

School funding system unconstitutional

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Despite a June 1 deadline from the Texas Supreme Court to overhaul the method of financing state public schools, Texas lawmakers are not pushing any panic buttons yet.

The court ruled by a 7-1 margin Tuesday that using property taxes to finance school districts is unconstitutional, and

gave the state legislature until June 1 to devise another method, or it will order schools closed.

The issue, which has been the subject of two regular sessions and three special sessions of the Legislature in the past three years, is once again in the hands of lawmakers.

"Our entire tax system needs substantial reform to make it fairer, more modern and that

will ensure schools have a reliable stream of revenue," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said in a statement Tuesday. "That is why I appointed 24 private sector leaders and experts to the Texas Tax Reform Commission led by John Sharp who will develop tax reform recommendations before the legislature next meets."

Perry said he would soon call lawmakers back into special

session to address school finance reform.

"The June 1 deadline for legislative action is one that I welcome, and I will call lawmakers into special session at an appropriate time before that deadline," he said. "I am ready to resolve this issue. So are many legislators and so are the people of Texas."

Big Spring's state senator, Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, said the

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Gov. Perry

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ISD officials not holding their breath

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Texas Supreme Court has lit a new fuse under the controversial public school financing issue.

By a 7-1 vote Tuesday morning, the court ruled that using property taxes to pay for education amounts to an unconstitutional statewide property tax and charged lawmakers with repairing the \$30 billion funding system.

In addition, the court gave the state until June 1 to devise a new system of financing public schools. After that time, state funding to local districts would be shut off.

This issue has been a thorny one, to say the least, with the State Legislature failing to pass a comprehensive overhaul of the financing system despite numerous sessions during the past two years.

"The Supreme Court ruling mandates a change in the school finance taxing system, and that mandate has a deadline of June 1," said Michael Downes, superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School

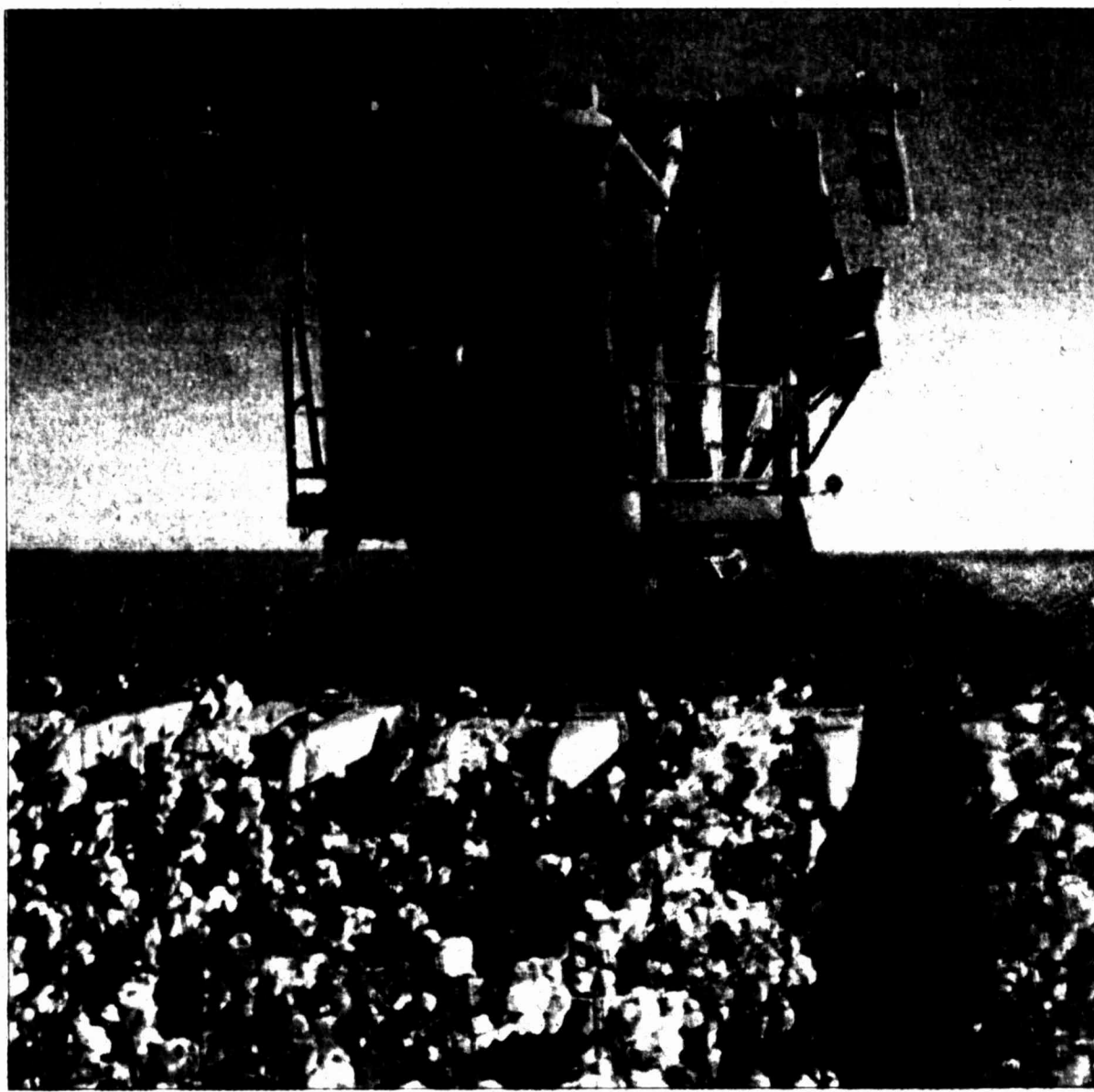
"We hope for some relief from the state, but we don't expect it."

That's the approach we're going with."



Johnson

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST



A cotton stripper pauses in the middle of a field owned by local producer Horace Tubb, located south of Big Spring. Tubb, who has been a cotton farmer in Howard County for more than 60 years, said he's never seen such a plentiful cotton crop, with as much as three to four bales of cotton per acre coming in some of his fields.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Salvation Army set for huge turnout

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Salvation Army is getting ready to ring the dinner bell Thursday, as the local charity prepares to serve more than 400 Thanksgiving meals.

The Salvation Army will serve up a traditional Thanksgiving meal — from turkey and dressing to cranberry sauce and potatoes — from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the charity's dining hall, and according to Capt. Linda Keeney, the guest list is quite broad.

"It's open to everyone in the community," said Keeney. "Anyone — and I do mean anyone — who would like to come in and have a great Thanksgiving meal can just walk in our doors at 811 W. Fifth Street and grab a plate. Bring your family and have a great meal."

"If you're homebound and can't get to the Salvation Army office, all you have to do is call us at 267-8239 and we'll deliver the meal to you. It really is that simple."

And while there's rarely a shortage of need when it comes to the delicious dinners, Keeney said the same holds true for the need for volunteers to prepare and serve the meal.

"We need volunteers to come in and give a little bit of their time," said Keeney. "On Thanksgiving Day we need people to come in at about 10 a.m. to start getting the meals ready to go and start getting the

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'Star' project looks to brighten lives

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While many area charitable organizations will be concentrating on gifts for children this Christmas season, Adult Protective Services will be looking in a slightly different direction — to the men and women whose hard work helped make West Texas what it is today.

Part of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Adult Protective Services began its "Be a Star" project this week, collecting Christmas gifts for the area's elderly and disabled.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but the elderly and disabled pop-

What: "Be a Star" program collects gifts for area elderly and disabled.

Where: Western National Bank, 607 S. Scurry in Big Spring.

When: Through Dec. 16.

For more information: Call Ruiz at 432 684-3201.

ulation is the fastest growing in the state," said Robin Ruiz, community initiatives specialist for APS. "According to the last census, people 65 and older make up 12.4 percent of the population. People between the ages of 21 and 64 with disabilities make up 19.6 percent of the population, and both of these demographics are the fastest growing in the nation. "Those same numbers are

always higher for West Texas. In Howard County, 14.6 percent of the population is 65 or older, and 23.3 percent are between 21 and 64 years old with disabilities. So Big Spring and the surrounding areas have a very real stake in a program like this."

Ruiz said most of the gifts being requested are under \$10 and are things most people would take for granted.

"We've had several asking for flashlights," said Ruiz. "There's also a very big demand for blankets, clothes and slippers. They don't cost a lot of money, but it's money these people living on a fixed income simply don't have."

The program, which is being sponsored by Western National Bank, will run until Dec. 16, according to Ruiz.

"All you have to do is go to Western National Bank and pick out a star," said Ruiz. "The stars will have the client's first name and requested gift. Each gift that is purchased for the elderly or disabled clients need to be

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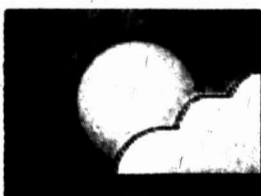
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FEES TO INCREASE

Texans are about to pay more for copies of birth and death certificates.

Howard County Clerk Donna Wright said that fees for those certificates will increase substantially effective Dec. 1.

Birth certificates will cost \$23 per copy, an increase of \$11, Wright said.

Death certificates will increase in cost from \$10 to \$21 for the first copy, and \$4 for each additional copy, Wright noted.

"When you compare (the rates) to other states, it's not that high, but for a one-time jump, it is pretty high," Wright said of the increases.

For more information, contact Wright's office at 264-2213.

NOT THE RIDE HE WANTED

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — The man got a ride all right — just not the one he was expecting.

Police say a 20-year-old man was so disoriented after a night of drinking that he hopped into a police patrol car thinking it was a taxi.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy Esther Beckman was questioning a bicyclist on the street when the suspect, whose name was not released, hopped into her cruiser.

Officers let the bicyclist go. But the man looking to hail a cab was taken to jail on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

OFFICER KILLED

MEXIA (AP) — A school district police officer was killed Tuesday in an accidental shooting during a law enforcement training exercise in Mexia, Limestone County authorities said.

Limestone County Sheriff Dennis Wilson said Mexia ISD police Sgt. Scott Neal, 31, was participating in SWAT team training with six other officers when one of the officers accidentally shot Neal in the head.

Wilson said he did not know why a loaded weapon was used in the training session. "He did a great job with our children at MISD. They were very fond of him and we are going to miss him. This just breaks my heart," Wilson said.

Obituaries

Helen Dawson



Helen Dawson, 92, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Big Spring, died Oct. 22, 2005. She was interred in the Huling Mausoleum in North Bennington Vt. She was born in 1913 in Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Vermont Sen. Milo C. Luling and married Dr. George W. Dawson in 1935. He preceded her in death in 1964, when she became an advertising and specialties saleswoman. She was the Organizing Regent for the Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1974 and a founding member of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century in Big Spring.

