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Investigation into deputy training continues

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Officials with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education were in Big Spring Feb. 1-2 to investigate claims the Sheriff's Department falsified some training records.

In January, the Herald obtained copies of the department's records in response to questions being raised about their training. A former deputy then filed a complaint with TCLEOSE claiming he did not take two courses he was given credit for.

"We did interview some people and we are still looking into it. We are still trying to gather more facts in the matter but I can't comment any further about the investigation at this time," TCLEOSE Investigator Gerald Keowan stated.

According to TCLEOSE records, 29 Howard County Sheriff's Department employees took five courses in January 1994 and two of those were for state certification. At least two other former deputies have claimed their records were also falsified but have not filed any formal complaints. Current employees would not comment.

Every peace officer in Texas is required to take 40 hours of classes every two years. The deadline in order to maintain their certification and be in compliance with TCLEOSE is September 1995.

THE CHAMPS



Members of the Big Spring Lady Steers basketball squad hoist up their district trophy after defeating Monahans Friday evening. See Sports, page 9A.

Countdown to better water begins

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents and member cities of the Colorado River Municipal Water District are just days away from finding out if the 157-mile, \$124 million Lake Ivie-San Angelo-Odessa/Midland Pipeline is now operative.

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spokesman Joe Pickle, the first of seven pump stations on the Lake Ivie-San Angelo-Odessa/Midland Pipeline is now operative.

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Kenneth Randall named new head of SMMC

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Community Health Systems, parent company to Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Medical Center, has announced Kenneth W. Randall, a CHS hospital administrator in Enid, Okla., as SMMC's new executive director.

Randall is replacing Harold Boyer who resigned his position several weeks ago and is expect-

ed to assume his new position in the next two to four weeks.

He spent 12 years in Big Spring (1973-1985) at the then Malone and Hogan Clinic (now Malone and Hogan Methodist), beginning as Respiratory Therapy Director and eventually moved into administration at Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Randall joined CHS in 1992

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Gifts remembered

Italians learn from American couple's gift of life

MESSINA, Sicily (AP) — The Green family came back Saturday to the place of their life's tragedy and found an outpouring of love.

It was here four months ago that doctors declared 7-year-old Nicholas Green brain-dead after a bandit's bullet on an isolated stretch of highway put him into a coma.

Here Reginald and Maggie Green of Bodega Bay, Calif., decided to donate their boy's organs in an act that captivated Italy and still resounds.

The Greens and their 5-year-old daughter Eleanor came back to embrace the Italians who have a better life, or just life at all, because of their decision.

As they entered a hotel overlooking the Straits of Messina, several of the organ recipients were waiting to meet them. Maria Pia Pedala, 19, shyly came up, then began weeping and hugged Green and gave him a pen.

"So I can go on writing about Nicholas," Green said, his eyes reddening. Eleanor, who wore a heart-shaped locket with her brother's picture, received a stuffed elephant.

Nicholas's liver saved Pedala's life. She was in a coma

when word came that the organ was available.

"In some way Nicholas is still living," she said. "Seeing me

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Maria Pia Pedala

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His son's death has done something more profound than inspire organ donations, Green said.

"He has sent an electric charge through the human spirit, bringing us all face to face with the fragility of life and its preciousness."

Dr. Raffaello Cortesini, a leading transplant specialist in Rome and Pedala's surgeon, said transplants were up 20 percent since 1993 in a country with the lowest organ donor rate in Europe. The fact was directly attributable to the "Nicholas Effect," he said.

Nicholas was shot Sept. 29 while the vacationing family drove down an isolated, rob-

bery-prone stretch of highway in Calabria, the toe of the Italian boot. Robbers apparently mistook the car for a jewelry transporter.

Doctors transplanted his corneas into a 43-year-old man and 30-year-old woman; his heart into a boy, 15; his kidneys into an 11-year-old boy and 14-year-old girl; and his pancreas into a 31-year-old woman.

The donations prompted an outpouring of gratitude, as well as painful insight by those who saw it as a much-needed lesson of generosity in an often self-centered, callous country.

Officials lavished the Greens with honors. Streets and scholarships were named after Nicholas. During this 10-day trip to Italy, strangers hug them in the street. More than 20 letters arrive each day from around the world, Green said.

Many also were impressed by the couple's composure and eloquence amid that most piercing of griefs, the death of a child.

The Greens officially came to receive a special award from one of southern Italy's leading charitable foundations, based in this city with its own tragic history. A 1908 earthquake killed 84,000 people in Messina.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Attendees at the Cranefest listen to a speaker in the Dora Roberts Community Center Saturday afternoon. Nearly 130 participated in the third annual event, which started early in the morning to view the cranes leaving One Mile Lake.

Crane experience draws about 130 to festival

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

It was a "fowl" experience.

The event was the third annual Cranefest, one of many popping up across the state, to provide information about and applaud the lesser sandhill crane. Each year in late October, the birds return from their summer nesting grounds in Alaska, Canada and the Arctic.

And, each year, they make a stop in West Texas, delighting bird watchers across the state.

Those attending this year's event were not disappointed. Scenic Mountain State Park director John Karges agreed. "We were delighted to have over 3,000 cranes show up for this morning's viewing."

Event organizer Pat Simmons said she first became involved with Big Spring's Cranefest at

the end of the first year. "I'm a birder," Simmons said. "And I like trying to get all the local bird watchers involved."

An obsession or a sport, it didn't seem to matter to those who came to see the birds which stand three and a half feet tall with a wingspread of six feet. Approximately 130 individuals

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Texas Trivia
The Houston Astrodome celebrated its grand opening when?
April 9, 1965
Who was the first native Texan to win the British Open?
Ben Hogan

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WORLD/NATION

World:
Authorities declared Holland's dike crisis over but wouldn't let most of the 200,000 evacuees go home Saturday out of fear they would damage the fragile dikes in their haste to get back. See page 6A.

Nation: Winter came out of hibernation in the East Saturday with a blizzard, dropping a thick layer of snow from West Virginia to New England. See page 7A.

STATE

New jail ready
Nine of 12 Houston-area residents implicated in a bank robbery in Normangee last summer pleaded guilty to federal charges on Friday. See page 6A.

Fire termed murder-suicide
A fire that killed a Grand Prairie woman, her son and three grandchildren was a murder-suicide, police said Friday. See page 6A.

Battle over torts
The Legislature may be headed for its first major fight, and the subject isn't taxes, welfare or education. It's torts. See page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today

SUNNY

66 **▲** Highs **▼** 29
Lows

Tonight

CLEAR

Clear, low upper 20s
Today, Sunny, warmer, high upper 60s, variable winds becoming southwest 15 to 20 mph; clear night, low upper 20s.

Permian Basin Forecast
Monday: Sunny, warmer, high upper 60s, variable winds becoming southwest 15 to 20 mph; clear night, low upper 20s.
Tuesday: Sunny, warmer, high upper 60s, variable winds becoming southwest 15 to 20 mph.

Water

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tion as well as the number one (Lake Ivie intake) station and once work is complete, water will be pumped from the lake to San Angelo.

As electricians are continuing to wire circuits, tie-ins are being made at station number five (Garden City), station number four (Sterling City), and at station number seven (10 miles southeast of Midland) on the 54-inch pipe section.

Once this is complete, water can be pumped the entire 157 miles from Lake Ivie to the Odessa/Midland terminal. That station is being prepared for deliveries to Midland and Odessa.

According to CRMWD General Manager O.H. Ivie, the completion of the Lake Ivie pipeline project later this month will equalize the quality of drinking water for the member cities of the District (Odessa, Big Spring and Snyder) and for the cities that the CRMWD has contracts with (Midland, Stanton, San Angelo and Abilene, through its own district). The CRMWD supplies Abilene, through the West Central Water District, with 13.4 million gallons of water a day.

Fifty-one percent of the Lake Ivie reservoir is owned by the CRMWD's member cities with Abilene, Midland and San Angelo each owning 16.5 percent.

The reservoir covers about 19,200 acres, east of San Angelo where the Colorado River meets the Concho River. Forty-eight miles of pipeline will carry 90 million gallons to San Angelo, and 109 miles of pipeline to a terminal near Midland Interna-

tional Airport will carry 65 million gallons.

Ivie said that the CRMWD currently supplies water to approximately 450,000 people.

"What will happen when we have the Ivie system complete," Ivie said, "is that we will have the capability to deliver all of Odessa's water from (Lake) Ivie and a large percentage of Midland's requirements from Ivie and that will free up more of Lake Thomas' water to Big Spring.

"Lake Thomas water, relatively speaking," Ivie said, "is of good quality."

According to Ivie, what makes the water bad here in Big Spring is the water that the CRMWD is pumping in from Lake Spence. Lake Spence and Lake Thomas are the primary sources of water that the CRMWD pumps until Lake Ivie is completed and each source, according to the CRMWD, has its own quality characteristics.

"We're mixing water from Lake Thomas with water from Lake Spence," Ivie said. "We're mixing about 2 1/2 parts of (Lake) Spence water with one part of (Lake) Thomas water."

When the Ivie system is complete and there is runoff into Lake Spence, that ratio will be reversed according to Ivie and then the CRMWD will be pumping 2 to 3 parts per million of Lake Thomas water to one part of Lake Spence water, which will lower the total amount of dissolved solids, primarily sodium chloride.

If all goes as scheduled, Ivie said the Lake Ivie pipeline system will be activated and functionally operative by Feb. 20.

Birds

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came from as far away as Austin and Fort Worth just to collar their crane, capturing them forever on film as the birds rose up from their play lake to begin the day hunting for food.

Cranefest was headquartered at Dorothy Garrett Civic Center where a wide assortment of "fowl-looking" objects could be purchased. There were crane sculptures, crane planters and crane T-shirts.

Simmons noted the addition of several exhibitors this year.

"We have a group called Last Chance forever giving a birds of prey demonstration using rehabilitated falcons, owls and hawks," Simmons said. "And, we have presenters from Ducks Unlimited and Joint Ventures. Boyce Hale gave a hunting and fishing safety class, too."

It was not a formal event. Friends and acquaintances dressed in jackets, caps, tennis shoes and smiles, sat down together after the viewing to discuss their elation at seeing the sheer artistry of nature.

Everywhere there was talk of the beauty of the bird and the tenor of their trumpeting noise as they landed and again took off in front of the privileged patron. And, at the close of day, there were tired smiles of satisfaction, a feeling of camaraderie and hopeful enthusiasm toward Cranefest '96.

in the area of acute care.

Portacci said, "Kenneth is very aware of the excellent reputation that the (Big Spring) medical community once had. He is also aware of the serious work that needs to be done to our service and to our plant to once again achieve that status."

He added, Randall is a good fit for Big Spring because he knows West Texas, he knows Big Spring, he knows what the hospital is capable of, and he has the "turnaround" experience, energy, and organization to make it work.

Portacci said, "While Big Spring is a logical career progression and a promotion for Kenneth, I also appreciate the (SMMC) medical staff members and employees that met with Kenneth and helped us make sure we had the right fit for all parties concerned."

According to CHS, which purchased SMMC last October, the hospital, as a member of the CHS team, will benefit from centralized financial controls, risk management, reimbursement, collection, purchasing, and management information systems that are available from CHS' corporate headquarters.

SMMC will also continue to offer all of the services currently available including OB/Gyn, psychiatric, surgery, emergency room, CAT scan, nuclear medicine, pharmacy, pathology lab, physical therapy/rehab, mammography, cardiology, intensive care, and orthopedics.

CHS owns or operates 37 full-service acute care hospitals and one psychiatric hospital in rural communities in 16 states, serving as the healthcare delivery system to communities with typical service area populations of 20,000 to 60,000 residents.

Oak wilt taking its toll in 55 counties

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth officials plan to join forces with the Texas Forest Service and neighborhood groups to fight oak wilt, a disease that is devastating the oak trees in 55 northern and central Texas counties.

The city, the state and the neighborhood groups will form a task force to devise a strategy for fighting the disease, said City Forester Harold Pitchford.

"It's critical that we come up with some program to suppress the disease," Pitchford said. "I'm not sure we'll ever eliminate it. It's a matter of controlling the spread."

The Texas Forest Service treated 227 diseased trees last year, saving an estimated \$94 million worth of trees, said Bruce R. Miles, the agency director. But the 55 affected counties have lost 9 percent of tree cover to oak wilt so far.

To the homeowner, this can mean a 13 percent to 19 percent loss in a house's appraised value, according to a Texas A&M University study on

Austin.

Nevertheless, state officials are concerned already that the battle against oak wilt might collide with the property rights' movement, now gaining momentum in Texas.

"We've been getting a lot of flak from the cattle raisers," he said. "We are trying to help the landowner. I accept the fact there's some paranoia — and some legitimate concern about federal encroachment."

So far, oak wilt has been identified on city-owned land near Lake Worth and in affluent areas around Fort Worth — the Ridgmar neighborhood, the neighborhood around the Colonial Country Club and in the suburb of Westover Hills, he said.

Affluent neighborhoods in the western hills of Austin are also stricken, Pitchford said.

"For some reason, it tends to hit the high-rent districts," he said.

Left untreated, the disease can spread through the interconnected root system of red oaks.

Big Spring
ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday:

• **MILES RAY ANGUIANO, AKA MILES DIEHL**, 29 2308 Wright St., was arrested on violation of parole. He was transported to the county jail where he was released to his parole officer.

• **JERRY JIMENEZ GOMEZ**, 47 1201 W. Sixth, pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$470 in court costs and fines. He was released for time served.

• **ARTHURO MIRAMONTES, JR.**, 35 1703 W. Third St., was arrested on a Capias warrant from the Attorney General for non-support. Bond was set at \$4,000.

• **LEHEBRON FARR**, 39 2303 Carl, was arrested for criminal trespass. He posted a \$1,500 bond and was released.

• **SHELI LYNN WALLACE**, 19 1408 E. Sixth, was arrested for criminal mischief and outstanding local warrants. She was transported to the county jail where she was released on \$500 bond.

• **RAUL GONZALES MARTINEZ**, 37 1510 Oriole, was arrested for theft. He was transported to the county jail where he posted a \$500 bond and was released.

• **ROBERT HEWITT TURNAME**, 19 of Colorado City, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

• **RICHARD WHITE, JR.**, 18 of Rt. 1 Box 341, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **STEVE HANNABASS**, 36 of 1501 Tucson, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

• **RUBEN VEGA**, 24 of 405 Benton, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

• **LINDA RUTH PADGETT**, 40 of Coahoma, was arrested for fleeing to elude and possession of a controlled substance.

• **EARL GLENN GRIFFIN**, 53 of 111 E. Eighth St., was arrested for public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL RENE ROBLES**, 22 of 2623 Albrook, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

• **JOHN QUINN TIDWELL**, 42 no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **ROYCE CORNELL AUBIE**, 900 E. Marcy, was arrested for driving with no license, no insurance and on a grand jury indictment.

• **LIBRADO R. CORDOVA**, 37 of El Paso, was arrested for driving the wrong way on a one-way, no insurance, no driver's license and displaying a fictitious license. His vehicle was impounded.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** in the 800 block of E. 13th, 1800 block of Runnels and

DID YOU WIN?

LOTTO: 21, 47, 4, 36, 8, 20
PICK 3: 5, 2, 7

the 700 block of E. 14th
• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHTS** in the 1900 block of Runnels and 2600 block of Wasson.

• **LOUD PARTIES** in the 300 block of I-20 and 1800 block of Mittel.

• **DRAG RACING** in the 1600 block of E. 25th and at 11th. and Marcy.

• **THEFT** in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **DOG BITE** in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 2400 block of Main and the 900 block of Main.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 700 block of E. 14th and 1600 Vines.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1800 block of Scurry.

uing Education Department, 264-5131.

Ethics course
offered for kids

Ethical Culture of Texas, Colorado School of Self Defense and Big Spring School of Self Defense will present a free workshop, "How to Teach Ethics to Kids," 3-4:45 p.m., Feb. 11, at the Howard County Library.

Participant book is available for \$15. Early registration advised. Write P.O. Box 93604, Lubbock, Texas 79493-3604.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

• St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Lic. #3-00-786055-1.

• Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

• Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY

• "Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868.

• Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in, 6 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

• Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

• Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center. Call 267-6764.

• A1-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

• Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

• Howard County Youth Horseman, 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horseman Arena Clubhouse. Call Paula Perry, 393-5617.

TUESDAY

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

• Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday:

• **JESSIE LEE CLARK**, 64 of 1405 Benton, pled guilty to driving while license was suspended and driving while intoxicated, second offense. He was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$1,175 in fines and court costs. He was sentenced on Jan. 17 and released on Feb. 3 for time served.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** on Rockhouse Rd.

IN BRIEF

Water to turned off Monday

Several areas in town will be without water service Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while the city of Big Spring replaces a fire hydrant.

Areas without water during the shutdown will include: Dixie from Washington to 15th; 13th from Settles to Dixie; 14th from Settles to Lincoln; and 15th from Settles to Dixie.

Any question about the shut off should be directed to the city of Big Spring Distribution and Collection Office at 264-2392.

Square dancing lessons offered

Square dancing lessons are being offered through the Howard College Continuing Education Department. Instructor is John Geen from San Angelo. Classes will be at Big Spring Squares Dance Hall in Silver Heels.

Class starts 7 p.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$24. Have fun while learning. For more information call the Howard College Contin-

SMMC

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administrator of Enid Regional Hospital.

CHS vice president and group director Michael Portacci said, "Kenneth has done a commendable job in a very competitive Enid market. Enid's service has consistently improved and several physicians have been recruited during Kenneth's tenure."

Prior to joining the CHS system, Randall spent six years with Charter Medical Corp. His last tenure with Charter was Administrator for their Lubbock psychiatric facility and he also worked as an administrator

OBITUARIES

Donald Dunbar

Memorial services for Donald Raymond Dunbar, 59, San Antonio, will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1995, at Sunset Chapel under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home, San Antonio.

Mr. Dunbar died Wednesday, Feb. 1.

He was born Jan. 29, 1936, and had worked for Wacker's Winn for over 40 years.

Survivors include one son: Donny Raymond Dunbar, Kirby; two daughters: Debra Lynn Coates, Schertz, and Dedra L. McKee, San Antonio; two grandchildren; two brothers: Doyle Dunbar, Houston, and Preston Dunbar, Big Spring; his ex-wife: Rosetta Lee Dunbar; and several nieces and nephews.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Scandal is not like bread: There is never any shortage."

African Saying

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Make your donation count; don't be taken

Incredible as it may seem, there are people in this world who would use a sad situation for their own monetary gain.

It has been happening in Big Spring through telephone solicitation, raising money for the widow of Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue. Although the people are giving a legitimate name - Texas State Troopers Association - they are not associated with it, nor does this group solicit money for causes like this through telephone solicitation.

As hard as it is to imagine people taking advantage of a situation like this, it happens.

So how do you protect yourself from being defrauded and losing your will to contribute?

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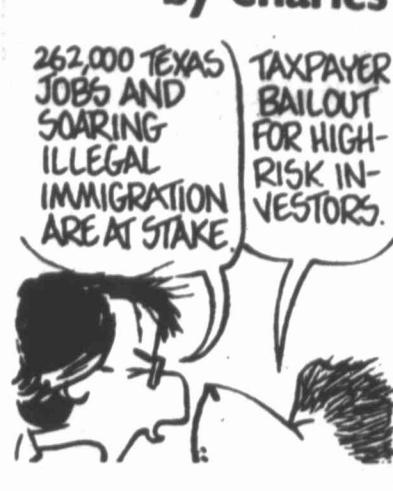
Call the Secretary of State at 1-800-648-9642 to find out if the organization is registered with the Secretary of State.

As in the case of the most recent fraud, the name of the organization is legitimate. Before donating, however, a call to the organization to find out something about it or even to find out if the group is soliciting in your area is a good way to prevent being taken.

We all want to help others. We all want to be a part of a good thing. But that good feeling often turns to suspicion of all solicitation, even legitimate, when we are defrauded.

Take the time to make sure your money is going where you want it to. It's the only safe way.

THADEUS & WEEZ



New payola scandal comes out

WASHINGTON — A new payola scandal looms in the record industry.

The Justice Department is nosing around — again — in the shadowy corners of the high-flying record promotion business.

Los Angeles organized crime busters are pursuing allegations that promoters, financed by record companies, regularly dole out \$100,000 a year to stations around the country for favorable airplay.

The probe comes as the biggest payola case in U.S. history inches toward trial. Former promotion king Joseph Isgro was charged in Los Angeles in 1989 with 56 federal counts, including racketeering and conspiracy to distribute cocaine, for his role in an alleged scheme to charge the record industry \$60 million a year to guarantee radio airplay.

The charges were dismissed in 1990 then reinstated in 1993.

House Republicans will let President Clinton's 1996 budget stew for two weeks before they come out with their own budget plan.

The White House will unveil its tax and spending blueprint Monday, and Republican lawmakers plan to dissect the president's cuts in hearings before asking for bigger cuts of their own later.

By Wednesday, 2,600 armed-to-the-teeth Marines will be in position off Somalia to rescue

WASHINGTON CALLING

U.N. peacekeepers if Somali clan warriors interfere with scheduled U.N. pullout. First of some 7,000 peacekeepers — mostly Pakistanis — are being withdrawn now with full withdrawal due by March 31. Much U.N. equipment already has been stolen by Somalis.

Tart-tongued Rep. Pat Schroeder needles House Speaker New Gingrich for telling reporters it's fine with him if Republican lawmakers want to sleep in their offices while they're in town.

Schroeder fires off a letter to House Oversight committee boss Bill Thomas, R-Calif., demanding a review of the free housing "perk."

"If Speaker Gingrich wants to make this Hotel Congress, he can do so, but not at the taxpayers' expense," Schroeder says. "If free housing and free parking are... taxable fringe benefits in the private sector, then those same rules should apply to Congress."

NEWSMAKER: Front and center with Clinton's 1996 budget is Alice Rivlin, White House budget director and most everyone's No. 1 budget expert.

