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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT THURSDAY
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Senior Circle plans lunch

Big Spring Senior Circle will be having a Valentine's Day lunch at noon, Feb. 14, in the SMMC Classroom.

For more information call Pam Stephens at 268-4721.

WHAT'S UP...

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 Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

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

SATURDAY

☐ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 8 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served.

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

☐ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

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

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Howard House demolition faces a few more obstacles

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

City of Big Spring officials will have to cross a few more roadblocks before demolition of the Howard House can begin, but estimate the dilapidated hotel could be torn down by the end of March.



FUQUA

According to city manager Gary Fuqua, the building must be treated as if it contains asbestos. The area in the landfill that would hold that type of material is too small for all the debris from the building, he said.

"We are conducting a survey to enlarge the area," Fuqua said.

Once the survey is finished — hopefully sometime this week — the city will send a letter to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to inform the

agency the city is enlarging that area.

"We will then give the Texas Department of Health a 10-day working notice of the demolition," he said.

According to Fuqua, the demolition project is estimated to begin at the end of February and be completed in 30 days.

Big Spring Main Street Inc. the owner of the property, is attempting to finalize a contract with Mid West Wrecking Co. of Fort Worth to demolish the building. Mid West is the

same company that demolished the Permian Building to make way for the Heart of Big Spring Park.

Estimated cost of the demolition is \$25,000 and three Big Spring entities have funded the project. Cornell Companies Inc. gave the largest amount of funds to the project, donating \$12,500.

Moore Development for Big Spring donated \$7,500 and Big Spring Main Street has donated \$5,000.

The city of Big Spring will provide the transportation

and disposal of the debris in the landfill.

"The city will provide trucks, unloaders and personnel to assist in the transportation of the debris from the site to the area it will be disposed," said local attorney Drew Mouton, who is representing Big Spring Main Street Inc.

There is very little of the building, city officials say, that they plan to save except some stone that came from Howard County's former

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Lane switch on 87 to occur soon

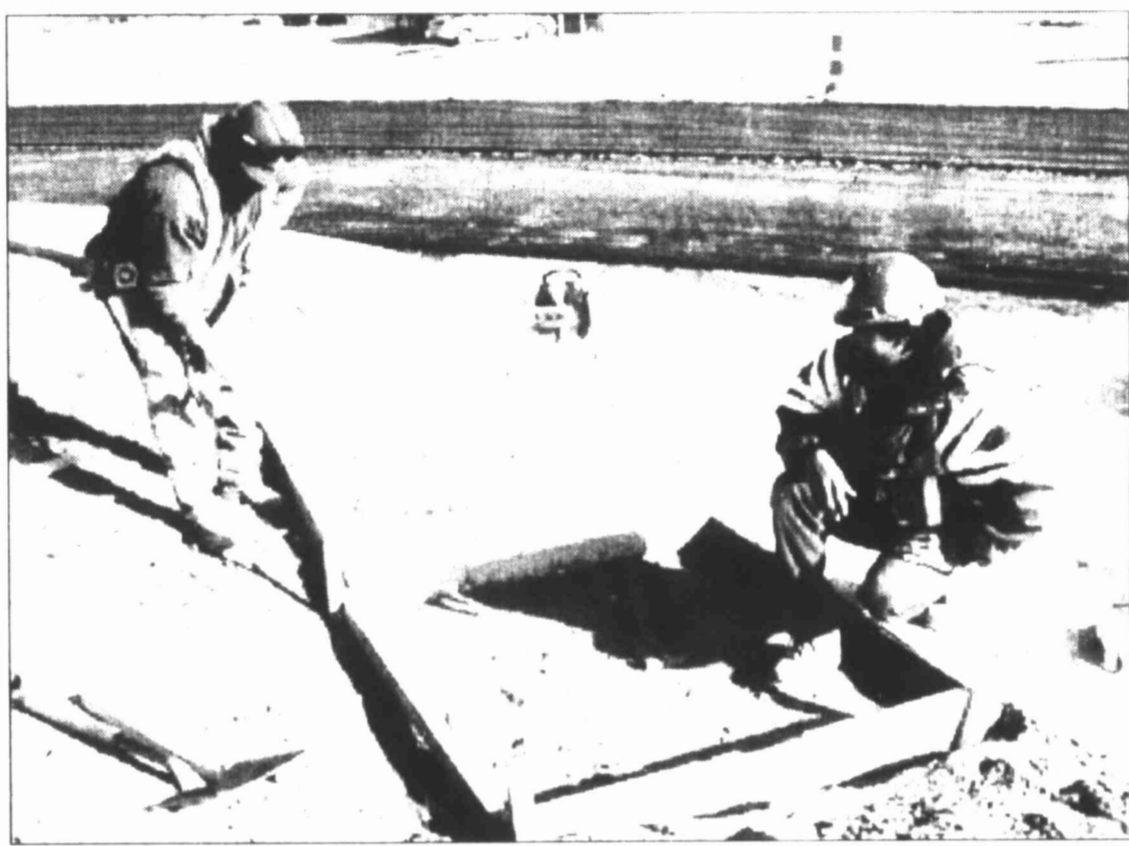
By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

The \$3.2 million reconstruction project of U.S. Highway 87 between Interstate 20 and Third Street is busily coming to the half-way point according to Jimmy Marquez, engineering technician with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"We are busy laying black base all this week," said Marquez. "We weren't able to work Monday because of Sunday's snow but we started in Tuesday and will have a full week of putting down the black base. Hopefully we can get in a decent week and make up a little of the time we lost by working Saturday."

Marquez said that with a little luck and good weather, they should be able to switch traffic over to the east side and begin the second half of the projected eight-month-long project.

"We feel fairly confident that we will be ready to switch traffic by Monday," said Marquez. "If not by Monday, I would say by Wednesday at the latest but then again, a lot depends on what the weather does. Had it not been for the high



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Javier Sanchez and Juan Barrientos get ready to pour concrete for new sidewalk at Seventh and Gregg Street. The two are employed by J.L. Steel, subcontractors on the Highway 87 construction project. The project is nearing the half-way point and should be completed by late May.

winds helping to dry things out, we would not have been able to start on the black base Tuesday."

Originally Marquez had hoped to be able to switch traffic over by the

middle of January but the inclement weather kept that from happening.

Reece Albert Inc. of San Angelo is the contractor for the construction project.

"I am still optimistic that

we can still finish the project by late May," said Marquez. "But of course we have no idea what Mother Nature may have in store for us the next few months."

Blackburn will be missed, colleagues agree

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A teacher, co-worker, friend, a person always willing to lend a hand — that is how colleagues will remember Howard Blackburn, college head trainer Everett



BLACKBURN

Blackburn, who died Tuesday.

"Everett Blackburn was an institution in Big Spring," said Dwight Butler, Big Spring High School head football coach and athletic director. "He would do anything to help. Coaches loved him. The students loved him because he took an interest in their lives."

A Kansas native, Blackburn came to Big Spring from Emporia State University and spent 11 years with the Big Spring

Independent School District before joining Howard College. He was in his 11th year at the college and had built a program that was nationally recognized.

"Everett demonstrated the work ethic that America is all about," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, Howard College president. "He had high standards and believed in young people."

Blackburn was best known for taking care of "his" kids — the young men and women who served the

college as student trainers.

"He had an impact on our field of study," said Howard College sophomore Lee Martinez, a student trainer under Blackburn.

Martinez met Blackburn while still a senior in high school and decided he wanted to study in Blackburn's program. Martinez said Blackburn insisted on his students having a strong work ethic, but said he will be remembered not only as

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Scouts

Good Turn Food Drive set Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Saturday, the Boy Scouts of America is giving the public a chance to donate to the community without ever leaving their home.

It's time again for the Scouts' annual "Good Turn Food Drive."

The drive is held to collect nonperishable food for area charitable agencies to replenish their food stock following the holidays.

According to Clem Jones, project coordinator, food collected in this area will be given to the Salvation Army and the West Texas Food Bank.

"Their food stock is usually low after the holidays," Jones said.

The public can help by using a food bag from H.E.B. they can find in Thursday's issue of the *Big Spring Herald* to place the items in.

Jones asks residents to then hang the bag outside on a door where it will be visible from the street.

Beginning at 9 a.m. sharp, area Scouts and their adult leaders will hit the streets of the Big Spring and Coahoma communities to collect donated food items.

"Be sure to have your bags out early," Jones said. "We hope to be finished by 1 p.m."

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Hangar 25 Air Museum celebrates another successful year

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

The unveiling of a Norden Bomb Sight climaxed the annual Hangar 25 Air Museum membership meeting Tuesday evening.

Around 100 people attended the event, held inside Hangar 25 and were warmed with bowls of

chili, beans, cake and entertainment by Vince Hatfield. The local musician sang "George Bush for our USA," a new release he sang for George W. Bush's stop in Midland before being sworn in as the 43rd president.

Jerry Worthy, master of ceremonies for the event, recognized members who contributed to the museum's successful year. He said it was due to everyone's hard work that the museum was able to end the year on such a positive note.



CROOKER

Worthy presented longtime "Green Thumb" volunteer Jim Grantham with a Hangar 25 jacket for his dedicated service.

To top off the evening, guest speaker Bill Crooker, a Howard County commissioner and former Big Spring Bombardier School graduate, spoke of his remembrance of the Norden Bomb Sight, a piece of equipment used during World War II that was critical for the accuracy in dropping bombs.

The former World War II prisoner of war told about the history, use and effectiveness of the Norden Bomb Sight and how it shortened the war.

"Strategic bombing on manufacturing facilities and the loss of those manufacturing abilities and infrastructure helped shorten the war tremendously," said Crooker.

At the unveiling ceremony, Crooker asked a couple of men he had met earlier in the evening, Charles West and Jay Moore of Midland, to help tell about their experiences with the Norden Bomb Sight.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Local country and western singer Vince Hatfield entertained at the Hangar 25 Air Museum membership meeting Tuesday night. Hatfield sang his song "George Bush For Our USA" to the approximately 100 people who were in attendance.

"Both of these men, who are retired geologists living in Midland now, added a whole lot to our discussion

of the sight," said Crooker. "Both of these gentlemen graduated from the Big Spring Bombardier School.

West was a member of Class 43-17 and later served

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OBITUARIES

Howard Carmack

Memorial service for Howard Carmack, 78, Hayward, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, was Saturday, Jan. 27, at Christ Presbyterian Church in San Leandro, Calif.

Mr. Carmack died Sunday, Jan. 21, in Hayward, Calif.

He was born April 28, 1923, in Oakland, Calif., moved to Big Spring with his parents in 1926 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1940. He left Big Spring soon after and went to Chicago to study electrical engineering. He went into the Army Air Corps and served in Germany during World War II. He retired from the City of Oakland, Calif., as head of the electrical department after 30 years of service.

Survivors include: his wife, Laverne Carmack; two daughters, Diane Oppocher of San Ramon, Calif. and Karen Rowe of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Dorothy Kenemur of Big Spring, Marilyn Knight of Santa Anna; and two granddaughters.

Arrangements were under the direction of Santos Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro, Calif.

Philip Smith

Funeral service for Philip Edward Smith, 91, of Breckenridge, formerly of Garden City, was 1 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Johnny Miller and the Rev. Johnnie Williams officiating. Burial was in the Breckenridge Cemetery.

Mr. Smith died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 12, 1909, in Champion. He graduated from high school in Portales, N.M. and attended Trinity University in Waco, Texas. He worked for Shell Pipeline as a foreman and retired after 28 years of service. He married Dimple Cox on Jan. 2, 1938, in

Garden City, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 18, 1996. Mr. Smith was a member of First United Methodist Church of Breckenridge.

Survivors include: one son, Philip M. Smith of The Colony; one daughter, Pam Wainich of Carbon; three grandchildren; one step-grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church Choir Fund, Breckenridge.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morehart Mortuary, Breckenridge.

Luther G. Bedwell

Funeral service for Luther G. Bedwell, 86, of Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Allan Matthews officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Bedwell died Monday, Jan. 29, in a Snyder nursing home.

