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Interstate 27 meeting rescheduled for May

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Transportation anticipates a date in May for the next public meeting pertaining to the proposed Interstate 27 project.

TxDOT stated the May meeting will center around the results of the freeway feasibility assessment that will recommend either a single freeway or three highways south of Lubbock, and either a single freeway or two highways north of Amarillo.

As for Big Spring and its interest in the project, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Linda Walker said the city's I-27 Task Force will wait and see what happens.

"We will meet on a call-in basis if we receive any new information about the project between now and the TxDOT meeting," she said.

The city of Big Spring, as well as the rest of the state, should have known on Dec. 11 whether it would be included as on of the three "highways" connecting Lubbock to Interstate 10, but the scheduled public meeting/open house was postponed because of changes in the speed limits.

The purpose of the postponed public meeting was to discuss the Texas Department of Transportation's route study to connect Lubbock to Interstate 10, and also to connect I-27 in Amarillo north to the state line.

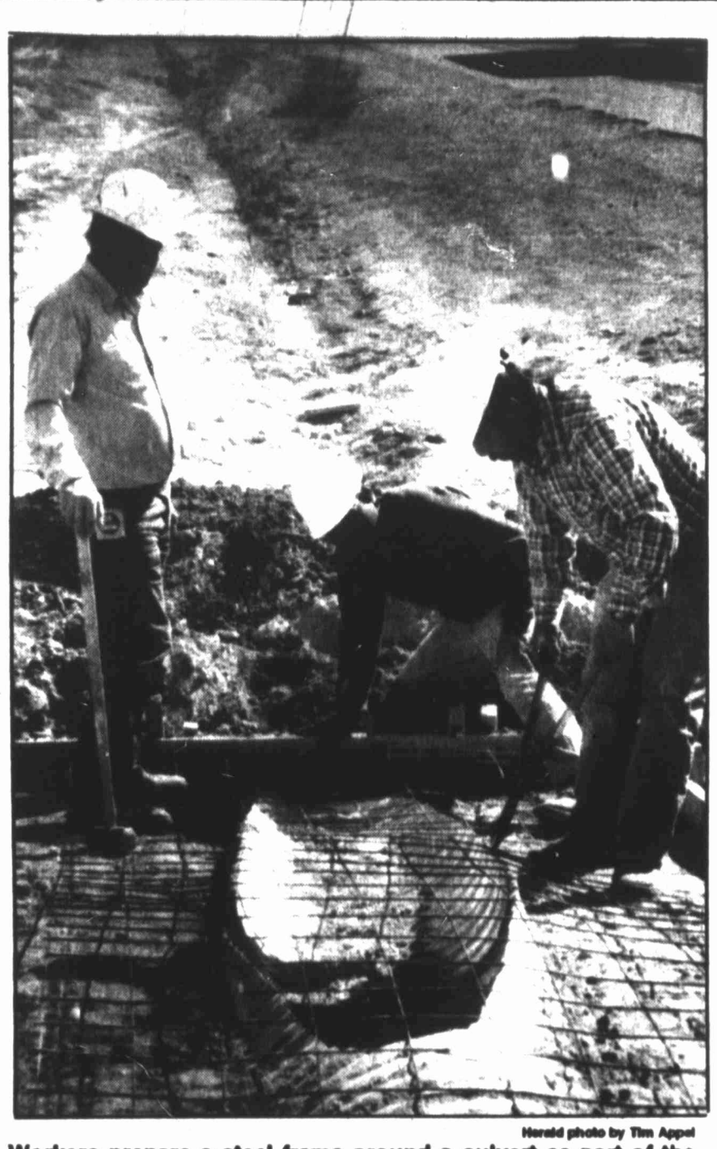
Big Spring officials say it is difficult to know what will come out of public meetings because surprises can always pop up. HDR Engineering has the information it needs such as traffic flow, economic figures and other demographics pertinent to the issue, but politics are a heavy factor in a project like this.

The HDR Route Study Team will take the new speed limit into consideration and present the analysis process for corridor feasibility and the results of the process.

During a July 1994 meeting in Lubbock, based on the data it had collected, TxDOT identified five possible corridors; three south of Lubbock and two north of Amarillo. Big Spring was one of those proposed corridors. At that time Midland and Sweetwater were also being considered.

TxDOT officials felt the new speed limit law could affect the results of the study and asked their engineering consultants to revise the existing economic model with the new data and then reevaluate the freeway feasibility.

According to HDR Engineering the reevaluation will ensure an accurate outcome based on current transportation conditions in the area.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Workers prepare a steel frame around a culvert as part of the Highway 87 widening project south of Big Spring Tuesday. A scheduled public meeting/open house on the Interstate 27 proposal was postponed from last December because of the change in the speed limit on state highways.

Man found guilty of indecency with child

HERALD Staff Report

A Big Spring man has been found guilty of fondling two girls.

On Tuesday afternoon, a 118th District Court jury found Jay Morren, 37, guilty of indecency with a child. The same jury then sentenced him to five years' probation.

The two incidents were reported to authorities on or about May 21, 1992. The girls, ages eight and 11 at the time, claimed Morren had fondled them.

Indecency with a child is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

Morren did not engage in sexual intercourse with the victims but did fondle them.

Vandals strike again, shooting windows of local houses, cars

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Another rash of criminal mischief incidents has struck Big Spring residents.

Residents living in the 1700 block of Benton, 1900 block of Choctaw, 600 block of Washington and 1700 block of Morrison all reported someone had shot out a window in either their vehicles or homes. These happened sometime between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesday.

A glass storm door was damaged in the 1900 block of Choctaw with some type of weapon but officers aren't sure what kind. A pellet gun was used to shoot out three glass windows of a home and one window on a vehicle in the 1700 block of Benton.

A pellet gun was also used to shoot out car windows in the 600 block of Washington and 1700 block of Morrison. All of the incidents are under investigation.

Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake said the incidents that happened on the night of Dec. 13, 1995, are not linked to the most recent damages.

Several juveniles were arrested around Dec. 28 and more arrests are expected. Brake said detectives hope to take the case to the district attorney's office later this week.

"We are waiting for some insurance reports to come back before we take the case over," said Brake. The reports should indicate the exact amount of damage done to about eight windows broken out by a BB gun or other similar weapon.

Anyone having information about any of the incidents should contact the police department at 264-2550 or CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS.

Meanwhile, Brake also advises women to beware of purse snatchers while shopping.

The police department has taken three separate reports within the last two days where someone has taken purses placed in shopping carts.

Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake said in one incident a woman had turned away from her basket to get an item off the shelf and the entire cart, including her purse, was gone.

In the other two cases, the women had just their purses taken from the carts.

He advised keeping an eye on purses at all times. If possible, keep purses on your arm instead of in the basket.

When shopping, put one hand on the purse while reaching for an item. That way, you can feel if someone is trying to take it from you.

Junior leadership back in gear

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Each year the local Texas Agricultural Extension Service Office coordinates the Junior Leadership Big Spring program through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The county extension staff has already completed plans with the chamber's executive vice president, Linda Walker, and the program began its orientation on Jan. 20.

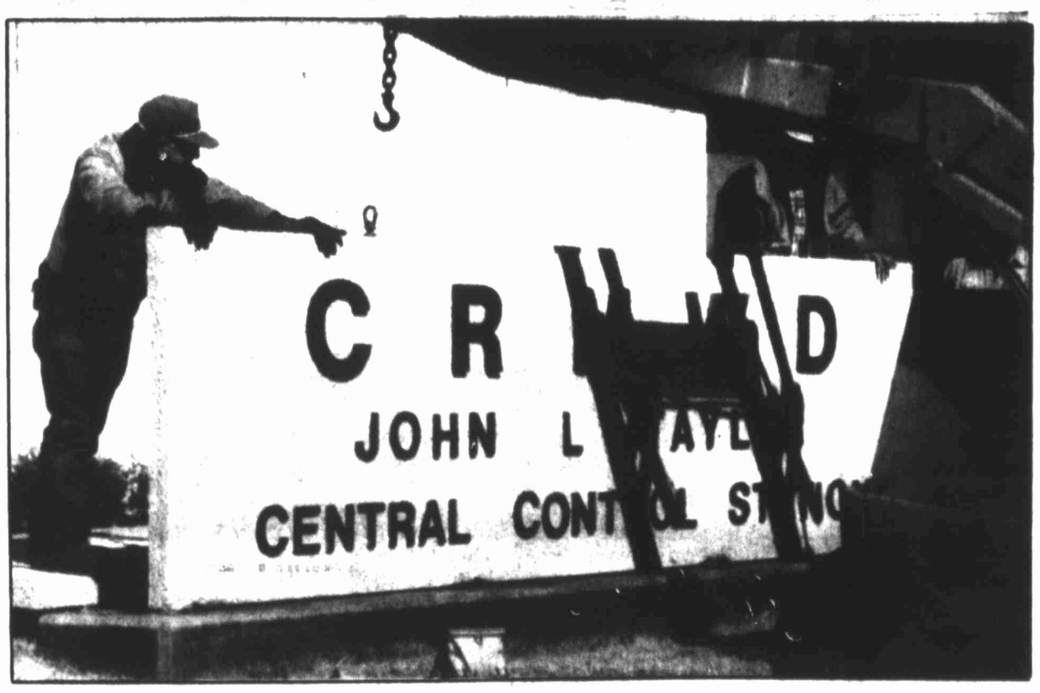
The chamber and extension office work with school administrators and/or teachers involved with leadership activities at all county high schools and gives them additional information about the program.

The program is limited to high school juniors who must be nominated by school officials or who have applied through the extension office. The nominees are screened and the top 25 students are selected for the program.

"Through these opportunities, it is hoped local youth will develop a more positive attitude about their community and hopefully continue their education and choice of employment in our area, becoming productive future community leaders," County Extension Agent Don Richardson said.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES



Herald photo by John Walker

Colorado River Municipal Water District workers erect a sign in front of the central control station on 24th Street Tuesday. A formal dedication of the sign will be conducted next Wednesday.

Hospital merger to have little impact locally

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Last week officials from Lubbock Methodist Hospital System and St. Mary's Hospital signed a letter of intent to merge the two hospitals on a 50-50 basis.

How this will affect Big Spring's Malone and Hogan Methodist is unclear, but Lubbock Methodist spokesperson Kim Davis said the two merging systems are committed to keeping all regional affiliates strong and very much a part of the new Methodist/St. Mary Health System.

"In all honesty, I don't think the merger will affect Malone and Hogan Methodist," Davis said.

Malone and Hogan affiliated with the Lubbock Methodist Hospital System in September 1994 to become Malone and Hogan Methodist.

Employees, physicians and community leaders associated with Lubbock Methodist and St. Mary were told of the impending merger prior to the signing.

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Workshop teaches farm management skills

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

For a farmer to price his crop at a profit in today's market, he must know the cost of his production which requires a good set of financial and enterprise records.

To achieve this goal, a farmer must budget production expenses as well as living expenses and strive to maintain these outputs.

To help assist local area farmers to this end, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has scheduled a farm management workshop for 9 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Dawson County Community building in Lamesa. Preregistration is due by Friday.

According to Dawson County Extension Agent John Farris, the workshop is designed to help producers fine-tune their management skills.

Registration for the workshop can be completed by mailing the $75 fee, payable to the Dawson County Ag Fund, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

For more information about the workshop, producers should contact Farris at (806) 772-3444.

Farris added marketing is one area where producers may need to increase their skills. The use of futures and options is one tool that may be useful in this area.

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Trivia

What is the total square mileage of Texas?

266,807 square miles

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Hostage situation televised

HONOLULU (AP) — For six tense hours, police and a live TV audience watched as a fired worker who had already shot his former boss stood with a shotgun barrel taped to a co-worker's head with his finger taped to the trigger. See page 5A.

Plane crashes in ocean

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A charter airplane carrying German tourists home from the Caribbean crashed into the ocean off the north coast of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Coast Guard said today. See page 6A.

STATE

Pleads innocent

Reputed Mexican drug lord Juan Garcia Abrego, under heavy security and wearing a bulletproof vest under his shirt, pleaded innocent Tuesday to federal charges of drug trafficking, conspiracy and money laundering. See page 3A.