She is survived by her son Alexander Dawson, Diana Dawson Hamby of Oklahoma City and Catherine Dawson Duran of Florence, Mont; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hahn-Cook-Street & Draper Funeral Home in Oklahoma City.

Meliton 'Meli' Arriola Sr.

Meliton "Meli" Arriola Sr., 83, of Big Spring died at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Phillis Mayo

Phillis Mayo, 87, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **SUZANNE MURPHY**, 41, of 2500 Ent Dr., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **RANDY JAY YBARRA**, 18, of 1504 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- **NORMAN TIMMERMAN**, 29, of 1408 Harding, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.
- **BERNARDO PEREZ**, 51, of 902 San Antonio, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify.
- **ALBERT MARTINEZ JR.**, 27, of 2503 Central Drive, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C - FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT** was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Officer reported the following activity:

- **GARY JAMES MIEARS**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant, witness or informant.
- **JUAN JOSE ACUNA JR.**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JUAN RAMON DIAZ**, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify giving false information.
- **SUZANNE MURPHY**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of East Third. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Miller B Road. Smoke scare.

Support groups

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Take note

• **LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE** dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. and performance at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in the First United Methodist Church. Free tickets available at the church office, 400 Scurry.

• **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY** presented by Gale Pittman of Gale's Sweet Shoppe from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center Dec. 4. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now. Call 264-9283 for more information.

• **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** needs a cow, sheep, goats and donkeys on loan for the Drive-Thru Nativity. Call Vicki at 263-0203 or 816-9039.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE LUMINARIA** at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Administration Courtyard.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE JURIED STUDENT ART SHOW COMPETITION** Dec. 1 in the Howard College library.

• **BENEFIT FOR GARY DANIELS** is set for Dec. 10 beginning at noon at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. Daniels has been diagnosed with cancer and proceeds are to help with medical expenses. The benefit features barbecue plates for \$6, live music, a chance to win a 12-gauge pump shotgun, an auction and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call Danya James at 816-6141 or Tom Cox at 393-5888.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT.** Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **THE HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** seeks Christmas help for the 69 children in foster care. To 'adopt' a child or family for the holidays, contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or 268-4550.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Around Town

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY, Nov. 24

- Thanksgiving Day.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will not meet, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. West winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thanksgiving day - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs around 60. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Saturday night - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40.

Monday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$25 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$16 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 9, 22, 37, 41, and 43. The Mega Ball number was 30.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-12-14-17-31.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-0

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Japanese probe landed successfully on asteroid, despite early report of failure

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's space agency said today its space-craft had successfully touched down on an asteroid 180 million miles from Earth despite an earlier announcement that it had failed.

On Sunday, JAXA officials had said the Hayabusa probe, on a mission to land on the asteroid named Itokawa, collect material, then bring it back to Earth, failed to touch down after maneuvering within yards of the surface.

However, the agency said Wednesday that data confirmed that Hayabusa had landed on the surface Sunday for a half-hour, although it failed to collect material.

JAXA officials had said earlier that Hayabusa dropped a small object as a touch-down target from 130 feet above the asteroid and then descended to 56 feet from the surface, at which point ground control lost contact with the probe for about three hours.

But after analyzing

data, the agency said the probe landed on the asteroid within about 99 feet of the initial landing target.

The agency officials were still analyzing the data and will decide by Thursday whether to conduct a second landing attempt Friday, according to Seiji Koyama, a spokesman for the space agency.

The mission has been troubled by a series of glitches. A landing rehearsal earlier this month was aborted when the probe had trouble finding a site.

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returned to the bank, which is located at 607 S. Scurry.

"The elderly and disabled people APS serves are our neighbors and part of our communities. Each one is special and unique. This is everyone's chance to contribute to a project that makes everyone feel like a star."

For more information on the program, contact Ruiz at 432-684-3201.

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room ready for the walk-ins. We'll also need people to stay until after 1 p.m. and help us wash all of these dishes. We need lots of volunteers. We also need people to make pumpkin pies or pecan pies and other types of desserts."

Keeney said volunteers are an integral part of the Thanksgiving feast, providing everything from kitchen help to delivering meals, and helping out has never been so easy.

"There's a lot of work that goes into making 450 Thanksgiving meals," he said.

"Delores (Albert) is in charge of the cooking again

this year. She's my right-hand person during this. She'll tell you what you need to do and how to do it, and if it's something you don't know how to do, she will certainly show you. She'll lead you right down the path."

Keeney said the holiday meal isn't just for low-income families or the homebound, and although he certainly hopes those groups will take advantage of the annual event, the entire community is invited.

For more information on how you can help, or to set up a meal delivery, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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tee, as well as issues addressed by previous Legislature sessions, should make the lawmakers' task easier when they reconvene to address school finance reform.

"A lot of groundwork has already been laid in previous sessions," Seliger said. "I don't think we'll talk about issues that haven't already been discussed ... in some context before."

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, also expressed confidence that lawmakers will be able to adequately address this issue the next time they meet.

"I accept today's Texas Supreme Court decision and I am committed to finding a fair, equitable, and constitutional alternative to the current school finance system," Craddick said in a Tuesday statement.

"With six months given to us to address this issue, I look forward to working closely with Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to find a solution that will appropriately answer the Court's ruling," Craddick added.

Seliger said he was "very confident" that the Legislature can craft an acceptable school finance measure before the June 1 deadline.

"I think we can do it in 30 days," he said.

Efforts to contact Pete Laney, who represents Big Spring in the Texas House of Representatives, were unsuccessful.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

VFW post plans party for children

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1033 will hold a Christmas party Dec. 10 for children of Howard County service members currently serving anywhere overseas.

The party will be held from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and will feature Santa Claus and gifts for all children. The post is located at 500 Driver Road. Anyone having any questions should call Post Commander David Leonard at 393-5667.

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District.

"This ruling give the Legislature the opportunity, again, to meet and do what's right for the schoolchildren of Texas," Downes added.

The Supreme Court ruled the current system unconstitutional because so many school districts are forced to tax property owners at the maximum limit of \$1.50 per \$100 in property value. That amounts to a statewide property tax because districts don't have room to set their own rates, the high court ruled.

At the same time, the court also ruled that overall school funding is ade-

quate and that poor districts have equal access to facilities funding.

The court has been considering the case for months on appeal from a district court in Austin. Property-rich and poor districts sued, claiming the state's method of paying for public education did not meet requirements set in the state constitution.

State District Judge John Dietz in September 2004 agreed. He ordered that the three problems get repaired or the state would have to halt funding for schools Oct. 1. That deadline was suspended pending the high court ruling.

Downes said he was "disappointed but not surprised" at the court's ruling on adequacy and equi-

ty, but said the issues will not go away.

"If the Legislature continues to ignore the financial plight of school districts in Texas, school financing will again be back in the court systems," he said.

At Forsan, Superintendent Randy Johnson was also leery of the court's ruling.

"The scary part is that (the court) said there was adequate funding," Johnson said. "That means the Robin Hood system will continue, which will hurt us in the long run."

Under current law, "property-rich" school districts — which will include Forsan in the near future — are required to send a portion of their revenue to so-

called "property-poor" districts, one of which is Big Spring.

Johnson said Forsan officials will now take a "wait and see" approach in anticipation of another Legislature session on the issue.

"Our attitude has always been that we do whatever we can with the money we have — we try to be good stewards for the district," Johnson said. "We hope for some relief from the state, but we don't expect it. That's the approach we're going with."

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OUR VIEWS

It's really time
for lawmakers
to turn in an 'A'

Back to work! That's the message the Texas Supreme Court sent legislators Tuesday when it ruled that the state has to find a new way to fund public school education. The Legislature has until June 1 to come up with a solution.

Basically, the court found that because school districts are forced to tax property owners at the maximum — \$1.50 per \$100 valuation — the method becomes a statewide property tax. A statewide property tax goes against the Texas Constitution.

The court did rule, however, that the current system does meet constitutional requirements for an adequate education. So there is nothing wrong, necessarily, with how the money is applied, just the method by which the money is obtained.

Obviously we've all known this was coming for some time now.

Unfortunately, the Legislature failed to remedy the situation during either of the last two regular sessions or three 30-day special sessions called by Gov. Rick Perry.

Following the last failed session, Perry appointed John Sharp, former state comptroller, to head a commission to come up with ways to restructure the tax system. That commission first met on Monday.

Perry says he will call a fourth special session "at an appropriate time" before the deadline. He did not define "appropriate time" but other lawmakers suggest it will be after the March Primary.

We have long known that the present system puts too much burden on the property owner while allowing public school districts too little room to maneuver.

Our Legislature has been given this ultimatum before. This time it has teeth. Get the job done by June 1, or classrooms will remain closed in the fall, the court has ruled. Let's hope our legislators turn in an "A" this time and not another failing grade.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we have You, Lord, we look forward to our future.

Amen

Small towns have the best festivals

We had a good time at the Fisher County airport between Roby and Rotan.

It was the inaugural Boot Scoot and Wilk Hog Fest. Those folks know how to have a party. The event took place at the airport because area pilots were on hand to give kids their first ride in an airplane. Nearly a hundred went way up high into the sky.

The newly organized Chamber of Commerce was looking for some kind of fundraiser and since wild hogs are roaming around Fisher County these days, chamber directors thought they should be a part of it.

"It's the biggest thing we've ever done," says Rosemary Donham, publisher of the *Rotan Advance* and *Roby Star* newspapers. "We didn't want a cake sale or a garage sale. Everybody does those. We wanted something different. We

decided to do something big instead of something small."

The chamber paid for the gasoline the planes used.

"We wanted the kids to have free plane rides," says Rosemary. "In order to do that, we wanted the pilots to have an incentive to fly in."

Fisher County only has 4,000 residents. Six hundred of them live in Roby; about 2,000 live in Rotan. The airport had a huge tent where about 350 people gathered for a steak dinner Thursday night before the weekend events started Saturday (Friday is football and you don't plan anything Friday night during football season in West Texas).

After a gospel group entertained the crowd, a live auction raised about \$10,000.

Saturday morning 28 vendors showed up to sell everything from books and antiques to marshmallow shooters and cowboy hats.

Kids bobbed for apples and entered contests to see who could blow the biggest bubble gum bubble (the winner blew a 6-incher). Sassy the clown made balloon fig-

ures and painted faces. There was a big slide and a mechanical bull. Cheer leaders and synchronized dancers performed in the shadows of the airplane hangars.

