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Home school students invited to be part of bee

Home-school students who want to participate in the Howard County Spelling Bee, Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, must contact Valerie Avery at 264-0403.

Home-school students who meet eligibility requirements may participate in the county contest.

The Howard County Bee will accept one home-school participant. If more than one home-school student wants to enter the spelling bee, interested parents must hold their own contest to produce their entrant.

The home-school contest entrant in the Howard County Spelling Bee must be chosen prior to Feb. 19. Eligible participants must not have passed beyond the eighth grade, must be passing all academic courses and must not have reached their 16th birthday on or before May 31, 2001.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- American Legion Auxiliary No. 506, 6 p.m. 3203 W. Hwy 80.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m. 2101 Lancaster.
- 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/western 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. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

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

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Heritage Museum curator resigns, moving to Louisiana

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

After more than 14 years as curator of the Heritage Museum, Angie Way has announced plans to leave at the end of the month.



WAY

Way will take the position of branch

director at the Louisiana State Museum in Patterson, La.

"We are really going to miss her," said Wade Choate, a member of the museum board who was on the committee that hired Way. "We were very impressed with her education and skills at that time, and it proved out. She has been very good for the museum."

While Way was in charge, Choate said, she treated the museum "just like it was

hers, taken good care of it," and it has grown in membership and financially.

Way, who holds a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, arrived in Big Spring when the museum was housed only in the former Dora Roberts homeplace. A large expansion project began shortly with the fundraising phase in 1987, culminating with a grand opening party in March 1991.

"I enjoyed very much working with the (board)

committee during the construction," Way said. "We wrote a \$100,000 grant — that's not something you do often."

Way cited special events, such as the annual "Around the World in 80 Bites" and "Pioneer Day at the Potton House" among her favorite projects.

"Probably what I like best is special event planning," she said. "I like the pressure and the challenge."

She said the museum has flourished in Big Spring

because of its focus on meeting the community's needs.

"This was never a place that would just collect history for the elite," she said. "It is for children, for those with special interests like quilts and trench art; we hoped that in all our programming, there was something everyone could enjoy."

Way leaves behind two staff members, Nancy Rainey — assistant curator

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Hugo Mendoza, left and Mario Pouchoulen, employees of Haywood Baker Grouters, prepare to begin compaction grouting at the Big Spring Junior High School today. Haywood Baker was recalled to do additional grouting after a study showed the building continues to suffer foundation failure.

Ports-to-Plains

Public meeting scheduled Tuesday in Big Spring on trade corridor proposals

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Ports-to-Plains, the planned trade corridor that could have a strong economic impact on Big Spring, will be the topic of a public hearing on Tuesday and Mayor Russ McEwen is urging citizens to attend.



McEWEN

"It is important for us to tell the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 'we want you to come through Big Spring and we are here to show our support,'" McEwen said.

The hearing will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center. An informal open house will begin at 6 p.m., allowing interested citizens to view maps and exhibits of the various proposed routes. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30, followed by a public comment period at 7.

Ports-to-Plains is a Laredo-to-Denver, Colo., route that was designated as a high-priority corridor in the 1998 federal highway bill due to its direct connection with the Mexican border. Just last year, Ports-to-

Plains received federal recognition. Now, local officials are hoping the route will receive the blessing of the Texas Transportation Commission as well.

"There will be people from Midland, Sweetwater, Snyder and Abilene here, all trying to get them (the commission) to go through their route," said McEwen. "It's important that we let them know the route should go along U.S. 87."

There are two primary proposals affecting Big Spring: U.S. 87 from Lubbock through Big Spring and U.S. 84 from Lubbock to I-20 near Sweetwater. A third, which would break off U.S. 87 at Lamesa and divert to Midland/Odessa before merging again with U.S. 87 at Sterling City, is also a part of federal legislation.

There are three other alternate routes, but they deal with proposals south of Howard County and don't directly affect the outcome of the decision as far as Big Spring is concerned.

"There are basically two proposals, through Big Spring or through Sweetwater. If you look at a map, no other ways even make much sense," McEwen said. "Traffic is like water. It is going to go to the least level of resistance. A trucker going from

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Student arrested, released to parents after canine alerts to alleged drugs

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A 14-year-old girl was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug free zone at the Big Spring Junior High School Wednesday afternoon.

According to police, a drug dog detected the marijuana during an unannounced visit at the school. The dog alerted to the drugs during an educational visit

to one of the classrooms.

Random sweeps of lockers and unoccupied classrooms are routine, said principal Bill Tarleton. Students are not normally present when the dog sweeps the classroom, he added.

In Wednesday's case, the dog was taken into a classroom as a learning tool to teach students about safety from drugs, however.

"Kids like dogs," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "This is a good

learning tool for the students. It shows that the school does take action to try and keep the school safe and drug free."

Sweatt said during a visit to a class, the dog reacted to the female juvenile. The student was questioned by junior high officials and police were called.

Sweatt said the juvenile was released to her parents.

"According to the code of

Fire claims life of blind Big Spring woman

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A 60-year-old Big Spring woman died in an early morning fire Wednesday at her home at 610 Lancaster.



SWEATT

Joyce Winchester was found dead in her home after Big Spring police and firemen responded to a 911 call that came in around 3:45 a.m.

According to Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department, officers had attempted to locate possible occupants when they arrived on the scene.

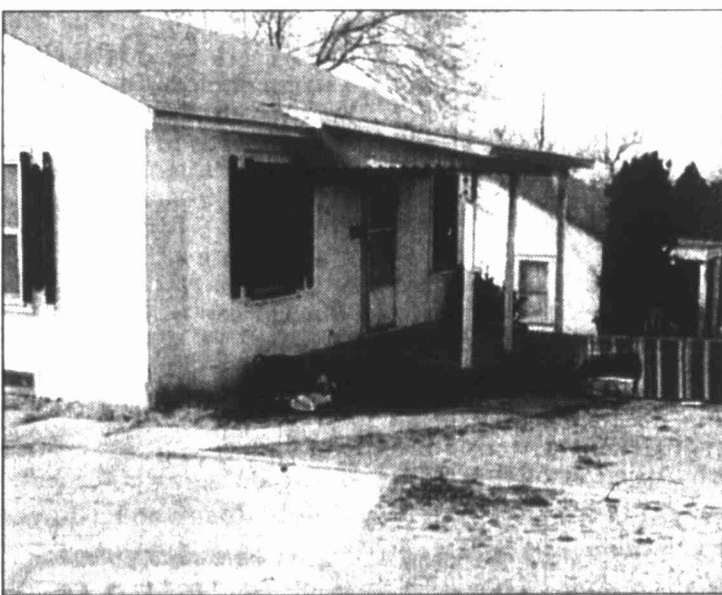
"Upon arrival, they found smoke coming from the residence. They checked the best they could and ended up kicking one of the doors in and began yelling to see if the house had any occupants inside. One of the officers took a step inside but the smoke was so thick and it was too hot for him to enter," said Sweatt.

Members of the fire department arrived just minutes later and extinguished the blaze.

"After the fire was extinguished the body was found inside the house," said Sweatt. "She was already dead when they found her."

Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green

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Sixty-year-old Joyce Winchester died of smoke inhalation in a fire at this residence on Lancaster early Wednesday morning.

Smoot will seek another council term

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Joann Smoot said Wednesday she intends to seek re-election to the District 5 seat on Big Spring City Council.



SMOOT

The eight-year resident of Big Spring had previously said she was not sure whether she would

seek a second term for the office, which comes up for election May 5.

"To squelch any rumors, I am today confirming that I will run for re-election in May. It was never a big secret, more just a decision-making process that I made through prayer, family discussions and my work," said Smoot, who is director of food service for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Smoot said she decided to announce her intent now

instead of during the filing period because she wanted to quell some rumors she had heard.

"I have heard that I am running for mayor and of course that is not true," she said. "I have been fortunate to work with two exceptional mayors. In that process I know without a doubt he office of mayor is very time consuming and much more than I could commit to."

The current mayor, Russ

G.C. Broughton, longtime farmer, businessman dies

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Many Big Spring residents were saddened Wednesday when long time area farmer and businessman G.C. Broughton



BROUGHTON

ton died in a Lubbock hospital from complications following heart bypass surgery. He was 78.

Mr. Broughton's parents were a pioneering Howard County family and were well known and respected in the community.

He owned and operated farms in Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Gaines, Hale,

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OBITUARIES

Curtis F. Witte

Funeral service for Curtis F. Witte, 71, of Clyde, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at the Bailey Funeral Home with Jim Hall officiating. Burial will be in the Eula Cemetery.

Mr. Witte died Tuesday, Feb. 6, at an Albuquerque, N.M., hospital following an extended illness.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1929, in Merens. He graduated from Eula High School in 1947. He married Alene Farmer in Eula on Oct. 17, 1948, and served in the United States Army in Germany from 1952-54. He was employed by Safeway and retired after 31 years with Mrs. Bairds Bakery. He was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors include: his wife, Alene Witte of Clyde; two sons, Randall Witte of Baird and Gary Witte of Midland; three daughters, Vicki Arnold of Austin, Paula Kolb of The Woodlands and Darla Burks of Garden City; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Arrangements are with Bailey Funeral Home, Clyde.

Julian Olguin

Funeral service for Julian Olguin, 85, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Olguin died Thursday, Feb. 8, at a local hospital.

G.C. Broughton Jr.

G.C. Broughton Jr., 78, of Big Spring, long time area farmer and businessman, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, in a Lubbock hospital after complications from heart bypass surgery.



Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain of Baptist Memorial Center of San Angelo, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Broughton was born

to a pioneering Howard County family on Aug. 30, 1922. He owned and operated farms in Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Gaines, Hale, Floyd and Lamb counties of Texas. He also owned and operated Broughton Implement for over 25 years as well as numerous cotton gins. He was active in the oil and gas industry throughout the West Texas area.

G. C. Broughton Jr. served on many boards of directors including the Security State Bank, The Salvation Army, Howard County Tax Appraisal District, the Ruidoso Jockey Club and the Advisory Board of Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was a Rotarian and a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: his wife, Jean Broughton of Big Spring; two step-sons, Casey Wilder of Houston and Scott Wilder and wife, Alicia of Dallas; granddaughter Kyla Wilder of Houston; a brother and his wife, Robert and Alpha Broughton of Angleton; two sisters-in-law, Sue Broughton of Big Spring and Kaye Wise of Dallas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grover Cleveland Broughton and Virgie M. Broughton; a brother, Johnny Ray Broughton; a sister, Dorothy Taylor and a brother-in-law, Warren Wise.