Wrong kind of fighting spirit

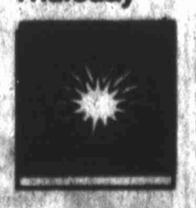
For two junior colleges, fighting spirit has taken on a new meaning. Students from Cisco Junior College and Ranger College fought Monday night, but authorities reported no serious injuries. See page 3A.

TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Tonight



Thursday



82 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 43

Clear

Tonight, clear. Low in the lower 40s. West wind 5-15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Thursday: Sunny. High in the lower 60s. West to northwest wind 5-15 mph.

Friday: Fair, high near 60. Low in the 40s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with high near 60 and low in the 40s.

OBITUARIES

Richard Deal

Service for Richard Deal, 54, Arlington, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 1996, at Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Arlington with burial in Moore Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Deal died Monday, Feb. 5, in Arlington.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1942. He had been a long time Big Spring resident, coming here while in the Air Force and was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He had lived in Arlington the last 12 years. He owned Richard's Roofing in Arlington.

Survivors include his wife: Shirley, Arlington; two sons: David and Lance, both of Arlington; one brother: Jim Deal; and two sisters: Rita Vandiver and Betty Clinton.

Leslie Lee "Red" Lewis

Leslie Lee "Red" Lewis, was born on Nov. 9, 1917, to Pearl Potter and George Lewis in Decatur, Texas. He died Feb. 5, 1996, in Austin, Texas.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Robbie Lee Box of Abilene, whom he married on Jan. 22, 1942. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Novia Lewis Goodger and four brothers, Harry Lewis, George Lewis, Marlin Lewis, and Emmett Lewis.

Red is survived by his daughter, Carolyn Sue Lewis Tottenham and son-in-law, Terry Tottenham; three granddaughters, Leslie Jo Tottenham, Dana Elizabeth Tottenham, and Jessica Leigh Tottenham, all of Austin; his sister, Ruby Dee Wilson, New Boston, Texas; numerous brothers and sisters-in-law; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Red was a member of the Methodist church from an early age. After graduating from Decatur High School, he attended Texas A and M University for one year and then transferred to Hardin-Simmons University on a football scholarship, where he played center on Hardin-Simmons nationally ranked football team. Graduating in 1941 with a BS in Chemistry and Mathematics, Red joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as a navigator and taught navigation until his honorable discharge as a Major. After serving his country, he obtained his Masters Degree in Mathematics from North Texas State University.

Red taught and coached in numerous Texas schools, including Ed-Couch-Elsa High School, Decatur Baptist College, Cisco Junior College, and Howard County Junior College. Recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding track coaches, Red successfully coached Howard County Junior College teams to several national championships. He was named National Junior College Coach of the Year, Head Referee for the Texas High School State Championships, and Coach of the Decade in the 1960's. During his career he served as Dean of Men at Decatur Baptist College and Cisco Junior College, Chairman of the Mathematics Department and Registrar at Howard County Junior College where he retired in 1979. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union.

After retiring, Red moved to Midland, where he lived for 15 years before moving to Austin, in September 1995 due to ill health.

Red will be remembered by his family and friends as a man of unquestioned character and integrity, who positively influenced many individuals throughout his distinguished career.

Funeral services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas on Friday, Feb. 9, 1996, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Darrell Martin, a Baptist minister from Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Fisher Adams, Marshall Box, Jack Edwards, Hugh Hamm, Ben Johnson, Larry Mauldin, and Walter Stroup. Dan Holland will serve as Honorary Pallbearer.

Following interment visitors will be received in the Hawk Room on the west side of the coliseum at Howard College.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leslie L. Lewis Scholarship Fund, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Junior

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Participants are expected to attend and participate in a series of 10 programs involving local community leaders and businesses.

Richardson added the underlying purpose of this program, in addition to offering leadership training opportunities to local youth, is to expose them to the many opportunities for education and employment available in the Big Spring area.

Young people who may not be aware of the program may contact the extension office in the northeast section of the Howard County Courthouse, or call 264-2236.

Merger

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The new corporation will be named Methodist/St. Mary Health System.

The signing was the first step in a process expected to take at least one ll year to actually complete. In the meantime both hospitals will proceed with business as usual until the process is complete.

Alan B. White will serve as chairman of the board and Charley O. Trimble will be the president and chief executive officer.

Trimble and White believe the merger will help stabilize jobs and enable both organizations to provide quality, cost effective and accessible health care and to compete with other providers in the highly competitive Texas/New Mexico health care services market.

A goal of the new system will be to provide health care more efficiently and economically by sharing facilities, equipment and personnel.

White said, "The merger will allow (Lubbock) Methodist/St. Mary to respond to employer needs for broader geographic coverage and greater cost efficiency when contracting with health care providers for their employees' health care needs."

He added, "The merger is based on economics and changes in the health care industry."

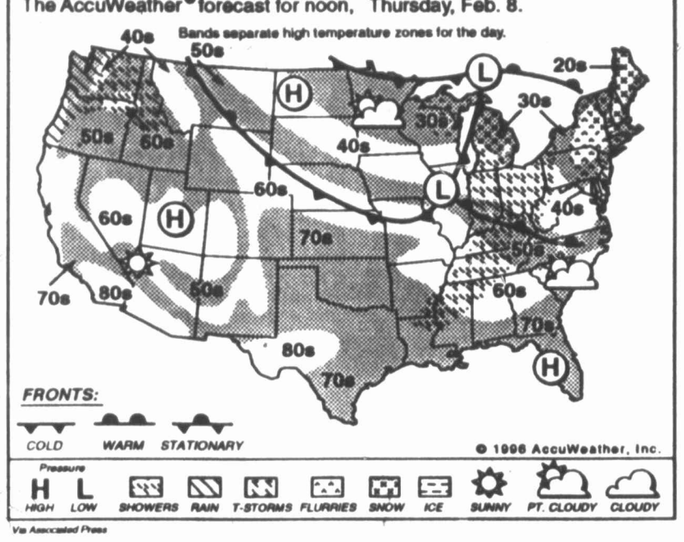
Trimble added, "The planned merger preserves the heritage and culture that both St. Mary and Lubbock Methodist have been committed to providing to patients since the early 1900s. We believe the merger will ensure their specialty services and a high level of quality care will remain in this community and region regardless of the dramatic changes that our industry is facing and will continue to face."

Big Spring ON THE RUN

TEXAS LOTTERY CASH 5: 3,24,29,31,35 PICK 3: 8,3,8

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 8.



Via Associated Press

NATIONAL SUMMARY:

Much warmer air will spread out across the southern Plains and the Deep South tomorrow. Showers will extend from northern Louisiana to western Pennsylvania. Some snow will fall across the northern Great Lakes and in eastern New York and New England. More rain will soak flood-ravaged areas of the Northwest, while the Southwest is sunny and warm.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•**RODNEY GAMBLE**, 33, of 1503 Mesquite, was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants.

•**SHERMAN HALE**, 37, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**DANNY M. DIAZ**, 28, of 1103 College, was arrested on outstanding local warrants, no insurance, expired registration and expired driver's license.

•**THEFTS** in the 200 block of West Marcy and 1400 block of East 18th.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** in the 200 and 300 blocks of Gregg, 2400 block of Adams, 500 block of Birdwell, 4200 block of Hamilton, 4000 block of Parkway and in the 2000 block of Gregg.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 100 block of Airbase Road and #1 Courtney Place.

•**DOG BITES** in the 1100 block of Johnson and 1200 block of Wood.

•**THREATS** in the 2800 block of Crestline.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 400 block of Scurry.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 2300 block of Morrison.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•**RAUL GONZALES MARTINEZ**, 38, of 1510 Oriole, was arrested at Vernon State Hospital on a bench warrant and no bond was set.

•**JEREMY GARZA MIRELES**, 24, of Odessa, was arrested by DPS troopers for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

•**JOE GARCIA MIRELES JR.**, 30, of Odessa, was arrested by DPS troopers for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

•**LARRY DEAN WHITE**, 24, of 109 East 16th, turned himself in on a motion to revoke his probation. He was released on a $1,000 bond.

•**DISPUTE** at Shady Lane Trailer Park.

•**SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES** on Center Point Road and at a residence on Highway 176.

•**DOG PROBLEM** on Loop Road.

•**HARASSING PHONE CALLS** at residence in Coahoma.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a 48-hour time period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•**MAJOR ACCIDENT** at the intersection of 10th and Gregg. Three people were taken to the emergency room. Estimated damage to the vehicles was $6,000.

•**CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR** was activated in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad. Firefighters didn't find any problem in the residence.

•**STAND-BY AT CONTROLLED BURN** about 400 yards south of 25th and Birdwell.

RECORDS

Tuesday's temp. 70
Tuesday's low 26
Average high 58
Average low 29
Record high 81 in 1932
Record low 5 in 1961
Rainfall Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.23
Year to date 0.24
Normal for the year 0.74
**Statistics not available

MARKETS

March cotton futures 84.55 cents a pound, up 45 points; March crude oil 17.74, up 5 points; Cash hog steady at 45.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 63 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 47.27cents even; Feb. live cattle futures 63.65, down 20 points.

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TODAY

•West Texas Legal Services offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

•Gamblers Anonymous,7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors,10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

•Permian Basin Aids Coalition, 7 p.m., The Corral, 611 E. Third. Call Diane Linhart, 263-0900.

•Rackley-swords Ch. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

•American Legion & Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call Helen Hall, 263-2858.

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Parent/Teacher Attention Deficit Disorder meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jim May. For more information call 915-520-9955

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

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

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by the Triple Fire. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•**The Midland County Chapter American Red Cross will be offering a community first aid and safety course from 8 a.m.** to 6 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. For more information on fees and registration please call The American Red Cross in Midland at 915-684-6161.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

SUNDAY

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

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

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

MONDAY

•Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Clarance Hartfield, 267-1806.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh-in in room 113, and meeting starts at 6 p.m. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

IN BRIEF

Upcoming events at Howard College

•Student Valentine dance - Feb. 14 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the student union building.

•Brown Bag Seminar on Feb. 21 - topic of discussion will be nutrition by Dr. Guy Owen. The seminar is at the Fireplace Room in the student union building from noon to 1 p.m. Call 264-5020 for more information.

•No classes on Feb. 23 because of a Texas Junior College Teachers Association conference.

•Board of trustees meeting on Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the board room located in the student union building.

•Red Hot Review - Feb. 27 at the Howard College Auditorium

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel
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267-6331

Leslie Lee "Red" Lewis, 78, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Reputed Mexican drug lord pleads innocent

HOUSTON (AP) — Reputed Mexican drug lord Juan Garcia Abrego, under heavy security and wearing a bulletproof vest under his shirt, pleaded innocent Tuesday to federal charges of drug trafficking, conspiracy and money laundering.

Garcia Abrego, 51, smiled briefly to a half-dozen family members seated nearby as he was led into the courtroom, then donned a headset to listen as the proceedings that lasted less than 30 minutes were translated into Spanish.

The suspected founder of the Gulf drug cartel, considered Mexico's second most powerful drug smuggling organization, faces up to life in prison if convicted of charges outlined in a 20-count indictment. Among the allegations are that he distributed 13› tons of cocaine in the United States and illegally laundered or transferred some $8.6 million.

"Mr. Abrego is a kingpin," Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Annis told federal Magistrate Nancy Johnson, arguing that he should not be allowed to be free before his March 11 trial before U.S. Judge Ewing Werlein Jr. Prosecutors estimated it could last 10 weeks.

Ms. Annis also disputed news reports that Garcia Abrego was cooperating with authorities in their investigation.

"That is not correct," she said.

She contended he had access to millions of dollars, directed airplane flights of drug shipments, paid bribes to authorities and fired at officers with a 9mm pistol as he was about to be arrested Jan. 14 in Mexico.

After his arrest, Garcia Abrego was flown to Houston, where Mexican officials handed him over to the FBI.

"The court finds a preponderance of evidence here points to a serious risk of flight," Ms. Johnson said, ordering Garcia Abrego to continue to be held in custody.