The thing I noticed most was children ages 5 to 10 were free to be kids. Their parents let them wander around to see everything with their little buddies. Kids being kids without their parents right behind them sensing danger is a beautiful thing to see. You don't see much of that in Dallas or Houston.

I got to judge the barbecue cook-off late Saturday afternoon. There was wild hog, to be sure, but the dozen cooks also brought in chicken, beans, chili, ribs, brisket and a scary category called Weird Stuff.

The cooks proudly displayed their elaborate cooking setups to the site judges. I didn't get a single bribe offer. The winners got handsome trophies and bragging rights.

After the judging, the crowd sauntered over to the tent for a big dance featuring two local groups and legendary Texas musician Gary P. Nunn and his band.



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A good reason for the death penalty

Clarance Ray Allen provides the strongest argument I've seen for the death penalty. Allen is slated to be executed on Jan. 17. He ordered the death of several witnesses who had testified against him from prison while he was serving a sentence of life for the murder of another witness. As a result, three innocent people are dead. They've been dead for 25 years.

"This is probably the paradigm of a death-penalty case, in which really no lesser punishment would be appropriate," noted state Deputy Attorney General Ward Campbell last week.

The ugly saga starts in 1974. Allen owned a security company. According to court documents, he enlisted the help of his own son Roger and two employees to rob Fran's Market, a store east of Fresno owned by the Schletewitz family, whom Allen had known for years.

Roger Allen invited the Schletewitz son, Bryon, to a party. While Bryon was swimming, someone took his keys. The Allen gang robbed the store. Later, Roger's 17-year-old girlfriend, Mary Sue Kitts, confessed to Bryon that she helped cash money orders stolen from the market.

Bryon confronted Roger Allen and also confirmed that Kitts had told him what happened.

Clarence Ray Allen then ordered that Kitts be murdered. Between threatening phone calls from Allen, an accomplice strangled the poor girl. When Bryon learned Kitts was missing, he went to authorities.

After a 1977 trial, a jury convicted Allen of burglary, conspiracy and first-degree murder. He was sentenced to life.

In Folsom State Prison, Allen cooked up a scheme to kill the witnesses who testified against him so that he could appeal his conviction and then be freed because any witnesses were dead — or scared silent. After Allen's buddy, Billy Ray Hamilton, was paroled, Allen's other son supplied Hamilton with guns and ammo.

Accompanied by a girlfriend, Hamilton visited Fran's Market, brandished a sawed-off shotgun and led Bryon and other employees into the stockroom as he searched for a safe. As the Fresno Bee reported, Hamilton shot Bryon to death.

He killed Douglas White, 18. Then he shot a crying Josephine Rocha, 17, through the heart, lung and stomach.

"When you hear the details, it's hard," Teresa Daniele, Rocha's big sister, told me over the phone.

Some 25 years later, "it's still very raw," Hamilton also shot a 17-year-old clerk, who was left for dead but miraculously survived, and a neighbor who heard the shotgun blasts and went to investigate. After being shot, the neighbor then shot Hamilton.

Days later, a wounded Hamilton was arrested while robbing a liquor store. Police found a list of names and information for eight people who had testified against Allen, including Bryon Schletewitz and his father, Ray Schletewitz.

In 1982, a jury convicted Allen and sentenced him to Death Row. (A jury also sent Hamilton to Death Row.) The evidence had been overwhelming. As U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw wrote in a three-judge Ninth Circuit court decision that rejected Allen's appeal, the most damning evidence "came directly from Allen."

First, there was the list and the fact that Allen's son helped Hamilton. Then, there was the fact that Allen had been vocal in letting people know he would kill any "rat." As Wardlaw wrote: "By committing a capital crime while having already been maximally punished and while behind walls thought to protect society, Allen has proven that he is beyond redemption and that he will continue to pose a threat to society."

And: Allen "has shown himself more than capable of arranging murders from behind bars. If the death penalty is to serve any purpose at all, it is to prevent the very sort of murderous conduct for which Allen was convicted."

While Allen showed no mercy for his victims, the system has been quite kind to Allen. Three execution dates were set — then stayed. In September, Allen had a heart attack, then angioplasty. With his execution looming, he may yet have open-heart surgery.

Now, his attorney, Michael Satris, is using Allen's old age — which his victims failed to attain — and poor health as a reason to put off the execution. I kid you not. Satris argued: "Allen's health is too fragile for the setting of an execution date at this time because of the risk that the setting of a date and the procedures that will attend such will cause him to have a heart attack."

Meanwhile, the families of his victims are dying off. Allen has outlived Josephine's father, Joseph Rocha, and Douglas White's brother, George. I'm told that the Kitt parents are dead. Bryon's mother, Fran, died in 2002. His father wanted to witness Allen's execution, but died in March. Bryon's sister is the only surviving member of the family. She wants to see justice done.

If Allen is executed as scheduled, the sister, Patricia Pendergrass, told me, "there finally will be truth in sentencing, even though so many years have passed." She thinks of the "very vicious, cruel death" forced upon Bryon and Josephine and Douglas, and sees Allen's execution as infinitely kinder.

If the state can't execute a man who has killed innocent people from prison while serving a life sentence for murder, then no one is safe.

Except Clarence Ray Allen.

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News in brief

Teenager dies after being shot by Harris County deputy

HOUSTON (AP) - A Harris County teenager has died nearly one month after a sheriff's deputy shot him in the back following a high-speed chase.

Anthony Johnson, 15, died Saturday at Ben Taub General Hospital, the *Houston Chronicle* reported. His mother, Tracy Johnson, said she planned to hold a candlelight vigil Wednesday for her son.

"I just can't believe this happened," she said, adding that she felt authorities had not adequately updated her on the investigation into the shooting.

Both the teen's mother and community activists have raised questions about the circumstances surrounding the Oct. 21 incident.

The Aldine MacArthur Senior High School student was a passenger in a stolen pickup truck that allegedly led authorities on a high-speed chase, ending in a dead-end alley. Authorities said both driver and passenger fled on foot, and Johnson aimed an assault rifle at the deputy as he ran.

The deputy, a 13-year veteran of the force, then fired at Johnson, hitting the teen in the back, according to the sheriff's office. The driver of the pickup has not been apprehended or identified.

But the location of the gunshot wound has prompted concerns about whether Johnson was actually threatening the deputy, community leaders said. The teenager's mother said doctors told her the bullet ricocheted off her son's left shoulder blade before lodging in his spine, near the neck.

Grandmother relies on former career as deputy to chase burglary suspects

ENNIS (AP) - An 84-year-old retired Dallas County deputy relied on her former career in law enforcement when she chased burglary suspects from her granddaughters' home, resulting in the arrests of two men, authorities said.

Ennis resident Nell Tonick chased the suspects Tuesday after receiving a phone call from her granddaughters, who live next door and told her four men were burglarizing their home. Ennis police said, Tonick ran outside and yelled at the men, who were loading a four-wheeler into the back of a van and subsequently sped away. The *Ennis Daily News* reported.

Tonick jumped into her car and followed them. "I was just doing what I was trained to do," she told the *Daily News*. "I worked for 17 years as a deputy. I had a duty to do."

The chase reached speeds around 60 miles per hour before the van suffered a blowout of its left front tire, witnesses said. The vehicle swerved, flipped over twice and crashed into a tree, according to the newspaper.

Rolando Ortiz, to whom the van was registered, was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene, the *Daily News* reported. Three other suspects fled on foot, and Miguel Angel Rangel, 29, and Jose Francisco Martinez, 21, were apprehended by Ellis County officers within 30 minutes of the accident. The third suspect remained at large Tuesday night.

Tonick said fear for her family and a sense of duty compelled her to pursue the men.

"I didn't know what was wrong with my granddaughters so I went after" them, Tonick told the *Daily News*. "Those men must have been casing the place because they knew that four-wheeler was behind the house."

"I am worried about the family of the deceased man, but it was my duty to find out what information I could," Tonick said.

Ennis police Det. Lt. Ron Roark said the suspects would likely be charged with burglary of a habitation because they cut a fence to gain access to the home.

Cedar Hill man caught with \$453,000 in car

HIDALGO (AP) - A Cedar Hill man is facing charges after border inspection agents found more than \$453,000 hidden in his vehicle, Customs officials announced Tuesday.

The undeclared cash was seized from a car stopped at the Hidalgo International Bridge, bound for Reynosa, Mexico.

Ricardo Alonso, 49, denied having weapons, ammunition or more than \$10,000 with him, according to a statement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

A search by a law enforcement dog and a check of the quarter-panels of the 1999 Honda Accord turned up bundles of cash.

Alonso is charged with bulk cash smuggling.

It is not a crime to carry more than \$10,000, but the funds must be declared upon leaving or entering the

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'Hero' charged with arson over 2003 Abilene fire

ABILENE (AP) - A man once hailed as a hero for rescuing four children from a 2003 apartment fire was charged Tuesday with starting the blaze.

Kris Leija, 25, was charged with arson and was at \$25,000 for Leija, who remained in the County Jail.

TV video shot during the April 27, 2003, fire showed Leija rescuing the youngsters, running back and forth from the burning complex carrying the children. One was seriously injured in the fire, which left about 70 families homeless.

Leija was later interviewed on national TV shows, where a lawman recognized him as the wanted for probation violation related to a 2002 burglary.

Leija eventually was sent back to jail, served time and was released.

Leija was detained by police early Tuesday in connection with some car burglaries. Police also questioned him about the apartment complex fire.

The *Abilene Reporter-News* cites an arrest warrant that says Leija admitted to police that he used a lit cigar to set fire to a trailer at the complex.

"Once he spoke to us about the car burglaries, he actually confessed to them, he kept saying how good it felt to get that off his chest," said Abilene Detective Craig Jordan.

Ailing Afghan girl gets a chance for healthy life

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The frail girl arrived at a U.S. military base in Afghanistan weighing scarcely 35 pounds, sluggish and prone to alarming episodes of bluish skin if she so much as walked briskly.

Basira Jan, born with a malformed heart that left her body starved of oxygen, faced a bleak future amid the country's poverty - until Indiana National Guardsmen heard about her plight and vowed to help. "I wanted to make a difference, to make a little piece of the world better because we were there," said Indiana Guardsman Capt. Michael Roscoe, 33, a physician's assistant who examined Basira last spring when her father brought her to Camp Phoenix, where American soldiers train the Afghan army.

That meeting set in motion a journey that took Basira to Indianapolis, where doctors would save the 6-year-old's life.

