessa Brand New Opree, 7 p.m., Municipal Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit Big Spring ISD choir programs. Tickets are \$5 at the door or can be purchased in advance from choir boosters. For more information, call 264-3641, Ext. 171.

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93 votes cast during first day of early voting in mayor's race

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Early voting in the Big Spring mayor's race is drawing some big numbers.

Ninety-three votes were cast Wednesday, the first day of the period.

"It was a great day for the first day of voting," said Tami Matthews, assistant city secretary. "This morning we've had

about 18, so we've had about 111 votes cast so far."

Seeking the post are current councilmen Greg Biddison and Oscar Garcia and former councilman Russ McEwen.

The three are seeking to finish the term of 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 appears 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.

"They need to come to city hall, 310 Nolan," said Matthews.

Those entering through the main doors at the Nolan Street entrance should take an immediate right and enter the city secretary's office.

Any registered voter who

lives within the city limits can cast a vote in the election.

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 Tom Ferguson, city secretary.

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 1 post held by Tommy Tine.



SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf maintenance crew members David Yanez and Brad Lentz busy themselves putting in additional lights on campus.

Correctional officer candidates needed at both Cornell Corrections and TDCJ

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

The Marines are not the only ones looking for a few good men. State and federal correctional facilities are in need of qualified correctional officers as well.

Janice Bishop, executive assistant with Cornell Corrections, said they are currently advertising for correctional officers.

"Because of recently completed construction of an additional 500 beds, we are in need of about 50 more staff members to help house that number," said Bishop. "Some new employees have already been hired and we are recruiting to fill current shortages."

Bishop said it would be a good opportunity for someone looking for a career change.

"Individuals who apply must be at least 21 years old and must submit to a pre-employment drug screening before being accepted for employment," he said. "We currently have over

400 job positions which would probably make us one of the largest employers in the city."

According to Bishop, the main reason the turnover rate is high is because the economy is good, which makes it more difficult to find qualified help.

"All new employees go through a six-month probationary period and after satisfactory completion of that period will be eligible for a pay increase," said Bishop.

Capt. Jim Petty of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) said that are experiencing a statewide shortage of correctional officers.

"We have a shortage of about 1,700 officers statewide but we are trying to cut that number down considerably," said Petty, who oversees the local Wilderness Workcamp. "Now keep in mind that we have 112 units at locations all over the state and some areas are harder to fill than others. Both the Ware and Wallace units in Colorado City are short about 28 officers each."

Petty wanted to stress that the

shortage of correctional officers will in no way put the public in any danger.

"The TDCJ is attacking the problem by authorizing overtime for its officers and cutting back on offsite work units until the manning level gets back to normal," he said.

Petty said employment as a correctional officer is not for everyone and it takes a real commitment on the individual's part.

"Anyone seeking employment or a possible career change that meets our criteria should contact their local employment office for more details," Petty said. "Prospective candidates can either complete a six-week course offered at Western Texas College in Snyder or they can attend the training academy located in Beeville."

For more information, stop by the Texas Workforce Commission at 310 Owens or call 267-7437. Officials from TDCJ will be on hand Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to answer any questions and take applications

Main Street

Downtown revitalization in focus again as new directors, members added

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

With a virtually new group of directors and an expanded membership, Big Spring Main Street Inc. is set to move forward with revitalization efforts in the heart of the city.

"People are getting excited again about the downtown area," said



CHURCHWELL

director Tommy Churchwell at the corporation's annual meeting, held Wednesday in the Howard County Library Community Room.

Casie Fillingim, Ellen Barefoot and Pam Welch were elected as new directors, replacing out-going directors Pat Porter, Gail Earls and Cynthia Marshall. The new directors will join Churchwell, Drew Mouton, Dr. Cheri Sparks, Jerry Kilgore, Delbert Donelson and Greg Biddison — all of whom were elected during the past year — to make up the board.

New members of the corporation were also elected, joining current members Charles Beil, Shirley Shroyer and Richard Atkins. They include the nine directors, as well as the following:

- the president and the executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce,
- a Big Spring City Council member,
- a member of Howard County Commissioners Court,
- a Big Spring ISD trustee,
- a Howard College trustee,
- and a member of the Moore Development For Big Spring board.

Each ex-officio member will be elected by the boards on which they serve.

"We've come a long way in the past five years," said Churchwell, who cited the win-

dows project at the Settles and the demolition of the Permian Building as examples of successful projects in recent years.

Churchwell said it would take four elements for the revitalization of the downtown area to be possible.

"We have to have vision. We have to have people coming together with ideas of what can be," he said.

Second on the list was planning.

"We have a good core group. If we plan right, we will find some good uses for these structures we own," he said.

"Third, is capital. It takes money. And money is available. We just have to ask the right people, find the right grants, ask the right foundations. It may come in \$25,000 amounts, it may come as pennies from children or in \$150 increments from individuals."

Finally, Churchwell said, "It takes perseverance. We've got to stay with it. It will take a major commitment."

"If we use those four principles, we will have success," he said.

Churchwell thanked the three out-going directors for their commitment.

"After interest faded, they stayed the course and we still have a Main Street Inc. in place," he said.

After the meeting, Churchwell said the first priority of the group would probably be cleaning up some areas of downtown.

"We want to try to do away with more visual pollution," he said. "And we want to take a look at the Petroleum Building, which we own, and probably see what we can do to clean that up."

All directors and members were elected by a majority of the original membership. Beil and Shroyer, Atkins was absent.

Officers for the board of directors will be elected at the board's next meeting set for noon on March 9 in Mouton's law office.

In-house bookkeeping, reports key focus for chamber directors

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Committee reports and approval of in-house bookkeeping dominated a noon meeting of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.



NEWTON

Executive Vice President Terri Newton said the software needed for in-house keeping of the books was already in place and they would begin right away.

According to Newton, the move makes sense.

"It's not a cost-saving move or to put an extra load on our staff but we have the software to do it," said Newton. "An outside source will still do our tax preparation and an outside source will still conduct our audit."

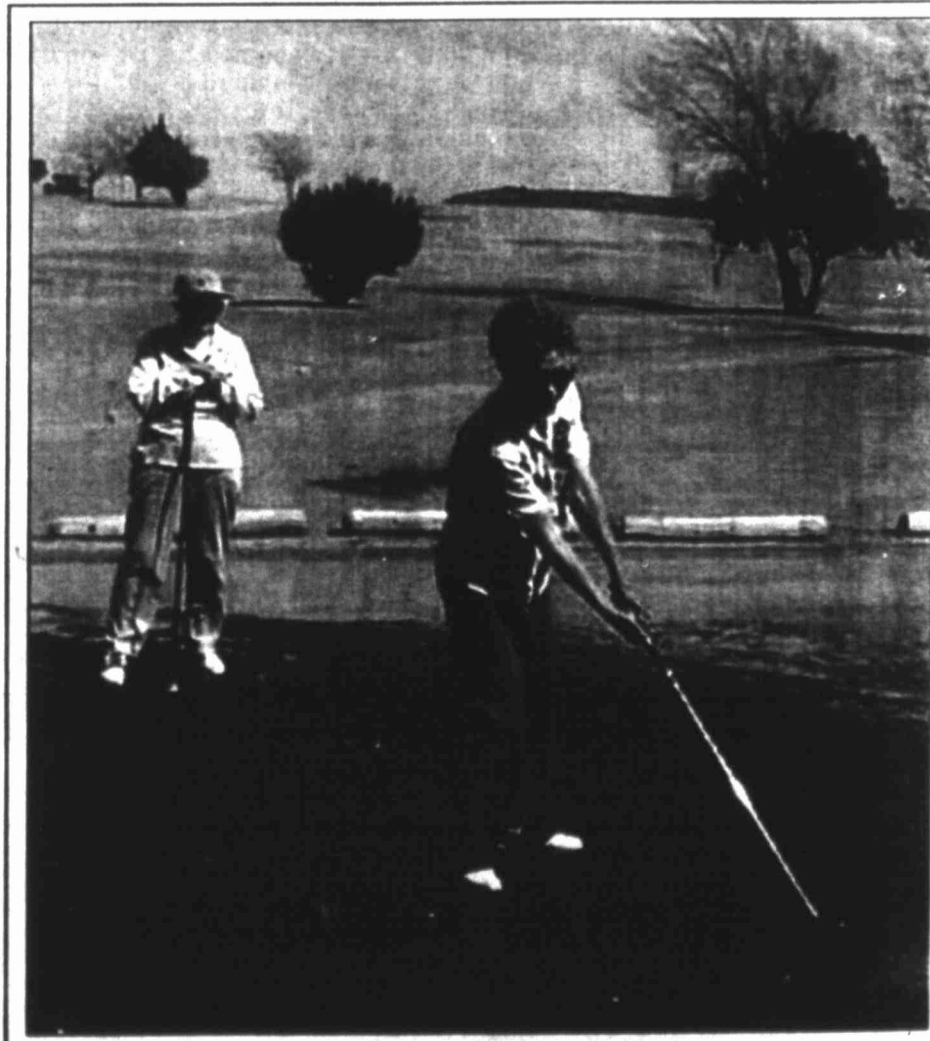
Terry McDaniel, vice president for membership development, advised the board of four new members that have joined the chamber since the first of the year. They are A&M Composites, Burcham Signs, Don Newsom's La Posada and the Yellow Rose Cafe.

McDaniel also advised the board about the intention of getting local business involved in advertising in *FOCUS*, a local advertising circular that goes out to 500 different places.

"Each business wishing to advertise will submit an 8-1/2 by 11 flyer copy and for a fee of \$500 we will have it sent out to 500 different places," said McDaniel. "This will generate business for them and also generate additional income for the chamber."

Amber Rich, vice president for public affairs, gave the board a list of upcoming events which includes Business After Hours at the Carriage Inn on March 9, the Ag Expo and Ag

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Pat Joplin couldn't pass up the chance to get in a few rounds of golf Tuesday. With spring-like temperatures in the 80s, it was too hard to resist, she said.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

OBITUARIES

Bobbie Jo Dunlap Gathings

Graveside service for Bobbie Jo Dunlap Gathings, 72, Boerne, formerly of Big Spring, was 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, at Grange Hall Cemetery near Rio Vista with pastor Randy Couchman officiating. Mrs. Gathings died Thursday, Feb. 3.

Ellen Morgan

Funeral service for Ellen Morgan, 79, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton with Derral McWhorter, minister of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ in Gatesville, officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Morgan died Wednesday, Feb. 16, in a Stanton nursing home. She was born on Nov. 5, 1920, in Throckmorton. She married Alvin Morgan on April 30, 1966, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on May 19, 1992. She was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ. Mrs. Morgan was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and had lived in the Stanton community for 62 years.

