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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT WEDNESDAY
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Kiwanis Club pancake supper planned Friday

Big Spring Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake supper from 5-8 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

The all-you-can-eat pancakes and ham supper is by donation. Proceeds go to help youth organizations in Howard County.

For more information, call 267-6479 or 264-1813.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 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.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon.

Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Big Spring Kiwanis Club pancake supper, 5-8 p.m., Big Spring Junior High cafeteria. Meal by donation.

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

SATURDAY

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

□ Census 2000 kickoff event, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, entertainment, games.

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Tune seeks second term on Big Spring City Council; no area candidates

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council got its first candidate Monday as District 4 councilman Tommy Tune filed for a second term.

His is one of three districts up for election on May 6. The others are District 2, held by Oscar Garcia,



TUNE

and District 6, held by Greg Biddison.

Both Garcia and Biddison have filed as candidates in the mayor's race, which is being handled in a separate election on March 4. Former councilman Russ McEwen is also a candidate in that race, in which early voting got under way last week.

Any qualified Big Spring resident can run for a city council seat.

"You don't have to live in the area they serve," said Tom Ferguson, city secretary. "You

just have to live in the city limits."

Filing in the city council race continues through March 22.

Tune, who is an assistant professor at Howard College teaching government and history, said he hopes to have the opportunity to serve a second term.

"I feel proud of the past three years. I think we have made lot of progress in operating city, in increasing the fund balance. I think we are on the right track. We're starting to see some economic stimulation around here and I'd like to have three more

years to have a hand in continuing that progress," Tune said.

He has been full-time faculty for the past six years, previously serving as director of adult basic education. He has been employed at the college for almost 14 years.

Tune was born and raised in Big Spring, graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard College and Texas Tech University. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Southwest Texas State University and his master's in arts history from

the UTPB. He attends First United Methodist Church.

"I think we have a good council, a good working relationship on the council and I want to be a part of that for the next three years," said Tune.

Tune is the only candidate to have filed for city council in the local and area races.

The mayor's seat and three city council members terms are expiring in Stanton in May. The council seats are currently held by James Jenkins, Ronnie

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Isa Castellano is busy erecting framework on the the Big Spring State Veterans Home, being constructed on North U.S. Highway 87. Castellano is employed by USA Frametek of Austin. At left, Hector Corarrubriz, foreman for Frametek, looks over blueprints. The project should be completed in November.

HERALD photos/Carl Graham

Rate request

City council expected to reject Energas rate increase proposal; consider equipment bids tonight

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council, meeting tonight, is expected to reject an Energas rate increase.

The request comes at urging of Energas, after officials from the natural gas provider and a consultant hired by the 67-member coalition were unsuccessful in reaching a rate hike agreement.

Council members heard from an Energas official on the rate request two weeks ago, but withheld action until receiving information from the coalition of cities.

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

After the breakdown in talks, Energas has filed an appeal with the Railroad Commission. The commission will hear from both Energas and the consultant before making a ruling on the rate case.

Other new business includes a request for engineering services for the Cape Hart sewer line replacement project.

"We're planning on replacing about 5,100 feet of old concrete

sewer line in phase one of the project," said Todd Darden, the city's director of public works. "After this, we'll come back and request funds for phase two in about 2002."

The city received a grant of \$350,000 for the first portion of the project, and added \$70,000 in matching funds, Darden said. Tonight, council members will consider bidding out engineering services to get the project under way.

Bids for a gradeall hydraulic excavator the city plans to use for cleaning up Beals Creek is another item before the council.

"The question there is whether the council wants us to purchase a new model or a demo model," said Darden.

Bids have also been received for an upgrade of the sprinkler system at Comanche Trail Golf Course and will be opened tonight.

First reading of an ordinance for rezoning of the Spring Creek Subdivision is on the agenda. The property will be the new home for Culligan along FM 700.

Big Spring Police Department is requesting to apply for a Safe and Sober Wave Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. And the council will also consider authorizing submission of an application to the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for a regional solid waste grants program.



DARDEN

Youth With a Mission will be at Municipal Auditorium Wednesday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A free drama, music, dance and video presentation planned Wednesday night is aimed at youth in the community.

"Youth With a Mission (YWAM) will present what they call a "mobile team ministry" beginning at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Eighteen members of the Christian group will entertain

and spread their message through this multi-media event. The group is organized by Endangered Freedom Productions of Tyler.

"Their message is that freedom is not doing whatever you want," said Cherise Felty of Cornerstone Church in Big Spring. Rather, freedom is "living in relationship with Christ," says a press release from YWAM.

One of the youth members of

the team is a friend of the Felty family, and that is how they arranged for the local visit. It is sponsored by several local churches.

"We're very excited about being able to bring a group like this to Big Spring," Cherise Felty said.

The team members, who range in age from 18-26, were expected to arrive in Big Spring today.

After their Wednesday night

performance at the auditorium, they will also minister Thursday at Cornerstone Church at 7 p.m., and some of the group members plan another show Friday at Spanky's Coffee & Co. at 8 p.m.

Information from YWAM says the age of its performers and their style of presentation helps to reach today's youth.

"Our diverse and artistic presentations are a conduit for releasing freedom, vision and

hope to the global youth culture," says a press release from the group.

"We believe God gave his children the freedom to live in relationship with Him as a gift, but through sin and selfish choices, that freedom has been endangered," the press release continues.

YWAM members have been touring the country with their presentation, most recently returning from Oregon.

Area ag agent receives grant to study drip-irrigated crop

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Glasscock County Extension Agent Warren Multer received one of 29 research projects grants recently funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

According to Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, the projects will focus on the use of integrated pest management techniques. Some \$300,000 in grant funds were awarded. Multer's grant was for \$6,000 to study drip irrigation.

According to Multer, drip irrigation on cotton is increasing in some areas of West Texas, growing from 3,500 acres to 15,000 acres during the last two years in the St. Lawrence area.

"We're planning on looking at drip-irrigated cotton to see if there is a way to do things different," said Multer. "Farmers have a huge investment, about

\$450 an acre, in drip irrigation systems so we need to see if it is economically feasible to continue."

Multer said with the drought situation some farmers are looking at alternative crops such as peanuts or crops that don't need as much moisture.

"The yields last year weren't as bad as first expected," said Multer. "The downside is that the price was the worst in recent history."

According to Multer, the peanut crop that used to come from Eastland, Gorman and DeLeon has now moved to Gaines and Dawson counties with some luck.

"Of course even with peanuts you still need rain and you still have problems with pests," Multer said. "We need rain all across West Texas in the worst way."

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Census 2000 to be launched in Big Spring Saturday with entertainment, food, games

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Census 2000 will officially get under way Saturday in Big Spring with some fanfare, food and games at Dora Roberts Community Center.

The public event will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Throughout the kickoff celebration, those who attend will be treated to hamburgers and hotdogs, entertainment and information about the census. Parents are invited to bring their children, who will be able to participate in various activities geared toward youth.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College, and Zan Hinton, census office manager for this area out of Lubbock.

"We're looking forward to getting the census kicked off in Big Spring," said Gary Fuqua,



FUQUA

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city manager and local census committee chairman. "We want to invite everyone to come out Saturday and enjoy themselves. We're planning on having food, entertainment, games — a little bit of everything."

While the event marks the official start of the census drive in Howard County, workers have already begun their special group quarters count in hospitals, nursing homes, correctional institutions and college dorms.