He was born on April 12, 1914, in Dierks, Ark. He had lived in Big Spring for 50 years, retiring from Webb Air Force Base as an inspector supervisor for 32 years. He ran Bedwell's Book Store for many years after retirement. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Snyder.

Survivors include: his wife, Verlone; two daughters, Alice Henry and Neva Brunson of Dallas; two stepdaughters, Ramona Dillin of Idalou and Wanda Taylor of Abilene; one step-son, John Murphy of San Angelo; two brothers, Cecil Arnold of Big Spring and Richard Lee Arnold of Brownwood; four grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Everett Blackburn

Rosary service for Everett Blackburn, 46, of Big Spring, will be 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating.

Funeral service will be 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Mr. Blackburn died Tuesday, Jan. 30, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1954, in Scott City, Kan. and married Gloria Mendez on June 10, 2000, in Big Spring. He came to Big Spring from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. and spent 11 years with the Big Spring Independent School District, eight years at the high school and three years at Washington

Elementary, before joining Howard College 11 years ago.

Mr. Blackburn was nationally certified as an athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers Association and was licensed by the State of Texas as an athletic trainer. He was active in a variety of professional organizations, including the National Athletic Trainers Association and the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association Annual Clinic and the National Athletic Trainers Association annual meeting. In 1992, he was presented with the Eddie Wojicki Award, selected by his peers honoring the best athletic trainer in Texas and Oklahoma. He was inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame in 1993. In 1999, Mr. Blackburn was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame and was named National Athletic Trainer of the Year. In addition, he was a member of the Texas Society for Sports Medicine, the American Trauma Society, the National Strength Coaches Association and the Justin Rodeo Sports Medicine Program.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Survivors include: his wife, Gloria Blackburn of Big Spring; one daughter, Sandra Mendez of Lubbock; his mother, Gladys Blackburn of Scott City, Kan.; one aunt, Elva Jean Latas of Larned, Kan.; one uncle, Wayne Blackburn of Rozel, Kan.; and cousins, Dale and Belva Rosenthal, Bill and Debbie Knight, Tami and Richard Maynard and Hillary-Allyson and Riley Maynard all of Garden City, Kan.

The family suggests memorials to the Everett Blackburn Memorial Fund, 2613 Larry, Big Spring, 79720, or the Everett Blackburn Scholarship Fund at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Survivors include: one brother, the Rev. Leandro Gonzales of Big Spring; three sisters, Juanita Saldívar, Maria Elena Gonzales and Irma Gonzales, all of San Antonio.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Valdomero E. Jordan Sr.

Funeral service for Valdomero E. Jordan Sr., 76, of Odessa, is pending at this time with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Jordan died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, in an Odessa nursing home following a long illness.

OBSTACLES

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courthouse and some decorative pieces. First called the Cole, the hotel was at one time described as the largest hotel in West Texas and the first building to have more than one bathtub.

The hotel is now a place for transient and homeless people to find shelter; last year the building caught fire three times.

SCOUTS

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"We will have about 100 Boy Scouts collecting bags," he continued. "It's a fun thing for them. They also get to do something for people who are less fortunate than themselves."

Those who forget to leave their bags out before the time is set on vendors for them, can bring their donated items to the Big Spring Herald north parking lot on Scurry Street.

A white horse trailer, donated by Leland Pierce, will be placed on the parking lot to collect the bags. The trailer will be there until 1 p.m.

After the collection, the Boy Scouts will deliver the items to both charitable organizations.

According to Jones, this year's goal is to collect 5,000 food items.

"Last year we collected a little more than 3,500 cans," he said.

If a Boy Scout does not come by to collect the bags, call the service center at 263-3407 or Jones at 263-3752.

BLACKBURN

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a teacher, but as a friend. "For me, he was another dad," Martinez said. "He took care of me and the other trainers. He always listened to our problems and helped us out."

In a 1993 interview, Blackburn talked of the various aspects of his job — a parental-type role for the trainers, making certain they don't get homesick or fall behind in their grades.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 8,0,8
Cash 5: 5,8,13,21,34

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

He also helped them learn the athletic training profession by putting them into hands-on situations, including working at games for local and area schools.

"He helped us a lot at football games by finding student trainers to help with crowd control," Butler said. "If he told you he would have students there, he would have more than you needed."

During his career as a trainer, Blackburn earned a number of awards in recognition of his work, including the Eddie Wojicki Award in 1992, which named him the best athletic trainer in Texas and Oklahoma.

In 1993, Blackburn was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame and in 1999 he was inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame — its youngest member ever. This past summer, he was again recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

"He would go 300 percent to help the young people and his co-workers," Sparks said. "He will be missed."

"He would do anything you asked him to do," Butler said. "He had a tremendous effect on Big Spring and Big Spring is going to miss him."

For Butler, Blackburn was a friend who would lift his spirits.

"I considered him a good friend," Butler said. "He was a good man to be around and you felt better after you visited with him." Earlier this month, Howard College established the Everett Blackburn Scholarship to recognize his efforts as the school's head athletic trainer. Proceeds from the scholarship fund will benefit an athletic training student.

Those who wish to donate to the Everett Blackburn Scholarship Fund can get more information by calling Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

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in the 17th Air Force flying 40 missions. Moore graduated from Class 45-3 and due to the war winding down

did not serve overseas." Crooker, who graduated from Class 44-A, said the Norden Bomb Sight was purchased with the museum's grant fund money and is now on display for the public to view.

Membership fees for Hangar 25 are \$30 for individuals, \$60 for family, \$100 for a sustaining membership, \$250 for a supporting member, \$500 for a patron and \$1,000 for founding members.

For more information on how to become a member or about Hangar 25, call Susan Lewis or Nelda Reagan at 264-1999.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department issued the following weekend report for the week ending Jan. 29, 2001.

- ASSAULT 4
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION 2
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE 1
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID 1
- EVADING ARREST 1
- MAKING ALCOHOL AVAILABLE TO MINORS 1

- POSSESSION OF DRUGS 1
- ROBBERY 1
- RUNAWAY 1
- THEFT 17
- CONVENIENCE STORES 16 GAS 16 BEER 0

- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE 2
- ACCIDENTS 7
- MAJOR MINOR ARRESTS 19

SHERIFF

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

• OTIS KERMIE PORTER, 50, of 120 Airbase Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. (BSPD)

• HECTOR MANUEL AVENDANO III, 22, of Mustang Ok., was arrested on charges of speeding, driving while license suspended and failure to appear. (HCSO)

• MICHAEL RAY ROBERSON, 18, of 1312 Lindberg, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• JAMES CURTIS HAYES, 38, of 602 Holbrook, was arrested on a charge of forgery by passing. (BSPD)

• LUPE HINOJOS, 27, of 100 NW 3rd, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• MIGUEL ANTHONY DIAZ, 17, of 605 N. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

• ANDY FRANCO, 18, of 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

Surplu

WASHINGTON The Congressional Office has boosted the federal surplus to \$3.12 trillion next decade, giving momentum to Bush's calls for cut.

The huge new surplus, which excludes Social Security, adds to the surplus from the Greenpan program. The influential Reserve chairman believes surplus are now large enough to altering his preference for deficit.

The latest CBO contained in budget documents and Tuesday by congressional aides on confidentiality, is not higher than trillion the budget office

Asher

WASHINGTON John Ashcroft's nomination as attorney general seemed assured as Democrats, aware of the threat of delay, moved their attack record from the full Senate.

The Senate Committee voted Tuesday to Ashcroft nomination floor, where the landscape changed. Sen. Edward Kennedy, Mass., dropped a filibuster. Instead of 60, would be needed delaying tactic, supporters only a simple majority of the Senate to serve to the Justice Dept.

None of the Republicans had in their support and several Democrats announced their support for the former Missouri One Democrat

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Texas ele is smuggl into Mex

SAN ANTONIO The latest case across the Texas border has presenters with a jump — after custom didn't check its.

Someone smuggled an elephant into Mexico customs agents point in Matamoros from Brownsville.

"I don't know world — well, the anything — the drugs they get a Sandy Summer for the Upp Humane Society Edinburg. "But ... I'm shocked."

Tom Bauer, for the U.S. Wildlife Service Tuesday that a was indeed smuggled species.

The Fish and Service is investigating because enforces the Endangered Species Act, a said. A Mexican also is investigating.

The owner of City circus — the Brothers — told newspaper that smuggler \$4,500 him the elephant.

Guillermo Vazquez told that Benny was transported wheel trailer pickup.

Winter Clear

Terry's K&E "Our big concern 520-6594 • Mid (Next to Me

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Marcos Garcia Gonzales, 70 died Tuesday. Prayer services will be 7:30 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 10:00 AM Thursday at Iglesia Bautista La Fe. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npwech.com Luther G. Bedwell, 86, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Surplus estimate up, aiding Bush tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Congressional Budget Office has boosted its projection of the federal surplus to \$3.12 trillion over the next decade, giving new momentum to President Bush's calls for a big tax cut.

The huge new figure, which excludes additional surpluses from Social Security, adds to the political muscle that Alan Greenspan provided last week to Bush's push for a \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut. The influential Federal Reserve chairman said he believes surplus projections are now large enough to cut taxes, altering his previous preference for debt reduction.

The latest CBO estimate contained in budget office documents and described Tuesday by congressional aides on condition of anonymity, is nearly \$1 trillion higher than the \$2.17 trillion the nonpartisan budget office envisioned

just last July. The new projection covers fiscal years 2002 through 2011, while last summer's estimate was for 2001 through 2010.

The latest CBO figure also is \$670 billion larger than the \$2.45 trillion surplus that President Clinton projected shortly before leaving office earlier this month. His projection covered the years 2002 through 2011.

Despite recent signs of an economic slowdown, budget analysts expected CBO's surplus estimates to grow because the agency envisions a healthy long-term performance by the economy.

Even so, before word of the projections spread across Capitol Hill, jubilant White House aides said the new figures would reaffirm that taxes could be cut without fear of eroding budget resources needed for other priorities.

"We're seeing just an explosion in the size of the

surplus," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters, adding later, "There's plenty of room for cutting taxes."

And in comments prepared for delivery on Wednesday, when CBO officials formally present their projections to Congress, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., lauded the budget's continuing strong showing. After four decades of annual deficits, the government has now run overall budget surpluses every year since 1998.

"What an accomplishment this is," Domenici said.

Many Democrats prefer a smaller tax reduction of less than \$1 trillion, and say Bush's far larger proposal would eat up too much of the expected surpluses.

The top Democrats on the House and Senate budget committees, Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota and John Spratt of South Carolina, said that when

also factoring in likely added spending for defense, prescription drugs, education, and other programs, the new projected surpluses would melt away into deficits.

Even so, Democrats conceded Tuesday that the increased projection would help Bush make his case.

"Anytime you have a forecast for a higher surplus, that makes higher spending, an additional tax cut easier to do," said Conrad.

Conrad and Spratt said they prefer dividing the non-Social Security surplus into three equal portions of roughly \$850 billion each for tax cuts, added spending, and a "strategic reserve" that could be used for debt reduction, shoring up Social Security for soon-to-retire baby boomers, or other purposes.

The Congressional Budget Office also expects Social Security surpluses to total \$2.49 trillion from 2002 to 2011.

College student faces 50-plus felony counts for alleged killing scheme

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Authorities were trying to determine why a college student described as "choir boy" from a good home was allegedly scheming an elaborate mass killing with an arsenal of bombs and weapons.

Police on Tuesday evacuated more than 10,000 students and 1,000 staff members at De Anza College after learning of the possible "Columbine-style" attack.

Al DeGuzman, 19, faces more than 50 felony counts. The school was to reopen today.

Police said they found 30 pipe bombs, 20 Molotov cocktails and several weapons and ammunition stashed in his bedroom at the San Jose home where he lived with his parents.