BACKGROUND: Rivlin was expected to get the budget job when Clinton became president in 1993, but he picked California

congressman Leon Panetta instead, making Rivlin his deputy. She moved into the top job last summer when Panetta became White House chief of staff.

A longtime numbers cruncher, Rivlin spent much of her career as an economist at liberal-leaning Brookings Institution and she founded the Congressional Budget Office in 1975.

OUTLOOK: Not a charismatic witness at hearings on Capitol Hill, but she knows the numbers and has wide respect. She's a deficit hawk and has been prodding Republicans to say how they expect to balance the budget instead of simply promising to do it. Can't fool her.

BACKGROUND: She's 63... Grew up in Bloomington, Ind., where dad was chairman of physics department at Indiana University... grad of Bryn Mawr with doctorate from Harvard... married twice but keeps name of first husband. Three children.

For the first time in memory, a first lady ranks lower than her husband in public opinion polls. Several recent national polls show the president's approval rating climbing into the mid-50s, while Hillary Rodham Clinton's approval rate continues under 50 percent.

Border scrap between Ecuador and Peru derails U.S. fight against cocaine. United States has shut down radar stations in the area, and the 100-plus U.S. military personnel in the two countries are told to keep a low profile.

It costs cash to keep Americans overseas. The State Department figures \$248,000 a year to keep one of its employees overseas. AID, which also factors in costs of hiring foreign employees and contractors, figures \$352,000 per.

A General Accounting Office survey of 10 non-military agencies found most expensive postings were the Ivory Coast at \$414,777 a year followed by France at \$392,976; Denmark at \$375,180, and Benin at \$348,144. Relative bargains were Guyana, \$155,936, Nepal at \$185,625, and Costa Rica at \$195,079.

The main costs are for travel, educational allowances, hardship pay, cost-of-living adjustments, language incentives, R&R pay, rent, household and office furnishings and security.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas raised rightwing eyebrows when he disclosed to interviewer David Frost that he's a regular financial contributor to public broadcasting.

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On being Texan

We have heard, through the Letters to the Editor, about the wonders of Texas, being born a Texan and so on and so forth.

As if to lend more credence to this belief most of Texas native or just landed here seem to hold near and dear to our hearts, there are these two hippos who just don't want to go to Kansas City.

They have a home at the Houston Zoo, according to zoo officials, a rather crowded home. Given their size, it probably would be.

However, these hippos are supposed to be heading to Kansas City where there is a huge pool waiting just for the two of them — no one they have to share the thing with.

But, they don't want to go. Zookeepers have tried everything they can think of to get the hippos into a truck. They have tried their favorite food, but the hippos got the food without getting trapped.

Recently, they tried spraying the things with water in an effort to get them to move. But, alas, it's no go to Kansas City.

While I can't blame the hippos for not wanting to leave Texas, I really can't see why they want to stay in Houston. After all, we're talking about hot and humid. On second

thought, hot is something hippos understand, given the African continent's penchant for burning heat — but it's a dry heat.

We Texans love our state, and it seems these hippos love our state, also. But they haven't seen enough of it to really make a decision. How do they know Kansas City might not be better? We know, but we have seen the light.

There is one thing about the Texas feeling I have often wondered about — where does it come from? I don't remember being taught this in school. I don't really remember my parents being Texas-only.

I guess it's in the genes. I dated someone — from New Mexico — who just simply hated Texans, especially how they bragged. He figured we didn't have much to brag about since we didn't have skiing.

So? About all I know is the thought of leaving this state, moving somewhere else that wasn't Texas, hurts the heart.

But, hey, each to their own opinion. That's just mine.

I wasn't born in the great state. For some reason, about the time I was supposed to come into this world, Dad had to be stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo. And, for some unfathomable reason, my Mom just had to go there to be with my Dad.

I still don't understand her reasoning.

And, after all this time, that's still the only thing I can't forgive — being born in Colorado!

Viva la Texas!



DD Turner
Managing Editor



Letters to the Editor

Editorial commended

Editor:

I want to commend you for the Editorial of several weeks ago entitled "Non-attendance shows a great lack of respect." I live in Austin and, while visiting my father, had the chance to read back issues of your paper. My family has known Troy Hogue for years. He was my twin brother William's best friend. Troy's death was a tragedy for our family as well. I agree that Standard's failure to attend the funeral showed a great lack of respect and poor judgment. I admire your willingness to say so.

Sincerely,
Catherine Allensworth
Hawkins, PhD
Austin

Changes could be harmful

Editor:

This month, the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to begin consideration of the "Personal Responsibility Act"

(PRA). The welfare section of the "Contract With America," PRA would combine 10 federal nutrition programs into "block grants" that would be given directly to states and shift responsibility for America's poor from the federal government to states. Local school districts who participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs would be greatly affected by the passing of this bill as it is currently written.

Child nutrition programs under the National School Lunch Act are not, and have never been, welfare programs. Established in 1946, the National School Lunch Act was created by lawmakers concerned about young American men's health and readiness in time of war. Today the program is aimed at keeping all of America's children healthy and ready to learn by providing nutritious meals to school children in all income groups.

If the legislation is enacted in its current form, the American School Food Service Association estimates that roughly 10 million children could be dropped

from the program...either because school administrators find the program is too expensive to be run on a local level, or because the students can no longer afford the higher-priced meals likely to be a result of the legislation. What's more, PRA sets no dietary guidelines, and provides for no minimal standards of nutrition.

While the proposed cuts in child nutrition programs will save the federal government less than 0.1 percent of total spending from 1996-1999, the impact on America's school children will be enormous. Studies show that children who suffer from hunger...more than 12 million in America...are more often sick, absent from school and have a much harder time concentrating in class.

The American people may want welfare reform, but surely not at the expense of our children's health and education. Child Nutrition Programs are not welfare programs. They are educational support programs aimed at building healthy children, ready to learn.

Joann Knox
Big Spring

Victory for balanced budget

Twenty-two days after the beginning of the new Congress, House Republicans nailed into legislation a major plank of their Contract with America. By 300 to 132, the GOP-led lower chamber on Thursday voted to amend the Constitution to require balanced federal budgets.

The Republican takeover of the House is directly responsible for this giraffe step toward a balanced-budget amendment. Previous similar efforts had died in Democrat-controlled committees. But this time, all but two members of the new majority, joined by about a third of the Democrats, supplied the winning margin — which was 10 votes above the two-thirds majority required to alter the Constitution.

True, the Contract was slightly "renegotiated." In their pre-election manifesto, Republicans had envisioned a balanced-budget amendment requiring a three-fifths "supermajority" vote by both houses before Congress could raise taxes. That medicine gagged many moderate Democrats — including the prevailing measure's co-author, Charles Stenholm of Texas — and some Republicans. In the end, GOP firebrands relented on the three-fifths clause, soothed by Speaker Gingrich's pledge that the issue would be revisited next year.

The bill that passed the House, however, was far from gelded. Upon the amendment's passage — the next steps are two-thirds approval by the Senate and ratification by 38 states — Congress could spend no more in a year than the amount it collected in revenues. Deficit spending would be allowed for specific purposes if 60 percent of both houses approved, and in time of war or calamity. A three-fifths vote would also let the government finance deficit spending through bond sales.

An elated Gingrich characterized Thursday's vote as a blow for "fiscal integrity." Our view is that the balanced-budget amendment has been oversold. There are too many ways to beat it.

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Issue of legal liability looms over lawmakers

Tort reform centers on who can sue whom for how much

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature may be headed for its first major fight, and the subject isn't taxes, welfare or education.

It's torts. The issue that sounds more appropriate for a dessert tray than a legislator's desk, doesn't exactly stoke the fires of most Texans.

In fact, the bulk of the state probably perceives the issue as simply stopping overzealous attorneys from filing frivolous lawsuits. And most everyone likes that idea — even trial lawyers.

But a contingent of citizen activists and consumer groups are working feverishly to tell lawmakers and anyone else who will listen that it's not quite that simple.

They are concerned about a package of bills that would significantly alter who can sue whom and for how much.

People injured by faulty products, such as leaking breast implants, or even victims of drunken drivers, would have little recourse to seek damages in court, government watchdogs say.

The success or failure of the bills, currently being considered by a Senate committee, may be the first test of Gov. George W. Bush's ability to influence the outcome of legislation.

Bush, a lifelong businessman, made tort reform a cornerstone of his campaign, and nearly all of his public speeches since taking office have pushed the issue.

He has made it an emergency priority for the Legislature, saying the bills are needed to spur the economy by freeing businesses from spending huge sums of money to protect themselves from liability claims.

difficult places in the nation to sue an individual or corporation for wrongdoing, legal scholars say.

Tom Smith, state director of the government watchdog group Public Citizen, says punitive claims aren't a problem in Texas and actually have declined over the past four years.

"The proposed reforms won't help small businessmen, most of whom are honest and are never sued for punitive damages or products liability," Smith said.

"The reforms are carefully designed to protect Texas' largest corporations, such as the makers of breast implants, from liability for their biggest mistakes and cover-ups," he said.

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Tom Smith

Two measures aimed at curbing frivolous lawsuits have won support from consumer groups, lawmakers, citizen activists and trial lawyers.

Those bills, approved by the Senate this week, give judges power to toss out groundless suits by forcing frivolous filers to pay damages, court costs and attorneys fees. House action is pending.

But another nine bills in the tort reform package have stirred emotional testimony from victims of faulty products.



Jean Craig of Austin sits in her wheelchair and listens to a Senate committee hearing on tort reform in Austin. She says she suffers from degenerative disc and joint disease and other ailments stemming from leaking breast implants.

Diane Papageorgiou, a resident from the San Antonio area who blames leaking breast implants for her use of a wheelchair, said if the measures were already law, she wouldn't have been able to reach a settlement to pay for lifesaving medical treatment.

"These bills are immoral and would be a disgrace to Texas," she said.

Supporters of the bills, primarily two business-led lobbies and a coalition of "lawsuit abuse" groups, say Texas has become a haven for lawsuits. They say the bills are reasonable and even more modest than

what polls show the public wants.

"The civil justice system in this state is out of kilter," said state Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, who is sponsoring tort reform legislation in the House.

"Certainly it would be wrong to bring that pendulum back so far that you punish people who have legitimate claims. But it does have to be brought to where it does have some sense and fairness, which it doesn't have right now."

"The House has passed tort reform in the past. We'll pass it again, and I think it will be substantial reform to the system."

TORT REFORM Q&A

AUSTIN (AP) — With changes in the state's civil justice system on the front burner at the Legislature, here are some questions and answers about the issue and bills now pending in the House and Senate:

Q: What is tort reform?

A: Tort reform refers to proposed changes in the state's civil laws. Under civil law, people who feel they have been wronged or injured by a company or individual can sue for monetary compensation.

Q: What kind of compensation can people seek?

A: Plaintiffs can sue for actual damages, damages for pain and suffering, as well as punitive damages. Actual damages are specific losses, such as lost wages or medical bills. Damages for pain and suffering, which are incalculable, can be awarded to a plaintiff who has endured tremendous emotional or physical stress in relation to their claim.

Q: What are punitive damages?

A: Punitive damages are meant to be financial punishment for serious wrongdoing and are awarded in addition to other damages. Punitive claims have led to some of the state's biggest verdicts, such as a \$500 million decision in a Fort Worth child abuse case last year.

Q: How would the proposed legislation affect damages?

A: The legislation targets punitive damages. A cap would limit punitive damages to two times the amount of actual damages or \$200,000, whichever is greater.

Q: Would the burden of proof increase for punitive damages?

A: Yes. The standard of proof for a punitive claim would increase from a "preponderance of the evidence" to "beyond a reasonable doubt," which is the strict standard used in criminal cases.

Another change would cause the plaintiff to prove the defendant acted with "malice" or "fraud" rather than the current standard of "gross negligence." Another change would require a jury to find against a defendant unanimously, by a count of 12-0. Currently, punitive damages can be awarded with a 10-2 verdict.

Q: Would consumers' ability to sue a company for wrongdoing be limited?

A: Yes. The legislation proposes to change the number of times a company would have to pay punitive damages. Once a company paid punitive damages for one claim, it couldn't be sued for punitive damages again. As an example, if a company that produced faulty breast implants paid out punitive damages in a single case, it couldn't be held liable for any additional punitive damages, even if hundreds of other plaintiffs were filing claims.

Q: Who supports the changes?

A: Gov. George W. Bush supports the punitive damage reforms because he says it keeps businesses from having to set aside huge sums of money to fend off claims. He says that money would be better spent to start up or expand businesses, thus creating more jobs. Bush says the cap on punitive damages would allow for judgments that are fair to both the plaintiff and the defendant.

Q: Who opposes the changes?

A: Consumer groups say the changes will take away the financial punishment used to discourage businesses from making faulty products. They say the changes in the standard of proof and the limit on the number of punitive claims that can be filed against a defendant will make it nearly impossible to collect punitive claims, including those against drunk drivers.

If the bill is passed, Texas would become one of the most difficult places in the nation to sue an individual or corporation for wrongdoing.

"The most important thing you and I can do right now to improve our economy and to create jobs in the state of Texas is to reform the tort system of Texas," Bush told senators, urging them not to weaken the legislation.

"Piecemeal or watered down lawsuit abuse reform will not work," Bush said.

The center of contention is a bill that would cap punitive damages and drastically alter the standard of proof for a plaintiff seeking such damages.

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Nine bank robbery suspects plead guilty

WACO (AP) — Nine of 12 Houston-area residents implicated in a bank robbery in Normangee last summer pleaded guilty to federal charges on Friday.

Robbers stole \$170,000 from the Normangee State Bank in Leon County Aug. 23 after placing employees and customers in the bank's vault. An elderly Normangee woman was killed and a Department of Public Safety trooper was wounded after the robbery as some of the defendants tried to elude capture.

Five of the defendants, Dennis Castaneda, Demetrius Guzman, Marquez Marquette Jones, Rodolfo Alonzo Jr. and Ronnie Donyell Harris, pleaded guilty to bank robbery and weapons charges Friday, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported. They face a maximum of 30 years in federal prison and fines of up to \$500,000.

The other four, James Tyrone Hoskins, Anthony J. Coleman, Garry Harris and Jeralene Valverde, pleaded guilty to bank robbery after federal and state investigators determined that

they did not carry weapons during the commission of the crime.

They face a maximum of 25 years in prison and fines up to \$250,000. U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. will sentence them after reviewing background reports compiled by probation officers.

A trial for the remaining three defendants being handled in Waco, Julius Sephus, Hashim Esteban Thomas and Steven Lee Thomas II, is set for April 10 in Smith's court.

Five other defendants charged in Houston with aiding and abetting the 12 are set to stand trial later this month in Houston, FBI Special Agent John Wallace said.

Federal officials have alleged that Sephus, nicknamed "The Brain" for his role in planning the heist, shot and killed 82-year-old Ruby Parker and stole her car to use in his getaway as she visited her husband's grave at a cemetery a few miles from the bank.

Sephus was arrested a few days later hiding in a closet at a Lubbock residence.



Nine of 12 defendants charged in the Aug. 23, 1994, robbery of the Normangee State Bank are escorted into U.S. District Court in Waco Friday. The nine defendants pleaded guilty to federal bank robbery charges.

NEWS IN BRIEF

One was killed by racing teens

HURST (AP) — A Wisconsin woman was killed and three other people were injured on a suburban Fort Worth Interstate in a multiple-vehicle accident police blamed on racing teenage drivers.

Linda Overbye, 28, of Franklin, Wis., was killed in the Friday afternoon accident on Interstate 820, police said.

Police said the four teen-agers were headed to a Hurst shopping mall when they began to race their vehicles, weaving in and out of traffic.

"They were playing tag on the highway and were racing, trying to catch up to each other, doing in excess of 90 miles per hour. One of them admitted that he was doing 90 mile per hour and he still couldn't catch up," said police Sgt. Ken West.

One killed in 10-car pileup

SAN MANUEL (AP) — One man was killed and six people were injured, two critically, in a 10-car pileup Friday north of Edinburg.

Duane Elmore, 84, of Alamo was dead on arrival at Edinburg Hospital after being airlifted by the Valley Air Care helicopter, in its first week of emergency air service in the Rio Grande Valley.

The chain reaction occurred at 8:23 a.m. at U.S. 281 and Floral Road south of San Manuel. Traffic in northbound lanes was jammed for more than six hours.

Serial rapist given 65 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man has received 65 years in prison in what a prosecutor called one of the most brutal sexual assault cases in Harris County history.

Darron William Lehman, 24, is the second defendant in as many months to be convicted of aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping in the attacks on three women over a 10-day span in November 1993.

State District Judge A.D. Azios, who sentenced Lehman Friday, had sentenced co-defendant John Cory Green, 21, to 60 years in prison in December.

HECK NO, WE WON'T GO!



Two hippos at the Houston Zoo, Liberty in the rear, and Labor Day, are sprayed with water to coax them into a trailer that will take them to their new home in Kansas City. Zoo officials have been trying since Tuesday to load the tub-born animals.

Killer fire termed a murder-suicide

Five die from smoke inhalation

DALLAS (AP) — A fire that killed a Grand Prairie woman, her son and three grandchildren was a murder-suicide, police said Friday.

The bodies of Polly Stidum, 46; son Cardell Stidum, 4; and grandchildren Jasmyne Hartwell, 2, Frederick Dominique Hartwell, 5, and Takila Hartwell, 8, were found in a burned-out bedroom of Ms. Stidum's home early Thursday.

All five died of burns and smoke inhalation, the Dallas County medical examiner's office said Thursday.

Investigators believe Ms. Stidum set the blaze, Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Nelson said.

"We don't have any motive. The police department is at a loss as to explain this," he said.

Ms. Stidum left behind some correspondence, but Nelson could not confirm reports Fri-

day that she had been under treatment for depression.

Investigators had suspected arson shortly after the early morning fire. Traces of an unidentified flammable substance were discovered in the carpet of the room, where all the bodies were found.

"It was a very peculiar scene, with all five victims in the same room," Nelson said.

Bob Lange, a medical examiner's field agent, said the victims' identities were verified through dental records. He said identification was difficult because the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

A total of nine people have died in the Dallas County fires this week.

An early morning blaze Friday at a south Dallas apartment complex killed Robert Davis, 86; his 81-year-old wife, Mary Davis; and a caretaker identified only as a 25- to 30-year-old woman.

All died of smoke inhalation and thermal injuries, said Lange.

The retired couple's eldest son, Mark Davis, was awakened in one bedroom by a smoke alarm.

"My dad and mother were trapped in that back room," he said. "I went to breaking out windows and everything, trying to save them. I couldn't. They were too far gone. I couldn't do nothing. The fire got too big."

The fire began on one of the beds, said Section Chief Tom Oney.

"It appears at this time the fire was caused by smoking," he said. "The elderly gentleman was a smoker and it appears that the fire did start in his bedroom on the bed."

Robert Davis had celebrated his birthday Tuesday.

The Davises were the parents of two Dallas Fire Department employees, one a worker in the fire prevention office and another a firefighter in East Dallas.

An apartment fire Wednesday in Dallas that killed a 7-month-old boy and critically burned his mother was blamed on children playing with matches.

Students vaccinated to prevent meningitis

WACO (AP) — Two people confirmed to have bacterial meningitis and three others who may possibly have the disease were improving at area hospitals after a meningitis outbreak at a Jonesboro school.

Meanwhile, health care workers administered more than 500 vaccines Thursday and Friday in the school cafeteria.

The state health department in Temple has reported no other cases.

At Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Dan Wilson, a 42-year-old Jonesboro man, was upgraded Friday from critical to very serious condition, according to the hospital's public information department.

Todd Lee, a 15-year-old eighth grader also at the hospital, was transferred from intensive care to a pediatrics unit and remained in good condition.

Lee, a basketball player at the school, suffered kidney failure and pneumonia.

"He's doing a lot better," said his father, Tommy Lee, who drove down from West Plains, Missouri. "He's up, goes out in the hallway in the wheelchair. Of course, he's still got pneumonia. He's doing all right, but it's going to be a while."

Three patients at Goodall-Witcher Hospital in Clifton were in stable condition and out of intensive care, a hospital spokesperson said.

Problems crop up with new food stamp card

HOUSTON (AP) — Some retailers in Harris and Chambers counties are reporting problems with a new Lone Star debit card program, which replaces food stamps and is scheduled to be phased in statewide by the end of the year.

Some of the 3,000 retailers in the two Southeast Texas counties had telecommunications troubles Thursday and Friday verifying accounts after processing the automatic-teller-machine-like cards through machines.

But state officials said even if clerks are unable to verify accounts through computers or phone calls, customers presenting a Lone Star card are still entitled to \$25 in groceries. That amount will be deducted.

"Nobody should have to just walk away," said Carmen Luevanos of the state Comptroller's office.

A Kroger Food Stores spokesman said nearly all of their 63 stores in Harris and Chambers counties were unable to scan the debit cards at various times Thursday.

"Nothing was being recognized, so we had to call on everything," Gary Huddleston said.

The new program will serve 2.7 million Texans and officials expect it will eliminate much of the state's food-stamp fraud. Most of the aid will be in food stamp benefits, but some Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits also will be provided through the cards.

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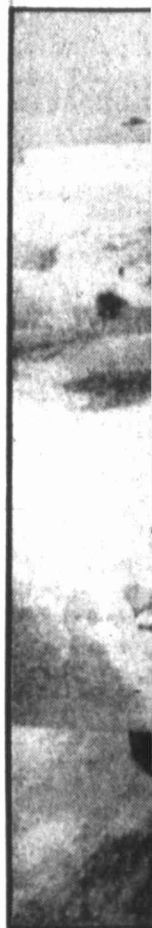
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GOP plans more trimming on Clinton budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's \$1.61 trillion budget for next year trims the deficit, compresses 271 programs into a handful and kills 130 others. Still, his Republican nemesis in Congress say they'll do more.

