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It's coming!

Look for changes in the *Herald's* classified section beginning with Wednesday's edition.

Key Club fund-raiser

Big Spring High School Key Club members are raising money to fund their trip to the annual Key Club convention.

For the next two weeks, members will be selling carnations at the high school during lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, they will be selling candles until Jan. 28 at the high school.

Anyone who wants to contribute may send checks made payable to the Big Spring Key Club to Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place 79720.

In an unrelated drive, the members are accepting donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

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Commissioners: Leaky library may stay that way

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners say they just might have to live with the troublesome leak problem in the library basement as an answer continues to elude them.

Water continues to seep into the library basement when it rains, County Librarian Hollis McCright informed commissioners during their meeting Monday.

Commissioners have taken a number of steps to correct the problem, which was inherited when the county took possession of the building, but nothing that has worked.

Big Spring architect Phil Furquerson who

"We're looking at putting a metal tray suspended from the ceiling that will collect the water."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore



has been working with the county on the problem said he has run out of ideas. He referred back to his original proposal made in 1997 to excavate the basement.

With an estimated \$150,000 or more price tag attached to that idea, commissioners are

considering they just might have to live with the problem.

"We're looking at putting a metal tray suspended from the ceiling that will collect the water," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "The water will hit the tray and go into a collection pipe and then get pumped out some way. That's what First Federal did."

First Federal was the previous owner of the building.

Commissioners and Furquerson took time to tour the basement Monday afternoon to further investigate the problem.

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Big Spring *Herald* Lifestyle Editor Marsha Allen looks over the selection of Girl Scout cookies while Girl Scout Troop 182 member Julia Wilson assists. It's time once again for the cookie sale which helps to fund the organization. Laurie Petersen is accepting orders over the phone at 267-9773.

YUM, YUM

Cookie sales go long way in funding Girl Scout events

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

They've been described as everything from delectable to scrumptious, and they're once again coming to the Big Spring area.

They're Girl Scout cookies, and according to local Girl Scout publicity director Brandi Pollock, they represent a great deal of the local organization's funding for the year.

"We have to earn all of our funding," said Pollock. "About 40 cents from each box sold goes to the troop that sold them. Last year my troop was able to raise about \$800 from cookie sales, and although that may sound like a lot, it's really not when you consider we have 10 girls in our group and that money has to last all year long."

Pollock said the organization manages to stretch the dollars each year, planning camping trips and field trips throughout the Permian Basin.

"Last year we went on a camping trip to the Davis Mountains," said Pollock.



POLLOCK

"We also went on a camping trip in Sweetwater, not to mention field trips to Midland and other surrounding areas. We have a lot of fun and the girls learn a lot."

Pollock said Scouts will be selling a new flavor of cookie this year, in addition to the classic cookies Americans have grown to love, for \$3.25 per box.

"We have a new cookie called the Pinata," she said. "It's an oatmeal cookie with a strawberry topping and white icing."

"Of course we have to taste-test all of the different cookies," she laughed. "It tastes a lot like a strawberry Pop-Tart to me. It's really good, and of course we'll have all of the classic cookies for sale as well."

Pollock said local Girl Scouts began knocking on doors to take orders for the delicious confections on Saturday, but if you haven't had a knock at your door, you don't have to wait around.

"If for some reason a Girl Scout doesn't contact someone for their order, we've set up a number for them to call," said Pollock. "All you have to do is contact Laurie Petersen at 267-9773, and

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College trustees OK \$500,000 computer system

Enrollment down slightly compared to previous spring

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees gave the go-ahead Monday to purchase nearly \$500,000 in computer hardware and software which will replace the college's current operating system.

A 22-member committee

charged with studying the issue of switching from the 20-year-old system, which will not be supported by Hewlett Packard after 2006, recommended the district purchase POISE.

"The majority of colleges our size in Texas are currently using POISE," said Ed Roberts, director of computer services.

On-line registration and payments are one huge advantage to the new system, Roberts said.

Students will be able to register, pay, audit their degree plans and even print off a non-official

transcript without ever having to leave their home, Roberts added.

The college is also searching for an imaging system to convert its enormous amount of hard copy documents to electronic data, but the cost for the equipment is not included in the \$500,000, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks informed trustees during the meeting.

College officials estimate the imaging system could cost \$70,000 to \$80,000.

After three years of rapid growth, the district saw a slight

drop in student enrollment this year.

According to Linda Conway, administrative consultant, the district is down 37 students compared to the spring 2003 semester. This marks a 1.33 percent change.

"Although we always like to see enrollment continue to increase, I think this shows we are leveling out after the last few years of growth," Conway said.

In other business, the college is

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AARP driver safety program to focus on hearing impaired

Special to the **HERALD**

For the first time ever in Texas, AARP is offering its driver safety program for hearing impaired residents in and around the Big Spring area.

Big Spring was chosen as the pilot site for the eight-hour classroom refresher course that is specially designed for drivers age 50 and over.

Two instructors for the deaf, Dom and Helene Bonura, will conduct the

class. Co-host is Howard College/South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Dates will be Wednesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Participants must attend both days to graduate and be eligible to receive a discount on auto insurance.

The program will be held at Maddux Student Center Auditorium on the SWCID campus.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Moore Development board to discuss Solitaire Homes, possible new industry

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Moore Development Board of Big Spring Board of Directors meet today, as Executive Director Kent Sharp prepares to bring board members up to speed for the new year.

Sharp said he will be presenting a review of activities currently on the economic development agency's plate, including the reopening

5:30 p.m. today,
215 W. Third

of Solitaire Homes and the possible addition of a new industry at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

"We've been told Solitaire will be up and running by the end of this quarter," said Sharp. "That means they should begin hiring no later than the end of March."

"I've spoken with

Garland Gandy about this, and he's really excited about getting production under way again. They've already purchased a great deal of materials in preparations for the reopening, not to mention all of the work they've done on the building."

Sharp said as long as the facility reopens on the timetable Solitaire has announced, the com-

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Obituaries

Ysabel J. Luna



Ysabel J. Luna, Jr., 65, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, in a Midland hospital.

Prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kevin Parker, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Luna was born on Feb. 22, 1938, in Marfa and married Erlinda Hernandez on March 27, 1964, in Pecos.

He owned and operated Luna Produce for more than 30 years. He enjoyed interacting with the public and being involved with the "Ask Your Neighbor" program and was affiliated with the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He served in the United States Air Force. He was a charter member of the DAV Chapter No. 47, and had served as the organization's commander for a number of years.

His survivors include his wife, Erlinda Luna of Big Spring; three sons, George Luna, Moises Luna and Kendall Luna, all of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Marcellino Chavez of Westbrook; two grandchildren, Trey and Lindsey Chavez of Westbrook; one brother, Robert Luna of San Antonio; two sisters, Rosie Portillo of Pecos and Mary Luna of Wimberly.

Mr. Luna was preceded in death by his parents, Ysabel Luna Sr. and Esther Jiner Luna, and by a son, Daniel Christopher Luna.

He was a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Catherine Carpenter



Catherine Carpenter, 54, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at her home, following a 24-year battle with diabetes.

Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, with the Rev. Matthew Miles and the Rev. Flynn Long, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 18, 1949, in Sinton. Her parents were C. T. and Marj Carpenter. The family moved to Pecos when she was one year old. She graduated from Pecos High School with numerous honors including salutatorian, best all around and band sweetheart. She received a B.A. magna cum laude from the University of Texas and an M. A. from Queen Mary's College, University of London. She worked in the British Isles for 22 years in London and Wales.

She was on the staff of Private Eye magazines, edited books for Picadilly Press, and numerous other publishing houses. She wrote an English Garden Dictionary and a Guide to London. She taught extension classes for the University of Maryland in Wales.

Returning to the states in 1991, she worked for Meteor Publications in Philadelphia, Romance Writers Publishers in Houston and Presbyterian Publications in Louisville, Ky. She was a member of National Press Women and the Presbyterian Church.

She moved to Big Spring in 2001 following medical retirement.

She is survived by her mother Marj Carpenter of Big Spring; one sister, Carolyn Stewart and her husband, Bo of Winnsboro; one brother, Jim Bob Carpenter and his wife, Kelley of Sarasota, Fla.; two nephews and one niece, Chad, Cody and Dusty Carpenter, all of Sarasota.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1965.

Pallbearers will be Jim Weaver, Mike Robinson, Mark Spannus, Paschal Odom, Mark Morgan, Jim Bill Little, Jerry Grimes, Mike Mitchell and Harry Middleton.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Kate Irons, Marguerite Schwarzenbach, Winnie Patterson, Barbara Gage, Jimmie Lou Drake, Louise Worthy, Myra Robinson and Lucy Odom.

The family suggests memorials for the Music Fund of First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721 or overseas missionaries in World Ministry Division, 100 Witherspoon, Louisville, Ky. 40202

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 03-09-15-26-28.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$44,655.
Winning tickets sold in: Houston.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.
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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-9

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS
TO BE HELD AT BIG SPRING GOSPEL TABERNACLE

The Big Spring Gospel Tabernacle at 1905 Scurry St. in Big Spring announces a very special series of meetings the weekend of the 30th and 31st of January and the 1st of February. Ministries from Sharon Schools, Global Ministries Intl. in Canada and from the U.S. will be present to minister the Gospel of the Kingdom and Sonship.