"This was an elaborate plan for a mass murder," said San Jose Deputy Police Chief Mike Miceli. "He had a game plan and was very intent on doing what he was going to do."

Police have not determined a motive, but said they believe DeGuzman had planned to blow up the Cupertino college on Tuesday. The school, 45 miles south of San

Francisco, has about 26,000 students.

Police arrested DeGuzman late Monday after a photo lab clerk at a San Jose drug store tipped them to suspicious pictures of a man posing with what appeared to be an arsenal of explosives.

When DeGuzman arrived at the drug store to pick up his prints, the clerk stalled him by asking for identification until police could arrest him, Miceli said.

Inside DeGuzman's room, police found a diagram of the campus and other notes indicating he intended to begin planting bombs Tuesday morning and launch his attack during the lunch hour in the school's main cafeteria.

Police said they also found an audiocassette recording in which DeGuzman sympathized with two gunmen who killed 13 people and themselves at Colorado's Columbine High School in April 1999.

Police said the recording also included apologies to his parents, friends and the news media.

"The tape recording was just bone chilling," Miceli said.

Ashcroft nomination before full Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Ashcroft's confirmation as attorney general seemed assured as Democrats, abandoning a threat of delaying tactics, moved their attack on his record from committee to the full Senate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 10-8 on Tuesday to send the Ashcroft nomination to the floor, where the political landscape changed when Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., dropped consideration of a filibuster.

Instead of 60 votes that would be needed to end the delaying tactic, Ashcroft supporters only need a simple majority of the 100-member Senate to send Ashcroft to the Justice Department.

None of the Senate's 50 Republicans have wavered in their support of Ashcroft, and several Democrats have announced their backing for the former Missouri senator. One Democrat, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin,

voted with nine Republicans in committee to advance the nomination.

Ever since Kennedy said he would consider delaying a vote, members of the Democratic leadership balked at the idea — especially floor leader Thomas Daschle, who nonetheless announced his opposition to Ashcroft on Tuesday. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he hoped for a final vote Thursday.

As the Judiciary Committee convened Tuesday, it was clear that all nine Republicans would back Ashcroft but two of the nine Democratic votes were uncertain: the Wisconsin senators, Herb Kohl and Feingold.

Even before he spoke, Kohl distributed a written statement that he read moments later, announcing his opposition. Kohl said Ashcroft "will not be the people's lawyer" and "will push and prod the law to

conform to his own strongly held beliefs. Because I believe his views are far out of the mainstream of American life, my vote will be no."

That left Feingold, who gave no hint of his decision

until he spoke during the committee meeting.

With representatives of liberal groups grim-faced in the back of the room, Feingold announced he reluctantly would support the nomination.

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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%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Texas elephant is smuggled into Mexico

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The latest contraband to cross the Texas-Mexico border has presented law officers with a jumbo problem — after customs officials didn't check its trunk.

Someone managed to smuggle an elephant from Texas into Mexico — past customs agents at a checkpoint in Matamoros, across from Brownsville.

"I don't know how in the world — well, they could do anything — look at the drugs they get across," said Sandy Summers, director for the Upper Valley Humane Society in Edinburg. "But an elephant ... I'm shocked."

Tom Bauer, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, confirmed Tuesday that an elephant was indeed smuggled across the border. The three-ton Asian elephant is a threatened species.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating the incident because the agency enforces the Endangered Species Act, a spokesman said. A Mexican agency also is investigating.

The owner of a Mexico City circus — the Vazquez Brothers — told a Mexican newspaper that he paid a smuggler \$4,500 to bring him the elephant.

Guillermo Vazquez said he applied for necessary permits from the United States and Mexico and bought the elephant from a Houston trainer.

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Literary nourishment

Book clubs offer members a way to connect

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Couples do it. Single men and women do it. And some senior citizens swear by it.

Book clubs or reading clubs or literary societies are enjoying a surge in popularity across all sorts of demographic lines, and there's even a book to prove it.

"The Book Group Book: A Thoughtful Guide to Forming and Enjoying a Stimulating Book Discussion Group" (Chicago Review Press, \$14.95), edited by Ellen Slezak, is in its third edition.

It's a collection of essays written by book club members from around the country. The essays cover members' experiences starting their groups, how they've kept them going or what led to their breakups. Many of the essays also describe how the groups, over the years, have become important parts of members' lives, providing not only an intellectual outlet, but a social one as well.

"Book group feels as much like a support group as a reading group now. It is special time set aside to be with this group of women," writes Shelley Rose from Atlanta, in the essay "Four Women Reading."

"Occasionally someone may not finish a book; sometimes we barely discuss the book," Rose writes. "But, I always look forward to the time set aside for book group."

Slezak says that Rose's feelings are typical of book club members, who are mostly women, and mostly fiction readers. Slezak theorizes that book group members might share gender-specific character traits.

"Maybe women are naturally more communicative and willing to discuss and emote, and men are more results-oriented and want an activity where there's a winner and loser. And in a book group, there's generally not a winner and loser," Slezak says.

"And women's lives are tough," she continues. "There's work in and outside the home, and kids, and stress, and meeting over a book can be such a relief. And then that book group can fulfill so many purposes. In other words, it's not just fluff."

The century club

Purpose and substance have been common traits since the founding of Our Reading Club, a San Antonio book group that may be one of the oldest in the country. The club first met May 17, 1892, with a handful of women determined to help a friend recover from her child's recent death.

The group, now capped at 30 members, has continued to meet weekly without interruption and today the membership list is a veritable who's who of San Antonio society. The group members meet every Monday afternoon from the first Monday in October until the middle of May, breaking for the summer. That's 30 meetings in all.

The topic for each session is decided by February of the prior session. Each new session brings about a complete change in leadership, with different people filling each office and committee an idea espoused by Slezak, who recommends rotating leadership regularly.

Unlike other reading groups, each member of Our Reading Club writes a paper related to the larger theme of the year. For example, this year's theme is contemporary fiction, and papers have covered the life and works of Stephen King and James Salter. Members read their papers to the club. While some members may not have read the presented works, they all listen and many take notes. Usually, due to the quality of the presentations, members are inspired to pick up the books.

"We read because we do read. We just don't all read the same books at the same time."

BOOK CLUB

The Howard County Library Book Club will meet at 7 p.m., Feb. 5, at the library. The book to be discussed will be "A Gracious Plenty."

says Anne Meyer, president of the group.

"This (group) is one of the things that will keep me here (in San Antonio)," Meyer adds. "You join the group and you have 30 best friends."

Elaine Wagener, a member for 26 years, says she knew almost no one when she was asked to join. But...

"You meet with the same people four times a month, you become friends," she says, laughing and recalling the cards and flowers other members sent her during a hospital stay. "They are a wonderful group of ladies."

Wagener says that besides friendship, one thing that keeps members coming is the feeling that they have a say in their leadership and topics, and that guarantees variety.

The benevolent dictatorship

Another long-running group in San Antonio, Ladies Overtaking Literature, has survived more than 20 years because of its undemocratic nature.

Coleen Grissom has ruled her continuing education class at Trinity University since day one in 1979.

She chooses the books. She formulates the agenda. She leads the discussions.

"I like Bette Midler whom I admire very much, am the star," says Grissom, an English professor and former vice president of student affairs, currently on sabbatical. "I am the teacher."

A dictator, yes, but a benevolent one who's made a commitment to expanding the minds of her students, mostly female senior citizens.

"I made the conscious decision after that first year that I would stretch minds and values, and introduce them to things they had never heard of or had dismissed. And then I made the commitment to empower them, and remind them, or teach them for the first time, how intelligent they are and show them the value of their thoughts and

opinions.

"It's both a good and bad thing, because now I can't shut them up," Grissom says, laughing.

As an example of the success of the group, an essay from a member was included in Slezak's book.

Although Grissom can't recall exactly how the class started, or whose idea it was, she knows what the secrets to her success are.

Never let one person dominate, also a rule of Slezak's.

"It's hard, but what I have to do is just not call on them and ignore them," Grissom says.

Rule No. 2: Always include reading material that will offend somebody.

"It's got to be controversial," she says. "I've got to have a commitment to stretching them."

Finding a book club

For starters, if you like chat rooms, there are several online book groups. The San Antonio Public Library Web site offers links to several at www.sat.lib.tx.us/Fiction/fictionbookdiscuss.htm.

If nothing else, Slezak sees sitting in on these types of groups as a good way to decide if you're the book club type because book clubs aren't for everyone.

If you're the type of person who believes that there is only one way to read a book yours don't join a group. You'll only be frustrated, Slezak says, and the others won't like you much either.

Oh, and you should actually read the books, too.

"If you're just looking for the social aspects and won't read the book because you're too busy, or whatever, then do your fellow book group members a favor, and don't join," she adds.

Why start your own? If you're ready to make more of a commitment than just casually sitting in on a large group, then there are certainly benefits to starting your own book club.

For one, says Slezak, you can set it up your way. Your specific book interests, your rules, your meeting locations and group size.

Slezak recommends asking close friends, family and even co-workers who can meet during a lunch break to join. If things go right, the group could be something you do for the rest of your life.

SURVIVOR READERS'

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household names like initial "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch, the cantankerous Rudy Boesch or the blunt Susan Hawk.

More than 49,000 people applied to be on the second "Survivor" — and 10,000 other applications weren't opened because they came in late. It has made for a more photogenic crew than the first, where 6,000 people applied.

An Internet bookmaker, Intertops.com, has already posted odds on who will be the final "Survivor" this time, even though it knows nothing about the contestants beyond brief bios and pictures.

Famie, a 40-year-old chef from West Bloomfield, Mich., was listed as the favorite at 4-to-1 odds. Colby Donaldson, 26, an auto customizer living in Dallas, and Amber Brkich, 22, an administrative assistant from Beaver, Pa., were each given 5-to-1 odds.

CBS has again gone to extraordinary lengths to keep secret results of the game, which has already been completed and filmed. Be skeptical of any false leads before the final episode; the show's executive producer, Mark Burnett, pointedly ducked the question when asked if he was behind any false leaks last summer.

"We had great fun with it," he said. "And I think it's a game like 'Survivor' is a game and it's all in good taste and good fun. As long as the audience is having a great experience each week, that's our job."

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Now that they've fallen They're no longer on their own. The wind that's always courted them Will carry them on.

I know I've been touched By God's own hand When nature shares her bounty With the likes of man.

"To Some"

To some he was just a man — but to those who knew him, he was so much more. Never has God made another that had such a kind and caring heart as he had. He never met a stranger, he greeted all with warm words and a smile on his

face. I knew him a good many years, yet not once did I ever hear him speak ill of another. Nor did he complain when he wasn't feeling well.

His greatest treasures in life were his family and friends. He worked hard all his life, yet he still found the time to help others.

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Party Local six

By DEBBIE L. JE
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Party cruise to remember

Local sixth-grader entertains friends with limo ride through Big Spring on her 12th birthday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Sydney Robertson turned 12 on Friday, celebrating with a bunch of balloons and a party for 13 of her best friends.

But the Goliad Elementary student's birthday party had a twist: Much of it took place in a stretch limousine that was cruising the streets of Big Spring just after school hours.

"I would say she is well deserving," said Sydney's mother, Valerie Robertson. "It's my joy to see her happy."

The stretch sedan, from Limousines of Lubbock, picked up the crowd of girls behind Goliad as they left school Friday. Driver Eddy Herm got his instructions from the proud mom, who followed along behind the traveling party.

During an hour and a half trip, that was to include stops at Faye's Flowers for balloons, the Master's Touch bookstore for party favors and a cruise around Sonic just for fun, the girls listened to their favorite CDs and enjoyed the stares of other drivers.



"Drive up Goliad," one girl begged as they prepared to leave the school parking lot. "Some of our friends are still walking home that way."

Their last stop was a party at Santa Fe Sandwiches that included dinner at a decorated table in Sydney's favorite colors.

It wasn't Sydney's first limo-birthday party; she had a similar celebration last

year, but there were a few differences. That one included boys and girls, and mom and little sister rode along as they cruised Sonic for a corn dog and a soft drink.