Survivors include: a sister, Judy Reed of Stanton; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials to: Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton; 79782. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Florence Rhoton

Funeral service for Florence Rhoton, 96, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mrs. Rhoton died Wednesday, Feb. 16, in a local nursing home. She was born on Aug. 16, 1903, in Coahoma. Mrs. Rhoton had lived most of her life in the Howard County area. She worked as a sales clerk for Anthonys and then Hemphill-Wells for 24 years. She was also a homemaker and a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 21th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Big Spring, and Jeannie Cunningham of Midland; one sister, Frankie Walker of Big Spring; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

They will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

WHAT'S UP

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Eagles Lodge Pot Luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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

MONDAY

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard County Cactus Room.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m. VAMC room 212.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

CHAMBER

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Appreciation Lunch at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on March 23 and the Health Fair on April 15 which will coincide with a bicycle rodeo/safety program for kids and the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk.

Lee George give the activity report for Dora Roberts Community Center and said there were 11 events scheduled there this month.

Chamber president Jim Purcell read a letter from Sue Partee thanking the chamber for her selection of Woman of the Year at last month's chamber banquet.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks added that there were several play-off basketball games being played at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this week and these activities always bring in added money to the local economy.

The financial report was presented by board treasurer Mark Morgan and approved by the board.

Some state scholarships are unclaimed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas colleges returned nearly \$3 million this school year in scholarship money set aside by the state to help high school graduates pay for higher education.

One problem was that many colleges had trouble identifying students eligible for the money offered by some programs, the San Antonio Express News reports. Students earning the state's two highest diplomas, which indicate more rigorous course loads, are eligible. Students with a basic diploma don't qualify.

In light of the returned money, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry was in San Antonio Wednesday to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

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promote the scholarship initiative, called TEXAS Grant. The 1999 Legislature allocated \$100 million for two years for the program. Statewide, colleges returned \$2.82 million of the \$18 million originally set aside for this year.

Man given 60-year prison sentence after ninth DWI charge

WACO (AP) — A man with eight previous drunken-driving convictions is going to jail after getting another DWI — this time after swerving in front of a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent.

Lynnwood Anthony Vrba, of Leroy, was sentenced to 60 years in prison Wednesday after his ninth DWI conviction. The conviction, handed down in the 54th State District Court, came after a jury of six women and six men determined Vrba is guilty of felony DWI in a 1998 incident on Loop 340 in Bellmead.

Prosecutors introduced records during the three-day trial that said Vrba had been convicted of eight DWIs between 1968 and 1995, two of which were felonies, according to the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Defendants with at least two prior DWI convictions can be charged with felony DWI on subsequent arrests, the newspaper said. Those with at least two prior felony convictions can be charged as habitual criminals and receive tougher sentences.

Vrba also was convicted of murder without malice in the 1971 killing of a bartender, testimony showed. He also was convicted in 1987 of two felony counts of unlawfully carrying a weapon on a licensed premise.

In the 1998 incident, TABC agent Danny Pavlas and John Basham, a justice of the peace candidate who was riding along with him Sept. 20, said that a car driven by Vrba swerved into their oncoming lane.

Later, after a policer stopped the 36-year-old Vrba, Pavlas arrived and noticed Vrba seemed unsteady on his feet, leaned on his car for support, smelled strongly of alcohol and urinated on himself, according to testimony.

Basham testified that Vrba refused the officer's request for a field sobriety test, saying, "No, I don't need a test to tell you I'm drunk. I'm drunk. This ain't my first rodeo."

Vrba testified that he is a disabled veteran and a manic depressive who was taking three types of medications that possibly enhanced the effects of two beers.

Vrba must serve at least 15 years before becoming eligible for parole.

BRIEFS

A TRAINING SESSION IS planned Feb. 26 for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m. - noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room. Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum that is designed for one-on-one teaching of adults.

Those interested in joining the tutor program should call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session. Anyone with a referral for a

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Open Education Employees Federal Credit Union Citizens Federal Credit Union

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student in the reading program should contact Redman at the same number.

LOCAL TALENT WILL TAKE the stage Saturday night when the Odessa Brand New Opree comes to Big Spring.

Musicians from the local community as well as Midland and Odessa will perform a variety of pop, gospel, country and 1950s style rock-n-roll in the show, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each, available in advance or at the door. The show is planned to benefit the Big Spring Independent School District choir programs, including high school and junior high. Choir boosters are selling advance tickets; for more information, call the choir room at 264-3641, Ext. 171.

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 Goliah. 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.

FIRE/EMS

The Big Spring Fire/EMS Department reported the following incidents: WEDNESDAY 6:21 a.m. — 13000 block of

DUNIAPS Your Fashion Headquarters 111 E. Marcy 267-8283

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

Highway 669, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:01 p.m. — 300 block Veterans Blvd., structure fire report, false alarm.

5:41 p.m. — 700 block West I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:17 p.m. — 2000 block Morrison, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:04 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:45 p.m. — 1200 block Young, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:10 p.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's Big Spring Herald police log, it was reported that Benny Bennett, 30, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. His name was included on the arrest log due to a computer error at the police department, and no charges were filed.

MARKETS

March cotton 55.65, up 25 points; Feb. crude 29.43, down 62 points; cash hogs at 40 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; April lean hog futures 57.77, up 42 points; April live cattle futures 71.12, up 25 points.

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

POLICE

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

JENNIE SMALL, no age given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

CHAD SMALL, no age given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

PINA HERNANDEZ, 40, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

JOE VALENCIA, 36, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

ANTHONY ROBLES, 59, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

STEVEN LOPEZ, 22, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

JOSE OLIVAS, 48, was

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Lotto: 3,16,17,22,27,31

arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1100 block of Alamesa.

THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willa and in the 400 block of Johnson.

SHERIFF

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

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW CHAVEZ, 27, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

KATHERYN DENISE BENNETT, 41, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

RANDY DEAN BENNETT, 40, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

JAMES ANTHONY MANN, 40, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

EMMETT HARTMANN, 45, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and evading arrest.

RAYMOND ANTHONY STANLEY, 41, was arrested on a charge of forgery.

MATILDA CAMPOS BALBOA, 29, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third offense, and on a charge of driving without a valid drivers license.

JERMAINE EVANS, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

TRINIDAD RAMIREZ, 24, was arrested on a charge of issuing a bad check.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 66 Wednesday's low 50 Average high 60 Average low 32 Record high 81 in 1971 Record low 16 in 1936 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.07 Month's normal 0.33 Year to date 0.49 Normal for the year 0.91 Sunrise Friday 7:26 a.m. Sunset Friday 6:34 p.m.

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Perot's supporters push for Ross to run again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reform Party leaders are launching a petition drive to draft founder Ross Perot into the presidential race, saying the Texas billionaire is a natural to pick up the reform banner if Sen. John McCain loses the GOP nomination.

"A McCain defeat could produce a vacuum that Perot could fill," said National Party Secretary Jim Mangia.

With a chairman loyal to rival Jesse Ventura ousted Saturday during the party's shout-fest in Nashville, the coast is clear, Perot's supporters say.

Mangia said that since the meeting, he's received dozens of e-mails and phone calls from supporters of the draft-Perot effort.

"They want Perot," Mangia said.

It would be the third time Perot has run for president on the ticket of the party he founded, after finishing with 19 per-

cent of the vote in 1992 and 8.5 percent in 1996. This year, he would face former Republican Patrick Buchanan in a fight for the party's presidential nomination and for the \$12.6 million in federal matching funds that came with it.

Such a challenge would not deter the conservative columnist, Buchanan said this week.

"Clearly, he would be a formidable challenger for the nomination," said Buchanan, who was publicly backed by Perot's 1996 running mate, Pat Choate, until Choate was picked Saturday to succeed rival Jack Gargan as chairman. Choate immediately resigned as chairman of Buchanan's White House bid.

Perot or no Perot, Buchanan said Monday, "we would go right ahead with our campaign for the nomination."

A third-party challenge by either man could have major impact on the presidential race

by taking votes from the Democratic and Republican nominees, depending on who the major parties pick.

The Texas billionaire's prospects this year were said by senior Reform Party officials to depend heavily on how well McCain fares against George W. Bush in South Carolina's GOP primary on Saturday. Polls show Bush slightly ahead of the Arizona senator.

McCain, whose congressional crusade for campaign finance reform draws support from Reform Party members, could drain support from the third party's grass roots and make a bid by Perot unappealing, the thinking goes.

So popular is McCain among some factions of the Reform Party that there's even been talk of nominating him on the party's ticket — even if he captures the GOP nomination. For his part, McCain has said he would only want the GOP's

nomination but would accept the Reform Party nod just as he would accept support from any group as the Republican nominee.

If McCain loses the nomination, the equation for the Reform Party changes, these officials said.

Without McCain in the race, "Perot is the man who can carry the real reform message into November," Mangia said.

"The Reform issues McCain is running on are the issues Ross Perot gave expression to in the 1992 and 1996 campaigns."

According to senior Reform Party officials, Perot sees South Carolina as a major test of the McCain campaign's long-term viability.

The senior officials said that Perot could announce his candidacy the way he did in 1996, on CNN's Larry King Live, as soon as next week — depending on how McCain does in South Carolina.

Parties reach agreement on recreating Waco siege

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Six shooters armed with everything from pistols to submachine guns will dart from post to post and fire their weapons in detailed sequence, before grenades are launched overhead and an advancing tank crushes glass and aluminum siding.

These are the moves approved Wednesday as part of a court-ordered recreation designed to put to rest questions about whether federal agents fired shots at the Branch Davidian compound on the last day of the April 1993 siege near Waco. They will be recorded on special infrared cameras attached to a Night Stalker aircraft flown by a U.S. Air Force pilot and a helicopter flown by a British Royal Navy pilot.

The government and lawyers made public details of the recreation after meeting for more than five hours behind closed doors at the St. Louis office of Special Counsel John Danforth.

However, it remained uncertain whether media would be allowed to witness the event, tentatively expected to take place March 18 or 19 at Fort Hood.

The decision to open the test still rests with U.S. District Judge Walter Smith of Waco, who is presiding over a wrongful death lawsuit the Branch Davidians filed against the government.

Lawyers Michael Caddell and Jim Brannon, who represent surviving Branch Davidians and their families, and Texas-based U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford said they believed the media should be present. Danforth apparently objected.

Danforth declined to talk with reporters after the meeting. His chief of staff, Tom Schweich, attended the news briefing but would not comment.

The government previously had objected, citing concerns that classified information relating to military flight patterns and the such could be exposed. The parties said that issue became moot Wednesday, when it was made public that the aircraft used in the test would fly at 4,000 feet and 6,000 feet.