Basira is one of about a dozen Afghan and Iraqi children in the past two years to travel to American cities such as Tampa, Albuquerque and Indianapolis for medical treatment unavailable in their homelands, said Lt. Col. Donald Cole, director of patient movement for the U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, Ill.

Getting an Afghan or Iraqi child to an American hospital is no easy task. Diplomatic and military hurdles must be crossed, stateside hospitals must be willing to perform surgery for free and Rotary Clubs and other groups enlisted to help.

Basira's journey began with help from a local chapter of Gift of Life International Inc., a non-profit that works through Rotary Clubs.

Chairman Rob Donno said the Great Neck, N.Y.-based group has arranged heart surgeries for more than 4,000 children from 60-plus nations since 1974. One of its goals in helping ailing children from developing countries is to promote world peace. "The bottom line is, 'If you help my child, my daughter or my son, you save their life, how could you be my enemy?'" Donno said.

Doctors at Riley Hospital for Children agreed to donate their services, and Basira underwent corrective heart surgery in September that restored the normal movement of oxygen-enriched blood through her body.

Since then, she has transformed into a ball of energy, racing around wildly on a bike and leading her father, whom she once begged to carry her,

on half-mile walks.

"She's been riding her bike like a mad woman. She's really doing quite good," said Dr. Mark Turrentine, who performed Basira's surgery.

Basira and her father, Ghulam Ghaus, 46, pass their days at a Ronald McDonald House set along a quiet, tree-lined street near the hospital.

Basira has overnights several times with the family of Capt. Steve Fippen, one of the Guardsmen who helped arrange her trip to Indiana. Fippen's 5-year-old daughter, Emily, has become fast friends with Basira. Despite the language barrier, they share a common love of dolls and video games.

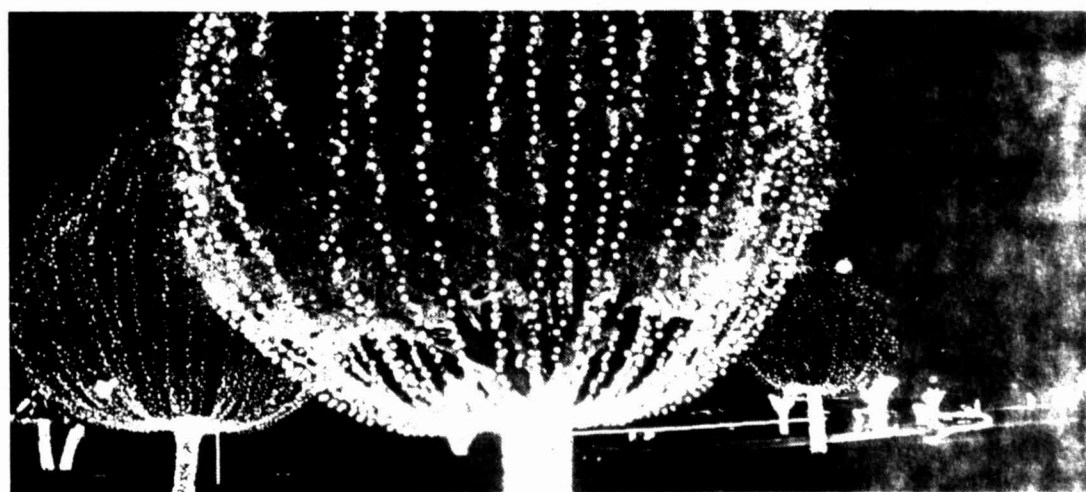
Fippen said the Florida Guardsmen who replaced their Indiana counterparts this summer have been bringing food to Basira's mother and

seven siblings.

He's working to get a wheelchair to send home with Basira for her 19-year-old sister, who was partially paralyzed in a fall and now must crawl about the drafty, two-room mud house they share in Afghanistan.

See what all the electricians are raving about this holiday season

San Angelo boasts 2 million twinkling lights on the banks of the River Walk



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American Profile

Where Eagles roost

Since 1956, Fort Campbell, Ky., has been home to the world's only air assault division. This close-knit community that straddles the Tennessee and Kentucky state line boasts the third-largest military population in the entire U.S. Army. Plus, cowboy gear and no-knead rolls.

American Profile
Celebrating Hometown Life

A time to relish cranberry dressings

By Mary Therese Blebel

Knight Ridder News

Maybe you've heard the old joke about the new bride who tries recipe after recipe for elaborate homemade cranberry relish, only to have her husband shake his head and say with disappointment, "It's just not like my mother's."

Finally, the exasperated young wife opens a can of commercial cranberry sauce — the kind that retains the exact shape of the can, right down to the indentations on the lid — and slides it onto a dish.

"At last," her husband rejoices. "Just like Mom used to make."

For years, I followed the example of the older woman in that joke. Why not open a can for a side dish — hey, it's not even a side dish; it's a condiment — as long as it makes people happy.

Of course, I've been curious about homemade cranberry sauce. Is it worth the extra effort? Does it earn a round of applause at the Thanksgiving table? Would the newsroom taste-testers try it way before the holiday, without a slab of turkey alongside?

Last week, it was time to find out. Armed with a simple recipe for Fresh Cranberry Compote — thank you, Emeril and www.foodnetwork.com — I brought fresh cranberries, oranges and a lemon to the Times Leader test kitchen and found ... a closed door. Someone was holding an all-day training session in the conference room, effectively blocking access to our charming 1950s-era kitchenette.

"Let's go to your house," the photographer said, knowing it's not far away.

Half an hour later, as the berries and other ingredients began to bubble merrily on my home stove, I realized I'd made the inevitable mistake. (It seems no test kitchen adventure can be complete without some problem or other.) This time, the misstep was that I added the cornstarch to the berry mix right off the bat. It wasn't supposed to go into saucepan until the cranberries, citrus juices



KRT photo/Pete G. Wilcox, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader
Transfer the cranberry compote mixture from stove top to glass bowl and let cool before serving.

and zest had boiled for eight minutes.

"That won't make any difference, will it?" I asked, biting my lip.

The photographer went all scientific on me and suggested it would create a problem — too much thickening of sauce before the berries had a chance to soften and explode. Fearing he might be right, I decided we'd better rinse the sauce off the berries and start over. That meant I needed another lemon.

Luckily, the nearest grocery store is just a seven-minute sprint away.

So, about 14 minutes

later, I arrived back in the kitchen, feeling invigorated and clutching my prize lemon.

In my absence, the photographer had taken care of most of the other ingredients for this second batch — primarily squeezing orange juice and grating orange rind.

But just how much orange rind did he add?

"Maybe twice as much as the recipe called for," he admitted later.

That could be why, after the compote chilled overnight in the newsroom fridge, three out of four taste-testers said the citrus flavor was predom-

inant and overpowered the cranberry.

Aside from that, the results of the taste test were remarkably varied.

Taste-tester Jessica said she liked it because it was so sweet.

Taste-tester Bonnie said it needed more sugar.

Taste-tester Todd, a cranberry fan, wished more cranberry flavor would have shown through. "I'm missing that tang," he said.

Taste-tester Kevin, who is not a cranberry fan, said he liked being bombarded with citrus.

Taste-tester Jean found it refreshing, but not as sweet or as good as her grandmother's version.

Then, to skew the results even further, taste-tester Ron, who considers himself a cranberry connoisseur because of his New England roots, said there wasn't nearly enough orange flavor in this batch.

My personal reaction was that the cranberry compote tasted like a mixed-fruit melted sorbet. Maybe I'll freeze the rest and serve it the next time we need a palate cleanser.

Sigh. So, what did our test kitchen staff learn this time?

1) It wouldn't hurt to have some extra ingredients — lemons, for example — on hand.

2) It's best to be sure you comprehend the directions before you start a chemical reaction with corn starch or anything else.

3) This recipe is not difficult to prepare and can easily be adapted, with more or less sugar, juice or zest.

If our zany little test kitchen adventure has inspired you to try Fresh Cranberry Compote, here's the recipe. If not, don't feel bad. Lots of people love cranberry relish from the can, complete with the dents.

FRESH CRANBERRY COMPOTE

one-half pound fresh cranberries
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
one-quarter cup fresh orange juice
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
one-half cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 cups water
3 tablespoons cornstarch

Put the cranberries, orange and lemon zest, orange and lemon juice, sugar, vanilla and 1 and 1/2 cups of the water in a medium size non-reactive saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil and cook for 8 minutes.

Dissolve the cornstarch in the remaining 1/2 cup of water and add to the pan. Reduce the heat to medium, then stir constantly until the mixture thickens, about 2 minutes.

Remove from the heat and cool completely.

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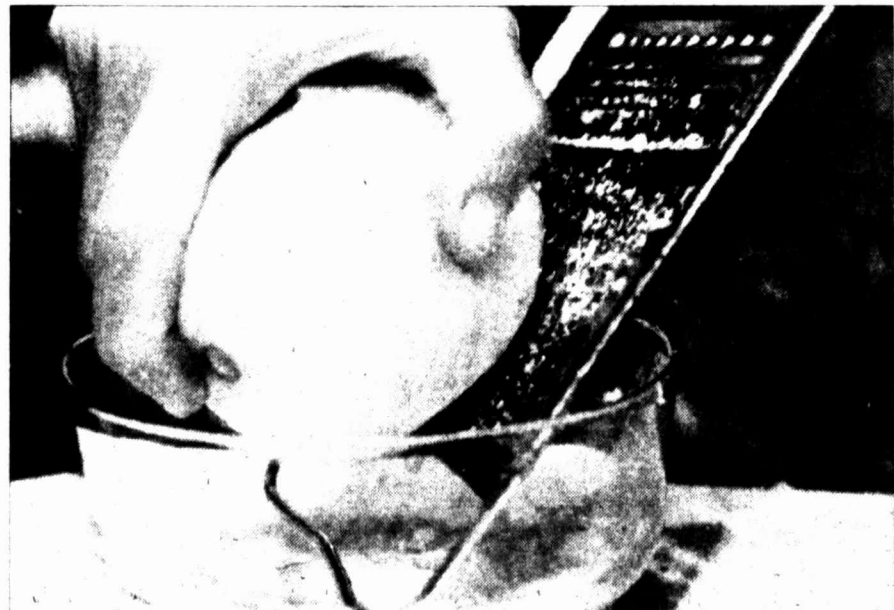
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Zest a lemon to prepare homemade cranberry compote, a simple recipe made from fresh cranberries, oranges and a lemon.

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Library News

Janet Osburn, children's librarian, here to fill you in on some of the latest and greatest additions to the library.

The flow of books is somewhat slower at this time of the year. However, we have received some recently that are noteworthy in the children's and young adults' sections.