"This time was different," Valerie said. "Fifth grade and sixth grade are really so different."

Friend Lori Kennedy said the birthday parties are just a few of the over-the-top cel-

ebrations Valerie has carried out for her family, friends, and even children of friends.

"She's always the life of the party," Kennedy said.

As the parents waited anxiously for the girls to get out of school and start the party Friday afternoon, Valerie admitted she enjoys holidays and birthdays as much as anyone.

"Next year, Sydney's going



HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen
At left, Sydney Robertson entertained 13 friends during a limo ride around Big Spring for her birthday Friday. Above, Eddy Herm from Limousines of Lubbock shows off the stretch sedan.

to have a luncheon on the lake at Dora Roberts Community Center," she said, the gleam of a party-planner in her eye. The limo drive, she added, came from the wish for "something different" to mark what is always a special occasion for a child.

"We've done the skating rink thing, we've done movies, we've had pizza. She's just a special child

and we want to give her something special."

Valerie said her feelings about her daughter were confirmed again today when the sixth grader earned an award at school for her leadership.

On Friday, Sydney beamed as she helped her friends squeeze into the limo for their journey.

"I have the best parents in the world," she said.

Can the new 'Survivor' live up to the old one?

NEW YORK (AP) — Figs anyone? An estimated 42 million people watched that unappetizing meal — laced with insects — tried by a member of the second "Survivor" crew.

A hungry contestant on the first episode bit into the fig, then quickly spit it out after discovering the fruit had hundreds of crawling bugs. On the first "Survivor," adventurous diners ate rat.

CBS said the preliminary Nielsen Media Research ratings for "Survivor: The Australian Outback" on Sunday night might have been even higher — if the Super Bowl's second half had been more competitive and the game show had started earlier than 10:17 p.m. on the East Coast. Ratings for "Survivor" were higher in the West, where it started three hours earlier.

The 42 million viewership figure would make "Survivor" the second most-watched show to air after the Super Bowl in the past 20 years. NBC aired a "Friends" episode in 1996 that drew just under 53 million viewers, Nielsen said.

The preliminary viewership figure was based on an overnight sample of 47 cities. Complete national ratings are due later Monday.

The show's structure was reassuringly familiar but the people and setting provided the contrast from the first "Survivor," the phenomenon that drew 51 million people to its climactic episode last August.

Sixteen scheming strangers — split into the Kucha and Ogakor tribes — began competing for a \$1 million prize. Debb Eaton, a 45-year-old corrections

officer from Berlin, N.H., had the dubious distinction of being the first voted out.

"She's not somebody in the outside world that I'd talk to because she'd make me crazy," Long Island, N.Y., bartender Kimmi Kappenberg said before voting to oust Eaton.

Eaton sat on "The Early Show" on Monday that she believed her teammates didn't get along with her because she didn't want to participate in an X-rated conversation the night before she was kicked off.

"It's a dubious distinction, first off," she said. "I wasn't that happy about it. But it's a game."

Even before Eaton was sent away, "Survivor" got down to the serious business of creating heroes and villains, showing which contestants irritated others and which were working hard.

Eaton's Kucha tribe badly lost the first immunity challenge. Both teams had to cross three portions of the Herbert River in desolate northeastern Australia carrying a torch to light a bonfire.

"Survivor" immediately followed the post-Super Bowl awards ceremony on CBS. The network estimated that between 125 million and 130 million people watched all or part of the game.

The first outback "Survivor" will be repeated tonight before the limited series moves its regular time slot on Thursday at 7 p.m. Central Time.

The next three months will tell whether new contestants Kappenberg, Keith Farnie or Faralyn Hershey or others can become

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Are phone cards really saving you money?

The use of prepaid phone cards, which are easily obtained at convenience stores, pharmacies, discount stores, by mail and over the Internet, is steadily increasing.

However, consumers should be aware that almost every card has a different rate and number of minutes, so making the right choice can be difficult.

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Consumers would be advised to look for prepaid cards that do not

...Almost every card has a different rate and number of minutes, so making the right choice can be difficult.



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have these added charges.

It's like any other purchase you make — read the fine print carefully. And when possible, purchase prepaid long distance calling cards that are issued by well-established, reputable companies.

Taking a few minutes to investigate the difference between the various types of prepaid phone cards, before buying one, will save money in the long run.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.

READERS' CORNER

"The Mirrow"
Oh, mirrow, mirrow
my old looking glass
reflecting sweet
memories,
of a lad
and a lass.

It's only a mirrow
hanging there
on the wall,
but I see love's
reflections
the fairest
of all.

I look into blue eyes
he looks back at
me,
the reflections
are haunting,
old love memories.

But time goes
so quickly,
the sun's setting low,
but there in the mirrow
I see a faint glow.

Oh mirrow, mirrow
up there on the wall
has our young love
faded?

No not a t'all

Its still in the mirrow
hanging there on the
wall.
The young the sweetest
and fairest of all.

by Bernice Reed Jones

"Winter Leaves"
Winter leaves embraced by
wind
Float and skip and whirl
Dancing, dipping and bow-
ing
Like beautiful girls.

They skip across the yard
They run down the street.
They even race up the hill
On their windswept feet.

The mingle with the petals
From the last summer rose.
All gorgeous and graceful
In their colorful clothes.

They tumble and roll
And frolic with the wind
To grace our spirits a
moment
Then they're gone again.



Courtesy photo.

Four Big Spring residents were part of this six-generation picture taken during a family gathering in Georgetown over Thanksgiving. Pictured are, Herschel Lewis, his daughter Carlotta McKinney, her daughter Kierstin Lewis and her daughter, Corcinda Lewis, all of Big Spring, along with Herschel's father, Charles William Lewis, and his mother, Bettie Lewis, both of Georgetown.

What a priceless picture Of those who are pleased.
The wind in the leaves
Their sound is like laughter

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FOOD NEWS

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A handwritten note found in the basement of a home once owned by Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Harland Sanders does not contain his secret recipe, KFC said Monday.

Restaurateurs Tommy and Cherry Settle, who bought the home in the 1970s, found the leather-bound 1964 datebook 16 months ago. It contained a recipe listing 11 herbs and spices in specific proportions.

Tommy Settle wanted to authenticate the recipe in hopes of selling the book to a collector, and contacted KFC's attorney, Glenn Cohen. KFC responded last week by suing for possession of the book and recipe.

"We thoroughly examined the list of ingredients Mr. Settle threatened to sell through public auction, and it is definitely not the secret original recipe," Amy Sherwood, a spokeswoman for KFC parent company Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., said in a statement.

However, KFC did not immediately drop the lawsuit. Calls to KFC were not immediately returned.

The Settles' attorney said the daybook, which is being held by the court, should be returned right away to the Settles. "It does have value and they have the right of ownership to that document," Cohen said.

LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive 'letters from home.' Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to: bsherald@xroadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Blackburn is already missed by community

Big Spring lost one of its "special" people Tuesday with the death of Howard College head athletic trainer Everett Blackburn, a victim of pancreatic cancer.

Blackburn, who had spent 11 years with the Big Spring Independent School District before joining the staff at Howard College 11 years ago, was a Kansas native who came here from Emporia State University.

Nationally recognized by his peers, Blackburn was presented with the Eddie Wojicki Award, which goes to the best athletic trainer in Texas and Oklahoma, in 1992 and was inducted to the National Athletic Trainers Association's (NATA) Hall of Fame in 1993. In addition, he was inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame in 1999 — the youngest member to ever receive that honor. Earlier this year he was again honored by the NATA.

More importantly, he was a one-of-a-kind educator and friend who was fiercely and unabashedly loyal to Howard College and the student athletic trainers who toiled under his tutelage.

In fact, Blackburn's student trainers quickly learned upon arriving on the Howard College campus that he considered them part of his family.

"My student trainers are part of my immediate family ... the coaches and players here are family, like cousins," Blackburn once observed. "I try to take the kids out on my own for a Christmas dinner. I try to remember their birthdays. I'm working to make sure these kids don't get homesick. It's helping them and it's helping the family. It's letting their parents know I'm going to do everything I can to make them feel at home."

In addition to making his trainers feel at home, Blackburn guided them through a two-year sports medicine program that takes a backseat to none.

Blackburn not only had his trainers work with the college's athletic programs, but had them working 40 to 60 hours per week, expanding their experience by having them work with area high school sports programs, as well.

As a result, when student trainers from Howard College finish their two-year commitment here, they're highly sought after as trainers by four-year colleges and universities.

That was important to Blackburn, who admitted that he enjoyed watching his charges mature.

"One of my biggest thrills is watching a freshman mature," he said after having been named to the NATA Hall of Fame in 1993. "They come here and they talk a certain way ... like a high school kid. Then, after a while, they'll sit across from you and talk as an adult. I really enjoy watching that change."

It was those qualities that led to the establishment of a scholarship in his name last week to benefit an athletic training student at Howard College.

Everett Blackburn was 46 years old when he was taken from our midst ... gone much too soon. He will be sorely missed.

We miss him already.

We're richer because his path crossed ours

I remember the first time I ever met Everett Blackburn. It was at the Comanche Relays in Fort Stockton on a Saturday so cold it left folks scurrying to the local C.R. Anthony store for something warm to wear.

Everett was trainer at Big Spring High School and I was a sports writer at the *San Angelo Standard-Times* and we were both in Fort Stockton for the same reason — to watch young men and women run and jump and throw.

Everett Blackburn died at his home Tuesday morning. With his passing, thousands of young men and women in West Texas lost a friend ... a friend who was concerned about them as athletes, as students and as people.

As much as I hate the thought of losing a friend, Everett has gone on to a better place. It's a place

where he'll not feel the pain of the cancer that ravaged his body and where there's no cold wind like that Saturday so many years ago in Fort Stockton.

To those of you who never knew my friend, I'm sorry, for your life would have been so much richer because of him.

The young men and women he trained and the young men and women he worked to keep healthy were his life until his wife of less than a year, Gloria, came into the picture. I still remember the day we told one another we were getting married, his smile was so wide.

Everett Blackburn was the consummate professional. He worked hard to keep the student-athletes under his charge healthy and he worked so hard to make certain the young men and women he trained to become trainers were ready to move on to senior colleges.

Everett's word to a senior college trainer was all it took to open the door for a young man or woman who had trained under him at Howard.

When Everett Blackburn

said someone was ready to move on to the next level, you could take it to the bank. It was a done deal. The lucky senior college had a trainer who knew what needed to be done and why ... who knew how to do it ... and knew the meaning of hard work and dedication.

Respected? We should all wish to be as respected by our peers as Everett was by his — having been selected into the National Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame as well as being the youngest person ever named to the Southwest Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame. Everett made a difference in the lives of those persons with whom he came in contact. I don't know that I ever saw him run, but when an athlete was down and hurting, I don't ever recall seeing anyone move faster.

Ten or so years ago, Everett and I reminisced about that weekend in Fort Stockton. We laughed about how cold it was on Saturday after being a sun-burning 80-something on Friday and we talked about the folks we both knew.

This hard-working, soft-

spoken Kansan loved life to the fullest. He loved his job and he loved the people with whom he worked. He was a friend to many and will be sorely missed.

Stephanie and I went to the hospital to see him before his family brought him home, but I didn't get to talk with him because he was resting.

The person in that bed wasn't the Everett I knew so, if you'll indulge a sentimental old sports writer, I'll close my eyes and think of him sitting behind the bench at a Howard College basketball game ... I'll remember him laughing as he tossed me the keys to the officials' locker room as I hurried to rid myself of too many bottles of water between games at the Dorothy ... and I'll always remember his familiar greeting ...

We'll all miss you, pod nuh ... because you touched so many people in such a positive way. You made a difference and because your path crossed ours, we'll forever be richer.

God bless, and we'll see you on the other side.
(John H. Walker is publisher of the Herald.)



JOHN H. WALKER



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
There is a very old story about a man — a bridge builder.