The Republicans, running Congress for the first time in 40 years, say they won't ignore Clinton's blueprint, and will probably use some of his ideas. But they are betting that voters want a far stronger push to eliminate the government's chronic red ink and much deeper spending slashes, including bigger reductions in programs that help the poor.

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To say we're Republicans Lite assumes Republicans actually have a plan that is Republicans Heavy.

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Evel Kniesel trying to fly over the Snake Canyon, he'd fly over the edge of the cliff and he might fly a little while, but he wouldn't make it to the ledge on the other side," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

But a senior White House official who briefed reporters on the budget Saturday scoffed at GOP claims that they would do more.

"To say we're Republicans

Lite assumes Republicans actually have a plan that is Republicans Heavy," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We haven't seen it."

The president's budget, to be released Monday, reduces spending by \$144 billion over the next five years by chopping defense, merging 271 public health, environmental and training programs into 27, and making other cuts. Only \$28.7

billion of the savings come from benefit programs, which are the largest, fastest growing portion of the budget.

The \$144 billion in savings pays for \$63 billion worth of tax cuts for middle-income families and others, and \$81 billion worth of deficit reduction.

It contains extra money for the Border Patrol, technological research and his Americorps volunteer service program, as well as for environment and anti-crime efforts.

In all, it adds \$9.6 billion for next year to programs Clinton believes will help the economy, including Head Start, nutrition programs for poor women and children, and his Goals 2000

effort to improve schools, the White House official said.

"Investment, especially in education, is very important to future living standards," said the official.

Playing to the public mood, the outline emphasizes cuts and efficiency. It restructures the departments of Transportation, Energy and Housing and Urban Development, the General Services Administration and the Office of Personnel Management, pares \$10 billion from this year's \$271 billion military budget, and gradually trims spending for agriculture and space.

Clinton's budget contains no new tax increases.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Defense says abrupt end to testimony unfair

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The abrupt end to the tearful testimony of Nicole Brown Simpson's sister was an unfair way to cap off the court week, and may have been staged by prosecutors, O.J. Simpson's attorney says.

"I saw it coming, and we kept trying to say it's not fair," Johnnie Cochran Jr. said Friday after Denise Brown's dramatic testimony about how Simpson abused and humiliated his wife.

When asked what he felt was unfair, Cochran answered: "If it was planned, is that fair?"

Shuttle glow being examined by team

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Russian cosmonaut Vladimir Titov hoisted a gleaming red satellite from Discovery's cargo bay early today to help NASA pinpoint what causes a cosmic phenomenon called shuttle glow.

The experiment was one of several secondary tasks for Discovery's crew leading up to the mission's highlight — a planned rendezvous Monday with the Russian space station Mir.

Lobbyist donated to defense fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington lobbyists gave nearly \$20,000 to President Clinton's legal defense fund in its first six months of operation, a small portion of the total \$608,000 that flowed into the fund.

Other givers included such celebrities as actor James Garner, singer Barbra Streisand and writer Garrison Keillor; political allies from Clinton's days as Arkansas governor, business executives and ordinary Americans from all 50 states.

Despite the contributions and payouts, Clinton and his wife, Hillary, still owed two Washington law firms a total of \$981,682 as of Dec. 31 for services related to a sexual harassment suit against the president and allegations related to the Whitewater land deal.

Abortions could spell trouble

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Henry Foster Jr. delivered 10,000 babies over three decades, but the handful of pregnancies he terminated could spell trouble for his nomination to be surgeon general.



Planes stay parked at their gates as front-end loaders remove snow at New York's LaGuardia Airport Saturday. Heavy snow throughout the New York region forced the closure of the busy airport for several hours.

Snow grounds northern United States

NEW YORK (AP) — Winter came out of hibernation in the East Saturday with a blizzard, dropping a thick layer of snow from West Virginia to New England.

"This is impossible to keep up with," said Pat Rodgers of the Transportation Department in Connecticut, where 2 to 3 inches of snow fell an hour, leaving a foot in Milford and 11 inches in New Canaan.

About 9,000 customers in the state were without power by late afternoon.

The East's first major storm of the season started Friday in the Midwest and gained strength as it moved east and pounded the Middle Atlantic States overnight with heavy snow, winds up to 40 mph and low wind chills.

It dumped 4 inches of snow in much of Indiana and Illinois before blanketing the nation's capital with 6 inches. Eleven inches fell in Baltimore County, Md., and up to 14 in the Philadelphia suburbs. Ten inches covered the West Virginia mountains and up to 16 fell in central New Jersey.

The storm arrived during a so-far mild winter in the East — a sharp contrast to last year, when about 17 storms dropped 50-plus inches of snow.

"It's about time!" said Deborah Fedelli, riding a commuter train from Connecticut to her job at Macy's in New York City. "I just hope it doesn't hinder people from getting to where they want to go."

Guess again. In New York, La Guardia and

Kennedy Airports were closed most of Saturday morning and no planes were taking off at New Jersey's Newark International Airport, stranding thousands of people. Delays were expected through Sunday.

Driving was treacherous throughout the East as snow turned to sleet and freezing rain in some areas and high winds decreased visibility elsewhere.

At least two traffic deaths — one each in Massachusetts and New Hampshire — were blamed on the weather.

The Massachusetts Turnpike was closed to propane trucks and tandem trailers. Numerous minor accidents and three rollovers were reported, state police said. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Clinton cites history in push for minimum wage raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Insisting that a person cannot live on \$4.25 an hour, President Clinton invoked history and statistics Saturday to try to persuade balking Republicans to back an increase in the minimum wage.

Clinton, in his weekly radio address, reminded Republicans that it was his GOP predecessor, George Bush, who approved the last minimum-wage increase.

"If, in 1990, a Republican president and a Democratic Congress could get that job done, surely in 1995 a Republican Congress and a Democratic president can do the same — to uphold the value of hard work

for the American people," Clinton said.

He also argued that because of inflation, the purchasing power of the minimum wage will hit a 40-year low next year.

"Nobody can live on just \$4.25 an hour and yet 2.5 million Americans are working for just that amount, and many of them have children to feed," he said. "Millions more are just above the minimum wage."

Clinton on Friday unveiled a proposal to increase the minimum wage by 90 cents over two years, to \$5.15 an hour. GOP congressional leaders were skeptical, promising a fair hearing and nothing more.

In the GOP response to Clinton's broadcast, Massachusetts Rep. Peter Blute said House Republicans are already helping the economy create jobs by shrinking government.

As evidence, he touted reductions in congressional staff, House passage of the balanced budget amendment and approval of a bill to prevent the federal government from imposing costly programs on the states without corresponding funds.

Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has expressed concern that increasing the minimum wage could end up destroying jobs.

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Dikes hold

Dutch begin returning home

TIEL, Netherlands (AP) — Authorities declared Holland's dike crisis over but wouldn't let most of the 200,000 evacuees go home Saturday out of fear they would damage the fragile dikes in their haste to get back.

The dikes that protect the houses and farms of Holland's lowlands held against the flood waters that coursed through central Europe to the North Sea.

With rivers receding Saturday, the more than 200,000 people uprooted by the crisis were eager to go home.

"It's like Liberation Day ... Bells of churches are ringing," said Susan Lommers, a spokeswoman for the Nijmegen, the capital of Gelderland Province where 55,000 people were allowed to return home.

Another 140,000, however, were told to wait until Sunday by officials worried heavy traffic could damage the earthen dikes, many of which have roads that run on top.

And authorities said 10,000 people in still chancy areas by the Waal river will have to wait even longer.



H. Markhorst clears furniture in front of a relative's house in Vanlo, southeastern Netherlands, after the flood from the Maas river inundated the house with up to one meter of water Saturday. Water levels are dropping all along the river after the worst flooding in southern Holland since 1953.

"Dike watching will go on day and night until we are absolutely convinced that no calamity of any kind can happen," said Jacob de Jongh, dike master in this town between the Waal and Lower Rhine rivers.

The Dutch bore the brunt of flooding and storms that hit Germany, France and Belgium

first, shooting near-record volumes of water through the delicate river and dike network of the southeastern Netherlands basin.

The evacuations began January 26 far south in the province of Limburg, after the Maas overflowed its banks and flooded thousands of homes.

This week the flooding spread to the Waal River, jeopardizing 328 miles of dams that protect polders, land reclaimed from the sea.

At least 30 people have died from the flooding and storms across northwestern Europe, three of them in the Netherlands.

Serbs flagrantly violate pledge

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. troops witnessed what they described Saturday as the most flagrant violation yet of Serbia's pledge to stay out of the war in Bosnia.

Peacekeepers said 15 to 20 Serbian helicopters landed just outside the eastern Muslim enclave of Srebrenica Friday evening, apparently to resupply the Bosnian Serb forces there.

The sortie was the largest in the six months since Serbia promised to cut off aid to the Bosnian Serb military, U.N. spokesman Paul Risley said. The flights also are a violation of the U.N. no-fly zone over Bosnia.

Serbs have been flying sorties over neighboring Bosnia throughout the war. Last fall, up to 80 Serb sorties were recorded daily, Risley said in Zagreb, Croatia.

Still, the consensus has been that Serbia was no longer supplying its brethren in Bosnia. As a result, the United Nations relaxed its sanctions on Serbia

Some 10,000 people died in a Croat-Serb war over Croatia's independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

for fomenting the war.

U.N. military monitors at Serb airfields just across the Bosnia border didn't see the latest flights. Risley said Serbs refused to give the U.N. observers access to the radar screens.

The flights are just one indication of how the Bosnia and neighboring Croatia are from genuine peace. Brittle truces in both states threaten to erupt in new violence this spring.

The threat has prompted new international diplomacy to stave off more war. It also has pushed the protagonists into new maneuvering that is putting pressure on the Muslim government.

On Saturday, Croatia's foreign minister announced he planned an unprecedented trip to Belgrade, the Serbian and Yugoslav capital, this month to pursue formal recognition of Croatia.

Some 10,000 people died in a Croat-Serb war over Croatia's independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

Recognition could avert a new war when 12,000 U.N. peacekeepers leave Croatia this spring. It might persuade Serb rebels who control one-third of Croatia that they could not defeat the Zagreb government on the battlefield.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Extremists kill police officer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Attackers believed to be Muslim extremists machine-gunned a police car in southern Egypt today, killing one officer and wounding six people, security sources said.

Four gunmen opened fire on the car in Mallawi, 160 miles south of Cairo.

The driver was killed and six officers in the car were wounded, said the security sources.

North Korea threatens deal

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea is threatening to pull out of its nuclear deal with Washington if the United States holds its annual spring military exercise with South Korea.

North Korea calls the "Team Spirit" exercises a rehearsal for an invasion, and in the past has protested by canceling talks on improving relations.

In past years, about 100,000 U.S. and South Korean troops have participated in "Team Spirit," normally held in March or April.

"The implementation of the agreed (nuclear) framework would be unthinkable if a belligerent party staged a massive military rehearsal against the other side," the North's official Korea Central News Agency said Saturday.

U.S. offering Zimbabwe planes

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — The U.S. military will donate 10 transport planes and other equipment to help African armies boost their regional peacekeeping capability, U.S. and Zimbabwe officials said Friday.

But Zimbabwe, set to send 1,000 troops to help oversee a peace pact in Angola, said it wasn't sure it can afford to maintain the planes it's been offered.

U.S. embassy spokeswoman Maura Keniston said the military was donating equipment it no longer needed. Included are a total of 10 C130s being made available to African governments.

Zimbabwe is being offered at least two C130 Hercules transport planes.

Romania to get American aid

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The United States will spend \$1 million to help Romania bring its military management in line with NATO standards, a senior U.S. official said Friday.

Romania was the first country to sign the Partnership for Peace treaty, seen as a preliminary step for former East Bloc nations to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The decision was announced at the end of a two-day visit to Romania by Assistant Secretary of Defense Joseph S. Nye Jr.

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Firefighters work to remove debris after a car-bomb went off, killing five people at the Uffizi Museum in Florence's historic center in this 1993 file photo. Four reputed mobsters were ordered arrested Saturday on charges of masterminding the blast.

Rebels take down Russian fighter jet

SAMASHKY, Russia (AP) — Rebels shot down the first Russian fighter plane in the war in secessionist Chechnya on Saturday. The pilot of the Su-25 was killed, Russian state television reported.

All three Russian TV channels broadcast wreckage of the single-seat attack jet strewn more than 10 miles over a field near Grozny, the capital.

The downing was confirmed by the Russian military, which said the pilot "is believed to have died." It was not immediately clear if the pilot was killed in the crash or afterward.

Russian planes have attacked Chechnya, often indiscriminately, for nearly two months to quash the southern republic's independence bid.

Residents of Samashky said Russian helicopters raked a funeral with machine-gun fire on Friday, killing three mourners. It was the second straight day people were killed at a funeral in the town.

"Why are they attacking peaceful people?" asked Luisa Marsagova, 30.

Battling for Jerusalem

Construction upsets West Bank Arabs

JERUSALEM (AP) — When Ibrahim Abu Teir looks from his window at the green, terraced hillside farmed by his family for generations, he feels anger, not pride.

Soon bulldozers will start ploughing the land to build Har Homa, an Israeli-only neighborhood of 6,500 apartments in what the Palestinians consider their part of Jerusalem, site of their future capital.

"Peace is an empty word. This means a continuation of war with the Jews," Abu Teir, 65, a craggy-faced Palestinian farmer, said of the planned construction outside his front door.

Har Homa is part of Israel's large-scale building program under which more than 65,000 apartments have been built or approved for construction on land captured from the Arabs in the 1967 Mideast war.

Palestinians see the building as an attempt by Israel to cement claims to all of Jerusalem before negotiations on the disputed city's final status begin next year.

Faisal Hussein, a senior PLO official in Jerusalem, this week warned of a "new uprising" if Israel doesn't stop the construction and show a readiness for compromise.

But even liberal Israelis are hawks on Jerusalem.

"The struggle for Jerusalem

has to be foremost in our minds," Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, a key negotiator of the Israel-PLO autonomy accord, said recently. "We need to continue building massively inside Jerusalem, even in the face of the whole world which doesn't like this."

Palestinian Intellectual Sari Nusseibeh said the Israelis are deluding themselves if they think they can keep Jerusalem and still make peace.

"The Israelis may think they can reach a peace settlement without (compromise on) Jerusalem, but they are wrong," said Nusseibeh. "If we can't divide things up between us, we are going to end up having the two peoples at each other's throats."

At the heart of the dispute is east Jerusalem, which Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed into its capital.

Among the war spoils were sacred shrines of Judaism, Islam and Christianity in the walled Old City. Jews pray at the Western Wall, the last remnant of the ancient Jewish Temple. The Al Aqsa Mosque complex is revered by Muslims as the site of Prophet Mohammed's ascension. Christians pray at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where tradition says Jesus was crucified.

For the Palestinians, east Jerusalem is the religious, economic and political hub. They want to establish their future capital, Al Quds, there.

Since taking control of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, PLO chief Yasser Arafat has repeatedly

promised the Palestinians that one day their flags would fly over the minarets and steeples of the Old City.

But many Israelis refer to Jerusalem as the heart and soul of the Jewish people. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning," begins an oft-quoted biblical psalm.

After the 1967 war, Jerusalem had a population of 266,300, with about 199,000 Jews on the western side and 67,000 Palestinians on the eastern side.

Today, the city has 405,000 Jewish and 155,000 Arab residents. The Israelis have built so heavily in the eastern sector that Jews now outnumber Arabs there, by 160,000 to 155,000.

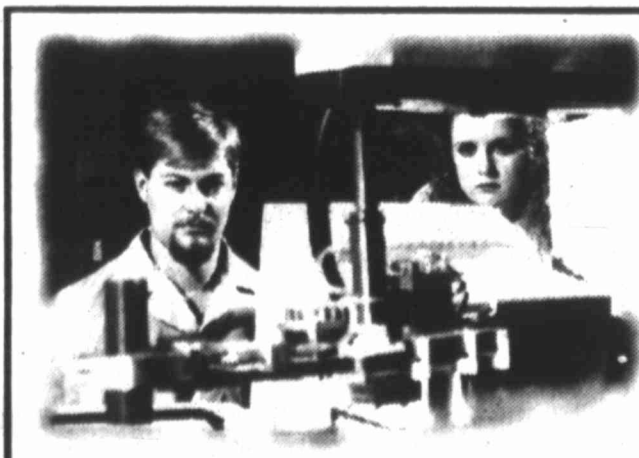
The Rabin government has also been fortifying a second line of defense — Jewish West Bank settlements ringing Jerusalem.

Last week, Rabin approved more than 3,000 new homes in three such settlements that already have some 40,000 residents.

Abu Teir, the village elder of Umm Tuba, said he lost seven acres on which he and his six brothers grow olive, almond and pine trees.

Showing a handwritten land deed in Arabic dating back to Ottoman times, Abu Teir said he refused money for the land.

Abu Teir is now left with half an acre to graze 200 sheep. He said he and his 13 children feel cornered: "The Jews are swallowing us. They say they want coexistence and peace. But where should I live if they take my land?"



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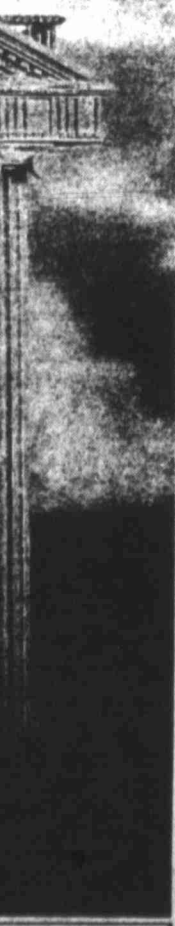
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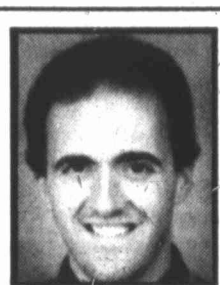
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Excuse us, but we're very busy

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Seemed like the week or two



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

where high school football playoffs dipped into the basketball season were the busiest, but that didn't last long. February is a whole

month - though 29 days isn't enough to fit it all into.

You know about basketball. Howard College is going strong, and both the Hawks and Lady Hawks have legitimate chances at the national tournaments, which would pull us into mid-March. The Hawks? OK, they haven't been to the national tournament the past two seasons like the Lady Hawks, but you've seen how close the Hawks match up with perennial conference powerhouses Midland and Odessa. Howard beat Midland 78-69 Monday, and they played the other two 'big dogs' - Odessa and New Mexico Junior College - extremely close on the road. All three of those

conference opponents have appeared in the national JUCO polls.

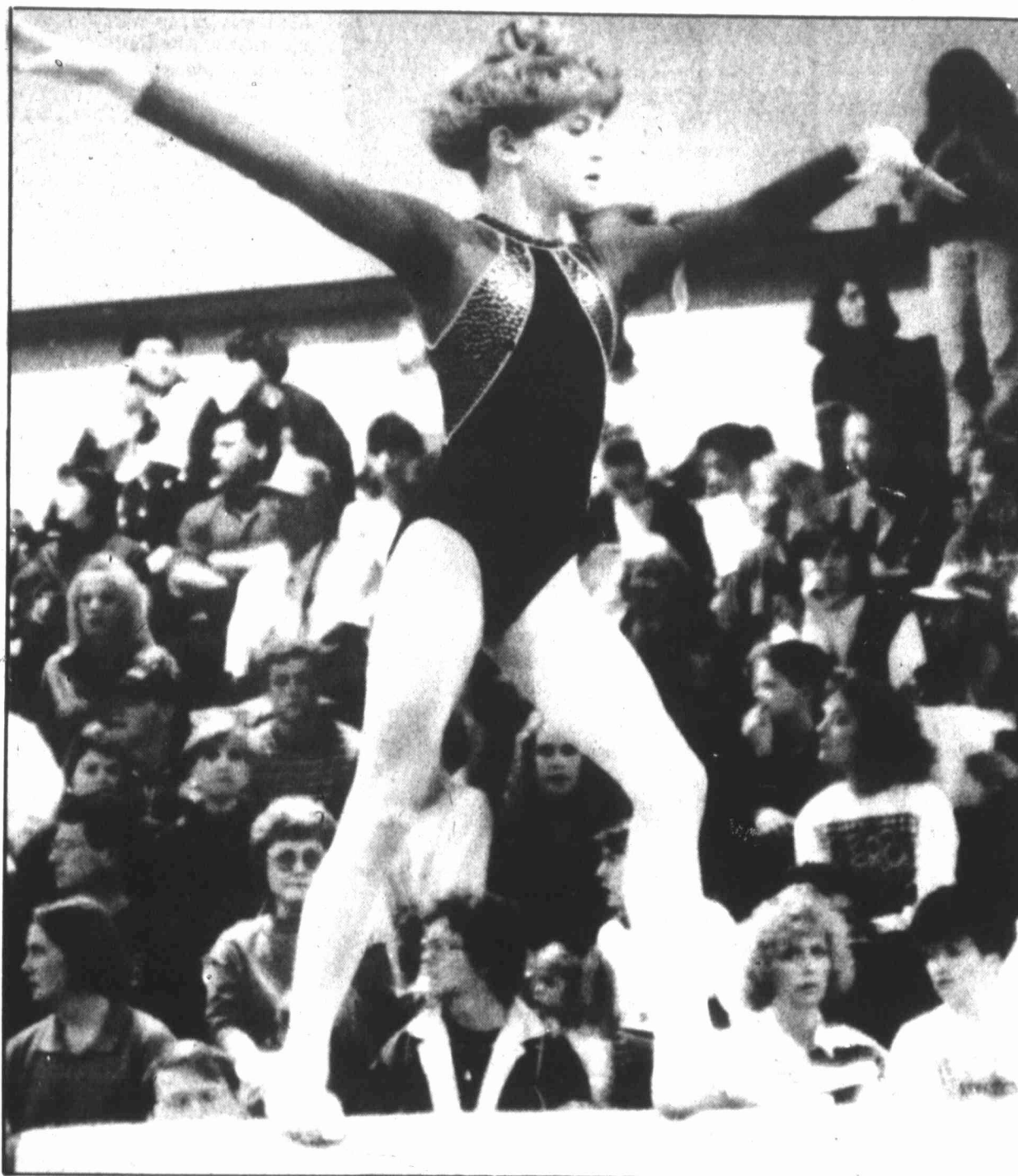
The possibility of two national tournament teams at Howard College isn't something to run out and bet your life savings on, but it's more than just a pipe dream.