In addition to the activities

Saturday, recruiters will be available to talk with anyone interested in being a census taker. More than 200 census takers are still needed for the Howard County area. Those hired will receive \$9.75 an hour and will be able to work through July.

The work can involve weekends and evenings, so those who hold a full-time job may also want to consider being a census-taker for extra income, officials note.

Census questionnaires will begin being mailed out about March 7. A number of special dates have been set regarding the census, including March 19, or "Super Census Sunday" in which local and area churches will be asked to help get the word out about the importance of the event.

"It's important that Howard

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OBITUARIES

Ollie C. McDaniel

Memorial service for Ollie C. McDaniel, 75, of Coffeyville, Kan., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church of Coffeyville.

Mr. McDaniel died Sunday, Feb. 20, at his home.

He was born March 8, 1924, in Abilene. He grew up in Big Spring attending school through his sophomore year. He returned to Big Spring in 1941, where he again attended Big Spring High School to take post-graduate classes.

He was drafted into the United States Army in February 1943, serving with 87th Infantry Division. Mr. McDaniel received his training in Camp McCain, Miss., and Fort Jackson, S.C. In October 1944, the 87th Division went to Europe and joined Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army. He was discharged from the army Jan. 16, 1946, at Camp Fannin. He received his BSME degree in mechanical engineering in 1950 from Texas Technical College. He retired from Parmac Inc. after 42 years of service. In April, 1950, he married Gaylia Wray Hilburn in Big Spring. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Coffeyville.

He is survived by: his wife, Gaylia McDaniel of Coffeyville, Kan.; two sons, Gordon N. McDaniel of Coffeyville, Kan. and Russell A. McDaniel of Norwalk, Conn.; five grandsons; one granddaughter; one step-grandson; one step-granddaughter; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, American Red Cross or Salvation Army in Coffeyville, which may be sent to the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Ford-Wulf Bruns Funeral Service Inc.

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In addition to his research on drip irrigated cotton Multer will be working closely with Fort Stockton and San Angelo agents in monitoring Bt cotton toxin, a pilot program that will evaluate a commonly planted Bt cotton variety and its release of insect toxin under various irrigation schemes.

"Many of this year's grants will fund studies that seek to continue reducing pesticide use on cotton, which is the state's top cash crop, earning about \$1.6 billion a year in cash receipts," Combs said. "Other grants will examine increasing integrated pest management methods in such crops as apples, sunflowers, peanuts, pecans, chrysanthemums and poinsettias. The grants are funding research statewide from Dimmitt to Beaumont and reflect the wide diversity of Texas agriculture."

Integrated pest management is a farming system that curbs pest population by using a variety of practices, including biological pest controls, pest-resistant crop plants, crop rotations, planting date adjustments and crop residue destruction. Under IPM, pesticides are used

only when IPM methods fail to control problems that threaten to cause significant crop damage.

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County be recognized in this census count," said Charlene Wurtz, Census 2000 community partnership specialist. "We don't want to miss anyone. Come help us get started with some fun and festivities."

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Christian and Kyle Averitt. Those are all three-year terms. Mayor Lester Baker's term of office is also expiring.

The terms of three Coahoma City Council members will be up in May. They are Eleanor Garrett, Marc Luttrell and Tim Greenfield. All those are three-year-at-large terms.

'Peanuts' comic creator honored in hometown with memorial

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—Tennis great Billie Jean King, cartoonist Cathy Guisewite and other fans of Charles Schulz remembered the "Peanuts" creator Monday as a humble genius who never realized until his dying days how much the world loved him.

The timing of Schulz's death from colon cancer nine days ago, just as his final strip was being published, was no coincidence, said Meredith Hodges, the oldest of his five children.

"He was taken from this world to the next at the most sacred of moments for him because he earned it," she told the audience of more than 2,000, which filled an arts center in the town where Schulz lived for more than half of his 77 years.

Schulz's widow, Jeanne, said the world's most widely syndicated cartoonist was a humble artist who never realized how beloved his creations were until after he decided in November that he was too ill to continue the strip. "He could not know the extent of the impact he had made. I believe that's what these last months have been about," she said.

Rescued boy says survival tips helped keep him alive

WATERVILLE VALLEY, N.H. (AP)—Ten-year-old Ryan Lanagan has one more reason to look up to his big brother.

The Mattapoisett, Mass., boy said his brother's outdoor survival tips helped keep him alive when he got lost while skiing and spent a night on a mountain at the Waterville Valley resort in 15-degree weather.

"My brother went on a survival week and taught me a lot," Ryan said Monday after rescuers found him.

The fourth-grader got separat-

ed from his father on Sunday and became disoriented. He ended up on the edge of a closed ski trail cutting through the forest in the White Mountains of central New Hampshire.

Among the lessons he learned from his 14-year-old brother, T.J., was that snow can help insulate against the cold. After wandering through chest-high snow for several hours, he partially buried himself and went to sleep.

He said he knew people would look for him and that he needed to "dig in and wait."

"He was dressed very well," said resort general manager Tom Day. "His mom and dad made sure when he left home he was ready for everything."

The boy was missing on a weekend that saw emergency experts warn of widespread avalanche danger across the Northeast. Two people were killed in slides, one near Mount Washington in New Hampshire and the other in New York.

On Monday morning, the crew of a helicopter spotted him waving. He had spent about 15 hours in the cold.

Fish and Game officer Todd Borgardis reached Ryan on snowshoes, and Ryan walked most of the way down the mountain with his help.

Shuttle ready to try landing three times today

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—After poring over the Earth's surface with a state-of-the-art mapping system for more than a week, the astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour turned to more mundane weather radar to see where—or if—they will land today.

A forecast of high crosswinds and low clouds at Kennedy Space Center in Florida could force the shuttle to land at Edwards Air Force Base in California, where high winds were also possible. If Endeavour can't land on any of its three tries later today, NASA will keep it in orbit for another day.

In that case, NASA may try to land the shuttle at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on Wednesday, since forecasts for both Kennedy and Edwards appeared unfavorable.

Only Columbia has touched down at White Sands, in 1982 after the third shuttle flight. The last landing at Edwards was in 1996.

The crew of six completed their radar mapping mission Monday, surveying three-quarters of the Earth's terrain over nine days and six hours. After reeling in the 197-foot radar mast, the astronauts began testing the shuttle landing systems.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

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

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

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

MARKETS

March cotton 56.80, down 29 points; March crude 20.02, down 50 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 41 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; April lean hog futures 57.65, up 42 points; April live cattle futures 70.22, down 67 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

Table with market data including ATT, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron, Cifra, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc, Dell, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IMB, Intel Corp, Mid Amer Energy, NUV with various price changes.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0,8,2

Cash 5: 5,12,19,23,36

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

Table listing lottery numbers for various retailers like Palex Inc., Patterson Ener, Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com, Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Total Fina SA, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

POLICE

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

•STERLING MCINTOSH, 17, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•GREGORY GREEN, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license.

•VANESSA VIERA, 18, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license.

•STEPHEN YANEZ, 19, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license.

•JOE SANCHEZ, 40, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

•PABLO HUERTA, 47, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid license.

•JACKIE LANG, no age given, was arrested on a county warrant.

•BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of Willa.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the Westside.

•THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willa, in the 800 block of E 120, and in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities for the weekend:

- ASSAULT, 1
FAMILY VIOLENCE, 1
BURGLARY (Home), 1
BURGLARY (Business), 3
BURGLARY (Vehicle), 1
PROHIBITED WEAPON, 1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 5
CRIMINAL TRESPASS, 1
DWLI, 2
POSSESSION OF DRUGS, 2
THEFT, 7
CONVENIENCE STORE, 4
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE, 1

- ACCIDENTS, 7
MAJOR, 2
MINOR, 5
ARRESTS, 21

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

•STEPHEN ANDREW LOPEZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/driving while license invalid. (County Court/Mitchell County)

•EDWARD JOEL HOWARD, 20, was arrested on a charge of failure to report to a police officer. (DPS)

•JENNIE DIANE SMALL, 29, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

•JOSE OLIVAS SR., 48, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY

3:05 a.m. — 5700 block Cedar Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:20 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:12 a.m. — 1800 block North 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:08 a.m. — 800 block W. Marcy, medical call, service refused.

9:21 a.m. — 500 block NW Seventh, medical call, service refused.

11:06 a.m. — 400 block E. Ninth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:40 p.m. — 1500 block Avion, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:32 p.m. — 600 block Settles, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 75
Monday's low 53
Average high 60
Average low 33
Record high 90 in 1996
Record low 14 in 1953
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.07
Month's normal 0.49
Year to date 0.49
Normal for the year 1.07
Sunrise Wednesday 7:21 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 6:38 p.m.

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Death row standoff comes to a close; hostage unharmed

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Prison officials say the standoff at Texas' death row is over and the prison guard held hostage is free and unharmed.

The hostage situation ended about 5 a.m. today, some 13 hours after it began, after negotiators brought in Houston death penalty opponents at the request of the inmates.

"It was a tense situation that ended happily," said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald.

The guard, Jeanette Bledsoe, was reported to be OK and was

being examined at a prison infirmary.

The incident had begun after Bledsoe, 57, was grabbed at 4:15 p.m. Monday. She was taking one inmate back to his cell when he and another inmate overpowered her.

One inmate had somehow opened his cell door.

The two captors, who had surrendered their weapons to officials, were still meeting with the death penalty opponents at this hour. The whole prison was under lockdown, Fitzgerald said.

"We give a lot of credit to the Texas Rangers, who came in and helped (prison officials) with negotiations," he said.

Investigators were now focusing on where the inmates got the shank and how they got out of the cell.

Officials suspect the incident may have been planned, Fitzgerald said, and security camera footage of what transpired inside the prison showed the inmates treated Bledsoe with respect during the ordeal.

With one leg shackled, the guard had been seated on the

floor in a small cage-like room adjacent to death row in the Terrell unit. One inmate had a makeshift knife; the other had a 2-foot long piece of metal used by Bledsoe to open the dinner door on each prison cell.

Bledsoe has been a corrections officer for 39 months. Her son is a corrections officer at the same prison.

In talks with negotiators, the inmates complained it takes six months to make changes in visitation lists. They also want to be allowed out of their cells for longer than one hour a day.

Pentagon purchasing system making progress, still flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) — An electrical bell that cost \$714 and a \$350 ball bearing show that changes in the Pentagon's purchasing system haven't erased all traces of the wildly inflated prices that caused acute embarrassment to the military more than a decade ago.

There have been improvements: It's less likely under the new purchasing rules that a warplane will be stuck on the ground for want of a crucial part, an Associated Press review found. But a Defense Department buying system that brings faster deliveries and fewer burdens on contractors isn't always cheaper — proved by the purchase of a \$76 screw.

Military purchasing today is supposed to resemble that of corporate America. Speed and volume discounts are emphasized, while detailed product specifications and cost analyses are usually scrapped.

Some defense officials worry that too much emphasis is being placed on speed, forcing purchasing officers to shy away from demanding cost figures from contractors for fear it might slow down orders.

"I think there's a real morale problem," said Robert

Lieberman, the Pentagon's assistant inspector general for auditing. "I think as a practical matter, people are going to cut corners. They will be criticized severely for slowing down."

An Air Force expert on military purchases, Maj. Joe Besselman, studied the new Pentagon buying system and found that officials made good bargains on volume purchases but still got gouged on smaller orders.

For instance, using wholesale commercial prices as a guide, he found a 15-cent O-ring gasket was purchased by DOD for \$30, a 40-cent electronic part known as a diode cost taxpayers \$4.50 and a 60-cent transistor went for \$7.60.

He also found that the same turbine blades bought for \$19.80 cost \$63.70 when not part of a high-volume purchase. And a jet engine part cost \$251 in volume, but \$768 when just 15 were bought.

Such examples have led a watchdog group in Washington to conclude the Clinton administration's reinventing government program — which has endorsed the emphasis on speed over cost analysis — placed too much price-setting powers.

Michigan, Arizona vote; Bush, McCain continue to bicker

DETROIT (AP) — The pulse of the Republican presidential race quickened today, with voters going to the polls in GOP contests in Michigan and Arizona, and Sen. John McCain and Gov. George W. Bush trading fresh charges of negative campaigning.

Aides to the Arizona senator accused religious broadcaster Pat Robertson of making calls on Bush's behalf implying that former Sen. Warren Rudman, McCain's campaign chairman, was "a vicious bigot."

Rudman angered leaders of the religious right in 1995 by defending retired Gen. Colin Powell against their attacks over abortion. He subsequently wrote about the controversy in a book, saying there were many "bigots" in the religious right movement.

The Bush camp denied any connection, but Michigan Gov. John Engler chastised McCain for mailing postcards urging Democrats to vote in the Republican primary — and noting they could switch back in

future elections.

Engler, a supporter of the Texas governor, said the tactic was aimed at allowing the opposition to pick the GOP candidate who will face Al Gore or Bill Bradley in November.

"This is the first time in American politics that we've had a Republican candidate seeking hardcore Democrats to come into our primary and then go back later," Engler said.

The back-and-forth highlighted the stakes not only in terms of delegates — there are 58 up for grabs in Michigan and 30 in Arizona — but also in terms of political survival.

Joining McCain and Bush on the ballots was former Reagan administration official Alan Keyes, who is mired in single digits in the polls. He urged Michigan voters to reject Bush

and McCain.

"Is this the kind of country ... where you're going to hand out the most important responsibility ... based upon the family someone is born to?" he asked a cheering, foot-stomping crowd of about 2,000 in Grand Rapids on Monday. "Republicans, wake up. The standard is not good in business, and it's not good in politics."

Polls taken after the GOP contest Saturday in South Carolina showed McCain running close to Bush in Michigan, and with a slight lead in one survey.

Michigan pollster Ed Sarpolus

said McCain had gained among women in his polling. American Research Group pollster Dick Bennett said his interviewers picked up anger among Democrats and independents about Bush's South Carolina win, and they are key to McCain's lead in his poll.

Non-Republicans backed McCain by more than 4-to-1 in the ARG poll, while Republicans backed Bush by 2-to-1.

Both pollsters agreed that the turnout of Republicans versus non-Republicans was key.

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6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
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OUR VIEWS

Kiwanis supper aids our youth; good meal, too

Call it "pancakes with a purpose." The Big Spring Kiwanis Club will be flipping flapjacks Friday, raising money for their many youth programs throughout the community. The pancake supper is planned from 5-8 p.m. at the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

This supper has a long history in the community. But this year's version will be different in several ways. First, there will not be any tickets sold for the pancake supper; donations will be accepted.