Pallbearers will be Lonnie Newton, Marion Newton, Gibson Feagin, Clay Ingram, John Wilson, Lee Wescott, Bill Pollard and Bob Brock. Honorary pallbearers will be Sonny Shroyer, Fred Ecker, Jerry Worthy, Ralph McLaughlin, O.F. Priest, John Currie, Kent Morgan, Murray Murphy, Tim Cross, Rich Anderson and R.H. Weaver.

The family will receive friends today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Wilford Holland

Funeral services for Wilford P. Holland, formerly of Big Spring, will be Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, in Comanche Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Comanche County.

Mr. Holland was born April 20, 1924, in Concho County and passed away on Feb. 6, 2001, in Abilene Regional Medical Center, Abilene.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Johnnie Townsend Holland as well as his children, Ronald of Eagle Lake, Edwin and his wife Vada Jean also of Eagle Lake and a daughter, LaRonda and her husband Richard Sickels of Maple Grove, Minn.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He moved with his parents, brothers and sisters to Big Spring in the early 1930s. He grew up there, attending local schools. In 1942 he joined the United States Army and was a Sergeant in the 554th Anti Aircraft Battalion of the 29th Division of the Fifth Army. He served in five

campaigns in Europe and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for valor.

Upon his return from military service he joined Martin Linen and worked for them in Big Spring and Tulsa, Okla., during the '40s and early '50s. In 1958 he went to work for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and was employed by them until 1962 when he went to work as office manager for Gandy's Dairies in Odessa. In 1974 he joined Rykin Pump Company as office manager and subsequently worked for Quality Pump Company before retiring in 1988 to Comanche where he was living at the time of his passing.

Memorials may be sent to the Comanche County Public Library, which was so instrumental in helping with his favorite life's work, the writing of a 10 generation family history of his ancestry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Comanche Funeral Home, Comanche.

L.A. "Francys" Plowman

Mrs. L.A. "Francys" Plowman, 79, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at Marcy House in Big Spring. Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 9, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on April 14, 1921, in Colorado City and married Lance Alvin Plowman on May 22, 1953, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1961.

She worked as a commercial instructor for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 40 years, retiring in 1979.

Mrs. Plowman was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and was the longest tenured member, having joined in 1932.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Marguerite Cooper on April 7, 1998.

Pallbearers will be Harold Cain, Loy Anderson, Harold Smith, Larry Nix, Jack Lee and David Rhoton.

The family suggests memorials to: East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St., Big Spring 79720.

Friends will have a covered dish luncheon at noon Friday at East Fourth Street Baptist Church in her honor.

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

Bertha L. Dean

Bertha Louise Dean, 95, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, in a Fort Worth nursing home.



Funeral service will be 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 3,1,0

Lotto: 15,16,22,30,37,40

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

Police Department. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: three brothers, Ernest Coyle of Comanche, Jerry Dan Coyle of Spring and Lester Coyle of Pineville, La.

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

Joyce Winchester

Funeral service for Joyce Winchester, 60, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Winchester died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at her residence.

to wish Way well on Saturday, Feb. 24 from noon-2 p.m. at the museum, 510 Scurry. Refreshments will be served, and a "memory tree" will be created out of written memories from friends and colleagues in the community.

BRIEFS

VFW POST 2013 WILL have its annual chili supper Saturday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the post building, 500 Driver Rd. Tickets are available for a \$4 donation and anyone is welcome to attend.

VALENTINE'S DANCE \$5 PER PERSON, Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. La Vadera (N. 1-20 West). Music by Estrada Entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Hispanic Women for Progress Scholarship Fund.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

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— and Tammy Schrecengost — registrar, as the board begins its search for a new curator.

Choate said the museum board's executive committee is meeting today to begin planning how to fill Way's position. He added he expects they may form a search committee and begin advertising the job in several statewide and national publications.

When Way was hired, she had just finished two internships in the area of Guthrie, Okla. She said the new position will be quite different, with a focus on research.

"I enjoy that, and it is what I was trained to do," she said. Way will supervise the Wedell-Williams Aviation Museum, with a staff of seven. The museum is one in a group of state-owned facilities; it is planned for expansion in coming years.

Museum staff, board members and friends will gather

James B. Coyle

Funeral service for James B. Coyle, 70, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Mr. Coyle died Monday, Feb. 5, in Big Spring. He was born on Jan. 9, 1931.

He served for 20 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a TSGT in 1970. He grew up in Big Spring and then returned here in 1970 after retiring from the Air Force. He had served as a reserve police officer with the Big Spring

WARNING Law enforcement officials are making an extra effort this week to ticket people who aren't buckled up. Save a Life Texas Department of Transportation

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-32300 Juan Holguin, 85, died Thursday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npwelch.com Bertha Louise Dean, 95, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mrs. L. A. (Francys) Plowman, 79, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Peace Chapel Trinity Memorial Park. G. C. Broughton, Jr., 78, died Wednesday. Services will be 11:00 AM Friday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Joyce Winchester, 60, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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"Being on the council is not always easy, say it has been challenging and fulfilling," said Smoot. "Public service is important to me. It is only what I can do in the community to make a difference. In the city council, three years has small contribution willing to continue consent of the District 5."

Smoot is an active member of the Big Spring Rotary Club, member of the First Methodist Church, Kentwood Parent Association. Her husband, Carol, is employed with Fargo Corporation. They have four children.

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Floyd and Lamb counties. He also owned and operated Broughton Implement for more than 25 years as numerous cotton

Dale Evans

LOS ANGELES Dale Evans reignited her death as the "Queen of the West," almost alongside her husband for five decades. Roy Rogers, the "King of the Cowboys," who Wednesday of her husband employed her strong natured affection when she penned the theme song "Trails to You." She wrote, "Who cares a cloud when we're together," she wrote. "I love you and bring it weather."

The couple's endured five decades of work in radio, music and television. Rogers died in 1986. Evans remained as a wonderful being. "What a blessing shared my life together for almost 50 years," she said. "To say he is a gross underment. He was true of the cowboys in the Apple Valley in the desert east of Los Angeles. He said her stepson, "Dusty" Rogers Jr. "We take care of knowing Dale at

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ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death. Preliminary results indicate the cause of death was due to smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning, he said.

"There were no signs of any foul play found," Green said.

Winchester was blind and lived alone, authorities said.

There were no other occupants in the house and no one was injured in the fire.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

SMOOT

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McEwen, has said that he will seek re-election in May. The mayor's post and District 5 on the council are the only two city elections to be held this year.

"Being on the council is not always easy but I can say it has been challenging and fulfilling," said Smoot. "Public service is very important to me. A community is only what the people in the community are willing to make of it. Being on the city council the past three years has been my small contribution and I am willing to continue with the consent of the voters in District 5."

Smoot is an officer and member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club and a member of the First United Methodist Church and Kentwood Parent-Teacher Association. Her husband, Carol, is employed by Wells Fargo Corporation. They have four children.

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was also active in the West Texas oil and gas industry.

He had served on many organizations' and businesses' boards including the Security State Bank, The Salvation Army, Howard County Tax Appraisal District, The Ruidoso Jockey Club and the was a member of the advisory board of Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was also a Rotarian and a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Bill Pollard, owner of Pollard Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac, remembers Broughton as a great friend to all who knew him.

"He was a very astute businessman and just a great friend," said Pollard. "He was a highly successful farmer and businessman and very respected by everyone who knew him."

Sonny Shroyer, owner of Shroyer Motor Company, said he had known Broughton for most of his life.

"He was the type individual who was always willing to help his fellow man," said Shroyer. "He was on the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army and was always available to help them in any way he could. I considered him to be a very good friend."

Local businessman Ralph McLaughlin remembers Broughton as a very civic-minded individual.

"He was an exemplary Rotarian," said McLaughlin. "He was the man responsible for getting the Rotary sign with our motto put up on FM 700. He also received the highest award given to Rotarians, the Paul Harris Fellow award. He was a great asset to the Big Spring community and will be greatly missed."

Johnnie Lou Avery, assistant to the president at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater, said that Broughton was not only a good friend but a good neighbor as well.

"We were neighbors and worked on a number of projects together at the

Salvation Army," said Avery. "He was a big reason the Salvation Army has the building they are currently in. It was my pleasure to have known him all these years. We have lost a very great and hard working individual."

He leaves behind his wife Jean Broughton, two stepsons, Casey Wilder of Houston and Scott Wilder and wife, Alicia of Dallas; a granddaughter, Kyla Wilder of Houston; a brother and his wife, Robert and Alpha Broughton of Angleton; two sisters-in-law, Sue Broughton of Big Spring and Kaye Wise of Dallas; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Broughton will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain of Baptist Memorial Center of San Angelo, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are being handled by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

BOARD

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he said. However, there is no provision in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations for using the funds in that manner.

"HUD has no provision for temporary assistance," he said. "When a family cannot pay their bill, they have their heat turned off. Program regulations say that if that unit has no utilities, I must terminate that family from the program. In other words, they become homeless," said Gentry.

"I made the decision that it would be better to use the funds to keep them in their homes rather than put them out on the street," he said.

HUD does provide funding for bringing additional families and individuals into the program.

Gentry said he ran out of time trying to get approval from the HUD office in Washington, which is

undergoing a transition with the new administration. HUD offices in Fort Worth and San Antonio were unable to provide any direction either, he said.

"Landlords were looking to break their leases and have the tenants pay the bills themselves in many cases. This action stopped landlords from shutting off utilities from about 30 families," Gentry said.

Twelve other families had had their natural gas shut off by Energas and approximately 23 others had received notices that payments were delinquent, Gentry said.

He did not inform his board of the actions he was taking.

"I felt it was a critical situation. I had to act on a dime," he said. "These people were being cut off."

Gentry said the funds he allocated were all within the housing authority's budget.

HUD has been informed of his actions and will be reviewing the situation, Gentry said.

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point A to point B is going to choose the fastest route. And the fastest route out here is down U.S. 87 through Big Spring.

"We've already got the route on record with the federal government. Now we've got to follow through. If we can get a TxDOT study to say they approve it, then we are on our way."