There was a very dark, deep and dangerous crevasse filled with many obstacles for all that attempted to cross. Many had attempted to cross but they failed.

The bridge builder knew this and worked his whole life to complete a bridge that he would never cross.

A young man one day approached the man as he toiled and asked, "Why are you building this bridge? When you finish you will be old to use it."

He told the young man: "I am building it for you." The bridge builder knew that a life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.

Those of us who knew Everett Blackburn, knew that he was that bridge builder. Just for the way he made us all feel, lived for the treatment of his fellow man and loved for what he had been.

Finally, Everett was a hero. He was someone who has given his life to something bigger than himself.

God knows there is something special about heroes.

Today Everett is in Heaven with all the master builders that have preceded him. We know that we are not here to find a way to Heaven.

God, you have a very special man today.

Everett, you will always live in my heart.

DAVE BINDER
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER
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NEW MEXICO

TO THE EDITOR:
My fifth grade class is studying the United States and its geography and I need your help. Will you please send me postcards, pictures, posters, magazines or anything that would help me learn more about your state, our country and its people?

I would like to thank you in advance for responding to my request.

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Hico's Fredericks: Outrageous

John and Polly Frederick have a place in Hico's main tourist area called Fredericks of Hico. It's a place that has Texas gifts, old sweaty hats, metal art and all sorts of stuff. John is from the steel



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

country up north and worked in that industry for awhile, but settled down to blacksmithing. He had a blacksmith shop near Tyler for years and traveled around the country demonstrating his art at different places.

One weekend while he had set up shop near Glen Rose, he and his wife Polly meandered over to the little village of Hico. They flipped out over the place. They not only liked it. They wanted to move there.

They inquired around and found one building for sale. It was the only one in the tourist area that was vacant. And it had, would you believe, a blacksmith shop in back. In addition, it had living quarters upstairs.

John expressed an inter-

est in buying it. The next week someone went to his blacksmith shop near Tyler and offered to buy it. Is this Kismet or what?

So John and Polly moved to Hico, set up housekeeping upstairs over the shop and hung out an open for business sign. The store sells branding irons and other items John makes from iron, like pot hooks, branding irons and fire-place sets. But the real attraction is the colorful costumes and outrageous behavior of the couple.

John used to skate with the Ice Capades and sometimes he puts on roller skates and moves around the store and blacksmith shop on eight tiny wheels. He also taught tap dancing and will give you a demonstration with only a modest amount of begging.

The costumes, though. Wow. John puts on false buck teeth, funny glasses, a silly hat and becomes some sort of slow-witted military figure. He has three or four characters he plays with great alacrity.

"The store is my stage." When I met him and Polly, they were dressed for the day in 1890 clothing. Polly had a huge hat with duck feathers, carried a parasol, wore a long dress with a bustle, all frilled up

with lace and shiny ribbon. John was wearing what looked like a frontier outfit: high riding boots, cavalry pants, a billowy shirt, a sash and a black hat with a Tom Mix crease.

They both dress up in costumes every day.

"You don't see stuff like this in a mall," says Polly. No, you sure don't.

"Our costumes add a dimension more in the character of the old west," says John. "They give you that feel and flavor." Polly says people brighten up when they come in. "You can tell by the look on their faces that they're surprised to see us dressed this way."

Polly makes the hats she wears. "Sometimes 10 minutes before the store opens, I decide I need a new hat to complete the outfit I'm wearing, so I just make one. I can make one better and faster when I'm pressured."

Some of her hats have colorful pheasant or turkey feathers. John and Polly love people. "And if visitors to the store don't buy anything, I don't care," says John.

"We love to entertain and perform for them. We were meant to be here and we're loving it."

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The National League will meet p.m. Monday, Feb. 5. Allan's Furr select officers and for the 2001 season. For more info call Allan Johnson 6278 or 263-1163.

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Parents of Big Lady Steers softballers will have a starting at Saturday at Spring ISD Complex.

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For more in call 1-800-ACS check the soc site at www.acs

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IN BRIEF

National LL to meet for officer selection

The National Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 at Allan's Furniture to select officers and coaches for the 2001 season.

For more information call Allan Johnson at 267-6278 or 263-1163.

Lady Steers softball parents set work day

Parents of Big Spring Lady Steers softball players will have a work day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The parents of all Big Spring softball players are urged to attend.

Laker Girls scheduled to appear at OC game

Odessa College officials have provided Howard College Hawks fans with added incentive to follow the Hawks and Lady Hawks on the road when they take on the Wranglers and Lady Wranglers on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Not only will fans be able to watch two games pitting top-flight Western Junior College Athletic Conference contenders, but the Laker Girls — the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders — will perform during the games.

The Herald will be giving away 50 general admission tickets for the Feb. 22 games on a first-come, first-served basis.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area baseball and softball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of Kamillah Ward at 264-7205.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, according to Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association officials.

Those interested will be working in a number of West Texas cities including Big Spring, Coahoma and Colorado City.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — N.C. State at Wake Forest, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Maryland at Virginia, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Women
7:30 p.m. — Nebraska at Kansas, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA
7 p.m. — L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, TNT, Ch. 28.

Browns get another No. 1 with Davis taking coach's job

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — The Cleveland Browns made yet another No. 1 pick, and this time they didn't have to worry about his arm strength or if he could stuff the run.

After selecting first in the past two NFL drafts, the Browns finally got to choose their No. 1 coach. And it was one they wanted all along.

Butch Davis, who has always been a favorite of Cleveland president Carmen Policy and was the Browns' preferred choice since firing Chris Palmer, was introduced Tuesday as the team's new head coach.

"It's always important to get your No. 1 choice," Policy said. "When you are in a business that is highly, highly competitive, the slightest edge makes the difference between

winning and losing, makes the difference between appearing smart and looking inept.

"When you are talking about a choice that will occupy the most important position in the organization, arriving home with No. 1 is huge."

The 49-year-old Davis, who resigned at the University of Miami to get back into the NFL, will inherit a young team which went 3-13 last season and was overmatched almost every time it took the field.

Davis has rebuilt programs before, as an assistant in Dallas and later with the Hurricanes. So starting over with the Browns is nothing new.

"It's always going to be a chal-

lenge, and you know going into these things that there will be some tough times," Davis said. "There will be some things that you have to overcome, but they are definitely doable. If you surround yourself with the right people and are committed to working hard, it will happen."

While Davis may have changed his mind about returning to the pro game, the Browns never did. They felt from the start that Davis was a perfect fit as their next coach.

On Tuesday, after weeks of pursuit capped by a shocking, whirlwind weekend, the Browns finally got their man.

"He is the best example I have ever seen of the complete package

his background, his experience, his resume," said Browns owner Al Lerner. "The coaching piece, as far as I'm concerned, is in place."

Davis, a 15-year assistant coach under Jimmy Johnson, resigned at Miami on Monday before signing a five-year contract with the Browns, who fired Palmer on Jan. 11.

Davis will reportedly make in excess of \$15 million over five years, virtually tripling his salary and making him one of the NFL's highest-paid coaches. Palmer made about \$1 million in his two seasons.

Policy wouldn't divulge the exact salary figures, but jokingly took out his wallet and placed it on the table to show that Davis didn't come cheap.

Steers post first 4-4A win, pounding Chiefs

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Big Spring's Steers claimed their first District 4-4A win Tuesday as they routed San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs, 76-41, at Steer Gym.

If things could have gone any better for the Steers, they probably would have set a couple of records.

To open the first quarter, Tim Abbott, the Chiefs' high scorer in the first meeting on Jan. 5, scored an early basket to take a two-point lead.

But a deep 3-pointer by Mic Fleming in the first minute of the contest put the Steers on top and began a 31-minute run that would end with the Steers sending the Chiefs home with a 35-point defeat.

Fleming went on to lead all scorers in the contest with 23 points, going 4-of-7 from the free throw line in addition to five long bombs from beyond the 3-point arch.

"This game shows how much we have improved since the beginning of district play," said Steers head coach Bryan Ellington. "Our defensive effort showed tonight as well."

Defense was key, as the Chiefs could only muster six points in the first eight minutes of the game, allowing the Steers to close the first quarter leading 16-6.

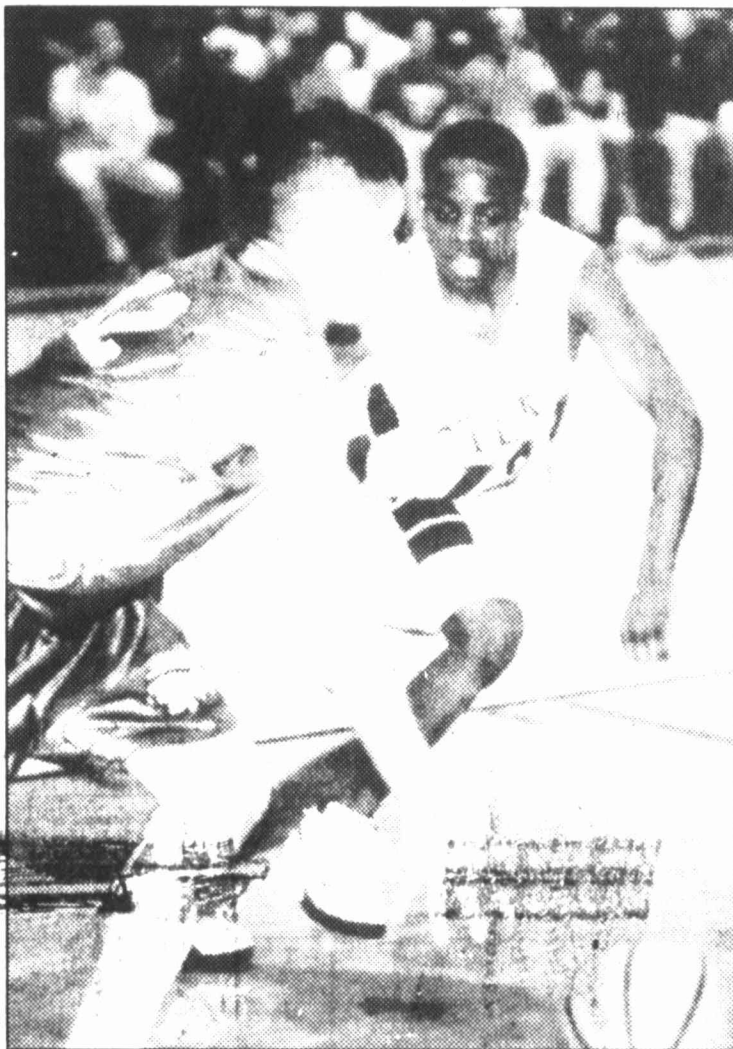
The second quarter proved to be as good as the first for Big Spring with the Steers scoring back-to-back baskets off of steals and incomplete plays in the Chiefs' front court.

By halftime, the Steers had pulled down 20 rebounds, forced 18 turnovers and owned a 35-18 lead.

The third quarter turned out to be the Steers' marquee period as they outscored Lake View 28-12. If the Chiefs had any chance of cutting into the Steers' lead, it was erased by Big Spring's performance during that eight-minute stretch.

There were a number of highlight moments, but perhaps the brightest came at the 2:37 mark when Lake View's Abbott was whistled for a foul. Then another whistle followed for a technical foul.

Rather than a brawl like



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero
Big Spring's junior guard Allen Jackson (12) applies pressure defense against the Chiefs Jimmy (12) Cortez during the Steers 76-41 win over San Angelo Lake View Tuesday night. The same defensive pressure will be needed for Friday night's match up against the Levelland Lobos.

that which occurred Friday night in the Steers' two-point loss to Andrews, the Steers' Fleming and Mike Smith converted on all four free throw attempts.

Better still to the Steers' way of thinking was that Abbott was gone with five fouls.

And if that wasn't enough, Fleming closed the run with a 3-pointer and a 63-30 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Chiefs managed to score 11 more points during the fourth quarter before bowing out of the contest.