High schools? Well, it might take the rest of this space to list all of the teams gunning for the playoffs - playoff time will keep you hopping. The Big Spring Lady Steers are already district champions, and the Steers have control of their playoff destiny - Friday's game at home against Pecos should decide the Steers' playoff fate. Stanton has a chance at double-your-playoff-pleasure - the Lady Buffs and Buffs are both in the hunt. Unless Jim Ned beats Winters, the Lady Buffs will almost certainly play Jim Ned in a playoff for District 6-2A's runner-up playoff spot.

Garden City's Lady 'Kats are locks for the playoffs, and if the competition they face in the bi-district and area rounds is the same level as that of '94, punch Garden City's ticket to the regionals right now. Sands' Lady Mustangs are locks, too, as are the Klondike boys. Add to that a long list of teams on the playoff bubble - including the Forsan Buffaloes and the Coahoma Bulldogs - and you're going to need a machete to wade through all the hoops hysteria coming your way the

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FINE FORM



Rachel Guinn of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders performs on the balance beam during the USA Gymnastics District Qualifying Meet at the YMCA Saturday. Guinn received a score of 8.85 for her performance on the beam.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Strike talks heat up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The salary cap is history, thanks to a push from President Clinton. Now, following the breakthrough, fans finally may see a deal that puts baseball back on the field.

The National Labor Relations Board, unexpectedly moving up its timetable for a decision, told owners Friday that it would issue an unfair labor practice complaint against them.

Just hours later, owners capitulated on the salary cap, the single issue that led to the cancellation of the World Series last year and threatened to create chaos this season.

"It's putting pressure to clear the decks and get a deal done," Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris said.

Clinton wants a deal by Monday. He's even threatening to bash baseball with a big bat.

"The president this weekend will take a 40-ounce Louisville Slugger to both parties and tell them to get a settlement by Monday," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "That's what we would like to see happen."

"Now we -- he -- instructed his mediator to work closely to see whether we can come up with progress in these talks."

Players and owners, who did

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Lady Steers hang on to down Lobos

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers were supposed to clinch the District 4-4A title Friday with an easy win over Monahans.

Forgive them if they deviated from the script just a bit.

First, the Lady Steers clinched the district title three days earlier, when Andrews beat Big Spring's closest pursuer, Lake View. Second, Monahans led most of the game Friday before Big Spring (19-4, 9-0 in 4-4A) rallied for a 48-45 win.

Actually, the script's last-minute changes might have helped the Lady Steers, said Big Spring coach Ron Taylor.

"It's good for us to have a close game like this, just to see how we'd respond, and I thought the girls responded really well. In the last three minutes, we finally started hitting some big shots, and I thought we had them when we were up five with about 50 seconds to go, but I'll be darned if they didn't hit every three they threw up there."

Monahans (14-13, 4-5) had a strong game plan, a plan it made possible by breaking Big

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Kristi Birrel (12) of the Big Spring Lady Steers gets off a shot against Monahans Friday in Steer Gym. Big Spring won, 48-45.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Stanton teams sweep Wall Friday

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

STANTON — Stanton played Wall Friday, but the Buffalos played like a wall in the second half.

The Buffalos, after jumping out to a comfortable first-half lead, watched Wall make several runs at them in the final two quarters. Every time it seemed the Hawks would take the lead, Stanton's defense came up with a crucial stop.

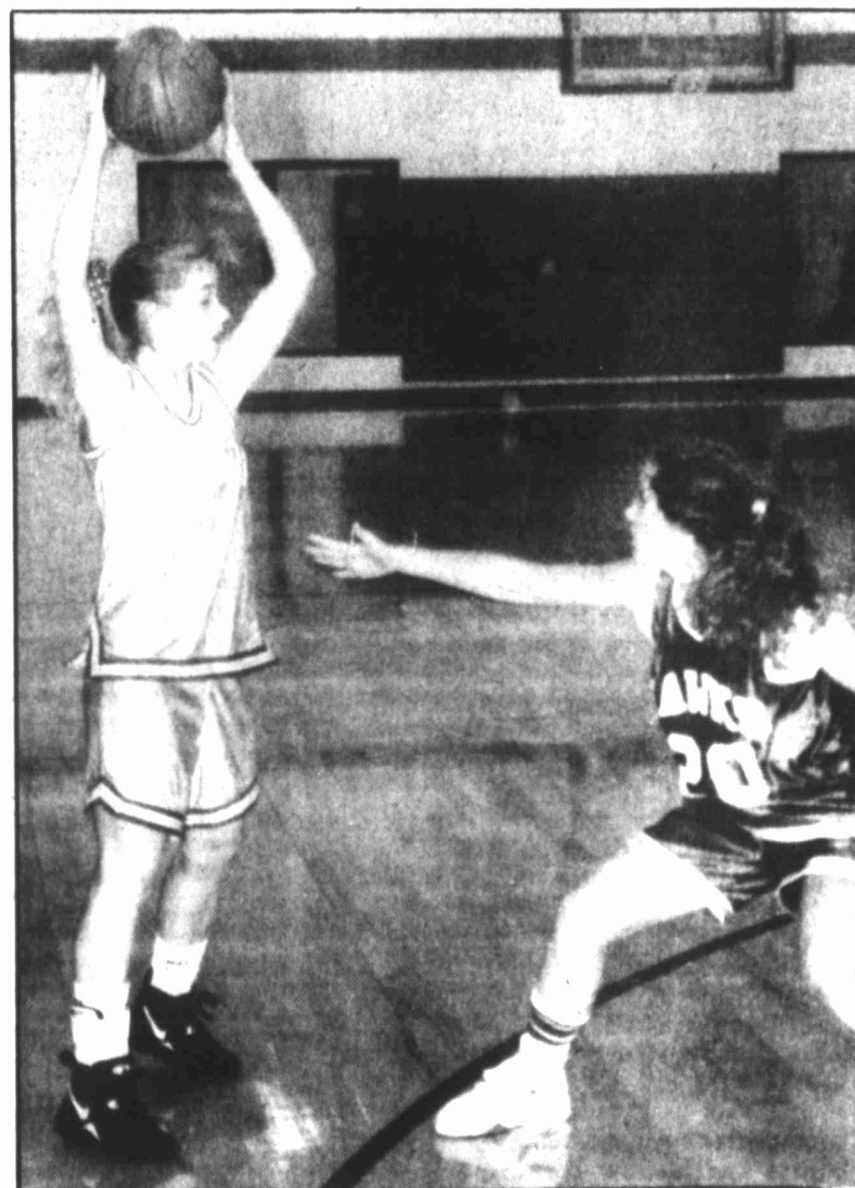
The end result? A 67-60 win that gives Stanton sole possession of first place in the second half of the District 6-2A boys' race. The Buffs, who improved to 15-10 overall and 3-0 in the league's second-half standings, were led by Taylor Looney, who scored 16 points, Leo McAllister, who added 12 points, and Jason Hopper, who chipped in 11.

The Buffalos led by nine points at the half, and expanded that lead to 15 early in the third, but the Hawks (13-11, 2-1) scored seven unanswered points in a 40-second span to knock the deficit back to single digits.

Stanton's lead stood at seven points heading into the final quarter, but the Hawks twice cut their deficit to five points, the last coming at the 1:54 mark on a pair of free throws from Chad Meyers.

But Wall never got any closer. McAllister answered the last

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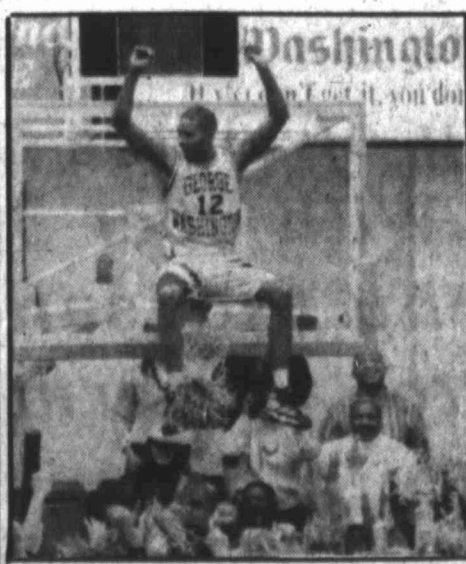


Stanton's Laura Herm (10) looks to pass the ball under defensive pressure from Wall's Shea Weishuhn Friday night.

Herald photo by Steve Reagan

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Sitty pretty?
George Washington guard Kwame Evans celebrates the Colonials' upset over No. 1 ranked Massachusetts Saturday in Washington. Evans scored 27 points to break Massachusetts' 16-game winning streak with a 78-75 victory.

TEXAS SPORTS

Tech downs Horned Frogs

LUBBOCK (AP) — Jason Sasser scored 36 points as Texas Tech outran Texas Christian's fast break for a 107-88 victory on Saturday.

Besides Sasser's onslaught, Mark Davis had a triple-double with 16 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds. Lance Hughes had 20 points, Davis had 16 and Darvin Ham had 10.

Tech (11-7, 5-2 Southwest Conference) stumbled only at the opening tip, and then only momentarily, falling behind 6-1 in the first minute.

But the Red Raiders quickly put their offense in gear to take a 19-16 lead on Sasser's layup and follow-up free-throw with 12:14 left in the first half.

Tech shot 53.3 percent from the field, connecting on 40 of 75. TCU completed only 35 of 79 of its floor shots, a 44.3 percent rate.

NATION/WORLD

49ers hire Carroll

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers announced the hiring of former New York Jets head coach Pete Carroll as their new defensive coordinator.

Carroll will replace Ray Rhodes, who was named Philadelphia Eagles head coach on Thursday.

Sharpe undergoes surgery

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Sterling Sharpe, a former All-Pro wide receiver, underwent neck surgery in North Carolina, the Green Bay Packers said.

Team physician Patrick McKenzie said the surgery, performed by Dr. Craig Brigham at the Carolina's Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C., "went well and as planned."

ON THE AIR

Basketball

NBA

New York at Orlando, noon, NBC (ch. 9).
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College

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Golf

PGA

Senior PGA Royal Caribbean, 4:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Football

Pro Bowl, 5 p.m., ABC.

Steers improve playoff chances with easy win

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Keith Monger sank just two shots Friday, but those might have been the most important shots of the game.

The Big Spring boys' basketball team walloped Monahans 89-67 at Steer Gym. Monger nailed a three-pointer just eight seconds into the game, then hit another trey two minutes later to put the Steers ahead 10-4. After that, the Steers pounded the ball inside.

"Keith Monger hit a couple of three-pointers early, and that started to make Monahans respect us outside," said Big Spring coach Gary Tipton. "That let us go one-on-one inside with our post kids."

Big Spring (10-18, 5-2 in District 4-4A) wasn't necessarily taller than Monahans (16-10, 1-7), but the Steers' post players certainly showed the most muscle. Big Spring outrebounded Monahans 59-32, and the Steers tallied 40 points from their starting post players - Daniel Franks led the Steers with 22 points, and Chris Wollenzien added 18. Point guard Aaron Bellinghausen scored 18, and reserve post player David Belew came off the bench to score 12.

Monahans' Jason Pittman led all scorers with 24.

After Mongers' first three, the Steers led the rest of the way. The clincher was an 8-0 run in the second quarter that upped the Steers led to 35-19. Franks and Wollenzien were equal opportunity scorers in that stretch - each scored four points in the paint.

The Steers led 45-29 at the half, then pushed the lead to 32, 81-49, on Bellinghausen's three-pointer with four minutes remaining. Monahans answered with a 10-0 against Big Spring's reserves to make the final score deceptively close.

The Steers have won three straight district games to put themselves in playoff contention. Franks said the key ingredient has been confidence.

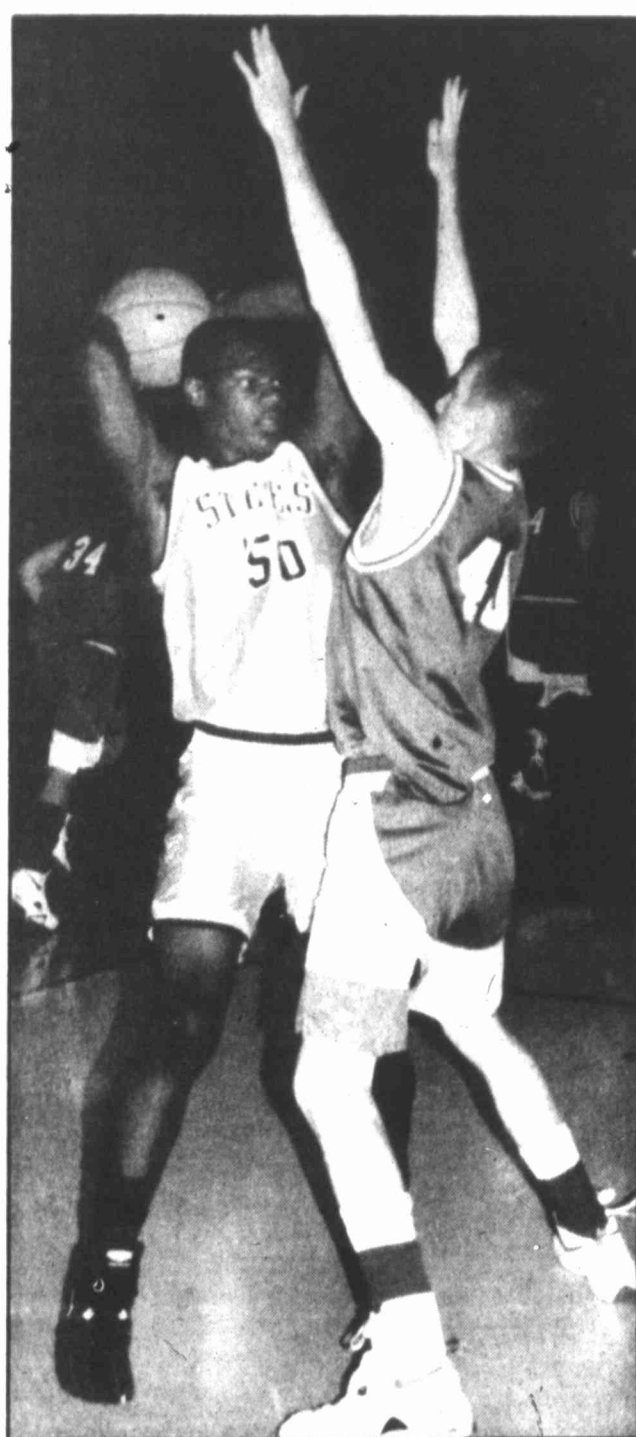
"I'd say we all have confidence in each other, we work hard in practice, and everyone is committed now. We needed to win this one in order to have a chance for the playoffs. We have got to win our home games."

Big Spring is entering a two-game stretch that wasn't kind to it in the first half of district play. Tuesday, the Steers will be in Andrews (22-7, 8-0), the first-place team that won at Steer Gym earlier this season; Friday Pecos comes to Steer Gym. Pecos (15-12, 5-3) beat the Steers by two in Pecos.

Tipton said: "A win over there at Andrews would be a great feather in our cap, but if by some chance we don't get it, it's not going to kill us. Playing on the road against the first-place team, you've got a chance to really help yourself, but you're not going to hurt yourself."

"Really, it's going to come down to the game with Pecos Friday. We're really looking forward to it."

The Steers did not play Tuesday, and Tipton was concerned the Steers would start the game



Herald photo by Tim Appel
Big Spring's Daniel Franks (50) looks to outlet the ball after grabbing a rebound against Monahans Friday in Steer Gym.

flat. Didn't happen. Perhaps that's the momentum the team needs heading into a week it's been waiting for.

"Since we lost to Andrews, we've been ready to play them again," Franks said. "We wanted to play them again the next game, but of course we had to play Pecos. We didn't do too well there, either. We're ready for them."

Big Spring JV wins again

The Big Spring junior varsity boys beat Monahans 50-46. Chad Warren scored 26 for the Steers, who are 12-10 overall, 3-4 in district play.

Monahans	14	15	11	27	-67
Big Spring	23	22	19	25	-89
Monahans - Pittman 24, Johnson 12, Williams 2, Cockrum 13, Huckabee 9, Rivera 0, Ornelas 4, Woods 3.					
Big Spring - Ramirez 3, Wollenzien 18, Franks 22, Bellinghausen 18, Monger 6, Chavaria 2, Purcell 2, Belew 12, Simpson 6, Thayer 0.					
Three point goals - Pittman 3, Cockrum, Monger 2, Bellinghausen					

Midland, but aren't all meets practices until you reach the district meet? Anyway, track season is here, regardless of whether you were ready.

Big Spring tennis started Saturday. They won't play at home until the Big Spring Tennis Invitational in a couple of weeks, but the BSHS tennis players saw their first action of the spring season Saturday in Odessa. If the fall season was any indication, Big Spring will have at least a few players knocking on the door of the state finals.

The Big Spring girls' golf team teed off Friday in San Angelo.

This one really sneaked up on us - the team schedule said the Lady Steers didn't tee off until next weekend. Either way, the big event is coming soon - the Steers and Lady Steers will host the two-day Big Spring Golf Invitational at Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club.

Is there more? There probably is, but it's getting harder and harder to keep track of it all.

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Ladies

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Spring's pressure defense most of the time. Monahans led 15-13 at halftime - the low score made possible by the Loboettes' patient offense. In fact, Monahans shot just three times in the second quarter, but it sank all three of them. In the meantime, the Lady Steers were playing perhaps their flattest half of the season - they sank just 5 of 27 shots. Their leading scorer, senior Sarah Bristow, was having a rare off night - she was 1 for 9 shooting in the first half - and fellow senior post player Kerry Gregg simply wasn't getting the ball.

"I was afraid what happened was going to happen," Taylor said. "The fact that we beat them by 30 points at Monahans, and not having to win this one to clinch district, I thought that might take it out of us. But give Monahans credit - they hit some big shots, especially those three from Reagan Williams."

Williams, a 5-foot-4 senior guard, led Monahans with 18 points - more on her later. Gregg led Big Spring with 20. She started getting the ball in the second half, and she delivered, sinking 7 of 9 shots from the field. Still, Monahans led 33-29 with seven minutes left in the game.

Robin Wise, a Big Spring junior, helped change that. She scored on an offensive rebound and a shot in the paint to quickly tie the game. Gregg followed with a nice turnaround jumper on a pass from Holley Armstrong, then Wise stole a Monahans pass and scored

again to put Big Spring ahead 37-33 with 4:47 remaining.

Monahans tied the game at 37, then 39, but Big Spring took control with another streak. Bristow sank a 6-footer from the baseline, then Kristi Birrell sank the first of two free throws. She missed her second free throw, but Gregg rebounded and scored. Big Spring led 44-39 with 1:20 to go.

Then came Williams. While Taylor was screaming from the sidelines, trying to tell any Lady Steer within earshot to get in Williams' face, Monahans found a wide-open Williams in the corner. Williams drained one of her four three-pointers, and the Loboettes were down by only two.

After Birrell aired the front end of a 1-and-1, Monahans had a chance to tie the game, but Williams missed a shot as she drove to the hoop. Williams fouled Robbi Hall, who sank both free throws to give the Lady Steers a 46-42 lead with 27 seconds left.

Williams again. Big Spring was guarding her this time, but it didn't matter - Williams hit another three with 13 seconds to go. Monahans fouled Armstrong with six seconds left.

Armstrong missed the front end of the 1-and-1, but that's when Bristow more than made up for her poor shooting night. Bristow grabbed the offensive rebound and cut down Monahans when she banked

home the game's final points.

Gregg said the Lady Steers didn't play with the same fire that led them to the district title - at least not in the first half.

"Nobody was pumped, but we still had to play. At halftime, Coach said he didn't have anything to tell us. He was just angry with the way we were playing."

Though the week didn't go quite as expected, it still had the same ending. Kent Bowermon, Big Spring High School's principal, presented the Lady Steers with the District 4-4A championship trophy after the game. Big Spring has won four straight district titles in girls' basketball.

Still, the Lady Steers have at least one goal remaining.

"We look forward to beating Andrews," said Gregg of Tuesday's regular-season finale. "We look forward to going undefeated in district, because the year before we did that, but last year we lost one game. To Andrews."

Big Spring JV blasts Monahans

The Lady Steer junior varsity crushed Monahans 49-19 Friday. Maggie Haddad led Big Spring (15-5, 9-0) with 13 points. Nadia Cole scored 10, and Sara Lusk scored eight.

Monahans	9	6	16	14	-45
Big Spring	10	3	16	19	-48
Monahans - Tarango 7, Williams 18, Hix 4, Dutton 6, Johnson 10, Sloan 0.					
Big Spring - Birrell 6, Bristow 9, Hall 3, Wise 8, Gregg 20, La. Elrod 0, Armstrong 0, Le. Elrod 0, Robertson 2, Anderson 0, M. Smith 0.					
Three-point goals - Williams 4, Tarango					

Strike

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little talking Friday, planned to return to the bargaining table today. On Wednesday, owners made a proposal that didn't contain a salary cap, but instead called for a stiff luxury tax.

The union had been stalling, hoping to get a favorable decision from the NLRB in two weeks. Players now intend to make a counterproposal today.

"I expect to be here over the weekend. Long hours, too," mediator Bill Usery said.

Spring training is to start Feb. 16, and owners have been signing replacement players to be strikebreakers. Management lawyer Chuck O'Connor said Friday's developments wouldn't change those plans.

But most everything else in baseball was sent into limbo.

Some players don't know if they'll be free agents or wind up with their old clubs in salary arbitration. Small-market teams don't know if they'll get revenue-sharing money from their large-city rivals.