Second, the junior high cafeteria is a new location for the supper. A third change is hoped to make the supper more popular: It is taking place earlier in the year than usual.

One thing has not changed, however. The supper is still all-you-can-eat ham and pancakes.

At the local level, the supper will go to benefit several youth programs of the Kiwanians, including the Young Children Priority One campaign. Its goal is to place identifying stickers on every car seat and backpack in the Crossroads area. Those stickers could be used to identify a lost child or one involved in an automobile accident.

The club also works closely with the Big Spring High School Key Club, and you will see some of those Key Club members helping out at the supper.

But the Kiwanis Club influence goes further than that. On an international level, Kiwanis is working to be sure that iodine is placed in salt all over the world — supplying this vital nutrient to many Third World populations.

Support the Kiwanis Club pancake supper this Friday with your donation. And while you are there, enjoy all you can of the pancakes and ham.

OTHER VIEWS

In New York, Senate candidate Hillary Clinton ... burst out of the blocks with a proposal to change U.S. law so consumers could have unrestricted access to low-cost prescription drugs sold in Canada.

Like her or not, she hits an issue worthy of debate. Because of government price controls, Canadians typically pay less than Americans do for prescription drugs.

President Clinton recently proposed and Republicans essentially agree with him adding \$35 billion to Medicare to pay for prescription drugs, which are vital to the health and survival of senior citizens but are not covered by Medicare.

If the president's proposal succeeds, it will create a huge new market for drug makers because Medicare will enable more seniors to buy prescription drugs.

Prescription drugs are hugely profitable, and consolida-

tion within the industry ... will reduce competition.

Drugs would not be sold for less in Canada unless it was still profitable for companies to do so. The argument can be made that U.S. consumers pay more so Canadians can pay less.

That does not fly in the free market, and the drug companies do not use that pitch. Instead, they hide behind a 1988 U.S. law that restricts reimporting drugs. The measure, the New York Times reports, was intended to ensure that only FDA-approved drugs could be sold in this country.

Mrs. Clinton says most drugs sold in Canada use the same ingredients and are manufactured in the same factories under the same controls as those sold domestically.

If that is true, then the 1988 law should go and the so-called free market should be allowed to work.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

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Keeping problems unsolved good for experts

Some years ago, an excellent professor of economics told his class in his gravelly voice, "If you pay me \$50,000 a year to solve a problem, I damned sure ain't going to solve it."



CHARLEY REESE

Thus he put his finger on a problem that is prevalent in our society: Too many people are being paid handsomely to solve problems or to ask questions. They darn sure have more sense than to solve them or to answer the questions, since either event would terminate their jobs.

Probably the worse thing that can happen to an organization is to achieve its goals. I don't think anyone was more dumb-founded when Jonas Salk discovered a way to make a vaccine for polio than the March of Dimes Foundation which

was the chief fund-raising organization to combat polio. There was a whole organization with all its well-paid executives facing unemployment. But don't worry — they hustled and found a new disease to campaign against.

Fortunately, there will always be enough diseases to support various fund-raising organizations. Most likely, the nonprofit corporations engaged in fund raising on behalf of diseases, causes and various ideologies are a bigger part of our gross domestic product than that of us would want to know.

One reason America will never solve its race-relations problem is that there are too many people making money on it. It seems to me that race relations are about the best they've ever been and very likely the best they ever will be. That's hard to realize, given the media and politicians and professional racists constantly carping about racism. Race is simply providing too many people with too good a living, and there isn't much money to be made saying, "Wow, things are pretty good

right now." The same thing is true of drugs. Thousands of people make a fine living combating or facilitating illegal drugs, the supply of which is ample enough to keep the game going indefinitely. About the only losers in the drug war are the addicts who are treated as criminals, the petty retailers who go to jail for budget-justification reasons and the poor, dumb taxpayers who have to pay for this charade.

It does not seem to occur to anyone that there is little hope in reducing demand for drugs in a society in which pharmaceuticals spend billions of dollars telling people that whatever ails them, a drug can fix them up. Nor should I have to say that doctors are not helping the cause by putting 6 million children on drugs for nothing more than acting like children. I see little likelihood in having a drug-free America when Americans are without a doubt the most over-drugged folks on earth.

If it's constitutional to ban tobacco advertising, then Congress certainly ought to consider banning drug adver-

tising. The message that a drug will make you feel good is the same for both the illegal and legal peddlers.

I wonder — if we eliminate our economic success and military power from the assessment, how we would stack up among countries in terms of intact families, general sense of well-being, healthy children, fine arts and a wholesome culture? I doubt we'd make the top 20.

We are probably more organized than is good for us. When I was a child, I had plenty of free time just to play. Today, some children are involved in so many organized activities, the tots need Day-Timers to keep up with their schedules, not to mention parents with more than one car.

Still, most Americans with adequate incomes who can afford to insulate themselves from — dare I say it — the lower classes seem content. We have always prided ourselves on being a classless society, but, in fact, that's never been entirely true.

It would probably be more accurate to say that we have had flexible classes.



Standing in the wake of nature's fury

People live close to the earth in Pelham, Ga. They watch the skies. They measure the rain. Inches collected in glass vials on creosote posts mean something.

They mean everything.

Decades ago, stout souls cleared the live oak groves and yaupon bush thickets, drained the swamps, wrestled the elements and, from the wilderness, wrenched fields. Sons and grandsons now work those same rows.

As sure as South Georgians fry a Sunday chicken or mount a 10-pound bass, as sure as a well-reared child says "Yes, ma'am" and "No, sir," the land looms large here, second only to life itself. The land is life itself.

Pecan orchards stretch for miles alongside highways, trees so uniformly planted they resemble wallpaper patterns. Land is tended, and all that tending takes its toll.

Retired farmer Ira Godwin clutches the arm of his niece and nurse, Lisa Noles, and surveys his 1,000 acres in Grady County. The land has been in his family since 1910 or thereabouts.

"My father walked through that field yonder to court my mother," Ira Godwin says. He points toward a compound of damaged chicken houses, which belong to his son, past

the propane tank, past a truck that hauls manure. Or used to. Past all that, to the horizon.

This is Godwin's first look at his land, at his home, since tornadoes exploded through South Georgia in the wee hours of last Monday. A St. Valentine's Day massacre it was, killing 18, six in Grady County.

Godwin remembers going to bed last Sunday night and then a ride in the sheriff's car. But nothing else much until he awoke in a hospital. A clock on the wall said 3:30 a.m.

"I guess God just let me float around awhile," he says. "The mattress I was on is way over there."

He wears a bandage above his left eye and favors a hurt knee. He wobbles a little. But he had to see this. Seeing is believing.

His red-brick house is rubble. He built it himself — with the help of a brother-in-law — in 1960.

"It took us every bit of a year," he says. "We'd work all day in the fields, then work on the house in the evening."

From the heap you can pick out the image of a nice, modest dwelling. Portions of 8-inch-thick, solid-brick wall are scattered over half an acre. A gilded mirror still hangs on a wall — the only wall left standing in the living room. Two recliners in upright position seem to nod to each other. A glistening white cabinet has been cleared of its dishes.

Of all the sorry sights before him — the leveled house, the uprooted trees, two smashed cars in what used to be a carport — a mangled red pickup parked several hundred feet

away seems the thing that upsets Ira Godwin the most.