Defense attorneys did not contest the detention although lawyer Roberto Yzaguirre told the judge all charges "will be denied at the proper time."

Attorneys later refused to elaborate.

"You can follow me all you want but I ain't talking," Tony Canales, another of Garcia Abrego's attorneys said as he was mobbed by reporters and camera crews who chased him outside the federal courthouse in downtown Houston. "I'm not going to make comments about anything."

Authorities contend Garcia Abrego — nicknamed "La Muneca," or "The Doll," for his baby face — is a hot-tempered, vengeful man who made anyone who crossed him pay dearly. State prosecutors in his native Rio Grande Valley describe him the most ruthless criminal known to the area. He made the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List last March, the first international drug dealer to gain that distinction.

Garcia Abrego has been linked to a number of slayings in the Texas-Mexico border area, although his federal indictment, while mentioning acts of violence including murder, does not charge him specifically with murder. Conviction on a murder charge could have earned him a death sentence.

At Tuesday's court appearance, at least eight federal marshals stood guard in the courtroom and spectators not only had to pass through the usual metal detectors at the courthouse entrance but also a second detector at the courtroom door. Spectators also were issued individual courtroom tickets, had to register.

FAA regulators propose new commuter airline safety rules

FORT WORTH (AP) — Federal regulators' proposals to help commuter airline pilots avoid freezing rain and drizzle are the outgrowth of research following a fatal American Eagle crash.

The Federal Aviation Administration's proposals could be implemented as early as May. But an association which represents commuter airlines said focusing rules on such crafts was unfair.

The FAA urges editing flight manuals of turboprop commuter airliners to state that the aircraft cannot be flown into freezing rain or drizzle and outlining "visual cues" to help pilots find when they have flown into such conditions.

Also, pilots would receive written instructions on how to safely exit from such conditions, which include the warning not to use automated features such as autopilot.

The rules would require that "icing-detection lights" be in operating condition before an airplane takes off at night toward an area forecasting icing conditions. Icing-detection lights are positioned outside on an aircraft so pilots can see ice forming.

Freezing rain and drizzle were believed to have caused the Halloween 1994 crash of an American Eagle flight in Indiana that killed all 68 people on board.

The Regional Airline Association, which represents 70 U.S. commuter airlines including Fort Worth-based Lone Star Airlines and American Eagle, objected to the FAA singling out turboprop aircraft operated by the carriers.

"We're already complying with these rules, because no pilot in his right mind would intentionally fly into freezing rain," said Walt Coleman, president of the association.

He said all aircraft are subject to the same problems caused by freezing rain, from single-engine Cessnas to Boeing 747 jumbo jets.

"We don't anticipate the rules having any major effect on our operations," said American Eagle spokesman Mitch Baranowski. "Our current dispatch procedures are in line with what the FAA is recommending. We don't dispatch into freezing rain or freezing drizzle."

Juco students from Cisco, Ranger involved in two brawls

ABILENE (AP) — For two junior colleges, fighting spirit has taken on a new meaning.

Students from Cisco Junior College and Ranger College fought Monday night, but authorities reported no serious injuries.

The fight was the second in three days involving Eastland County college students.

Some Ranger College students beat up a truck driver staying overnight Saturday in Ranger, about 100 miles west of Dallas, while his truck was repaired after an accident, according to police.

The latest altercation occurred at a basketball game in Cisco, 20 miles west of Ranger, that didn't even involve Ranger College.

Cisco Junior College won the game against Southwest Christian University of Terrell, 102-65.

More than 20 students from Cisco Junior College and Ranger College were involved in the fight, Cisco police officer Don Wiley said.

Wiley said the fight began in the game's final seconds when a Cisco College student attacked a Ranger College student after words were exchanged concerning either a girlfriend or a school slur.

The fight emptied the bleachers, Wiley said, and ended outside the gym near the dormitory area. He said at least one window in the gymnasium was broken.

Four Ranger College students fled to a women's dormitory before being arrested.

Bush says Texas would fare well under Medicare, welfare reform hammered out by National Governors Association

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas would fare far better under Medicaid and welfare compromises hammered out by the nation's governors Tuesday than under an existing system that hinders states from trying innovative reforms, Gov. George W. Bush said.

The National Governors Association unanimously recommended changes in welfare and Medicaid, the federal-state health program for the poor.

Governors and lawmakers alike expressed hope that the recommendations could help break the balanced-budget log-jam between the White House and Congress. Medicaid and welfare are two of the major stumbling blocks to a deal.

"Hopefully this opinion will create some sense of momentum or give the president and negotiators a cover to say, 'Wow, this is a good idea, can't we all embrace what the governors think on that?'" Bush told reporters after a brief speech to the Texas Breakfast Club on Capitol Hill.

Appearing before the governors shortly after their Medicaid vote, President Clinton said: "This is a huge step in the right direction."

Clinton last year vetoed budget legislation that included a Republican Medicaid plan. Last December, he vetoed a Republican bill to reform welfare, saying it provided too little funding for child care.

The governors' reform blueprint doesn't free states from having to guarantee medical coverage to the poor.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Prosecutor uncertain about death penalty in murder of 18-month-old toddler by her mother

EL PASO (AP) — A district attorney says it is too early to decide whether he will seek the death penalty for a woman charged with capital murder in the death of her 18-month-old daughter.

El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza has indicated, however, he has no intention of pursuing any lesser charge in the case of Heidi Consaul.

Ms. Consaul, 20, was arrested on the murder charge Jan. 26, two days after leading authorities to where she had dumped the body of her daughter, Carina. She is now being held in the county jail under a $250,000 bond.

Ms. Consaul had originally reported that the girl had disappeared Jan. 21 from their apartment in Horizon City, a small town just outside El Paso.

Since recanting her story about the alleged disappearance, she has told authorities that the child fell out of a portable crib and suffocated when she wrapped herself in a plastic grocery bag.

A preliminary autopsy report seemed to contradict her by indicating that Carina had apparently died of a swollen brain caused by blows to the head.

But Esparza said that officials now believe swelling found in the 18-month-old's brain during the autopsy was caused by suffocation.

Cancer doctor asked to show why clinic should remain open

HOUSTON (AP) — An embattled cancer doctor has a final chance to show why his clinic should remain open in light of a 75-count indictment accusing him of fraud.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Simeon Lake gave lawyers for Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski until 4 p.m. today to produce additional evidence to support his case for keeping the clinic open to all of his patients until trial.

No trial date has been scheduled.

After three unsuccessful attempts to indict the doctor, a federal grand jury last November returned 75 counts of fraud and illegal sale of the "antineoplastons" treatment.

Federal prosecutors say Burzynski is illegally introducing the unapproved treatment across state lines by having patients come to Texas to pick up the drug and return to their home state.

Many of his some 280 patients credit the treatment, which involves synthetic drugs based on the same properties found in a group of substances in the body called antineoplastons, with saving their lives.

City can't fire cop serving life term due to civil service rules

FORT WORTH (AP) — Brian Edward Franklin is serving a life sentence for raping a 13-year-old girl, but is still technically a Fort Worth police officer because of civil service rules.

Franklin is resisting removal efforts by city officials.

Police Chief Thomas Windham says it's outrageous that the civil service system prevents him from firing Franklin, an officer with a long record of misconduct who isn't eligible for parole for 30 years.

Franklin, an 11-year department veteran, was convicted of aggravated sexual assault last year after a seventh-grade girl testified he attacked her in front of her father's home in March 1994.

At the time he was arrested in the rape case, Franklin was on indefinite suspension without pay after being accused of pointing a .357-caliber pistol at his wife's head. After he was convicted, a second indefinite suspension was imposed in March 1995.

Convicted felons cannot be peace officers in Texas. But under civil service rules, Franklin technically remains an employee and fills a slot on the department's roster — until a final civil service hearing, which normally is not held until criminal proceedings are completed.

Franklin has been fired twice before, once after an internal theft investigation in 1987 and again in 1991 after female co-workers at a second job he held said he made lewd remarks and sexual advances toward them.

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Quote of the Day

"How can you write if you can't cry?"

Ring Lardner

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Governors to rescue to control Medicare

One monkey wrench in federal budget talks is that, while the GOP Congress aims to "devolve" entitlement programs through no-strings block grants to the states, Bill Clinton shrinks from junking federally set basic benefits. America's governors may have bridged the Medicaid part of that chasm with a plan that is both devolutionary and careful.

The National Governor's Association has unanimously adopted a proposal that would help both Washington and the statehouses control soaring Medicaid costs, which now eat up 20 percent of state spending. States would have great, but not absolute, latitude in tailoring benefits to each's unique recipient population.

Of great fiscal importance, the block-grant concept would survive. Each state would receive an annual lump sum from Washington to pay for the health needs of its indigent. Largely this would be a cap: The sum could not be enlarged by increased individual demands for health services. Congress could supplement it, however, if hard times or migration swelled a state's population of poor people.

True, federal law would stipulate who was automatically eligible for Medicaid: pregnant women and children under 6 with family incomes up to 33 percent above the poverty line; children 6 to 12 in families below that line; and so on. Thus, the Medicaid "entitlement" lives. But states would have "complete flexibility in defining the amount, duration and scope of services." This is the crux. States, not D.C., would call the tune. For example, a state could tie Medicaid benefits to a person's willingness to work and other aspects of welfare reform.

Congressional Republicans should embrace the proposal. First, it preserves the soul of their Medicaid ideas. Second, if state governors — the devolvees — bless the plan, who are the devolvers to object?

Clinton, despite his preliminary cooings, may find it tougher to agree. Powerful Democratic constituencies, opposed to block grants in any form, will object. Marian Wright Edelman will decry geography-based justice. This chorus got Clinton to veto welfare reform he had once supported, and there is no reason to think the presidential spine has stiffened. Perhaps, however, 50 governors are an effective back brace.

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Few good bounces may translate into smooth flight

It's said that there has been an alarming rise in incidents of violence, rowdiness, drunkenness and other foul behavior on airline flights.

That shouldn't be surprising. People are getting goofier with two feet on the ground, so why shouldn't this spread to the skies?

On one recent fight, 18 boozy British tourists heading to this country had a food fight and a brawl with attendants and other passengers when attendants wouldn't serve them more hooch.

An American banker, returning from Argentina, roughed up two attendants when they cut off his drinks. And to further show his displeasure, he relieved himself on a food-service cart.

And a rich, spoiled Saudi princess threw a tantrum, scratching an attendant and threatening to have her bumped off, because the attendant asked her to fasten her seat belt.

This sort of thing alarms the airline unions, and they have asked authorities to take strong action against goofy passengers.

Until a few months ago, I would not have given this problem a fleeting thought.

That's when I was still one of this country's most dedicated non-fliers: just thinking about getting on an airplane could cause me to become cataleptic.

Not only did this fear cause inconvenience but it forced me to frequently lie.



Mike Royko
Syndicated Columnist

The biggest lie: "Hey, I just love train travel. You get to relax, really see the country and meet interesting people."

The truth: You wind up sitting in the dining car or the club car and having conversations with strangers that sound like this:

"So, where you from?"

"Chicago."

"Really? Say, I got a cousin who lives in Villa Park. Name of Ted Jones. Know 'em?"

"'Fraid not."

"Well, I'm from Ohio, but I'm goin' to Kansas. See, my brother-in-law, Albert Johnson — we call him Al — has a towing service and he wants me to work with him. He's kind of a drunkard and dope addict, you know, and my sister could use my help locking him in the cellar at night. But there's three trucks, and I figure if I become a partner I can catch up my child-support payments and get my teeth fixed. Say, you wouldn't want to invest in a growing business, would you?"

That's all behind me. Late last year, I discovered a way to shed my irrational fear of being inside a capsule made of thin metal traveling at the speed of a bullet several miles above the nearest bar stool.

Now, I can board a plane with a smile on my face, take my seat, open my lap-top and enter the trip into my frequent flier spread sheet, yawn, put my head back, and sleep until I have returned to the demands of life on planet Earth.

Many nauseous white-knucklers have pleaded with me to share the secret of my conversion so they, too, can be freed from dependence on Amtrak, Greyhound and the greasy food served along the interstates.