This week's column will be about the juvenile section and next week's will be about the young adults' section.

There are many new books in the juvenile section that are really cute. "Waiting for May," by Janet Morgan Stoeke is about a young family awaiting their adopted child to arrive from China.

The little boy in the story is very excited and happy to be getting a new baby sister. The story tells of the many months they wait and how the whole family eagerly anticipates their new member to arrive.

Finally, they find out that she will arrive in May. They also decide to name her May, so the title has a double meaning.

When they finally go to China to pick up their new daughter, they find that the trip, family and new changes have really upset little May.

No matter what they try, they cannot soothe her, until May notices the buttons on her brother's shirt are shaped like little turtles. She plays

with the turtles while she sits happily in her big brother's lap.

When mom goes to pick her up, May doesn't want to go. She wants to stay with her brother.

Her brother doesn't mind at all, that's what he had been waiting for, too. The pictures look like beautiful watercolors and there are Chinese symbols in the cover pages of the book.

A beautifully written and illustrated book based on a true story.

"Hiding Hoover," by Elise Broach is a charming book about a little boy and girl who discover a dragon in their backyard.

Dad has always said, "No pets." No puppies or parakeets, cats or canaries, gerbils or turtles or mice are allowed. No pets.

So of course the children do the only sensible thing; they decide to keep the dragon and hide him from their father.

They have him in all parts of the house and are so glad that their father never notices a thing (they think).

At the end of the book, the children are put to bed and it shows a picture of the dad and the dragon in the kitchen, playing cards and having snacks!

So much for dad not noticing him. The illustrations are bright and colorful. The pictures are done in acrylic, collaged paper and fabric.

Teresa Bateman wrote a precious book,

"Hamster Camp How Harry Got Fit."

This is a rhyming story about a little boy, his family and his hamster. The hamster is worried about the boy getting so heavy from poor eating habits and no exercise, so he sends off for a month's reservation for the boy at hamster camp.

When the little boy and all the other kids get to camp, they all turn into hamsters.

Then all the little hamsters run around in their little hamster bubbles, eating their little hamster veggies and fruits and getting healthier every day.

This is a really good book to teach children about good nutrition and exercise.

We also have in Jan Brett's new book, "Honey...Honey...Lion!"

This is an African story about how the honeyguide (a bird) and the honey badger are supposed to be partners in the whole honey-finding adventure.

As the story goes, Honeyguide leads her part when she leads Badger to some wonderful honey. Badger does not do his job of sharing the honey.

Instead, Badger eats all the honey and saves none for Honeyguide. Honeyguide decides to teach Badger a lesson by leading him to a hungry lion instead of honey.

The book is beautifully done with colorful and very detailed pictures in watercolors and gouache. This book is worth

checking out for the artwork alone.

Jan Brett does such a wonderful job with the illustrations in all her books, "Honey...Honey...Lion!" is no exception. These are some of the wonderful new books to check on and check out.

Don't forget the older books as well. What fun it is to share your favorite childhood book with your favorite child.

Those are the memories that stay with you and your little one for years to come.

Maybe this Thanksgiving you could start a new family tradition of reading children's books on the holidays.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you from the Howard County Library staff.

The Howard County Library is closed Thursday through Sunday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

During regular hours, the library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier and is closed from noon until 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2260.

The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. The catalog is online.

Janet Osborn is the Howard County children's librarian.

Bird Poop

An automobile dealership in Andrews was an unusual site to find a migrating Cooper's hawk.

According to witnesses, at the last second, a dove, being chased by the hawk, veered sharply. The Cooper's hawk outmaneuvered, slid across the windshield of a parked car and crashed to the ground.

An employee of the dealership noticed the hawk on the ground and realized the hawk was unable to fly.

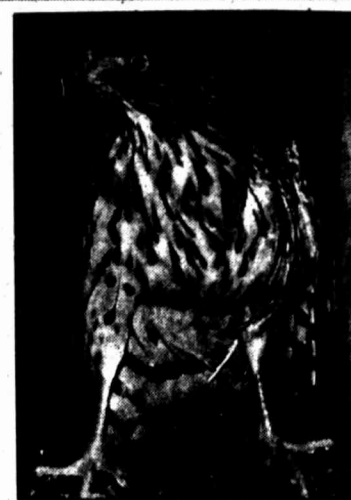
Animal control was called and the bird was taken to a veterinarian. He determined the impact with the windshield has scraped the underside of the hawk's wing.

Since I work with bird rehabilitation and have state and federal licenses, I was called to retrieve the hawk. Local veterinarian, Scott Burt examined the injury and we both agreed, the bird had a chance for recovery and release.

Debbie Tennyson, manager of South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, agreed and the feisty hawk is now practicing short flights, even in captivity.

Sometime this winter season, it will be released to continue his part in nature.

For those readers who feed birds throughout the winter, you may not realize that such a bird might be nearby. Although it preys on smaller species, the hawk



Cooper's Hawk

thins populations that would otherwise suffer due to excessive competition of food.

By March, the hawk will have begun its migration northward, and it will return next fall.

For nearly 32 years, my husband and I have had the privilege of working with wild, migratory birds. Now it is time to share what we have learned through a column that will be published in the Big Spring Herald titled "Bird Poop."

This column will provide readers with information about a variety of birds that frequent Big Spring, Howard County and surrounding counties.

As we receive various species and reminisce, we intend to share these stories with you.

Local bird enthusiast, Bebe McCasland has licenses from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department of the Interior and the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

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IN BRIEF

Basketball officials needed for new year
Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.
If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

Sign-ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.
Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.
All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.
For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Big Spring sets volleyball clinic

A volleyball clinic for girls aged third through eighth grade has been set up for Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The Clinic will take place at the B.S. Junior High and it will be instructed by J.E. Thomas, who is the Midland College assistant coach. The cost is \$25 per player.
For more information or to register, contact Della Partee at 267-4038.

Owens' fate to be decided today

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A decision on Terrell Owens' grievance hearing against the Philadelphia Eagles is expected Wednesday.
Arbitrator Richard Bloch heard more than 13 hours of arguments last week. The Eagles said they anticipate a ruling Wednesday on whether Owens' four-game suspension for conduct detrimental to the team is justified.
Owens' side argued the penalty is excessive and the Eagles' plan to deactivate him once that time is up is too severe. Owens is seeking reinstatement to the Eagles or a release.

Marlins look into relocation of team

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida Marlins will look into relocation as early as the 2008 season, after years of unsuccessful attempts to secure a baseball-only stadium in downtown Miami.
Marlins president David Samson said the team has received permission from the commissioner's office to investigate its options in other cities.
Las Vegas and Portland, Ore. are likely to try to lure the Marlins.

Hirt leads Garden City to easy win over Forsan

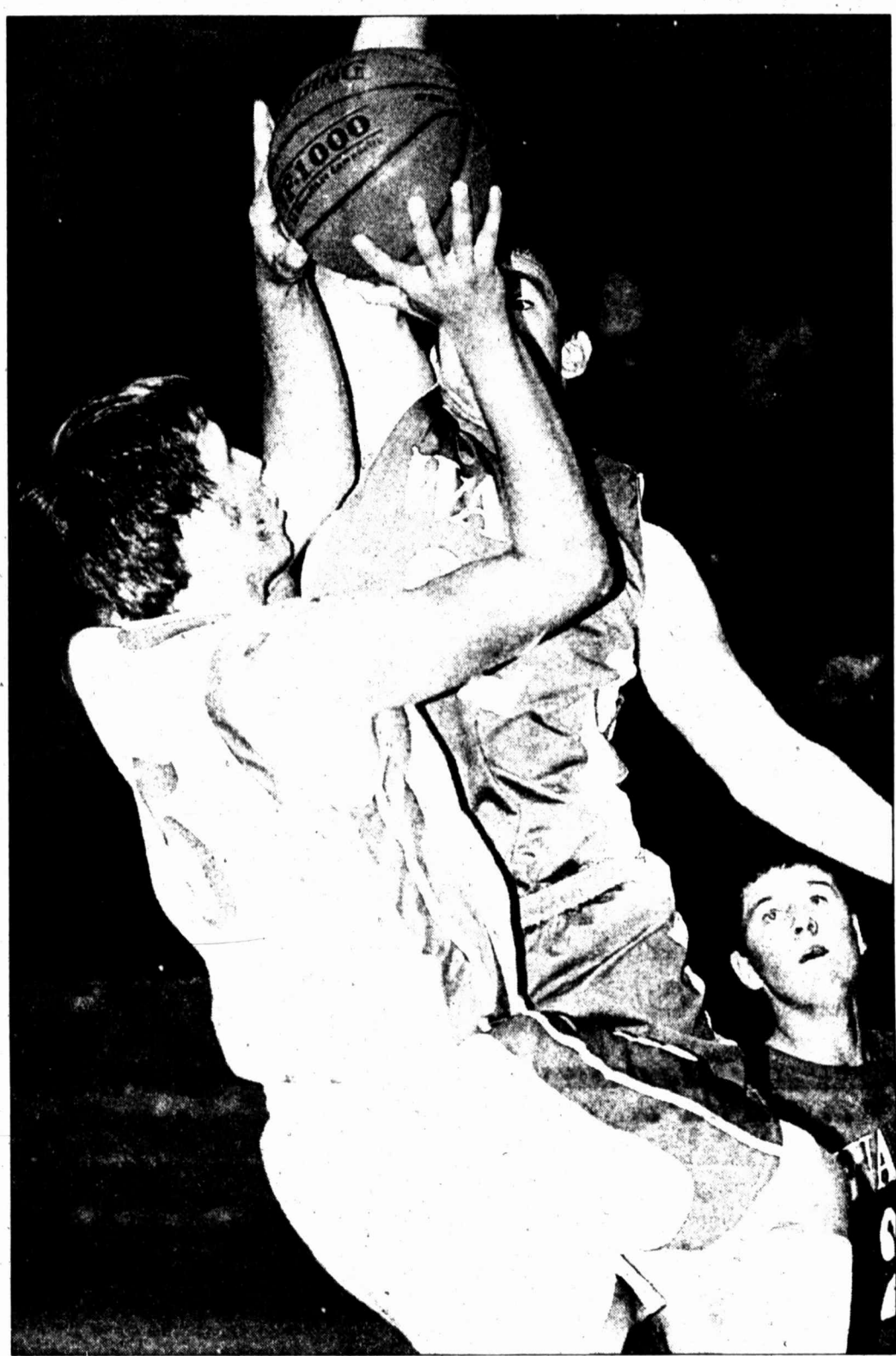
By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald
FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes' basketball team was in action Tuesday night as they welcomed the Garden City Lady Kats.
Garden City, who was

led by point guard Erin Hirt's game-high 14 points, ran away with the win, 42-20.
The Lady Buffs stayed close until the end of the first quarter when the Lady Kats went on an 14-2 run taking a 15 point lead

near the end of the second period.
Forsan was able to cut the halftime deficit to 21-12 by scoring the last six points of the half, led by a 3-pointer from Kimmy Berry.
But the second half

belonged to Garden City as it outscored the Lady Buffs 21-8, starting with an 8-0 run to began the third.
Alyssa Hodnett led all Forsan scorers with eight points, while collecting five rebounds. Kayla

Spence added five points and two boards and Berry finished the night with four points.
The Lady Buffs will take the Thanksgiving holiday off and resume play November 29th when they play host to Highland.



