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## Girl, 4, dies in house fire Monday

By JOHN BROOKS  
Managing Editor

Four-year-old Monique Black died Monday morning when a fire erupted from a faulty wall heater at a home at 107 Cooper in Hereford.

Her aunt and uncle, Alice and Dennis Adams, were treated at Deaf Smith General Hospital for cuts to their legs suffered when they were escaping from the house.

Five other persons, including Bubba Clayton, Mary Jones, Monique's mother Cynthia, and Cynthia's other two children, Chris, 3, and Michael, three months, escaped without injury.

"Everyone else went out of the house through windows," explained Fire Marshal Jay Spain. "She (Cynthia) decided to go out through the living room."

"It was an intuition thing," Spain explained. "She always came and went through the front door, and, in a moment of panic, she knew that was the way out of the house. Unfortunately, that was the fire room. She only made it halfway through the living room."

The fire was discovered at 2:30 a.m. by Patrolman Kirk Spain of the Hereford Police Department. Kirk Spain originally thought smoke was coming from Winn's Department Store, just north of the house. When Kirk Spain drove around to the rear of the store, he saw the house engulfed in flames.

"Kirk approached one of the men at the front of the house and asked him if everyone was out," Jay Spain said. "The man told him a little girl was inside, and Kirk tried to knock down the fire with the fire extinguisher in his patrol car."

That effort, however, was futile.

"He'd hit the fire with his fire extinguisher, but it would only go down for a second," Jay Spain said. Kirk Spain also tried to use a water hose to make entry to the house, but the flames were too high. The living room's ceiling also collapsed, hampering rescue efforts.

"The mother (Cynthia) got the two little ones out with her through a window in the bedroom where they were sleeping," Spain said. "The girl (Monique) just took off for the living room."

According to Jay Spain, a leaky valve on a wall heater was the fire source. Enough gas had leaked from the valve to begin the blaze, which quickly spread through the living room.

"I just feel physically sick about this," said Mark Armor, owner of the house. "We had put this heater in about three years ago for safety reasons." Armor, who owns other rent properties, said he would check all of the heaters at his other houses Monday.

Although the home's residents claimed there was no smoke detector, fire department video tapes clearly showed the remains of a smoke detector in the living room.

"We had just put a new smoke detector in there a few months ago, and I had checked it about three months ago," Armor said. "It tested just fine three months ago. I used to go over there to collect the rent, and I would usually check the smoke detector when I was there. I haven't been over there the last two months because they brought the rent to me."

"We put in new smoke detectors a few months back because the old

ones took too much of a charge off the battery, meaning it wouldn't last as long. We put in new ones that didn't take so much from the batteries."

"I did all of this (the new heater, the upgraded smoke detector) just to prevent this type of thing from happening. I am just sick."

Most of the items in the home were destroyed by fire or ruined by water from fire department units which were at the scene within three minutes of the time of Kirk Spain's call.

"Kirk said it seemed like an hour and a half for us to get there," Jay Spain said. "He was trying so many things to get in there. He reported the fire at 2:30 a.m., and we were there at 2:33."

Jay Spain was still shaken by the tragedy Monday morning, seven hours after the fire.

"You just can't understand how things like this happen," Jay Spain said. "It's bad enough when it's an older person, but when it's a child it is very, very hard to understand."

Graveside services for Monique were held this afternoon in West Park Cemetery with Rev. William Johnson and Rev. Jim Scott officiating. Burial followed by Rix Funeral Directors.

She was born in Fort Worth and moved to Hereford three years ago. She was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Cynthia; her brother, Michael; her sister Koryntha; and her grandparents, Dorothy Black of Mexia and Alvin Black of Fort Worth.



Fire scene

Hereford fire department and police investigators, including, at right, Fire Marshal Jay Spain and police officer Dee

Page, sift through the ashes at 107 Cooper in Hereford early Monday. A four-year-old girl died in the fire.