Meetings will be Friday thru Sunday Evening at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For further information call 432/263-2053.
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Joseph "Joey" Gregg



Joseph "Joey" Gregg, 20, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Jim Wright, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Chaplain Ken Childress, officiating. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. in the Bomarton Cemetery, Bomarton.

He was born on Aug. 30, 1983, in Anniston, Ala. Joey came to Big Spring in 2001 from Ft. Dix, N.J.

He enjoyed fishing and playing golf and had finished third in the Jr. Championship Golf tournament two years ago.

Survivors include his mother, Jane Gregg of Johnson City, N.Y.; his father, Jackie Gregg of Big Spring; two sisters, Renea Clemens of Euleess and Christie Roberts of Alexandria, Ala.; one brother, Tyler Gregg of Big Spring; his maternal grandparents, L.W. and Dauris Ridenhour of Beaumont; his paternal grandparents, Calvin and Emma Gregg of Greenville; and a large, extended loving family of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

William O. "Woody" Wood

William O. "Woody" Wood, 81, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Powder River, Mont. He was a long time El Paso resident coming to Big Spring in May of 2003.

He worked as a real estate broker and was a Fuller Brush Man. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was a Methodist and a life member of Elks Lodge 187 in El Paso.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Wood of Big Spring; one son, Hal Wood of Big Spring; one daughter, Rhonda Gale of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Elaine Wood of Billings, Mont.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to El Paso Elks Lodge 187, 1112 E. Cliff Street, El Paso 79901.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Juanita Hamlin

Juanita Hamlin, 84, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, in a local care facility.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1920, in Hemphill County. Juanita graduated from Big Spring High School in 1938. She served in the United States Army with the Transportation Corp with Booklyn Army Base, N.Y. during World War II. She graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1950 with a bachelor of science in elementary education.

She had worked as a nurse at Webb Air Force Base for 15 years and as a private duty nurse for 5 years. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Juanita had been a member of the Rebekah Lodge No. 284 since May 1961.

Survivors include one nephew, Hulan of Aiken; three great nieces and one great nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Monta Lee and Pauline Reynolds Hamlin; two brothers, Harry Clinton Hamlin and Monta Lloyd Hamlin.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.
Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday and Friday night...Mostly clear. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the upper 30s.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday through Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Lows around 30.

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William Douglas Graham



William Douglas Graham, 64, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park, with Billy Reed, minister of the Anderson Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Mr. Graham was born on March 25, 1939, in Lamesa. He was a heavy equipment operator in the oilfield industry. He had served in the United States Navy for four years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

His survivors include his mother, Delma Armstrong Graham of Big Spring; one sister, Kathy Mase of Big Spring; two brothers, Roy Graham of Big Spring, and Jerald Graham; one niece and her husband, Charla and David Scott of Big Spring; one nephew, Chuck Mase of Big Spring; one great niece, Savanna Scott of Big Spring; and one great nephew, David W. Scott of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, William H. Graham.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

The family will receive friends, Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Fred McKee

Fred McKee, 90, died Monday morning, Jan. 26, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rich Allen

Rich Allen, 42, died Sunday morning, Jan. 25, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bulletin board

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

Intermediate Line Dance classes meet at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in Howard College Cactus Room.

Hanger 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Concerned Citizens meet at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

Sheriff's report

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

• **SHERI MICHELLE HUGGINS**, 34, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **RONNIE RENE RIVERA**, 24, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• **ROBERT DALE HOWLAND**, 32, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **CLOIS WELDON SHULTZ**, 43, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested on charges of criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and for family violence.

• **DARRIN LEE WEBB**, 33, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on charges of assault causing bodily injury and for unlawful restraint.

• **ROCKY ALLAN AUTRY**, 20, was taken to the county jail today after being arrested on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, robbery.

• **FIRE** was reported at the draw behind Jack Kathy's Construction. Fire was a controlled burn.

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Recording industry going after freedom

They're at it again. Much like the rebellious democrats that held out in Ardmore, Okla., the Recording Industry Association of America continues to drag an already tired and battered cause through the courts of America, taking their war against Internet downloaders to "plan B."

Earlier this month the recording industry sued 532 computer users it said were illegally distributing songs over the Internet, the first lawsuits since a federal appeals court blocked the use of special copyright subpoenas to identify those being targeted. The action represents the largest number of lawsuits filed at one time since the trade group for the largest music labels launched its controversial legal campaign last summer to cripple Internet music piracy.



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Music lawyers filed the newest cases against "John Doe" defendants, identified only by their numeric Internet protocol addresses, and expected to work through the courts to learn their names and where they live. The recording association said each person was illegally distributing an average of more than 800 songs online. Each defendant faces potential civil penalties or settlements that could cost them thousands of dollars.

The resumed legal campaign was intended to discourage music fans emboldened by last month's U.S. appeals decision, which dramatically increased the cost and effort to track computer users swapping songs online and sue them.

"Our campaign against illegal file sharers is not missing a beat," said Cary Sherman, president of the RIAA, in a recent press release from the organization. "The message to illegal file sharers should be as clear as ever."

All 532 lawsuits were filed in Washington and New York, home to Verizon Internet Services Inc., Time Warner Inc. and a few other prominent Internet providers, although the recording association said it expects to discover through traditional subpoenas that these defendants live across the United States.

The RIAA said that after its lawyers discover the identity of each defendant, they will contact each person to negotiate a financial settlement before amending the lawsuit to formally name the defendant and, if necessary, transfer the case to the proper courthouse.

Verizon had successfully challenged the industry's use of copyright subpoenas, one of its most effective tools to track illegal downloaders. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled last month that the recording industry can't use the subpoenas to force Internet providers to identify music downloaders without filing a lawsuit.

The court said that copyright subpoenas available under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act "betrays no awareness whatsoever that Internet users might be able directly to exchange files containing copyrighted works."

As those that have been reading my column for sometime can tell you, I try to keep it pretty basic and without bias. That ends today.

The RIAA, which represents the world's largest recording companies (who, wisely enough, manage to keep their names off RIAA's Web site), has lost sight of the principles that this country was founded on, and the legal system that maintains it. On the merits of what can only be considered a "legal loophole," they have once again set their sights on John Q. Public, and the transfer of data through the Internet.

Now before you think I'm jumping off into the deep and murky waters of opinion, understand that I can sympathize with the musicians whose music is being traded back and forth. If you do a little research into the music industry, and being a musician myself I've done quite a bit, you'll find out a great deal of what we see and hear from the music stars is a sham. The cars, houses and other luxurious items they have are often not there, but simply on "loan" from the recording companies. Seems like a tidy way to pull the strings on someone, doesn't it?

Musicians barely make pennies on the dollar from their album sales. The bulk of that money is going to the recording companies, who, in my personal opinion, have totally destroyed the industry they govern.

So why are some musicians so vocal in opposing Internet music trading? Because they have to be. Just like you and me, they have certain responsibilities to their record labels, which is a fancy way of saying they have to do whatever they are told to do. Even Metallica, the one-time kings of anti-mainstream and going against the grain have taken the side of their employers. Surprised? Of course not.

In the end, it's going to turn into a battle between two groups: the RIAA and the American government. The government has pretty clearly showed which side it's on at this point in the war. I don't think there's ever been any question about who's interests the RIAA represent. I guess we'll just have to let the two fight it out, and in the end hope someone decides to represent the real people with a stake in all of this: you and me.

Thomas Jenkins is a reporter for the Herald and writes a weekly column on computers and the Internet. He may be reached at 263-7331, ext. 232, or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

COUNTY

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Not all news was discouraging for commissioners.

Court Collector Bobby Roever gave an updated on the county's delinquent fee collection program.

"It's going to be very successful," Roever said. "Lubbock, when they started their program, the man they hired to do their program came in November. He didn't see his first client until February. I started in November, I started seeing my clients in December. My clients are now set up on payment plans. When we start moving on in the months, those payments will come in."

According to Roever, he has collected \$3,450.25 in

cash and \$4,751.25 in jail time. In total, the county is owed \$36,818 in delinquent fees.

Roever has set up payment plans to collect \$6,378.75 and has issued warrants to collect \$27,599.25.

Those that continue to have delinquent fines should make arrangements to set up a payment plan quickly, Roever recommends.

"If they have a delinquent fine, they need to come see me," Roever said. "Some of these delinquent fines are three, four, five, six years old. I'm not going to have sympathy for them."

In other business, commissioners canvassed the Senate District 31 seat special election results and set the polling places the same as in the last two elections for the runoff election between

Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Midland.

The polling places are as follows:

- Precincts 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115; Northside Fire Station, 100 NE Eighth St.

- Precincts 202, 203, 204, 205, 208; Washington Elementary School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.

- Precincts 207, 405, 407, 408, 409; Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Avenue, Coahoma.

- Precincts 302, 303, 304, 305; Goliad Intermediate School library, 2000 Goliad St.

- Precincts 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 410, Big Spring High School library, 707 11th Place.

- Early voting, Howard County Courthouse

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331.

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preparing for an election year as Precinct 1, currently served by Michael Flores, and Precinct 2, served by Adrian Randall, will face election. Both men said they are undecided about seeking another term.

The first day to file for either at-large position is Feb. 15. Filing will continue through March 15 at the president's office.

Trustees also approved:

- A resolution from the

Dora Roberts Foundation that provides \$190,000 in scholarship monies and funds to support two chairs for the nursing program.

- Sparks' contract through 2006.