"That was my son's truck," he says, his voice weak now, his eyes bleary and sad. "He lived in Albany, and that truck went through the 1994 flood with him."

When the son subsequently died of a heart attack, Ira Godwin determined to finish the truck restoration he had begun. Nature once again has undone the work.

Across Ga. 93 from the Godwin place is another, larger pile of debris. A burial mound. Godwin's first cousin had lived there with his wife in the house his grandfather had built. Jackie and Mary Ann McClellan were buried Wednesday.

"Our great-uncle was a carpenter, and he signed every timber in it with his name, 'John.'"

If any signed boards survived, they are lost in an unbelievable pile of refuse, the shards of a proud family home on the hard-won land. A piece of the stock off a Browning automatic shotgun is there. A brass lamp. A canoe twisted in its middle like bow-tie pasta. But no wood signed "John."

Ira Godwin feels weak. He is headed back to bed, he says, and to his wife, who miraculously escaped injury.

"But you look around all you want," he says, gracious as an art gallery host. Manners are ingrained here, as indigenous as pluck and heart and love of the land.

Ira Godwin weaves through the confusion that once was his life, a fresh victim of nature. Wounded by the forces he's respected all of his life.



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IN BRIEF

Playoff games scheduled tonight at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for a pair of Class 1A boys' bi-district basketball playoff games beginning at 6 tonight.

The doubleheader begins with Grady's Wildcats facing Wellman's Wildcats, followed by Ira's Bulldogs taking on Klondike's Cougars at 8.

The Coliseum will also be the site for a Class 2A boys' area playoff at 8 p.m. Friday, as Eldorado's Eagles face the winner of tonight's bi-district playoff between Stanton and Sundown.

Granbury takes bi-district win over Fort Stockton

Granbury's Pirates simply had too many offensive weapons and too stingy a defense for Fort Stockton's Panthers to handle Monday night, as they rolled to a 56-32 Class 4A bi-district playoff win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

While Fort Stockton's Luke Groth scored a game-high 19 points, the rest of the Panthers couldn't match the production of Granbury's trio of Cole Rutherford, Kyle Ellis and Justin Reynolds.

Rutherford scored 16 for the Pirates, while Ellis had 14 and Reynolds added 13 more.

International LL states board meeting tonight

Board members of the International Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Country Corner Cafe.

The board will discuss the upcoming season and all coaches and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-2631.

Lady Steers linksters, Steers JV play tourneys

Big Spring's Lady Steers were a little short-handed Saturday when No. 1 player Ashlie Simmons was forced to miss the final round of the Sweetwater Invitational tournament due to a prior commitment with the BSHS band.

Simmons opened the tournament with an 81, but without her score Saturday, the Lady Steers saw their team score skyrocket.

Rounding out the Big Spring scores were Heather Gibbs, 101-112, 213; Sarah Anthony, 111-119, 230; Amanda Sheedy, 129-126, 255; and Leslie Hicks, 134-134, 268.

Big Spring's boys junior varsity squad fared well at a one-day tournament in Andrews.

Pat Reagan led the Steers with an 87, while Richard Key posted a 99. Alfred Dickens finished at 108, Austin Adams carded a 109 and Coby Green had a 110.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

6 p.m.
• Grady Wildcats vs. Wellman Wildcats, Region II, Class 1A boys' bi-district game, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

6:30 p.m.
• Borden County Lady Coyotes vs. Windthorst Lady Trojans, Region II, Class 1A girls' regional quarterfinal game, at Merkel.

7 p.m.
• Garden City Lady Bearcats vs. Sudan Lady Hornets, Region I, Class 1A girls' regional quarterfinal game, at Seminole.
• Stanton Buffaloes vs. Sundown Roughnecks, Region I, Class 2A boys' bi-district game, at Lamesa.

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6 p.m. — Auburn at Alabama, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Indiana at Illinois, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Lady Raiders surge into women's Top Ten; UConn still No. 1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

After winning the last two Big 12 championships, a third seemed unlikely for Texas Tech when it lost its first two conference games this season.

No more.
The Lady Raiders have won 10 of their last 11 to pull into a four-way tie for first place in the league. On Monday, they jumped five places to seventh in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

"That is a big jump," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "Sometimes that's a good thing and sometimes it's not. We'll take it and run with it and see what happens."

Connecticut remained a solid No. 1 in the voting by a national media panel, and the top six stayed the same for the

third straight week. But after that, every team except one changed places, and Kansas returned at No. 25, the second time this season the Jayhawks came back in the week after they fell out.

Texas Tech (21-3) made its big move after an 86-81 victory over Oklahoma that left those two, plus Iowa State and Kansas, tied for the Big 12 lead. But the Lady Raiders' start in league play wasn't at all promising.

They shot only 24 percent in a 62-37 loss at Iowa State in their conference opener, then lost 82-76 at Oklahoma. Lately, Tech has been playing more like the teams that went 15-1 in the league two years ago and 14-2 last season.

"Our shot selection and decision-making on the offensive end are much better now," said Sharp, who returned just two starters from last season. "I think we're

probably more confident now than early in conference play and that helped on the offensive end.

"We've continued to be very solid on the defensive end and we're starting to create more offense with our defense."

If Texas Tech wins its last three games, it would get no worse than a tie for the title. Tech plays at Texas and Oklahoma State this week, then finishes at home against Baylor.

"It's going to be great for the fans in these last 10 days," Sharp said. "I don't think it's that special for the coaches, but for the fans, it's a great race and it's a great thing for women's basketball in the Big 12 to have that many big games left, so many games with impact."