Sorry. Because my cure involves the taking of a potion that contains a blend of dozens of secret herbs, roots, spices and other ingredients, I regret that I cannot reveal it for fear of getting in trouble with the Food and Drug Administration.

But now, as a happy flier, I'm concerned with these mounting outbreaks of violence on airplanes.

Planes are crowded vehicles, and there's no one on board to keep the peace except a few attendants, most of them female persons. Those British rowdies might have done even more damage had not some Olympic wrestlers volunteered to twist their heads so they could see their own butts.

And because many fliers use demon rum to quell their nervousness, it is inevitable that some will lose their inhibitions and do foolish things that upset and possibly endanger the other passengers.

Something has to be done, but what?

There is talk of tougher prosecution of these people. But don't hold your breath. That Saudi princess got off with a fine that in her income bracket amounted to about two cents. Most of those Brits were turned back and returned to their native land. But so what? They were going to Minnesota anyway, so what did they care?

So I suggest that the airlines use an old-fashioned method of keeping the peace.

They should hire big, burly bouncers as many big, popular nightspots have been doing for decades. A couple of bouncers on every crowded flight. When the passengers are calm, they could help the attendants with the regular chores.

But when trouble breaks out, they could take appropriate action.

And what would that be? What it has always been. They would throw the troublemakers out.

Well, I'm sure when stories came out that two or three rowdy passengers were kicked off a plane at 13,000 feet, you can bet other frisky travelers would think twice about becoming mischievous.

Naturally, I'm not talking about dropping people out of airplanes to certain death. What kind of monster do you think I am?

They should be given the options of using a parachute or an umbrella or riding on a wing.

Next problem, please.

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Reciting Boy Scout Oath allows good memories to flow through mind



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

On Sunday, I recited the Boy Scout Oath for the first time in more than 30 years. It brought back many memories.

I guess I had forgotten the fun I had and all I learned as first a Cub Scout, and later a Boy Scout in Troop 58 in Louise, Miss. Mrs. Smith was my Den Mother and Earl Pepper was my Scoutmaster.

Louise was a lot like the many thousands of farming communities sprinkled across our country. My dad managed a cotton plantation and we lived about seven miles out on Highway 14.

Louise was a rural community and, while I was growing up, still had separate schools for the blacks and whites and separate entrances to the cafes, doctor's offices and theater as well. In fact, at the theater, which I don't ever remember going to, the blacks sat in the balcony and the whites downstairs.

Our Scout camp was located on Wolf Lake, which meandered back and forth across the Humphreys and Yazoo County lines. During the summer months, we camped out just about every week ... discovering seven or eight years later that the water in Wolf Lake had become so contaminated with pesticides that the state advised against people fishing or swimming or water skiing in the lake ... things we all did as Scouts.

In the spring, when Mississippi teachers had their three-day conference in Jackson, we'd load up and head to Vicksburg to camp out and hike in the military park, the site of one of the longest sieges in Civil War history.

I remember running up and down the bluffs ... finding empty shell casings from the Civil War and teeth from both horses and humans.

I remember imagining the sound of the guns echoing off the bluffs and through the valleys and wondering what it would have been like to have been a part of that battle.

My memories of Scouting, I'm sure, are like those of the millions of others who have taken part in the organization.

There were Pinewood Derby's and Camporees. I remember completing the various requirements for all the levels of achievement that I can't even recall now ... Webelos, Lions, Bear.

There were the more than 20 merit badges that I wore so proudly on my sash — and there was the one I never earned because I couldn't swim ... the one that kept me from pursuing the highest rank of achievement.

There was Camp Tallequah, where we went in the summer and where first-time campers were "treated" to having to run down the mountain at night to pick up some much-needed supply. On the way back up the mountain we were faced with the terror of the camp's "panthers" — a waxed string attached to a big can and pulled on to make the most gosh-awful roar you could ever imagine.

There were sing-alongs and story telling and campfires.

There were many wonderful memories and I'm glad the Scouts gave me reason to recall all of them, and to surprise myself by remembering almost all of the Scout Oath:

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God And my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

That's an oath that would be good for any of us to follow.

John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.

Your views

Chamber chairperson for CraneFest '96 thanks attendees, volunteers for efforts to ensure success

To the Editor:

The brutal cold weather did not hamper the spirit of the birders that were able to get to Big Spring for CraneFest. A hearty group of birders started the event off with five of the group being from San Antonio, Mason, Odessa and Brownfield and the others being from Big Spring. On the two locations visited there were 40 species of birds recorded.

The group that caravaned to One Mile lake liked what they saw, got some up close view of several hundred sandhill cranes returning for the night. Just to see one crane up close was awesome state one spectator.

Approximately 100 attended the banquet in spite of the very cold weather. They came from Sulphur, La, Fort Worth, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Knott, Alpine, and Coahoma, and our speaker from Albuquerque, N.M. It was a very enjoyable evening and our appetite had been satisfied with delicious barbecue served by Big John's!

Saturday morning was even colder than Friday. The walking tour and bus tour was cut short, but when our guest returned to the center they hurried to the coffee bar to get some delicious coffee or hot chocolate served by Spanky's. This within itself was a treat to have a choice of some wonderful muffins, cookies or burritos.

There had to be adjustments made in the afternoon events as our program "Last Chance Forever" was unable to get out of San Antonio on schedule due to ice. As we read justed, we viewed a slide presentation on various birds provided by Prof. Ross Dawkins. Lunch warmed us with some good stew and chili catered by Red Mesa.

The Lord was good in answering our prayers for our bus tour that afternoon with the wonderful sighting of cranes. I'm sure we saw close to the number we recorded in our Christmas Bird Count. We spotted just a few at first, then, we found them in groups of 100's and 200's. There were numerous ones in flight, so I'm sure the total we observed was close to 2,000.

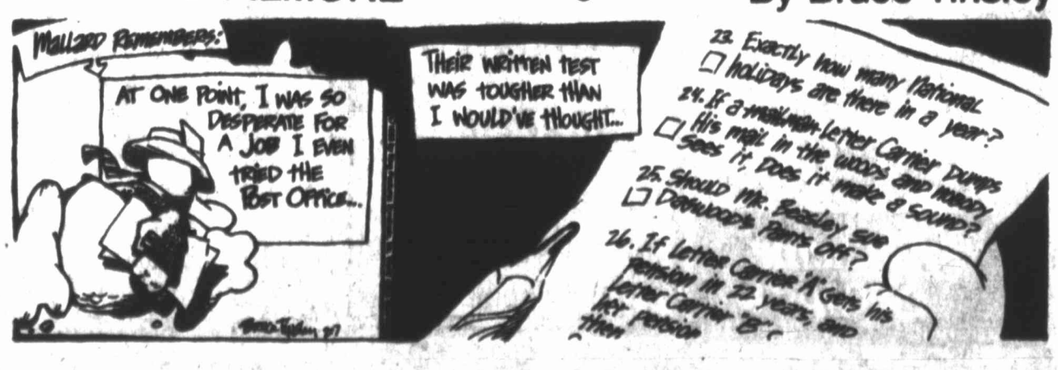
While we were out, those back at the Dora Roberts Community Center visited the sales booths and watched the waterfowl on the lake, which was quite a sight, according to those viewing. Also, there were unusual number of cormorants observed, along with many other waterfowl. Also sighted were about four species of shore birds. Even these birds performed well for us this day. We were pleased to have the Bentsen State Park (near Mission in the Rio Grande Valley) represented, along with Merlin Books (ornithology natural history). Also, on display in the sales room was the Crane Chronicles done by the Bauer Elementary School, Signal Class of Beverly Jeffcoat. It was such a treat to enjoy the writing of these 4th and 5th graders and they had their writing in a newsletter form. These were available free of charge, or a donation could be made with the proceeds going to "Kids' Zone" creative playground equipment. Anyone that does not have a copy of this little newsletter should, it is hilarious!!

"Last Chance" arrived and were set up for the rescheduled 4 p.m. program. It was a wonderful close up presentation. Everyone could see the birds of prey up real close. It was enjoyed by a group of 60 or 70 including several young people. I was so sorry that all the school students could not attend as this is such a great opportunity to stimulate the young mind about wildlife.

The hospitality of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Kathy Lusk, who is manager of the center, made it all like family, it was a great event, and I am so sorry so many missed out on a wonderful time!!

Pat Simmons
CraneFest Chairman

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Televised hostage drama ends when police kill gunman

HONOLULU (AP) — For six tense hours, police and a live TV audience watched as a fired worker who had already shot his former boss stood with a shotgun barrel taped to a co-worker's head with his finger taped to the trigger.

"It's going to end with a gun bang," John Miranda promised during Tuesday's standoff, and it appeared it would as he launched into a final 60-second countdown — 59, 58, 57 ...

When the count reached 15, hostage Tom McNeil tore away from the tape and managed to grab the shotgun barrel.

Miranda fired twice, missing, and police sharpshooters opened fire on the gunman, killing him with shots in his chest.

"We had to do what we had to do," said Chief Michael Nakamura, explaining that any chance at resolving the ordeal peacefully ended when Miranda began counting down to his gunshot.

Miranda, 28, died about a half-hour after the drama outside the waterproofing business where he once worked.

McNeil, 30, was left with only scratches and supervisor Guy George, 39, who had been shot in the leg earlier, was hospitalized in guarded condition.

It began early Tuesday when Miranda returned to the Seal Master of Hawaii offices with the words: "Good morning guys, you remember me?"

Miranda ordered worker Byron Ansai to use duct tape to affix the gun barrel to his hand and George's head. Then he had him bind two other employees.

After the gunman removed the duct tape to go to the bathroom, George escaped by jumping from a window and falling 15 feet to the ground, despite a gunshot wound to the leg, Ansai said.

Miranda then had Ansai tape the gun barrel to McNeil's head. Ansai escaped with the rest of the employees when Miranda, apparently in an effort to recover George as a hostage, went onto the building's outside stairway with McNeil, only to have the door close and lock him out.

The standoff then continued for six hours as Miranda talked by cellular phone with police and disc jockeys at two Honolulu radio stations.

He said he had been "stressed out" since being laid off and admitted he had "lost it."

"It's going to end with a gun bang," Miranda told radio station KIKI-FM. "I sure as hell ain't going back to jail."

Family members told police that he had 17 mostly minor convictions in the past 10 years and a history of drug abuse.

Father surrenders after arson kills his family

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — With blisters on his hands and forehead, a father surrendered Tuesday to face charges he set a fire that killed seven members of his family in their small apartment.

George Avanesian, 40, surrendered at the offices of a Persian-American newspaper 6 1/2 hours after the blaze. He was booked for investigation of arson and murder, and his arraignment was set for Thursday.

The motive involved "a long-standing domestic dispute between he and his wife," said Lt. Ray Edey, adding that Avanesian had admitted "that he did, in fact, set the fire."

The blaze began at 5:45 a.m. and burned through the family's first-floor apartment and sent thick smoke through the four-story, tan stucco building, awakening neighbors.

The fire killed six children, ages 4 to 17, and one 37-year-old woman, said Lt. Fred Corral of the Los Angeles County Coroner's office. Avanesian's wife was 37, but officials could not confirm the names or identities of the victims.

The Armenian family had moved to the United States from Iran last fall, neighbors said. The publisher of the Asre Emrooz Persian Daily News said Avanesian told him he started the fire to injure his wife. "He said his wife was involved with drugs and had been with another man," Homayoun Houshiar Nejad told the Los Angeles Times. "He was very upset."

Avanesian apparently didn't know that other family members perished in the blaze, Nejad said.

Four of the victims apparently tried to escape the smoke by crowding into a bathroom, said City Councilman Larry Zarian, who toured the apartment.

"I saw two youngsters on top of each other for safety," Zarian said. "There were four inside a bathroom and I chose not to go inside. Their bodies were not charred."

A seventh victim was pronounced dead at a hospital, fire officials said.

"There's no doubt that those people were trying to find every last bit of air," said fire Battalion Chief Joel Markss. "The only way out of there would have been to jump out the window."

The fire was obviously arson — signs of a flammable substance were found in the living room and kitchen, police said.