"What was imposed is rescinded; it is as if it had never been," union head Donald Fehr said.

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Busy

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next few weeks.

Enough of hoops. You know a lot about that already. What don't you know? Let's see.

Howard College baseball starts Saturday.

No, not the first Saturday of March, and not last Saturday of February. We're talking Saturday - six days from now. It's kind of scary to think baseball season is here - like time is spinning out of your control, which it often does - but on the other hand, at least somebody plays baseball these days. Howard opens with a home doubleheader against Navarro College, a team that beat Howard in 1994's state tournament, and at the same time the Big Spring Steers play their first scrimmage at Steer Park against a team of exes.

Big Spring boys' track started Friday.

Track seems to start earlier and earlier each year. The Steers ran in what some call a "practice" meet Friday against

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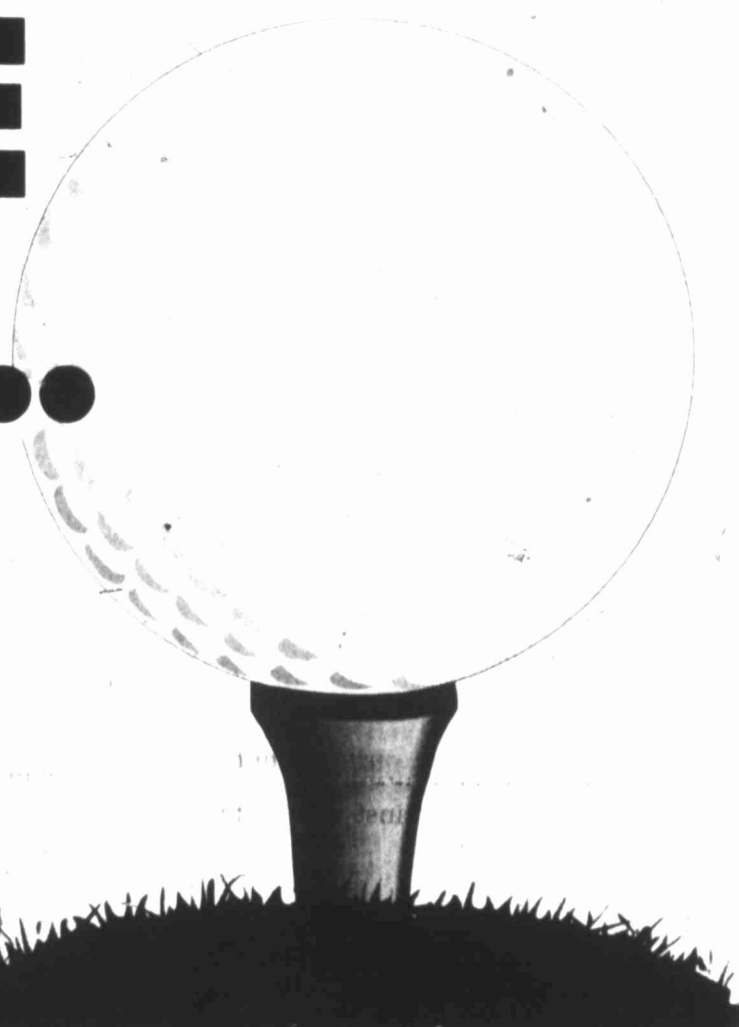
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HEADING FOR HOME



Big Spring's Randy Farr, center with baton, starts the anchor leg of the Steers' sprint relay during a dual meet with Midland High School Friday at Blankenship Field. Big Spring won nine of 11 events at the meet, including both relays. The Steers will host a dual meet with Odessa High School Saturday at Blankenship Field.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

SPORTSEXTRA

BOWLING

Local leagues

BOWLING
VA COUPLES
RESULTS: Team #12 tied Team #8, 4-4. Team #6 over Team #1, 8-0. Team #7 over Team #10, 6-2. Team #11 over Team #2, 8-0. Team #3 over Team #5, 6-2. Team #9 over Team #4, 8-0. hi sc. team game and series Team #9, 818 and 2227, hi sc. game (man) John Calvo, 244, hi sc. series (man) Manuel Gutierrez, 626, hi sc. game and series (women) Irene Calvo, 224 and 610, hi sc. team game and series Team #9, 916 and 2521, hi sc. game (man) John Calvo, 266, hi sc. series (man) Manuel Gutierrez, 695, hi sc. game (woman) Dee Carpenter, 254, hi sc. game and series (woman) Irene Calvo, 700.

STANDINGS: Team #9, 103-57; Team #11, 102-58; Team #10, 99-61; Team #6, 95-65; Team #3, 94-66; Team #7, 82-78; Team #4, 77-83; Team #2, 70-90; Team #1, 68-92; Team #8, 58-102; Team #12, 56-104; Team #5, 56-104.

DOUBLE TROUBLE
RESULTS: NALCO over Steve R. Smith Inv., 6-2; Hooters over Vacant Team, 6-2; Team Six over Spare Token, 6-2; Rocky's Pin Peppers over Wrecking Crew, 6-2; Easy over The POW WOW's, 8-0; Fun Bunch over BSPA, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series Hooters, 729 and 1957, hi sc. game (man) Richard Rowden, 256, hi sc. series (man) Chuck Carr, 641, hi sc. game and series (women) Laurie Wells, 233 and 635, hi sc. team game and series NALCO, 880 and 2564, hi sc. game and series (man) Richard Rowden, 282 and 715, hi sc. game and series (women) Tina Haeff, 245 and 703.

STANDINGS: Rocky's Pin Peppers, 102-66; Steve R. Smith Inv., 100-68; Hooters, 99-69; Easy, 95-73; Fun Bunch, 90-78; BSPA, 88-80; Wrecking Crew, 80-88; Team Six, 80-88; The POW WOW's, 76-72; Spare Token, 70-98; NALCO, 70-98; Vacant Team, 52-116.

LADIES MAJOR
RESULTS: Morrow Masonry tied Laconita Cutters, 4-4; Marthas Bunch over Steve R. Smith Inv., 6-2; BSEE FCU Mitchell, C. Ted Barber Glass & Mirror, 4-4; Campbell Cement over K.C. Kids, 6-2; Tom Boy over Graumann's Oilfield, 8-0; Day & Day Builders over Rent A Tire, 8-0; E.P. Driver over Halls Air Cooled, 8-0; Big Spring Music over Images, 8-0; Rocky's over Cline Construction, 8-0; hi sc. game and series Laurie Wells, 225 and 586, hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 694 and 1968, hi sc. game Laura Hughes, 255, hi sc. game Alice Ewing, 667, hi sc. team game and series Tom Boy, 876 and 2556.

STANDINGS: Marthas Bunch, 118-50; Steve R. Smith Inv., 98-70; Morrow Masonry, 94-74; Rent A Tire, 91-77; Big Spring Music, 90-78; Images, 88-80; Rocky's, 88-80; BSEE FCU Mitchell, 87-81; Halls Air Cooled, 85-83; Day & Day Builders, 84-84; Laconita, 80-88; Morrow Masonry, 76-92; Barber Glass & Mirror, 73-95; Campbell Cement, 72-96; Cline Construction, 70-98; K.C. Kids, 66-102; Graumann's Oilfield, 56-112.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS: L & M Properties over Ups & Downs, 8-0; A Timeless Design over Bye, 8-0; C & T Clearers over Vogue Beauty Salon, 8-0; Kit Smith Enterprises over Double R Cattle Co., 6-2; Parks Agency, Inc. over The No Shows, 6-2; Big Spring Music over The Fun Bunch, 6-2; Big Spring Mobile Homes Park over Big Spring Skipper Travel, 6-2; Gunstinger's over Webco Printing, 4-4; Kwick Kar Lube over Arrow Refrigeration Co., 6-2; Holy Rollers tied KC Steak House, 4-4; hi sc. game (men) Ray Kennedy, 257, hi sc. series (men) Junior Barber, 712, hi sc. game (men) Ray Kennedy, 265, hi sc. series (men) Junior Barber, 757, hi sc. game and series (women) Laurie Wells, 245 and 665, hi sc. game (women) Linda Reid, 251, hi sc. series (women) Laurie Wells, 680, hi sc. team game and series Parks Agency, Inc., 828 and 2240, hi sc. team game and series Parks Agency, Inc., 956 and 2624.

STANDINGS: KC Steak House, 123-59; Parks Agency, Inc., 120-64; Double R Cattle Co., 115-67; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 127-72; Big Spring Music Co., 110-74; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 116-76; Kwick Kar Lube, 103-81; Kit Smith Enterprises, 101-83; The Fun Bunch, 100-84; L & M Properties, 96-88; Big Spring Mobile Homes Park, 95-87; Webco Printing, 95-89; Ups & Downs, 90-94; Gunstinger's, 84-98; C & T Clearers, 83-99; The No Shows, 78-104; Vogue Beauty Salon, 78-104; Holy Rollers, 74-108; A Timeless Design, 63-121.

GUYS & DOLLS
RESULTS: Phillips Tire Co. over Cline Construction, 8-0; Arrow Refrigeration over Quail Run, 6-2; F.M. Wheels over Big Spring State Park, 6-2; Photo Magic Studio over Hester's Mechanical, 6-2; Jim's Place tied Rocky's, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (men) J.M. Ringier, 234 and 605, hi sc. game and series (men) J.M. Ringier, 243 and 605, hi sc. game (woman) Verma Campbell, 211, hi sc. series (women) Evelyn Williams, 559, hi sc. game (women) Evelyn Williams, 241, hi sc. series (women) Evelyn Williams, 619, hi sc. team game and series Fifth Wheels, 839 and 2313, hi sc. team game and series Arrow Refrigeration, 690 and 2009.

STANDINGS: Arrow Refrigeration, 120-64; Rocky's, 114-70; Cline Construction, 98-86; Jim's Place, 94-90; Phillips Tire Co., 94-90; Big Spring State Park, 90-94; Photo Magic Studio, 87-97; Hester's Mechanical, 83-101; Fifth Wheels, 76-108; Quail Run, 64-120.

BASKETBALL

District 4-4A Girls

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x-Big Spring	9 0	19 4
Lake View	7 3	17 8
Andrews	6 3	16 11
Monahans	4 5	14 13
Fort Stockton	1 8	13 14
Pecos	1 9	4 16

x - district champion

FRIDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 48, Monahans 45; Andrews 55, Pecos 34; Lake View 57, Fort Stockton 34.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Big Spring at Andrews; Fort Stockton at Monahans; Lake View and Pecos open.

District 4-4A Boys

Team	District	Overall
	W L	W L
Andrews	8 0	22 7
Big Spring	5 2	10 18
Pecos	5 3	15 12
Lake View	3 5	9 12
Fort Stockton	1 6	9 16
Monahans	1 7	16 10

x - district champion

FRIDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 89, Monahans 67; Andrews 68, Pecos 58; Lake View 72, Fort Stockton 48.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Big Spring at Andrews; Fort Stockton at Monahans; Lake View and Pecos open.

District 6-2A Girls

Team	District	Overall
	W L	W L
x-Winters	3 0	22 5
Jim Ned	3 0	20 5
Stanton	1 2	17 9
Wall	1 2	12 14
Coahoma	1 2	9 19
Forsan	0 3	14 12

x - first-half champion

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Stanton 43, Wall 40; Jim Ned 67, Coahoma 48; Winters 56, Forsan 34.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Stanton at Forsan; Coahoma at Winters; Jim Ned vs. Wall.

District 6-2A Boys

Team	District	Overall
	W L	W L
Stanton	3 0	15 10

COAHOMA

2 1 18 10
Wall 2 1 13 11
x-Jim Ned 1 2 20 5
Forsan 1 2 16 10
Winters 0 3 4 16

x - first-half champion

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Stanton 67, Wall 60; Coahoma 53, Jim Ned 50; Forsan 60, Winters 44.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Stanton at Forsan; Coahoma at Winters; Jim Ned vs. Wall.

District 25-A Girls

Team	District	Overall
	W L	W L
x-G City	5 0	16 8
Rankin	3 2	19 9
Sanderson	2 3	14 9
Wink	0 5	0 17

x - district champion

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Garden City 53, Sanderson 39; Rankin 54, Wink 12.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Garden City at Rankin; Sanderson vs. Wink.

College scores

EAST
Bucknell 77, Army 59
Colgate 88, Holy Cross 74
Fordham 76, Lehigh 64
George Washington 78, Massachusetts 75
Hartford 79, Vermont 65
Navy 84, Lafayette 70
New Hampshire 83, Maine 70
Northeastern 83, Boston U. 63
St. Francis, Pa. 67, Rider 66
St. Joseph's 71, West Virginia 65
Troy St. 100, Cent. Connecticut 58

SOUTH
Aia, Birmingham 70, St. Louis 54
American U. 79, East Carolina 66
Clemson 51, Duke 44
Georgia Tech 77, Campbell 66
Georgia Tech 100, Maryland 91
LSU 56, Tennessee 52
Louisville 71, Tulane 56
Mississippi St. 83, Arkansas 62
Richmond 66, William & Mary 64
South Florida 72, N.C. Charlotte 69

Southern Miss. 74, Va. Commonwealth 66
VMI 84, Georgia Southern 79
Virginia Tech 79, Florida Atlantic 35

MIDWEST
Bowling Green 79, Kent 76
Ill. Chicago 94, Wright St. 83
Indiana 88, Northwestern 67
Missouri 77, Kansas St. 60
N. Illinois 89, Wis.-Milwaukee 61
SW Missouri St. 68, Bradley 65
W. Michigan 71, Cent. Michigan 54

SOUTHWEST
Wis.-Green Bay 61, Butler 60
Oklahoma St. 94, Colorado 67
Texas 88, Rice 56

Rejuvenated Hawks set for rematch with NMMI

By DAVE HARGRAVE

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team takes a long road hike Monday.

If the Hawks win at New Mexico Military Institute, their reward could be an even longer trek - to the Region V tournament in Waco.

Howard (16-8, 4-3 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) holds its playoff destiny in its own hands. The Hawks need only to finish in the conference's top four to reach Waco, and they hold a two-game edge over the conference's two fifth-place teams - NMMI and South Plains - with five games remaining. A win at NMMI would eliminate the Broncos as a threat to the Hawks' playoff chances.

Not that it's going to be easy. The Broncos (11-13, 2-5) played Howard tight Jan. 12 - Howard won 68-62 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Expect a similar game from the conference's top defensive teams Monday in Roswell.

However, more important than conference standings or previous games is the simple fact that Howard is playing solid basketball. Howard coach Tommy Collins praised his team after Thursday's 89-85 win over South Plains, and those that know Collins know the Hawks must truly play well for Collins to praise his team in front of reporters.

"This was a winners' game, and tonight our winners just won it," Collins said after Thursday's game. "We knew we had to win, and when there's no other attitude - it's 'just win' - and you go into the game like

that, that's what happens. You just win. It might not always be pretty, but you win."

Howard has looked extremely strong at times during its past two games - the Hawks beat Midland 78-69 at home - but it still hasn't cut down its turnover totals. Howard turned the ball over 25 times against NMMI Jan. 12, and it's continued to commit 20 or more turnovers with regularity.

"That's our biggest problem - turning the ball over," said post player Kevin Howell after the Midland win. "We're doing everything else pretty well - we just have to take care of the ball."

Howell and his fellow post players outrebounded NMMI 37-29 Jan. 12 despite being shorter than NMMI's inside men. NMMI has other weapons - Mike Elam, a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard from Dallas, led NMMI with 17 points in the first meeting with Howard. Mike Rencher (6-7), one of the most talented athletes in the WJCAC, scored 13, 6-3 forward Marcus Cheek scored 12 and T.J. Runyan, a 6-4 sophomore who always seems to play well against Howard, scored 11 points in less than 10 minutes.

Nothing's decided yet, and the Hawks have plenty of work remaining, but a win Monday in Roswell would put them on a lofty rung of the playoff ladder.

"What's keeping us going is that we're playing hard, and we're playing together," said Howard point guard Tony Brown.

"We're not just getting 20 minutes of defensive intensity, we're getting 40, and that's what we need."

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Barbara Morrison Staff Writer

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a FRIEND in DEED

A caring act comes back to reward its doers — 45 years later

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

George Amos hadn't thought about the wreck in years. He and his wife, Johnnie, had not really talked about it in more than four decades.

Then Alice Wright came to their house as part of her job as an aide for Best Home Care, a home health care service.

George Amos started a conversation with Wright, as he is apt to do with any visitor to his home. He found out her maiden name was Baker, and that her uncle had square-danced with the Amoses many years ago.

"Then he asked me what my father's name was," Wright recalled. "I told him, 'Alvin Baker.' And he just gasped."

At that moment, Amos realized he had saved Wright's life about 45 years before.

One night in about 1950, the Amoses, with cousins Dimple and Phil Smith, were returning to Big

Spring from a square dance in Coahoma on Highway 80. Suddenly, they witnessed an accident on the eastbound side of the road.

"A car, with two drunks in it we later found out, came upon this other car real fast and hit it from behind," explained Amos. "Then the car with the drunks was knocked around and side-swiped us."

Amos' car was sent careening, but he managed to dodge mailboxes and stop safely by the side of the two-lane highway.

Meanwhile, the first car hit had burst into flames. Amos saw a man, his hair and clothes on fire, running from the inferno, and a small child being tossed to safety from the window.

"I took out running, and picked up that baby," he explained. Phil Smith ran after Alvin Baker.

"I handed the baby to my wife," Amos said, "and went to help the mother." Audie Baker was trying to open her car door and rescue her 4-year-old son, who still lay

sleeping in the back of the car.

Amos reached in and pulled the boy out, taking little Alvin Lee and his mother to safety away from the car. Mrs. Amos roused the baby, Alice Baker.

"She was so quiet, I woke her up just to make sure she was all right," Mrs. Amos explained. "She was fine."

Smith had managed to help Mr. Baker extinguish the flames on his face and

body, and no one else appeared hurt. But nobody involved in the accident remembers much after that.

Amos got the license plate number from the drunk driver's car and filed a report the next day.

Wright said she always knew her dad had been burned in an accident, but was never sure about the details. Mrs. Baker said she has long since forgotten

much of what happened that night.

"I don't know who hit us," Mrs. Baker said. "I think they were drunk, I heard that. But I never found out who it was. I was so upset at the time."

"I'm just so thankful to the Lord and those people who stopped to help us."

When Wright was told the story of the accident, she said it had a strong emotional effect on her.

"I left their (the Amoses') house, and I just cried," she said. "I thought, 'I'm lucky to be alive.' I feel like I owe them so much. I wish I could do something for them."

Wright worked for the Amoses several times while Mrs. Amos was recovering from surgery. They don't need the home health service as much now.

"Every time I've gone out there, I think, 'Isn't there something else I can do?'" Wright said. "The more I see them, the closer I feel to them."

Mr. and Mrs. Amos, 78 and 80 years old respectively, say Wright doesn't owe them anything. In fact, they never thought what they did was extraordinary.

"I never thought of it as saving a life," Amos said. "It was just something you do when something like that happens."

"I think we were all lucky it wasn't worse, especially the Bakers," Mrs. Amos said.

But Wright says she will always feel a special bond with the Amoses.

"I just wish I could do something for them," she said. "Without them, I might not have been able to grow up and have my own children. If I could win the lottery, I would do something for them, I would."

"I just love them so much and I appreciate what they did."



Johnnie Amos stands with children Gee, John Paul and Vicki in front of the 1949 Plymouth Suburban driven by George Amos the night of the accident 45 years ago.



George Amos describes the scene at an accident in 1950 when he helped to save the life of Alice Wright, a baby at the time.



Alice Wright holds photos of her parents, Audie and Alvin Baker, and Wright's own son, Billy Tillapaugh, his wife, Darsa, and son Seth.



Johnnie Amos held baby Alice in her arms after the 1950 accident. She had to wake the child to make sure she had survived.

Teach yourself before teaching others

"Now then, teacher of others, are you failing to teach yourself?"



Barbara Morrison
Staff Writer

sometimes how some things just seem to stick with you. And, throughout the years, that verse has come back to haunt me - slipping into my

mind at the most frustrating times.

It slips in, rather like a thief, usually stealing my anger or zeal or something else that has me hyped into the moment.

For example, every day before I come home from work, I do something stupid. I call the terrible trio and remind them it is almost time for me to come home and I ask them if they have done their chores.

Now, I know they say I border on being an abusive parent because I ask one of them to vacuum the living room, the other to clean the bathroom, and the final one to straighten up the kitchen.

Oh, and I make my oldest son pick up the dog droppings in the yard and put them in a trash bag. No - not with his

bare hands, he uses a shovel.

Silly me. When he begged for this oversized white lab that thinks she is a lap dog, he PROMISED, really PROMISED, he would be responsible for all of her care. So, she bonded to me because I was the one to feed her and let her out. But I absolutely refuse to do dog droppings. I claim mother's prerogative on that one.

Anyway, if you ask any of them, it's child abuse. But, the thing I don't understand, is how can it be abuse (even from their way of thinking) if they never DO their chores?

You see, after I make the dreaded phone call and they say something like "Chores? Did you say I have chores today?" and I go through the reassurance routine, I come

home to the same situation almost as if the phone call had never taken place.

The oldest son will be in his room playing Nintendo, my daughter will be sitting in the lounge chair with a drink and watching television and the other son will be long gone to a friend's house.

It's always the same. I can count on it like I can running out of money at the end of the month.

So, what do I do then? I break! But I do it in a most stupid fashion. I actually ASK for their input.

"Did you forget about your chores?" I ask. Yeah, right. They don't forget about the movies or when they need a ride somewhere or when I owe them money. Plus, they get

good grades in school.

Do you think it could be a new disease - selective memory disorder? Help! There must be a cure, my children have SMD!

So, I scream, ground them for the rest of their lives, promise them I'll never take them anywhere again and assure the trio that spinach will be served at every meal until the next century.

By this time, I'm starting to huff and slam things. And then it happens. Like a thief, the verse slips in.