Fueling the trade route is congestion along Interstate 35. That highway cannot handle the current traffic, much less the anticipated future traffic from Mexico to the north, state and federal officials have said.

Local officials have already been studying a reliever route that would sweep U.S. 87 to the west of Big Spring near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The reliever route would move truck traffic through

the area faster and at less risk to residents, while its tie-in with the airpark would promote business.

"You can see that the potential for Big Spring is great with the Ports-to-Plains corridor. We would be the one city on I-20 and U.S. 87 for trade moving east and west as well as north and south. It would be a tremendous benefit to our community to have this coming through here," said McEwen.

"I'd encourage anyone who can to come out and show support for this project. It is very important to

our community — and not just to Big Spring, but our area," McEwen added.

The Transportation Commission is expected to make a final decision on the preferred route by June.

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conduct, any student found in possession of drugs or alcohol will be automatically sent to the alternative education program," Tarleton said.

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Dale Evans, 'Queen of the West,' dies at 88

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dale Evans reigned until her death as the "Queen of the West," almost always alongside her husband of five decades, Roy Rogers, the "King of the Cowboys."

Evans, who died Wednesday of heart failure, employed her strong, sweet-natured affection for Rogers when she penned the couple's theme song, "Happy Trails to You." She was 88.

"Who cares about the clouds when we're together," she wrote. "Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather."

The couple's relationship endured five decades of work in radio, movies, music and television. When Rogers died in 1998 at age 86, Evans remembered him as "a wonderful human being."

"What a blessing to have shared my life together with him for almost 51 years," she said. "To say I will miss him is a gross understatement. He was truly the king of the cowboys in my life."

Evans died at her home in Apple Valley in the high desert east of Los Angeles, said her stepson, Roy "Dusty" Rogers Jr.

"We take comfort in knowing Dale and Roy are

together again, riding 'Happy Trails' into the sunset," said Too Slim of the cowboy singing group "Riders In The Sky."

A memorial service was scheduled for Saturday.

"There's the last of the great ladies from a great era — the cowboy era," said Fran Boyd, executive director of the Academy of Country Music. "She was always really gracious and a very big supporter of her husband."

The first movie she made with Rogers, already an established singing cowboy star, was "Cowboy and the

Senorita" in 1944. They married in 1947, and appeared together in 35 movies, including such favorites as "My Pal Trigger" and "Apache Rose."

She rode her horse, Buttermilk, beside him on his celebrated palomino, Trigger.

When the B Western faded in the early 1950s, they began their television career. "The Roy Rogers Show" ran from 1951 to 1957. Later incarnations were "The Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Show" in 1962 and "Happy Trails Theatre."

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OUR VIEWS

State hospital
has solution
for Valentine's

Looking for something different for Valentine's Day? How about helping some of your less fortunate neighbors at the same time? If that's the case, you might want to dial the community relations office at the Big Spring State Hospital.

For just a few dollars, you can have a gift of flavored coffee, herbal teas, candy or chocolate delivered to that special someone by the Volunteer Services Council. Or to really splurge, your valentine can be serenaded.

Much of the money you spend will be used to purchase holidays presents, coordinate parties and other festive events for patients at the hospital.

Here's what you can get:

For just \$8, choose from an arrangement of fresh carnations, a bear with candy, a live ivy plant, a mug filled with either flavored coffees or teas, a jar of homemade candy or a "luv bug" on a heart-shaped box of candy.

For \$20, your valentine will be treated to a song such as "My Girl" or "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" from one of three quartets or a quintet. And you can have these "singing telegrams" delivered at home, on the job or at a restaurant during lunch.

Whatever you choose, it's a great way to show that special someone that you care while knowing that part of the money you spend is going to help patients at the state hospital.

There's just one drawback and that is time. There's only so much time on Valentine's Day to deliver gifts and to serenade. So you'll need to get your order in as soon as possible.

To send your valentine one of these unique gifts, call the community relations office at 268-7535 now!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently at Goliad Middle School we honored some very special 6th graders with a No Zero Party. In order to attend the party the students had to have no zeros on any assignment in any subject for the entire six weeks. We had 83 students who were able to participate in the No Zero Party.

We would like to express our appreciation to the following busi-

nesses for their support. They provided prizes and coupons for the students. These businesses are Bowl-A-Rama, Ritz Theater, Cinema 4, Domino's Pizza, Movie Warehouse, Pizza Inn, Schlotzskys, Movie Gallery, All Store Sports, 7-Eleven, Taco Bell, Burger King, Dairy Queen and Sonic Drive-In.

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Dogs can teach us to be better humans

Rufus is gone. The old, red golden retriever living in the back yard and approaching his 15th birthday had to be put to sleep last week.

He was on his side when I found him, calm beneath the waving bamboo, his legs immobilized by a stroke. When I slipped an old comforter beneath him, he licked my wrist as if to reassure me.

Then I took him for his last ride. And that sad task led me to thinking about friendship, the steady and serious kind, the kind dogs are best equipped to give because they feel no envy, hold no grudges and are grateful for the most basic attentions.

A dog rarely bites the hand that feeds it.

Last time I wrote about old Rufus — he was ill, scheduled for surgery, and I feared his heart would play out during the procedure — the outpouring of heartfelt mail overwhelmed me. People who had been touched by a dog, or many

dogs, wrote to tell me their own stories and to offer their best wishes for Rufus.

I thought about those letters a lot. About how important dogs are to so many of us, down deep where things count. How we wouldn't consider it much of a life without a dog in it.

That's because dogs make the best friends, offer the most comfort and of all creatures ask for the least in return. Of that I'm certain.

So why, then, do we spend so much time trying to teach our dogs to behave more like humans? Why do we want them to shake hands, roll over on command, fetch the newspaper? Why, for heaven's sake, do we want them to beg?

Why don't we, instead, let them teach us their ways, their tricks. Think about it. There is much in a dog's guileless existence that we could learn from. I made a short list.

• Dogs enjoy the simple life. Dogs eat, sleep, eat some more. They bark at perceived danger or just for the fun of it. They salute a full moon. They dig a hole — because there wasn't one there. They never balance a checkbook, expect a raise, plan a seating arrangement

for a dinner party. Dogs obey nature.

• Dogs aren't connected — by phone or fax or e-mail. They come when they hear a voice that's near enough to matter. Otherwise, they keep their own counsel, run a low profile, sleep in the sun and enjoy the solitude.

• Dogs get by with a minimum of creature comforts. They don't order down comforters or mattresses you can adjust differently on each side of the bed. If they need to cool off in the summer, dogs take a dip in the creek. In the winter, it's nature, not some fancy furrier, that provides a thicker coat.

• Dogs trust. They trust because they are trustworthy, not fickle or swayed by someone's bank account or current circumstances. A dog never kicks you when you're down; he licks your face.

• Dogs sleep well. You can read their dreams, tell exactly when they're running rabbits or warding off danger. They dream with their whole bodies. They sleep well because they have no guilt. They have no guilt because they do so little wrong.

• Dogs show affection. If only most humans could

express themselves with actions, not words, and a canine's sweet and physical gestures. They rescue babies from wells, and — with a nuzzle — us big babies from the blues.

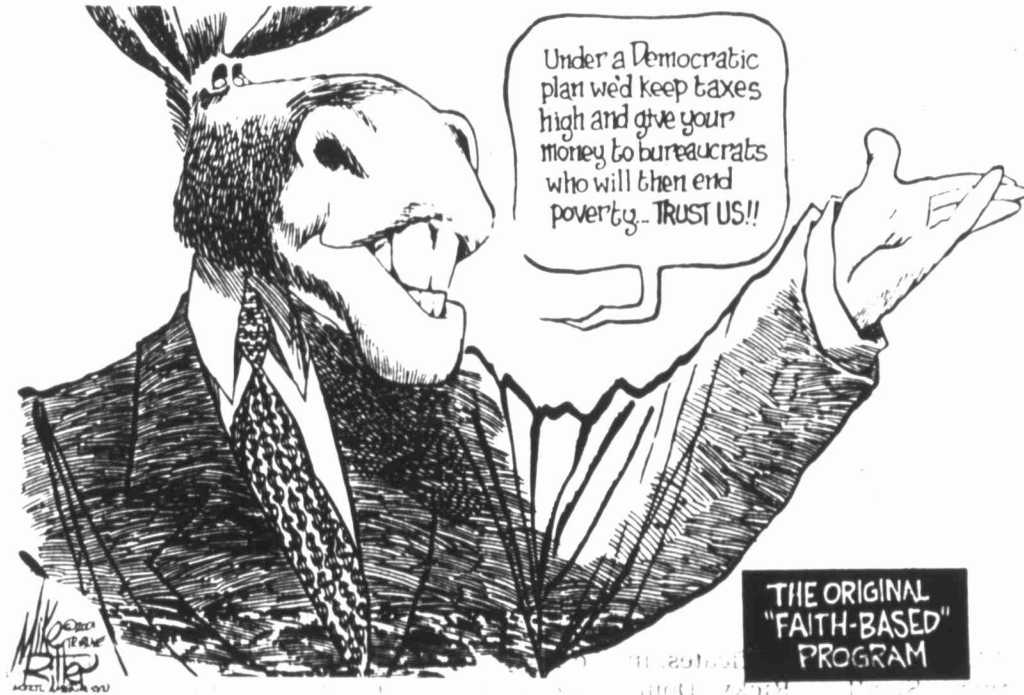
• Dogs never talk too much. Even the female ones have a quiet dignity, at least when compared with humans. They don't corner you at parties with ideas for a "best-selling" book or details of their last ski trip to Colorado.

• Dogs don't watch TV. At least not that often. You won't find a one who knows the names of the characterless characters on "Temptation Island" or follows the inane melodrama of "Survivor."

• Dogs are never catty. They simply snarl if they don't like you — to your face, not behind your back. • Dogs sniff out strangers. Then they make up their minds, almost at once, whether to be friends or not. There's no long audition.

• Once a dog decides to be your friend, there's no greater allegiance.

I'll miss Rufus, who never asked for much in his long lifetime. I learned from him, as I have from all my dogs, about how to be a better human.

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Natural law of supply and demand

One hears a lot of talk these days about the economy going into

the tank, but the talk is all about interest rates and tax cuts, as if only those could have any influence.