## Senate candidate wants responsibility

By JOHN BROOKS  
Managing Editor

Calling for increased "fiduciary responsibility" by the federal government, Republican senatorial candidate Wes Gilbreath of Houston brought his campaign to Hereford during a Monday whistle-stop tour of the Panhandle.

Speaking to a small group at the Hereford State Bank, Gilbreath, a 59-year-old grandfather who has featured his children and grandchildren in early campaign advertising, said the country has "spent itself into Chapter 11 (reorganization bankruptcy), but we can still work our way out of it. It just takes dedicated people that know

what the bottom line is about."

Calling upon his long background as an accountant and working with several non-profit foundations and organizations, Gilbreath said he had "the know-how to handle billions of dollars. Fiduciary responsibility is what we need in Washington."

Gilbreath filed late-Jan. 4, the last day for filing—but began a media blitz first, including television commercials in 18 Texas markets.

"I included my children and grandchildren because we are responsible for their future," Gilbreath said. "Each child born today is saddled with an interest

bill of \$2,000 a year, and that's just the interest due on our foreign debt."

"It's OK to be in the candy store, you just can't eat all of the candy. We've got to have some responsibility."

Gilbreath also said he would increase his media blitz, with future commercials dealing more with "the issues." Gilbreath admitted he was "a little in the dark" when he tried to answer a question on the farm program, "but I have staff people who are looking at that and all of the issues. I will have the answers—the answers that we need."

## County takes bid

By ANDREA LAMB  
Staff Writer

The Deaf Smith County Commissioners voted 2-1 Monday to award the county's fuel bid to the lowest bidder, First National Fuel in Hereford, despite a commissioner's misgivings about the fuel's past performance.

Commissioner Bill Bradley, who voted against the measure, said, "We had this fuel three years ago, and we some trouble with it then." Bradley refused to comment on what the trouble was.

Commissioners Johnny Latham and Troy Don Moore voted for the measure and Commissioner Austin Rose was absent.

First National Fuel's bid of .0335 per gallon ranked lower than five other bids submitted by the following: Centergas (Texaco)—.034; Blakely Oil Company—.0359; Wornble Oil Company—.0389 for gasoline and .0414 for diesel; Goodin Fuels,

Inc.—.047; and Tip Top Oil Company—.05.

The county's current contract with Blakely Oil Company will expire in April, ushering in the contract with First National Fuel effective until Sept. 30, 1989.

In a preliminary budget discussion, Alex Schroeter, county auditor, stated that based on present figures compiled from each department, the county budget will increase by \$250,000 over last year's budget, including a 5-to-10 percent salary increase for some county employees.

"These figures are preliminary to figuring out the budget for next year," said Schroeter. "I'm going to go through the budget and delete all the pay raises for now and see what we come up with."

Commissioners will begin meeting with the department heads in March, said County Judge Tom Simons, where all budget requests will be evaluated.

Commissioners also proposed changes in the budget such as replacing court-appointed attorneys with a public defender and creating a contingency fund for precinct equipment.

Concerning a maintenance agreement on the county's computer system, the commissioners decided to waive the agreement in lieu of a rider in the county's insurance policy which will cover maintenance costs.

"Other counties and other entities weren't too sold on these agreements," said David Ruland, county clerk. "They all signed on initially because they were afraid of the high cost to repair their computers, but they eventually dropped it because they didn't use it that much."

In other matters, the commissioners voted to pay Panhandle Community Services \$325 per year to administer the Emergency Nutrition (See COUNTY, Page 2)

## Local Roundup

### Bivins to visit

Teel Bivins of Amarillo, Republican candidate for the 31st District state senate seat, will be in Hereford Wednesday to visit with interested voters.

The public meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the west meeting room of the Hereford Community Center.

### Chilly forecast

Tonight's skies will be fair early with increasing cloudiness by morning, with a low of 25. Southeast wind will be 5 to 15 mph, becoming northerly at 10 to 20 mph after midnight.

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy and colder, with a high of 35. Northeast wind will be 10 to 20 mph.

This morning's low at KPAN was 24 after a high Monday of 61.