"It was an all around effort for us," said Ellington. "We pressed and handled adversity well, hopefully we can use this win as momentum going into Friday night's game against Levelland."

As for the Lady Steers, another marvelous shooting night along with a double-digit outpouring by freshman Leina Braxton

would result in a 67-31 victory over Lake View's Maidens.

Braxton who hit four of Big Spring's seven 3-pointers and led all scorers with 17 points.

The Lady Steers turned up their play from the tip and never looked back.

The first quarter was as close as the competition would get, as the Lady Steers led the Maidens by two points at the end of the opening eight minutes.

The second quarter was all Big Spring, however.

Lake View could muster just eight points over the span. The Lady Steers, on the other hand, grabbed numerous offensive boards and with follow up shots managed to extend their lead 35-16 at halftime.

The remainder of the game was a matter of execution and pressure defense.

"We executed well on

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Collins resigns Howard post, Owens steps in

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Howard College began the search for a new head for the Hawks basketball program this morning following the resignation of Tommy Collins late Tuesday.

Collins, who was in his eighth season as the Hawks' head coach, had amassed a 149-86 record at Howard and had shared or won outright the last two Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) championships.

Assistant coach Jack Owens will serve as interim head coach of the Hawks program.

An all-WJCAC selection in 1996-97 for Howard College, Owens returned to Howard as an assistant to Collins this year after earning his degree from Eastern Illinois University and spending a year as a student assistant on the Panthers' coaching staff.

The announcement of Collins' resignation came at the same time Howard College officials sent letters to WJCAC schools this morning forfeiting the first five games the Hawks played this season after discovering that an academically ineligible player had played in those games.

When college officials learned that an academically ineligible student had played in those games, they immediately contacted the National Junior College Athletic Association to report the rules infraction.

The ineligible player is reportedly Shawn Williams, a freshman guard from Dorchester, Maine.

According to a press release issued by the college this morning, NJCAA rules require that the college forfeit any games in which an ineligible student has played, regardless of whether the institution played the ineligible student knowingly or unknowingly.

Howard officials declined

additional comment concerning both Collins' resignation and the five-game forfeiture.

Collins was unavailable for comment at presstime.

Owens, who met with Hawks players late Tuesday night to inform them of Collins' resignation, said this morning that it has been a difficult turn of events for the entire program.

"This is extremely difficult for me personally, because Coach Collins is the reason I'm here," said Owens, an Indianapolis native. "There's no way to feel good about this. Coach Collins was more than my boss ... he was my mentor and a friend. This coming on the heels of Everett Blackburn's death is just extremely difficult. It's hard to handle."

Not surprisingly, Owens said there would be no change in the offensive and defensive schemes the Hawks will employ when they resume WJCAC play at 8 p.m. Thursday in Clarendon.

"Coach Collins' system is special and I think it's the best in the country," Owens explained. "It would be hard to change something like that. Why would you want to?"

Owens said players were also told that Howard had been forced to forfeit its first five conference games during the meeting Tuesday night.

"They were concerned about everything," he explained. "Coach Collins was our leader ... there's no question in anyone's mind about that. And they were worried about whether or not we had a chance to qualify for the NJCAA Region V tournament set for March 8-11 in Lubbock."

"I told them that sure, it's going to be a tall order," Owens added. "But you have to live with what life gives you."

"The players all said they respect me and that they're going to be dedicating themselves to work even harder. So, we'll take them one game at a time and our focus will be the same thing it's been all season — getting to the regional tournament."

Bulldogettes take win; Stanton takes boys' game

By HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogettes managed to pull out a 63-55 win over Stanton's Lady Buffs in District 3-2A Tuesday night.

The Bulldogettes, led by Kortney Kemper with 15 points and Kynzi Roberts following close behind with 14 managed to stay atop by eight points the first three quarters of the game. Those few points carried the Bulldogettes to their sixth victory in district.

Stanton's Buffs paced themselves behind the sharp shooting of Cotton to claim a 59-50 win over Coahoma's Bulldogs.

The first quarter scoring stayed close as the Buffs held on to a 13-10 lead after the first eight minutes of

AREA ROUNDUP

the game.

A low-scoring second quarter hurt Coahoma as they could only muster six points to trail 31-16 going into halftime.

The Bulldogs spent the remainder of the game playing catch up and managed to score 23 points in the fourth quarter but couldn't pull out the win in the end.

GIRLS' GAME
COAHOMA 63, Stanton 55
STANTON — Bridges 29, I. Newell 14, Williams 4, Thompson 3, Moore 2, A. Newell 3 Totals 17 21 26 55
COAHOMA — Kemper 15, Sterling 6, Sparks 6, Roberts 14, Smith 5 Totals 19 19 36 63

Score by Quarters:
STANTON 13 17 7 13 55
COAHOMA 22 18 10 13 63

Three-point goals: Coahoma (Kemper 2) Records: Coahoma 208, 62; Stanton 53. JV score: Stanton 45, Coahoma 25.

BOYS' GAME
STANTON 59, Coahoma 50

STANTON — Cook 5, Chandler 2, Cotton 17, Pardue 3, Ramos 4, White 13, C. Ramos 2, Hull 13 Totals 21 14 23 50

COAHOMA — Davis 15, Rich 12, Chadwell 2, Haile 2, Kemper 5, Hipp 7, Ward 5, Richters 2 Totals 19 8 14 50

Score by Quarters:
STANTON 13 16 12 59
COAHOMA 10 6 11 23 50

Three-point goals: Stanton (Cotton 2, White), Coahoma (Rich 2, Davis, Kemper) Records: Stanton 95, 42; Coahoma 916, 24. JV score: Stanton 53, Coahoma 48

Colorado City teams speed past Forsan

COLORADO CITY — Tuesday night's District 3-2A games was somewhat of a run-away affair for Colorado City's Wolves and Lady Wolves.

In girls' varsity action, the Lady

Wolves routed Forsan, claiming an 85-20 victory over the Queens.

The Lady Wolves listed three players in double figures with Kassi Redwine leading the way with 19 points.

The Queens could muster only 7 points in the opening quarter and 3 points in the final period.

Forsan's Buffaloes suffered a 52-30 loss at the hands of the Wolves.

Forsan trailed early in the contest 30-7 and just couldn't come from behind in the end.

The Wolves were led by Lenard with 17 points.

With the win, Colorado City improves to 6-0 in district.

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No. 13 Florida pulls off upset of Tennessee

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Teddy Dupuy's back is mending faster than expected, and No. 13 Florida's troubles are fading just as quickly. Sparked by Dupuy's surprise return Tuesday night, the Gators defeated No. 8 Tennessee 81-67, marking their first win over their Southeastern Conference rivals in four tries. Matt Bonner had 21 points to lead the Gators (14-4, 4-3 SEC) to their third straight victory, but the real hero was Dupuy. He scored eight late, crucial points in his first game back since undergoing back surgery Jan. 10. He had a herniated disc and was supposed to be out 4-to-6 weeks. "He definitely gave us a lift," Bonner said. "Not only that, it provides another guy to come in and give other guys breaks. It lowers the minutes guys have to play and keeps us more fresh." While the Gators are feeling good, the Volunteers (17-4, 4-3) suddenly find themselves in a slide of sorts, having lost three of four. In other games involving ranked teams, No. 5 Michigan State beat Michigan 91-64 and Butler upset No. 10 Wisconsin 58-44. Coach Jerry Green said Dupuy's return didn't take Tennessee by surprise—the Volunteers saw him moving well in warmups—but conceded it might have changed the complexion of the game nonetheless. "I think Teddy gave them a big emotional lift," Green said. "If they keep playing like that, they're going to be a factor to be reckoned with." Ron Slay led the Volunteers with 18 points. He hit two shots during a 10-0 Tennessee run that tied the score at 53 with 7:30 left. That's when Dupuy took over, hitting a pair of 3-pointers and two free throws during a 12-6 run to give Florida a lead it never relinquished. Playing his third game since returning from surgery on a stress fracture in his right foot, Brent Wright also chipped in with a 12-footer that gave Florida a 67-59 lead. Tennessee answered with four straight points, but Bonner came back with a 3-pointer and Wright followed with a layup to give the Gators a nine-point lead and send the jam-packed O'Connell Center into delirium. Dupuy finished with 10 points and two assists in 15 minutes. As much as his flurry of points helped out late, his surprise return seemed to spark the Gators early. "I could've been out for the year, I'm fortunate," Dupuy said. "It's really been a day-to-day thing, and every day I've made improvement." As recently as last Friday, Donovan said Dupuy wouldn't return until at least mid-February, and when he came off the bench, the crowd erupted with cheers of "Teddy, Teddy, Teddy." Was the injury as bad as See NCAA, page 3B

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Horned Frogs' Tomlinson picks up Doak Walker Award

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Christian's LaDainian Tomlinson, the nation's top running back, had already grabbed an MVP performance at the Senior Bowl along with a week's worth of workouts for Green Bay Packers coaches before receiving the Doak Walker Award.

Tomlinson, who led the nation in rushing with 2,158 yards — the fourth-best single-season rushing total in Division I-A history — and scored 22 touchdowns, joined a prestigious list of football honorees Tuesday at an awards banquet and ceremony.

Pete Dawkins, the 1958 Heisman Trophy winner who received the 2000

PriceWaterhouseCoopers Doak Walker Legends Award, said he is impressed with Tomlinson.

"I only got to see him (Tomlinson) play on TV, and I tell you, he projects right through that television set," Dawkins said. "Without giving away my secret ballot for the Heisman, I will tell you my

bias was toward a running back."

Tomlinson, a senior who decided not to return to TCU this semester, is living temporarily in Florida as he prepares for the National Football League scouting combine at the end of February.

"From here, it's back to Florida," said Tomlinson.

"And I'll have a chance finally to slow down and prepare for the (scouting) combine."

With performance at the camp for draft eligible players a precursor for the NFL draft later in the spring, Tomlinson has hired Tom Condon as his agent. The player said his decision to sit out from TCU was an

easy one, although he lacks just seven classes to earn his degree.

"This is my key moment in life, this is my future we're talking about," said Tomlinson, who plans to return to Fort Worth after the combine. "I don't need to be having too many things going on in my life right now."

ROUNDUP

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GIRLS' GAME
Colorado City 85, Forsan 20
Forsan — Gamble 6, Fishbeck 4, Graves 4, Burgess 4, Smith 2
Colorado City — Redwine 19, Lopez 14, Quintero 10, Rivera 9, Guerra 8, Russell 8, Pharris 8, Grant 6, Bassham 3
Score by Quarters:
FORSAN 7 4 6 3-20
COLORADO CITY 23 23 18 21-85
Records: Colorado City 15-10, 6-2; Forsan 0-8.

BOYS' GAME
Colorado City 52, Forsan 30
Forsan — Bristow 7, Johnson 10, Dunlap 2, Huff 2, Longfano 3, Neel 2, Ellis 4, Totals 13-2-10-30
Colorado City — Garcia 3, A. Spear 6, Arthur 5, Russell 4, Pharris 2, Waldrop 4, Wright 5, Leonard 17, Bassham 4, J. Spear 2, Totals 20-8-17-52
Score by Quarters:
FORSAN 0 7 7 16-30
COLORADO CITY 14 18 11 11-52
3-point goals: Forsan 2 (Bristow, Ellis); Colorado

City 4 (Garcia, Wright, A. Spear 2). Records: Colorado City 19-5, 6-0.

Bearkats sweep pair from Water Valley

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats and Lady Bearkats collected a pair of wins over Water Valley's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats Tuesday night during District 10-1A play.

The Lady Bearkats pulled out an 18 point victory behind Hoch's and Niehues' double digit scoring. The

pair combined for 41 points over the four periods.

The Lady Wildcats were led by Bell who finished with 23 points.

In the boys' nightcap, Garden city listed three players in double figures to take a 64-50 win over Water Valley.

The trio of Balta, Hilger and Goodwin combined for 49 points to lead their Bearkats to the 14 point victory in district.