"I think the exciting thing about this process is that we have the prospect in five or six weeks from now having better information than what we've had before," Caddell said.

Essentially, the parties hope the test will determine what caused more than 100 flashes to show up on an infrared tape the FBI shot of the siege. They plan to compare the FBI tape with aerial surveillance footage that will be taken next month at Fort Hood.

The government has long insisted that none of its agents fired their weapons. But the Branch Davidian plaintiffs contend the bursts of light on the FBI tape can be nothing but gunfire.

Panel says anthrax vaccination should be suspended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The program to inoculate all 2.4 million American military personnel against anthrax as protection against biological warfare is based on "a paucity of science" and should be suspended, a House panel says in a report sharply critical of the Defense Department.

The anthrax vaccine should be considered experimental because its effectiveness against biological warfare is uncertain and the safety of troops taking the anthrax shots is not being monitored adequately, accord-

ing to the report being released today by the House Government Reform national security subcommittee.

"At best, the vaccine provides some measure of protection to most who receive it," says a draft of the report obtained by The Associated Press. "Just how much protection is acquired, by whom, for how long ... are questions the Defense Department answers with an excess of faith but a paucity of science."

A Defense Department spokesman, Jim Turner, said

Wednesday that Pentagon officials were reviewing the congressional recommendations.

"We don't think it should be mandatory and we don't think it should be forcewide," Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the subcommittee, said today on CBS' "The Early Show."

"We know people are getting sick. We don't know of the efficacy of this. We think it is being used in an experimental way," he said.

Pentagon and Food and Drug Administration officials have

said repeatedly the vaccine is safe and effective. FDA officials also say they believe there is no basis for concluding the approved vaccine should be demoted to an investigational drug category.

The 80-page report was written by the subcommittee's Republican majority after five hearings on the immunization program.

The vaccine has come under increasing scrutiny from lawmakers as soldiers have expressed concerns about taking the six-shot regimen.

Privacy rules for patient records subject of congressional hearing today

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Judi Selig mentioned to a co-worker that she had been exposed to hepatitis years ago, her company demanded that she get a blood test and sign a release that would let a doctor in the employer's health plan access her medical records.

Selig, a secretary who worked for a South Carolina machinery firm in 1997, took the test but refused to sign the release to protect her privacy. She said the company suspended her for a week without pay as punishment. She eventually found another job and quit the company.

"I had no objection to them knowing that I passed the test, but don't keep handing me a piece of paper saying I have to give you my medical records," said Selig, 48.

Proposed federal rules aimed at protecting the privacy of medical records are murky about whether employers can access workers' files, prompting privacy and physicians' groups

to call for tougher regulations that include, among other things, a requirement that health plans, insurers and employers get a patient's permission before disclosing medical information.

"People are worried that their records will be used against them," said Peter Kane, executive director of the National Coalition for Patients Rights, which advocates more confidentiality in health care.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which wrote the proposed regulations, has received thousands of comments from consumers and interest groups about the rules, the subject of a congressional hearing scheduled for today.

The rules call for insurers to notify patients about how their information is used but allows them to use medical records without authorization as long as it's for treatment, payment or operational purposes.

HHS officials said their aim was for patients to receive bet-

ter information about how records are used than they are probably getting now. Most patients have to sign a broad consent form as a condition of treatment.

The proposed regulations were created to fill what privacy advocates say is a disturbing void: There is no federal law protecting the confidentiality of medical records. Anyone — financial institutions, direct marketing firms, employers,

lawyers — can use medical records, if they can get them, without patients' knowledge or consent.

But the privacy groups say the proposed regulations, which apply to electronic, not paper, records, are too broad and provide little protection of privacy. They believe that if people are concerned that their medical information could be disclosed, they won't be open with their doctors, which could hurt their

medical care.

HHS wrote the rules after Congress failed to meet a self-imposed deadline in August to adopt legislation.

The rules require health organizations to get patients' written permission to release information that would be used for something other than treatment, payment or operational purposes.

Any information they did release would have to be the

minimum necessary — not the patient's entire file. Patients would have the right see and copy their medical records and request corrections of any errors.

The rules don't protect patient information from being accessed by employers, but a company's health plan division would be prohibited from giving medical information to supervisors or others in the company.

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OUR VIEWS

Rain rally shows importance of pulling together

A significant portion of our people came together Monday for a sole purpose — or perhaps we should say a "soul" purpose, for that's what it was. They came to ask God to heal their lives.

Yes, there were a lot of prayers for rain. It was, after all, the second West Texas Rain Rally. But for those who gathered at First Baptist Church, the emphasis wasn't so much on pleas for moisture, as it was a cry for a cleansing of souls, a coming together with God.

Seven days from now, pastor Eddie Tubbs told the group, don't look to see if it rained, but look to see if the Lord is as much in your heart as He is tonight.

Perhaps the drought is God's way of pulling us together as a community, and as West Texans. Our community knows as well as any other, that when we pull together, good things happen.

We have been blessed with economic growth this past year, but it would not have been possible without people joining together.

With few exceptions, our charitable efforts have raised more funds and reached more people than in recent years — another example of what occurs when we work together.

We can be thankful for that. We can all be thankful that we can rely on each other to pull together in times of need.

Indeed, we have much for which to be thankful.

It's human nature for us to take for granted some things that are so precious — our health, good friends, sunshine — and to complain about what we don't have.

The rains will come. We know that.

In the meantime, let's take the focus of those who came together Monday night. Let's concentrate on doing what we can to make our lives and the lives of others more fulfilling, and leave the rain to someone who has the power to make it happen.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank all of the people that had a part in the Trail of Lights. It is very pretty and lots of people go to see it!

We drove out several times during the holidays but couldn't get very close. My husband is handicapped and can't walk because of hip and spine problems.

Why couldn't this be set up so everyone could enjoy it, the elderly and handicapped? Why not make it a drive through in the park or such? Think about it.

JUANEZ BROUGHTON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Sunday, Feb. 13, in Big Spring, youths, girls and guys, made a commitment to "True Love Waits." This is a concept sweeping into hearts and homes, calling young people into higher thinking concerning their personal lives and how they relate to the opposite sex.

These are normal young people who are deciding

early in their lives that they want a loving, committed relationship within the protection of marriage before they become sexually intimate.

To reinforce their decision they signed this commitment statement.

"Believing that True Love Waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate and my future children to be sexually abstinent from this day until the day I enter a Biblical marriage relationship."

We can be thankful for this movement among youth. It will bless our world and help to restore sanity in a world gone mad over a counterfeit expression of what sex is meant to be.

Congratulations to these young people who have made a good positive decision and to the caring adults who have helped them to understand the precious God-given gift of sexuality.

NANCY LEMOINS PATRICK
BIG SPRING

Book sheds light on Communist regimes

A book that created a sensation when it was published in France is now available in English. I can't think of any book that would be more important for Americans to read. If you are going to read only one book this year, make it "The Black Book of Communism."



CHARLEY REESE

This is an 800-page history of the terror, repression and killings of communism stretching from the Bolshevik Revolution to the present. Written by scholars who are ex-communists or former fellow travelers, the book establishes beyond doubt that communism is the greatest crime against humanity in the 20th century.

Harvard University Press published the book.

The conservative estimate of the number of people killed by communists is 100 million, or

four times the number estimated to have been killed by Nazism. Yet 50 years after the destruction of Nazism, Americans still are regaled with its horrors while the worst horrors of communism are ignored. Worse yet, American leftists and amoral businessmen are still trying to paint a human face on the communist monster.

Both systems killed people not because of what they had done but because of who they were. The Nazis killed people by race; the communists, by class. Furthermore, the authors dispel the myth that the horrors of communism were the result of good communism gone bad or some particular person betraying communism. Communism is, in and of itself, a criminal enterprise in which the modus operandi is terror, repression and murder.

This is shown consistently in every regime from the Soviet Union to China to Vietnam to North Korea to Cuba and to other countries where communists gained a foothold. Unlike the Nazis, the communist killers benefited from the propaganda of their comrades and fellow travelers living in the

democracies. And still do. These unrepentant communists are a cancer in every free country where they live.

By coincidence, I recently talked with a professional woman who had the opportunity to live in Cuba with some Cuban professionals. She described herself as a liberal Democrat. She described her experience of the reality of Cuba as "horrendous." Though not a Cuban, she came back convinced that it would be a crime for the United States to force Elian Gonzalez, the little boy rescued from the sea, to return to Cuba.

"It would be exactly the same thing as returning a Jewish boy to Nazi Germany," she said. She wishes to remain anonymous to protect her Cuban hosts from reprisals. If you will read the section in the "Black Book" on Cuba, you will agree with her. The communist regime is a hideously criminal one that spies on and controls every aspect of people's lives. It is fueled by hatred. It is supported by repression, censorship, propaganda and killing.

Americans should be wary of believing that communism is a

dead issue. It thrives in Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam and China. Because of President Clinton's incredible blundering, the Russian Federation has renewed its interest in and support of Cuba. It is funding a nuclear power plant. It maintains its large intelligence-gathering stations in Cuba. There is no question that if NATO ever put nuclear weapons in Poland, Russian nukes would show up in Cuba. The war with communism won't be over until the last fat commissar sings his death song.

Col. Stanislav Lunev, a defector, recently wrote: "Normalization — i.e., accommodation of Castro despotism — means big bucks for profit-hungry businessmen in the short term but would seriously weaken the United States in the long run. In the latter case no one wins for no one will prosper in the second rate, subjugated America that will be the final result."

Americans are vulnerable to subjugation because they are so naive.

Remember, mass murderers and wannabe mass murderers are still among us on this planet.



Sick day and watching television

Somewhere over Texas, as the Atlanta-bound airplane recirculated air for all of us passengers to share, I caught the flu bug.

At least that's what I figure. It's been a mild case — my own coughing, sneezing, soreness, fever, nausea, itchy throat and malaise are nothing when I compare notes with more severely flu-bitten friends. (Some are dead men walking.) A nurse practitioner gave me pills to nip the bug in the bud.

But I've been miserable enough to seek the dark end of the couch and turn on daytime TV. That's far better proof of illness than any doctor's excuse. I watched an episode of "Gunsmoke," which lived up to childhood memories. The bad guy had had an epiphany somewhere along the dusty trail and tried to make amends with his date-rape victim. She, of course, wanted nothing to do with him or his new leaf.

The gruff ex-con with the rehabilitated soul caught the marshal's bullet in the end (and the stomach), which never would have happened on most westerns. "Gunsmoke" had good writing and wasn't afraid

to explore life's gray areas. The characters were not just total saints or bona fide sinners, but more realistic and dimensional combinations.

(Except for the marshal, who was a tad on the self-righteous side and led Miss Kitty on for more than a decade until she was too old to nab another straight-shooting white hat.)