### VCR stolen from HHS

Hereford police are investigating the theft of a Hitachi VCR valued at \$1,000 from Hereford High School this weekend.

Reports state there was no forced entry through the outside door and that Room 154 (the room the VCR was in) doesn't lock.

Police have no suspects.

A man, 22, was arrested Monday on charges of operating a vehicle with no insurance and defective headlights.

Others arrested last weekend were a man in the 700 block of Stanton St. arrested on charges of assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and retaliation; a 22-year-old man arrested on charges of cruelty to animals;

A man, 25, arrested on charges of theft from the Save-N-Gain Store; a 52-year-old male arrested for an outstanding warrant for disorderly conduct; a male, 27, arrested on charges of no liability insurance and two traffic offenses;

A 32-year-old male arrested at U.S. Highway 385 and Higgins Street for public intoxication and two outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants outside Deaf Smith County; and a male, 31, was arrested for public intoxication at the Country Store, 203 S. 25 Mile Ave.

(See ROUNDUP, Page 2)

## Lumber company breaks ground

Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. broke ground Monday in Hereford for a 30,000 square foot home improvement center.

Higginbotham-Bartlett officials were joined by dozens of local residents for the groundbreaking,

which started a five-month construction process. Officials hope the store will be open for business by July 1.

The center will include a 75x100 feet main store and a 75x100 warehouse and loading area that will allow customers to load materials inside and to allow store employees to

unload trucks as large as 18-wheelers inside the warehouse.

"We've been looking at building a center in Hereford for five years," said H-B President J. Lanham Higginbotham. "We're glad we can build this center in a progressive, building town like Hereford."

Emory Brownlow of Hereford is the lead contractor on the project.

Manager of the center will be David Hardegree. Hardegree is moving here from Lubbock, where he has been employed by Lubbock Sash and Door, an H-B affiliate.



Groundbreaking

Dozens of city and county officials and Hereford Hustlers gathered Monday at groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co.

home improvement center on Hereford's north side. The 75x200 building should be complete by July.



# Lifestyles

## Ann Landers

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I read with interest the letter from the woman who felt that she had been discriminated against because of her epilepsy. She signed herself, "High Tech Problem in San Jose."

I would like to call your attention to a national organization that deals specifically with this type of problem. It is the Epilepsy Foundation of America, 4351 Garden City Dr., Landover, Md. 20785. The toll-free telephone number is (800) EFA-1000. There are local affiliates throughout the United States that offer advocacy counseling to people who have been fired, demoted, etc., because of this disorder. On Long Island, the Epilepsy Foundation of Nassau County has provided assistance in many such cases.

It is a sad commentary in this day and age of heightened awareness that people with epilepsy are still plagued by age-old myths and misconceptions. In this woman's case, four years of exemplary service were ignored because of a single seizure. Statistics show that she may not have another seizure for four more years (or maybe forever), but her once-promising career is now marred by this single experience.

Thank you for helping us educate the public.—Harmon Putter, Ph.D., Executive Director, Epilepsy Center, Garden City, N.Y.

**DEAR H.P.:** I have received hundreds of letters from people who decry the widespread ignorance of this disorder. They asked me to emphasize the fact that the majority of

people with epilepsy are employable and most cases can be controlled with proper medication.

Thank you for sending on the address and phone number so my readers can obtain information and guidance. I have seen the material and it is excellent.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I plan to be married in August of 1968. My fiancé (Dan) and I are making plans for the wedding and we have hit a snag. If ever I needed advice from Ann Landers it is now.

My closest friend in the whole world is a guy named Scott. We grew up together and he has stood by me through thick and thin. I have decided that Scott should be my maid of honor. When I told Dan that Scott was my choice he said it was a ridiculous idea and that people would think I was nuts. We talked a long time and I explained that Scott really deserved the honor. Finally, Dan said it would be OK with him, but I should expect a lot of criticism.