There is ye olde law of supply and demand.

That, of course, like all natural laws, is not a law at all and certainly not a creation of man. It is simply a way of stating an observation about the nature of economic exchanges. It is sometimes called the business cycle.

Basically, it is simply the observation that most of what is sold will eventually saturate the market. Sooner or later, nearly everybody who wants a computer and who can afford to buy one will have one. At that point, computer sales will slow, and when sales slow down, production is cut back.

Eventually, as old computers wear out and as people who wanted a computer but couldn't afford one acquire the necessary money, computer sales will head back up. Then the cycle will repeat itself. The delusion of the 1990s was that the business cycle

— the law of supply and demand — had been repealed. One author lists all the politicians, economists and market hawkers who actually said that. Dearly beloved, natural laws are never repealed.

But it is common for generations lucky enough to come of age in a temporary boom to develop the conceit that they have repealed history, that history and its lessons are irrelevant and not applicable to them.

It is always a short-lived conceit.

I have oversimplified the law of supply and demand, but the point is never to believe the fantasy that any business entity can grow in sales and size indefinitely. It cannot be done. Never believe that any national economy can grow indefinitely. If the government were not deceitful about inflation (it keeps changing the base year by which inflation is measured), Americans would realize that a lot of our growth is false. In 1967, \$18 would buy three or four large bags of groceries. Today you can take \$18 out of a supermarket in a little plastic sack hooked over your little finger.

Necessities, which people can't stop buying, also affect the supply-and-demand equation. If the costs of energy, food and water go up, consumers will have less money to spend on non-necessities. When income drops, as in

retirement or layoffs, demand drops.

When people, addicted to credit, eventually max out all of their credit cards, their little contribution to demand stops dead. Having obligated their future income (usually for non-necessary and temporary assets), they will be out of the market until they slave long enough to pay down their debts, which always include whopping helpings of interest.

I don't know how far the American economy will sink on this cycle, but I do know that cutting interest rates is not going to kick-start it. Neither will tax cuts. The effects, if any, of both will take months to filter through.

Years ago, I went to the microfilm and read every page of a local newspaper for 30 days prior to the 1929 stock-market crash. Not one word of warning did I find. In fact, in the few stories there were about the economy, I found exactly what one hears today: "The economy is basically sound. The future looks good."

You should always remember the police-beat rule of the stock market. An insider who sees a crash coming wants to sell his stock before the crash. Meaning? He's going to tell the suckers that now is a good time to buy stocks (his). You don't need a fancy education to figure that out.

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HERALD Staff Report

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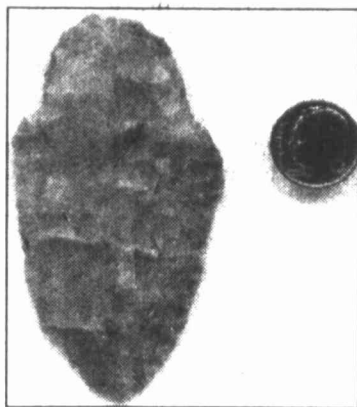
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This projectile point, classified as a Pogo, is relatively rare in the Howard County area. It dates back to 1500 BC to 1600 AD and is one of hundreds of artifacts documented for the AHSBHC archives.

All artifacts to be photographed should come from Howard County or no farther than 10 miles from the Howard County line, the group says.

For more information call Kent Ivey, President, 268-9465.

In death, as in life, we are individuals

"All good things must come to an end." Remember that old saying?

Life, good or bad, will come to an end for all of us. Regardless of who we are, how much money we have or how many toys we've accumulated, death will come.

For caregivers, that time toward the end of illness, when death approaches, can be anxious and trying. It is often more difficult for family members and loved ones to accept the inevitable, even after the ill person has. This can make the dying process even more traumatic for everyone.

It is important to know that the way we die is as individual as we all are. Although the outcome is the same, the events leading to it are as unique as our own personalities. Knowing what to expect can help ease the transition for all involved.

As the end nears, body

systems begin to slow down and eventually cease functioning. This process is different for each person.

Not all symptoms appear at once and for some people, the symptoms appear a few days before death while for others, the symptoms begin in a few hours.

Following are some examples of the changes that may occur, taken from several medical sources:

There will be mental changes, including withdrawal from people and surroundings (no longer wanting to watch TV, read newspapers; or have visits from people, even those close to them). They may describe people or events that have

not taken place and they will sleep a lot more and will not be easily aroused. They may fuss with the bedclothes and may seem restless. Don't worry about this unless you think the person is in pain, then you should contact the hospice nurse or the doctor.

There will be a gradual decrease in eating habits. Liquids will be preferred over solids. It is OK if this person doesn't want to eat. When the body is preparing to die, food is no longer needed and this is perfectly natural.

Providing small amounts of fluid as tolerated will keep the mouth moist and comfortable, or you could use mouth swabs if the person can no longer swallow. These are available at the local pharmacy or through hospice.

There will also be physical changes, such as changes in body temperature. They may be hot one minute and cold the next.

They may even run a fever. The body at this point is losing its ability to regulate its temperature. Try to keep the person comfortable by providing cool compresses and blankets (not electric) as needed.

Skin will change color, either flushed with fever or bluish with cold. Nailbeds, hands and feet will be blue because the heart can no longer pump hard enough to provide adequate blood flow.

Breathing will change as well. They may breathe very rapidly for a time and then have periods when they don't breathe at all followed by regular or rapid breathing. This generally occurs during sleep.

Congestion may also occur with rattling or coughing which doesn't bring up anything. There are medicated patches for this, again through hospice or the doctor. This will

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Cassie Cantu and Kassidy Garza.

The 3rd Place Winner, Posters and Art 4th-6th Grade was Thad Lottis. The 1st Place winner, Small Print K-3 was Aaron Franco. The 2nd Place Winner, Small Print K-3 was Rebecca Dominguez. The 3rd Place Winner, Small Print K-3 was Crystal Garcia.

Certificates and ribbons will be awarded for first,

second and third places by Region 18.

All students who entered the Media Fair received certificates, including: Ricky Dominguez, Rudy Rodriguez, Andrew Gonzales, Ruben Alvarez, Tim Edens, Mark Trevino, Shawn Overton, Jessie Berry, Erik Munoz, Jay Bernal, Erik Alvarez, Brad Cahall, Samantha Savell, Jessica Luckey, Rannell



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Injuries are leading cause of child death in the world's richest countries

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The report said accidents — including fires, falls, car crashes, drownings and others — account for 40 percent of deaths among children aged 1 to 14 in the 26 leading industrialized countries.

The report by UNICEF's research center in Florence found Sweden the safest of the countries surveyed, with 5.2 deaths a year for every 100,000 children. Italy and Britain followed, with 6.1 death each, and then the Netherlands, with 6.6.

South Korea had a rate four times worse than the safest countries, putting it at the bottom of the list

with 25.6 deaths annually for every 100,000 children. Mexico had 19.8 deaths and Portugal had 17.8.

The United States had the fourth-worst record, at 14.1.

In the United States, safety programs "tend to be state-based and there is a lot of variation between the states in enforcing laws," Anna Wright, co-author of the report, told a London news conference.

"Some states do not even require children to wear seat belts, which has been proven to cut down on accident fatalities," Wright said.

The study looked for patterns and found a clear link between child safety and national wealth. But the relationship was far from fixed, with Greece showing a child injury death rate less than half that of Portugal despite the two countries' similar economic figures.

Wright said the high poverty rate in the United States was linked to its high child death rate. The report says poverty, single and teen-age mothers and mothers who are poorly educated all contribute to the death rate. Poor housing, large families and parents who abuse drugs or alcohol are also factors.

Overall, boys were 70 percent more likely than girls to die from preventable injuries.

At least 12,000 child deaths could be prevented every year if each country brought its safety levels up to that of Switzerland, which was 17th on the list with 9.6 deaths a year per 100,000 children.

The report urged the use of proven lifesavers: helmets, speed limits, seat belts, child-safety seats in cars and safety caps on medicine, among others.

Study finds increase in sex on TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sexual content on television has risen sharply over the past three seasons, showing up in two of every three programs last year, according to a study released Tuesday.

Research conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation found sexual content in 68 percent of the 1999-2000 shows studied, compared with 56 percent in 1997-98.

Such content includes talk about sex, flirting, kissing, intimate touching and depictions of intercourse.

One of every 10 programs on TV is estimated to include a scene in which characters engage in sex, up from 7 percent, the report said. Fox's "Ally McBeal" and ABC's soap "Port Charles" were noted as having depicted intercourse.

"We haven't seen a copy of the study yet, but when we're able to get hold of one, we'll be happy to review it," ABC spokeswoman Julie Hoover said.

Calls to Fox were not immediately returned.

Ten percent of programs were found to emphasize sexual risks and responsibilities — virtually unchanged from 1997-98.

In all, 1,114 broadcast and cable programs, including movies, series, soap operas, news magazines and talk shows, were randomly selected and analyzed by researchers at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Ten networks or channels were studied.

ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, HBO, PBS, TNT, USA, Lifetime and WB.

The study found that more teen characters are being depicted engaging in intercourse. In 1997-98, teen-agers represented 3 percent of all characters having sex; in the new study, the figure had tripled to 9 percent.

Shows in which teens talk about or have sex are twice as likely to include discussion of the risks or responsibilities compared with all other programs with sexual content.

That is an "impressive pattern" because TV is an influential force for young viewers "just developing their ideas about sex," the report said.

Half of high school students in 1999 had engaged in sex, according to government figures cited by the foundation. Yet few teens get information on the subject from parents, the report said.

"Not surprisingly, media portrayals may fill this gap as the most readily available alternative," it said.

Among sitcoms, 84 percent contain sexually oriented language or action, up from 56 percent in the previous study. Only movies, at 89 percent, have more sex.

Among dramas, sexual content rose from 58 percent to 69 percent.

"Temptation Island" aside, the study

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HEALTH NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Scott Norton was browsing through herbal supplements when he spotted bottles containing not just plants but some unexpected animal parts: brains, testicles, tracheas and glands from cows and other animals.

The Maryland physician sounded an alarm: How can Americans be sure those supplements, some imported from Europe, are made of tissue free from mad cow disease?