Coahoma's Blaine Kerby goes up strong in the lane and draws a foul against a defender from Wall during the Bulldogs' 35-29 loss to the Hawks Tuesday.

Bulldogs fall at home to Wall

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
COAHOMA — The Bulldogs' basketball team is not having any trouble stopping opponents at this point in the season, but Coahoma boys head coach Kim Nichols knows if his team is going to win games in District 4-2A it is going to have to start scoring points.
A few days after holding rival Forsan to 31 points, the Bulldogs held Wall to 35 points. Both games resulted in losses as Coahoma fell to Wall Tuesday, 35-29.
"We have got to get some consistency on offense and we need a post game inside," said

Nichols. "Our defense is good, but it better be because we can't score points right now."
The first points of the game were not scored until the 4:40 mark in the first quarter as Wall hit two free throws. Coahoma junior Jason Gonzales kept the Bulldogs in the game early as he scored all seven of his team's points in the opening frame as Coahoma trailed 8-7 after one quarter.
The second quarter for the Bulldogs belonged to Kamrun Green as his five points and back-to-back baskets gave Coahoma its first lead of the game. Green's free

throw with 2:35 to play pushed the Bulldogs' advantage to five before Coahoma grabbed an 18-14 lead at the break.
"I can't fault the effort of the kids," said Nichols. "We have a young and they are just trying to figure out how to play with each other."
Wall's Chase Wershahn began to heat up in the second half as the Hawks mounted a comeback. Wershahn's back-to-back buckets midway through the third period cut the Wall deficit to 22-20 and then his 3-pointer cut the lead to 24-23, but a Gonzales layup off a pass and a

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Greenwood comes back against BSHS

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
GREENWOOD — The Big Spring Lady Steers were one quarter away from their first win on the basketball court this season, but got denied by Greenwood as the Rangerettes outscored Big Spring 20-7 in the final frame and escaped with a 45-42 victory.
Big Spring led 10-6 after the first quarter and grabbed a 23-16 lead at halftime before Greenwood's Ashley Unger took over the game. She scored all 17 of her points in the second half and led the

Rangerettes with 12 fourth quarter points during the comeback run.
Big Spring lost ABNER by three points and made just 10 out of 29 free throw attempts. Senior Raegan Ritchey led the Lady Steers with 11 points, while juniors Katy Abner and Mallory Dunn each added nine.
Greenwood played the game without injured guard Whitney Etheredge.



Bufs improve to 3-0, take down Longhorns

By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald
FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes took on the Robert Lee Longhorns Tuesday night in Forsan and escaped a dramatic 4th quarter comeback bid, winning 41-38.
The Buffs were scheduled to meet Garden City, but the Bearkats had to cancel due to their football team losing just last weekend in the playoffs.
The Buffs took control early doubling up Robert Lee 12-6 in the first quarter.



The Buffs then used back to back scores by Johnson to ignite a 12-0 run and take a 26-10 lead.
Robert Lee was able to hit a late basket for the Longhorns as the teams went into the locker rooms for the half.
The third period saw more of the same as the Buffs were able to extend their lead going into the final period by a margin of 37-23.

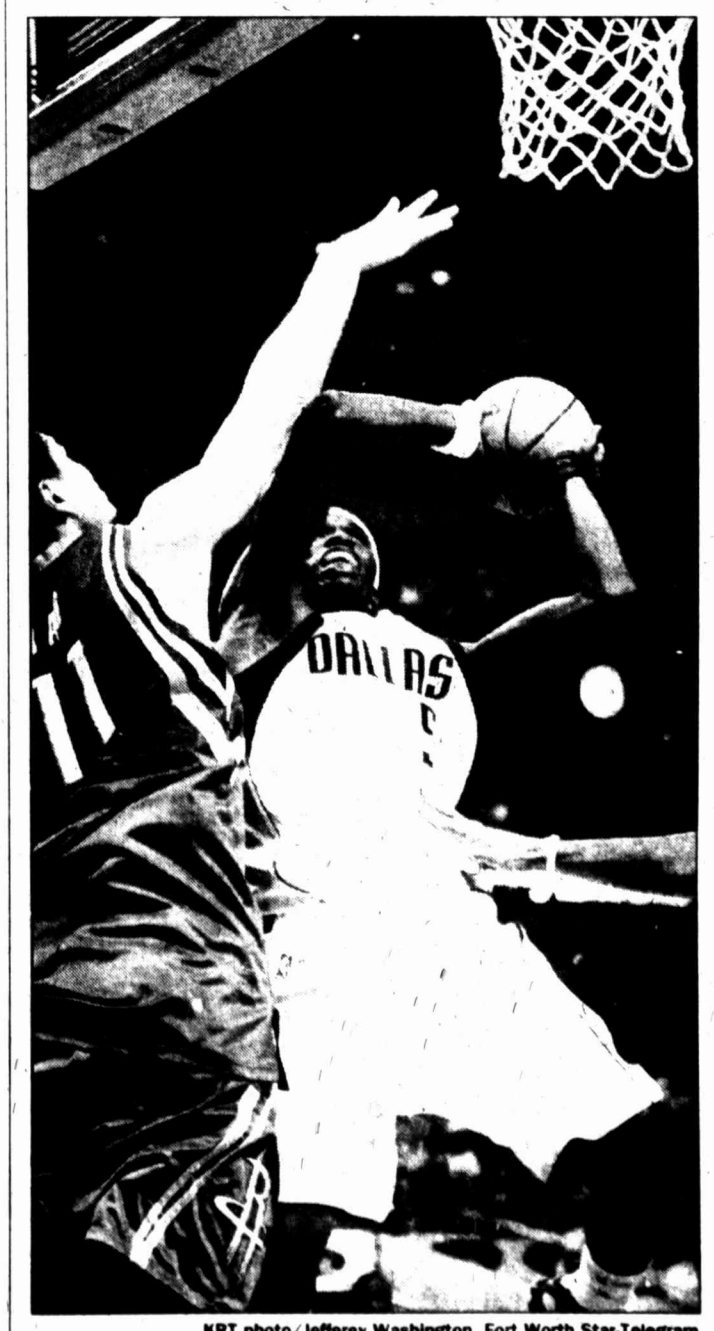
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Wildcats, Lady Cats secure wins at home

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
LENORAH — The Grady boys and girls each recorded victories against New Home Tuesday in Lenorah.
The Wildcats got a strong effort from Justin Tubb and shot well from the free throw line in a 46-39 win, while Sandi Cox hit two free throws with five seconds to go in the girl's game as the Lady Cats escaped with a 45-42 win to remain undefeated.

The Wildcats trailed 9-5 after one quarter, but outscored New Home 13-4 in the second quarter and 19-15 in the final frame to take the game.
Tubb finished with 22 points to lead Grady (2-1), while Taylor Fields added 10. The Wildcats shot 15-for-23 from the foul line.
The Lady Kats jumped out to an early lead, but New Home battled throughout and gave undefeated Grady all it could handle. New Home

outscored Grady 14-11 in the second quarter and 9-5 in the fourth quarter, but fell short in the end as Cox and Kenzie Madison each scored 12 points to lead Grady (4-0). Stefani Robles added nine points for the winners.
Both Grady teams will take on Witharal Tuesday.
The girls will start at 6:30 p.m., while the boys will tip off around 8 p.m.



KRT photo/Jefferrey Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Josh Howard of the Dallas Mavericks gets a shot up against Houston Rockets center Yao Ming in the first half. The Mavericks defeated the Rockets, 102-93, at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Tuesday.

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steal from Blaine Kerby pushed the lead back to three for Coahoma. Wall missed two free throws in the closing minute and trailed 26-23 heading into the fourth quarter.

Coahoma's offense went south for the winter in the fourth quarter as the Bulldogs mustered just three points.

"Wall stepped up defensively, but we have got to be more determined to score points," said Nichols.

Coahoma lost a starter early in the fourth quarter as senior Terrell Bibb fouled out with 7:12 to play in the game. And



Wall took advantage by scoring the first 12 points in the quarter as the Hawks grabbed a 35-26 lead.

"Bibb fouling out that early really hurt us inside," said Nichols.

Wershahn gave the Hawks their first lead with 5:20 to go in the game and Wall never looked back. Coahoma missed four free throws in the final 1:30 as Wall went on to win by six.

"Wershahn hit some big shots for them tonight," said Nichols. "The press

hurt them early, but our guys got tired and were sucking wind late in the first half. Their legs aren't completely in shape yet.

"But I really feel like this team will be fine. We just need to learn how to win."

Wershahn hit two 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 14 points. Coahoma was led by Gonzales' 12 points, while Green added nine. The Bulldogs went just 7-of-15 from the foul line.

The Bulldogs take off a few days for the Thanksgiving holiday before returning to the court to take on Reagan County next Tuesday in Coahoma. The girl's game tips off at 6:30 p.m., while the boys start at around 8 p.m.



Coahoma's Jason Gonzales tries to get around a Wall defender during the Bulldogs' loss to Wall Tuesday at home. Gonzales led Coahoma with 12 points.

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The fourth period began on a pair of baskets by Tye Baker and Adam Bailey as the Buffaloes moved ahead by 18 points.

They needed every one of them.

After Bailey scored the second basket of the period, the Longhorns caught fire, taking the Buffaloes completely out of their



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game and going on a 15-0 run to end the contest.

Robert Lee took advantage of a cold Forsan team that

missed two one and-one front ends that could have stopped the big run.