- Resolutions to extend time to hold property deeds in lieu of tax foreclosure.

- A resolution to reaffirm community colleges' commitment to equity in higher education for all students as part of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Brown vs. the Board of

Education.

- A \$16,144 bid by Cline Construction for a project to pave and concrete curbing at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

San Angelo Provost Linda Bird informed trustees that the campus has received a \$250,000 grant from the Texas Skills and Development for manufacturing construction.

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MOORE

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pany will avoid the issue of defaulting on its contract with Moore Development.

"As long as they can get it open by the end of the quarter, they won't be in default," said Sharp. "They had amassed enough payroll credits in the time that they were open to avoid defaulting, which will allow them to pick up where they left off."

Solitaire was forced to close its doors in Big Spring after a fire ripped through the factory's mill and cabinet area in May of 2002. According to Solitaire officials, the fire caused more than \$1.5 million in damages, which the home manufacturer's insurance company refused to cover.

Also on today's agenda will be Sharp's report on a pilot training facility that currently has its eye on the airpark.

"We have to be very general with the information that we release right now, but I can tell you the facility would be an almost perfect fit for the airpark," said Sharp. "It's not your average training facility. It carries much larger numbers with it than average facilities."

"They are on a time schedule to begin the project in October of this year, so this is a very fast-paced project. We'll be able to release more details as we go, but for obvious reasons, we can't go into a lot of detail right now."

Also expected during the meeting is consideration of December financials and investment report, public comments, an executive session and any actions resulting from the executive session.

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. at the Moore Development office, located at 215 W. Third Street.

Contact Staff Writer

SCOUTS

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she'll be happy to take your order."

If you miss out on ordering your cookies, which officially ends Feb. 11, Pollock said you'll get one last chance to get your Girl Scout cookie "fix" for the year.

"We'll begin booth sales on March 6," she said. "We'll have places set up all over Big Spring to sell them, but once they run

out that will be it. That's why it's so much better to order them. That way you know you'll be able to get your favorite flavor."

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Pre-Super Bowl BBQ

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn, will hold a pre-Super Bowl barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The meal includes brisket, potato salad, beans, bread, dessert and a drink.

Plates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under.

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Samuel Aguilar, 46, died Friday. Funeral Services were at 10:00 AM Tuesday at the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Viola Sisemore Stephenson, 86, died Saturday. Graveside services were at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Plain view Memorial Park.

Catherine Carpenter, 54, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:30 until 6:30 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William O. "Woody" Wood, 81, died Saturday. Private Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

Rich Allen, 42, died Sunday. Services are pending.

Fred McKee, 90, died Monday. Services are pending.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's make plans
for the chamber's
85th anniversary

Milestones, anniversaries, points in history. Seems we have a lot of those this year, perhaps none more "in the news" or newsworthy than the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary. We at the Herald are proud of our 100th anniversary as well. Another notable organization is also celebrating a special anniversary — the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. It's the chamber's 85th year of helping to make Big Spring and Howard County a more vibrant community and better place to live.

We mention all of this for a very special reason. Tickets are on sale now for the chamber's annual banquet, which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10. They are \$20 each.

The guest speaker couldn't be more fitting for the banquet. He's Paul Meek, a Fina retiree, past president of the chamber as well as a past Man of the Year.

Speaking of that, one of the highlights of the banquet — as always — will be recognition of the chamber's Man and Woman of the Year. Outgoing and incoming board members will be recognized, too.

We hope you will come out and join us as we salute the chamber of commerce and those staff members and officers, board members and volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a success.

Tickets may be picked up at the chamber office, 215 W. Third, or reserved by calling 263-7641. Again this year, businesses may sponsor and decorate an eight-person table for \$100. Participating businesses will receive four tickets.

We hope you'll help us celebrate this very important anniversary.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, please clear up our blind spots and help us clearly see your desire for our lives.

Amen

Even now, it's do what you can

Editor's Note: Molly Ivins is on vacation. The following column was originally published in July 1994.

Suppose you went on a vacation where no one could reach you — say, rafting the Colorado River. Day after day of vivid blue skies, puffy clouds, red sandstone cliffs in fantastic formations. No Rwanda, no Haiti, no O.J., no lobbyists swarming over health-care reform like maggots. Just soaring golden eagles, great blue herons, bighorn sheep, canyon wrens and a coyote. Just long stretches of river mellow, occasionally punctuated by the excitement of white water — white water with no political connotation.

Would the world be any worse off for your not knowing that cholera has broken out among the Rwandan refugees in Zaire? The trouble with global communications is that it is no longer possible to sit on one tiny patch of the Earth and think, "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." We always know better.

As a journalist, I'm committed to the proposition that it is always better to know than to be ignorant. Reluctantly, grudgingly, I even acknowledge that television — root of much evil, opiate of the masses, eroder of the national IQ — allows us to know some things with the impact of reality, in a way no other medium can. If it were not for television, would "massive aid" be on its way to Rwanda? No.

I hear them on the radio call-in shows: "What do we care what happens in Rwanda?" But then,

television shows us what is happening, and we rise from our Barca-Loungers to call the representative, write the check to Oxfam, find the address for Doctors Without Borders. Even my beloved former colleague Ray Bonner, writing from Zaire in The New York Times about the tiny girl in the pink dress sitting next to the body of her mother, moves one to tears, not action.

All the weekend chat shows will be denouncing "television-driven foreign policy" again, as though healing the sick and feeding the starving were some fluffy liberal notion to be deplored by the Kissingerian realists, as though "Let those people die" were Realpolitik. You still reap what you sow in this world; there is still a moral imperative to help where you can — and to hate the hate, hate the bigotry, hate the racism, hate the fear and the ignorance that leave two more tiny girls sitting next to the tiny one in the pink dress by her dead mother the next day.

The very technology, the global communication that disturbs us in our recliners, also makes it possible for us to send "massive aid" that arrives in a day, two days, a week. John Donne taught us that no man is an island, and Marshall McLuhan taught us that no nation is an island.

I've always suspected that this was apocryphal, but George Washington once supposedly remarked: "We haven't heard from Ben Franklin in Paris yet this year. We ought to send him a letter." Sure and it must have been an easier world then, with more time to think about what Franklin had to report and what to do about it. "Let's wait and see what developments" is, I have always thought, one of the great foreign policy options. But we don't live in Washington and Franklin's world, and we still

have to do the best we can.

"If we have an obligation in Rwanda, then surely we have a greater obligation in Haiti; and if in Haiti, then why not Bosnia?" For those of us who are of the Vietnam generation, the terrible blunder made with good intentions (or even out of Kissingerian Realpolitik) holds a particular horror. You don't even have to remember 'Nam — try the Marine barracks in Beirut in '84 or Somalia in '93. But we still have to do the best we can.

A British journalist who covered the most recent Ethiopian famine told me what it was like in the camps there. "You get up every day, and you do as much as you can," said Rod Tyler of the *Daily Mail*.

"You carry bags of grain or ladle water or dig latrines, or whatever the relief workers ask you to do. And in the midst of all those starving people, you have to eat three meals a day, and you have sleep at least six or seven hours. That's what the relief workers keep telling you: You have to eat three meals a day. And you just keep doing as much as you can, and don't blame yourself for not doing more."

And if you are far away, and you cannot tote or ladle or dig or comfort small children, you still do what you can. And if you are lucky, you get to spend some time in the wilderness, away from television, lying on your back at night watching the canopy of constellations and thrilling at the shooting stars.

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Do we take citizenship for granted?

There are few experiences more humbling than speaking at a naturalization service for 1,586 new

Americans from 110 countries.

Naturalized citizens have to work at being Americans: that is, get visas and green cards, live here legally for up to five years, pass a test on American government, and submit to an interview in English if they're under 55 years of age and show they can write some English.

"We want to make sure they've undergone the transformation from being a citizen of another country to being an American," explained the Immigration and Customs Enforcement official who pressed me into speaking at a Jan. 20 naturalization ceremony at Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco.

All that I had to do to become an American was to be born. I can't match the two-boat Irish Saunders, who crossed the seas, first to Canada and later to Massachusetts, to forge a life in a distant land, or (on my mother's side) the seafaring Pattons, who settled in New England.

As I struggled over what to say to my new countrymen and women, my brother Jim told me, "I don't think there's anything more American than becoming a citizen."

But all I could think of was "Starship Troopers" — the kitschy, 1997 sci-fi flick about a planet of giant bugs attempting to colonize Earth. In the movie, based on the book by Robert Heinlein, citizenship must be

earned through military service. While I wouldn't want my country to adopt that rule, I see that often citizenship given is undervalued, while citizenship earned is held in esteem.

Hence, the revoltingly low, and still declining, voter turnout. In 1960, 63.06 percent of the voting-age population cast a ballot in the presidential election. In 2000, 51.3 percent of that population voted. Pitiful.

As it happened — was it a coincidence or a ripple in the time-space continuum? — Ed Neumeier, who wrote the screenplay for "Starship Troopers," and Phil Tippett, who was the movie's master of special effects, were in the audience at the naturalization ceremony. They had come to watch Phil's wife, Jules Roman Tippett, become a U.S. citizen. They, too, had been thinking about citizenship a la "Starship Troopers."

Neumeier noted that while he hadn't agreed with all of Heinlein's ideas, he appreciated how natural citizenship is often undervalued. Neumeier, who grew up in San Anselmo "before George Lucas," said he knows Marin parents who, like the civilian parents of "Troopers" character Johnny Rico, tried to stop their son from enlisting, as they saw military service as "a little blue-collar, a little declassé."