The wedding is going to be semi-formal. Dan and I plan to have four attendants each. We both want it to be a memorable event. Please tell me if you think my idea is too far out.—Seeking Help in Nebraska

**DEAR SEEKING:** I am a strong believer in people doing their own thing, but there are certain traditions that should be respected if for no other reason than to acknowledge the sanctity of the occasion.

Ask Dan if he will invite Scott to be

one of HIS attendants. You can then ask a sister, cousin or female friend to be your maid of honor.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** My husband is a physician. He frequently receives thank-you notes from patients and appreciates them all.

The question: Should he reply?—Doctor's Wife in Warren, Pa.

**DEAR WIFE:** The question of whether or not to say "thank you" for a thank you is highly personal. There is no obligation to do so. However, if the thank you is especially moving and the recipient is touched by it, it's perfectly proper. I have, on occasion, written to say "thank you" for a thank you, and will probably do so again.

Do you have questions about sex, but nobody you can talk to about them? Ann Landers' newly revised booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," will give you the answers you need. To receive a copy, send \$2.50 plus a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope (39 cents postage) to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

## Scherenschnitte is explained

Bonnie Futrell introduced guest speaker Kim Moore when members of Bay View Study Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Juston McBride.

Moore explained information about her background and then entertained members discussing her hobby, the art of Scherenschnitte. She told of the growth and development of this art of scissor-cutting in China, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Denmark and the Pennsylvania Dutch era in the United States.

As examples of this work from these countries were passed to members for them to examine, Moore highlighted respected practitioners of this art form and explained how she received information and patterns from all over the world. In closing, she shared many examples of her own contemporary designs.

Following the program, refreshments were served to 17 members and the guest by McBride.

At the beginning of the business session, members read the club collect and President Nancy Hays called the meeting to order. Minutes of the Jan. 21 meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given.

Program chairman, Helen Langley, reminded those present that the next meeting will be held at Ward Parlor of First United Methodist Church. The program will be a panel discussion led by Mayor Wes Fisher and City Manager Darwin McGill. Langley will serve as moderator. She asked that members have their questions written ahead of time.

Past President Meredith Wilcox reported on a letter received from Ruth Warner Day Care Center. There is a need for a new roof on the building and the center's board of directors is requesting assistance throughout the community. Nancy Josserand moved and Helen Rose seconded that the Bay View Club give to this cause. The motion was carried.

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### Chapter hears program

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McCarter emphasized that friendship is a necessity, noting that friendship can bridge you rife from what

you are to what you want to be.

Immediately following the program, President Beckie Fry called the meeting to order with all members present reciting the opening ritual. Thank yous were extended to secret sisters and members were reminded of the Valentine Ball.

Following the meeting, a baby shower was held for Nancy George and her infant son, Brent Thomas. Members were served coffee, tea, and cake by hostess Camille Beville and co-hostess Fry.

Members present included: Beville, Glenna Calaway, Jackie Fangman, Fry, George, Dona Hendrickson, Wanda Huseman, Elizabeth Jesko, Kathie Kerr, Marrie Leverett, Gay McClaskey, Matthews, Rhonda Nicklaus, Jaime Neeper, Patricia Sarchet, and Marge Bell, advisor.

Latin American reserves are falling at an accelerating rate — \$1.5 billion in 1965 and \$8 billion in 1966 — according to the Inter-American Development Bank. In 1966, a new and substantial decline in the terms of trade, the scant growth of the developed countries and the expansive domestic market policies followed by some countries caused the trade surplus of Latin America to shrink to little more than half the 1965 figure while imports went up.



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### Camp Fire Goodies

Members of the Wo-Kin-Ya-Ta Camp Fire and Tanda-Koda Horizon Club served hors d'oeuvres and refreshments to county officials, including County Judge Tom

Simons, center, this week at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse. It was a community service project for the groups. The Camp Fire group's leader is Stacy Lee.

## Try to keep sugar, salt out of child's diet

In 1987, half of all the deaths in the United States were attributed to heart disease.

The longer life span of Americans is a contributing factor to this statistic, but a Texas Christian University nutrition expert said one way to fight heart disease is to teach today's children how to eat correctly.