Then I watched "Dallas," an episode from the period when J.R. is carrying on with a coniving vamp named Holly, and Sue Ellen finds out and falls off the wagon for the 50th time. It was great.

Sue Ellen is one of my all-time favorite TV characters, a belle in the bottle who manages to look ladylike even lying in the gutter. Nobody ever tries so hard to be happy as does Sue Ellen, whose sorry fate it is to end up with J.R. He simply isn't good husband material. Week after week, Sue Ellen soldiers on, wearing those high heels and perky little suits and hiding her vodka in a designer bag. She speaks in that soft little voice, no matter how nasty her comment. You have to admire her pluck.

After "Dallas" and a zillion commercials for personal injury lawyers — "I don't need this wreck; I want a check!" — I watched "The Andy Griffith Show," which I don't even have to be sick to enjoy.

I am, after all, a charter member of the Otis Campbell Chapter of the Andy Griffith Rerun Watchers Association,

the only club I've joined in my entire adult life.

I once considered moving to North Carolina because in that state you can turn on the TV any time of the day or night and on some channel find Andy Griffith.

Like any true Andy aficionado, I can quote verbatim from most episodes, which are so loaded with folk wisdom and decency you wonder how the show ever stayed on the air past the first week. (Compared with a trash show like "Married With Children," Andy Griffith's humor seems pure and profound.)

I decided not to get involved in the "Leave It to Beaver" weekend marathon because I grew afraid of never leaving the couch. There's comfort in 30-minute, total resolution of any crisis, domestic or otherwise, and the predictability of reruns accentuates the soothing balm.

The house fell remarkably silent with the boob tube off, and I considered the time that I'd wasted.

"It is a medium of entertainment which permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time, and yet remain lonesome," T.S. Eliot once said of TV.

I think the poet was mostly right, and I rue the TV habit of most American households and my own need for it in moments of laziness or weakness. It's not healthy, but when you are sick, anyway, maybe it's just as well to laugh alone.



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Smells like a new weight-loss product

Former local resident invents 'appetite control button' that uses aromatherapy

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A former Big Spring resident now living in California has an invention for weight loss that is kept right under your nose.

It's aromatherapy, the latest fad for treating all sorts of problems, including stress and smoking cessation. The idea is that certain scents create a reaction in the body of the person who sniffs them; aromatherapy attempts to use this reaction to achieve certain results.

"More and more studies are coming out about this," explained Ryan Stagg, a chemical engineer who spent his childhood in Big Spring. Now working for a company called Evergreen Research in San Diego, Calif., Stagg said he has developed an aromatherapy treatment for appetite control.

"The olfactory receptors register a scent and it triggers a reaction. You feel full," he said. The product is a "button" that the wearer pins to his clothing, as close as possible to the nose.

Stagg said the combination of scents released by the button, peppermint and menthol, work to prevent snacking. The button is made of plastic with a waffle-like surface, and is designed to work for two weeks after being taken out of the package.

Stagg, who attended College Heights Elementary while living in the local area, is the son of Wayne and Sue Stagg. When they moved to California, Ryan attended Santa Barbara High School and got a degree in chemistry from the University of Southern California, San Diego.

He said while in college, he became fascinated by the study of scents.

"I had always been interested in science," he said. "I started looking into what scents were attractants, things like that."

Stagg said he read about aromatherapy being used in such diverse areas as treatment of violent criminals, and then in weight loss. After experimenting with various scents, Stagg said he settled on Indonesian peppermint oil and Brazilian menthol oil as the most effective scents for his product.



Ryan Stagg, inventor of an aromatherapy weight-loss product, is a former resident of Big Spring.

Advertising for the Appetite Control Button cites various studies that have shown weight loss results, and cites the appearance of a specialist, Dr. Alan R. Hirsch, on various television news programs.

Many experts, however, maintain that the only way to safely and effectively lose weight is with a healthy diet and exercise.

Stagg suggests users of his product should follow the old adage: Breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a peasant. In other words, they should start the day with a large meal and gradually reduce the amount of food they eat at meals throughout the day.

"The hardest time for many people is in the evenings, after dinner, when they are watching TV and they want to snack," Stagg said.

Sales of his "button," Stagg said, have been good.

The company offers the product on a website, www.lookhealthy.com, and by calling 1-800-523-1256.

Fat cats

Vets bemoan glut of overweight pets

NEW YORK (AP) — The experts recommend more exercise, low-fat diets and fewer snacks. It can be tough medicine for dotting pet owners, let alone for their overweight pets.

Fat cats may be celebrities in comic strips, but real-life obesity among America's cats — and dogs — is no joke. Veterinarians consider it the leading health problem, affecting an estimated 30 percent of cats and dogs.

"Our dogs and cats are eating themselves to death," warns Evan Kirk of the Brewer Animal Hospital in Springfield, Ill. "Their lifespan is short enough already, without making them even shorter by allowing obesity to occur."

To meet the threat, pet-food manufacturers offer diet products almost as diverse as those for humans. One company produces Norwegian kelp for dogs; others promote "holistic dog food" that combines grains, vegetables, fruits and herbal supplements.

Julie Churchill operates a weight-loss clinic at the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"The average American dog these days is a couch potato," she says.

"Our mental concept of a healthy puppy is a roly-poly overweight puppy."

She advises owners to reduce the quantity and richness of treats they offer their pets.

Some cat owners seem blasé about their pet's waistline, according to a survey released last week by Ralston Purina, the pet food company.

Nearly half the 577 owners didn't know how to determine if their cat was too fat. About 40 percent of those who admitted owning a fat cat also said they were doing nothing about it.

Veterinarians say it's simple to recognize too much weight: Pets will have lost that hour-glass waist, and it will be difficult to feel their ribs.

Kirk identifies overweight pets as "gluttons" who never seem to get enough and "easy keepers" who eat more moderately but have a slow metabolism.

Sedentary people tend to have sedentary pets, Kirk says, and owners who enjoy high-calorie diets tend to pamper their pets with high-calorie treats.

"Pets can have a lot of control over their owners," he says. "When people feed their pet, they see the response, and it makes them feel good."

New York City publicist Erica Fineberg says only one of her cats really needs to lose weight.

"He does get his exercise, though," Fineberg says of Jack, a 20-pound Mancoon. "My other two cats chase him because he's always after their food."

Like overweight humans, obese pets are vulnerable to health problems: diabetes, arthritis, and skin, heart or urinary tract diseases. Especially prone to obesity are spayed pets, and those living in apartments.

"It's humanly impossible for most dog owners to exercise a dog the way they need to be," says Randy Klein, co-owner of a pet health-food store in New York City.

Flap follows ban on bathroom humor book

NAUGATUCK, Conn. (AP) — "Captain Underpants" has proved no match for elementary school officials here, who have banished the cape-and-underwear-clad character from their library.

"The Adventures of Captain Underpants: An Epic Novel," one in a series of four, features bathroom humor and two mischievous boys.

Officials at Maple Hill School say the problem was that some fourth-graders started acting like the boys in the book.

"The book was beginning to take on a life of its own," Superintendent Alice Carolan said Tuesday.

Some parents, including Jennifer Merrill, want it back in circulation because it entertains kids who otherwise don't like to read.

Parent Stephen Lofto said it all started two weeks after his son took his copy of "Captain Underpants and The Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants," the fourth in the series, to school for show and tell.

Principal Rebecca Sciacca removed the school's book from the library.

Gone to Carolina

State holds keys to much family research

North Carolina is a state that is essential to every genealogy researcher. Finding your ancestors in these records can be thrilling and satisfying.

I only yesterday went to the library in Midland and went through another source that I had not been through before. The results were good.

The series "The Colonial Records of North Carolina," published under the supervision of the trustees of the public libraries, by order of the general assembly, is a great source. Collected and edited by William L. Saunders, secretary of state, Volume VII-1765 to 1768. Raleigh, Josephus Daniels, printer to the state, 1890. Broadfoot Publishing, Company, Wilmington, N.C., 1993.

One mention is of an advertisement by the North Carolina Regulators to the governor and council stating that the people of Orange County were paying larger fees for recording deeds than any adjacent counties and many other fees more than the law allows.

The list named many landowners in a time that no tax list or census was available. This makes the Regulator list a very important record for the genealogist.

Another entry helps with a migration problem by naming the place a person moved from, by him executing a power of attorney to a person from the county he had left.

Note this entry: Oakley, John Henry of Hawkinsville, Georgia, 20 Sept. 1853, appoints Robert Franklin Davidson of Charlotte, NC, attorney to recover from Zenas A. Grier of the said town of Charlotte all the money which the said Zenas Grier holds as guardian for Mary Orleans Oakley, late Mary Orleans McComb. Wit: D. H. Mason, Daniel Rawls.

Another entry is marriage

licenses granted in Halifax County, N. C.

Marriage license fees were collected by the county clerk of Halifax County, for marriage licenses granted to the following couples in the year 1790. (From treasurers and comptroller's papers, county settlements box 47, at the North Carolina state archives.) There were 69 licenses issued in that year including these names familiar to my research: William Brantley to Elizabeth Rawls.

Another entry is from the North Carolina Colonial corner's inquest 1738-1775, by Raymond Roebuck, 1st entry: Baker, John, beat and stomped on 22 Dec 1762 by Job Harrell, Jr. and Solomon Rawls in Nancemond [sic] County, Virginia, died as result of his wounds about 18 days later. Verdict murder. Inquest held in St. Barnabas Parish, Hertford County, North Carolina, on 11 Jan 1763. John Early, coroner. Jury: William Riddick, John Williamson, Peter Parker, Wm. Doughtie, William Hayes; Wm. (x) Walters; William Walters Jr., Isaac Parker, James Hayes; Jesse Williams; Robert Parker, Joseph (x) Figg; William Vann; Samuel Williams.

2nd entry-Northampton County. Unknown man drowned while attempting to cross Roanoke River on horseback. Inquest held in Northampton C. on 4 Oct 1758. Thomas Pau, Esq., coroner. Jury: Robt. Dukes; Seym[ore] Somersell, Saml. Phillips, Arthur O'Niell; Richard Allen; Wm. Howell; Joshua Griggs; Thos. Hayes; John Hays; Luke Rawls; Barn[aby] Thomas; Thos. Godley [Note: a contemporary copy; not original signatures].

There was much more in these records but alas I ran out of time. There is tomorrow, however.

Next week I will go into more detail on these records and those of the regulators.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, leave a message at 263-7331, ext. 236 or e-mail to: jwalker@crcom.net with "life!" in the subject line.



BOBBY RAWLS

Cheaters are ingenious at guilt transfer

QUESTION: My wife tried to make me feel guilty when she left. She angrily blamed me for the divorce despite my desperate attempts to hold things together. I'm not a perfect man, but I loved her and would never have left. But in her mind, I failed so miserably as a husband that she was forced to run around with her boss! Can you believe that? She blamed me for her adultery!