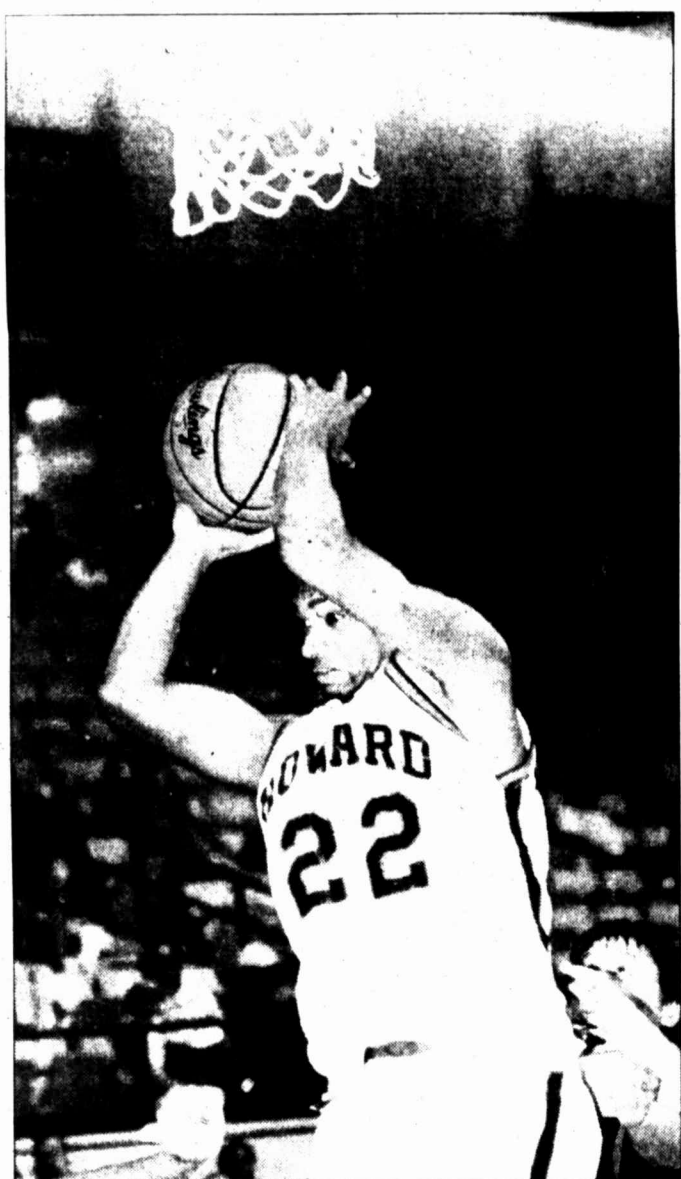
The Longhorns came up short at the buzzer on a last second 3-point

attempt, leaving the score 41-38.

Forsan was led by Bailey, who scored 12 points and had 18 boards. Baker added 11 points and three rebounds and Jeremy Johnson had eight points and four rebounds on the night.

The Buffaloes, who moved to 3-0 with the win, will resume play Nov. 29 against Highland in Forsan at 8:00 pm.

TOP 10 RANKING



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard freshman Bougari Konate pulls down a rebound in action earlier this year. The 7-0 Hawks men's basketball team moved up to No. 9 in the current NJCAA rankings this week. Howard will face Hill College Thursday afternoon in the first round of the Odessa Thanksgiving Shootout.

Texas comes-from-behind against Iowa

• Hawkeyes blow lead late against Horns

By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — LaMarcus

Aldridge had 18 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out and helped No. 2 Texas erase a 7-point halftime deficit to beat No. 18 Iowa 68-59 Tuesday night in the championship game of the Guardians Classic.

The Hawkeyes (3-1) took a 47-39 lead on Carlton Reed's basket with 12 minutes left and then Aldridge picked up his third foul, making things look even bleaker for the Longhorns (4-0).

But the 6-foot-10

Aldridge got a quick basket and Texas went on a 13-4 run and took a 52-51 lead on a 3-pointer by Brad Buckman.

It was the first lead for Texas since 19-17 and quieted the solidly pro-Iowa crowd that had been chanting, "Let's go, Hawks, let's go Hawks."

"I told our guys that if we're going to be a good team, we've got to find a way to win when we're not playing well," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "We did that tonight."

Buckman rebounded an Iowa miss and Kenton Paulino scored for the Longhorns to extend the lead to three.

Jeff Horner's basket put Iowa briefly back on top 55-54 before Aldridge got a

huge dunk off a fast break and then added a follow shot and Buckman completed a three-point play.

Aldridge fouled out and Greg Brunner made one free throw to cut the Texas lead to 61-56 with 1:50 left.

Point guard Daniel Gibson had 16 points for the Longhorns.

Adam Haluska had 15 points at halftime for Iowa and finished with 23, one shy of his career-high.

Doug Thomas came off the bench and was 6-for-6 for 12 points for the Hawkeyes.

The experienced Hawkeyes, who returned five starters and 11 lettermen from last year's 21-12 team, led by as many as

nine in the first half before settling for a seven-point halftime advantage.

Aldridge, who had 15 points and 14 rebounds in the 76-75 semifinal victory over West Virginia and blocked the potential winning shot, was named the tournament's MVP.

The Longhorns, who outrebounded their first three opponents 90-48, were outrebounded 22-12 in the first half by the shorter Hawkeyes and wound up on the short end of a 41-31 rebound total.

Haluska scored 15 of Iowa's 31 points in the first half as the Hawkeyes took a 31-24 lead into the break.

Cowboys prepare for Thanksgiving Day win

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — As a lifelong Cowboys fan who happens to be a rookie cornerback for the Broncos, Darrent Williams has been looking forward to the Thanksgiving game between Dallas and Denver for months.

Now, everyone else who follows the league also has reason to be excited about it.

Thursday's game is far

more than a holiday afternoon showcase for two proud franchises. It's one of the best matchups of the weekend and the only one featuring an elite AFC team against a top NFC club.

The Broncos (8-2) have won three straight and need to keep piling up the victories to have a chance of snatching home-field advantage in the playoffs from the undefeated Indianapolis Colts.

The Cowboys (7-3) also

are on a three-game winning streak and need to keep rolling heading into a tough December schedule that starts with a road game against the New York Giants, the team they're tied with for first place in the NFC East.

While it would be a stretch to call this a Super Bowl preview, each team is calling the other the best they've played all season.

Both coaches began preparing for this game

during their bye week, which they shared the first week of this month.

Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe hit the film room Sunday night, hours after a victory over Detroit. He spent about two hours studying the Broncos, then went home. Not long after, Cowboys coach Bill Parcells arrived at his office.

"They represent a represent a big threat to us," Parcells said. "They're playing well."



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Sagittarius sun exerts worldly influence — can you feel the wanderlust setting in? Try not to get sidetracked! There couldn't be a better moon for realizing elaborate plans, especially involving family and feasting. The Virgo moon helps us remember the all-important preparation steps. Details come together in an inspired fashion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Watch out for the modern version of the snake oil salesman. Society is filled with remedies that are devoid of scientific merit. That doesn't mean they don't work — and it doesn't mean that they do, either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A relationship that has remained relatively inert for years now

morphs into one of your life's moving forces. So change IS real! When others show new initiative, you're inclined to do the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not only a winner now, but you're absolutely impervious to losers! Negative people exert their poisonous attitude, and yet, you stand strong. Administer a pat on your own back.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know how a business should be run while others don't. From your point of view, colleagues seem at worst ridiculous and at best ineffective. Don't just criticize! Be the leader.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Complications arise, but that doesn't mean that something is broken. You're tempted to upgrade to the latest and greatest, but the timing isn't right. Don't do anything rash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If ever there were a day to forget about what is largely out of your control (global warming, flu

pandemic, toxic slush), it is today. The world gets dirtier, and the average human life is longer than ever. So give guilt and anxiety a rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're now realizing you may have "jumped ship" on a project too soon. It's not too late to get back on board to bail out some of the water. All it takes is an hour of dedication to get things afloat again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Spontaneity, creativity and insight are your most useful tools today — you can use them to attract new love and friendship. You're a giver, and all you give multiplies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do what's right. Don't hesitate, and don't fumble. You may think you don't know what's right, but that's just a procrastination tactic. Call yourself out. Be stringent when it comes to your rules for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a hit wherever you go.

Remember that you are in control, and drop anyone who makes you feel otherwise. A previously slow-moving project begins to gain momentum.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The planets set your stage with temptations and triggers. Your knee-jerk reactions may be impressive — your reflexes are quite amazing. Unfortunately, action without thought brings folly. Reserve the right to contemplate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cutting expenses brings you back into balance and doesn't affect your life too much either. Now you can give money where it can do enormous good. Tonight, you're all aflutter over something potentially romantic.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "The daughter of one of my employees is an Aquarius. She's done badly in school, but her mother asked if I would hire her to help out and promised me that she's a great worker. What kind of risk am I taking?"

The risk you take is that you might see the world a different way after getting to know a young Aquarius! Aquarians are an unusual breed by any standards, even if they do not appear so on the surface. They are often progressive thinkers and are eager to implement the latest in technological innovations. Aquarians on good terms with themselves are all for promoting the general welfare. They want to change the status quo and help the underdogs in society. They thrive on change. Also, it's helpful to know that though they feel they are fundamentally different than other people, they paradoxically will downplay uniqueness — perhaps because they don't want to be accused of having a big head. As a result, they have difficulty standing out as an individual and will shun the limelight. Aquarius is primarily a team player who wants to contribute to projects and people who will shake up the status

quo, innovate, and ultimately, change the world.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sizzling Sagittarius Tina Turner has been our "private dancer" for many years, so don't expect this soulful siren to stop shimmying for her legions of fans, even though she announced a retirement a few years back. The Sagittarian idea of retirement includes adventure and thrills, so why not return to the adrenaline rush of the stage? I predict a new show-stopping string of dates in Las Vegas.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Two years ago, my husband's brother, "Paul," told us it would be a good idea to buy their parents a house. I'm not sure why. Although the family home was not in great condition, the mortgage was paid and the place suited my in-laws' needs.

Nonetheless, my husband agreed to pay \$350 a month toward this massive expenditure and said an attorney should draw up the paperwork, so both Paul and my husband were protected if anything went wrong.

A couple of months went by and suddenly, Paul had a house picked out, an offer was made, and he was asking my husband to sign the contract. The cost of the house was nearly double what my husband had agreed to. When we asked about talking to an attorney, Paul absolutely refused.

When my husband insisted on seeking legal counsel, Paul sent him a nasty e-mail, saying their parents deserved this house. He decided to buy the place by himself and hasn't spoken to my husband since. He won't even come to any family gatherings if we are there.

We have three small children. My husband just finished paying off his student loans. We are trying to save for our retirement and our children's educations. Where does it say that we owe his parents a new house? — Confused in Illinois

Dear Confused: You don't owe your in-laws a new home, especially if they already have one and you cannot afford to contribute much. Paul obviously wanted to be the hero, which is fine, but he made sure your husband could not participate. He is avenging you because he feels guilty.