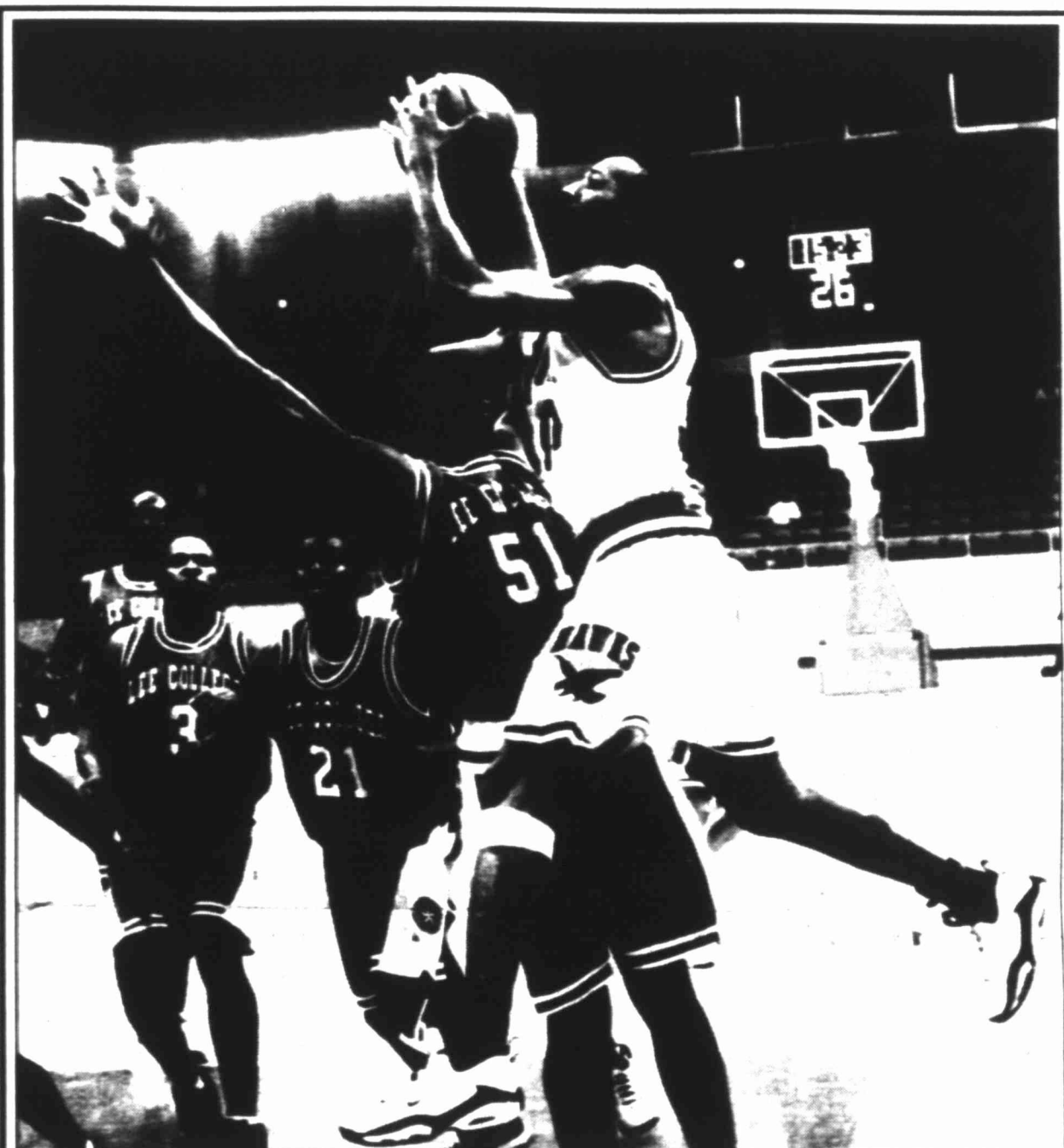
Connecticut (24-1) continues to make an impact on the voters. The Huskies, who have been No. 1 all season, received

34 of 45 first-place votes after decisive victories over St. John's and Syracuse and had 1,110 points — 50 more than No. 2 Tennessee.

Tennessee (23-3) received three first-place votes and third-ranked Georgia (2) was voted No. 1 on eight ballots. Lady Bulldogs trailed Tennessee 11 points.

Louisiana Tech remained fourth, Notre Dame was fifth and Penn State sixth. Notre Dame (23-2) got a big win over time at Rutgers on Saturday. The Sooners owns the longest Division I winning streak at 19.

After Texas Tech in seventh, it's Rutgers holding at No. 8, Duke climbing five spots to ninth after beating North Carolina State, and UC Santa Barbara moving from 11th to 10th, its first appearance in the Top Ten.



Howard College's Steve Bonner, pictured here scoring against Lee College early in the season, paced the Hawks to a 101-74 win over Clarendon Junior College's Bulldogs on Monday night, scoring 22 points.

Hawks, Lady Hawks roll to wins over Clarendon

HERALD Staff Report

CLARENDON — Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks, having already clinched Region V playoff berths, took care of business Monday night with solid road wins over Clarendon Junior College's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Hawks improved their season record to 21-7 and all but locked up second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) women's race with a 78-53 win over the Lady Bulldogs.

The Hawks remained in a virtual tie for the WJCAC men's lead with a 101-74 win over the Bulldogs, improving to 19-8 overall and 11-1 in conference play.

"This was a good road win," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said after seeing his team break the century mark for the first time in conference play this season. "They (Bulldogs) played a great offensive game and we had trouble covering them, but we made the plays we had to make. That's what's important."

Freshman post Steve Bonner paced the Hawk attack that featured five double-digit scorers. He finished the night with a game-high 22 points, while sophomore point guard Darryl Martin had 15.

Sophomore swingman Derrick Franklin added 14 for the Hawks, while sophomore post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar had 13 and freshman reserve guard Terrence Radford chipped in 11 more.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks return home to host South Plains College's Texans and Lady Texans on Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with women's action getting under way at 6 p.m.

Elsewhere in the WJCAC, Midland College's Lady Chaparrals clinched their second straight conference championship in Snyder with a tougher-than-expected 65-59 win over Western Texas College's Lady Dusters; Odessa College's Lady Wranglers dropped two games off Howard's second-place space in the women's standings when they suffered an 81-73 loss to New Mexico Junior College's Lady Thunderbirds; and South Plains took a 62-41 win over Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen.

In other conference men's games Monday night, Midland's Chaparrals improved to 25-4 on the season and 12-1 in league play with an 83-76 win over New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell; Odessa's Wranglers rebounded from Friday's loss to the Hawks with a 77-57 win over NMJC; and Frank Phillips' Plainsmen took a 85-80 win over South Plains.

Longhorns taking tough defense to Iowa State tonight

AMES, Iowa (AP) — The hardest thing about playing Texas isn't necessarily keeping the Longhorns from scoring, though that certainly is a tall order.

What's even harder is scoring against them.

The 14th-ranked Longhorns have been smothering opponents recently, and they'll be looking for that defense to come through again in tonight's battle for the Big 12 lead at No. 17 Iowa State.

"They have one thing they can rely on and that's guarding the basketball, guarding the rim and rebounding the ball," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "When you do that, it can make up for a lot of days when you don't make baskets."

Just ask Baylor about that one. Texas shot only 36 percent at Baylor last Saturday but won 60-38.

The Longhorns have won five straight since an 83-59 loss at Oklahoma and in those five games, they've given up an average of just 55 points and held their opponents to 36 percent shooting.

"Obviously, we have to be the underdog in this game," Eustachy said. "They're that good. But we're anxious to take on that role. We're just, awe is not the word, but excited to have the opportunity to be where we're at at this time of year."

The two are tied for first in the Big 12 at 10-2, so the loser drops a game back with three to play. Oklahoma State is 11-

2 following Monday night's win at Missouri.

Texas (19-6 overall) won the regular-season title last year with a 13-3 record and wrapped it up by winning four straight games — three of them on the road — at this point last season.

"We just know we've got to win games and play the best basketball we can," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "I think our guys want to win. I think they realize that we, along with three or four other teams, have a chance to win the league. We've got to go out and fight as hard as we can and try to do that."

The game begins one of the biggest weeks in Iowa State basketball in a long time. The Cyclones, who haven't won a

conference championship since 1991, play host to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

If Iowa State wins both games, it will need only a split in its last two games to tie for the title with Texas Tech and at Baylor — to be assured of at least a tie for the title.

"These are the two biggest games I've ever been in," senior forward Steve Johnson said. "They just keep getting bigger and bigger. You can't win a game on the road and then lose at home. That negates a tough win on the road. We've got to protect our home court."

Texas will direct its defense at Marlon Fizer, who leads the Big 12 in scoring (21.2) and is shooting 61.6 percent from the field.

St. John's chases rumors with win over Connecticut

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nothing like a couple of wins over ranked teams to chase away the rumors and speculation of an NCAA investigation.

St. John's beat No. 22 Connecticut 79-64 Monday night, less than 48 hours after knocking off then-No. 9 Syracuse. Both wins came before sellout crowds of 19,410 at Madison Square Garden and did a lot to help the Red Storm avoid hearing about the NCAA's second investigation of their program within a month.