They "probably felt that since they made their money, they didn't need to put themselves at risk," said Neumeier. And, he added, "Are we acting spoiled? And do we not participate because we don't think we have to? Do we think we're too good for that?"

For her part, Jules Roman Tippett has lived here for 25 years, given birth to two American chil-

dren and built up a Berkeley company that employs 230 workers. While her Polish-born father was proud to become a British citizen, Jules says she procrastinated on becoming a citizen of her new home. Now, she says, a huge weight has been lifted from her.

Jules already has registered to vote, and unlike many Americans, she's excited about it. "Otherwise, you end up with a government that doesn't represent you," she said.

Colin McDonald of Kenwood told a similar story. He was on the 88th floor of the World Trade Center during the first terrorist bombing in 1993 that killed six people. On Sept. 11, 2001, he told me, "We realized how fortunate we had been in '93 and that unless proactive measures were taken, these events were bound to be repeated but on a more horrific scale."

That realization eventually led McDonald to the Masonic Auditorium Jan. 20 to take his citizenship oath. He, too, had lived in the States since the '70s, married an American and fathered two American kids, one of whom serves in the Navy at Guantanamo Bay.

Neighbors, he said, were "frantic, almost rude" at the notion his son would serve in the military.

But, McDonald noted, military service "is everyone's responsibility, as far as we're concerned."

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From scratch menus can be easy ▶ Who's who

You don't have to start from scratch to stir up something delicious, say fans of "speed scratch" cooking.

Combining fresh ingredients with canned or prepared ones, speed scratch cooking cuts preparation time down to a fraction of what it normally would be while providing you and your family with a home-cooked meal. Typical speed scratch items include roasted chicken from a deli, packaged salad and pre-cut or canned fruits and vegetables.

Pantry staples such as Pacific Northwest canned pears can be used in any dish to add subtle sweetness with no measuring, peeling, dicing or slicing required. Always ripe and ready, canned pears can be found year-round at the supermarket.

The best part of using canned fruits like pears is that they retain their nutrients throughout the



Pears are healthy and easy to add to menus and recipes.

canning process, making them an easy and healthy way to get part of the recommended five fruits and veggies a day. Plus, canned pears contain zero fat or cholesterol and are a good source of friendly carbohydrates, potassium and fiber.

Picadillo Pear Olé is a tasty example of the kind

of flavor pears can add to family favorites.

Picadillo Pear Clé
one pound lean ground beef
one cup chopped onion
one tablespoon sugar
one teaspoon ground cinnamon
one teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt

one 14 1/2 oz. can diced tomatoes
one 15 oz. can pears, drained and diced
two tablespoons apple cider vinegar

In skillet or large saucepan, cook ground beef and onion until meat is browned and onion is tender.

Drain. Stir in sugar, cinnamon, cumin and salt; mix well. Cook 2 minutes.

Stir in undrained tomatoes, diced pears and vinegar. Cook three to five minutes to heat through.

Serve as a filling for tacos, burritos or as an entrée with rice and a vegetable.

Yield: 1/3 cup each for 12 taco shells, 12 servings
2/3 cup each for 6 burritos, 6 servings
one cup each per 3/4 cup rice, 4 servings

Canned pears can be used to add delectable flavor and a dose of sweet nutrition to many quick-fix dishes.



Julie Lafon (Adams) Simer

Degree earned by honor graduate

Julie Lafon (Adams) Simer of Big Spring, a 1999 honor graduate of Stanton High School, received her bachelor of fine arts degree in art education from McMurray University Dec. 13, 2003.

She graduated magna cum laude and is a member of the Kappa Pi National Art Fraternity, an art honor society.

Recently she displayed her work in a senior student art exhibition, "Roots," at the McMurray Fine Arts Gallery.

Mrs. Simer and her husband, Gary, live in Abilene where she teaches seventh and eighth grade art at Sweetwater Middle School.

She is the daughter of Michael and Leatrice Adams of Stanton, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Glaze and Fern Adams of Stanton.

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Andrea Justine Torres

Local student chosen as America's Homecoming Queen finalist contender

Andrea Justine Torres of Big Spring has been selected finalist for Texas' 24th annual Homecoming Queen. She is the Big Spring High School Homecoming Queen.

Miss Torres is the daughter of Albert and Leticia Torres of Big Spring.

The queen selection will be held April 3 and 4 at the Hyatt Regency near the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. The selection is not a beauty contest, but more of an ambassadorship. Miss Torres will represent Texas at the national finals.

Texas' 2004 homecoming queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to the National Finals to compete with homecoming queens from other states.

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and community service in schools nationwide.

The first Miss Texas Homecoming Queen Pageant was held April 3, 1982, at the Dallas Apparel Mart Fashion Theatre.

Club news

Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Shrine Club had their monthly meeting Jan. 17.

Club president James Hughes welcomed Rick Scott, district deputy grand master for Masonic District 80 and member of The Big Spring Shrine Club.

James Jones, James Hughes, John Keller, and Joe White attended the Suez Unit meeting in San Angelo Jan. 17. Jones will serve as this year's circus chairman and White will serve as membership chairman.

The Big Spring Shrine Club will hold a golf tournament July 17-18.

The first meeting for this great fundraiser will be held at the Shrine Club Jan. 27.

Nobal Bo Clawson reported that the Big Spring Shrine Club received a donation of a tan 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier with only 8,500 miles. Written bid will be taken from Feb. 15 until Feb. 29. Bidding will begin at \$3,000. The car can be seen on Feb. 15 at Bob's Custom Woodworking, 409 East Third in Big Spring. Written bids can be sent to Bob Noyes at the same address, Big Spring 79720, or to Bo Clawson, 1903 Alabama, Big Spring 79720.

Nobal Bob Noyes reported that the fire brigade has given the fire truck a face lift with new brass. The results are great.

Worthy Matron Betty Cox reported that the Big Spring Chapter had the school of instruction for District 2, Section 8 on Jan. 19-20, with more than 100 attending.

The Chapter birthday dinner will be held Feb. 3. The next meeting will be held Feb. 21, with a Cajun shrimp boil. This event usually is held in March, but because of scheduling, this year it will be held in February. Fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$7 per person. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call 237-9942.

Myths and facts about Super Bowl town: Houston

This year, more than 140 million football fans will watch Super Bowl XXXVI-II [38] on television, and more than 70,000 lucky ticket holders will view the game up close and personal in the Reliant Stadium in Houston.

Houston? Isn't that the place where "H" stands for howdy, where tumbleweeds roll down the street, where "car horns" are something you mount on the hood of your pickup truck, and where "Art" is the nightshift supervisor down at the oil refinery?

"Houston has long been misunderstood, so some of y'all might be wondering how we could possibly attract and host this year's Super Bowl," said Paul J. Sarvadi, chairman and chief executive officer of Administaff, one of the city's largest employers. "It's because Houston has so very much to offer—not only in terms of world-class sports venues, but also in terms of our culture, lifestyle, economy and great people."

Some of the more common myths and facts about America's fourth-largest city include:

Myth: "Houstonians are just a bunch of cowboys."

Fact: Contrary to popular belief, Houstonians don't ride horses to work. Houston is actually one of the most diverse cities in America, home to thousands of immigrants and expatriates. Its 4.8 million residents practice more than 45 religions and speak dozens of languages. For those who want cowboys, Houston does host the world's largest rodeo.

Myth: "Only big oil companies can make it in Houston."

Fact: It's true that Houston is the world's energy capital, but it's also true that half of all jobs in Houston are in non-energy fields—everything from high-tech and aerospace to medicine and manufacturing.

In fact, Houston is home to more than 84,000 diverse businesses, and American Business

Information has ranked Houston number one in the nation for new business growth for the last three years.

Myth: "Houston has only two temperatures—hot and extra crispy."

Fact: Okay, this one can be true in July and August. But Houston's average annual temperature is a pleasant 69 degrees.

Myth: "Houstonians eat only barbecue."

Fact: This is so not true. They also love chili! Actually, Houstonians do eat a ton of barbecue, but the city is also home to some of the nation's finest

dining and more than 11,000 restaurants representing virtually every type of cuisine.

Myth: "There's nothing to do in Houston."

Fact: Houston boasts six professional sports teams, some of the best shopping in the world, a variety of theme parks, world-class restaurants, public parks and golf courses, and a theater district that is second only to New York City.

The city is also hosting the Masters Cup, the Major League Baseball All-Star game, several major PGA tournaments and the Super Bowl.

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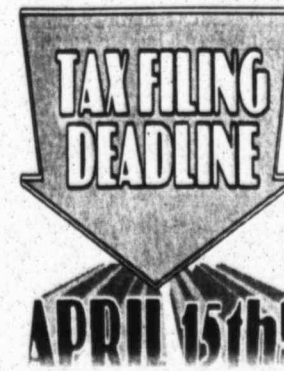
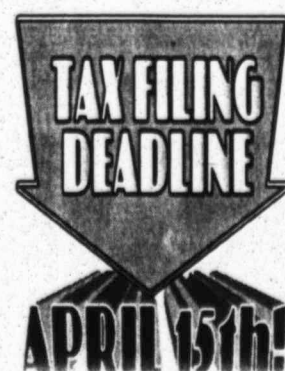
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The Equality State

Wyoming From A to Z



Land is Wyoming's most valuable resource. Its primary jobs focus on the state's beautiful outdoor spaces. Mining, recreation and tourism are the top industries.