Dawson 2, Bell 23, Warrick 2, Totals 15-11-19-43
GARDEN CITY — Cox 2, Jansa 5, Eoff 9, Niehues 19, Hook 22, Hoelscher 4, Totals 16-6-7-61
Score by Quarters:
WATER VALLEY 8 14 13 8-43
GARDEN CITY 14 17 15 15-61
Three-point goals: Water Valley Tistle 1, Bell 1; Garden City Jansa 1, Hoch 2. Records: Water Valley 17-8, 2-6; Garden City 6-2. JV score: Garden City 25, Water Valley 11.

BOYS' GAME
Garden City 64, Water Valley 50
WATER VALLEY — Kustin 4, Moore 4, Sears 6, Sanchez 4, Tipton 10, Cordun 2, Tennell 8, Vick 12, Totals 19-9-18-50
GARDEN CITY — Schmitz 4, R. Balta 17, Hilger 14, Goodwin 18, Hoffmann 6, M. Balta 6, Totals 28-9-17-64
Score by Quarters:
WATER VALLEY 10 21 6 13-50
GARDEN CITY 15 11 23 15-64
Three-point goals: Water Valley (Tipton 1, Tennell 2); Garden City (R. Balta 2, Hilger 1). Records: Garden City 10-15, 3-5.

LADY STEERS

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offense," said Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery. "Defensively we try to wear our opponents down."

At times it may take a while, but the Lady Steers' effort usually takes effect by the third or fourth quarter.

That was the case Tuesday, as the Maidens could only score five points in the third quarter and fin-

ished with a whopping 30 turnovers on the night.

The Lady Steers' true strength was their ability to continue to play throughout the game despite carrying such a healthy lead.

Both teams resume District 4-4A play Friday, when they travel to Levelland to face the Lobos and Loboettes with the varsity girls' tip set for 6 p.m.

LAKE VIEW 41
LAKE VIEW — Jennifer Hill 5, 15, 11, Ten Russell 0, 12, 1, Amanda Phillips 0, 0, 3, 0, Cassandra Sanders 0, 0, 1, 0, Dasha McDonald 1, 0, 1, 2, Luz Gould 1, 4, 5, Ashley Reynolds 1, 0, 0, 2, Krati Caples 2, 6, 11, 10, Totals 10-11-27-31
BIG SPRING — Kim Wightstall 3, 2, 6, 9, Lena Braxton 6, 12, 17, Christina Gwyn 0, 0, 0, 0, LaTrisha Rollins 4, 0, 3, 9, Brittany Bryant 2, 0, 0, 5, Melissa Forth 3, 3, 6, 9, Melissa Flenniken 2, 0, 2, 4, Megan Pudliner 3, 0, 0, 6, Chelsea Churchwell 2, 4, 5, 8, Totals 25-10-24-67
Score by Quarters:
BIG SPRING 10 25 13 19-67
LAKE VIEW 8 8 5 10-31
Three-point goals: Big Spring 7 (Braxton 4, Rollins, Wightstall, Bryant); Turnovers: Lake View 30, Big Spring 12, Rebounds: Lake View 24, Big Spring 32. Total fouls: Lake View 17, Big Spring 24. Fouled out: Gwyn, Braxton. Technical fouls: None. Records: Big Spring 18-7, 6-5; Lake View 8-20, 0-11.

STEERS 76
LAKE VIEW 41
LAKE VIEW — Robert Robinson 1, 0, 2, 2, Jimmy Cortez 2, 0, 4, Thomas Reno 0, 1, 2, 1, Tim Walker 3, 0, 2, 6, Ernest Dutar 4, 0, 0, 8, Demetric Hallman 1, 0, 0, 2, Tim Abbott 4, 0, 0, 8, Brand Dandrea 2, 0, 0, 4, Eric Towler 3, 1, 4, 3, Michael Mason 0, 1, 2, 1, Totals 19-14-41
BIG SPRING — Brandon Groatthouse 1, 0, 0, 2, Allen Jackson 0, 0, 0, 0, Arthur Belton 6, 1, 2, 14, Mc Fleming 7, 4, 8, 23, Curtis Woodruff 5, 0, 0, 10, Gary Harris 1, 0, 2, 2, Jason Watson 4, 9, 8, 13, Mike Smith 3, 2, 2, 8, Austin Nutting 1, 2, 2, 4, Totals 27-14-24-76
Score by Quarters:
BIG SPRING 16 19 28 13-76
LAKE VIEW 6 12 12 11-41
Three-point goals: Big Spring 6 (Fleming 5, Belton); Turnovers: Lake View 28, Big Spring 15; Rebounds: Lake View 21, Big Spring 29; Total fouls: Lake View 21, Big Spring 17. Fouled out: Lake View Abbott, Big Spring Smith. Technical fouls: Abbott. Records: Big Spring 6-17, 1-9.

NCAA

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originally thought?

"Do you think he was faking it?" Donovan said, smiling. "When they told me on Sunday to put him through some stuff in practice, I was expecting to see a guy very gingerly moving, cutting, looking like he was walking on eggshells. I was amazed when he started moving and

cutting."

Isiah Victor scored 12 points and Vincent Yarbrough had 11 for the Volunteers.

No. 5 Michigan St. 91, Michigan 64
Jason Richardson scored 17 points to lead five Michigan State players in double figures as the visiting Spartans beat their chief

rival for the sixth straight time.

Andre Hutson added 15 points for Michigan State (17-2, 6-2 Big Ten), which went on a 24-0 run midway through the first half to turn the game into a rout.

Butler 58, No. 10 Wisconsin 44
Brandon Miller scored 17 points and Thomas Jackson

added 14 as Butler handed Wisconsin its first non-conference home loss in more than three years.

Wisconsin (13-5), ranked in the Top 10 for the first time since Dec. 11, 1962, when it was seventh, missed 10 of 16 free throws in losing a non-league game in Madison for the first time since falling to Temple on Dec. 6, 1997.

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You often need to stop
and regroup. Your spontaneity
can work against you. Think
through ideas carefully, but be
especially cautious about
investments. Do your own
research and stay on top of
new information. When you
are unusually stressed, take
a walk and clear your mind.
Trust that the right answers
will come. If you are single,
you'll want more stability in
your life. You'll meet someone
very special in the next six
months. You might find
yourself in a live-in
arrangement before you know
it! If you are attached, the
responsibilities of this
relationship often seem to be
in opposition to your personal
needs. Talk rather than acting
out. TAURUS might feel like
a weight on your back.

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)
*** Do a better job of
expressing your inner feelings.
You have many thoughts that
you might be keeping to
yourself. Friends do the
unexpected and could cost you
financially. Put the brakes on
spending if need be. Use your
gift for self-discipline. Tonight:
Indulge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** You are personality-
plus. Understand where
another is coming from. Be
a better listener when a
friend decides to open up.
You might not be in sync
with an important person in
your life. Not everything is
as it seems. Clarify anything
that seems confusing. Tonight:
Let your personality shine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
** Know when to step back.
If you can't get a situation
clarified, your stress levels
will rise. Unfortunately,
you cannot get everything
to go the way you'd like.
Learn patience. Take your
time, and avoid doing anything
impulsive. Tonight:
Your night to vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Knowing what you
want could make all the
difference to your success.
You need to manage an

HOROSCOPE

unpredictable personality
in your life. Be willing to
ask for support from a
friend. Not everything is
as it seems. Remain optimistic.
You're on a winning path.
Tonight: Among the throngs
of admirers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** For answers, look to
those you consider authority
figures. Anything and
everything is possible.
Remain optimistic and
upbeat about your potential
and a relationship. The
unexpected continues to
mark a relationship that is
important to you. Tonight:
Burn the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Listen carefully to a
loved one who has much to
share. You find this person's
perspective enlightening.
Go with the flow at work.
You know what you want,
and you know where you
are going. You can afford
to be flexible with others.
Tonight: Opt for mental
relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Work with someone
who has many noteworthy
ideas. This person has
unusual expertise. You
might not always understand
what is necessary in a
project. You could be
surprised by what you hear
and what others do. Don't
take any unnecessary risks.
Tonight: Go for quality
time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Allow others to play
their cards and see the end
results. You really cannot
tell anyone what to do. You
find others provocative and
inclined to surprises. Your
imagination becomes an
even greater source of fun
and ideas. Tonight: Go
along with another's plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Emphasize your
accomplishments rather than
initiating something.
Recognize when you have
done enough or completed
what you needed to.
Unexpected requests could
toss your time into chaos.
Your inner voice guides you
through ups and downs.
You know what works.
Tonight: Be a couch
potato.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Allow your imagination
to lead you. Understand
what limits you

**psychologically, and find
ways past that obstacle.
Brainstorm rather than
taking a risk. You pull the
financial wild card. Break
past self-imposed
restrictions. Nothing is
impossible. Tonight: Be
more playful.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Deal with some
fundamental issues. You
might surprise others more
than you think. Emphasize
security and family. Understand
a financial situation more
completely. Ask questions
- the answers might be
more important than you
can imagine. Tonight:
Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** What happens
becomes a source of
interesting ideas. Make
calls and be more
spontaneous.

Realize that you just
might not have everything
under control. Allow your
sense of humor to come
out when facing an
unanticipated situation.
Tonight: Go with the
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with a beautiful daughter
we adopted from another
country. When we go out,
we hear a variety of
comments from strangers.
Some of them are well-
meaning - are potentially
hurtful to our little girl.

I am writing in the hope
that sharing our point of
view will help others to be
more sensitive to adoptive
families.

Please DON'T ask if I
have children of my own.
My daughter IS my own.
If you must ask about
other siblings, a better term
is "biological children."

Please DON'T ask about
my daughter's birth family
and why they are not
raising her. These are
issues I wish to discuss
with her privately, in my
own time.

Please DON'T make
disparaging remarks
about my daughter's
country of origin,
regardless of how you
feel about their customs
or government policies.
My daughter needs to
hear positive things
about her culture of origin.
Many of the negative
comments I have received
have been untrue or
one-sided.

Please DON'T ask how
much my daughter "cost."
While adoption fees are
expensive, so are hospital
bills for labor and delivery.
The difference is, many
people have either insurance
or public assistance to
help them pay hospital
bills; adoptive families
have little equivalent to
help pay adoption fees.
I did not "buy" my child
through adoption fees any
more than a family who
pays hospital bills for the
birth of a biological child
has bought theirs. If you
are truly interested in
adoption costs, your local
adoption agency or an
adoption Internet site
can provide those answers.

Please DON'T tell me
I got my daughter the "easy
way." Adoption has its
own unique challenges.
Like any parent, adoptive
parents consider their
struggles worthwhile,
given the end result.
However, adoption,
like childbirth, can be
both wonderful and
difficult.

Please DON'T ask me
about my fertility status.
I would rather not discuss
it with a stranger.

And to the many kind,
discreet and polite people
I have met - thank you
for your positive comments
and encouraging words.
They warmed my heart.

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DEAR BLESSED: Thank
you for telling it like it is.
Sometimes people engage
their mouths before
engaging their brains.
Unfortunately, there is
no end to the thoughtless,
insensitive questions
some people ask - which
brings to mind a letter
that appeared in my
column many years ago.
Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Our son is
a dark-skinned child whom

we adopted when he was
an infant. My husband
and I are both fair-skinned.
When our son was about
4, we attended a pool party
at our townhouse complex.
I got into a conversation
with a woman who was
very curious about him -
asking how old he was
when we got him and
where he was from. She
looked confused when I
answered "Milwaukee" -
as I'm sure she expected
some exotic location such
as Africa or the Australian
outback.

I almost lost my cool,
however, when she asked
me in all seriousness,
"Are you going to tell him
he is adopted?" -
MIDWEST MOM

DEAR ABBY: The daughter
who leaves her child
with Grandma and expects
it to be "free" should
wake up. Ten dollars a
week is an unheard-of
bargain for child care.