"The most important rule if you want children to eat right is to keep high sugar and high salt foods off the menu," said Dr. Mary Hager, assistant professor of nutrition and dietetics at TCU. "Popcorn without salt and butter, dried fruit, salt-free sunflower seeds, fresh fruit and

vegetables are a few of the healthy snack foods recommended."

In the last 20 years, more people have become aware of the content of the foods they eat. Changes in the sugar and salt content of baby foods is evidence of this movement, according to Hager.

"Consumer groups noticed that many baby foods had quite a bit of salt and sugar in them, and it was believed that the foods were seasoned that way because they tasted better to the mother," explained Hager. "Nutritionalists advised manufacturers of baby food to reduce the food's sugar and salt content so that a liking for salty and sugary foods was not developed at such an early age."

This approach was advised because studies have shown that humans have a natural liking for

sugar, Hager said.

"Research done with babies has shown that sugary substances elicit a pleasurable response," the TCU professor noted. "In one test, babies were given eye droplets of lemon juice, sugar water and salt water. It was the sugar water that brought smiles to the babies' faces."

### New Arrivals

Melvin and Janice Betzen are the parents of a son, Lee David, born Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1988, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Grandparents are Mike Betzen of Hereford and Glen Spinhrne of Vega.

### Fish dinner scheduled Wednesday

The Nazarene Christian Academy is sponsoring a fish dinner from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall of First Church of Nazarene. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age.

The menu will consist of fish, hush puppies, coleslaw, beans, potato salad, cake, coffee and tea. There will be hot dogs for the children.



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an important way to support her. These classes, started several months before delivery, teach how to recognize the signs of labor, and show you how to make her labor and delivery more comfortable. Many fathers have said that being with their partner through labor and seeing their baby born was an unforgettable and wonderful experience.

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**EXPRESSIONIST EXHIBITION**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A selection of some 150 German Expressionist prints and drawings as well as books and periodicals is on view at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art through March 13.

"Expressionist Visions" offers an opportunity to sample the full breadth and variety of German Expressionism. In conjunction with the exhibition, 30 works by such artists as Max Beckmann, Kathe Kollwitz and Gabriele Muntz will be on view through March 6 in "Expressionist Transitions," which surveys the major trends that directly preceded German Expressionism.



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## Woman's Health

By George W. Morley, M.D.,  
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Conception is obviously an act of partnership: without father's sperm, mother's egg would not be fertilized. And there would be no baby.

But the partnership shouldn't stop there. Fathers have many important tasks to perform throughout the pregnancy and up to and during delivery.

As father, your main task is to provide emotional and physical support to the mother. She will undergo changes in shape and mood almost daily, in response to nausea, indigestion, or fatigue, for example. She may be delighted with her pregnancy one day—and haunted by fear and doubt the next. It may be unsettling...but it's also quite normal. Your attitude during these mood

swings will be critical. If you consistently demonstrate your love, support, and pride, she will better be able to adjust to these changes and still maintain her diet, watch her weight, keep her doctor's appointments, and do the hundreds of other things that pregnancy requires.

Sexual relations also will change. While some women need more intimacy and more frequent intercourse, others feel inhibited, shy, and uncomfortable.

You may feel the same way. Sometimes your feelings will match hers...sometimes they won't. This is natural among many couples and requires openness and understanding, not blame and guilt.

Attending childbirth education classes with your pregnant partner is a very good way to help you both prepare for labor and delivery and

### Conservation series given to Bud to Blossom members

Members of Bud to Blossom Garden Club met Thursday morning at the Hereford Community Center with roll call being answered by members telling their favorite lily.

The conservation series was given by Kathleen Brockman. Using Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening, she gave many useful tips on how to obtain the maximum of fragrance from trees and flowers.

Members began a series of three studies on growing and caring for all kinds of lilies. Study leader, Phyllis Brown, recommended to the group that bulbs be planted in the fall to develop good root systems and to permit adjustment to the new environment. Lilies need a well drained place where soil is loose. The ground needs to be mulched when it freezes and when the sprouts emerge in the spring, they need a good all purpose fertilizer.

