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55 Alive driving class set Jan. 30-31

55 Alive/Mature Defensive Driving Class, will be held on Jan. 30 and 31 from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Senior.

This class is taught by certified instructors. Those who participate in the classes must attend both days.

There will be a \$10 fee. To preregister, call 267-1628.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and better are invited to participate. For more information call 268-4721.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

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

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Service Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

□ Signal Mount Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

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Howard County approves purchase of two motor graders

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners on Monday approved the purchase of two motor graders and additional construction costs in the renovation of the new district court.



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Commissioners purchased

two Caterpillar motor graders for \$220,000 after trade-in value and purchased a five-year 5,000 hour warranty for \$10,000.

The company agreed to purchase the motor graders back in five years for \$235,000.

Phil Furqueron, architect, updated the court on continued renovation of the old county library building into a new district court building.

Commissioners approved about \$14,000 in additional construction

costs to re-establish two light wells in the building, remove damaged wood due to termites in the basement and perform some work on the flag pole area.

Todd Darden, city of Big Spring public works director, spoke to the court about the interlocal agreement with the county to cut down on unsanitary and trashy properties in the county.

"We think this is important to us and by and large the citizens of the county also think so," said Precinct

3 Commissioner Bill Crooker.

According to the agreement, a city code enforcement officer on behalf of the county can investigate calls or reports about unkempt yards, unsanitary conditions likely to attract mosquitoes, rodents, vermin or disease-carrying pests and structurally unsafe or hazardous buildings, among other nuisance complaints.

The county and the city will equally pay for the expense of the code enforce-

ment officer. Darden asked if the officer could use the county letterhead and postage machine to send information to county residents.

Commissioners approved of new hires and changes in the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Dale Walker informed the court that the deputies are now using fuel cards from Trio Fuels to purchase fuel.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
David Clawson, left, and Emundo Martinez, both of Harrison Roofing, climb down from the roof of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark terminal after putting in insulation Monday. One of the agenda items for Big Spring City Council tonight calls for permitting Energas to service the soon-to-be-completed terminal with natural gas.

City council to call for elections

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Calling for a May 5 election, bids and grant applications are among more than 30 items on the agenda as Big Spring City Council convenes tonight.

The meeting is set for 5:30 at council chambers, 307 East Fourth St.

Council members will call for a May 5 election to

elect a mayor and a District 5 council person. Current Mayor Russ McEwen was voted into office just last May, but that election was held to fill the unexpired term of Tim Blackshear. The full term comes up again this year.

The council seat up for election is District 5, currently held by Joann Smoot.

Council members will also consider calling for a

charter election, which would be held May 5 as well. As proposed, the city charter would be amended to elect council members and the mayor for four-year terms instead of three years. As written, it would call for the District 5 seat to be elected in 2001, Districts 1 and 3 in 2002 and Districts 4 and 6 in 2003 — and every four years thereafter.

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Spring enrollment up at Howard College, officials report

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard College board of trustees heard preliminary figures on Monday that indicate the district's spring enrollment has increased from this time last year.

According to information given by Linda Conway, vice president for instruction, the district has 2,399 students enrolled in the spring semester, an increase of more than 150

students from spring 2000.

Enrollment is down from the fall 2000 by almost 130 students but Howard College president Dr. Cheri Sparks said that is to be expected.

"We tend to see a drop in enrollment in the spring from the fall," Sparks said.

Early enrollment reports indicate the Big Spring campus has 1,048 students, the San Angelo campus has 947 students, the Lamesa campus has 151 students and the SouthWest Collegiate

Institute for the Deaf has 118 students.

Board trustees accepted a resolution from the Dora Roberts Foundation donating \$200,000 to be used for department scholarship funds, two nursing instructor positions and continued funding for the construction of the softball field.

James Welch, of Lee, Reynolds and Welch, reported to the board about the 1999-2000 college's audit report and said all financial statements were in order.

Welch also updated the board on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board changes.

Dennis Churchwell, director of purchasing, updated the board about purchasing 10 notebook computers that will be used by the San Angelo campus for on-site training.

According to Churchwell, the district accepted the low bid of \$18,870 by Dell Computers for 10 computers costing \$1,870 each.

Churchwell submitted a

list of 11 vendors who were awarded medical equipment purchase contracts from the district.