Avanesian was already known to police in Glendale, where there is a large Armenian community.

On Nov. 4, Avanesian's teenage daughter called authorities after Avanesian allegedly threatened her with a knife. He was then arrested for allegedly throwing a chair at his children on Oct. 27, and police warned him he would face charges if it happened again.

Nation briefs

Buchanan's Louisiana win bodes ill for Gramm

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Winning the first delegates of the 1996 presidential contest, Pat Buchanan claimed his upset victory in Louisiana's caucuses proved he was the true conservative in the GOP field.

For Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, Tuesday's defeat was an ominous setback in a state he had counted on winning.

But even as the buoyed Buchanan troops headed north to Iowa and New Hampshire, the combative commentator stopped short of predicting victory in those states, where he faces stiffer competition from the other major candidates who boycotted the Louisiana contest in deference to next Monday's traditional kick-off in Iowa.

"We are at the beginning of a coalition," Buchanan told supporters at a spirited rally Tuesday night after the final vote count gave him 13 delegates to Gramm's eight.

Man shoots two, self in hotel lobby

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — After handing out money to several people at a hotel restaurant, a frequent patron shot and killed a waitress, wounded a manager and then killed himself.

The elderly gunman apparently had been angry at the waitress, who disliked serving him because he had an odor and didn't tip, patrons of the Ridpath Hotel's Silver Grill restaurant said.

The waitress, Marie Vanslate, 49, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died at a hospital shortly after the shootings late Tuesday morning.

The restaurant manager, Ronald McDonald, 59, of Spokane, was listed in serious but stable condition early today. McDonald underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the right shoulder, hospital spokeswoman Marilyn Thordarson said.

The gunman died at the restaurant, which had about 10 people inside at the time of the shooting. The Spokesman-Review newspaper identified him as 78-year-old Orville Sassen of Spokane.

He entered the hotel about 10 a.m. and asked a cashier at the front desk to break two $100 bills into $5 bills, said Marty Heimbigner, a barber in the hotel.

Sassen left the restaurant and returned about 11:30 a.m. with a revolver. Police did not speculate on a motive for the shootings.

Marine who deserted in 1970 faces demotion, discharge

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine Corps corporal who fled to Canada 25 years ago after his undignified homecoming from Vietnam has returned to face a demotion and a bad-conduct discharge.

Cpl. Donald J. Bailey, 45, pleaded guilty at his court-martial to three counts of unauthorized absence and was sentenced Tuesday by a military judge. The punishment will take effect in about three months, following a review. "This was not a politically correct decision, this was the right decision," said Lt. Col. Jerry Broeckert, a spokesman at Camp Pendleton, where Bailey has lived since his return in October.

Bailey was 19 when he fled the Marines in December 1970 with seven months left on his contract. He wasn't trying to escape death or injury, he said. He was disgusted with the reaction he received after serving 13 months as a rifleman in Vietnam.

Man crashes car to escape carjacking

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The way Robert Phillips saw it, the armed carjackers who ordered him to drive were going to kill him anyway, so he had to try something.

He crashed his sports car into a parked truck, allowing him a chance to escape and leaving one of his teen-age abductors dead. Authorities said Phillips will not be charged.

Two teen-agers on Saturday took Phillips' wallet at gunpoint outside a restaurant, ordered him into his car and told him to drive them to his bank.

Phillips said they planned to use his bank card to make a withdrawal, and he feared, "They were intent on removing me from the equation." Phillips swerved the car into a parked semi-truck. His airbag inflated and he fled unharmed. The teens were pinned inside and had to be cut out by rescuers. Aviance Mitchell, 16, died Monday. Abraham Washington, also 16, was not seriously hurt and was charged with kidnapping and carjacking.



Scenic Mountain Medical Center's radiology department will be holding a screening mammography St. Valentine's Day special during the week of February 12-16. Price of the exam will be $50.00 cash. This does include the radiologist's interpretation. Appointments are limited so call early.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center understands that women working outside the home are often unable to make arrangements for weekday appointments. In an effort to better serve these women, our mammography department will be conducting Saturday morning screening mammography clinics on February 24th, March 30th, April 13th and May 18th. Special pricing does not apply to Saturday Clinic.

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Jet crashes in ocean north of Dominican Republic; 189 aboard

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A charter airplane carrying German tourists home from the Caribbean crashed into the ocean off the north coast of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Coast Guard said today. There were 189 people on board.

There were no reports of survivors from Alas Airlines Flight 301.

Bodies were spotted in the water, along with empty life rafts and an oil slick. Coast Guard boats and helicopters searched the seas in the rain, but divers were afraid to enter the shark-infested waters. At least eight bodies were recovered.

"The initial report that we've got is that there's debris in the water, several life rafts that have been seen and also reports of bodies in the water. There has been no report of survivors thus far," said Lt. Stephen Leslie of the U.S. Coast Guard in Miami.

David Gragengeter, an emergency rescue official with the Coast Guard in Puerto Rico, said rain was falling in the area and seas were reported to be rough, complicating rescue efforts.

Coast Guard Lt. Benedict Lincoln in San Juan said Coast Guard pilots had spotted sharks in the area of the crash site.

"The area is shark-infested," Lincoln said. "It obviously would hamper recovery of either survivors or bodies from the water."

The Boeing 757 took off from Puerto Plata International Airport about 11 p.m. Tuesday, the Coast Guard said.

The aircraft had been in the air only five minutes when a radar operator noted that it had turned around and was headed back to land, said Luis Flores Mota, a spokesman with the Dominican Republic's civil air agency.

There was no radio contact with the plane to indicate there was a problem, Mota said.

Navy aircraft and Coast Guard cutters and helicopters from Florida, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico headed to the crash site, about 13 miles north of Puerto Plata.

Puerto Plata is a popular coastal resort 100 miles northwest of the Dominican Republic's capital of Santo Domingo.

World briefs

Bosnia to press for war crimes indictments

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Pulling the pin on one of the most explosive issues in the Bosnian war, Bosnia's government announced Tuesday it would press for war-crimes indictments for two top Serb officers arrested after they made a wrong turn near Sarajevo.

Angry Bosnian Serb leaders immediately broke off contacts with the Muslim-led government. Even NATO denounced the arrests of the officers, whom Bosnia accused of slaughtering civilians.

"The city of Sarajevo has, sadly, become the Beirut of Europe ... and has disqualified itself as a possible joint Serb, Muslim and Croat capital," Serb leaders said in a statement. Serb officials said they would no longer travel to areas of Sarajevo held by the Bosnian government.

Brig. Andrew Cumming, a spokesman for the NATO force, described the arrests as "provocative and inflammatory," noting that neither Serb officer had been indicted by the international tribunal investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

Haitians already impatient with new president

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Rene Preval is barely even in office, and already Haitians are impatient.

The new president took office today without the overwhelming popular support enjoyed by his predecessor and with widespread frustration over the government's inability to relieve grinding poverty.

"We'll give the new government a month. If nothing changes, then we'll show them," said Jean Junior, 31, an unemployed mechanic trying to get a job washing a car at a downtown street market. "We'll demonstrate. We'll protest," others shouted.

It was a sorry mood for the first peaceful transition of power from one popularly elected president to another in the 192-year history of Haiti, the world's oldest black republic.

The current president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, will retire to his walled-off, newly refurbished mansion in a Port-au-Prince suburb with his new Haitian-American wife.

British bobbies to abandon trademark helmets

LONDON (AP) — Made for an age when the constable walked his beat and never got into a car, the British bobby's tall, pointed helmet is being doffed for good in one major English city.

Manchester's decision to discard a symbol of law and order dating to Victorian times is shocking police chiefs across England.

"The helmet provides stature, height, authority and protection," said Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents Association, which urged police forces across England and Wales not to follow Manchester's lead. •

Church bombings don't deter Pope's visit

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Pope John Paul II's traveling message of peace and reconciliation comes to Nicaragua today, where hundreds of thousands of religious faithful hope a warm welcome will overcome the memory of his last visit here.

"We are going to receive him with open arms," said President Violeta Chamorro, a fervent Roman Catholic. "We have to respect one another so that what happened the last time doesn't happen again."

The pope's last visit to Central America in 1983 was marred by a struggle of wills with the leftist Sandinistas who then ruled Nicaragua and tried to use the papal visit for propaganda purposes.

A crowd seeded with Sandinista militants chanted slogans at his Mass that year, prompting the pope to shout repeatedly for "silence!"

After a day of masses and prayer Tuesday in Guatemala, the pope was to fly this morning to Managua, the Nicaraguan capital.

Hundreds of thousands were expected to attend a papal mass at a 50-acre site the government plans to rename in the pope's honor.

In Guatemala, John Paul accused the region's Protestant missionaries of sowing "confusion and uncertainty" among Roman Catholics, whose historic dominance in Central America is increasingly under challenge.

Protestants now make up about 30 percent of Guatemala's population and roughly 20 percent of religious Nicaraguans identify with Protestant groups.

"The poor and Indians may be most prone to stray and in need of guidance from Catholic clergy," the pope said at a evening prayer service in Guatemala City.

The pope also expressed hope for peace in Guatemala, the only Central American country still suffering a civil war.

His other two stops, Nicaragua and El Salvador, are still trying to heal the wounds of wars that left bitter enmities despite formal peace treaties.

Former President Daniel Ortega, leader of the Sandinista Front, took out full-page advertisements in two newspapers and placed billboards near the Cathedral to welcome the pope.

Church, government and Sandinista officials have all played down any possible threat related to a series of about 20 church bombings over the past year. Members of a Sandinista youth group are among those facing charges in the case.

The latest bombing came Tuesday night, when two sticks of dynamite exploded on a sidewalk near a Roman Catholic church in Masaya, about 15 miles southeast of Managua.

Peace talks to resume this month

EREZ, Gaza (AP) — The next round of Israeli-Syrian peace talks will be stretched out over two weeks so Secretary of State Warren Christopher can participate and also go on a long-delayed trip to Central and South America.

The talks, to be held in Maryland beginning Feb. 26, will start a day after Christopher's planned departure.

But they will be held over two weeks' time at the Wye Plantation so Christopher can join them upon his return, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said today.

Still, it was apparent that expectations for any major breakthrough are remote until Israel holds its national elections, which are expected to be moved up to May from October.

Christopher came to Gaza, meanwhile, for a meeting with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and left a top aid behind in Damascus to talk to Syria about joint economic development with Israel.

Burns said Syria was ineligible for any direct U.S. assistance or for help in securing World Bank loans so long as it remains on the department's list of seven countries that promote terrorism.

And yet, Toni Verstandig, a deputy assistant secretary of state who has organized billions of dollars in aid to the PLO, remained in Damascus after Christopher's departure. Israel has proposed joint projects on the Golan Heights, but so far Syria is noncommittal.

If Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres wins election, he is expected to authorize Israeli negotiators to propose withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for Syrian diplomatic recognition. The idea is unpopular with many Israelis, possibly a majority, so Peres probably will await the outcome of the election.

This puts the negotiations in even slower motion. There is no agreement in sight on Syria's peace terms, Israeli territorial concessions or the kind of security that would be installed along the Israel-Syria border.

The talks at the Wye retreat near Queenstown, Md., are expected to focus, at least initially, on security issues.

Peres has conceded Syrian sovereignty in public statements but held off approving a full pullback on the ground that Syria had not spelled out its peace terms.

On the only other front where Israel remains technically at war with its neighbor, southern Lebanon, Peres offered Tuesday to withdraw his forces if the Lebanese government pledged to stop letting its land be used as a base for attacks on Israel. And for the first time, he said Israel could quit Lebanon before it agrees to a final settlement with Syria.

Aid rushed in for China's quake victims

BEIJING (AP) — Officials pleaded for help Tuesday for hundreds of thousands of people who survived a devastating earthquake only to endure hunger, near-freezing temperatures and hundreds of aftershocks.

The quake on Saturday killed at least 246 people, injured more than 14,000, and left 260,000 without homes, officials said. By late Tuesday, 970 aftershocks had been recorded, including a strong 5.6-magnitude jolt. Officials said they expected more aftershocks of comparable strength.