Drat. I was starting to get good and involved in all of this temper stuff.

So, I take a deep breath and explain to them why doing chores now will make them better people. I tell them that even though I remind them of

things, it is ultimately their responsibility. (It's kind of funny, but my son even used parts of this lecture in a school essay recently.)

I guess what I'm trying to say is maybe if we took more deep breaths, the world wouldn't be such an angry place.

I have friends going through divorces who are so angry with each other, that their children feel guilty because they feel they should be angry, too.

That's hard for the kid, especially when what they want to feel is SAD.

Maybe it's time to allow others to experience their own feelings and not try and shove our anger and frustration off on those around us.

Maybe the example we set should be one we look at first.

WEDDINGS

Massingill-Lobaton

Mitzi Massingill and Valentin Lobaton, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage Feb. 4, 1995, at the Big Spring Training Center with China Long officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Beverly Massingill, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Lobaton, Mexico.

The couple stood before an archway of teal and ivory carnations.

Given in marriage by her brothers, Billy and Sky Massingill, the bride wore an ivory satin gown with two front trains handmade by both her mother and aunt Starr Terrell. The veil was satin and Spanish lace.

She carried a bouquet of ivory lace with ivory and teal roses.

The maid of honor was Wendy Kelley, Big Spring. Natasha Massingill, daughter of the bride, Big Spring, served as flower girl. The ringbearer was Nathan Massingill, son of the bride, Big Spring.

The best man was Ronny Moser, Big Spring. Ushers were Michael Kelley, Big Spring, and Bryan Boyd, San Angelo.



MRS. VALENTIN LOBATON

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Big Spring Training Center.

The bride's cake was three-tiered with ivory frosting, teal roses and teal leaves.

The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate frosting and a hot sauce on top.

After a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Mind your marrying manners

By LAQUITA BOWEN SMITH
Scripps Howard News Service

Times, they are a'changin' and so is wedding etiquette. These tidbits just might help you get through your once in a lifetime day with balance and symmetry.

ADDRESSING THE WEDDING INVITATIONS

The bride and groom should make a list of all friends, old and new, and the bride's family and groom's family should make lists. All should try to keep their lists to a minimum as well as determine who would be irreparably hurt if excluded.

"First on the list should be family. This includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and even step-siblings — if you've spent some time together under the same roof," writes Letitia Baldrige in "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of

Etiquette."

If two people are living together, they receive one invitation with the names listed in alphabetical order and the address on the third line of the envelope.

When inviting a guest and their fiancé, they receive separate invitations at their individual residences.

Always put "and guest" on an elderly person's invitation, in case they need assistance in order to be able to come.

CHILDREN

Children may see the wedding as an event that's exciting, like a circus or birthday party. However, it is necessary to explain that it's a very special time that demands their very special behavior.

However, it "is the prerogative of the bride and groom to decide whether to invite children to the ceremony. To say 'no children' would be offensive," says Post.

sive," says Post.

Taking uninvited children may sometimes cause hard feelings on the part of the bride and groom.

If the child's name is not on the invitation or if the family doesn't call and personally invite them, don't take them to the ceremony, Post advises.

She also recommends a sitter or a room with entertainment provided. "Whoever coordinates the reception should plan for children because very small kids can be disruptive," Post says.

SECOND WEDDINGS

"It doesn't matter if it's the groom's second marriage, but if it's the second time at the altar for the bride the ceremony should be low-keyed and witnessed by only a few friends and family," Baldrige says.

The bride should not wear white; off-white, deep ivory, prints or pastels are acceptable.

GETTING ENGAGED



Barbara Ann Brackeen and Scott Douglas Cotheman, both stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., will unite in marriage on March 18, 1995, in Big Spring with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mary Churchwell, Big Spring, and Richard E. Brackeen, San Antonio.

He is the son of John and Kay Cotheman, Cooperstown, Penn.



Chelsea Kathryn Taroni and Michael Leatherwood, Lake Jackson, will exchange wedding vows March 25, 1995, at Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Church, Jones Creek.

She is the daughter of Tom and Virginia Taroni, Lake Jackson.

He is the son of Walter Leatherwood and Linda Darling, Lake Jackson.

HORSEING AROUND



Chuck Navins, right, of Tabernash, Colo., gets a wild ride as Chris Felts, left, of Fraser, Colo., pulls him by horse through the ski joring course during a winter carnival in Fraser, Colo. Ski joring requires a skier to negotiate a series of jumps while being pulled by a horse.

ANNIVERSARIES

Hester

Roy and Joy Hester of Big Spring celebrated their 40th anniversary Saturday evening with a dinner hosted by their children, grandchildren and Mrs. Hester's mother, Mrs. W. C. Williams of Big Spring.

Mr. Hester and the former Joy Williams were both born in Big Spring. They were married at First Christian Church. The couple has two children, Brenda Bradshaw and husband

Bobby of Big Spring, and Kathy Kirkland and husband Cleve, San Angelo. The Hesters also have six grandchildren.

The Hesters used to own Hester and Robertson, mechanical contractors, for 30 years. They are retired and belong to Gideons International.

The couple's hobbies include travel, gardening, tending their pecan orchard and church activities.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken spaghetti; zucchini; tossed salad; fruit; milk/rolls and pudding.

TUESDAY - Beef stew; green beans; tossed salad; cornbread; milk and fruit.

WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti; steak; potatoes; broccoli; salad; milk/rolls and cake.

THURSDAY - Beef tips; rice; green beans; waldorf salad; milk/rolls and cobbler.

FRIDAY - Enchiladas; Spanish rice; pinto beans; fruit salad; milk/cornbread and fruit-ed gelatin.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

(Elementary)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal choice, sausage patty; grape juice; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Cereal choice, fruit bar, pear halves, whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancake and sausage-on-a-stick; apple juice; whole/low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Blueberry muffin; cereal choice, peach slices; whole/low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Donut, cereal choice, orange juice, whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken nuggets; gravy or Salisbury steak; whipped potatoes; English peas; hot roll; applesauce; whole/low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Nacho grande; salsa; or barbecue on a bun; corn; mixed fruit; Jell-O; whole/low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Turkey pot pie; or Mega slice pizza; carrot sticks/franch dip; pineapple tidbits; whole/low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken fried steak; gravy or salmon patty; whipped potatoes w/gravy; green beans; hot roll; pear half; whole/low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger w/salad; or Green enchiladas; French fries; catsup; pinto beans; cornbread; chocolate cake; whole/low-fat milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH

MONDAY - Frito pie; cheese; pinto beans; salad; cake; cornbread and milk.

TUESDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot roll; peanut butter bars and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on bun; ranch-style beans; potato salad; cookie and milk.

THURSDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cole slaw; cornbread; cherry whip and milk.

FRIDAY - Tuna; peanut butter; pimento cheese sandwiches; French

fries; apples and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuits w/sausage; jelly; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Scrambled eggs w/toast; jelly; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon toast; ham; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - English muffin w/ham/cheese; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Pancake on stick w/syrup; fruit and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak w/gravy; fries; mixed vegetables and rolls.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce; salad; corn; bread sticks and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Roast beef w/gravy; sweet potatoes; green beans; biscuits; syrup and milk.

THURSDAY - Toasted ham/cheese sandwiches; chips; lettuce/tomato; fruit and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Hot cakes w/syrup; sausages; milk and juice.

TUESDAY - Eggs and sausage burrito; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY - Biscuit and sausage; milk and juice.

THURSDAY - Bagel; milk and juice.

FRIDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk

and juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Burritos; macaroni and cheese; pork and beans; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY - Baked ham; sweet potatoes; black-eyed peas; pineapples; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; salad; pinto beans; cornbread; cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers w/gravy; mashed potatoes; June peas w/carrots; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza; salad; ranch style beans; cookies; fruit and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Staff Development

TUESDAY - Jumbo waffles or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - English muffin or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast burrito or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Biscuit/sausage; gravy or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Staff Development

TUESDAY - Hamburger or cheeseburger; potato triangles; hamburger salad; peaches and milk.

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WHO'S WHO

Tina Miller, Big Spring, Texas, graduated from Sam Houston State University, College of Education and Applied Science, Masters Degree-Photography, Dec. 18, 1994.

She is the daughter of Ralph and Marian Walker, Big Spring, and granddaughter of Mrs. J.O. Murphy, Big Spring.

SAN ANGELO - Area students attending Angelo State University on the Dean's List for the fall semester at the university include, from Big Spring: Mark Linn Barber, Shelley L. Berringer, Kirby L. Brown, Kristine Renee Coots, Kathy Ann Darnell, Toni Lee Ferrell, Andrea Starr Gee, Tamara Lynn Harmon, James R. Koerber, Carrie Rebecca Moore, Pamela K. Moss, Rayla Dawn Myers, Donald Oliver, Lori Kay Penny, True Lawson Rogers, Chris Andrew Rosenbaum, Elizabeth Yvonne Saenz, Rose M. Saenz, Spencer Travis Sinclair, Sara Ellen Solis, Stefanie L. Stevenson, Paula Jean Underwood, Marci Dawn Weaver, Nancy Lee Woolverton, Scott A. Woolverton, Deborah C. Mullins, Coahoma; Christy Ann Carlton, Garden City; Joy Lynn Adams, Christopher Allen Barnhill, Gregory L. Barnhill, Angie Dawn Bundas, Cynthia Ann Dunn, Janet Kathleen Riney, all from Stanton; John Christopher Briseno, Tarzan; Gregory Forrest Conaway and Jeffrey D. Conaway, Westbrook.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

SAN ANGELO - Big Spring students at Angelo State University receiving degrees during the fall commencement at the university are:

Shelley L. Berringer, bachelor of science, major in early childhood; Kristine Renee Coots, bachelor of arts, major in English; Toni Lee Ferrell, bachelor of arts, summa cum laude, major in language arts; Andrea Starr Gee, bachelor of science, cum laude, major in mathematics; Debra Sue King, bachelor of science, major in psychology; Edward Charles Miller, master of science, major in animal science; Carrie Rebecca Moore, bachelor of science, with a major in early childhood; Rayla Dawn Myers, bachelor of science, major in early childhood; Mary Ellen Schafer, bachelor of science, major in early childhood; Stefanie L. Stevenson, bachelor of science, cum laude, major in math and science.

The Mu Gamma chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Angelo State University recently initiated Michelle Willett, daughter of Dale and Judy Walker, Big Spring; Tammi Mason, daughter of Randy and Paulette Mason, Big Spring; and Lisa Griffin, daughter of Connie Griffin, Odessa, and granddaughter of Roy and Neva Shaffer, Big Spring.

Whitney Lynn Etchison graduated from Texas A&M University Dec. 16, 1994, with a degree in communications. She spent one summer in Europe studying Spanish.

She is the daughter of Taylor Etchison of Lubbock and Susan Jones of Lake Travis. She is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Waymon Etchison of Big Spring.

Alexa J. Ray, wife of former Big Spring resident Robert Ray and daughter-in-law of Jane and John Ray of Big Spring, was on the President's Honor Roll at University of Central Oklahoma for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during the fall semester.

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By ROBBIE MORGANFIELD
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Somewhere in that great beyond, Cora Parker probably is telling stories about the little girl who came to her aid in the 1930s when Parker was too sick to get around.

Maggie Allen was 7 when news spread in the tiny town of Olla, La., that Parker was dying of cancer.

Something inside led the child to Parker's house to see if she could help. She soon made it a daily habit.

"She was a very sick lady before she passed," Allen, now 64, recalled recently.

"I used to wash her clothes, clean her house up and go to the store for her. She always liked orange soda water. She'd say, 'Bring me a bottle of orange.' I would get a bottle of orange — it was a nickel — and I'd bring it back to her."

Allen, who moved to Houston after she grew up, said helping others seemed instinctive, and she has spent her life following that instinct.

Allen is symbolic of a movement that the National Urban League says is sweeping the African-American community. She works as a barber, and in her spare time she operates a mission — Charity of the Three Fishermen — that seeks to give a hand up to those who are down.

The Urban League, in its 1994 "State of Black America" report, noted that such self-help efforts are becoming prevalent, as more blacks step up to fight poverty, crime and unemployment among their own.

Many do so on the same kind of shoestring budget that allowed Allen to help about 250



Maggie Allen, right, runs a mission called Charity of the Three Fishermen, which provides clothes, food and financial help for needy Houston residents including Rachel Padron, left. Such missions are part of a growing trend in the African-American community toward self-help

families last year.

Allen estimates that the mission operates off about \$10,000 a year. That money comes from her own pocket and a regular group of supporters, including several black-owned businesses.

She has two partners who work with her to give away food baskets and clothing and help the poor pay household expenses. The mission also has helped several Texas Southern University students from poor families buy books and pay rent.

"I think that's pretty good for a small organization," Allen said.

The idea for Charity of the Three Fishermen, 4101 San Jacinto, evolved out of church "mission work" that Allen began approximately 35 years ago.

An evangelist at Houston's Williams Temple Church of God in Christ, Allen said she always had a soft spot for troubled people. She started visiting hospitals to pray for sick people and found that some were on the verge of eviction because

medical expenses had drained their resources.

"I would take money out of my pocket and help them," she said. "One day, I just decided I would learn how to raise funds. So I had cookies and cakes, and that's the way I made money to help people in the community."

That also was how Allen discovered people in need of help.

Rachel Padron was going through some tough times the day she met Allen "a long, long time ago" as Allen sold carrot cakes outside a grocery store near Padron's Third Ward

neighborhood.

Padron didn't know it at the time, but their meeting would be the beginning of a longtime relationship.

"I came over here and found where she lived," Allen said. "She was telling me that she was in need."

"We didn't have our lights on at the time," Padron said. "And our water was off."

"With Sister Maggie's help, we've been making it. She gives us clothing and shoes and other things I need such as household stuff... Whatever little bit she does, it helps a lot."

Padron, a homemaker, said her husband is a self-employed mechanic whose work is not always steady. The couple had been cleaning office buildings at night but lost three of their four clients after the family car broke down.

"Things are kind of hard sometimes, but the Lord provides for us. He seems to send Sister Maggie around just when we need her."

Lloyd Jones, one of the mission's associates, said Allen decorated his apartment when he first moved to Houston years ago.

"That was the beginning of a lot of little things that she did for me over the years," said Jones, himself a barber. "She's an inspiration to me to do good."

They named the mission Charity of the Three Fishermen after reflecting on a Bible story in which Jesus Christ recruited professional fishermen to become his disciples.

Charity of the Three Fishermen may be reached at 713-528-7627.

1994 was a year to remember

As we begin the new year and stock show season, I can't help but reflect on 1994 and remember all of the fun and exciting activities and events.

Now I realize that 1995 is one month old, however, the schedule up to now would not allow me to stop and ponder. (Besides, I still have trouble writing 95 on a check!)

The past year has been filled with many learning experiences for myself as well as a lot of just plain fun. When you work with people and especially young people, you are bound for lots of excitement and, on occasion, stress. I could list many stories and events, but a few remain very vivid in my mind.

Every 4-H calendar year begins with stock shows, and boy, did we make some stock shows. It began at the County Junior Livestock Show with a middle-weight Polled Hereford from Fletcher, Oklahoma and a

sophomore in high school. John Jenkins had never showed a calf before and certainly never thought he would enjoy it as much as he did. When the dust finally cleared, John and ol' Slingshot wound up the Reserve Grand Champion Steer of the show. More than 20 people were pictured in the winning photo with family and friends and smiles bigger than Texas.

Stock shows can be a heartache as well. I'll never forget the Terrazas' American Cross steer that went to Fort Worth and was not classified. The expression in Simon's and Trey's face practically broke my heart. Giving up would have been easy, but not for the Terrazas family.

Later in October at the State Fair, Trey led another American Cross into the Premium Sale. I don't think a dad could be more proud of his son than Simon was that day. My heart was mended.

Families spending time with their children is the theme of a stock show. San Antonio is no exception. There is just enough free time to allow a lap or two around the Malibu race track.

Cade Bowlin (better known as 'Pud' by all his friends) was in for the ride of his life with John Paul Nichols. All you

could see was Cade's helmet sliding from side to side around every corner.

By the way, my wedding date also occurred for the first time in 1994. Moving a young lady from the woods and hills of North Carolina to the cotton and mesquites of West Texas was no easy task.

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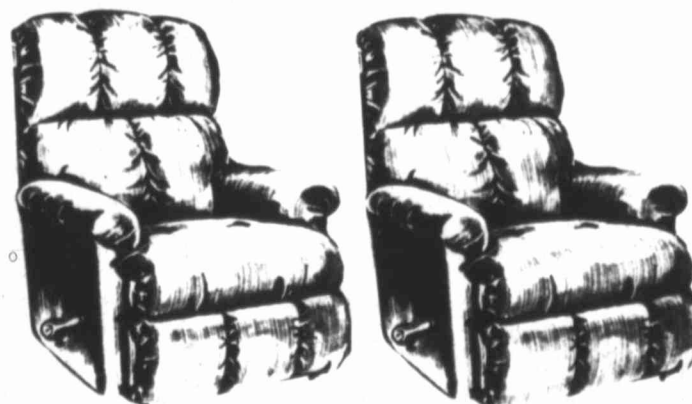
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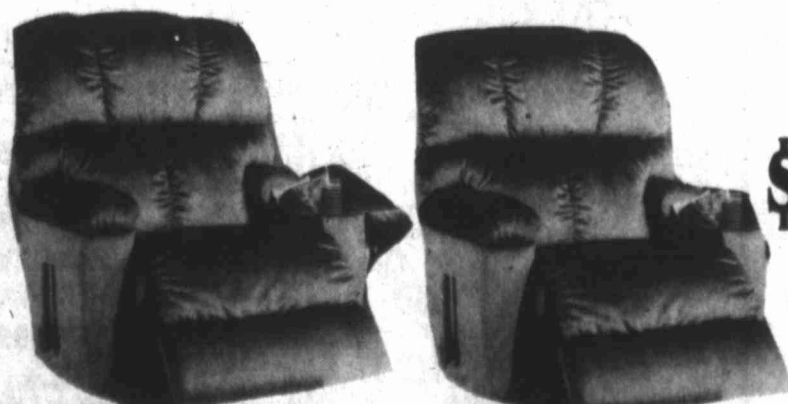
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Pictured: "Casey", mature adult spayed female, wire-terrier mix, good family dog, playful; loves kids.

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"Oscar," Chow and pit bull mix; red short-hair, 10-month-old neutered male, sociable animal.

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"Heckle" and "Jeckle," male husky and shepherd mix, both black and tan, one long-haired and fluffy, the other sleek and short-haired; both approximately 3 months; have all shots.

"Mittens," spayed female, black and white tuxedo cat, mature and independent; seeks one-on-one relationship with loving owner.

"Ruby" and "Morris," female and male cats, mature yellow tabbies; both with round-faces and big eyes; must see to appreciate.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45.00 and cats are \$35.00. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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Free: Brittany Spaniel, neutered male; call 267-7376.

IN THE
MILITARY

Navy Seaman Recruit Paul Talamantez, son of Paul Talamantez, Jr., of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Marine Pfc. Ashley T. Walthall, a 1994 graduate of Colorado High School, Colorado City, recently completed recruit training and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

Norman Lee Timmerman, a senior at Big Spring High School, has joined the U.S. Army under its Delayed Entry Program. The Delayed Entry Program enables a student to delay reporting for training for up to a year so that he can finish his studies.

Timmerman is the son of Kenneth E. and Carol K. Timmerman, Big Spring.

Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Browning, son of Don Browning of Colorado City, recently qualified as plane captain with Marine Attack Squadron 214, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

The 1988 graduate of Sweetwater High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1989.

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Museum masterminds murders

Have you ever wanted to catch a murderer? Dress for a formal dinner in the 1930s or dine with guys and dolls?

The Heritage Museum of Big Spring conceived of a unique idea to kick off its 1995 special events calendar and hosted a "Let's Solve a Murder Mystery" benefit 6

p.m. Jan. 21.

The event promised to provide a memorable evening of hospitality and intrigue for the 100 guests who



Angie Way
Heritage Museum

attended. In fact, it was so much fun, Judy Osborne of the Main Street Emporium murder site said, "It was almost criminal."

Guests had been encouraged to dress as a character from one of the three "How to Host a Murder" games. In "The Duke's Descent," guests tried to unravel a murder at an English country mansion.

In "Last Train from Paris" Dr. Chris Ragan's mystery guests tried to solve the murder of their train ticket benefactor. In "Archeologically Speaking, It's the Pitts" guests surrounded an archeological dig and were forced to find the murderer among them.

A variety of interesting and unusual costumes added to the excitement of the evening. A few of those in attendance included Gwendolyn O. Veere, "Gwen O. Veere" for short, dressed in her most formal of attire.

Malcolm R. Conntint, "Mal," dressed in his usual gangster black-market dealer attire. Princess Idelle Chatter appeared in her regal evening gown. The Duke Schwazhe B. U. Klare shone in his military uniform, with sword and horse. Guests dined on a buffet supplied by Al's and Son Bar-B-Q.



William Cox, left, and an unidentified guest, center, listen as Marae Brooks, right, makes a point during the museum's murder mystery evening. Joe and Christine Brockman hosted this party.

Fortunately, guests had been advised to bring with them a lighthearted attitude toward blackmail, larceny, deceit and murder to guarantee the fun-filled evening.

while enjoying the company and costuming of fellow sleuths and suspects. At 7 p.m., the 100 guests adjourned in groups of eight to one of the many mystery sites, including several homes and Dahmer's Antiques to play their roles, solve a mystery, discover the murderer and

possibly prove themselves innocent of the crime. They played out their roles and clues amid champagne and dessert.

Fortunately, guests had been advised to bring with them a lighthearted attitude toward blackmail, larceny, deceit and murder to guarantee the fun-

filled evening. Guests had also been advised the absence of a player had been considered by some to be justifiable grounds for homicide.

The mystery evening was a profitable fund-raiser for the museum. The event surpassed our initial expectations, especially with all of the guests from the Midland/Odessa area.