Norton's complaint has government scientists scrambling to investigate a possible hole in the nation's safety net against mad cow disease and its cousin that destroys human brains.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has never been found in this country. Nor has the human "new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease" that people in Britain, France and Ireland caught apparently from eating BSE-infected beef. The government has taken steps to guard against BSE spreading here. But critics are pointing to some loopholes far removed from beef: Just what dietary supplements or bulk ingredients containing cow brain or nerve tissue might be slipping from Europe through U.S. ports?

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration quietly cracked down on some vaccine manufacturers after discovering they improperly imported certain European animal-derived ingredients. Supplements are far less closely regulated, and the FDA inspects less than 1 percent of all imports under its jurisdiction.

"It would not be difficult for a manufacturer of a dietary supplement to obtain a cow brain in Britain, crush it up, dry it up, and then if they wished get it into this country," contends Dr. Peter Lurie, physician and consumer advocate.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

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found that reality television was the least sexy genre: 27 percent of such shows in 1999-2000 included sexual content, well below the overall average.

Talk shows and soaps were the only two genres that did not show an increase in such content. The sexual content in soap operas dropped from 85 percent to 80 percent; in talk shows, it dropped from 78 percent to 67 percent.

The foundation is an independent group that studies health care. It is not affiliated with the Kaiser medical organization.

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come and go with the person having all the symptoms and then it suddenly clears up.

The symptoms described above will become more intense as death approaches.

The most important thing at this time is that someone, preferably a family member or someone close to that person, is present. Simply holding their hand, reading to them, praying etc. will mean more than anything else you can do.

How we approach death depends on whether or not we fear life, how we participated in that life and how willing we are to let go.

Henry Van Dyke gives a glowing description of death in an excerpt from "Gone With My Sight" by Barbara Karnes.

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There, she is gone!" "Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she let my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There, she is gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "Here she comes!"

And that is dying. For more information on coping with a loss, there are support groups that are available through local hospice agencies.

Australia in mourning over Cruise, Kidman

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — To many Australians it feels like they've lost their favorite son-in-law and top honorary Aussie.

Images of film stars Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, who is Australian, were splashed across front pages Wednesday as the nation mourned the Hollywood couple's breakup.

"Tom and Nicole admit it's mission impossible," read a front page headline in The Australian, a reference to one of Cruise's biggest box office blockbusters.

Kidman and Cruise announced their amicable separation Tuesday, saying diverging careers had driven a wedge between their 10-year marriage. The pair have two adopted children, Isabella, 8, and Connor, 6.

The glam couple were the toast of Sydney last year, living in a sprawling harborside mansion while filming separate projects.

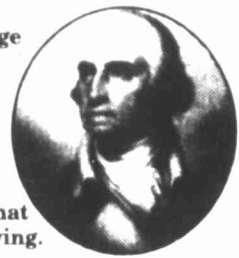
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Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

The Master of Mount Vernon
Farmer Washington

The Mini Page celebrates George Washington's upcoming birthday on Feb. 22 with a story about what he did for a living.



A portrait of Washington



This painting shows an artist's idea of Washington talking to one of his more than 300 slaves. The hard work they did made his plantation a success. Washington's idea about slavery changed over the years. Many of his slaves became skilled craftsmen. In his will, he gave them their freedom.

First in farming

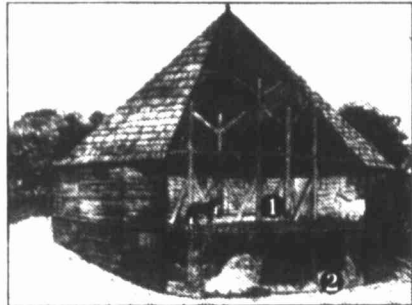
When we usually think of George Washington, it is as General Washington or as President Washington. But he was also outstanding as Farmer Washington.

At Mount Vernon, the plantation he loved in Virginia, he developed many better ways to run his farms. Washington was ahead of the other farmers of his time.

For example:

• While most farmers were plowing only a few inches of soil, Washington believed in plowing deeper, and mixing topsoil with the soil beneath.

• While most farmers chopped down trees to clear new land when the soil in a field they had been farming was "worn out" and no longer good for certain crops, Washington believed in improving the soil by moving his crops around and adding things that enriched the soil.



Farm animals are a part of the barn area at Mount Vernon. The barn is two stories high. Horses are brought up a ramp to the second floor.



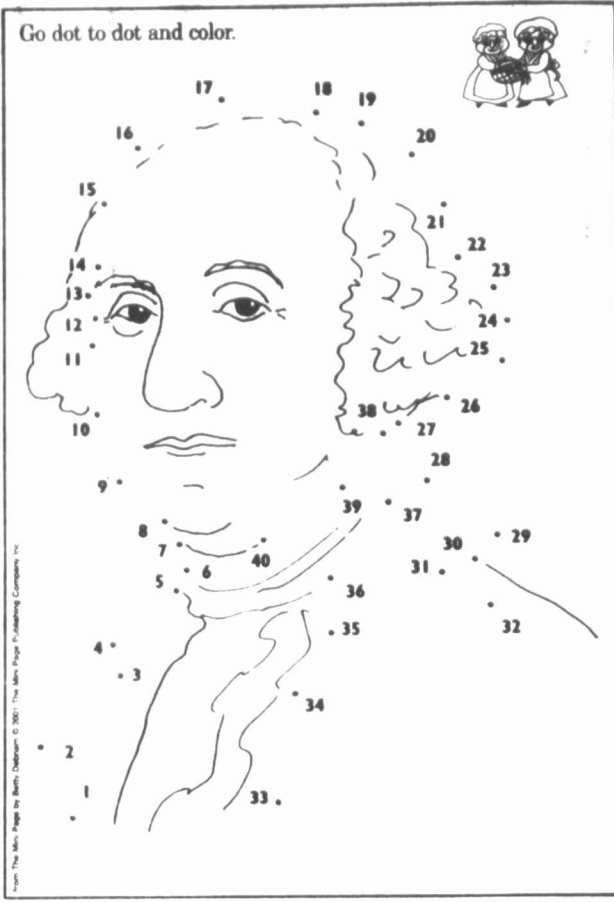
A copy of Washington's "treading" barn has been re-created at Mount Vernon, his plantation near Washington, D.C.

A most unusual barn

• While many farmers were growing tobacco, Washington grew wheat as his main crop. His treading barn was one of his most unusual ideas. (1) The dried wheat was spread on the top floor. Horses walked around in a circle. In this way the kernels were trod out by the pounding of their hooves. (2) The kernels fell between slats in the floor to storage bins below.

Most farmers at that time spread the wheat outside in the barnyard where the horses would tread on it.

Wheat is the world's most important crop. The top of the plant is the only part eaten by humans. It contains kernels, or seeds. The kernels must be separated from the stem or straw before they can be ground into flour.



Go dot to dot and color.

Rookie Cookies Recipe
Hoe Cakes

George Washington liked these served "swimming in honey." They can be served with syrup.

- You'll need:
- 2 cups cornmeal
 - 3 1/2 tablespoons corn oil, plus more for skillet
 - 1 cup hot water
- What to do:
1. Combine cornmeal and corn oil in a large bowl. Mix well.
 2. Slowly add water, mixing until the dough holds together in one big ball. Use more or less water as needed.
 3. Pinch off pieces and roll into balls.
 4. Flatten balls until thin (about the size of a small pancake).
 5. Cook in a skillet brushed with corn oil until done. Flip often. Add more oil to the pan when necessary. Makes about a dozen.



A Kid's Guide to the White House

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Chris Ahrens

Height: 6-5
Weight: 200
Birthdate: 7-24-76
College: Princeton

Chris Ahrens is one of the best rowers in the country. He began the sport in 1991. He rows in a boat with an eight-man crew. He rows in the stroke position. This means he sits in the first seat and sets the pace for the team.

Last summer his team finished fifth at the Olympics. He has been on the teams that won gold medals at the 1997, 1998 and 1999 World Championships. Chris graduated from college in 1998 with honors in history. His hobbies are reading, outdoor sports, art and music. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and now lives in Princeton, N.J.

Meet Andrew Lawrence

Andrew Lawrence, 13, is the youngest of the acting Lawrence brothers. His brothers Joey and Matthew are also in show business. Andrew was born in Philadelphia. He began acting when he was 3, when he got a part on a TV show. Since then he has been on many TV shows, including "Blossom," which starred his brother Joey, and "Brotherly Love," which starred both of his brothers.

He lives with his family in Los Angeles. His hobbies include reading, drawing and following sports, especially the Denver Broncos. He likes the music of Savage Garden and Shania Twain. His favorite foods are creamed spinach and filet mignon.

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 KN blend, as in the word kneecap.

Pete: Why do dragons sleep during the daytime?
Jean: They like to hunt knights!

James: Sir your cat shers?
Mr. Smith: Yes, James. I heard it knocking.

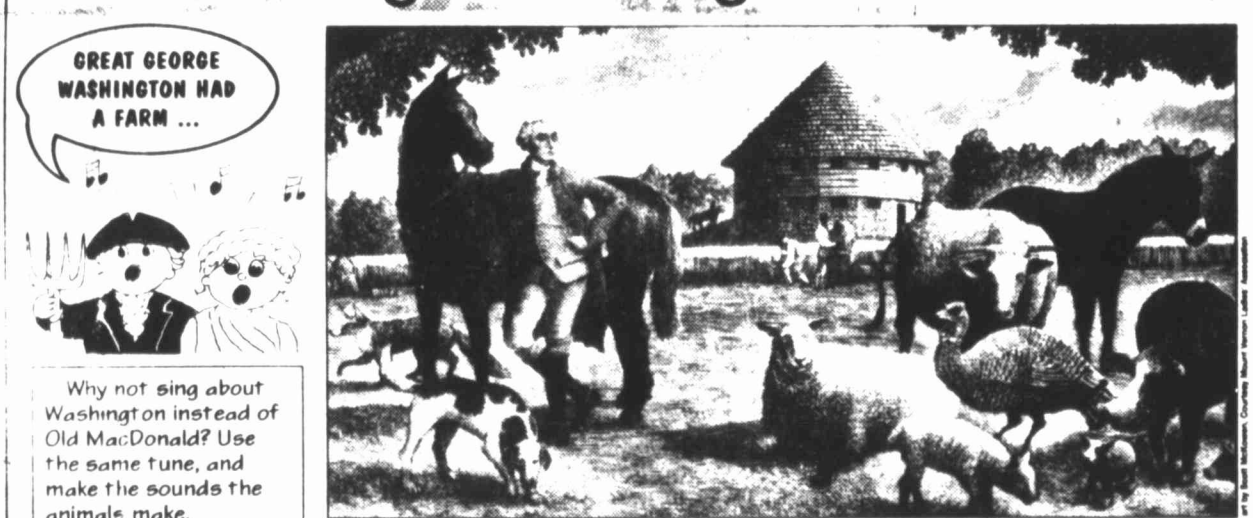
Go on a KN word hunt and try to find other words that have the KN sound.