The number of buildings destroyed by the quake climbed to more than 300,000 as rescue workers discovered entire communities that had been destroyed.

"I personally appeal for help for the stricken areas. We need all the help we can get," said Wang Ze, an official with the provincial government.

China's State Council, or Cabinet, and the ruling Communist Party announced they would send 100,000 quilted cotton garments, 100 tents, more than 1.5 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, and $2.4 million in relief funds to the stricken area.

Military commands provided quilts and tents for the hundreds of thousands of people shivering outdoors in near-freezing temperatures — afraid that more tremors would topple the buildings left standing.

Officials said they feared the number of dead and injured could rise further as soldiers and medics worked in remote villages.

A 6-year-old boy who suffered severe burns and broken bones when a wall trapped him on top of a burning stove was flown to the provincial capital, Kunming, the newspaper China Youth Daily said.

About 2,000 soldiers continued to dig through the rubble for survivors Tuesday.

Local officials said all of the 22 foreigners who had been trapped in Leaping Tiger Gorge during the quake had been rescued and moved to Kunming. One, an American, was seriously injured but out of danger, they said.

The names of the foreigners were not available, and the government did not permit foreign journalists to visit the disaster site.

The Red Cross Society of China appealed for international aid. Several hundred medical workers were sent to the area in the northwestern part of Yunnan province, 1,300 miles southwest of Beijing, to fight the spread of diseases.

The equivalent of $9.5 million in money and supplies poured in from other parts of the province, the Xinhua News Agency reported. Hong Kong and Macao pledged aid, and Japan and Iran also offered assistance.

In a conciliatory gesture, President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan urged Taiwanese to aid Chinese earthquake victims.

"We are all Chinese people," Lee said. "The political disputes we have with (China) should not affect our love for our compatriots."

More than 330,000 people were affected by the quake, which heavily damaged 16 of Lijiang County's 24 towns, cracked roads and wrecked bridges.

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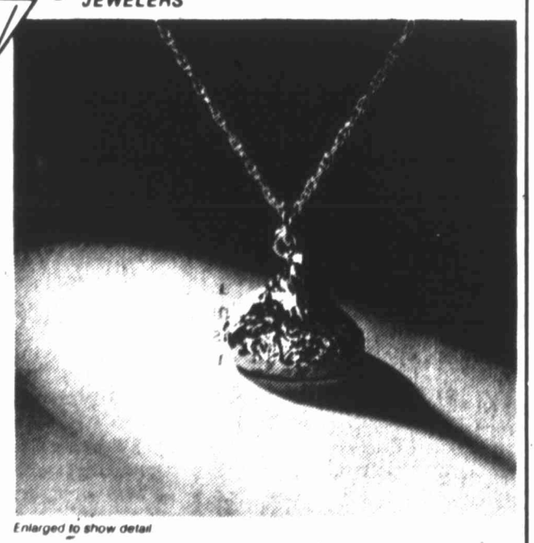
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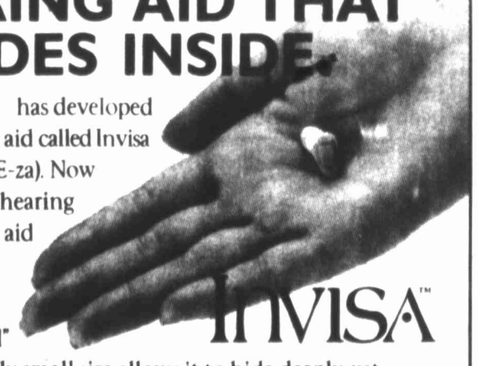
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New Year fun in New Mexico

Editor's Note: The following column appears today because it was unintentionally omitted from the Sunday life! *section.*

We hadn't had much winter where I live, so we traveled to the mountains of New Mexico to welcome the new year, see some snow and experience cold weather.

Getting there was especially enjoyable, since we took advantage of Southwest Airlines' "Fares So Low, You Gotta Go" program. For $19 each, we flew to Albuquerque.

New Mexico is always fun and different. We motored in our rented car to Santa Fe and looked up a jewelry repair man named Bear who ran a place called Guns For Hire. It's a combination jewelry repair shop and an agency for guys who do re-enactments of western battles. Bear wore a top hat.

After leaving my wife's coral necklace to be restrung, we went to Taos. We noticed about a dozen gambling casinos along the Interstate, all on Indian reservations.

The state is trying to figure out it they're legal or not. Until the decision is made, the casinos are doing much business. They are open 24 hours and the ample parking lots always have a bunch of cars in them.

Taos is laid back, to say the least. It's like a group of hippies arrived there in the '60s and never left. They just got old. They dress the same as they did 30 years ago. The only difference is the color of hair. It is more gray now.

The males in Taos look like outlaws ready to go have a gunfight somewhere. They are bearded, wear their hair long and have an unkempt appearance.

But go up and talk to them and you'll find they are a gentle bunch; friendly, easy-going and helpful.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

The young girls in Taos wear baggy pants and t-shirts and try to look as unattractive as possible. Makeup is out of the question. They all walk the same way, straight and stiff while taking big steps.

They are kind and courteous, though and love where they live.

Appearance is just not very important in Taos. Enjoyment of life is. And people in Taos really do enjoy life. It is a healthy place with good air to breathe and space to find yourself.

The art of northern New Mexico reflects the creative energy of the area. Artists make beautiful wall pieces from old painted boards and cottonwood poles. The paintings have the brightest colors and the sculptures might be made of paper or wire as well as bronze.

The refreshing art of Taos and Santa Fe makes traditional art stale and stodgy, almost lifeless. The new stuff is keeping art alive and vital and makes it more a part of our daily experiences.

New Year's Eve was quiet in Taos. It snowed during the day and we dashed from store to gallery to restaurant to keep warm and dry. The streets were clear at midnight. Not a soul out. We walked alone in the snow and kissed at midnight. A few fireworks sounded in the distance.

We spent our last day and night in Santa Fe. At Guns For Hire we picked up Susan's necklace. Bear said, "There was a turquoise ring in the bag with the necklace. It had a loose stone in it, so I fixed that. Didn't charge you." My wife was surprised to remember that she had left the ring in the bag.

Santa Fe is a lot more upscale than Taos. Men and women wore fur coats or other outer apparel that looked like it stepped out of the fashionable and expensive Overland Sheepskin Company.

We have to go to northern New Mexico at least once a year. It revives and renews us, and we leave with a new excitement about life.

IN THE BAG

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Chocolate and Valentine's Day go together.

For gift-giving with a sense of humor, Brainstorms Catalog has among its Valentine's Day offerings an anatomically correct solid milk-chocolate heart.

Made from a mold taken from a medical-school teaching model, The heart is life-sized and weighs 1 pound ($17.95; 800-621-7500).

For a more traditional gift, Godiva Chocolatier suggests a 1-pound Valentine ballotin ($33).

The classic gold box is filled with assorted dark, milk and ivory chocolates and is tied with a red-and-white ribbon (800-9- GODIVA).

Lake Champlain Chocolates sells heart-shaped Raspberry Buttercreams by the pound ($16).

Packed in a gold box, these dark chocolates have a buttercream center and are deeply flavored with sweet Vermont raspberries (800-465-5909).

Strawberry hearts, triple chocolate, white-chocolate petits fours and plum squares are included in a one-dozen assortment of Chocolates & Petits Fours from Divine Delights in Larkspur, Calif. ($23.95).

The chocolate truffles are hand-dipped (800-4-HEAVEN).

4-H needs volunteers as well as participants

If you would like to find out more about becoming a 4-H volunteer then read on. Two February workshops have been planned and will focus on training adult volunteers for some of the spring 4-H projects. This is also a perfect opportunity for parents who are interested in enrolling their children in 4-H to find out more.

Both workshops will be held in the Children's Room at Howard County Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. The first workshop will be Feb. 13 and will focus on the Clothing and Fashion Design projects. The second workshop will be held on Feb. 22 and will target those interested in Public Speaking and Consumer Shopping 4-H projects.

The 4-H Clothing project offers youngsters an opportunity to learn about clothing construction or retail clothing purchases with emphasis on quality and care.

Fashion Design is a separate project and allows 4-H members a chance to explore the world of design in clothing, accessories and fabric.

Public Speaking and Consumer Shopping are two other Spring projects in which 4-H members may participate. The Public Speaking project teaches youth the basic skills involved in researching, preparing and making a presentation. The Consumer Shopping project helps participants develop consumer decision making skills by teaching them what factors to consider when making purchases.

All 4-H projects consist of hands on learning experiences so 4-H members may learn while they are doing. By particpating in 4-H projects members are able to develop skills for life long use. Such skills include: critical thinking, decision making, goal setting, leadership. 4-H members are able to participate in activities that they are interested in, have fun and make new friends.

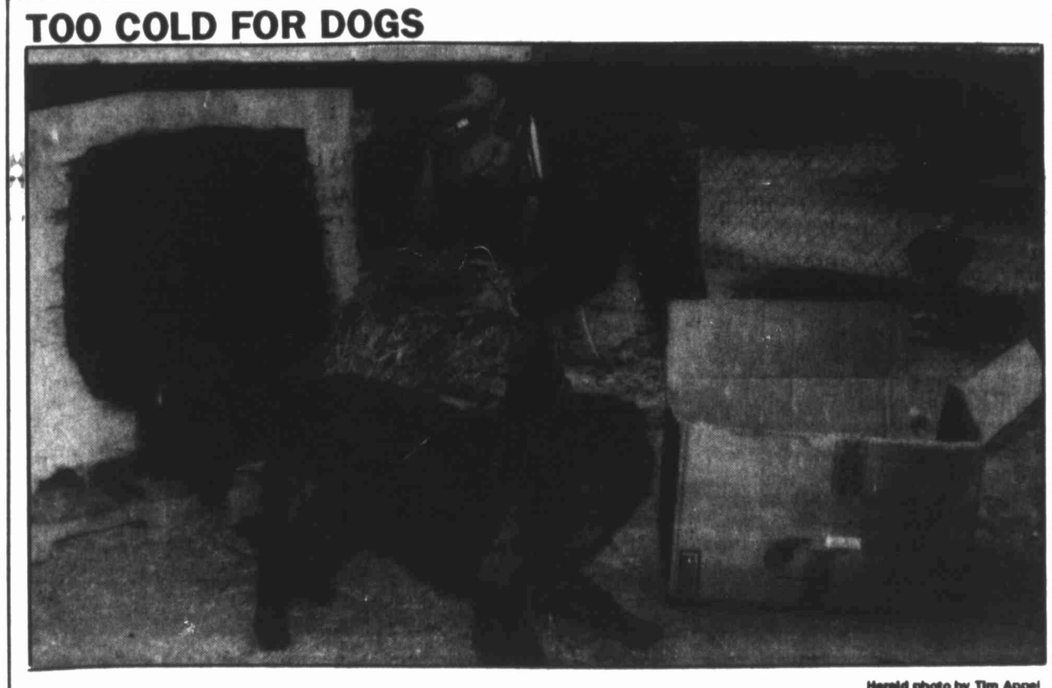


Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

4-H volunteers do not have to be experts in any special project area to become a project leader. The County Extension Staff provides assistance with trainings and resources for the volunteers across the nation

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TOO COLD FOR DOGS



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Roger Kligora throws hay into one of the doghouses at the Big Spring Humane Society Thursday afternoon. The hay was used to keep the dogs warm during the cold weather.

Fatigued? Here's how to fight back

Scripps Howard News Service

During office hours, you're full of plans for the evening. You want to fix a nice dinner, redecorate the living room, train for the marathon, then make time to re-read Shakespeare.

By the time you crawl in the front door, however, you're too tired to do much more than gobble a frozen dinner and reach for the remote control.

As your eyes glaze over, you wonder where your energy went and what you can do to get it back. Rest assured, you are not alone.

"Fatigue is the most common complaint in clinics throughout America," says Todd Nelson, naturopathic doctor with the holistic Phoenix Center for Health Excellence in suburban Denver, a clinic that combines western and alternative medicine. Unfortunately, fatigue is also one of the hardest complaints to diagnose and treat.