The Heritage Museum is planning several special events this year that will appeal to a variety of interests. Our next event is April 29, "Around the World in 80 Bites." Bring your taste buds and join us for the taste-testing party.

Second wedding solemn, too

By MARILOU BERRY
Scripps Howard News Service

Many a male has been hard-pressed to come up with a warm, appropriate wedding toast as a part of his duties as best man. But what about a second wedding? Could it be twice as hard?

Elizabeth L. Post, writing in her book "Emily Post On Second Weddings" (Harper Perennial, 1991), says the same kind of toasts that are appropriate for the first wedding would be in good taste for a second.

"A best man's toast to the bridal couple may be something like: 'To Jessica and Michael — may they always

share the love and happiness we are all sharing today,'" the author writes.

Ms. Post warns that the toast to the bride and bridegroom should never refer to previous marriages or mention anything that remotely resembles "the second time around."

Either of those, she says, would be considered to be inappropriate and in poor taste.

"The prime ingredient in an appropriate toast is that the sentiment be from the heart," the etiquette authority advises.

And much the same type of advice is given when it comes to reading congratulatory telegrams.

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- How can you be sure your heirs receive your hard-earned estate, and not the IRS?

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Who's

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BATON ROUGE - Rebekah Lynne Tedesco is among students on the Louisiana State University Dean's List who achieved an academic average of 3.5 and above during the fall semester.

Jack L. Martin of Big Spring graduated from Texas A&M University last winter with a master of agriculture in plant science.

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences has awarded scholarships to two Big Spring students.

Margaret Natasha Gilstrap has been awarded the Lola Cone Scholarship. She is a senior dietetics major and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gilstrap.

Tracey Woodruff Owen has been awarded the Ida Parks Thompson Scholarship. She is a senior RHIM major and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Owen.

ABILENE - Hardin-Simmons University announced its Dean's List for the Fall 1994 semester. The Dean's List is composed of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who have a grade point of 3.75 or better for the semester.

Janet L. Springer of Lenorah has been named to the Dean's List.

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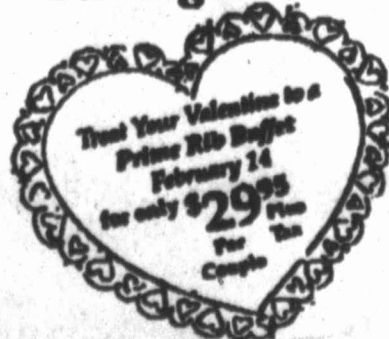


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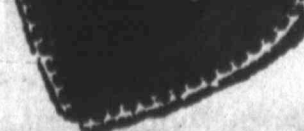
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Gulf War vets get toll-free help

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today established a toll-free number to inform Persian Gulf War veterans and their families of available medical care and other benefits. The toll-free information line is



Pat Atkins
VA Hospital

1-800-PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387).

Big Spring VA Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown said, "We want Persian Gulf veterans to know VA will take every initiative necessary to let them know how we can help them. The toll-free number gives them quick access to timely information."

The helpline, headquartered at a new Persian Gulf Information Center at the St. Louis VA Regional Office, is staffed with Persian Gulf War benefit specialists who are available weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (CT). The helpline includes a series of recorded messages that will

enable callers to obtain information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

VA also provides information on VA benefits, medical care and research, including assistance for Persian Gulf veterans, on an electronic bulletin board system available 24 hours a day.

VA-ONLINE can be accessed by callers with a personal computer that includes a modem and a communications package. The toll-free number for the bulletin board is 1-800-USI-VETS (1-800-871-8387).

More than 20 years ago, the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans was established with two purposes in mind.

The first is to visit with the veterans in our hospitals, to let them know that America has not forgotten them, and that we know that paying the debt to those who have served is an everyday obligation.

The second reason, is to make us look back, remember, and understand that we only have a bright future to look forward to because of what our veterans did in the past to make the present possible.

We are indebted to all of the veterans whom we are privileged to care for in our VA

medical centers.

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the medical center program should call the Voluntary Service office at 264-4824.

The Big Spring VA Medical Center Laboratory has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists, based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

Dr. K. Vasanawala, Chief, Laboratory Service, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided."

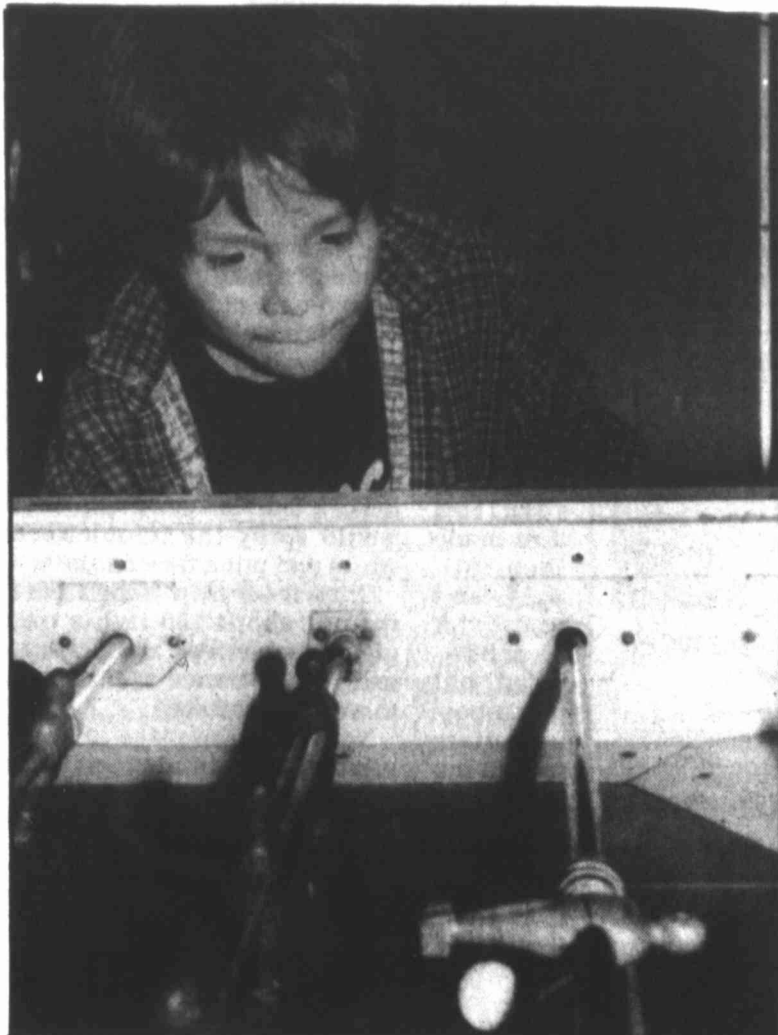
The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

The College of American Pathologists is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance.

Congratulations to the Big Spring Laboratory staff.

Pat Atkins is the Public Affairs Officer and Patient Representative at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

EYE ON THE BALL



Isreal Alvarez looks at the ball while attempting to hit it with his "players" as he was in the midst of a table soccer game at the Big Spring Boys Club.

STORK CLUB

Mercedes Maria Lynn Tarango, Feb. 1, 1995, 9:07; parents are Shirley Cortez and Marc Tarango, Stanton. Grandparents are Maria Cortez and Felix and Janie Tarango, all of Stanton.

Autumn Dawn Zubiate, Jan. 30, 1995, 8:16 p.m.; mother is Christy Zubiate.

Grandparents are Esther and Ernest Zubiate, Big Spring.

Kanbre Ashley Bailey, Jan. 30, 1995, 6:51 p.m.; parents are Raeshan and Rodney Bailey. Grandparents are Linda Bailey and Cheyenne Harrison, both of Big Spring.

Vanessa Alexis Alvarado, Jan. 26, 1995, 2:59 a.m.; parents are Maria Cervantes and Carlos Alvarado.

Grandparents are Antonio and Ventura Cervantes, Coahoma, and Irene Bretado, Ensenada, Mexico.

Cade Brian Luera; parents are Locadio Luera and Scharlett Towerly.

Grandparents are Locadio and Alice Luera and David and Marsha Johnston.

Elizabeth Smithwick, Jan. 24, 1995, 11:40 p.m.; parents are Johnny and Cecilia Smithwick. Grandparents are Albert and Celia Smithwick, Big Spring and Alfonso and Licha Morales, Mexico.

Lauren Paige Deubler, 10:31, and Meagan Rose Deubler, 10:32, born Jan. 19, 1995; parents are Troy and Lisa Deubler, Irving.

Grandparents are Randy and Sharon Deubler, Marshall and Joy McCoy, and the late Rose Ann McCoy, all formerly of Big Spring.

CLARIFICATION

In Friday's Club News, an item on the monthly Outreach Aglow Harvest Luncheon omitted the date.

The luncheon will be Feb. 8 at 11 a.m., 811 Highland Drive. Guest speaker is Wilma Doll.



The Aztec Theater in Albany, Texas, closed 20 years ago but was reborn this fall as a performing arts center.

Curtain rises on revamped theater

By LARRY ZELISKO
Abilene Reporter-News

ALBANY, Texas — The curtain is rising on a new Aztec Theatre.

The motion picture theater, which has been closed for years, has new life as a performing arts theater. And in its new role, the theater will be used for a wide variety of activities, said Clifton Caldwell, who headed up the renovation project.

"Every time I see people I know, I tell them what we've done with the theater, and they say, 'Oh yes, we'd like to do our show or have our meeting there,'" Caldwell said.

"We're going to have a little bit of everything at the Aztec," he said. "In small towns we try to make our own entertainment."

Support for the project has been tremendous, Caldwell said. People are excited about the work, he explained, and

have responded financially.

"The Aztec never looked as great as it does now," said Ann Harwood of Fort Worth, who grew up in Albany and has fond memories of the theater.

"I remember the boys I used to sit next to," she said, "and how the mothers used to stand in the back (to check on moviegoers)."

Harwood, who volunteered to help on the renovation project, used southwestern colors to complement the theater's California mission motif. The terra-cotta, burgundy and dark green trim brings out the colors in paintings behind window-like frames along each wall.

Architect for the project was Amy Wingrove of Bill Boozlott & Co. Architects of Dallas. Wingrove "has a touch for combining the new with the old," Caldwell said.

The biggest change to the theater was the addition of a meeting room and kitchen. Also, dressing and storage rooms

were built, the lobby was enlarged and the stage was extended so that plays can be performed.

Cost has been about \$500,000, Caldwell said. Fund raising started in 1991, and work began in 1992.

Caldwell said an open house will be held soon to show off the theater.

Already, though, the theater is in use. The Albany Nativity is Friday and Saturday. Last weekend, the Daughters of the American Revolution met there, and next year a three-day symposium on Camp Cooper is scheduled. Concerts, plays, dance recitals and perhaps even Shakespeare are likely to be performed on the Aztec stage. Plus, the theater is getting projection equipment so films can be shown.

"We'll have something for everybody at the theater some time during the year," Caldwell said.

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Blind sculptor sees with art

By GARY MASSARO
Scripps Howard News Service

AURORA, Colo. — Tom Lincoln has 20-20 touch.

"I draw a three-dimensional picture in my mind," Lincoln said. "Then, and only then, do I create. I have acute sense of touch in my thumbs and forefingers."

For a guy who can't see, Tom Lincoln gets by pretty good as a beginning sculptor.

"My theory is to let the clay talk to you about what should be formed and then let the mind flow," Lincoln said.

Lincoln, 30, is a student of Beth Funk, a sculpture teacher at the Aurora Bicentennial Arts Center.

She has about 30 students.

Lincoln is the only one who can't see.

Lincoln has been blind from birth. So it doesn't matter what someone else sees. His rendition of Pegasus looks like the winged horse of mythology in his mind.

He put a glazed cat about 3 inches long and 2 high in front of his work area.

He twists, folds, rolls and pokes holes in gray clay, crafting by feel what his mind sees.

A clock in a house with a peaked roof rested on his oak table.

"I touched a model of my parents' grandfather clock," Lincoln said. "I decided to come up with something different. This is my townhouse clock."

Funk and Lincoln work well together.

"A lot of my teachers have laughed at me. They said I wouldn't amount to anything," Lincoln said. "But if I'm encouraged by my teachers to learn, I will learn. And I will do better. I find myself encouraged to learn from her."

Lincoln's interests go beyond sculpting. He writes science-fiction pieces on a home computer. He plays organ, piano and drums.

Lincoln often entertains other classmates by tapping rhythms on plastic buckets of glaze material that rest beneath his work table.

"The musical note C-sharp gets me motivated," Lincoln said.

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WEDNESDAY - Beef taco; flour or corn tortilla; pinto beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple cup and milk.

THURSDAY - Roast beef or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes; gravy/hot roll; broccoli/cheese; mixed fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza or chicken dumplings; carrot/celery; apple wedges; peanut butter bar and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Apple fritters; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Sausage; eggs; biscuits; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Texas toast; jelly and peanut butter; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Doughnuts juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Ravioli; green beans; cheese wedge; salad; peanut butter cookie; peaches and milk.

TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; cabbage; corn bread; fruit pies and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers; tater tots; salad; pickle relish/onions; brownies; applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Taco salad; ranch style beans; cheese and taco sauce; salad; fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets; whipped potatoes; gravy; broccoli and cheese; hot rolls and butter; fruit salad and milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken nuggets; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; syrup; honey and milk.

TUESDAY - Hot dogs; chili; lettuce wedge; baked potato; pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Fish fingers; tater sauce; macaroni and cheese; english peas; applesauce and milk.

THURSDAY - Burritos; chili; cabbage; Mexican salad; corn; peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY - Sandwiches; lettuce and tomato; potato rounds; elf grahams and milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Eggs; biscuit; juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Pancakes; sausage; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; sausage; juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter/jelly; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Spaghetti/meat sauce; salad; peas; fruit; garlic bread and milk.

TUESDAY - Bologna/cheese sandwich; potato chips; carrots; fruit; fruit rollup and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Sloppy joes; fries; pickle; fruit and milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey pot pie; cauliflower & broccoli bits; fruit; crackers and milk.

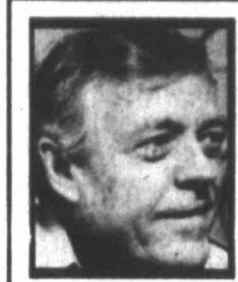
FRIDAY - Ham slice; sweet potatoes; green beans; pineapple & Jelly-O; hot roll and milk.

Tumbleweed picks his favorite tumbleweeds

Colorado City once had a factory that produced tumbleweed decorations for fancy stores all over America.

People would go out and collect tumbleweeds, haul them into the factory and get paid for their efforts.

The tumbleweeds were put into a solution that made them pliable and soft. A tumbleweed hat was a popular item around Colorado City during the 60s, when the factory was



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

going full steam.

The city had a tumbleweed festival. A queen reigned over the festivities and a parade featuring floats with tumbleweed decorations of different colors moved through the streets of downtown Colorado City.

Midland used to have a few tumbleweed snowmen at Christmas time. Residents would get three tumbleweeds (a big one, a middle-sized one and a small one), stack them up and make a simple snowman. Some would spray the tumbleweeds white and put a face on them.

Once for a New Year's party we put about 100 lights on a giant tumbleweed and placed it near the entrance to our home to welcome guests.

Nowadays the place to go see tumbleweeds in all their decorated splendor is Dell City. And

you don't have to go just during late December to see them. Dell City folks display decorated tumbleweeds on Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July and any other time they feel like it.

This past Christmas season, my wife and I served as judges to determine who had the best-looking tumbleweed in Dell City. It was no small deal. An Australian film crew was there, doing a documentary on tumbleweeds. A Dallas TV station reporter was on hand.

More than \$750 in prize money was awarded, with the winner getting \$500. It went to a family who had created an entire western town from tumbleweeds.

The miniature village, in the front yard of the family, residence, was nestled at the foot of

a snow-capped mountain range made of tumbleweeds, of course.

The First Baptist Church of Dell City made a manger scene out of tumbleweeds. It featured Mary and Joseph, baby Jesus, wise men, shepherds and animals. They were all made from weeds and dressed appropriately.

The Shepherd's bar created a magnificent display of animals, people, decorations and lights.

One resident had a yardful of Disney characters: Snow White, the Wicked Witch, Donald and Daisy Duck, Mickey Mouse, Cinderella and her pumpkin carriage.

Nearly 1,000 lights were used in this display, which stretched across the entire yard. A pet deer running at top speed

amazingly missed hitting the wires holding down the display.

Another Dell City decorator had a group of extremely well-done tumbleweed be-bop characters carrying signs wishing everyone a Cool Yule.

There were giant figures playing guitars complete with recorded music, huge tumbleweed Christmas trees strung with lights and ornaments, all done with a high degree of creativity.

The newspaper office displayed a kangaroo made out of tumbleweeds as a tribute to the filmmakers from Australia.

It was not an easy task to choose a winner. We judged on originality, quality of work and overall impact.

It was one of our most enjoyable events during the entire holiday season.

Dry-cleaning tips keep clothes looking new

Thomson News Service

•Read the care label before you buy clothes, bearing in mind that part of their cost will be maintaining them.

•Don't remove care labels. Dry cleaners rely on them, so if there's no label either the customer or the cleaner will have to take their best guess about how the garment should be handled.

•Don't use home remedies such as hair spray or even water to remove spots from clothes that require dry cleaning.

•Inform the cleaner of any spots on your garments so they can be treated before dry cleaning or washing. They'll be more likely to come out this way.

•Try to remember what spilled on your clothes so the dry cleaner will know what spot cleaner to use.

•Have your winter clothes dry cleaned before putting them away for the summer. Moths are attracted to food stains.

•Store clothes in a dimly lit place — not under a light that's kept on or by a window.

Forget fingerprints—the nose knows

By EMMA YOUNG

Manchester Guardian Service

Researchers at Leeds University, England, have developed a system which can differentiate between people by their smell.

A dash of aftershave, or even a drop of Chanel No. 5 won't affect identification because the sensors in the equipment are geared towards a certain range of body odor that is genetically determined and unique.

"It won't matter if the person is wearing perfume, deodorant or had a curry the night before," says Ed Ruck-Keane, "because if you take the spec-

trum of smell, perfume, for example, is in a very different area to body odor."

However, the researchers still need to improve their successful identification rate of 90 percent before the technology is let loose on the market. They expect the necessary refinements, and trials on a cross-section of the public, to take another two years.

The system, called Sentinel, was commissioned by a security company, Mastiff Electronics Systems. It's designed to mimic the processes that take place in the mammalian nose when something is sniffed: odor molecules interact with some protein receptors but not others.

The resulting patterns of responses are simplified and interpreted by the brain into "beer" or "coffee," for example.

The Leeds team use special polymer-coated sensors instead of protein molecules and a computer to spot the patterns.

Peter Puttick, research and development manager at MES, reports a great deal of interest from "smart card" manufacturers; he expects the technology to compete with fingerprinting systems.

But he believes Sentinel has one major advantage: "Fingerprinting is a problem if you have either injured your hand or you don't have one," he says.

NICE FANGS



A pair of big-mouth hippos, Una, left, and Cindy, play in a pool at the Philadelphia zoo.

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Got an item?

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Sunday, February 5, 1995

Consideration given to abolishing TexPool

AUSTIN (AP) — Treasury officials are working to rebuild public confidence in the state's \$2 billion municipal investment fund, while some lawmakers are pondering whether it should be abolished.

Rep. Ken Marchant, chairman of the House Financial Institutions Committee, said Thursday he would consider filing legislation to kill TexPool if the state cannot reduce its risk in the fund.

"If indeed there is no way to ensure that the state of Texas

does not have monetary exposure in the fund, then I feel like we should reconsider our position on the fund," said Marchant, R-Coppell.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Thursday's editions that Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, already has drafted a proposal to kill the fund. Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, declined to comment on the report.

Marchant said a House member had drafted a bill that is "not even approached to being

We have discussed several options with Martha. We're trying over the next month to try to come up with a solution.

Rep. Ken Marchant

done" and said nothing has been filed yet concerning TexPool. He would not say whether the completed proposal would call for abolishing the fund.

TexPool, created five years

ago by the state Treasury, is an investment fund for local governments. A six-day run on the pool in December emptied the fund of \$2 billion.

State Treasurer Martha

Whitehead, who insisted investor fears were unfounded, blamed the withdrawals on troubles in the Orange County, Calif., investment pool that forced the county into bankruptcy and a report on TexPool in The Wall Street Journal.

The Treasury sold \$2.37 billion of its securities to cover the withdrawals, resulting in a loss of \$55 million to the agency.

Over the past three weeks, several lawmakers have met with Mrs. Whitehead to discuss ways to increase the stability of

the fund, Marchant said.

"We want to try to make sure that constituents that have been served by the pool continue to be served, but we need to make sure that the state is not at a significant risk in the pool ever again," Marchant said.

"We have discussed several options with Martha. We're trying over the next month to try to come up with a solution," he said.

TexPool had assets of \$3.7 bil-

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Wegner agency honored in 1994

Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency, specializing in the selling and servicing of crop insurance, and serving farmers all across Texas, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1994 with numerous awards and accomplishments.

The agency's home office is at 2121 Lamesa Highway in Big Spring. A branch office was opened in San Angelo at 929 Turner, Suite 102, during the summer of '95, and is managed by son, Ronnie Wegner.

IGF Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa recently awarded Sherry Wegner the "President's award for excellence in service" in recognition of superior knowledge and expertise of being a certified crop insurance underwriter, for the fifth consecutive year. This award is received by only the top 5 percent of all crop insurance agents in the entire nation.

The agency was also singled out by USAG, a Lubbock-based company, as being among the top 15 of their agents.