GEORGE WASHINGTON TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of George Washington are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: GEORGE, WASHINGTON, MOUNT VERNON, GRAIN, FARMER, PLANTER, CROPS, FIELDS, MULES, HORSE, PIGS, SHEEP, TURKEY, WHEAT, CATTLE, BARN, PLOW.

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Great George Washington Had a Farm



Can you find the animals in this story in the picture above? Two are not mentioned; they are wild animals. Can you name them?

- HORSE**
Washington was one of the finest horsemen of his time. He was very fond of horses all of his life.
- HOUSD**
Dogs were not the household pets they are today. Washington had a pack of fox hounds specially trained to chase after foxes. Fox hunting was a popular sport.
- SHEEP**
Grazing sheep were used to trim the meadows. Their manure was used as fertilizer. They also were used for wool and meat.
- PIG**
Pigs were allowed to run free in the nearby forest. They were caught and killed in the fall. From pigs, farmers got ham, bacon and lard.
- OXEN**
Oxen are a part of the barnyard display at Mount Vernon. These two oxen are named Zeke and Amos.
- MULE**
George Washington played a big role in introducing the mule to America. Mules are the offspring of male donkeys and female horses. Mules usually do not have any offspring themselves. While they are not as fast as horses, they are very strong and can work longer, eat less and live longer than horses. Mules did most of the farm work in the 1700s.
- COW**
Cows were raised for milk, meat, cheese and butter. Washington also used oxen (specially trained steers) to pull plows and haul heavy loads. They were trained from a very young age to work in pairs. While working, they were linked together by a simple yoke made on the farm. They were popular work animals because they did not cost much to keep, were easy to manage, and stronger than a horse or mule.

The Mini Page thanks the Mount Vernon staff and The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for help with this issue.

To find out more about Mount Vernon on the Web, visit: www.mountvernon.org

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Practice game Friday at The D

A practice between Plainville Bulldogs and High's Lady Eagles has been scheduled for Friday at Dorothy Coliseum.

The Lady Bulldogs No. 1-ranked team in Texas, their first chance at 'The Dorothy' son, when they play the Class 5A Lady Eagles. They hope to retake the 23-24 Region I, C tournament.

Ticket prices for practice game will be for adults and \$2 for students.

Harlem Ambassadors coming to Big

The Ambassadors Basketball Team, a team of local players, will play at 7 p.m. on Feb. 17, at Garrett Coliseum.

The game is sponsored by the Big Spring Rotary Club and Church of the Nazarene. Tickets are priced at \$5 each, but a discount is available for block tickets or more.

For more information call 267-5201 or 267-5202.

National LL League meeting for M

The National League will hold its annual meeting Monday p.m. Monday at the Pargo Bank.

For more information contact Joel Deaton at 267-5513 or Johnson at 267-6104.

Hunter educational course offered

Boyce Hale a Poitevint will be holding a two-day hunter education course Feb. 24-25 in the conference room of the Commerce Building. Class sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a fee.

To pre-register call 6957 or 264-7033.

UGSA scheduled meeting for F

Big Spring University Softball Association will hold their public meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Howard Library.

Anyone interested in managing or all returning are urged to attend. For more information call JoEllen C. at 264-6104.

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TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. New Mexico Military Institute at Howard Hawks.

ON THE

Radio JUCO BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. Military Institute at Howard Hawks, 1490.

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Phillips West Virginia, ESPN
7:30 p.m. — Rice FSN, Ch. 29
8 p.m. — Missouri Louisville, FXS, Ch. 28
9:30 p.m. — Oregon, FXS, Ch. 28

NBA 7 p.m. — Spurs at New York TNT, Ch. 28
7 p.m. — Kings at Timberwolves, TNT

PGA 3 p.m. Invitational, first round, Ch. 38.

IN BRIEF

Practice game set Friday at The Dorothy

A practice game between Plainview's Lady Bulldogs and Abilene High's Lady Eagles has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Bulldogs, the No. 1-ranked Class 4A team in Texas, will get their first chance to play at 'The Dorothy' this season, when they take on the Class 5A Lady Eagles. They hope to return Feb. 23-24 Region I, Class 4A tournament.

Ticket prices for the practice game will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Harlem Ambassadors coming to Big Spring

The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team will play a team of local personalities at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is being sponsored by the Big Spring Rotary Club and First Church of the Nazarene.

Tickets are priced at \$6 each, but a discount is available for blocks of 20 tickets or more.

For more information, call 267-5201 or 264-1800.

National LL slates meeting for Monday

The National Little League will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Wells Fargo Bank.

For more information contact Joel De La Garza at 267-5513 or Allan Johnson at 267-6278.

Hunter education course offered

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitevin will be instructing a two-day hunter education course beginning Feb. 24-25 in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Class sessions will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. There will be a \$10 fee.

To pre-register call 267-6957 or 264-7033.

UGSA schedules meeting for Feb. 18

Big Spring United Girls' Softball Association will hold their public meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Howard County Library.

Anyone interested in managing or coaching and all returning staff are urged to attend.

For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 264-6104.

AREA GAMES

TODAY

JUCO BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. — New Mexico Military Institute at Howard College Hawks.

ON THE AIR

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JUCO BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. — New Mexico Military Institute at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6 p.m. — Pittsburgh at West Virginia, ESPN, Ch. 30.
7:30 p.m. — Rice at Tulsa, FSN, Ch. 29.

8 p.m. — Marquette at Louisville, FXS, Ch. 29.
9:30 p.m. — Stanford at Oregon, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA
7 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at New Jersey Nets, TNT, Ch. 28.

7 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT 25.

PGA
3 p.m. — Buick Invitational, first round, USA, Ch. 38.

Stanton's Jeremy Hull signs with Abilene Christian

By HERALD Staff Reports

STANTON — Just one Crossroads player joined the list of high school football players across the nation that officially committed to college programs on National Signing Day.

Jeremy Hull, a 6-foot, 175-pound two-way star from Stanton signed his letter of intent for Abilene Christian University Wednesday afternoon in the high school gym.

Classmates, teammates and family members turned out to witness Hull take his first step toward becoming an official ACU Wildcat.

"It's always an honor whenever you get to continue playing football," Hull said. "My friends and family told me to keep good spirits."

Angelo State, Tarleton State, and North Texas were among the other schools that showed interest in Hull, but unfortunately, the metropolitan areas seem to get most of the attention when recruiting time comes around.

"Division I schools go to the bigger areas because they can see 40 kids in a day rather than come to smaller areas to see three kids," said Stanton head coach Mark Cotton.

"Finances and time have changed the way recruiters look at the kids nowadays," Cotton added.

But Hull, like many other West Texas players, is capable of playing at the same level as those from larger schools.

"Jeremy has never missed one down of football to an injury," Cotton added. "He has the desire to be in contact play."

In the past three years, Hull rushed for 5,466 yards as a running back. And as a defensive back, he chalked up 422 tackles and had 12 interceptions.

Hull's plans for the first season is to take it easy during the first year. He has a chance of playing defensive back once he joins the Wildcat roster.

"I have enjoyed playing on both sides of the field, but everyone knows defense wins game," Hull added.

Hull was one of several players that signed with coach Gary Gaines' program.

In addition to Hull, Abilene Christian's 20 signees on Wednesday included Andrews' Jayme Jackson and Jamie Bueno, Canyon's Matt Allen and Abilene Wylie's Brett Unger.

Three other Crossroads players, all standouts in Big Spring's impressive 2000 season, are also being recruited by college scouts but did not sign letters of intent on



HERALD photo/ Kamillah Ward
Stanton running back and defensive back Jeremy Hull looks through his letter of intent with his parents, Denneth and Gaye Hull, prior to signing with Abilene Christian University. Hull was the only Crossroads area player to commit to a scholarship offer on National Signing Day.

Wednesday.

Linebacker Bowe Butler, the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A defensive player of the year, has yet to decide between his two final choices — the Air Force Academy and Division I-AA Liberty University in Virginia.

Steers offensive lineman Justin Nichols has narrowed his choice to Oberlin College in Ohio, Macalester College in Minnesota and Trinity University in San Antonio.

Running back Jason Woodruff is considering several junior college offers.



HERALD photo/ Kamillah Ward
Here is the Big Spring Lady Steers varsity golf team. From left are: head coach Steve Ward, sophomore Brittany Griffin, freshman Jessica Hicks, freshman Angela Pain, senior Sara Anthony and junior Leslie Hicks. They will see their first action of the season when they tee off Friday morning at the Big Spring Country Club.

BSHS linksters set to host Invitational

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers will play host this weekend to a field of 45 teams during the Big Spring Invitational tournament's 36 holes of play on the Comanche Trail Golf Course and Big Spring Country Club layouts.

The teams are set to tee off at 8 a.m. Friday — the boys' field opening the tournament at the Comanche Trail course, while the girls play at the country club.

Saturday's final round will see the boys playing at the country club, while the girls play their final 18 holes at Comanche Trail.

Big Spring's boys are primed for the weekend after having their first taste of competition at Snyder last week, placing ninth among a field of 24 teams.

The Steers got a glimpse of what to expect as their "toughest oppo-

nents" in District 4-4A, according to head coach Steve Ward.

At Snyder, senior Jerrod Simmons led the way for the Steers with a 152 with rounds of 77 and 75. Isaac Willborn followed close behind with a two-day total of 157 while freshman Nick Read finished with a total of 161 after two rounds. Ryan Rodriguez and Mario Rodriguez added 175 and 182 totals.

As for the Lady Steers, this weekend's tournament will be their first outing of the season.

The Lady Steers' top five players going into the tournament are returning senior Sara Anthony, junior Leslie Hicks, sophomore Brittany Griffin and freshmen Angela Pain and Jessica Hicks.