Clora Brown offered her garden plot for the Hereford Satellite Work Training Center clients to use this spring. Members will assist the clients with plant and gardening information. More plans were made for the

District I Texas Garden Clubs Convention to be held in Hereford March 14-15. Patricia Robinson reminded the group of the April 21 registration deadline for the National Convention in Houston.

Brown and Robinson were elected as delegates for the District I Convention and Jane White and Mildred Fuhrmann will serve as alternates.

Also, during the business session, members made plans to distribute posters in the spring for the Adopt-An-Alley program.

Those present included White, Brown, Brockman, Fuhrmann, Robinson, Paula Hamby and Wilma Bryan.

### VIOLIN STUDENT WINS TOP PRIZE

NEW YORK (AP) — Scott St. John, an 18-year-old violin student at the Curtis Institute of Music, has won first prize in the Alexander Schneider Competition for Violinists Playing Viola.

St. John's prize includes a viola and violin recital at Carnegie Hall March 20 as well as a cash award of \$5,000.

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## HHS tennis schedule

DATE	OPPONENT (TOURNEY)	TIME	SITE
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Plainview	4:30	Plainview
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Clovis	4:30 CST	Clovis
Saturday, Feb. 20	Labbock Coronado, Canyon	9:00	Hereford
February 26-27	Odessa Invitational Tournament		Odessa
March 4-5	Hereford 8-Team Tournament	8:30	Hereford
March 25-26	Snyder 8-Team Tournament	9:00	Snyder
April 1-2	Labbock Invitational Tournament	8:00	Labbock
April 8-9	Amarillo Relays Invitational	8:00	Amarillo
April 15-16	District 1-4A Tournament	8:30	Labbock
April 29-30	Regional Tournament	9:00	Brownwood
May 13-14	Class 4A State Tournament	9:00	Austin

## HHS boys' golf schedule

DATE	TOURNAMENT OR ROUND
February 19-20	Big Spring Invitational Tournament
March 4-5	Andrews Invitational Tournament
March 11-12	Hereford Invitational Tournament
Thursday, March 17	* First 1-4A Round, Meadowbrook, Lubbock
March 25-26	Amarillo Relays Tournament
Thursday, April 7	* Second 1-4A Round, Plainview
Thursday, April 14	* Third 1-4A Round, Southwest, Amarillo

\* District rounds start at 9 a.m. (shotgun start)

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Thursday, March 24	* Second 1-4A Round, Plainview
April 8-9	Amarillo Relays Tournament
Thursday, April 14	* Third 1-4A Round, Southwest, Amarillo

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## Junior high school girls' track schedule

DATE	MEET, SITE	GRADES
Saturday, March 12	Canyon Meet, Canyon	7th, 8th, 9th
Saturday, March 26	Dumas Meet, Dumas	7th, 8th, 9th
Saturday, April 9	Clovis Meet, Clovis	7th, 8th, 9th
Friday, April 15	Hereford Meet, Hereford	7th, 8th, 9th
Saturday, April 30	District Meet, Clovis	7th, 8th, 9th

## As member of Houston Rockets

# Sleepy Floyd has great expectations

HOUSTON (AP) — Sleepy Floyd dazzled fans with a triple double soon after joining Houston, and although not all his performances have been quite as spectacular the Rockets' new guard says he has great expectations.

"I want to provide proof that the Houston Rockets got the right guard," Floyd said recently. "It's a compliment that this ball club thought so highly of me and felt I was the missing piece in their puzzle."

The Rockets were decimated at the guard position by drug incidents involving John Lucas, Louis Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins the last two seasons.

Floyd, obtained in a trade Dec. 12 that sent Ralph Sampson to Golden State, scored his first triple double with 23 points, a career high 13 rebounds and 10 assists against Denver on Dec. 19. He has averaged 15 points and six assists per game, and shot 41 percent from the field in 22 games

with the Rockets.