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: Your wife is trying to transfer her guilt to you. Nearly every spouse does something similar when engaging in infidelity. Such people must find a way to deal with the condemnation of their own consciences. They have torn up a home, rejected their spouses, wounded their children and jeopardized their future. Such outrageous behavior demands an explanation of some sort. Thus, they construct a vigorous defense against moral condemnation, usually by shifting blame to the spouse.

Ask any victim of an affair; he or she has probably heard a version of the following rationalizations designed to handle four specific sources of guilt:

1. Marital guilt. "I know that what I'm doing is difficult for you now, but someday you will understand that it's for the best. I never really loved you even when we were young. In fact, we should never have gotten married in the first place. Furthermore, this divorce is really your fault. You drove me to it by ..." (insert grievances here, such as frigidity, in-law problems, nagging, overwork or all the foregoing).

This message has a transparent purpose. The first sentence marvelously purifies the motives of the unfaithful spouse. It says in effect, "I'm really doing this for your good."

The second sentence is also a beauty. It is designed to serve as an "annulment" to the marriage instead of a cruel abandonment of a loved one. By saying that they should have never gotten married, their union becomes an unfortunate mistake rather than a relationship that is ordained and cemented. Then by putting the remaining responsibility on the other party, the blame is successfully transferred from the guilty to the innocent. So much for wedding vows. Now let's deal with the children.

2. Parental guilt. "This will be hard on the kids for a while, but they'll be better off in the long run. It certainly isn't healthy for them to see us fight and argue like we've been doing. Besides, I will spend just as much time with them after things settle down as I do now."

Zap! Zap! Guilt over the children is also tucked away. Would you believe that Dad's escapade with another woman or Mom's flight with Don Juan is actually a constructive thing? Pay no heed to the conclusions the children draw about why Mommy or Daddy left, and why he or she doesn't love them anymore, and why the divorce may have been their fault, and why life is so painful and scary. Try to ignore the fact that everything stable has just come unstitched in the lives of some very impressionable and sensitive little people. Guilt over the children can be the toughest to rationalize, but, fortunately, hundreds of books and tapes are available today that will help you silence your writhing conscience.

3. Social guilt. "I'm sure our friends won't understand at first, and I can hardly wait to hear what your mother will have to say. But it's like I told the pastor last week, our divorce is really no one's fault. We've just outgrown each other."

If a woman is speaking, she may say: "Besides, I am entitled to do what's best for me once in a while. I've given my entire life to everyone else; now it's time for me to think of myself. Anyway, what's right for me will prove best for you and the children, too."

This line of reasoning is only one of many rationalizations by which selfishness can be purified and made to appear altruistic. Three down and one to go.

4. Divine guilt. "I've prayed about this decision and am now certain that God approves of what I've chosen to do."

There is the ultimate rationalization. If God has taken the matter under advisement and judged the divorce to be in the interest of everyone, who can argue that point further? The conversation is over. Guilt is expunged. Self-respect is restored. Having settled the "big four," every moral and spiritual obstacle is removed. The stage is set for further infidelity, and eventually divorce.

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.

SLICE of life!

CLUB NEWS

Members of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club provide needy people with free eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. This month, 27 people were fitted for a pair of recycled glasses, including some from Hobbs, N.M., Snyder and the Big Spring State Hospital.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 463 have been supporting the program by washing the frames and lenses and putting the glasses in the machine that reads the lenses. Carol Reyes and Larie Long are leaders of the troop. The members are: Morgan Long, Megan Reyes, Aimee Ham, Ava Dominguez and Blythe Long.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A TRAINING SESSION IS PLANNED Feb. 26 for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m. - noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room.

Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum that is designed for one-on-one teaching of adults.

Those interested in joining the tutor program should call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session. Anyone with a referral for a student in the reading program should contact Loraine Redman at the same number.

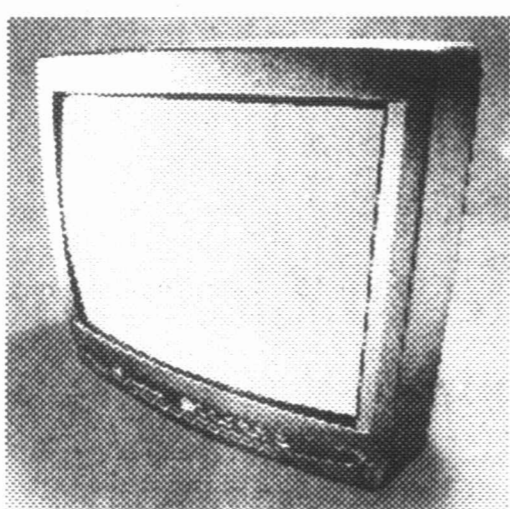
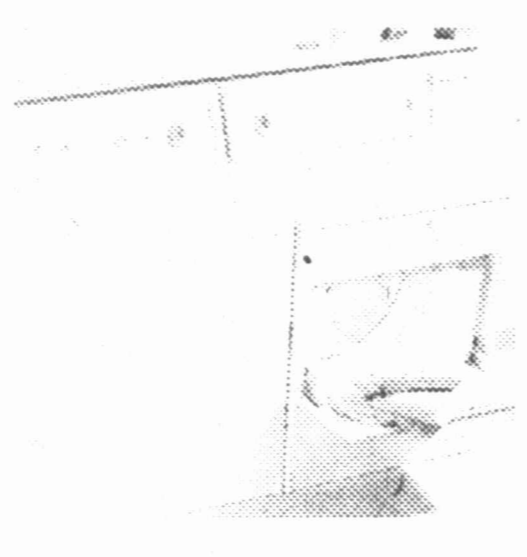
THE LAST WORD

Fashion is architecture; it is a matter of proportions.
Coco Chanel

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.
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In order for a team to be invincible, there has got to be collective skills rather than individual brilliance.

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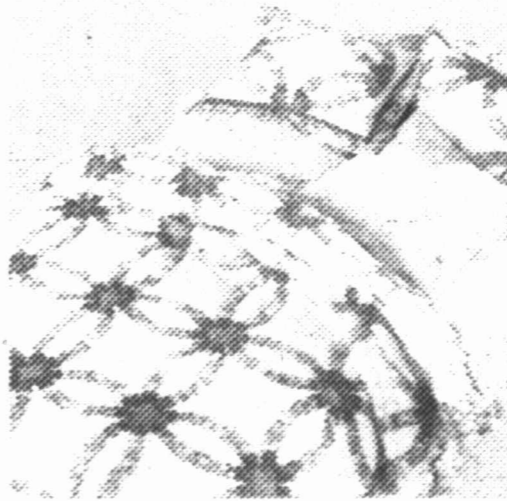
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IN BRIEF

UNT swimmers dedicate Big West meet to Tuttle

University of North Texas sophomore swimmer Michelle Tuttle, a former Big Spring Lady Steers standout, will be on the minds of her teammates when they take part in the Big West Conference swimming championships this weekend.

Tuttle, who's been sidelined with viral meningitis and is back home recovering from the illness, will miss the meet after having qualified to compete in the 200 meter backstroke.

According to UNT coach Mark Clark, the team has dedicated its efforts to Tuttle.

"She represents what this team is all about," Clark said. "She is an outstanding young lady and that's why we have dedicated the conference championship to her."

Lady Hawks take wins over Schreiner College

Howard College's Lady Hawks evened their record at 2-2 Tuesday with a doubleheader sweep of Schreiner College in Kerrville.

The Lady Hawks collected 18 hits and played error-free softball in the 17-2 opener. They followed that with a 9-5 win, despite committing three errors.

In the first game, De'Shaun Drake, Amy Ensminger and Katy Brown combined to scatter five Schreiner hits. Drake recorded the win.

The Lady Hawks were led offensively by sophomores Josie Rosovich and Becky Holland, both coming up with four hits.

The nightcap saw Ensminger take the pitching win, while Rosovich and Teresa Johnson led the way offensively. Rosovich added three more hits, while Johnson pounded a three-run home run in the sixth.

Lady Steers junior varsity posts win over Monahans

Big Spring's junior varsity Lady Steers opened their 2000 softball season Tuesday with an 11-0 win over Monahans' young Lady Lobos.

Kaci Stokes went the distance in posting the win, striking out seven batters.

The Lady Steers' offense was spearheaded by Candace Cerda, who had a single and a triple, driving in three runs.

Lindsey Shaffer added a double and two singles.

BSHS softball boosters set meeting for tonight

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

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

AREA GAMES

TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

- 6 p.m.
 - Odessa Lady Wranglers at Howard Lady Hawks.
- 8 p.m.
 - Odessa Wranglers at Howard Hawks.

ON THE AIR

Radio

- JUCO BASKETBALL
 - Women
 - 5:50 p.m. — Odessa College Lady Wranglers at Howard College Lady Hawks, KBYG-AM 1400.
 - Men
 - 7:45 p.m. — Odessa College Wranglers at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

- COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 - Men
 - 6 p.m. — Illinois at Minnesota, ESPN, Ch. 30.
 - 8 p.m. — Cincinnati at Houston, ESPN, Ch. 30.
 - 10 p.m. — Southern Cal at Arizona, FXS, Ch. 29.
 - NBA
 - 7:30 p.m. — Detroit Pistons at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.
- WINTER SPORTS
 - 7 p.m. — Winter Goodwill Games (live and same-day tape), TNT, Ch. 28.

Hawks split doubleheader against McMurry junior varsity

By JOHN H. WALKER
Publisher

Howard College's Hawks split a doubleheader with the McMurry University junior varsity on Wednesday, winning the first game 13-1 before falling 5-4 in the nightcap. The first game was called after five innings because of the 12-run rule.

The split leaves the Hawks with a 4-7 record heading into Friday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference home opener against Frank Phillips. The two teams will play a nine-inning game beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday before playing a doubleheader on Saturday. The Saturday twinbill will begin at noon.

In the first game, left fielder Ryan Devere led the Howard effort with a 3-for-3 effort at the plate — singling in the first, ripping a triple down the third base

line in the second and doubling off the wall in right center in the fourth. Devere had four RBI for first-year head coach Justin Hays' team.

Howard was never challenged in the first game, as Matt Burris pitched a complete game, scattering five hits and stranding four Indian baserunners.

The Hawks took a 2-0 lead in the first when lead-off batter Kennard Bibbs doubled off the right field wall, took third on a sacrifice fly by Danny McMurry and scored on a passed ball during Jay Alsup's at-bat.

Alsup walked, took third on a single to right by Caleb Reger and scored when Devere managed an infield single toward third base.