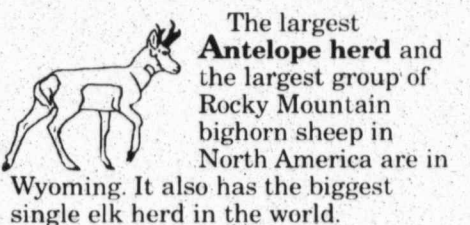
Wyoming has some of America's most beautiful parks and monuments, including most of Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. The U.S. government owns about half the land.

Native Americans lived in the area for about 12,000 years. Parts of Wyoming were claimed at different times by France, Great Britain, Mexico, Spain, Texas, the Dakota Territory, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, Utah and Washington. It became a state in 1890.

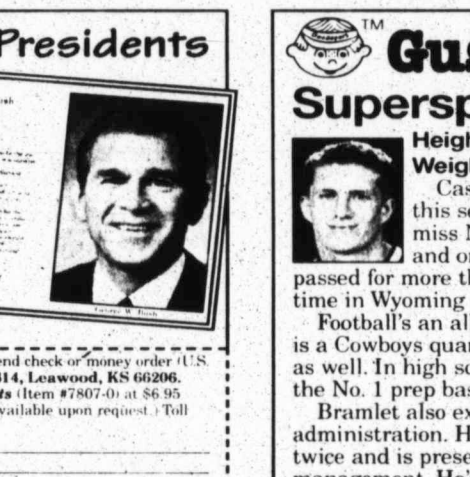
Although it is the ninth-largest state in area, it has the smallest population, with about 500,000 people.



Yellowstone National Park became the first national park in the world in 1872. It has the highest number of geysers and hot springs in the world, the result of a volcano that erupted about 600,000 years ago. This photo shows the famous geyser Old Faithful.



The largest Antelope herd and the largest group of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in North America are in Wyoming. It also has the biggest single elk herd in the world.



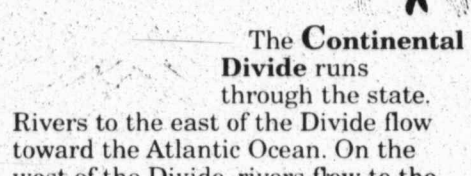
Beef cattle, hay, sugar beets, wheat and barley are top agricultural products. It is second in the U.S. in the production of wool.

Cheyenne is the state capital and largest city, with about 53,000 people.



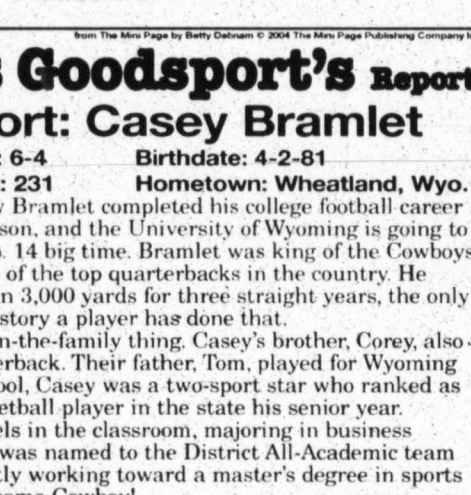
Wyoming is the top U.S. producer of Coal. It is fifth in natural gas production and seventh in oil production. It has the second largest uranium deposit in the U.S. It also has the world's largest known supply of trona, used for the manufacturing of glass, paper, soap, baking soda and medicines.

"Buffalo Bill" Cody founded the town of Cody, which now hosts a famous Wild West museum.



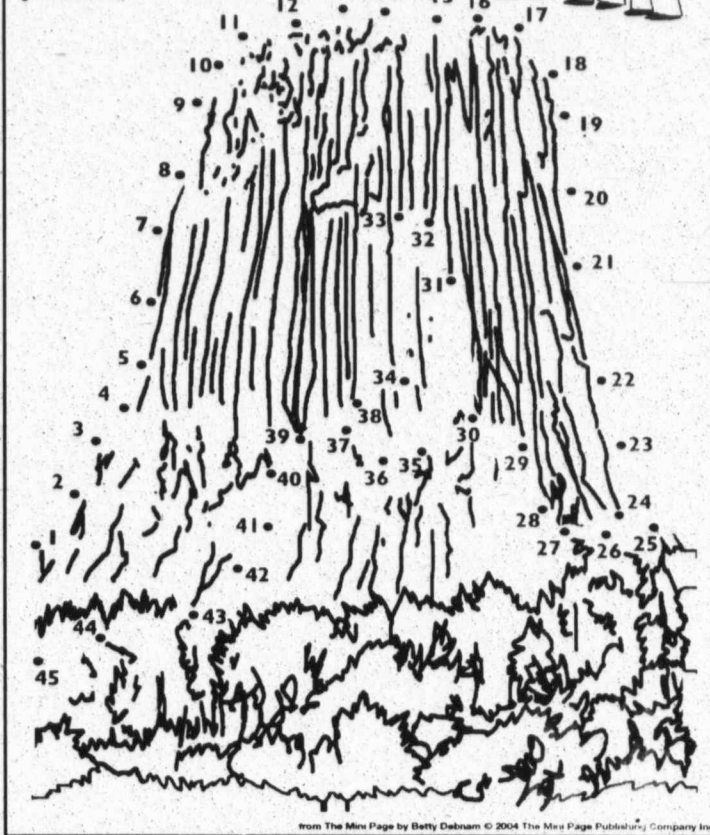
The Continental Divide runs through the state.

Rivers to the east of the Divide flow toward the Atlantic Ocean. On the west of the Divide, rivers flow to the Pacific Ocean.



Devils Tower became the first national monument in 1906. This column of rock rising above the plains was a landmark to pioneers traveling west. In the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the aliens also used it as a landmark.

Go dot to dot and color this Wyoming landmark for pioneers.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Beefy Stew and Rice

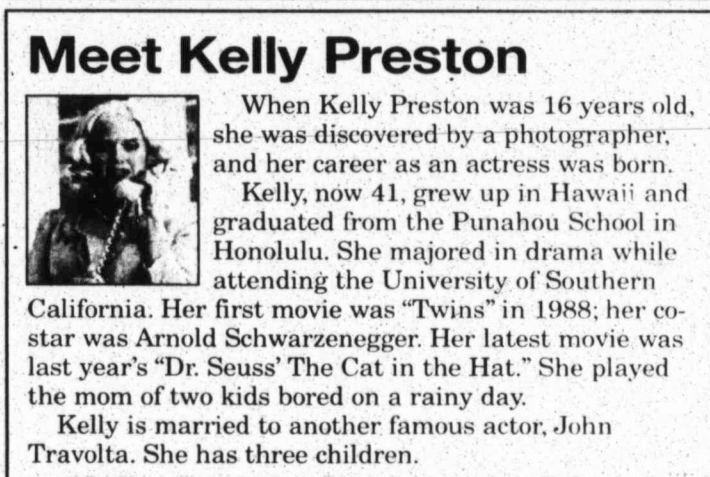
You'll need:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup water
- 2 (11-ounce) cans beef and vegetable soup
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 2 cups instant white rice, prepared

What to do:

1. Brown the beef in a skillet, then drain the grease.
2. Add the water, soup, salt and pepper to the beef.
3. Stir and let simmer for 10 minutes.
4. Prepare instant rice according to the directions on the package.
5. Place servings of rice on plates and serve stew on top. Makes 4 servings.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



Meet Kelly Preston

When Kelly Preston was 16 years old, she was discovered by a photographer, and her career as an actress was born.

Kelly, now 41, grew up in Hawaii and graduated from the Punahou School in Honolulu. She majored in drama while attending the University of Southern California. Her first movie was "Twins" in 1988; her co-star was Arnold Schwarzenegger. Her latest movie was last year's "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat." She played the mom of two kids bored on a rainy day.

Kelly is married to another famous actor, John Travolta. She has three children.

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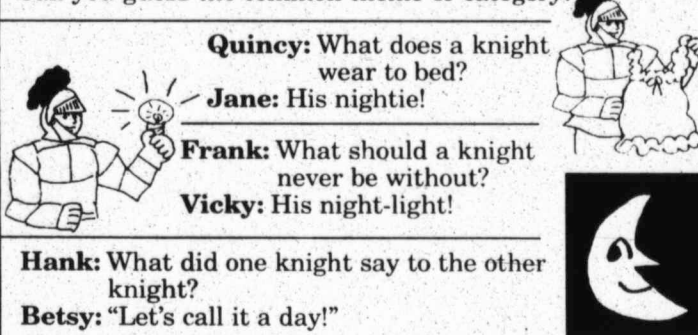
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All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?



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Jane: His nightie!

Frank: What should a knight never be without?

Vicky: His night-light!

Hank: What did one knight say to the other knight?

Betsy: "Let's call it a day!"

Basset Brown News Hound's TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Wyoming are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: YELLOWSTONE, OLD, FAITHFUL, CHEYENNE, LAND, OUTDOORS, GRAND, TETON, GEYSERS, ANTELOPE, ELK, SHEEP, BEEF, HAY, COAL, CODY, EQUALITY, MOUNTAINS, FISHING, RODEO, JADE.



Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is skiing at Jackson Hole in Wyoming. See if you can find: • word MINI • man in the moon



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- man's face
- bell
- number 8
- whale
- question mark

More About Wyoming

The Dinosaur Graveyard at Como Bluff was one of the first large collections of dinosaur fossils ever discovered, in 1887.

Equality State is Wyoming's nickname, because of its proud history of granting women equal rights. It was the first place in the world to give women the right to vote, in 1869. It had the first elected woman governor.

Fossil Butte National Monument holds one of the world's best deposits of freshwater fossil fish.

Grand Teton National Park is known for its glorious scenery.

Jackson Hole is one of many areas known for its skiing. It is a valley that looks like a hole in the middle of the surrounding mountains.

Indian Paintbrush is the state flower.

The **Jackalope**, a mythical giant jackrabbit with antelope antlers, was supposedly first seen in Douglas.

Sites to see: www.wyoming4kids.org
www.state.wy.us/kids.asp

Look through your newspaper for pictures and stories of landmarks in your state.

Next week The Mini Page is about Martin Luther King Jr.

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The Killpecker Sand Dune is the largest sand dune in North America. It has the second-biggest area of moving sand in the world. Only the Sahara Desert is bigger.

Fort Laramie was a major Pony Express and stagecoach station. It began as a military fort along the Oregon Trail.

The Rocky Mountains rise above the Great Plains. Some of the spectacular mountain ranges in the state include the Tetons, Sierra Madre, Big Horn and Black Hills.

The state's **Name** comes from a Delaware Indian word, "mehewamiing." The word means "at the big plains, or 'on the great plain.'"

The Oregon, Mormon, Overland and California trails ran through the state. Great South Pass was the only place in North America where covered wagons could easily cross the Rocky Mountains.

Outlaw Cave near Kaycee is where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid hid out.

Peridot, jade, moss agates, rubies, jasper, bloodstones and diamonds are some of the gemstones mined there.

Quiet fishing takes place in 16,000 miles of streams, and about 3,400 lakes, ponds and reservoirs.

The oldest and the biggest outdoor **Rodeo** in the world is Cheyenne's Frontier Days, held since 1897.

Shoshone National Forest became the first national forest in 1891. Bridger-Teton National Forest is the second-largest national forest outside of Alaska. Forests cover about one-sixth of the state.

The state **Tree** is the Cottonwood.

The **Ute**, Shoshone, Sioux, Nez Perce, Kiowa, Gros Ventre, Crow, Cheyenne, Blackfoot, Bannock, Arikara and Arapaho were some of the Indians who hunted game in the area each year.

The largest collection of horse-drawn **Vehicles** in the U.S. is at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum.

The **Western meadowlark** is the state bird.

Wind River Indian Reservation is thought to be the site where Lewis and Clark's guide, Sacagawea, is buried.

The **TeXas Trail** was used by cowboys herding cattle from Texas to Wyoming in the late 1800s. The "Cowboy State" is another nickname for Wyoming.

Yellowstone National Park's wonders include Steamboat, the largest geyser in the world; Obsidian Cliff, a mountain made of black glass; and Morning Glory Pool.

Grizzly bears, moose, bison, lynx, mountain goats, wild horses and mountain lions are some of the 600 species of mammals roaming through the wilderness.

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Texas upends Raiders in OT

LUBBOCK (AP) — Royal Ivey looked nothing like a player who was shooting just 57 percent from the foul line.

The senior guard made his first two free throws of the game with 17 seconds left in overtime Monday night for No. 16 Texas' final points in a 62-61 victory over No. 13 Texas Tech that snapped the Red Raiders' 12-game winning streak.

"We were fortunate to get a win," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "Our offense was awful, but we hung in there."

Brandon Mouton got Texas (13-3, 4-1 Big 12) into overtime. His 22-foot shot off a crosscourt inbound pass from Ivey — Texas calls the play the "box-special" — with 2.6 seconds left in regulation was from right in front of his bench and tied the game at 55. Mouton finished with eight points.

"I saw Brandon wide open, and I just tried to put the pass on the money," Ivey said. "He did the rest. He hit the shot."

Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said he takes the "whole responsibility" for giving up Mouton's tying basket.

"They made a terrific play. But I'm at fault for not calling a timeout," he said. "I think I cost us the game in that regard."

After Ivey made his free throws, Texas Tech's Ronald Ross put in two of his own to make it 62-61. The Red Raiders (16-3, 4-1) had a chance to win it with 1.9 seconds left in overtime after Kenny Taylor of Texas missed the front end of a 1-and-1.

Tech's Andre Emmett grabbed the rebound and called a timeout. Jarrius Jackson missed a long 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The win was the seventh straight in Lubbock for the Longhorns.

JV Steers look to climb above .500

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Th Big Spring Steers' junior varsity basketball team accomplished two goals Friday afternoon with their 57-51 victory over the Andrews Mustangs.

First, they collected their first win in District 4-4A play and, more importantly, reached the .500 plateau by evening their record at 9-9.

Big Spring, which collected 12 points from both Brandon Boling and Justin Green, took a quick lead. The Steers outscored Andrews by a 14-7 clip in the first eight minutes of play.

The Mustangs, who were led by 22 points by Jesus Rondan, rallied back. Andrews posted a 34-24 run in the ensuing two quarters and took a 41-38 lead into the fourth.

Green pumped in eight points and Boling hit two three-pointers in the fourth to spearhead a 19-10 game-winning run.

Wes Parks and Kyle Piercefield both finished the game with nine points.

Deflated in 'The Dorothy'

Hawks rally for big 64-59 win over Odessa College

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

You'll have to excuse Steve Story if he shows up for work today with a vanity license plate that reads "Mr. Clutch."

He did, after all, come up big when the Howard College Hawks needed it most Monday night against the Odessa College Wranglers. The 6-foot-7 freshman from San Antonio scored 12 of his game-high 14 points in the final 10 minutes and helped spur the Hawks back from a double-digit deficit to claim a thrilling 64-59 win in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Story's efforts highlighted a gutsy performance by Howard College, which has won each of their last three games by a combined eight points. The Hawks, who trailed by as much as 12 points on several occasions — including as late as 7:50 left in the contest, needed a pair of defensive blocked shots in the final 67 seconds to collect its fourth win in five WJCAC outings.

"This was a momentum maker for us," said Story, who finished the game with a team-high seven rebounds. "We wanted to play them (Odessa). They're one of the big three in the conference with South Plains and Midland. We wanted to prove we can play with those guys and we did."

"This is going to help us keep going up," he added.

Up wasn't a feeling the Wranglers were feeling in the closing 10 minutes of the contest. Odessa watched on Story spearheaded a 21-6 Howard explosion in the closing minutes.

"I felt in order for us to get going, I had to step it up inside," Story said. "I don't like to lose so I just told myself I had to do whatever it took to get us going."

After the Wranglers' Raymond Butler had stretched Odessa's lead to 12, at 50-38, with a pair of free throws with 10:12 left in the second half, Story went to work. He cut the OC lead back to 10 with a pair of free throws.

Johnny Jones, playing with a sore ankle, added to the Hawks' comeback moments later, knocking down a 12-footer that ignited a 6-0 spurt that pulled Howard to within 53-49 with 6:21 remaining.

Odessa, 10-10 overall and 1-4 in conference play, attempted to regain the momentum from there. OC freshman Joshua Vazquez pushed home an easy layup that extended the Wranglers' lead to six, at 55-49, with 5:59 to go.

Story and Jones didn't let the Hawks' fall any farther back. Over the ensuing 38 seconds, Story pushed in a shot from the paint and Jones sank a three-pointer from the top of the arc to pull Howard to within 55-54.

Less than a minute later, Story delivered the big news for the Hawks by penetrating the lane from the high post and driving for a layup and a 56-56 tie.

Odessa managed to regain the lead once more, at 57-56, before Story put the Hawks to bed. He sank two free throws and a layup from the baseline over the ensuing 1:07 and handed Howard a 62-59 advantage with 1:35 left to play.

Story and sophomore Jon Sykes took the win out of the Wranglers' sails from there. Both came up with key blocked shots in the paint that turned away an Odessa attempt to turn the contest into a one-point game with less than 50 seconds left.

"I just knew we couldn't lose this one," said Story.