A grant had been given by San Angelo Health Foundation to allow the district to purchase up to \$135,000 in equipment.

Churchwell separated the bids for each item and selected the lowest bid that met the specifications, he said. The bids totaled \$99,344.93.

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Accident on U.S. 87 takes life of local man

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring resident was killed Monday afternoon when the late-model wrecker he was driving ran into the back of an 18-wheeler attempting to make a turn on U.S. Highway 87, about 1-1/2 miles south of Big Spring.

Cameron Heath Carlile, 22, of 814 Angela Road, was pronounced dead at approximately 3:49 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Dr. Terry Springer.

According to Pat Holt, communications support technician from the Midland Department of Public Safety office, both vehicles were traveling north on Highway 87 when

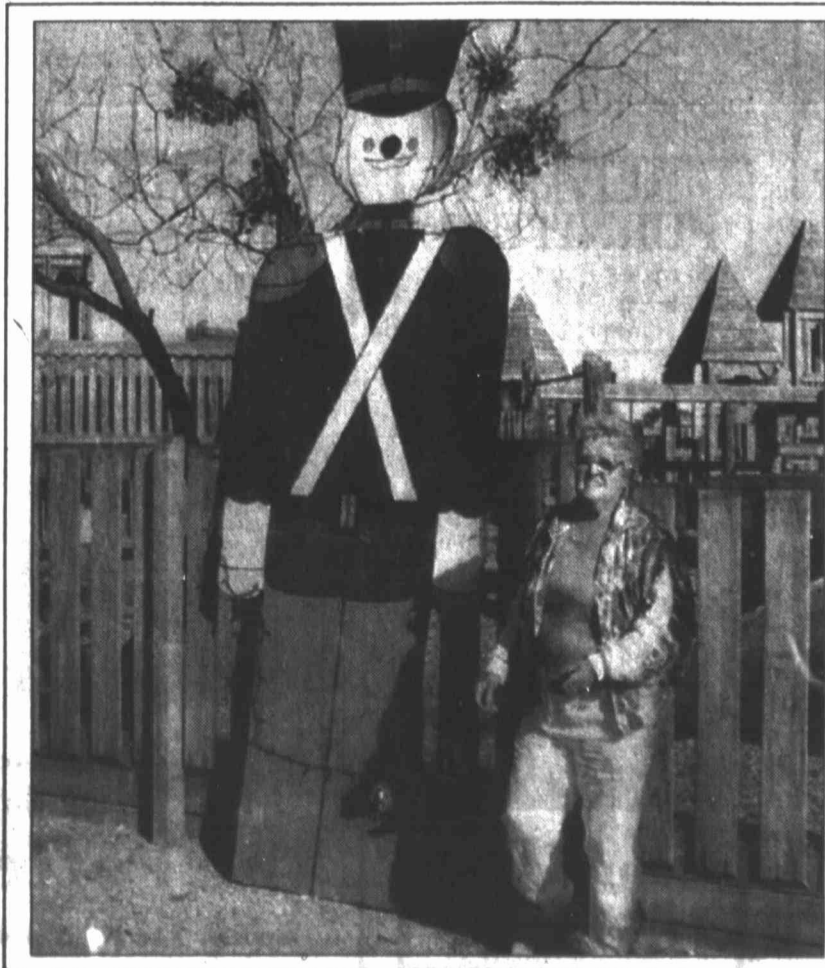
the accident occurred.

The driver of the 1981 Peterbilt, Renaldo Salazar of Lamesa, told investigators he was attempting to make a right turn into the Buffalo Country Fina convenience store. According to DPS, Carlile apparently didn't realize the 18-wheeler had slowed to turn, and struck the back of the vehicle with the GMC wrecker, owned by Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service.

Salazar was unhurt and did not require medical treatment.

DPS said Carlile was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Funeral service for Carlile is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.



Pat Simmons, coordinator for the Festival of Lights, is looking for the twin to this tin man decoration that was stolen in December. Simmons said anyone who has seen the decoration or knows any information is urged to contact her at 263-4607 or the police. The decoration, which was displayed at the Kid's Zone entrance, was taken away in pieces over a two-night period.

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Four escaped convicts recaptured; a fifth commits suicide

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. (AP) — Police and federal agents scoured a trailer park for weapons and other evidence after the capture of four of the seven convicts who broke out of a Texas prison nearly six weeks ago.