Howard added five runs in the second, starting when Trey Ensor reached on a single to third, took second on a Bibbs ground out to second and scored when McMurry doubled to right center.

McMurry then took third on a passed ball as Alsup walked and Reger was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Devere, who laced the triple down the third base line to drive in all three baserunners.

Devere then scored when University of Oklahoma transfer Zack Matthews doubled down the third base line to make the score 7-0.

McMurry got its lone run in the third, but Howard added a solo run in the third, four in the fourth and one in the fifth to end the game.

In addition to Devere's three-hit game, Reger, Bibbs and Ensor each added two hits apiece to the Howard attack, which featured 12 hits.

In the nightcap, Howard drew first blood in the first only to see the score tied in the third. The Hawks then took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third, but fell behind 3-2 in the fourth when a pair of balks by Eric Gober proved costly.

The first balk killed a double play, setting up the first run, and the second balk plated a run for the Indians.

Howard tied the game in the sixth when Reger doubled off the wall in left center and Andy Harrington singled to right, but McMurry used a pair of walks by reliever Rusty Maddux, a line drive up the middle by Jeff Wieser and a ground ball by Gary Salinas to score two runs and take a 5-3 lead.

Howard made a run in the seventh when Tim Lilley doubled off the wall in right field, took third on a ground out by Bibbs and scored on a passed ball, but a double play ended the rally and the game.

The Hawks managed nine hits in the second game — including two each by Reger, Harrington and Lilley. Lilley managed a double and a triple.

Maddux took the loss in relief for the Hawks.



Howard College's Koretha Johnson (50) makes a move down the lane during the Lady Hawks win over Western Texas in Snyder on Feb. 3. Johnson, who scored 23 points in the Lady Hawks' loss at Frank Phillips on Tuesday, will try to rebound from that setback at 6 tonight when they play host to Odessa College's Lady Wranglers in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Iowa State atop Big 12 following win over Kansas

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In its first three seasons in the Big 12, Iowa State finished third, 11th and ninth.

So it's pretty impressive the 14th-ranked Cyclones took over first place in the conference this late in the season. Even more impressive was the way they did it.

Marcus Fizer had 15 points Wednesday night as the Cyclones beat No. 24 Kansas 64-62, their first victory in Allen Fieldhouse since 1982, a stretch of 17 games. It was also their first road victory over a ranked opponent since 1987.

"This is monumental," coach Larry Eustachy said after the Cyclones (22-3, 10-1) moved within two wins of the school record and extended their best conference start in school history. "For us to come in here and do it, it tells a lot."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 3 Duke 101, Florida State 68; No. 17 Texas 68, No. 8 Oklahoma State 57; No. 9 Syracuse 83, Pittsburgh 62; No. 12 Auburn 86, Vanderbilt 80; No. 16 LSU 97, Mississippi 53; No. 19 Kentucky 66, Alabama 54; No. 22 Maryland 92, Georgia Tech 70; and No. 25 Purdue 67, Iowa 59.

The Jayhawks (18-7, 7-4) took a 9-53 lead with 3:06 left on two free throws by Jeff Boschee, but Kansas committed turnovers on its next three possessions. Two of those were steals by Jamaal Tinsley that turned into layups.

Fizer, the Big 12's scoring leader at 21 points per game, hit an off-balance 16-footer with six seconds left to make it 63-59.

Boschee, who missed 15 of his first 16 shots, hit his last, a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left, but Paul Shirley's free throw ended the scoring.

"Those last three turnovers were mental turnovers," Boschee said. "I thought we were close to putting them away. Then they made some big shots."

This is the worst of coach Roy Williams' 11 seasons at Kansas.

"We lost our poise down the stretch," he said.

The crowd, Eustachy said, was the loudest he's heard all season.

"We just performed in spite of it," he said. "It was a game of spurts and we had a spurt at the end."

Nick Bradford and Drew Gooden each had 11 points for Kansas, which lost 74-66 at Iowa State last month.

No. 3 Duke 101, Florida St. 68

Jason Williams had 19 points and the Blue Devils (20-3, 11-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) started a new home winning streak by beating Florida State for an 11th consecutive time. Duke lost last Monday to Maryland, snapping a 46-game home winning streak. It is coach Mike Krzyzewski's 15th 20-win season in 20 years at Duke. Nigel Dixon had a season-high 12 points for the Seminoles (9-13, 4-7), who have lost seven of nine.

No. 17 Texas 68, No. 8 Oklahoma St. 57

Gabe Muoneke scored 17 points, including eight straight in a key second-half run, and Chris Mihm had 15 points and 16 rebounds as the Longhorns (18-6, 9-2) shot 47 percent against the Big 12's best defense.

Desmond Mason, who had 30 points when Oklahoma State beat Texas 73-65 in January, finished with 12 on 4-of-13 shooting for the visiting Cowboys (20-3, 9-2).

No. 9 Syracuse 83, Pittsburgh 62

Etan Thomas had 21 points, 13 rebounds and nine blocked shots for the Orangemen (21-2, 10-1 Big East), who pulled away in the second half for the home victory. Ricardo Greer was 6-of-11 from 3-point range and had a career-high 33 points for the Panthers (10-12, 2-9). Pitt coach Ben Howland missed the game to be in California as his father underwent emergency heart surgery.

No. 12 Auburn 86, Vanderbilt 80

Daymeon Fishback, Doc Robinson, Chris Porter and Mamadou N'diaye each scored 15 points as the Tigers (20-4, 8-3 Southeastern) won in Nashville for the first time in 10 years, a span of five games, and snapped a three-game conference road losing streak. Auburn took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Fishback that made it 66-64 with 6:35 to go. Dan Langhi, the league's leading scorer, had 25 points for the Commodores (16-6, 6-5).

Miller thrilled at chance to play with Matthews on Titans' line

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Growing up in Houston, Fred Miller didn't have to search far for heroes on the offensive line. Now he has the chance to play with Bruce Matthews and for Mike Munchak as a new member of the Tennessee Titans.

"It's going to be a treat to go out and play with them, line up and bleed and sweat and just have good times and bad times with them," the right tackle said Wednesday after signing a six-year contract. "It's everything you want in your football career."

The \$24 million contract and the chance to earn more with incentives also helped lure Miller to the Titans from the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

But Miller said it was a thrill for him to play on a line with Matthews, the man who has played more NFL games than any other offensive lineman,

and be coached by Munchak, now an assistant coach after his career with the former Houston Oilers franchise.

Miller was happy to see the two finally reach the Super Bowl last month for the first time in their football careers.

"I didn't want them to win. I was glad they made it," he said.

The four-year veteran replaces Jon Runyan on the Titans' offensive line. Runyan signed a six-year, \$30 million contract Monday with the Philadelphia Eagles, becoming the highest-paid offensive lineman in NFL history.

The Titans offered Runyan a contract close to that, but the Eagles offered more money earlier in their deal.

With the money Tennessee saved from not signing Runyan, they also signed Dallas linebacker Randall Godfrey to a five-year contract.

Godfrey's deal is for \$24 million, according to his agent Ben

Dogra. "We basically traded Jon Runyan for Fred Miller and Randall Godfrey," Titans president Jeff Diamond said. "We feel we're a better team for that."

In other key signings Wednesday, Shannon Sharpe and the Baltimore Ravens agreed on a deal for the former Denver tight end, and Minnesota re-signed Pro Bowl punter Mitch Berger.

Sharpe said on his Web site that he has agreed to a four-year contract the Ravens.

Bob Eller, the Ravens' director of operations, confirmed the team reached an agreement with the seven-time Pro Bowl selection, but would not provide the length of the deal or financial terms.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News reported it was a \$14 million deal that includes a \$4.5

See NFL, page 2B

NAACP leader blasts baseball commissioner in Tigers race case

DETROIT (AP) — The NAACP is complaining that baseball commissioner Bud Selig "lost a golden opportunity" to make an example of the Detroit Tigers for ignoring league rules requiring teams to consider minorities for top jobs.

The Tigers hired manager Phil Garner in October without interviewing any minority candidates. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People protested and asked Selig to impose sanctions.

But on Tuesday, Selig said he was satisfied with the American League club's decision to set up a community advisory group to help with minority hiring issues.

"When you condone by inaction a team's hiring practice that does not allow for qualified people of color to

even be interviewed for a job, you close the door on racial progress," NAACP president Kweisi Mfume said Wednesday night.

Selig told teams last April that they must consider minority candidates, and baseball's new constitution — approved last month — allows him to fine teams up to \$2 million.

"Mr. Selig lost a golden opportunity to set a new course by using the full authority of his office," Mfume said. "I'm just not very impressed at all."

Asked about Mfume's comments Wednesday night, Selig said: "My comment was what I said yesterday. I don't have any further comment."

Selig said Tuesday that he was delighted by the Tigers' creation of a five-member community advisory board.

"The Tigers have recognized the problem and addressed it," he said. "That, I believe, is more important than taking disciplinary action."

Telephone messages seeking comment were left for Tigers general manager Randy Smith on Wednesday night.

The Tigers fired manager Larry Parrish on Oct. 14 and replaced him with Garner, who is white. Garner was the only person interviewed for the job, Smith said at the time.

"Fifty-two years after Jackie Robinson, baseball is still suffering from the ugly stranglehold of racism," Mfume said. "Are there no Branch Rickeys of the world who believe that qualifications are more important than race?"

Rickey was the Brooklyn Dodgers general manager who signed Robinson as

the major leagues' first black player in decades.

Mfume said the group will keep pressing baseball to open the ranks of its executive and managerial ranks to minorities.

"We're going to continue to monitor the hiring and promotional practices of major league baseball," he said. "It's a very segregated industry off the field."

Baseball's top black executive, NL president Len Coleman, quit last fall after learning owners intended to eliminate separate league offices.

In baseball's last survey, taken in 1997, 23 percent of employees in baseball's central offices and the 30 teams were minorities, up from 20 percent in the previous survey, which took place in 1995.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

JUCO - MEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Lists top 25 men's junior college basketball teams.

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Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team. Lists top 25 women's junior college basketball teams.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Shows NBA standings for Eastern, Central, Western, and Midwest divisions.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Lists NBA games from Wednesday, Feb. 16.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Lists women's basketball games from Wednesday, Feb. 16.

TRANSACTIONS

Text listing various sports transactions, including player signings and trades.

CHARLIE CLEMENS

Article about Charlie Clemens, a baseball player, and his performance.

NHL

Text listing NHL games and scores from Wednesday, Feb. 16.

MEN'S SCORES

Text listing men's basketball scores from various games.

WOMEN'S SCORES

Text listing women's basketball scores from various games.

CLOSER TO HOME

National Little League to hold meeting tonight

Article about the National Little League meeting in Big Spring.