The Red Storm (19-6, 11-3 Big East) have won six straight, with three tough games remaining in the regular season — at No. 2 Duke, Seton Hall at home and at Miami.

In other Top 25 games Monday night, No. 10 Oklahoma State beat Missouri 84-72 and No. 25 Utah routed UNLV 96-52.

"We're on a roll right now, we're on our home court and we're just defending our territory, really," said Lavar Postell, who had 22 points on 8-for-12 shooting for St. John's. "I don't know what it is. We just came prepared. We're in a rhythm. We're in a groove and we're just having fun."

Things sound that way when your starting backcourt outscores your opponent's 42-2. Erick Barkley had 22 points on his 22nd birthday and Bootsy Thornton added 20 for the Red Storm, and each had four assists.

For Connecticut (18-8, 7-6), Khalid El-Amin and Albert Mourning, the Huskies' two leading scorers were a combined 0-for-16 from the field, including nine 3-point attempts.

The loss was the fourth in six games for the Huskies, who have lost more games this season than the last two combined, including last season's 34-2 run to the national championship.

"We stayed with them for a while, then their backcourt outplayed our backcourt. My backcourt had an off night," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We just didn't get a real good game from the perimeter. Our backcourt play has been deteriorating the last three, four weeks."

The Red Storm led 39-33 at halftime, the same score as in the previous meeting at Connecticut, which St. John's won 82-77.

The Huskies, who haven't won consecutive games since a three-game streak from Jan. 27-

Feb. 2, closed to 47-40 in a rebound basket by Voskuhl with 15:02 left. Reggie Jessie hit a jump shot to start the Red Storm's 9th quarter that included a five-point session.

Voskuhl was called for a foul with 13:23 to play and was given a technical for complaining about the call. Deon Emanuel made one free throw for the foul and Barkley made two for the technical. On ensuing inbounds play, Thornton followed his own foul to make it 54-40.

El-Amin missed a 3-point shot for UConn and Barkley missed the length of the floor to layup that made it 56-40 with 12:54 left.

Calhoun called three 30-second timeouts in the next 10 minutes but St. John's took its biggest lead, 61-42, on a free throw by Postell with 9:44 left.

Kevin Freeman led the Huskies with a season-high 20 points and Voskuhl added 16.

El-Amin, the Huskies' leading scorer, averaging 16.3 points a game, scored two. His previous season low was four against Fairleigh Mourning, second in scoring at 14.3, had six points twice in his Monday's scoreless outing.

"The way things are going now, we're not an NCAA investigation," El-Amin said in the locker room, holding his head in his hands. "We have to get out of here together quick. I need a lot of work. I've slumped before. I need to work my way out of it."

No. 10 Oklahoma St. 84-72 Missouri 72

Desmond Mason had 25 points and nine rebounds for Oklahoma State held off a furious late rally by Missouri.

Brian Montonati added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Cowboys (22-3, 11-2 Big 12). They have won eight of nine to move into first place in the conference.

Keyon Dooling had 19 points for Missouri (16-9, 9-4), who has lost three straight at home for the first time since 1997.

No. 25 Utah 96-52 UNLV 52

Hanno Mottola, listed as doubtful with strains to his left elbow and right thumb, scored 20 points in a reserve role that sparked a huge first-half surge for Utah.

The victory gave the Utah State (5, 3-2) a two-game lead over UNLV with three league tests remaining, and extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 51 games.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000:

You are more in control than you have been in many years, yet you still might frequently opt to defer to others. Understand how this behavior could come across to others, and be aware of its implications. You are unusually lucky in communication, especially when it comes down to finances. Your message rings out loud and clear, drawing an affirmative response. If you are single, someone you encounter in your day-to-day life makes you smile and adds to the quality of your life. If attached, togetherness improves because of strong communication and because the two of you enjoy even more time together. SCORPIO helps you trust your intuition.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Mellow out and make it an easy day. You might not be able to change anyone's mind about a recent decision, but you will enjoy interpersonal relationships. Another clearly decides that now is the time to indulge you. By all means, say yes! Tonight: Togetherness recharges both of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** On some level, all you feel you are doing is shuffling papers and taking up time. Realize that everyone needs some of this, especially under the current hectic planetary energy. Take a long walk or an exercise break at lunch. Use spare time to think. Tonight: Midweek fun.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You certainly are focused on the more enjoyable parts of your life, like brainstorming, using your wit and flashing your charm. While little may be gained, you feel good and need this timeout. Work will eventually beckon, so count on this being a late night oil.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Family and home demand your focus, but it is your pleasure. This part of your life is high-priority, and you cannot avoid problems anyway. Creativity merges with magnetism. By the time you are done, no one will be able to resist you. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Talk through ideas and review recent developments. You might discover that another is far more docile than he has been for a while. Do not force an idea; let it roll around in another's imagination. Family plays a large role in a decision. Tonight: Take a loved one out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Financial questions seek resolution. Though you might think you know the answer presently, you need to evaluate. Think through vacation plans; nothing is etched in stone. Use your lunch break to drop in on a travel agent or surf the Net. Tonight: Fat nsize about getting away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You can beam in what you want, but decisions will not be made easily. That might be totally OK with you, however! Others are drawn to you and will do everything in their

power to make the attraction mutual. Tonight: Let another indulge you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You learn a lot by saying little, at least during the first half of the day. Operate on established beliefs, take a stronger stand and move on what you feel you must. Recognize that, even though others might agree, they still might not follow yet. Tonight: It's your pleasure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Friends play a significant role in your plans. Be aware of your natural social orientation. How you view another could change in the near future. Don't worry; stay focused, make meetings and network. An important conversation takes place in the late day. Tonight: Confidentiality is a necessity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Others always think you will carry the ball when they won't. Is this what you want? Think before assuming more responsibilities. Recognize

what you ultimately want from your life, and aim for that. Remember, you need to take care of yourself, too. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Take an overview, especially when listening to office gossip! Nothing is as it seems. Gaining a perspective and being willing to research your own information can make or break you. Assume responsibilities. Tonight: Act on your leadership qualities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Everyone seems to demand your undivided attention; giving it will take talent. Maintain eye contact and demonstrate good listening skills. You can make decisions based on information you gather. An overview is the way to go. Tonight: Where the music is.

BORN TODAY
Singer Howard Jones (1955), baseball player Bobby Bonilla (1963), actor Peter Fonda (1940)

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Frank talk with daughter gives mother peace of mind

DEAR ABBY: Will you please reprint this letter? My wife and I have saved it for many years. If it helps some young ladies, we will be happy. -- ROBERT KLIPPEL, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR ROBERT: The letter you sent appeared in my column on Dec. 11, 1991, and I'm pleased to run it again.

DEAR ABBY: I wrote you in June about my 13-year-old daughter. (I told you she was getting dangerously close to the boyfriend she had been seeing morning, noon and night.)

I took your advice and spoke to her about sex. I purchased at the local drugstore several forms of birth control (condoms, contraceptive sponge and vaginal suppositories). I also bought something called a "teen pack."

It contained several trial-size items introducing young females to such things as tampons, mini-pads, maxi-pads, shaving lotion and razors for shaving legs. When I got home I invited my daughter to join me at the kitchen table.

My husband was working late that night, so it was a perfect opportunity for girl talk.