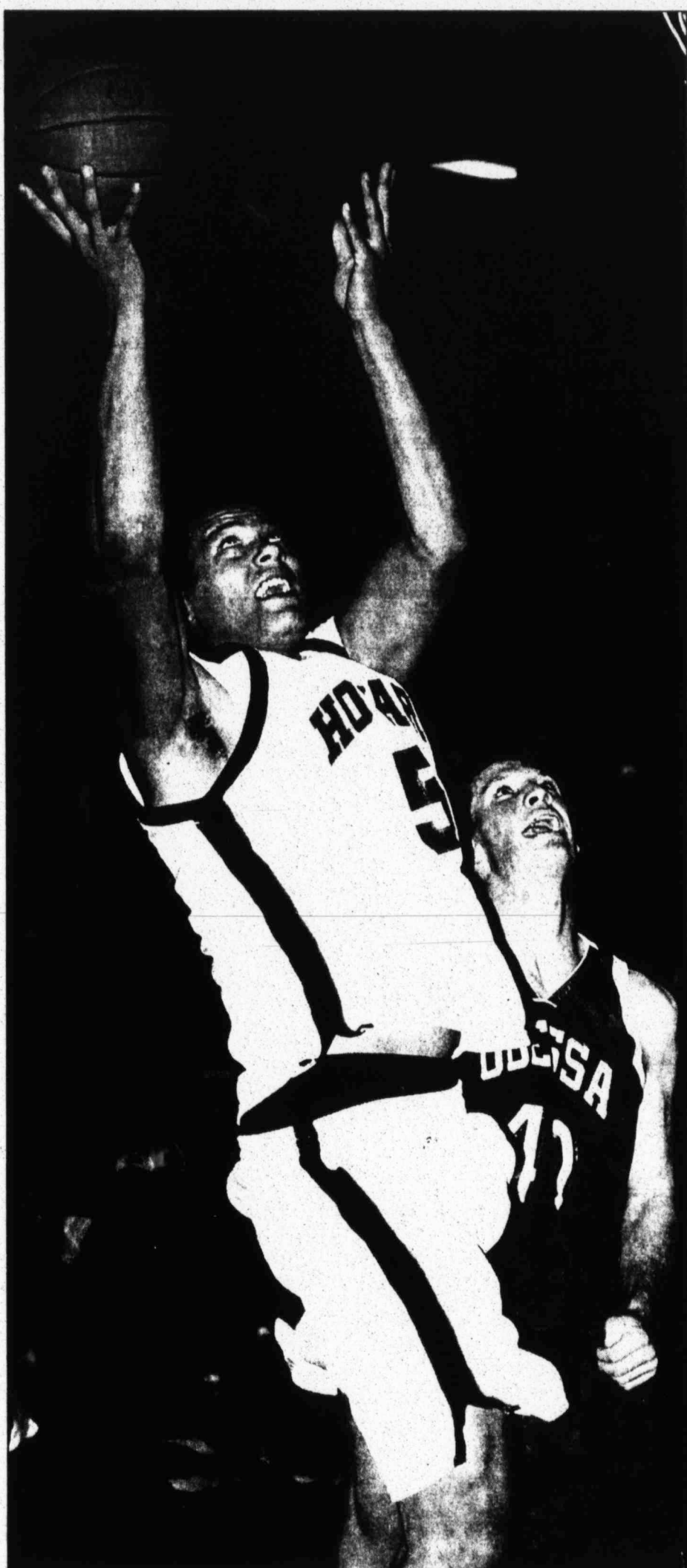
Winning didn't seem to be in the cards early. The Hawks struggled with early turnover trouble that enabled the Wranglers to reel off a 9-0 run late in the first half and sprint to an eight-point lead at the half, at 32-24.

The Wranglers opened the game with a splash. Odessa sprinted to an 18-8 lead during the initial nine minutes of the game before the Hawks managed to get their offensive game untracked.

Sykes highlighted a 9-0 run by HC midway through the first half that tied the game at 20-20 with 6:34 remaining. Jarrell Mayfield and Jones also added shots in the spree.

Steve Goff, the WJCAC's top three-point shooter, helped spark the Hawks in the opening minutes. He accounted for six of his 14 points by nailing two treys in the first 10 minutes.

Jones finished the contest as the Hawks' third double-digit scorer, netting 12.



HERALD Photo/Bruce Schooler
Howard College forward Jon Sykes leaps for a rebound during the first half of the Hawks Western Junior College Athletic Conference matchup with the Odessa College Wranglers Monday. The Hawks rallied from a 12-point deficit in the second half to claim a 64-59 victory.

Marshall scores 31 in OC Lady Wranglers' 93-46 romp over HC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Just how ugly was the Howard College Lady Hawks' loss to the Odessa College Lady Wranglers Monday night? Let's just say it would be safe to assume Lady Hawks' head coach Lorin Miller will seal the video tape in plastic, spray it with Lysol and bury it somewhere in a cement vault so that nothing could possibly escape — ever.

Odessa College, sparked by five first-half three-point bombs from Kanani Marshall and an ice-cold Lady Hawks offense, sprinted to a quick 21-point lead and cruised to a 93-46 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

Marshall, one of the WJCAC's top female scorers, spearheaded the Lady Wranglers' hot start. She knocked down four three-point shots in the first 10 minutes and keyed a 27-6 run to open the contest.

Kristen Valentine shouldered the

bulk of the Lady Hawks' offensive success in the initial 10 minutes — hitting two shots from the field. Desire Bostice collected HC's only other basket in the span.

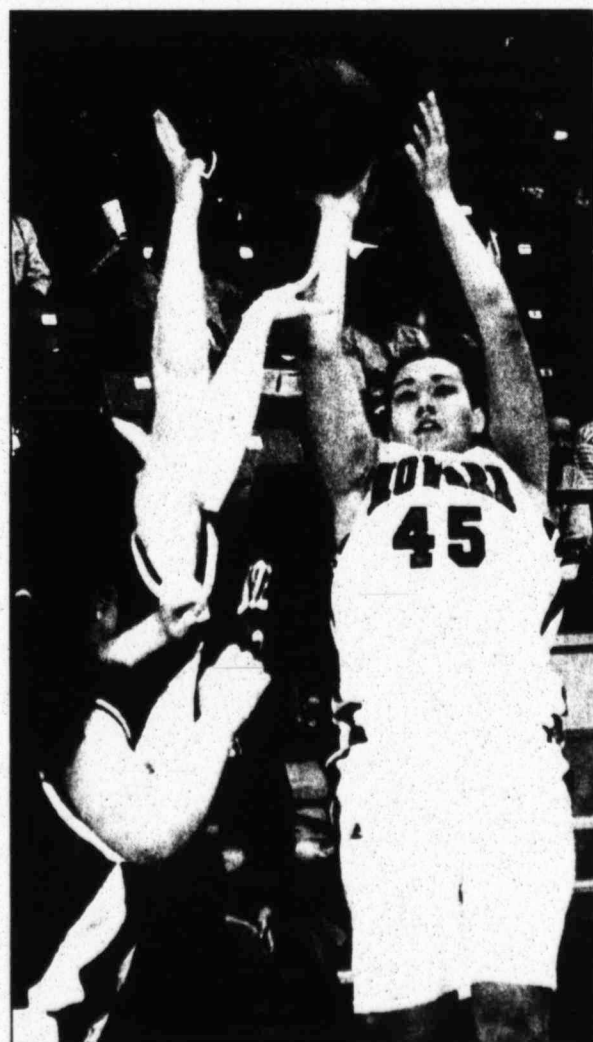
Odessa, now 18-3 and 5-0 in conference play, kept the pressure on in the closing minutes of the first half. They outscored the Lady Hawks by a 24-13 clip over the remainder of the frame and took a 51-19 lead into the half.

Marshall ignited the OC offense again in the third. She nailed four of her game-high nine treys in the first nine minutes of the second half and led a 44-33 run in the second half.

Marshall finished the game with 31 points.

Valentine, who sank seven of 10 attempts from the free throw line, led all Howard College scorers with 15 points. Ciara Tidwell and Alison Lopez added eight apiece, while LaTasha Davis contributed six.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks slipped to 9-12 for the year and to 1-3 in WJCAC play.



HERALD Photo/Bruce Schooler
Howard College freshman Ciara Tidwell shoots over the top of an Odessa defender during the second half of the Lady Hawks' 93-46 setback Monday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. With the loss, the Howard College women fell to 9-12 for the year and to 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Big Spring girls look to end 5-game skid against Lake View Maidens

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and end their five-game slide in District 4-4A play when they begin the second half of the loop schedule today by hosting the San Angelo Lake View

Maidens at the Steer Gym.

The BSHS girls will begin the basketball double-header at 6 p.m. The Big Spring boys will face San Angelo Lake View at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Steers, 5-16 overall, will also be trying to avenge two losses to the Maidens this year.

Lake View ended a 42-game district losing streak last month by claiming a 59-50 win at home.

The Maidens, 11-14, have lost their last four games, including a 89-36 decision to Frenship Friday.

The Big Spring boys, 4-19 for the year and winless in 4-4A

play, will be heading into today's matchup coming off a gutsy effort against Andrews last week.

Lake View, 1-2 and currently fourth in loop play, enters the game at 10-14 for the year. The Chiefs suffered a 51-41 setback at the hands of the Frenship Tigers Friday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon gives a wink to Mars. The level of self-involvement may be thick, but that's not necessarily bad. When people are really going for what they want, there's a lot of movement for everyone. Metaphorically speaking, long-standing roadblocks could get freed up, and now, the only thing stopping us is traffic in general.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't get rich dreaming up original ideas — but you can by acting on one. Business negotiations may be fast and furious. If you create affinity between you and the one you are trying to sway, you can overcome difficulties.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Peace of mind comes from creating harmony in your environment. Others may want to help, but you're the only one who can really make it happen.