I work for my daughter
at her day care. I am
paid minimum wage.
The parents pay nearly
\$100 a week per child.
Their kids get breakfast,
lunch and two snacks
a day. In addition, they
learn manners, geography,
the alphabet, music,
art, gardening, animal
care, cooking and more.
These little kids are
reading and counting to
100 before kindergarten,
and they love it. We
also give the children
"hugs" and "loves."

A safe environment
while the parents work
is so important these
days. That daughter
should be ashamed,
and Grandma needs to
toughen up and join the
21st century. Haven't
they heard? There are
no free lunches these
days! Thank you for
letting me vent. -
GRANDMA T., TACOMA,
WASH.

DEAR GRANDMA T.: The
children in your daughter's
day-care center are
lucky. They are learning
to interact with peers
at an early age. They
are receiving affection
and individual attention,
and being intellectually
challenged and stimulated.
I'm sure they're more
than ready for kindergarten
by the time they get
there. Not every child
is so fortunate.

DEAR ABBY: I was
married to a woman for
15 years, and then she
left me for another man.
We have been divorced
for more than a year
now.

I have always been
close to her sister, and
she would like to start
dating. The problem is,
even though she really
wants to, she's afraid
it's wrong because I
was married to her
sister.

Abby, we would appreciate
your advice on this
matter, and will wait
for your opinion before
making a final decision.
- CONFUSED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR CONFUSED: Since
you are a free man, and
you two have always
been close, I see no
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date and enjoy some
happiness together.

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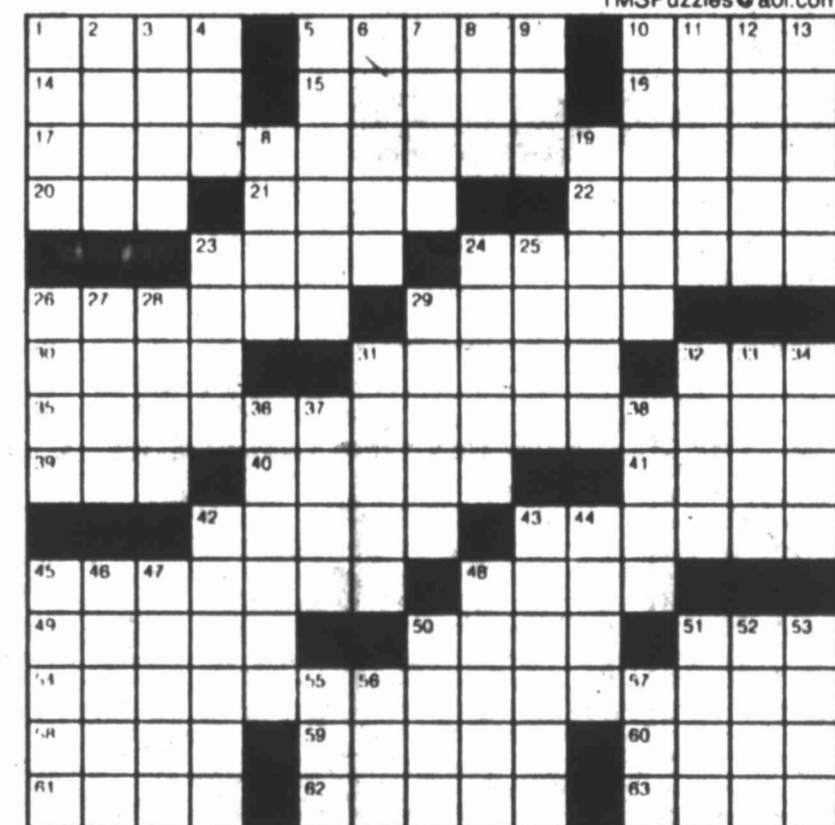
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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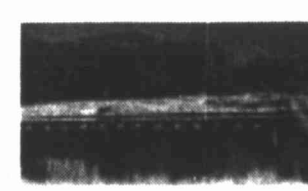
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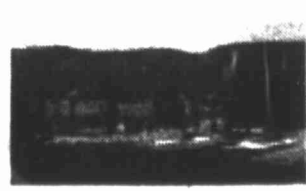


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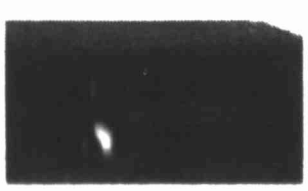
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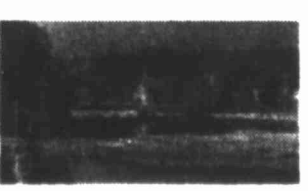
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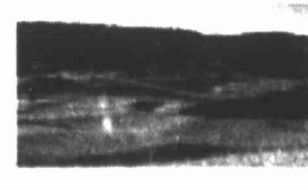
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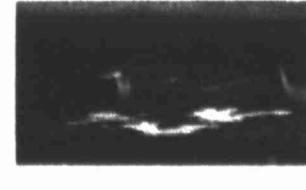
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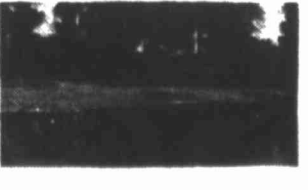
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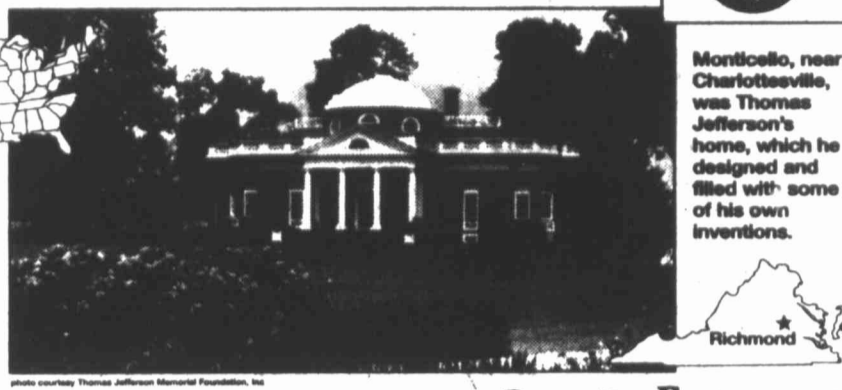
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Because northern Virginia borders Washington, D.C., many employees of the federal government work and live in the area.

Coal mining, crab and oyster fishing, and the manufacture of tobacco and chemical products are important.

Virginia is one of the top high-tech centers in America. Many computer and Internet firms such as America Online are based there.

Virginia has the 12th-biggest population of the states, with more than 7 million people.

Arlington National Cemetery is the site of the Tomb of the Unknowns, the John F. Kennedy gravesite and Robert E. Lee's former home.

The Blue Ridge Mountains are famous for their bright fall colors.

The Cardinal is the state bird.

More major Civil War battles were fought here than in any other state. It was an important state in the Confederacy.

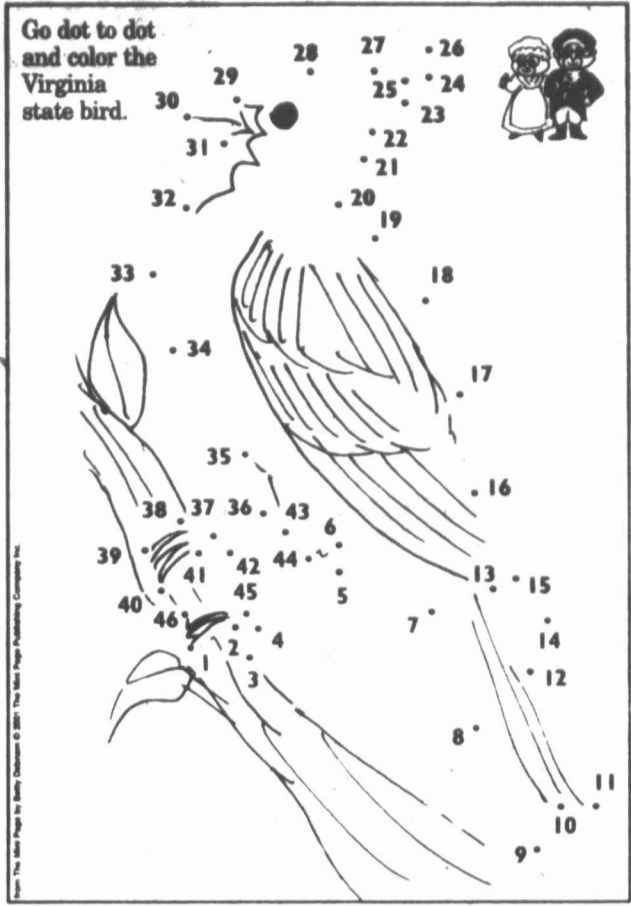
The flowering Dogwood is the state tree.

Fort Eustis, near Williamsburg, is the site of the U.S. Army Transportation Center. It has the only railroad in the U.S. run by the military.

Forests cover more than 60 percent of the state.

George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, is on the Potomac River near Alexandria.

Hiking on the Appalachian Trail attracts many tourists. One-fourth of it, 535 1/2 miles, goes through Virginia, more than in any other state.



Meet Keith Robinson



Keith Robinson plays Joel the Green Ranger on the show "Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue."

He was born in Greenville, S.C., and moved to Atlanta, Ga., when he was a teen-ager.

Besides acting, he is also a talented singer. When he was at school at the University of Georgia, he formed a singing group with two friends. The group, State of Mind, still performs and has released several albums.

He decided to try acting when he moved to Los Angeles. In his spare time, Keith likes playing sports, especially basketball, lifting weights, reading poetry and listening to music.

Rookie Cookies Recipe Apple Oatmeal

- You'll need: 1 cup water, 3/4 cup regular oats, uncooked, 3/4 cup apple juice, 2 1/2 tablespoons powdered milk, 2 tablespoons raisins, 1 apple, chopped, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 1/2 teaspoons brown sugar

- What to do: 1. Combine first four ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. 2. Add oats and powdered milk. Reduce heat to medium. Cook 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. 3. Remove from heat. Stir in apples and brown sugar. 4. Let stand for 5 minutes. Serves 4.

Gus Goodsport's report Supersport: Reggie Miller

Height: 6-7 Weight: 202 Birthdate: 8-24-65 College: UCLA Reggie Miller is in his 14th season as a guard for the Indiana Pacers. Last season he averaged 18.1 points and 3 rebounds per game. He was second in the NBA in free-throw percentage (.919). He also played in the All-Star game. Reggie, who studied history in college, is married to Marita Stavrou, an actress and model. His sister Cheryl was a basketball star and won a gold medal playing on the 1984 Olympic team. She now coaches the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA. His brother, Darrell, was a major league baseball player. In the off-season, Reggie runs a basketball camp for kids.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the OR blend, as in the word work. Q: Where do cars get the most flat tires? A: At a fork in the road! Q: What does a termite do every morning at 10:30? A: Takes a coffee table break! Q: What did the porcupine say when he backed into a cactus? A: "Is that you, Mother?"

More About Virginia

Assateague and Chincoteague Islands were made famous by Marguerite Henry's books on the islands' wild ponies. Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in America, was founded in 1607. Paramount's Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens theme parks bring in many tourists. Langley is the site of the CIA's headquarters. Richmond is the state capital. The Pentagon in Arlington is the world's biggest office building. Pocahontas, the daughter of a Powhatan Indian chief, helped bring peace between settlers and Powhatans near Jamestown. Quantico is the site of the top Marine Corps training center, and a branch of the FBI Academy. The Shenandoah Valley, between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, is a beautiful tourist area. During the Civil War, it was the site of many bloody battles. The Natural Bridge near Lexington is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. This 17-story-high bridge was carved by water running through it for millions of years. The Norfolk Naval Base is the largest naval complex in the world. Look through your newspaper for stories and ads about tourist spots in your state. Next week The Mini Page celebrates Presidents' Day with a story about George Washington, the farmer.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are hiking along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. See if you can find: frog, heart, caterpillar, word MINI, snail, football, peanut, sock, letter H, cat, number 8, exclamation mark

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