I lined up the contraceptive devices on the table. I gave her the teen pack, telling her that all the items in that package were things that we had previously discussed. Then I pointed to the other items that we needed to talk about.

I carefully explained to her that now she had become a young woman having a monthly period, she could become pregnant if she had sex. I then told her that I was in no way condoning sex in someone as young as she, but that I wanted her to be informed. I then took each product and explained how it was used, and showed her the directions and how to check the expiration date on the product. After that, I opened each package and let her touch the device, examine it and ask questions.

I made sure that she was aware that even if she was on the birth control pill, it would not prevent sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS. I told her that safe sex with condoms could not guarantee the prevention of pregnancy and disease, and the only way to ensure not getting pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease was not to have sex.

I then took the remaining products and placed them in a box in her bathroom closet. I told her I would not check the box, but if she ever felt a need to experiment, they would be there. I stressed that she could always come to me before making any decisions that would change her life forever.

I made some important points to her that truly hit home: I pointed out that she was too young to obtain a driver's license, too young to drink, too young to get a job, and too young to be responsible for the life of another human being. I reminded her that if she were to have a child, her education

and social life would cease until such time that she could afford a baby sitter.

Abby, I realize this letter is long, but I wanted you to know how I dealt with this issue. After our talk, my daughter has been a different person!

I trust my daughter, and your advice was a big help in dealing with a very difficult situation. I realize that I have a long way to go in completing the journey through her teen years, but I believe that we, as a family, will survive. -- NORTH DAKOTA MOM

DEAR MOM: Thank you for writing. Every daughter should have a mother like you!

DEAR ABBY: "Harriet From Tampa's" advice about having elderly relatives record their memories for future generations is wonderful. As the family historian and genealogist, I know how valuable these personal histories can be.

However, I'm asking you to remind your readers that magnetic media are surprisingly fragile. Recording artists and engineers have gone back to the studio only to discover that tapes made as recently as 30 years ago are flaking away and worthless. Cassette tapes that sit on a shelf untouched for decades develop "dropouts" for no reason. Media preferences change, too -- many children growing up today have no idea what to do with a vinyl phonograph record, and the same fate could befall today's audio- and videocassettes.

By all means, have Aunt Edna record her history. But if she gives you an audio recording, make sure you transcribe it right away as a backup. And if you use a word processor, print the file. A computer file will last only as long as today's word processor, and the hard drive is a magnetic medium as well, making it as vulnerable as audiotape. The paper might yellow, but it stands a better chance of surviving the centuries than tapes and computer disks.

And while you're printing the file, make several copies and send them to various relatives who might also be interested in saving them for posterity. Some will inevitably be destroyed, but the more copies that are made, the more likely one will be preserved. -- CHARLES O'REILLY, RUTHERFORD, N.J.

DEAR CHARLES: I hope families who are interested in preserving their family histories will take your advice. Technology has taken a giant leap in the last 100 years. It's ironic, however, that the most reliable way of preserving the information is still on paper -- a "technology" that was perfected 2,000 years ago.

Good advice for everyone -- teens to seniors -- is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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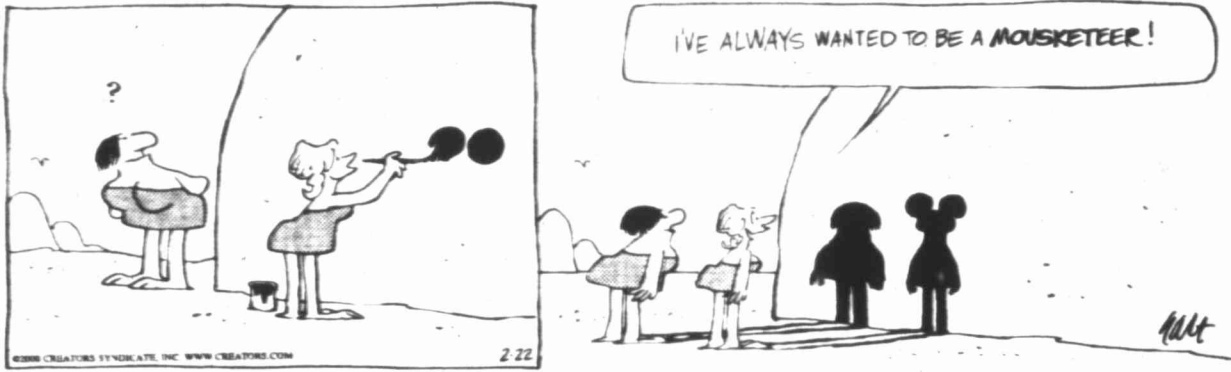
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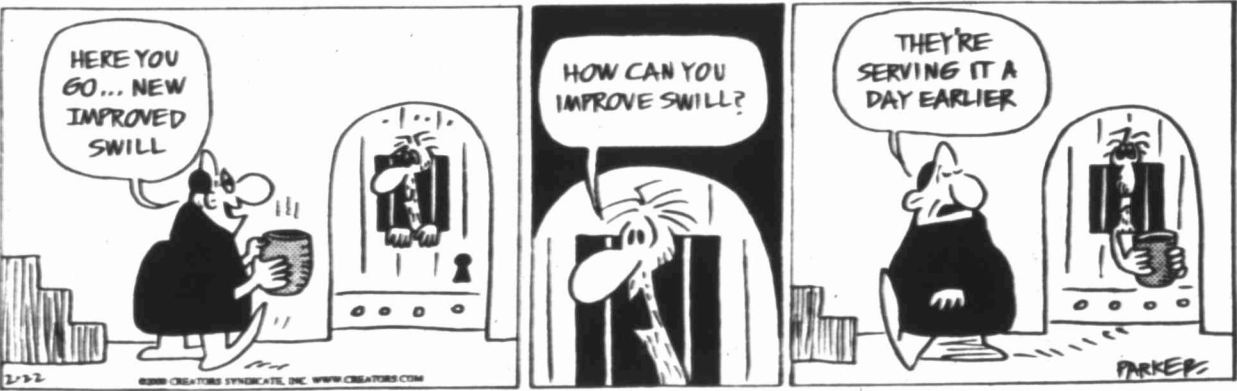
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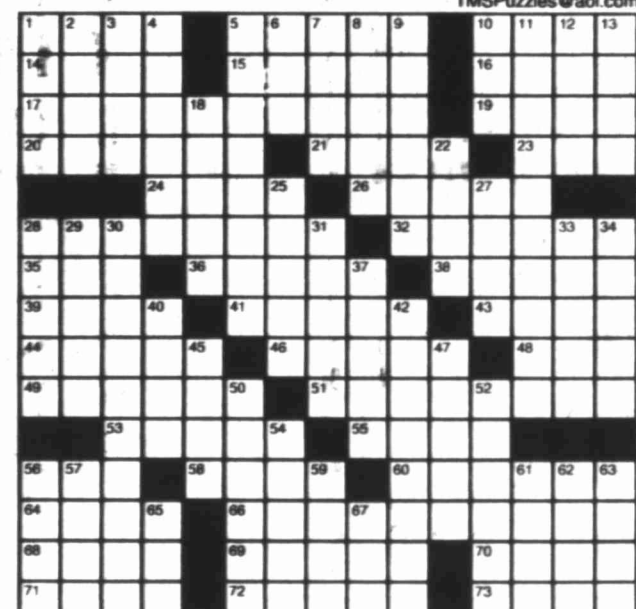
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