You're aware of your responsibilities. Try not to domineer those who aren't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Overwhelming circumstances can be handled. Don't try to be perfect — just do what you can. Social obligations can be some of the most stressful, so be kind to yourself. Sometimes, just getting comfortable is an ordeal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). At work, get everything in writing. Playing the "I thought you said" game could cost you money and waste valuable time. You assume that if it's in your world, chances are, it's meant for you. But this is not a fair assumption.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Companions may be overly concerned about their place in your world. That's what happens when you are such a supportive and wonderful friend — when you feel like it. Others may be flatter but

more consistent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your usual self-discipline is somewhat of an automatic thing. The stars encourage you to be more deliberate — your powers of self-direction are on 10. Tell yourself to do it, and then, do it. Simple.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you seek knowledge, you find it in the darndest places. What you learn at work could be wonderful for your love life and vice versa. Needing to impress others is a big turn-off. Tonight, a novelty pleases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The hardest thing to give up is the need to be right about everything. When you let go of that, you've got so much more energy! Choose partners very carefully. Stubborn people are bad for you and bring out your worst.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Throwing yourself into work could keep you from exploring a sore subject. Romantic wounds really should be dealt with as they are happening to prevent them from getting deeper. Parent/child relationships figure prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Cash and spare time are in short supply, which can put a crimp in your plans. Edginess is largely due to stress. Calm down, and don't let mood put a damper on family relations. The right attitude helps you have a good time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have always been a progressive thinker, and today is no different. Don't be shy; forge ahead. You have as much right to your opinion as everyone else has to his. Couples feel that current love is the one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In this emotionally fortifying day, your mind is made up to do precisely you once feared. Demand honesty. Sharp observation skills are put to use. Debate whether to make the changes a current love requires.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Eight years ago, my mother went to a local funeral home in our town and made her own funeral arrangements. She signed all the necessary forms, paid the bill and happily conveyed to her children that she had taken care of her funeral so that when the time came, we would not have to worry.

Mother died three months ago, but when I went to the funeral home, I was informed that there was an additional cost of \$2,600 to have the funeral Mom requested. I also was charged another \$1,500 to get my mother the casket she originally chose. We were told the one she ordered had a velvet lining, but they offered to lower the price if we settled for the crepe lining. The total bill was an increase of 69 percent over Mom's original costs. Apparently, this is quite common.

Someone needs to publicize this scam because many elderly folks have prepaid funerals. At the moment, I am waiting to see a copy of Mom's original detailed list of what she paid for and the prices. What do you think about all of this? — B.S.

Dear B.S.: Unfortunately, prepaying for a funeral does not necessarily protect your loved ones from increased costs. Most prepayment plans are perfectly legit, but it is not unknown for unscrupulous funeral home owners to jack up the prices when you are most vulnerable. It helps to check with the Better Business Bureau and the National Funeral Directors Association before considering such a plan.

Lawyers recommend that people who want to set money aside for a funeral put the funds in a bank account set up for that purpose. If you have specific instructions in mind, such as the type of music you want played, and so on, put them in writing, and give copies to your family members and the executor of your estate. (Don't leave

these instructions in the will. The will isn't read until the funeral is over.)

Dear Annie: My fiancé, "Charlie," and I had our first child a month ago. His mother came to visit the week after our son was born. While here, we showed her a sample of the birth announcement.

A few days before we were ready to send them out, we received a birth announcement from Charlie's mother announcing our child's birth. She had sent it to all of Charlie's relatives.

We are extremely angry, and his mother cannot understand why. We feel it was our right to have been the ones to announce the birth. Are we wrong, or did she overstep her boundaries? — Angry New Parents in Ohio

Dear New Parents: Sending out baby announcements is generally the prerogative of the new parents, and we can certainly understand why you are so angry. However, some grandparents also send out announcements to their own friends and family members who might not receive one from the parents. Charlie's mother should have checked with you first, but try not to hold it against her. And by all means, send your own announcements regardless.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net

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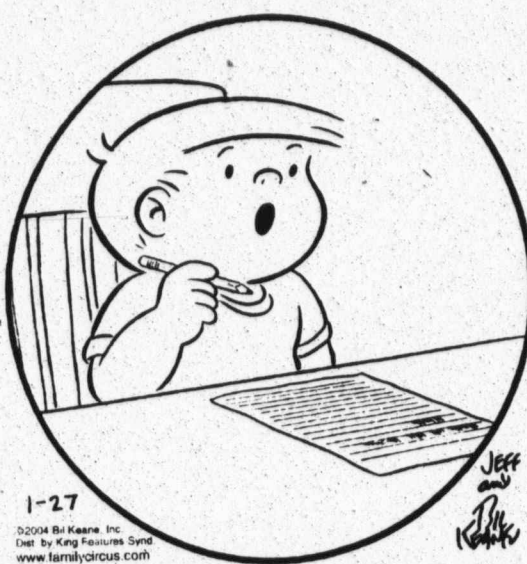
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DENNIS THE MENACE



No, I didn't ask Dad. I figured I'd ask you first and save a step.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2004. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo 1 spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

On this date:
In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany dur-

ing World War II.

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

Ten years ago: Figure skater Tonya Harding appeared before reporters in Portland, Ore., to say that while she'd had no prior knowledge of the attack on her rival, Nancy Kerrigan, she had failed to report "things I learned about the assault" after-

ward. The Senate passed a non-binding resolution, 62-38, calling on the Clinton administration to lift the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam.

Today's Birthdays:
Musical conductor Skitch Henderson is 86. Singer Bobby "Blue" Bland is 74. Actor James Cromwell is 64. Actor John Witherspoon is 62. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 59. Rhythm and blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 58. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 56. Country singer Cheryl White is 49. Actress Mimi Rogers is 48. Actress Bridget Fonda is 40. Actor Alan Cumming is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ON PARADE by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Lane
- 5 Stains
- 10 Shin neighbor
- 14 Promises to pay: Abbr.
- 15 Harder to find
- 16 Slippery swimmers
- 17 Unexpected winners
- 19 Sweet potatoes
- 20 Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
- 21 Web address feature
- 22 Playground reply
- 23 Earth's satellite
- 25 Toward the dawn
- 27 Some ice cream sodas
- 33 Campsite bed
- 34 Columnist Kupciet
- 35 Hamstring, for one
- 36 Minstrels' instruments
- 39 Caesar of comedy
- 41 Be responsible for
- 42 Go-betweens
- 44 Small battery size
- 46 Actor Ayres
- 47 Salon jobs
- 51 Stanley Gardner
- 52 Prefix for dynamic
- 53 Browned bread
- 56 Steal
- 58 Therapeutic plant
- 61 Shoe part

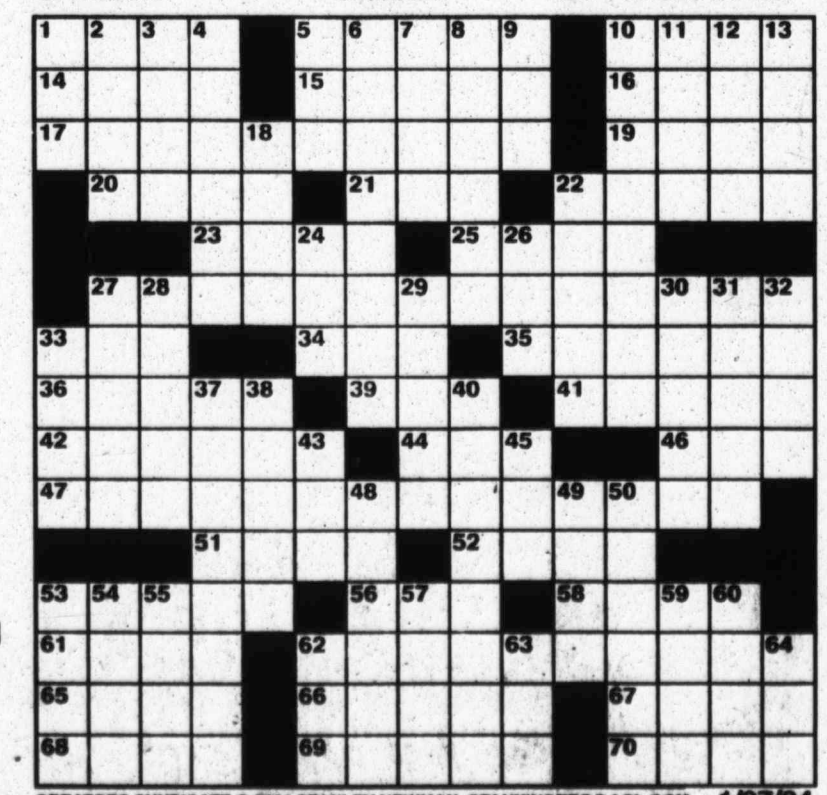
- 62 Stogie wraparounds
- 65 Stallion companion
- 66 Singer Della
- 67 Harvest
- 68 Wintertime coaster
- 69 Wooded, like a hilltop
- 70 Writer Bombeck

DOWN

- 1 Helping hand
- 2 Canoe or kayak
- 3 Duelist Aaron
- 4 Igloo dweller
- 5 Broadway abbreviation
- 6 Ranch buddies
- 7 Approximately
- 8 Wobble

- 9 SAT takers
- 10 Kops
- 11 Shipshape
- 12 Sesame Street giggler
- 13 Exxon, formerly
- 18 Owl cry
- 22 Spots of land
- 24 Japanese sash
- 26 Toward the rear
- 27 Cheek cosmetic
- 28 Sea mammal
- 29 Perrier competitor
- 30 Fred Astaire's sister
- 31 Carryalls
- 32 Flake or fall starter
- 33 Applaud
- 37 Caught in a situation

- 38 Set out
- 40 Computerized info
- 43 Weekend TV program
- 45 Amaze
- 48 More mysterious
- 49 One of Lawrence's men
- 50 #1 tune of 1958
- 53 Scottish caps
- 54 Verbal exam
- 55 Land measure
- 57 Curved molding
- 59 Humdinger
- 60 Gouda kin
- 62 PC screen
- 63 Cardinal's color
- 64 Fitness center



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