High school tripleheader set Friday at coliseum

Article about high school sports events at the coliseum.

NFL

Article about NFL news, including player signings and team updates.

Several other games will also be played at 'The Dorothy'

Article about games at 'The Dorothy' venue.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays in March

Article about UGSA sign-up events for March.

Softball umpires training set to begin on March 1

Article about softball umpire training starting in March.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 16. (Report also available on Web as www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; 58 degrees; B' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits 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; 57 degrees; 1007.75'; Black bass are good on brown Creme Super Tubes; 1/4oz. blue/silver spinnerbaits and red Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are very slow. White bass are slow to fair vertically jigging 1/8 and 1/4oz. silver Horizon Pink Minnows and trolling shad-type crankbaits. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait in 18 to 25 feet and trolling bucktail jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish set in 30 foot holes.

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 stripers 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
AMISTAD: 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 purchait 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.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 60 degrees; Black bass are poor. Crappie are fair on shad and shiners fished in 4 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and shiners fished in 8 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on goldfish and perch fished in 12 to 14 feet.

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 stripers 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.

OH. RIVE: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass to 14.59 pounds (new lake record) are fair to good on Carolina-rigged waterdogs and jig-n-pigs fished in the mouths of the creeks. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows fished up the Colorado River on the sandy flats and the deep flats in 25 feet. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

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: No fishing report due to extreme low lake level. Boats can be launched from Sailboat Point but caution is advised on entire lake.

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Folks You Might Meet on the Street
City People From the Past



Around 1900, city streets in America were often packed with streetcars, horses, carts and busy people — and few, if any, cars.

If you were to go back in time and peek in on a busy city street at the turn of the century in 1900, what might you see?

Many backgrounds

In New York and other big cities, people from many different countries are crowded together.

Most immigrants want to live near others who speak their language and share their backgrounds. Cities are divided into Italian, German, Jewish, Irish, and many other different neighborhoods.

Sellers go to customers

City dwellers do not travel very far to shop. While they might walk to a store, the sellers often come to them.

While some women are becoming telephone operators and secretaries, most do not work outside the home.

Can you think of what inventions have replaced some of these peddlers?



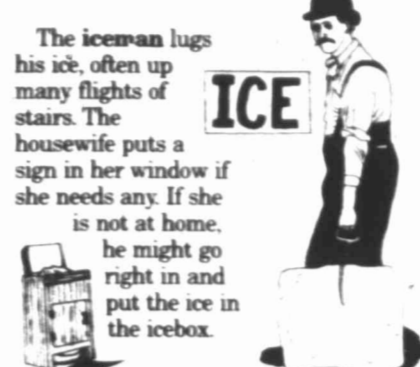
The milkman delivers his milk early each morning. He carefully measures the amount each customer orders. The horse that pulls his cart knows the route so well that it needs little guidance.



The feather duster salesman sells bunches of turkey feathers tied together to help dust furniture. City air is polluted. Burning coal for cooking and heating also leaves behind lots of dust.



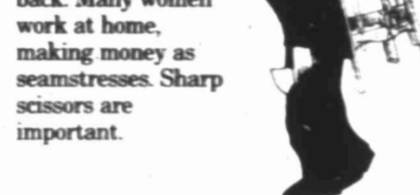
The banana peddler sells his fruit from door-to-door. He owns or rents his cart. Like many peddlers, someday he hopes to have his own fruit store.



The ice man lugs his ice, often up many flights of stairs. The housewife puts a sign in her window if she needs any. If she is not at home, he might go right in and put the ice in the icebox.

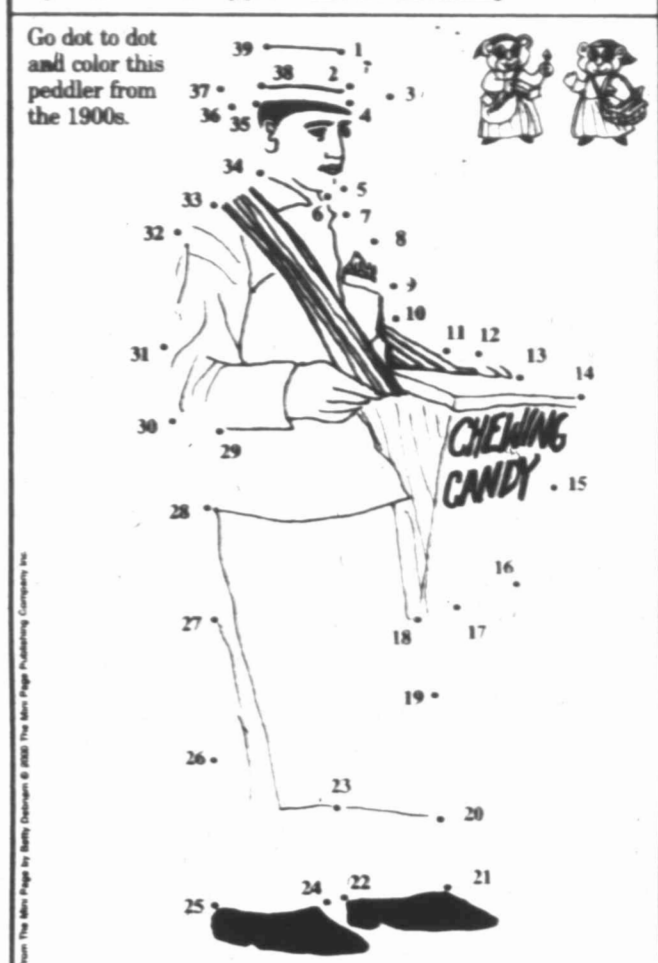


The coalman sells lumps of coal by the bushel basket. That is all many people can afford, and all he can carry up many flights.



The scissors sharpener carries his machine on his back. Many women work at home, making money as seamstresses. Sharp scissors are important.

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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 E. The letter E makes two sounds. We are using the short E.

Q: Why does the hen lay eggs?
A: Because if she dropped them, they would break!

Q: What is yellow and writes?
A: A ballpoint banana!

Q: What are eggshells for?
A: To hold eggs together!

Go on an E word hunt. What other words can you find with the short sound of the letter E? What sound do you hear?

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Apple Spice Sauce

You'll need:
• 1/3 cup orange juice
• 1 teaspoon cornstarch
• 1/4 teaspoon allspice
• 2 apples, sliced

What to do:
1. Combine orange juice, cornstarch and allspice in a medium, microwave-safe casserole dish. Stir until smooth.
2. Stir in apples. Mix well.
3. Cover and microwave on high 5 to 6 minutes, or until apples are soft.

This can be eaten plain or served over ice cream.

NOT AROUND IN 1900 TRY 'N FIND

Names of things that were not around in 1900 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: COMPUTER, TELEVISION, STEREO, FAX MACHINE, AIRPLANE, MICROWAVE, HELICOPTER, HIGHWAY, JET, INLINE SKATES, VIDEO, CASSETTE, DISPOSAL, NYLON, COMPACT DISC.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are back in old times, seeing what life was like then. See if you can find:



- ladder
- pencil
- horseshoe
- carrot
- word MINI
- magnet
- sailboat
- number 3
- toothbrush
- kite
- letter E
- lima bean
- banana
- heart

People You Might Meet on the Street

Kids
The flypaper peddler sells a hanging sticky strip to trap flies. Since there is a lot of trash littering the streets, flies are a big problem. He also sells matches to light fires and the kerosene lamps that are still in use.

Adults
The organ grinder plays his instrument, along with a young boy who plays a triangle. The melodies remind listeners of music they loved in their native countries.

The letter carrier delivers the mail as he trudges along his route. The charge to mail a letter is 2 cents.

The policeman walks his beat wearing his badge, helmet and blue uniform. He carries a stick.

Female street preachers play their tambourines to attract a crowd. One of their messages is certain to be the evils of drinking alcohol.

The Civil War veteran puts on his old uniform to remind people of the role he played in the war that ended in 1865, only about 35 years ago.

The secretary on her lunch break takes a stroll. She wears a hat, gloves and long dress, and carries a parasol. Both men and women dress up when they go to work in their offices.

A cyclist dresses in a special outfit for the sport. In 1900, there are about 4 million bicycles in this country and 76 million people. Bicycles become less popular as cars take over the roads.

Ragpickers pick through the trash, collecting rags to sell or to use themselves. Many people are very poor and try to make a living any way they can.

A bill poster is up early in the morning and out late at night, sneaking around to put up advertisements in the best places. Posters are a good way to get messages out to the public.

Messenger boys run from office to office delivering packages and messages. Some businesses have phones, but not all.

Shoeshine boys charge as little as 5 cents a shine. They move from place to place in search of customers.

The newspaper girls and boys sell newspapers. Many of them are homeless and support themselves by selling papers. There are few child labor laws to protect them.

Look through your newspaper for pictures of people or things you might see outside on the street. Next week, The Mini Page is about what makes our cities work.

Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

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HELP WANTED

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Dennys is now hiring experienced wait staff. All shifts available. Non-experienced need - not - apply. M-F 8-5. No phone calls please. EOE **Dennys Restaurant** 1710 E. 3rd, Big Spring, Texas

Help Wanted: Fast food team members needed. All shifts available. Apply in person @ Coronado Plaza Dairy Queen, 2600 Gregg.

HELP WANTED

SONIC DRIVE-IN is in need of daytime help 9-5pm M-F. \$6.25/hr for the right person. No Phone Calls! Apply in person at 1200 Gregg.

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R. N. On Call Nurse
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Office worker needed for busy doctor's office. Come by 207 E. 7th, for application. No Phone Calls Please.

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Pool Company, Inc. is looking for experienced well service hands and truck drivers. New pay scale. Apply @ 2900 N. Hwy 87 between 6am-9am.

Sid Richardson Carbon Company has immediate opening for part-time contract office worker. Hours 8-2 Monday thru Friday + vacation relief. Knowledge of Microsoft and Excel preferred. Send resume to: Office Manager PO Box 470, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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□ Garage sale 2514 Albrook Sat. 8-7 bed frame, misc. baby items & clothes, & other misc. items.

□ Garage Sale, 525 Scott. Fri. & Sat. 7-1pm. Computer, bedding, clothes, furniture & lots more.
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□ Garage Sale. Toys, clothes, baby items, yard tools, nic nacks & more. Fri. & Sat. 609 Highland.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Lee Harris owner of Highland Hills Subdivision, described as a 3.824 acre tract in the NE/4 of Section 7, Block 32, T-1-S, TAP RR, Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas hereby petitions to the City of Big Spring, for annexation in the corporate limits of the City of Big Spring 2624 February 17 & 20, 2000.