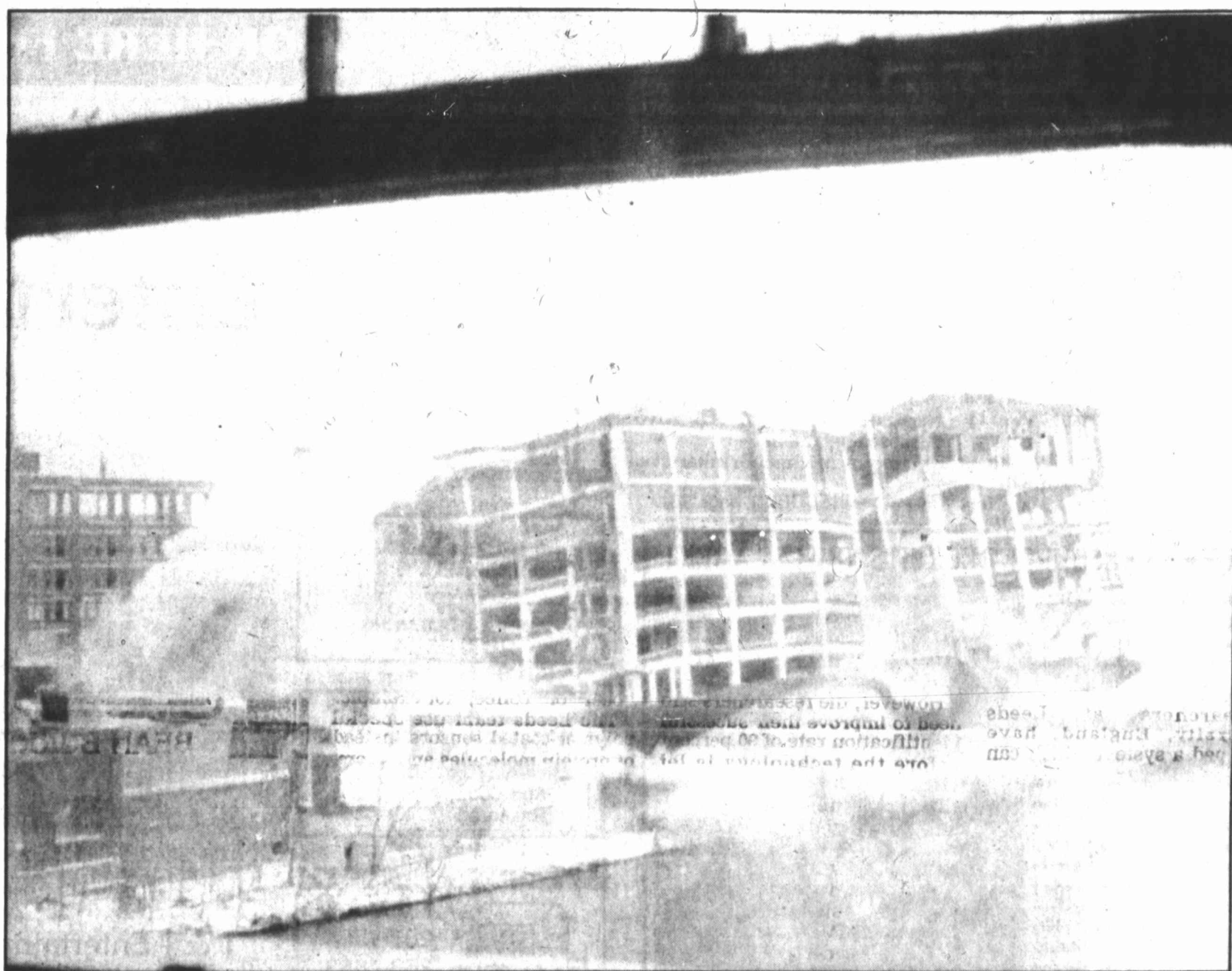
Other honors include being selected as an esteemed member of "Sterling Who's Who" and included in the "Sterling Who's Who Directory '94-'95, Executive Edition." Memberships are awarded to those persons who have exhibited excellence and leadership in their chosen fields of endeavor.

She has also been appointed a charter member of IGF's Advisory Council, based on her knowledge and commitment to the crop insurance industry. This 15-member board consists of one representative for every two states along with members of the IGF corporate staff.



Courtesy photo
Sherry Wegner receives one of many awards her insurance company won in 1994.

FALLING INWARD



Two seven-story Cuneo Press buildings, framed by a window, fall after being imploded in Chicago recently. Since 1989, the city has demolished more than 4,000 abandoned buildings, but this is the first time the implosion technique has been used.

Associated Press photo

Sorting through the license confusion

Much confusion has occurred with the renewal notifications from the Texas Department of Agriculture to holders of Private Applicators Restricted-Use Pesticide Licenses.

The WHITE letter received was sent out WRONG in most cases!!! We checked with TDA officials in Austin and they confirmed the mistake. Be sure and check your



Don Richardson
County Agent

BROWN letter! For renewal of your licenses you MUST have earned at least 15 hours of CEU credits. Two of these hours MUST be in LAWS and REGULATIONS and one hour MUST be in INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT. If your BROWN letter listed all these you are okay and you may send in the renewal form at the bottom of the letter together with the renewal fee.

Another confusion factor has been the new number listed on the BROWN letter. According to TDA, all holders of such licenses will be issued NEW numbers with their renewals and the number listed on the brown letter is your NEW number.

Some producers are still needing CEU credits before the Feb.

28 deadline. We had the annual Howard County Spring Cotton Update on Jan. 25, and if you missed it you missed getting two such hours of credit, but you can still pick up some hours from the Midland and Martin counties Spring Cotton Update Seminars.

Midland County's will be on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Greenwood School beginning at 6:30 p.m. Martin County will host their's on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 9 a.m., in the Stanton Community Center. You can stick around Stanton until 7 p.m. and pick up another two hours at the center at a landscape management workshop. A Multi-County CRP Land Burning Training Program will be at the Stanton Community Center on

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 9 a.m. for a couple more hours of CEU credits.

Laws and Regulations continue to be a problem for a lot of people to get their hours in. Extension agents can not offer this training, however we have just scheduled another course with TDA for a special two hour CEU credit meeting here in Big Spring concerned with the Workers Protection Standards Act for employers.

This will be at the Dora Roberts Building at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Thursday, Feb. 23 beginning at 9 a.m. This will be your last chance to pick up credits for Laws and Regulations in Big Spring to

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Fowler top seller for South Mountain

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Recently at the Big Spring Board of Realtors' Annual Banquet at the Big Spring Country Club, individual real estate offices each named a Salesperson of the Year.

South Mountain Agency Broker/Owner Marjorie Dodson presented her office's award to first-year real estate salesperson Karen Fowler.

The award was based on the number of sales, professional meetings attended and participation in board activities.



Fowler, a lifelong resident of Coahoma, completed her first year in real estate sales in 1994.

"The award is something you can look forward to trying to achieve during the year. It goes to show that the harder you work, the better the end results," she said.

When asked what she enjoys most about real estate, Fowler said, "I like meeting new people. Real estate is a real challenge and I've always been the type of person who looks for a challenge."

Despite the competitiveness of the real estate field, Fowler said Big Spring has a very good market and with three new subdivisions either under construction or in the process of being so the market is just that much better.

She said, "The more jobs and people we can get in Big Spring the better it is for the real estate market."

Receiving such an award after being in the real estate business for such a short time is a plus for Fowler, but she added now she just has to keep going.

"I appreciate the award, but now I have to challenge myself to do even more."

Dodson added, "It's really nice to have someone so hard-working and enthusiastic."

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FAST TRACK

CRMWD water deliveries down in January

Deliveries by the Colorado River Municipal Water District dipped in January from 1994.

The total was 1,033,167,000 gallons, down 6.55 percent from a year ago. Of this, 937,622,000 gallons went to municipalities, down 5.39 percent, and only 95,545,000 to oil and industrial customers, down 16.71 percent.

By cities, the picture stacked up like this: Big Spring, 167,370,000 gallons, down 6.86 percent; Midland, about the same at 325,164,000 gallons, Odessa, 363,782,000 gallons, down 6.93 percent; Snyder, 62,709,000 gallons, up 2.5 percent; Stanton 6,941,000 gallons, up 1.74 percent.

The San Angelo and Robert Lee intakes mustered only 11,655,000 gallons together, a decline of 48.43 percent.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

More cuts than expected

SEATTLE (AP) — Stung by a recent rash of cancelled or delayed plane orders, Boeing Co. announced the elimination of 7,000 jobs and a cut in production of 767s and 737s. The worse-than-expected job cuts, announced Thursday, work out to 6 percent of the company's work force of 117,331.

New home sales post gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — New-home sales posted a six-year high in 1994, though rising mortgage rates and a sharp inventory buildup signaled a housing slowdown this year. Sales of new homes rose 0.6 percent to 670,000, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. It was the highest level since 676,000 single-family homes were sold in 1988.

Takeover rumors abound

NEW YORK (AP) — Takeover rumors are sweeping through the banking industry, pushing up share prices of several large banks around the country. The rumors have been fanned by new laws allowing banks to branch across state lines, overall weakness in bank stock prices and a cash glut.

Salomon post huge loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Salomon Inc. posted one of Wall Street's worst 1994 performances, reporting a quarterly loss of \$122 million, its first annual deficit since becoming a public company in 1981. Like other Wall Street firms, the parent of the Salomon Brothers Inc. investment bank was hurt by rising interest rates and slumps in stock and bond markets worldwide.

PULLED DRUGS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Records show European countries have had to pull two to three times as many unsafe drugs off the market as the United States. An advocate of strict regulation compiled records from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Britain, France and Germany to compare the countries' safety. Between 1970 and 1992, the four countries had to pull 56 drugs off the market after they proved a threat and, in some cases, killed dozens of people, Dr. Sidney Wolfe of Public Citizen's Health Research Group reported.

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meet the deadline for licenses that expire in Feb. 1995.

While on the subject of the Workers Protection Standards Act, a number of local and area ag producers allowed their employees to attend a special bilingual training program on this Act at the Knott Fire Stations back in July. Certification cards were not available at that time from TDA for these workers but we have now received them.

We have the sign-in sheets listing those in attendance and

their social security numbers but we have no addresses listed in most cases.

If you had employees attending this meeting please contact our office at 264-2236 and verify this with our office secretary and she will issue these green cards to you for distribution to your employees. It is important that you document this training for your own personal records so be sure and request a XEROX copy of these cards from our secretary when requesting the cards.

If you happen to be one of those individuals that still only

need one or two hours of CEU credits in any area other than Laws and Regs please contact our office and we will try to arrange a special training meeting for you to allow you to pick up these hours before the February 28 deadline.

Livestock Show season is on hand and the local agents will be involved with them at Fort Worth and El Paso this coming week and weekend, followed shortly by the San Antonio event and Houston and San Angelo so we are working closely in scheduling these other activities around and between

them.

We are doing all that we can to help those of you out that need these last minute hours so please allow for these other important activities we are involved with. In the meantime, we will try to keep you informed through this news column of any educational activities coming up not only here in Howard County but in our immediate area that can allow you the opportunity to obtain the necessary hours of CEU's you need before this upcoming Feb. 28 deadline.

Fund

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lion at the beginning of December and \$1.4 billion at the end of the year. The fund currently contains \$2.6 billion and has 1,372 investors. Treasury spokesman Steve Garven said.

"TexPool is a sound, safe and secure program, and Treasurer Whitehead is committed to the program," Garven said.

The TexPool advisory board last week adopted several changes in the program in an effort to rebuild public confidence, Garven said.

The revisions included reduc-

ing the fund's average weighted maturity from 270 days to 90 days, reducing the maximum maturity of any investment from three years to 13 months, and prohibiting any investments in derivatives.

If TexPool were abolished, municipalities would have to turn to private firms to handle their investments. However, Garven said the state program is more convenient and less expensive, because the state has its own direct link to the Federal Reserve Bank for money transfers.

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BUYER'S RESOURCE RECRUITS NEWEST AGENT

Buyer's Resource Real Estate of Big Spring proudly announces the association of its second sales associate, Dorothy F. Harland of Big Spring. A life-long Howard County resident, Dorothy raised her two children here. She first obtained her real estate salesman's license in the 1960's and worked in the real estate business for several years while also involved in new home construction, design and decorating as co-owner of Harland Construction Company and H&H Floor Coverings. Her involvement with the family owned and operated construction business was so extensive that Dorothy placed her real estate license on an inactive status in 1976. She is an active member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

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New witness emerge as trial progresses

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new witness has told attorneys in the O.J. Simpson double-murder case that he saw four men near Nicole Brown Simpson's home the night she and a friend were slashed to death.

Defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. complained to Superior Court Judge Lance Ito today that prosecutors had failed to turn over their interview with Leif Tilden.

Tilden saw four men near Bundy Drive between 10 and 1030 p.m. the night Ms. Brown and Ronald Goldman were slain, Cochran said. He asked the judge to order prosecutors to turn over their interview with Tilden.

Prosecutor Chris Darden said a representative of the district attorney's office had interviewed Tilden less than 24 hours earlier and he had signed off today on papers that would be given to the defense.

He added that Tilden said the four young men appeared to be college students.

Another witness who claimed to see four men in the area about the same time was Mary Anne Gerchak, whose credibility came under attack last week.

Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark had called Gerchak "a known liar and a Simpson case groupie."

Darden said Tilden, an actor and puppeteer who lives in the area where the slayings occurred, contacted prosecutors after he heard opening statements in the case, which included information about Gerchak's account of four men.

"This isn't someone that we've known about for several weeks or several months," Darden said.

Tilden told ABC's "Day One" in an interview that aired Thursday that he felt it was his "civic duty" to talk to prosecutors.

When asked if he thought that the men he saw while walking his dog were in any way involved in the murders, he replied: "In my ... my gut, No."

Tilden told ABC that he didn't come forward earlier because he hadn't been following the case closely and thought that the murders had taken place hours later. He said

This isn't someone that we've known about for several weeks or several months.

Chris Darden

he learned that they had taken place late on June 12 while watching opening statements in the case last week.

"I heard all this stuff about some woman who saw four guys and I knew, and remember that I saw four guys walking up the alley."

He described the men as white and "clean cut," and said there was nothing strange or menacing about them. Two of them wore baseball caps, he said. He said they were in the alley that runs behind Ms. Simpson's condo.

Gerchak had described the men she saw as two whites and two Hispanics and said some were wearing knit caps. She said she saw them on the street that runs in front of Ms. Simpson's home.

The discussion of Tilden took place out of the presence of the jury.

When testimony resumed for the day, Sgt. Robert Lerner described the night in October 1993 when he responded to a 911 call placed by Ms. Simpson. He said that when he arrived home, "She was visibly shaken. She was upset. She was concerned. And she was scared."

As for Simpson: "The defendant was agitated. He was upset, pacing back and forth. And he was speaking loudly to Mr. (Kato) Kaelin."

He said they spent about 90 minutes at the home.

On Thursday, jurors heard the 911 call Ms. Simpson made that night, and saw letters Simpson wrote after an earlier incident in which he expressed "how wrong I was for hurting you."

The attempt to demolish Simpson's good-guy image is part of the prosecution's effort to prove a motive. Prosecutors want to convince the jury that after years of abusing and degrading his wife, Simpson killed her in a jealous rage.

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As for the future of the market, Dodson thinks it will be good even if interest rates rise a bit because good things are happening in Big Spring.

Statewide, according to Dodson, real estate boards are going to have to revamp the way they do things in the near future because of the changes in tech-

nology and because of legal concerns.

She added some board may even consider consolidating some services with other boards.

Dodson said, "We've just moved into a new office and we're working hard to keep up with all of the changes. I think we're going places because we have a good group of people."

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FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 1995

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your fun-loving side comes out today. Be demonstrative, and express your deeper feelings. You find that partners, parents and authority figures do the unexpected. A sense of humor cuts the tension and carries you far. Tonight: Treat another to dinner. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today may have a difficult quality as you see people change their minds, go in new directions and try things in different ways. The clearer you are about your choices, the happier you will be. Be direct, and let your creativity flow. Tonight: Make peace. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Maintain a sense of humor and get ahead. You complete your errands in the mornings. However, problems midday may have you evaluating your choices. Take a clear direction. One-to-one relating is difficult at best. Tonight: Vanish while you are ahead. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stars! A partner does the unexpected, and you need to handle it in a positive manner. Listen carefully to what's going on. Remain upbeat and treat a matter more personally. Tonight: Focus on making yourself happy. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stay on top of a situation. Resolve immediate problems, and do things in a more creative manner. Unique opportunities for growth come your way. You need to talk through a problem. Know what you are asking from another. Tonight: Hang out with friends. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have high-voltage energy today, and relating to others takes a lot of creativity. Just because you need to scuttle your plans doesn't mean there is only one way to do something. Step back, take a deep breath and revamp. Tonight: Brainstorm with a buddy. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Others are determined to have their way. The unexpected occurs with family and friends. Be aware of your limits. It is important to say no. Setting strong guidelines now will bring very positive results in the future. Tonight: Have an important one-to-one talk. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Be more responsible in how you handle a situation. Your creativity and understanding are high. Be sincere in how you communicate with another who may be unusually feisty today. Your sense of humor eases a problem. Tonight: Say yes to a partner's offer. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are full of ideas. A lot is going on, and you feel better. This is a very upbeat time when a lot goes on quickly. Be aware of your choices and long-term desires. Creativity is high. Do not risk. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are intuitive in handling a problem and choosing among options. Be sincere with a loved one. Your awareness of which way to go will help you. Anchor in but be willing to adjust. Show your gentler side to a child or loved one. Tonight: Enjoy. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cut costs while you are still ahead. Be sensitive to options, and know your limits. Communications are excellent today if you do not become overly sensitive. Be positive, upbeat and optimistic. Tonight: Entertain at home, if you need to entertain at all. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money matters determine the next few days. You are very sincere about what's going on. Communications are excellent. A friendship turns in another direction, and you admire another's way of presenting an issue. Tonight: Head out to dinner. ****

IF FEB. 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is an unusual year in which communications are highlighted and you have many choices. Learn to not be as fragile or sensitive. You get sudden insights. Partners pitch in at odd moments. Home life is unusually important this year, as you focus on changes. If you are single: This can be a banner year in which you meet people in your day-to-day life; keep your goals and needs in mind. If attached, let go of old rigidities, and be more open with a partner about your desires. **TAURUS** anchors you.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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Single folks lament lonely holidays

DEAR ABBY: I was touched by the letter from "Single in Long Beach." He really hit the nail on the head concerning the way many single people are

treated during the holidays. I am a single woman. A t Thanks-giving, I was home alone watching five hours of "Gone With the Wind."

and assembling and decorating my Christmas tree, since no friends had invited me to have dinner with them and their family. I received one phone call from a single friend in Kentucky, who told me she ate alone at the Winn Dixie deli.

Why do others think singles have "better things to do" or "would feel uncomfortable" without a partner at a holiday dinner?

I, too, like "Single in Long Beach," would have been happy to bring an additional dish, as well as help with the cleanup afterward.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to get this off my chest. — SINGLE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SINGLE: The letter from "Single in Long Beach" generated a flood of mail from both sexes — and if it helps to know that you are not alone with this problem, read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Single in Long Beach," who spends his holidays alone.

How well I, and many others, know what you're feeling. My husband and I always had a houseful on all the holidays throughout the year, but since he died, it seems everyone we knew has suddenly disappeared from the earth. Nobody seems to want a "fifth wheel."

Someday these people will be in the same boat, and when they are, they'll wish they had been a little kinder to their sin-

gle and widowed friends. It's too bad that "Single in Long Beach" lives on the West Coast. He certainly would be welcome in my home — and he wouldn't have to do anything but share the holiday spirit with me. — BLUE BIRD IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR BLUE BIRD: I make it a practice never to match singles through my column. However, for a practical solution to your holiday blues, please see what a very upbeat reader from Alabama has to say:

DEAR ABBY: "Single in Long Beach" wrote about how single people are "the forgotten ones" on holidays.

I learned long ago that no one is responsible for my loneliness but me.

Why doesn't "Single" invite a friend and his family, another single, or an older couple to his home for the holidays? If he doesn't like to cook, most grocery stores and many restaurants cook turkeys with all the trimmings for carry-out.

If entertaining isn't his "thing," he could visit patients in nursing homes or hospitals, or lend a hand to churches and organizations that serve meals to the homeless. They appreciate all the help they can get.

Loneliness is a choice, not a necessity. Choose instead to help some of the many people who need you. — SINGLE BUT NOT LONELY IN ALABAMA

DEAR ALABAMA: Bravo for a healthy attitude. "Ask not what others can do for you, but what you can do for others," is my motto, too. If more people thought and acted as you do, the world would be a brighter place in which to dwell.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. Postage is included.

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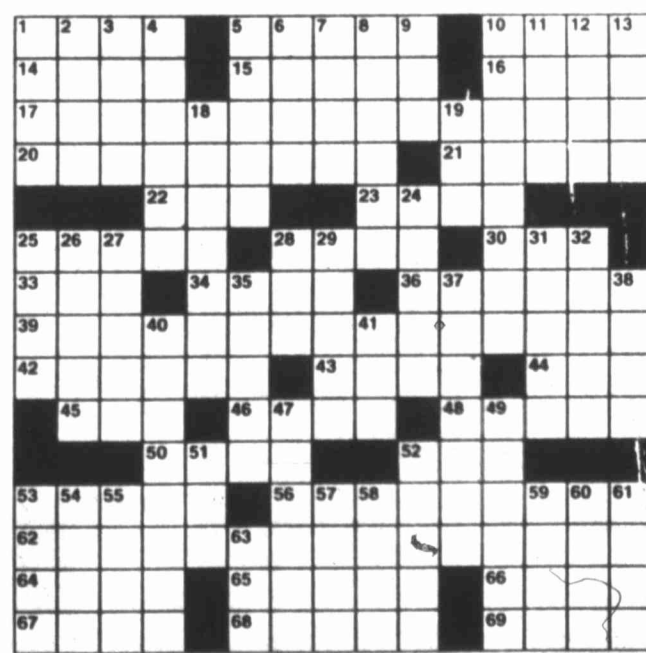
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