"Floyd's ability will lift us beyond what we, as a ball club, could have accomplished if we had taken a stand pat approach," said Rockets General Manager Ray Patterson.

"The best thing about him is that he is going to make our other players better, once he has had time to familiarize himself with all the individual styles and techniques."

The Rockets, who went into the NBA All-Star break with a three-game winning streak, resume play Tuesday night in the Summit against the Boston Celtics.

All the pieces of the Rockets puzzle aren't together, but Floyd thinks the team is getting there.

"It's a big transition," he said. "At Golden State, I knew the players and the plays like the back of my hand. I'm anxious to walk on the court as a Rocket and have that same knowledge. That's when it will really be fun."

Floyd realizes much of the expectations are on him but he welcomes the attention.

"Sure, there's pressure, but I want that type of pressure," he said. "We have the personnel here to win a championship. I couldn't have asked for a better situation."

Floyd, 27, was a first-round draft pick of the New Jersey Nets in 1982 but was traded to the Warriors after 43 games.

"Trades are part of our business," he said. "It doesn't mean you can't play. When a trade happens, it's because two teams are looking to find the right parts. I didn't leave New Jersey with any ill feelings."

The Rockets return to play with a 25-17 record and they've won 14 of their last 20 games. Houston trails division-leading Dallas by 2½ games.

"The first couple of weeks after the All-Star break will be extremely important," Floyd said. "That will show us what direction we're headed in. I fully expect this team to take off."

## NBA standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Boston	32	13	.711	—
Philadelphia	29	23	.655	11
Washington	17	25	.405	13½
New York	16	28	.364	15½
New Jersey	10	34	.227	21½

  

Central Division				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	30	15	.667	—
Detroit	25	16	.610	3
Chicago	27	18	.600	3
Milwaukee	22	20	.524	6½
Cleveland	22	22	.511	7
Indiana	22	22	.500	7½

  

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Dallas	28	15	.651	—
Denver	26	17	.605	2
Houston	25	17	.595	2½
Utah	22	22	.500	6½
San Antonio	18	23	.439	9
Sacramento	14	29	.326	14

  

Pacific Division				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	35	8	.814	—
Portland	26	16	.619	8½
Seattle	25	20	.556	11
Phoenix	13	29	.310	21½
Golden State	10	32	.238	24½
L.A. Clippers	10	32	.238	24½

  

Sunday's Game  
East All-Stars 138, West All-Stars 133

Monday's Games  
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games  
New Jersey at Washington  
Philadelphia at Atlanta  
Utah at Dallas  
Detroit at Chicago  
Cleveland at Milwaukee  
Boston at Houston  
San Antonio at Denver  
Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix  
Indiana at Los Angeles Lakers  
Sacramento at Golden State  
Seattle at Portland

Wednesday's Games  
Chicago at New Jersey  
Washington at Cleveland  
New York at Detroit  
Boston at San Antonio  
Dallas at Utah  
Phoenix at Los Angeles Clippers

## HHS track schedules

BOYS		GIRLS	
DATE	MEET, SITE	DATE	MEET, SITE
February 26-27	Comanche Relays, Fort Stockton	February 26-27	Comanche Relays, Fort Stockton
Saturday, March 5	Lubbock Invitational, Lubbock	Saturday, March 5	Concho Belle Relays, San Angelo
Saturday, March 12	Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Invitational Meet, Hereford	Saturday, March 12	Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Invitational Meet, Hereford
March 25-26	Amarillo Relays, Amarillo	Saturday, March 19	Borger Relays, Borger
April 1-2	Abilene Invitational, Abilene	Saturday, March 26	Levelland Meet, Levelland
Saturday, April 9	Plainview Invitational, Plainview	Saturday, April 2	Lubbock Invitational, Lubbock
Saturday, April 16	District 1-4A Meet, Lubbock	Saturday, April 9	North Plains Relays, Dumas
Saturday, April 23	Regional Qualifiers Meet, TBA	Saturday, April 16	District 1-4A Meet, Lubbock
Saturday, April 30	Regional Meet, Brownwood	Saturday, April 23	Regional Qualifiers Meet, TBA
Saturday, May 7	State Qualifiers Meet, TBA	April 29-30	Regional Meet, Brownwood
May 13-14	State Class 4A Track Meet, Austin	Saturday, May 7	State Qualifiers Meet, TBA
		May 13-14	State Class 4A Track Meet, Austin