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The Executive Director will consider public comments in making a final decision on these applications for renewal and amendment to UIC permits. You may submit written comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Mail Code 105, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Comments must be received within 30 days of newspaper publication of this notice. Written comments must include: (1) your name (or for a group or association, the name of an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number; (2) the name of the applicant and the permit numbers; (3) a brief but specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the granting of the applications in a way not common to the general public; and (5) your location and distance relative to the activity that is the subject of these draft permits. Individual members of the public may contact the Office of Public Assistance, TNRCC, Mail Code 105, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or call Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040 to (a) review or obtain copies of any available documents pertaining to these applications (such as the draft permits, technical and executive summary, and the applications); (b) inquire about the information contained in this notice; or (c) inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes. Issued 02-03-00. LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 2625 February 17, 2000.

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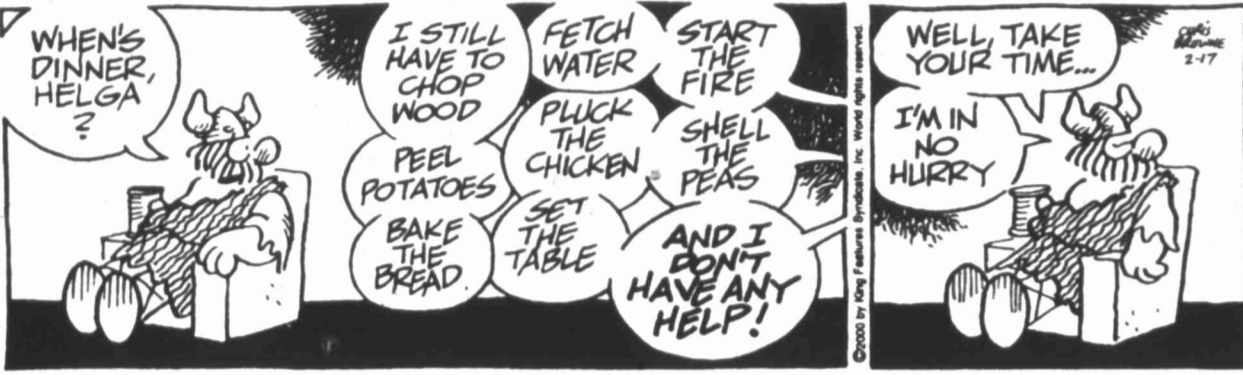
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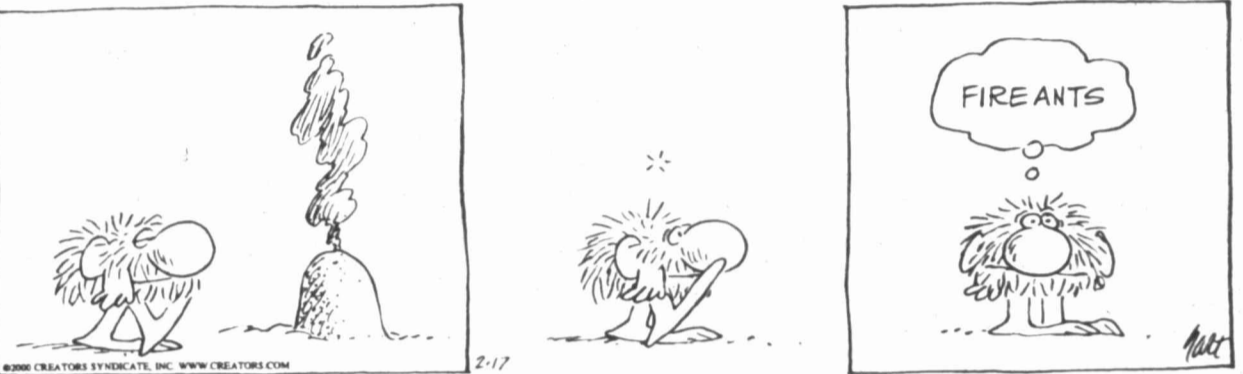
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"I'm sure of number six. I saw it on 'Jeopardy' last night."

"I'll betcha Michelangelo's mom never made him sit in the corner!"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2000. There are 318 days left in the year.

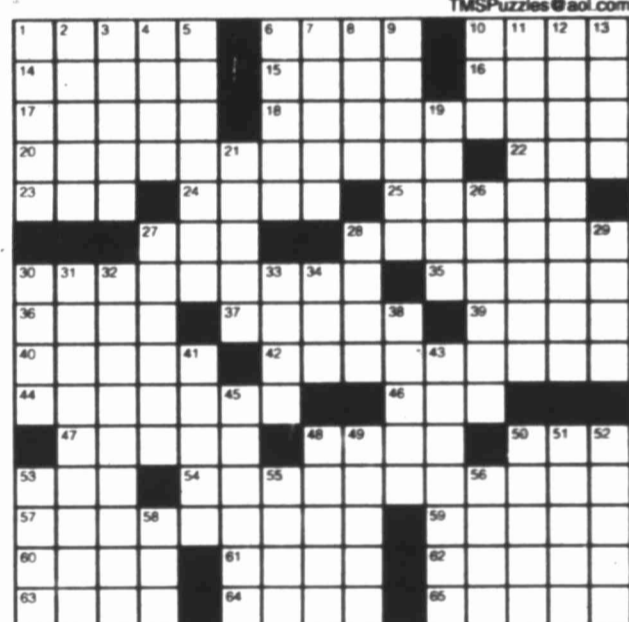
Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 17, 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president. Burr became vice president. On this date: In 1817, a street in Baltimore

became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company. In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not known which side set the blaze.) In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington. In 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its world premiere at La Scala. In 1933, Newsweek was first published. In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union. In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population. In 1972, President Nixon departed on his historic trip to China. In 1988, Lt. Col. William Higgins, an American officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon (and later slain). In 1992, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced in Milwaukee to life in prison. (He was beaten to death in prison in November 1994.) Ten years ago: Former President Reagan spent a second day in a Los Angeles courtroom, giving videotaped testimony about the Iran-Contra affair for the trial of his former national security adviser, John Poindexter. Five years ago: Colin Ferguson was convicted of six counts of murder in the December 1993 Long Island Rail Road shootings. (He was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison.) One year ago: In a satellite-linked address to college campuses across the country, President Clinton made his case for shoring up Social Security and Medicare. Israeli security guards shot and killed three Kurds who had forced their way into the Israeli consulate in Berlin; the protesters were enraged by reports that Israel aided in the arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

THE Daily Crossword

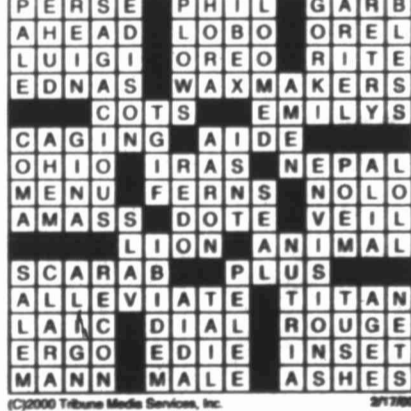
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- ACROSS
1 Porcelain plates
6 Siren of silents
10 Cast ballots
14 Hermit
15 By mouth
16 Oblong circle
17 English racecourse
18 Infinite
20 Absurd
22 66 or 1, e.g.
23 Faux
24 Salty seven
25 Soothing ointment
27 Moo goo pan
28 Antennas
30 Unblemished
35 Post-Christmas events
36 Chinese secret society
37 Nigerian city
39 Go over 21
40 Years (for)
42 Like clutch bags and bustiers
44 Ear medicine?
46 Pinky or Peggy
47 Serengeti carnivore
48 Innards
50 Dandy beginning?
53 Guido's high note
54 Unprotected
57 Irrational
59 Lugged
60 Spore sacs
61 Ingrid in "Casablanca"
62 Turf
63 Found a function for the saccharine
64 Overdo the saccharine
65 Eyelid woes



By Patrick McConville
Manassas Park, VA

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN
1 Gripping device
2 First book of the Minor Prophets
3 Old Peruvians
4 Tetra variety
5 Cabinetmaker, e.g.
6 Caspian feeder
7 Seed coats
8 "Auntie"
9 Fabric finish
10 Tennessee player, for short
11 Set too high a price on
12 Bland
13 Choice word
19 Nicholas and Ivan, e.g.
21 "Jurassic Park" star Sam
26 Responsible
27 Little laugh
28 Hebrew zither
29 Mach+ jets
30 Allied victory site of 1944
31 Missing canines?
32 Irritation
33 A piece of cake
34 Abbr. before Pepper or York
38 Mineral cathartics
41 Meteorological device
43 Madrid money
45 Of Scottish Highlanders
48 Painter's base
49 Retract words
50 Harbor protection
51 Rhone tributary
52 Basis for Windows, originally
53 Biblical twin
55 Dropped
56 Misplaced
58 Vicious or Caesar

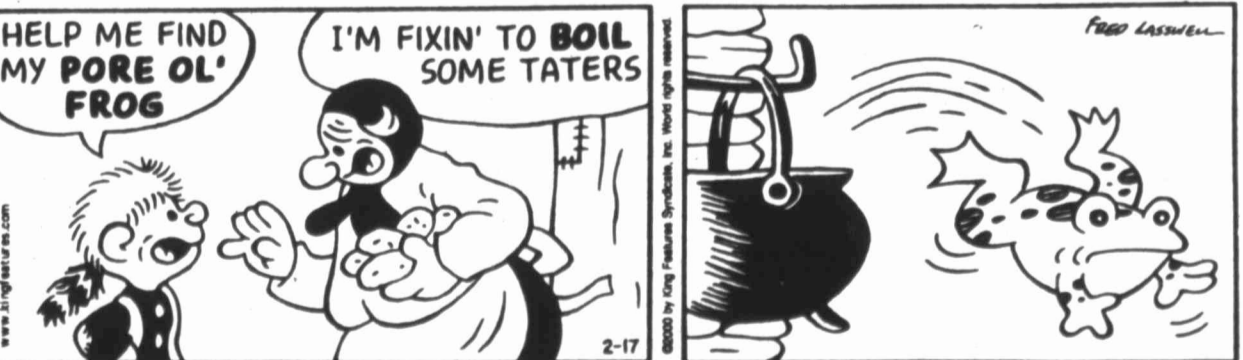
HI AND LOIS



GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILY



Big Spring Herald advertisement including contact information, office hours, and a list of staff members like Chuck Williams and John H. Walker.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Marc Lawrence is 90. Actress Kathleen Freeman is 81. Margaret Truman Daniel is 76. Actor Hal Holbrook is 75. Singer Bobby Lewis is 67. Actor Alan Bates is 66. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 64. Actress Mary Ann Mobley is 61. Singer Gene Pitney is 59. Actress Brenda Fricker is 55. Actress Rene Russo is 46. Actor Richard Karn is 44.