Run down by the stresses of modern life, many of us feel exhausted at least part of the time, but it doesn't have to be that way, he says. Our bodies are designed to produce energy all day. How much they produce depends on how much they're helped or hampered by age, genetics, lifestyle choices, working conditions and exposure to pollutants.

Only the rare 60-year-old is as energetic as a 6-year-old, for example, and among 6-year-olds some are naturally more active than others. We can't control those things, but we can drain or rebuild our energy reserves with the following lifestyle choices:

— Diet: We are what we eat, which means fast-foot junkies are as pale and lifeless as microwaved pressed-meat patties. Our bodies run best — and produce more energy — when we eat fresh or lightly cooked things such as fruits, vegetables, fiber and 24 to 45 grams of low-fat protein a day.

"Get rid of all the 'non-food' in your diet: the fried foods, fat, excessive sugar and heavily cooked food," Nelson says. "They take a lot of energy to process without giving anything back." Fat is the slowest food to digest and slows the metabolism as it works its way through the body.

Replace the big, greasy chimichanga lunch with a fresh salmon steak and vegetables, then see if you still need an afternoon snooze.

— Water: If we're even 1 percent dehydrated, our energy nosedives as much as 8 to 10 percent, Nelson says.

His solution: Pour a glass of water in the morning, sip it throughout the day and refill it

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Two views of new energy pills: Some like them, some don't

Scripps Howard News Service

Dentist Michael DeSimone used to "run out of gas" by the middle of the afternoon and go home after work with nothing left in his energy account.

Now he bounds out of bed after six hours of sleep, works out five or six days a week, puts in a full day at work and has fuel to spare.

He sleeps deeper, feels more alive and weighs less than he has in years.

Like millions of other Americans, including athletes looking for the winning edge, 38-year-old DeSimone turned to a pre-packaged energy booster. In June, a patient introduced him to Bio-Lean, a metabolism-boosting supplement that contains 16 herbs and three amino acids.

"It jump-started me," he says.

DeSimone likes it because it's subtle — delivering the same punch as a morning cup of coffee but without the jitters — and because it lasts all day.

"I didn't know how bad I was feeling before I started taking it."

Although advertised as a safe, natural way to boost energy, Bio-Lean and similar products are of great concern to Todd Nelson, a naturopathic, or non-medical, doctor.

Naturopaths try to offer ways of boosting the body's natural healing mechanisms.

"Energy boosters such as ephedra, guarana, kola nut and Ma Huang (which Bio-Lean contains) are all caffeine-oriented products," he explains. "They're all stimulants, and excessively stimulating the adrenal glands can create all kinds of problems."

Among them: high blood pressure, low blood sugar, jittery nerves, insomnia, heart palpitations, upset stomachs and a growing dependancy on the stimulant.

> Eventually, your body will burn out. The only sane way to restore energy is to restore the metabolism naturally.
>
> **Todd Nelson**

The human metabolism likes to stay constant, Nelson adds, and if it is overstimulated, it adapts by depleting the body's nutrient stores, which compromises the immune system.

"Eventually, your body will burn out. The only sane way to restore energy is to restore the metabolism naturally," he says.

When Nelson needs a quick, safe picker-upper, he drinks a cup of green tea, adds a multivitamin with good B complex vitamins, moves around, takes deep breaths or has a protein snack.

Another quick fix: an amino acid complex tablet, available in health food stores. Taken with breakfast and lunch, it can improve your focus, energy and mood, Nelson says, and because it is made from milk, it's also nutritious.

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Safe roads



(NAPS) — A study in Europe five years ago showed when the road is constructed with a mixture called open graded friction course, or porous asphalt, it contains a relatively large percentage of air voids. The open structure of this mix drains rainwater effectively, thus reducing splash and spray and eliminating aquaplaning. It also reduces noise. According to the National Asphalt Pavement Association, in many locations, pavement surfaces are wet between 12 and 15 percent of the average year. The number and severity of accidents decrease if roads are made with the special mixture.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Book fair at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Episcopal School will host a Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 12-16. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Proceeds from the book fair will benefit the school's library. The hours will be from 8 to 8:30 a.m., 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., 2:45 to 3:15 p.m., and 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Tim or Sharon Howe at 267-4302.

Symphony to perform Feb. 10

The Big Spring Symphony will perform Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Featured piano soloist is the recent winner of the Sorantin Young Artists Competition in San Angelo. Tickets are available at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's, the Chamber of Commerce and the Symphony Office.

Kalling all kids and koins

The Kids' Zone playground Children's Committee plans a "Koins for Kids' Zone" fund-raiser Feb. 24 at Trinity Baptist Church. All area children are asked to save their coins and bring them to the church that day to cover the gym floor. Committee members will also canvas neighborhoods around the schools to collect coins.

For more information, contact Carol Hanes, 264-7442, or Brenda Banks, 264-9608.

Find fun food at museum

The Heritage Museum will once again present "Around the World in 80 Bites" Feb. 10 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Chefs should prepare enough food for at least 300 bites (one bite equals one tablespoon) and be in their booths by 4:15 p.m. Feb. 10.

THE LAST WORD

Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.

—Jack Paar

Never give a party if you will be the most interesting person there.

—Mickey Friedman

The years teach us much which the days never knew.

—Emerson

If youth is a fault, it is one which is soon corrected.

—Goethe

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Fatigue

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whenever it gets empty. Substitute herb tea or diluted juices for a chance of pace, but stay away from anything with caffeine. (It acts as a diuretic and will further dehydrate you.)

— Exercise: If your typical day is spent sitting and thinking, chances are your blood flow has slowed down to a crawl. The faster the blood flows, the more oxygen it delivers to the brain and other organs. And since your body needs oxygen to produce energy, it's in your best interest to speed things up.

Any exercise speeds your heart rate (and blood flow), and as the heart and lungs get more efficient at processing oxygen, you should begin to feel stronger and more energetic.

— Rest: On the flip side, our bodies need regular periods of rest to recover from the stresses of the day. "We tend to be driven in this society, and many of us are rest deprived," says Angela Maclay, president of The Phoenix Center.

We can solve the problem by taking 10-minute "mind breaks" throughout the day, during which we relax, breathe deeply and recharge our batteries. And because the mind also needs dream states to refresh the body, we need daily periods of deep, relaxing sleep.

"Not everyone needs the same amount of sleep, but you know you've had enough if you feel good the next day," she says.

— Emotions: Many of us who are tired give too much to others and don't get much back, says Angela Cassola, health psychologist at The Phoenix Center. Unless we find positive ways to replenish ourselves, we turn to quick fixes that further zap our energy.

If you work all day but don't want to be there, it's depleting, she explains. Once you're feeling low on energy, you might hurry home and grab a bag of Cheetos and a cocktail. That's a recipe for further fatigue.

"Instead, you need to find a positive way to recharge," Cassola says. "Instead of eating, give yourself a warm bath, take a shower, do some exercise or call a friend for emotional support. Do anything that gives you something back."

— Stress: A little bit of stress now and then can help us run faster, feel more energetic and get more done, but our bodies can't handle a constant diet of adrenalin, says Dr. Peter Hanson, a medical acupuncturist at Porter Hospital and author of "The Joy of Stress" and "Stress for Success."

Too much or indefinite stress causes us to run on empty, which depletes any energy stores we might have and begins to compromise the immune system. Other stimulants such as coffee act the same.

If you're burning the candle at both ends, eating convenience foods that aren't nutritious and are under constant stress, you're likely to reach for a cup of coffee when you need energy. While coffee will give you the illusion of having energy, it just masks the fatigue while draining body energy.

— Body treatments: In addition to making us feel good, such things as massage and accupuncture can help us build energy, says Maclay.

Massage increases blood flow to the muscles and helps us reach a deeper level of relaxation. Accupuncture is touted as a means of changing the way energy flows through the body.

Chinese medicine identifies an energy system that can be blocked at various points throughout the body.

From pastels to brights, color is back this spring

Scripps Howard News Service

Fashion has been pretty predictable over the past couple of seasons, but that is going to change in at least one important respect for spring. Color is back in a big way.

Orange and green and fuchsia are again part of the fashion vocabulary. So are tropical brights, sky blue and sherbet pastels. Neutrals haven't been banished — it's just that vibrant colors are going to spice them up.

"We've been color deprived," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, a color tracking company.

Eiseman says the main color directions in women's clothing for spring are toward icy pastels — pale, frosted blue, pink and green — and to bold, intense brights.

Nancy Taylor Farel, a Boulder color and image consultant, adds another category — light and medium brights — clean, pure colors that lack the intensity of the truly bold colors.

While many women will welcome the return of color to fashion's mainstream, there are others who are confused about which to add to their wardrobe.

Farel says the first step in picking flattering colors is to "think about what you look like, your color and hair. I like to say that if you are a light person, with fair skin and blond or gray hair, you should look to those pastels."

Women with medium blond to light brown hair are best suited to the medium bright colors, she says. Those who have dark hair and skin tone can wear the intense colors.

"And if you are terrified by all of this, it's always a good safeguard to turn to the neutrals to wear in combination with color," Farel says.

Clothes in a color that's similar to your hair combined with a fashion color will work because "your hair color acts as a neutral; it appears as part of you." Those with more dering-do can wear overall color that flatters. "You'll be the center of attention," Farel guarantees. "I think there are people who through their grooming and carriage can make any outfit look great," Farel says.

Tarter

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you too, could help to prepare the young people in our communities for future leadership roles.

The 4-H program is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is open to all youth in the third grade through 19 years of age regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

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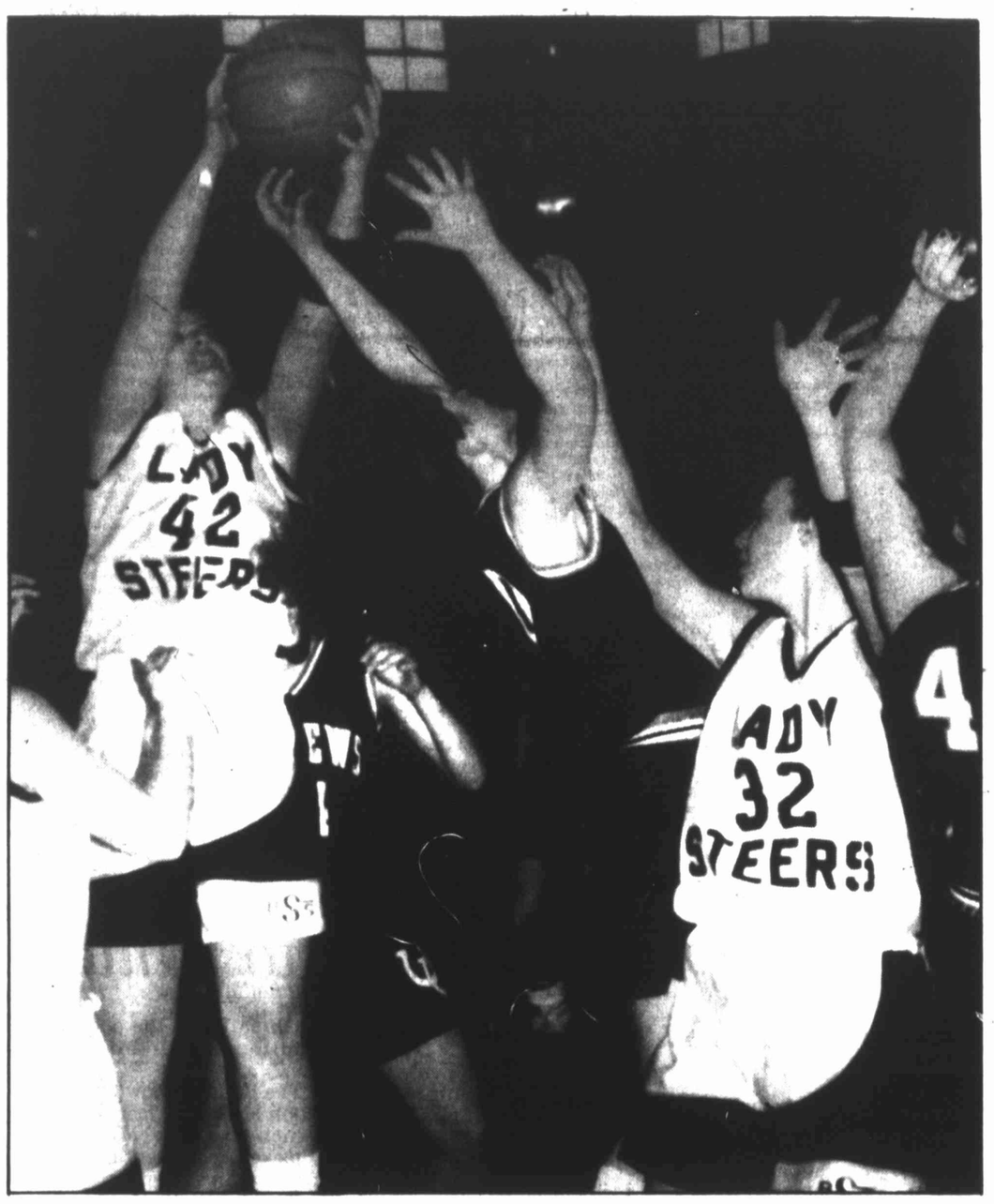
SCOREBOARD

BSHS BASKETBALL
Friday
STEERS at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

HOWARD COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday
LADY HAWKS at New Mexico, 6:50 p.m.
HAWKS at New Mexico, 8:50 p.m.