A fifth inmate killed himself inside a motor home that had been surrounded by authorities Monday in this foothills community about 50 miles southwest of Denver.

The whereabouts of the two other inmates were unknown. Authorities said they may have been in Woodland Park as recently as Sunday and may have left to get more money.

"The story is by no means over," said Mark Mershon, the top FBI official in

Colorado. "We have two suspects that are still on the loose."

Tips from residents after the TV show "America's Most Wanted" aired Saturday helped authorities track the fugitives to the Coachlight motel and RV park. Authorities believe all seven escaped convicts had been living in the motor home for up to three weeks.

Surveillance of the trailer park began at 2 a.m. Monday, and investigators didn't believe the two inmates on the run slipped past officers. They weren't sure when the men left.

The heavily armed inmates broke out of the maximum-security prison Connally Unit in Kenedy, southeast of San Antonio,

on Dec. 13. Eleven days later, they allegedly shot and killed a policeman during a robbery at a sporting goods store near Dallas.

Three inmates were arrested by SWAT officers Monday after they left the motor home in a stolen Jeep Cherokee and drove to a convenience store.

Captured were suspected ringleader George Rivas, 30, a convicted kidnapper and burglar; and Michael Rodriguez, 38, and Joseph Garcia, 29, both convicted of murder.

All three were armed but did not resist or draw their weapons, authorities said.

Randy Halprin, 23, walked out of the motor home, unaware of the presence of police. When Halprin real-

ized he was surrounded, he ran to a nearby trailer, then emerged and surrendered, El Paso County Sheriff John Wesley Anderson said.

Authorities said Halprin, who was serving time for beating an infant, had an old wound he may have suffered during the Christmas Eve robbery.

Larry Harper, 37, convicted of aggravated sexual assault, killed himself inside the motor home after Halprin was captured, authorities said.

Missing were Patrick Murphy Jr., 39, convicted of rape, and armed robber Donald Newbury, 38.

Officers searching the motor home recovered 13 weapons stolen in the Dallas robbery, said Rich Marianos

STILL AT LARGE



MURPHY NEWBURY

of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Investigators were not sure how the men got the motor home. Anderson said they may have bought it with money stolen from the sporting goods store.

Guns, clothing and \$70,000 in cash and checks were

taken and Officer Aubrey Hawkins was killed in the robbery. Hawkins was shot 11 times and his body was run over by a vehicle.

Authorities said Rivas expressed remorse Monday while admitting to the slaying of Hawkins.

"He stated that he had a change of heart, change of life and he wanted this to end," said State Trooper Eric Zachareas.

Federal agents hoped to quickly arrange for the recaptured inmates to appear before a federal magistrate to begin the process of returning them to Texas.

Authorities did not say how they believed the inmates covered the more than 800 miles from the prison in south Texas to

Bush reinstates abortion restrictions on overseas financial aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Monday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, President Bush signed a memorandum reinstating the full abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid that his father and former President Reagan had instituted before him.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion either here or abroad," Bush wrote in his executive memorandum to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which oversees family-planning aid to foreign countries.

It was Bush's first major policy action since becoming president on Saturday.

It reverses the Clinton administration's position on unrestricted family-planning aid and bars U.S. money to international groups that use their own money to support abortion

— either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy.

On his first workday in the White House, Bush also gave a written statement to marchers on the 28th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

"The promises of our Declaration of Independence are not just for the strong, the independent or the healthy. They are for everyone, including unborn children," his statement said.

"We share a great goal, to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law ... to build a culture of life, affirming that every person at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

Abortion-rights supporter Kate Michelman saw it as Bush's latest act of war on women's reproductive

rights, following on his nomination of staunch abortion opponents to key Cabinet posts — former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general and former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as secretary of health and human services.

Bush "is using his presidential powers quite aggressively already to undermine a woman's right to choose and clear a pathway to the overturning of Roe v. Wade," Michelman said. "I think it's a harbinger of things to come — Supreme Court appointments, judicial appointments ... There's quite a bit of harm that can be done to women's reproductive rights."

"He clearly is bending to the will of the far right on these issues."

"He so quickly shed his facade and his cloak of moderation on this issue," she said.