Let your husband decide if he is willing to make any effort to reconcile with his brother. The rest is up to Paul. We recommend you stay out of the middle.

Dear Annie: You have printed letters in the past about how to teach children about giving at Christmastime. Here's what I did:

Instead of going downtown to see Santa, we went shopping for toys to donate, then volunteered at our local Forgotten Children's Fund. This is an organization in the Seattle area that raises money to buy toys and clothing for families who would otherwise not have Christmas gifts.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Volunteers are assigned a family, knowing only their ages and clothing size. We then shop and wrap gifts for that entire family.

I was truly amazed to see my son and his friend get so involved. The next year, his friend brought his family and more friends. Then they brought more people. It was wonderful and really taught my son a valuable lesson about giving and realizing how fortunate he really is. — Santa's Helper in Seattle

Dear Seattle: There are many such organizations around the country helping the poor during the holiday season, regardless of religious affiliation. They often are sponsored by Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and local newspapers. Folks, if you can afford to buy gifts or simply have the time to volunteer, please do so.

Dear Annie: Here's another perspective on the letter from "Heartbroken," whose mother-in-law called her an "outlaw."

My many cousins and I have been through several relocations and life changes which made us very close and rather insular. At one of our annual reunions, my husband gave all the spouses black caps with "Outlaw" embroidered in white. It was a hit, and the Outlaws now have their own get-togethers. Two years ago, our dearest Outlaw, Penny, died after a valiant struggle against cancer and was cremated with her well-worn Outlaw cap. — Napa, Calif.

Dear Napa: Your family sounds warm and loving, and Penny obviously wore that Outlaw cap with pride. We can tell you miss her very much.

Dear Annie: My 5-year-old daughter, "Susie," is frightened of her grandfather, my father. We see him only two or three times a year because he lives over a thousand miles away, but I have been diligent about letting Susie visit.

My father is not and never has been a "kid" person — you know, someone who gets down on the floor and plays. Susie has never warmed up to him or given him so much as a hello without a lot of coaching and encouragement.

My father is hurt and confused by Susie's behavior. I don't expect him to change his approach at this age, but he thinks I shelter Susie from him. The truth is, I've tried everything to reassure her that Dad is not scary, but she refuses to have anything to do with him. I should mention that Susie is warm and loving with all her other male relatives, especially her great-uncles. There's just something about my dad that frightens her, and she isn't able to explain it to me yet.

I've run out of weak excuses to try to make my dad feel better. And, no, there has never been any opportunity for abuse. We have another visit coming up, and the situation has grown so uncomfortable that I'm not looking as forward to it as I usually would. How should I handle this? — Seattle Mom

Dear Seattle: The most likely reason Susie is afraid of Grandpa is that she doesn't see him often enough. Each visit, he's been a stranger. Now, all she remembers is the negative reaction.

Try telling Susie funny or loving stories about Grandpa during the year, especially before she visits, and show her current photographs of him so she connects the stories to the person. Let her know how much Grandpa loves her and that he's eager to see

her. She also is old enough for you to explain that Grandpa doesn't always understand little children, so she needs to help him out.

Dear Annie: I understand there is no real way to test for Alzheimer's. The only way to know for certain is to do an autopsy.

I have a friend whose father has all the symptoms, but they call it dementia. So my question is, when they say someone has Alzheimer's, do they just assume that's what it is, or do they have a sure way of knowing? — Curious in Louisiana

Dear Curious: According to the Alzheimer's Association, there is no one diagnostic test that can detect if a person has Alzheimer's disease. The process involves several kinds of tests and may take more than one day.

A diagnosis is made by reviewing a detailed history on the person and the results of several tests, including a complete physical and neurological examination, a psychiatric assessment and laboratory tests. Once these tests are completed, a diagnosis of "probable" Alzheimer's disease can be made by ruling out other causes of dementia. However, physicians are fairly certain the diagnosis is accurate.

Local chapters of the Alzheimer's Association

can refer you to physicians and/or diagnostic centers in your area. For more information, log on to www.alz.org, or call the Alzheimer's Association's helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

Dear Annie: Finding help for stuttering can be frustrating and discouraging for parents, teens and adults who stutter. Many are repeatedly told "they'll outgrow it," but the three million Americans who struggle daily with stuttering know it's not always "just a phase."

International Stuttering Awareness Day, Oct. 22, is an opportune time to once again let your readers know that help and information are readily available from the Stuttering Foundation at 1-800-992-9392 (stutteringhelp.org) or, in Spanish, www.tartamudez.org. — Jane Fraser, President, The Stuttering Foundation

Dear Jane Fraser: We are happy to help out. Thanks for all the good work you do.

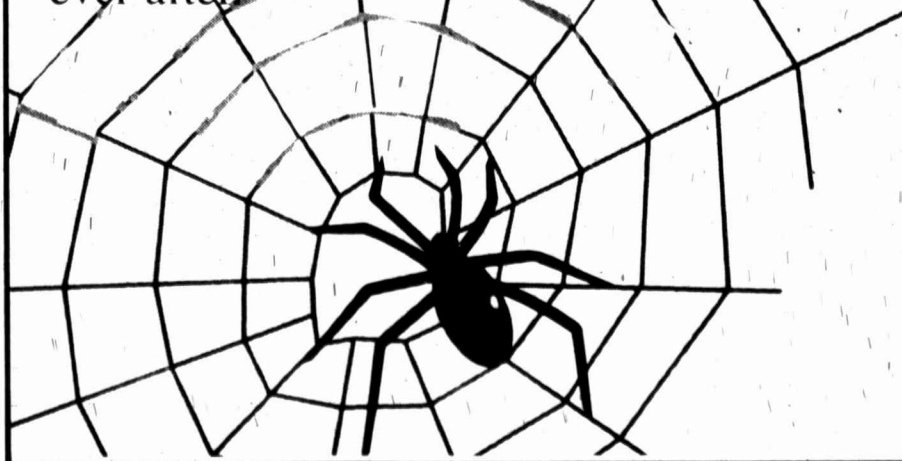
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The Spider

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On this date:

In 1763, Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act.

In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

In 1936, Life, the magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was first published.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces seized control of Tarawa and Makin atolls from the Japanese.

In 1959, the musical "Fiorello!" with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, opened on Broadway.

In 1963, President Johnson

proclaimed Nov. 25 a day of national mourning following the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council.

In 1980, some 4,800 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

In 1985, retired CIA analyst Larry Wu-tai Chin was arrested and accused of spying for China. (He committed suicide a year after his conviction.)

One year ago, Dan Rather announced he would step down as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News" in March 2005.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Gough is 88.

Broadway composer Jerry Bock is 77. Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 75. Actor Franco Nero is 64.

Screenwriter Joe Eszterhas is 61. Actress Susan Anspach is 60. Actor Steve Landesberg is 60.

Singer Bruce Hornsby is 51. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is 50. Actor Maxwell Caulfield is 46. Actor John Henton is 45. TV personality Robin Roberts ("Good

Morning America") is 45. Rock singer-musician Ken Block (Sister Hazel) is 39. Rock musician Charlie Grover is 39. Actress Salli Richardson is 38. Actor Oded Fehr is 35. Rapper Kurupt (The Dogg Pound) is 33. Actor Page Kennedy is 29. Actress Kelly Brook is 26. Actor Austin Majors ("NYPD Blue") is 10.

Thought for Today: "We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves filled with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship." — James Harvey Robinson, American historian (1863-1936).

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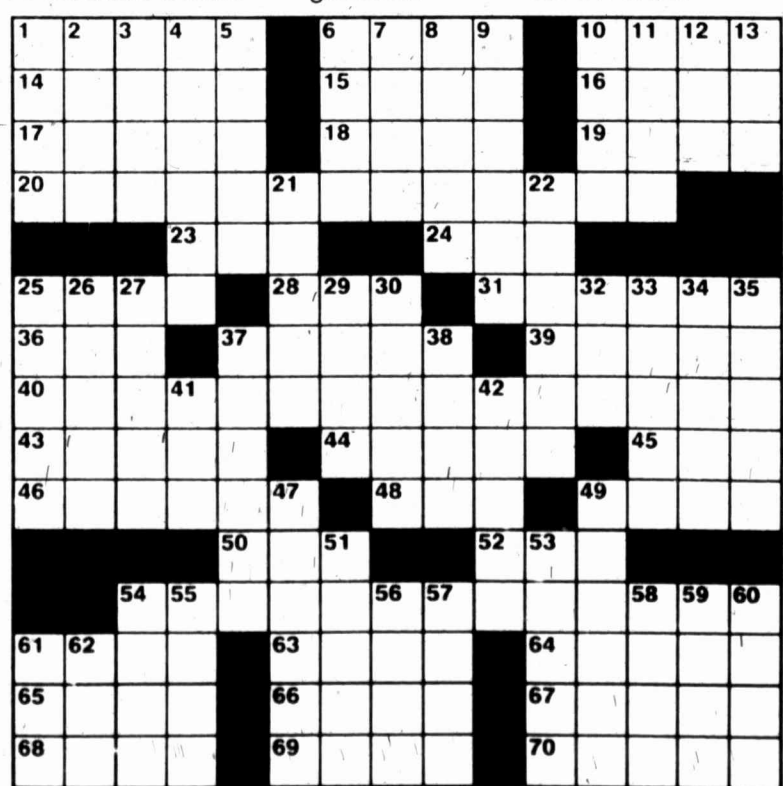
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A USER'S GUIDE TO THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Each day. The **Big Spring Herald** receives calls from readers - just like you - who have important questions about how the newspaper works and the services it offers. For your information and convenience, we have compiled this page of answers to readers' most frequently asked questions.

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You can report your sports results between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 263-7331, faxing 264-7205 or drop your results at the **Big Spring Herald** office at 710 Scurry, Big Spring.

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To announce activities or events, mail or bring by the office a typed news release or fact sheet to Editor John Moseley as far in advance as possible. The release should include the who, what, why, when, and where of the event, and the name and telephone number of a contact person. If you have a timely news item, call John Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230.

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If you are unable to locate an article, call 263-7331, or come by the **Big Spring Herald** at 710 Scurry, and we will try to assist you. Remember, we can only provide information that appeared in the **Big Spring Herald**.

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To submit engagement, wedding, or birth announcements come by our office at 710 Scurry and pick up a form. You may also download a form from our website at www.bigspringherald.com. If you have questions regarding the guidelines for these announcements, discuss them with Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 236.

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