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# Hereford & Vicinity YMCA volleyball league standings

WOMEN'S LEAGUE		CO-ED "AA" LEAGUE		CO-ED "A" LEAGUE		CO-ED "B" LEAGUE	
Terminators	3-1	Team	W-L	Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Brown Drilling	2-1	Vega Bullets	3-1	Avenue Baptist	4-0	Palo Duro	0-0
H.O.T.S.	0-4	St. Anthony's II	2-1	Temple of Jordan	4-1	Wesley Methodist I	0-0
<b>RESULTS</b>		Friana Star	2-2	Ballbusters	4-2	San Pablo Methodist	0-1
Thursday, Jan. 21: Terminators def. Brown Drilling; Terminators def. H.O.T.S.		St. Anthony's I	2-2	Replacement Players	3-1	Church of Christ (Hollingsworth)	2-1
Thursday, Jan. 25: Brown Drilling def. H.O.T.S.; Brown Drilling def. Terminators.		Team USA	1-3	Undecided	3-1	Spilly Nar's	0-2
Thursday, Feb. 4: Terminators def. H.O.T.S.; Brown Drilling def. H.O.T.S.		Nazarene	1-3	Volley Bandits	2-2	First Presbyterian	0-2
<b>MEN'S LEAGUE</b>		St. Anthony's II	1-3	Nazarene	2-2	Friso Baptist	1-3
Team	W-L	St. Anthony's III	1-3	Temple El Jordan	3-3	Wesley Methodist II	0-4
Tuffs	3-0	First Methodist	1-3	St. Anthony's IV	1-3	Canyon Hills Church of Christ	1-3
Boots	2-0	St. Anthony's IV	0-4	Church of Christ	0-4	Dynamics	0-4
Spikers	2-1	<b>RESULTS</b>		Church of Christ (Flood)	0-4	Church of Christ (Flood)	0-4
Bell Jammers	2-1	Monday, Jan. 11: Vega Bullets def. Friana Star; St. Anthony's I def. Team USA; St. Anthony's II def. Nazarene.		Monday, Jan. 11: P.T.L. def. Wesley Methodist II; Palo Duro def. Canyon Hills Church of Christ.		Monday, Jan. 11: P.T.L. def. Wesley Methodist II; Palo Duro def. Canyon Hills Church of Christ.	
Hereford YMCA	1-2	Monday, Jan. 18: Team USA def. Vega Bullets; St. Anthony's II def. Friana Star; St. Anthony's I def. Nazarene.		Tuesday, Jan. 12: First Presbyterian def. Dynamics; Spilly Nar's def. Friso Baptist; Spilly Nar's def. San Pablo Methodist.		Tuesday, Jan. 12: First Presbyterian def. Dynamics; Spilly Nar's def. Friso Baptist; Spilly Nar's def. San Pablo Methodist.	
Incredible Miracle	1-2	Monday, Jan. 18: Team USA def. Vega Bullets; St. Anthony's II def. Friana Star; St. Anthony's I def. Nazarene.		Monday, Jan. 12: Wesley Methodist I def. Dynamics.		Monday, Jan. 12: Wesley Methodist I def. Dynamics.	
Challengers	0-2	Monday, Jan. 25: Friana Star def. St. Anthony's		Tuesday, Jan. 19: P.T.L. def. Church of Christ (Flood).		Tuesday, Jan. 19: P.T.L. def. Church of Christ (Flood).	
Spud Spikers	0-3						
<b>RESULTS</b>							
Thursday, Jan. 21: Tuffys def. Spikers;							

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