Current law bans the use of U.S. funds for any abortions in foreign countries.

Former Presidents Reagan and Bush further banned U.S. aid to international groups that use their own money to support abortion — either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option, or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy — in what became known as the Mexico City policy because

it was announced by Reagan at a 1984 population conference there.

President Clinton repealed the policy two days after he entered office in 1993.

"This means that the U.S. government will no longer be using taxpayer dollars to try to legalize abortion in countries in Latin America, Africa and Muslim countries in which the people

are strongly opposed to abortion and believe in the protection of unborn children," said Douglas Johnson, of the National Right to Life Committee.

The politically and emotionally charged issue of abortion promised to test Bush's ability to deliver on his oft-repeated promise to unite Democrats and Republicans.

Man convicted of killing four in train wreck

READING, Pa. (AP) — A man was convicted Monday of murdering his ex-girlfriend and three others by pushing her car into the path of a freight train.

Prosecutors said Carlos Angel Diaz, 23, used his vehicle to ram Candace Wertz's car after chasing her at speeds of up to 60 mph because he was upset she had broken up with him.

Diaz was found guilty of four counts of third-degree murder in the deaths of Wertz, another woman and their two toddlers. If convicted of first-degree murder, he could have been sentenced to death.

Diaz bowed his head as the verdict was read. His mother held her head down and sobbed. The victims' families choked back tears but otherwise said nothing.

The jury deliberated three days before reaching its verdict. They refused to speak to reporters as they left the courthouse.

Defense attorney Allan L. Sodomy had claimed the April 20 crash in the Reading suburb of Sinking Spring was accidental.

But a passenger in Diaz's

car, Michael Ortega, testified that Diaz deliberately rammed Wertz's car onto the tracks. Ortega said Diaz pushed the gas pedal on his car as the 8,000-ton train approached.

"He said 'Where you going to go ...? The train's coming. You can't do nothing now,'" Ortega testified. "He was

really angry, his face was red, his veins were bulging."

A one-year protection order that Wertz obtained against Diaz had expired 20 days before her death.

Killed were Wertz, 20; her 2-year-old son John Michael Cortez; Cynthia Jacques, 22; and her daughter Allisa, 2.