Although young, the Lady Steers own more experience and maturity than one would expect, and those are two of the main elements in having a strong team.

"They're improving everyday,"

Ward said of his girls' squad.

The more they play, he added, the better the Lady Steers will be.

Frenship, Andrews and Sweetwater appear to be among the favorites in the 24-team field in the boys' division. Sweetwater's Mustangs will arrive fresh off taking the team title at Snyder last week.

While Ward isn't predicting that his Steers will be challenging for the team title this early in the season, he noted that they finished in the tournament's top 10 in 2000 and want to make sure they improve on that showing this time around.

In the girls' field of 21 teams, the Lady Steers will have a chance to showcase their talent and get a feel for what is to be expected in district Fort Stockton, Andrews and Snyder are a few of the teams expected to contend for the team title.

Last year the Lady Steers finished 17th out of 24 teams, so they are also seeking improvement.

LSU makes big gains, but Florida State grabs best class

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watch out. LSU is on the prowl again.

Coach Nick Saban parlayed a strong finish to his first season at LSU into one of the country's top recruiting classes on Wednesday, signing four high school All-Americans and nine of the 10 top-rated players in Louisiana.

While Florida State came away as the clear-cut winner in Recruiting Wars 2001, LSU made an impressive showing.

Parade Magazine All-Americans Michael Clayton, a tight end, and Marcus Spears, a wide receiver, joined USA Today All-Americans Marquise Hill, a defensive end, and Andrew Whitworth, an offensive lineman, on LSU's impressive list of 27 signees on the first day players could sign letters of intent. All four are from Louisiana.

The Tigers traveled, too, signing California quarterback Rick Clausen, Tennessee quarterback Casey's younger brother, plus a couple of blue-chippers from Florida and Texas.

"LSU cleaned up the state, got a bunch of All-Americans, went to California and got Clausen and went to Florida and Texas and got two really good players from each state," Max Emfinger of Covington, La.-based National Blue Chips, said. "I don't know how they did it, but this is the best class in the country."

Saban, who left Michigan State after the 1999 season, obviously impressed high school stars that playing in Baton Rouge, in front of 30,000 fans in Death Valley, is the way to go. LSU went 8-4 in 2000, including a bowl win over Georgia Tech.

"To come to the SEC, with a new staff, and have a pulse on the

recruiting game here says something about him," Allen Wallace of Laguna Beach, Calif.-SuperPrep magazine said.

Emfinger ranked LSU first and Florida State second, while Wallace and two other recruiting experts — Tom Lemming and Bobby Burton — tabbed the Seminoles easy winners and the Tigers getting a second and two third-places from the trio.

"Recruiting is not an exact science," Saban said. "Football is different from any other sport — it is almost like picking puppy dogs. When you take the pick of the litter, it will always take two or three years to know what that dog is supposed to be like."

Florida State lost to Oklahoma in the national title game in the Orange Bowl, but with coach Bobby Bowden calling signals, the Seminoles corralled three high school All-Americans in quarterback Joe Mauer, running back Eric

Shelton and linebacker Chauncey Davis.

"It's a slam dunk for Florida State," Wallace said. "They completely dominated the state, and that means they completely dominated the nation. Nobody else comes close."

Added Burton of Rivals100.com, "Bobby Bowden is the ultimate closer. They may not win the national title every year, but they certainly have the talent to get to the big game every year."

Mauer, from the same high school in St. Paul, Minn., as departed Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke, threw for 5,528 yards and 73 touchdowns in two years. He also is a star catcher and could be a first-round pick in June's baseball draft.

"Regardless of who the assistant coaches are, Bobby is the man and he still gets the great players," Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill.-based Prep Football Report said.

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Care giver position Apply in person to Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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HELP WANTED

Position for LVN. Vacation, sick time, holidays, health insurance, retirement. Contact Elia Gonzalez D O N

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HELP WANTED

Canteen Correctional Foodservice Cook Supervisor. Starting pay is \$7.69 per hour. Training provided. Pick up applications at 1710 Apron Dr., Bldg 35.

HELP WANTED

FMC Dialysis Center, a national company, has an opening for a Patient Care Technician in a fast paced clinic setting. Dialysis experience not necessary, but medical background helpful. 10 hour shifts - 40 hour week. Benefits include: 5 weeks paid time off, 401k, education reimbursements, insurance and more. Applications taken 8-10am and 1-3pm Dialysis Clinic 1501 West 11th Place Big Spring, Texas 79720 Attn: Director of Nursing (915) 267-2903.

HELP WANTED

Needed, drivers bucket truck and equipment operators. Experienced preferred, but will train. Openings in Lubbock, Midland & Big Spring offices. Apply at Cline Construction, N. FM 700 or Call 267-6006, 8-5 Mon-Fri.

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Comanche Trail Nursing Center needs CNA's or experienced nurses aides, but will train. Also need part-time LVN's. Paid vacation, paid holidays, health insurance available. Apply in person 3200 Parkway.

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* Director of Nursing - Registered Nurse 3 years experience with 1 year in LTC is required \$1500.00 sign on Bonus

* Assistant Director of Nurses \$850.00 sign on Bonus

* Registered Nurses - All shifts \$1000.00 sign on Bonus

* Licensed Vocational Nurse - All shifts \$750.00 sign on Bonus

* Certified Med Aid - 1st shift \$500.00 sign on Bonus

* Certified Nurses Aid - All shifts \$500.00 sign on Bonus

* Sign on Bonuses are applicable if hired before 2/15/2001

We offer an excellent salary and benefits are available. If you are a person dedicated to providing quality patient care please contact

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3510 W. 8th
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Red Mesa Grill
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Now hiring! Research Co. needs phone surveyor for Big Spring Area. No Selling. Will train. 1-800-846-7312 Ext. 176, 9-9, S-F.

Gills Fried Chicken
Has immediate openings for day & evening shifts. Must be able to work weekends. Apply in person: 1101 Gregg St.

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Mowing, tree trimming, hauling, interior-exterior painting. Call 267-5460 lv. message.

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Loans from \$50-\$450
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Back in 2 to 3 days.
Come visit Jeanne,
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\$100 to \$1000.00
No Credit Check
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Carport Sale: 1806 State, Fri. & Sat. 8-7. Sewing machine, stereo, toys, furn., lot's of misc.

Moving Sale, Sat. 8-5:30
Everything must go! 23 Meadowbrook, between Sand Springs & Coahoma on No. Serv. Rd.

Inside Moving Sale:
809 W. 14th Saturday 8-5. Washer dryer, furniture, clothing, access.

FURNITURE
E-Z Rentals
120 days same as cash!
Name brand TV's, VCR's, furniture, appliances, etc.
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MISCELLANEOUS
Power Wheel Chair in good condition. Colorado City. Call 728-3069 or 728-3922 anytime.

Uberti Pistol, .357 cal. Thunder. Birdhead grips & 3 1/2 in. barrel. Heavy checking on the grips. Also Russian AK47 hunting carbine, .308 cal. 3 to 9 power scope, 2 to 9 round clips. This is a Kalashnikov AK 47 by Saiga. Both guns are like new. Call 263-5915

ACREAGE FOR SALE
360 fenced acres near Vealmoor. Corral, barn, water well, dirt tank. \$225/ per acre.
Boosle Weaver
Reel Estate 267-8840

MARTIN COUNTY
10,351 Acres near West Sta 107.51 nton on Cr 2300 E. 8.64% interest. \$117/Mo. Owner Finance Forest America Group. 800-275-7376

BUILDINGS FOR RENT
For lease, small building on Snyder Hwy, with overhead door, \$200/mo + \$100/dep. Call Westex Auto Parts, 263-5000

Nice corner office building @ 2nd/Johnson. \$400/mo. Call 267-5203 or 267-6240.

Herald Classified ads work. Call us to place your ad at 263-7331.

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Small building w/lot on 4th st. \$150/mn + deposit.
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CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE
2 cemetery lots, Bethany section, Trinity Memorial Park. Lovely double headstone. Will sell below retail. Call 713-465-1565 collect after 6pm.

HOUSES FOR SALE
3 bdr 1 1/2 bth. attached garage, by owner. \$40,000 263-4253 or 270-4208. 3237 Duke

For sale by owner. 2602 Lynn. 3 bdr. 2 bth. completely remodeled. Kentwood addition. 263-0786.

For Sale By Owner. 3 bdr. 2 bth. 2 car garage, carpet, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Joe @ 263-3916

Large older home in good location. 3 bdr. 2 bth. beautiful kit, den, comb. formal din room, liv room detached. Garage & workshop. fenced back yd. \$43,900. \$1,350 down. Call 267-8078

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1115 Lloyd
1203 Ridgeroad
3BR 1 bath \$350/mo.
1804 B State - \$200/mn
Call American Realty
915-520-7577

1809 Johnson
2/1 CH/A
\$450/mn. + dep.
267-2296

2 bdr. 1 bth. 914 E. 6th.
Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 BR 1 bath,
w/economical floor
furnace. Quiet area.
\$250/mo. + dep. & ref.
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2008 Nolan-B
1Bdrm 1 bath Efficiency
\$250/mo. \$100/dep.
All bills paid
263-1792 or 264-6006

207 Jefferson
3/2 CH/A
\$600/mo + deposit
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3913 Hamilton - 3 bdr. 1 bth living room, large den, appl. w/d conn. C/H/A, fenced yd. \$400/mn. \$200/dep. 267-2112 or 270-2035. Lv. message.

3BR 1 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, garage. \$475/mo. Call 268-9573

3BR 1 bath, CH/A. Nice neighborhood. 1205 Pennsylvania \$450/mo plus deposit. Call 263-6997

806 E. 12th
1Bdrm 1 bath
\$250/mo. \$100/dep.
Water paid
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Abandoned homes: in Big Spring
Take up remaining payments.
5 bdr. 2 bth. \$220/mn.
3 bdr. \$200/mn.
264-0510

Available now! 2BR 1 bath, fenced yard. \$300/mo., \$100/dep. Call 267-5646

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For sale or rent, by owner 2 1/1 CH/A, fd. bk. yd., 2004 Runnels. 268-9973

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 9, 2001:

You do the unexpected and often surprise others. Take good care of your health, as you will have a tendency to internalize your stress. Others often make demands that you don't feel like meeting. Take a good look at your goals, and be willing to revamp them if need be. If you are single, you enjoy yourself more than ever and you meet someone special. If you are attached, include your partner more in your inner thought process. VIRGO helps you look at the basics.