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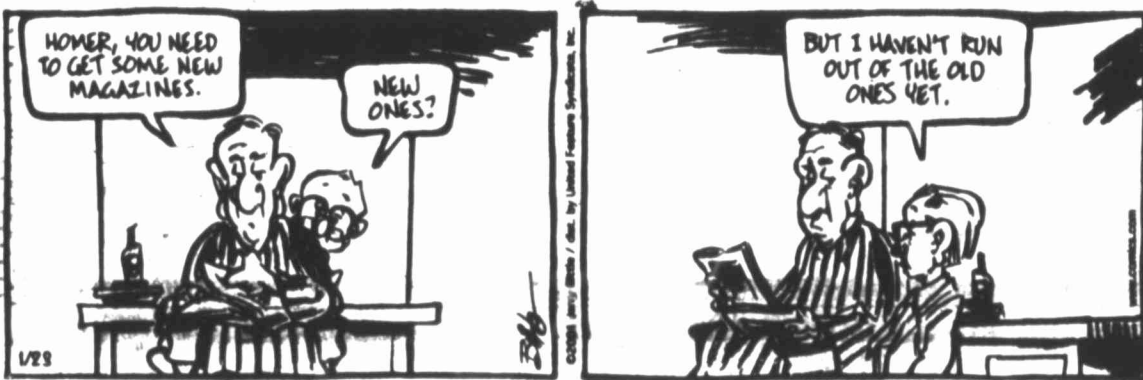
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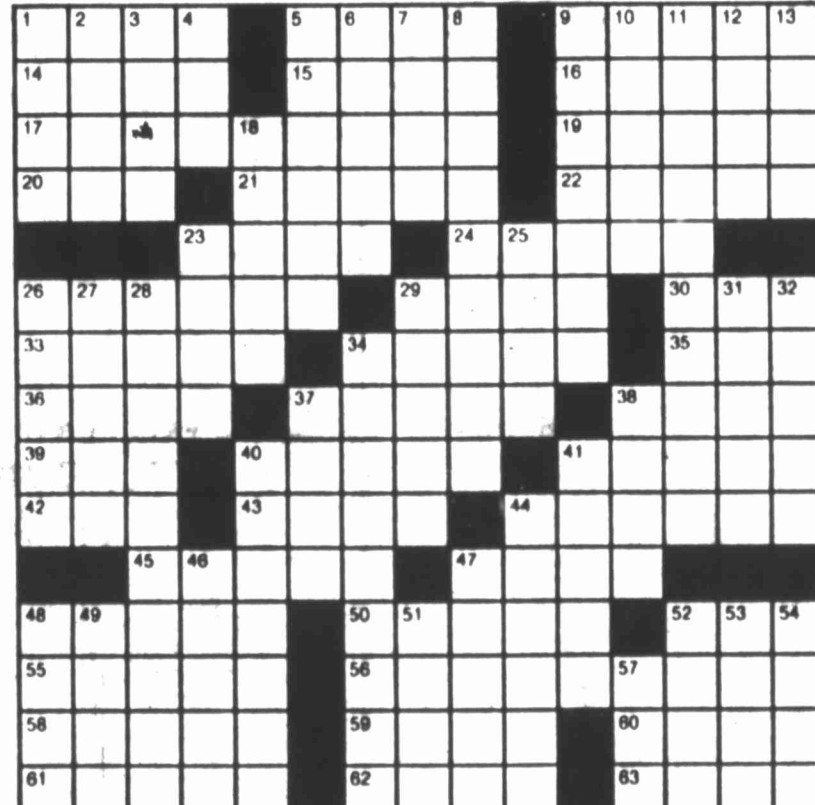
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2001. There are 342 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)
On this date:
In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.
In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1849, English-born Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in America to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree, from the Medical Institution of Geneva, N.Y.
In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-king of Germany.
In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.
In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel.
In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.
In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.
In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried on live television for the first time.
In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.
Today's Birthdays:
Historian Joseph Nathan Kane is 102. Actress Jeanne Moreau is 73. Actress Chita Rivera is 68. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 67. Country singer Johnny Russell is 61. Actor Gil Gerard is 58. Actor Rutger Hauer is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson (The Persuasions) is 57. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del, is 54. Singer Anita Pointer is 53. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 51. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 51. Rock singer-musician

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Stoic Roman
 - 5 Tangled masses
 - 9 English racecourse
 - 14 Khayyam
 - 15 Touched down
 - 16 Rounded swelling
 - 17 Farmer, to a cowpoke
 - 19 Love Italian-style
 - 20 Cobb and Hardin
 - 21 The ones here
 - 22 Loads cargo
 - 23 Spin follower?
 - 24 Time period
 - 26 Phoned
 - 29 Knock for a loop
 - 30 Take one's pick
 - 33 During a broadcast
 - 34 Mother-of-pearl
 - 35 in favor of
 - 36 it the truth?
 - 37 Conductive element
 - 38 Recognize
 - 39 Inc. in London
 - 40 Planter
 - 41 Martin of "L.A. Story"
 - 42 Actor Mineo
 - 43 Foundry form
 - 44 Sounded stridently
 - 45 Oneness
 - 47 Lamentation
 - 48 Explorer Sebastian
 - 50 "Up, Doc?"
 - 52 Actress Farrow
 - 55 Planetary path
 - 56 Man, to a Martian
 - 58 Della of song
 - 59 Caper
 - 60 Exhort
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 - 3 Young 'uns
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 - 5 Converted into pulp
 - 6 Modify
 - 7 Draws
 - 8 Tennessee Williams play, "A Named Desire"
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 - 10 Poisonous shrub
 - 11 Bumpkin, to a city slicker
 - 12 Hideous creature
 - 13 Pipe fittings
 - 18 Say out loud
 - 23 Skirt opening
 - 25 Sound of rippling water
 - 26 Embers
 - 27 Baker or Pointer
 - 28 Non-seaman, to a seaman
 - 29 Gluttied
 - 31 Verify
 - 32 Lugged
 - 34 Honeymooners
 - 37 Arguable
 - 38 Ollie's partner
 - 40 Infatuated
 - 41 Virgule
 - 44 Low point
 - 46 Cacophony
 - 47 Gras
 - 48 Wine stopper
 - 49 Type of rug or code
 - 51 Frozen drops
 - 52 Bog
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By Frances Burton
Summerville, GA

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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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