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)
*** Your work needs to take higher priority. A meeting proves to be a source of unusual insight. Be willing to regroup or seek out necessary resources. Avoid someone who can be sarcastic. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** No matter where you choose to charge your creative energies, you succeed. You have additional get-up-and-go. Others are drawn to you and your mind. A child or loved one delights in your attention, but a jealous partner could be sarcastic. Be understanding. Tonight: Kick up your heels to start the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Establish certain basics. Listen to your sixth sense about a work issue. Someone might be pushing your limits. Express frustration rather than causing yourself a problem with your feelings. If anyone has difficulty with your plans, change them. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Keep communication flowing. Understand more about what you want from a loved one or a new relationship. Avoid sharp comments, and deflect another's sarcasm as well. Try to home in on the real issue.

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HOROSCOPE

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Pressure builds in an unprecedented manner. You might need to put up your hand and halt spending. At least use this as an occasion to analyze your spending. An associate or pal surprises you. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Others need you professionally and personally. Avoid being reactive or saying something you might regret at a later point. Approach each situation anew, refusing to fall into patterns. The more creative you are, the more dynamic the results will be. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
** Avoid getting into tussles, especially if they aren't your problem. A mood of sarcasm reigns. Someone could be snappy or difficult. Step back and refuse to get involved in any fireworks. You will be able to state your case (and feelings) at a later point. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Curb your temper, if possible. Your words could have long-term ramifications if you aren't careful. Why hurt someone's feelings? Be sensitive, and express yourself in a way another can hear. Someone's perspective or behavior could upset you. Give yourself time. Tonight: Join your friends. Celebrate the end of the workweek.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You could react strongly to a boss or supervisor. You also might not be content with what is happening at work. Step back instead of making a problem bigger. Any unanticipated action proves to work in your

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favor. Assume responsibility for your work. Tonight: A must show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Listen to others and their ideas. Though another might not be as diplomatic as you can be, he still has a lot to share. Review someone's ideas. Brainstorm. Unexpected financial developments could influence your decision. Try to juggle the different forces. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Your sense of humor emerges while others seem to lose it. Please be diplomatic. Avoid a clash of wills where no one can win. Think about ways to enrich a friendship. Both of you are changing, and you might need to work on your relationship. Tonight: Quality time with a friend.

BORN TODAY
Actor Joe Pesci (1943), former president William Henry Harrison (1773), actress Mia Farrow (1945)

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Tired of the Roots in Pennsylvania," about her boyfriend's fetish for women with blond hair, I'd like to throw in my 2 cents:

Many years ago (I am now 86), I had a blind date with a supposedly nice man. We went to a concert in a park. While we were walking up a hill, he went a little haywire when he noticed a blond woman walking about 10 feet ahead of us. He speeded up, and in order to keep pace, so did I. As soon as we got ahead of her, he turned around to look at this "blond goddess" and found himself staring at a woman who was close to 90! It proved how true is the saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover."

If my poor blind date had been wearing false teeth, they surely would have fallen out! Needless to say, our first date was our last. — GRAY-HAIRED GRANNY, LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR GRAY-HAIRED GRANNY: Perhaps the saying should be modified to: Don't judge a book by its front — or back — cover. The lesson your date learned holds true today: Flowing tresses do not necessarily mean a lovely young maiden is beneath them.

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THURSDAY

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6 PM	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Spin City (CC)	Wishbone Zooomaboo	Early Edition (CC)	News Ent Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Sentinel (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Noche de Estrellas	Movie: Lassie (CC)	Miami Vice	(25) Movie:		Hanging Up (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	UFOs: Alien
7 PM	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Getting a Ticket	Savage Skies (CC)	Movie: Cloned (CC)	Survivor: Aust Outback	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Sat. Night Live	(05) Movie: Overboard	El Premio Lo Nuestro	(45) Movie: Marital Law (CC)	The Life Before This	Movie: The World Is Not Enough (CC)	Movie: The World Is Not Enough (CC)	Movie: Random Hearts (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Haunted Houses	NBA Basket- ball: San An- tonio Spurs at New Jersey	Secrets of For- nsic Science
8 PM	Be a Millionaire	Stupid Behavior	Mystery! (CC)		CSI: Crime Scn	Be a Millionaire	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me			Movie (CC)	Movie: Foolish (CC)	Movie: Foolish (CC)	Movie: Foolish (CC)	Random: Hearts (CC)		Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Would You Believe It	tonio Spurs at New Jersey	Dawn of Man: Out of Africa
9 PM	Primetime Thursday	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	48 Hours (CC)	Primetime Thursday	ER (CC)	Movie: The Naked Gun 2 1/2 The	P Impacto Noticiero Univ	M2M & BBM&	Dead Man's Gun	Thicker Than Water (CC)	Movie: Clay Pigeons (CC)	G-String Dvds G-String Dvds	News Nathan Knight	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Jury Duty	Secrets of For- nsic Science
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12 AM	Paid Program Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)		Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Spaceballs	Marmar	For the Love of Willadean	Starky and Hutch	(45) Sleep:	Movie: Footsteps	Movie: Kimberly	Faith Pleases God	Behind Closed Doors (CC)	Would You Believe It	Movie: Walk Like a Man	Dawn of Man: Contact

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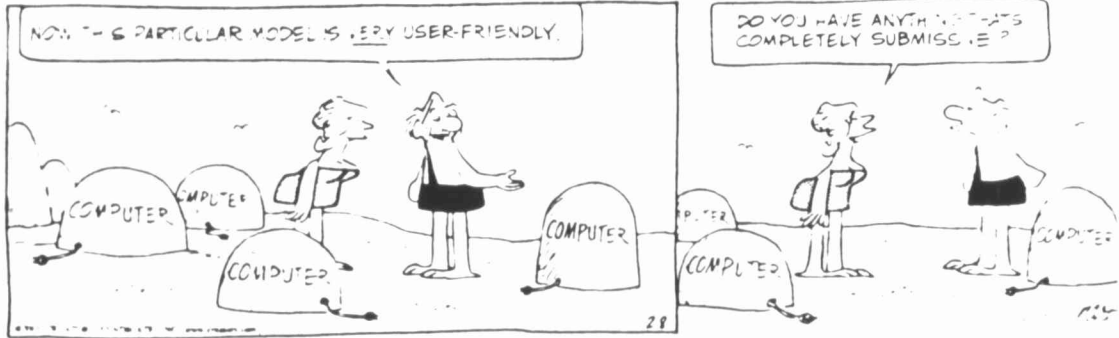
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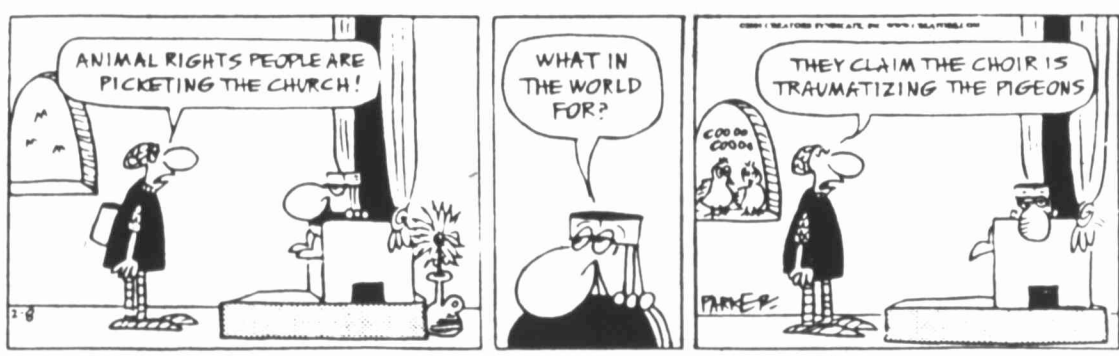
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today in History
Today is Thursday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2001. There are 326 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History
On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.
On this date:
In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War began.
In 1915, D.W. Griffith's silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.
In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.
In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.
In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.
In 1973, Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal.
In 1974, the three-man crew of the "Skylab" space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.
In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties.
In 1980, President Carter

unveiled a plan to reintroduce draft registration.
In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Lemmon is 76. Composer-conductor John Williams is 69. ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 61. Actor Nick Nolte is 60. Comedian Robert Klein is 59. Country singer Dan Seals is 53. Singer Ron Tyson is 53. Actress Brooke Adams is 52. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 48. Author John Grisham is 46. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 40. Rock singer-musician Sammy Llanas (The BoDeans) is 40. Actor Gary Coleman is 33. Actress Mary McCormack is 32.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Not take the cake
- Glacial pinnacle
- Scourge
- Mimicked
- Functional
- Served perfectly
- Royal EEG?
- Wedding token
- Grade-B westerns
- Audience member
- Greek letter
- "... the fields we go..."
- "The Purple People ..."
- Small specks
- Upset an incumbent
- Blood element
- "Butterfield 8" author
- Stevadores' org.
- Begged
- Wharves
- Hungarian river
- French friend
- Van Gogh city
- ... de Leon
- Two-way switch
- Latin speaker
- City near Avignon
- Something to pick?
- Trajectory
- Bad way to go down?
- Sound system
- Deceased
- Like a well-entrenched ruler?
- Perry's penner
- Join in
- Flexibility
- Marketed
- Impertinent
- Kemel

DOWN

- Toil
- Ms. Winfrey
- Look after
- Singer Brickell
- Day's end
- "Star Trek" extras?
- Costa ...
- Having wings
- Chiron and others
- Julian or Blinnie
- Period of bitter dominance?
- Oahu goose
- Brink
- Husband-to-be
- Sicilian peak
- Lubricate again
- Defamatory remarks
- Nearly perpendicular
- Actor Guinness
- Biblical weed
- Altercation
- Sallor's saint
- Coup d'etat?
- Fieri crime
- Incubator occupants
- Ages and ages and ages
- ... mater
- Singer Page
- Covered with gold
- Stephen King novel
- Cassia family plant
- Golfer Palmer
- "Still Me" writer
- Encrypted
- Middle of the month
- Roman tyrant
- Some NCOs
- Omelet necessity
- Notes of scales

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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