NBA
San Antonio 109, Charlotte 102
Orlando 112, Sacramento 102
Phoenix 106, Chicago 96
Milwaukee 114, Dallas 111
Seattle 99, Houston 94

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring's Molly Smith (42) pulls down a rebound during the Lady Steers' victory over Andrews Tuesday. Also in on the play is Big Spring's Kim Robertson.

GIVE 'EM FIVE

Lady Steers win fifth straight District 4-4A title

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Lady Steers broke the tie they shared with Andrews Tuesday to stand alone on top of District 4-4A, winning 46-33.

The Lady Steers fell in an early slump as Andrews quickly jumped to a 5-0 lead.

But the district championship was won in the paint. Defensive rebounds were the key in the first half as the Lady Mustangs had few scoring chances after the first shot.

Senior post Molly Smith was the prime reason for Big Spring's dominance, grabbing 13 boards and scoring 10 points in the first half.

"I knew the three seniors had to step up, play hard and give it all we had," said Smith. "Because we were playing for the district championship."

Andrews held its own inside defensively with their post Kacee Connolly challenging every shot. Because the Lady Steers' perimeter shooting was cold most of the game, Connolly was very effective at slowing the offense.

"I've played taller girls," said Big Spring's Robin Wise. "Some of the baskets weren't falling. Hey, that's life. You just got to suck it up and play defense."

But Connolly couldn't stop everyone at once. As Andrews' defense concentrated on Wise, Smith began to hurt them from the backside.

"They were pretty physical," said Lady Steer coach Ron Taylor. "We just turned Smith loose. She stepped up and made some great plays."

Big Spring ran into a scare early in the third quarter when Andrews had an 8-2 run to make the score 27-21.

Smith collected three quick fouls during that time. Though the momentum was changing hands, Smith said the team knew what they had to do to take Andrews out of their game. "I was getting scared, but we had to step up," said Smith. "We had to play like we knew how, and not play like they

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District 4-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Big Spring	9	1	17	7
y-Andrews	8	2	20	8
Lake View	4	5	11	11
Pecos	4	6	11	14
Monahans	4	6	11	14
Fort Stockton	0	9	15	15

x-clinched district title
y-clinched playoff spot

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring 46, Andrews 33; Pecos, Lake View open.

TODAY'S GAMES
Lake View at Fort Stockton.
Season ends

Steers fall to league leaders

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers fell short of taking the "what if" out of its playoff contention hopes Tuesday as they lost to now-district champion Andrews 71-60.

Both teams came in the game with fine-tuned offenses. The Steers scored many of their first-half points off of rebounds while the Mustangs began driving to the basket.

Since both teams relied on inside scoring, the point guards had to lead the defense with intense coverage of the other guards to prevent movement to the inside. Nevertheless, neither teams could tip the game to their corner.

Big Spring played catchup to Andrews until 6:23 remaining in the game when Steer guard Sky Massingill made a three-point basket followed by an easy layup which made the score 48-45.

After four minutes of changing leads, the Mustangs pulled away 61-56 with 1:58 left in the game.

"That's the six-million dollar question," said Big Spring coach Gary Tipton. "I knew

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Franks signs with Miami Hurricanes

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

This morning at 9, Daniel Franks kept it in the family – signing with NCAA Division I schools, that is – when he formally signed a letter-of-intent to attend the University of Miami and play football for the Hurricanes.

Franks is the first Big Spring Steer to sign with a Division I program since his uncle, Kenneth Banks, signed with Texas Tech in 1988.

Banks chose the Hurricanes, who had only 13 scholarships to award, over Texas Christian University. The 6-foot, 5-inch, 230-pound Banks was also recruited by Texas and Texas A&M.

> A&M and Texas wanted me to play defensive end and that put them out (of consideration).
>
> **Daniel Franks**

Franks said the Hurricanes started recruiting him after seeing him in a scrimmage film against Midland High.

"They were recruiting a kid from Midland (punter David Leaverton) and the coach told them about me," he said.

Big Spring Head Coach Dwight Butler said Hurricane national recruiting coordinator Pete Garcia saw Franks in the film and asked the Midland coach about his identity.

"He called me that very day as he was going to the airport," Butler said. "He asked me to send him some film of Daniel and I did. In fact, the film beat him back to Miami."

Franks said he narrowed his list to Miami and TCU, with TCU being the favorite, because both schools had committed to allow him to play offense.

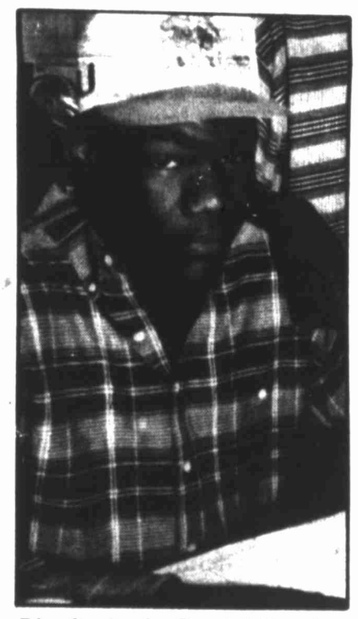
"A&M and Texas wanted me to play defensive end and that put them out (of consideration)," he explained.

Franks visited Miami on Jan. 26 and committed to the Hurricanes on Jan. 30 which, incidentally, was the same day he canceled a scheduled visit to Texas.

Generally overlooked statewide, Butler said Miami head coach Butch Davis said if Franks had lived in a metro area, he would have been on all the recruiting lists and would have been highly sought after.

Franks said he plans to major in education and wants to become a coach after graduation.

Franks' mother, Janice Banks, and his 16-year-old brother, Maurice, were on hand for the signing.



Big Spring's Daniel Franks signs a letter of intent to play football at Miami.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rockets can't figure out Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon has led the Houston Rockets to back-to-back NBA championships. Still, Olajuwon and the Rockets can't figure out a way to beat the Seattle SuperSonics, playoff flops the past two seasons.

Seattle's defense takes away Olajuwon's inside game. "They change the flow of the game so I have to go outside to try to be effective," Olajuwon said.

The SuperSonics Tuesday night made it seven consecutive victories over the Rockets, holding Olajuwon to only three points in the final quarter in a 99-94 victory.

Shawn Kemp outplayed Olajuwon, last season's playoff MVP and 1994 NBA MVP, as a double- and triple-teaming defense stymied the Rockets' center in the last three quarters.

Weather warm but gloves cold as Hawks split series with Ranger

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

To head coach Brian Roper, it's very simple: The Howard College Hawks opened baseball season with an ugly win and even uglier loss.

Fielding temporarily deserted the Hawks, at least for their home-opening series against Ranger Tuesday – in two games, Howard committed 10 errors.

The gaffes didn't hurt too much in the opener, as the Hawks rode a two-run homer by Chad Polk to a 10-3 victory. In the nightcap, however, Howard errors led to eight unearned Ranger runs in a 9-2 defeat.

The fielding mistakes had Roper shaken afterwards.

"I guess I can blame this on myself," Roper said. "This is a very talented ballclub, a veteran ballclub. These guys have a lot of games under their belt. Sunday, we came out in 30-degree weather and played an intrasquad game, and had one error between the two teams. Today, they acted like they've never seen a baseball. I feel like I didn't do a good job of getting them prepared."

The Hawks' bats compensated for the fielding errors, at least in the first game. Polk's two-run homer in the bottom of the first gave Howard a 4-1 lead, and pitchers Scott McKenzie and Ben Phillips made the lead stand up the rest of the way.

For the game, the duo combined for only one strikeout, but allowed only four hits and one earned run.

"Several guys really swung the bats well," Roper said. "Scott was not real sharp, but he battled through it and got the job done. And Ben came on a did a great job."

Then came the nightcap.

Howard operated under a double whammy: The errors kept coming, but this time the bats were silent. A big part of the credit for that must go to Ranger pitcher Breech Nolen, who scattered five hits while striking out eight.

The Rangers (2-1) got all the runs they needed off Howard starter Caleb Brown in the top of the second. Ranger's four runs, all unearned, came on three hits, three walks and a double error that allowed three runs to score on one play.

"Caleb is a tremendous talent, but he's got to get some things worked out," Roper said.

The Hawks return to action this weekend at the McLennan tournament in Waco.

Game one

Ranger	102	000	0	–	3	4 2
Howard	400	231	x	–	10	11 5

WP – McKenzie; LP – Herrera.

Game two

Ranger	040	100	4	–	9	10 5
Howard	000	000	2	–	2	4 5

WP – Nolen; LP – Brown.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

ON TAP

Thursday

Basketball
Howard College at NMJC (men/women), 5:50/7:50

Friday

Golf
Big Spring Invitational

Basketball
Big Spring at Pecos (boys), 7:30
Stanton at Coahoma (B/G), 6:30/8
Wall at Forsan (B/G), 6:30/8
Sands at Klondike (B/G), 6:30/8
Borden County at Grady (B/G), 6:30/8

STATE/NATION

Stars (gasp!) win

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Before they think about winning, the Dallas Stars just want to play a full game.

"This is probably the first game I've seen where did everything right for the whole 60 minutes," said coach Ken Hitchcock after Dallas beat the St. Louis Blues 5-2 Tuesday night.

"We've played well the last eight games, but there always seemed to be one two or three-minute stretch where we have let wins get away from us. That didn't happen tonight."

Hitchcock said he has tried to clear one hurdle at a time since taking over as coach on January 10. The Stars were 11-20-9 under Bob Gainey and are 4-7-2 with Hitchcock.

"The guys are feeling pretty good right now, not so much for the win, but because we played hard for 60 minutes," Hitchcock said.

Aikman surgery successful

IRVING (AP) — Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow in a 75-minute procedure at Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. James Andrews removed loose bodies, bone spurs and scar tissue from the elbow. No timetable was set for Aikman's return to throwing.

Injured Knick busted

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Tucker, who has been on the New York Knicks injured list since before the start of the season, was arrested after he allegedly hit a police officer in a traffic dispute.

Two officers stopped Tucker, 26, at about 4 a.m. after they noticed his car was blocking traffic near an entrance to the Westside Highway, said Officer Kathy Kelly, a police spokeswoman.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Duke at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPN.

NBA
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).
New Jersey at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TBS.

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NFL: Modell, team can go, but Browns, colors must stay

Art Modell is likely to get permission this week to move his football team from Cleveland to Baltimore.

The name "Browns" and those brown uniforms and orange helmets are likely, however, to remain in Cleveland.

The 30 NFL owners will meet Thursday and Friday in Chicago to face the perplexing question of fitting 30 teams into 32 cities. The only feasible answer may be a new round of expansion, a solution cited this week by several team and league sources.

But the major business when the owners meet in Chicago on Thursday and Friday is likely to be approval of Cleveland's move to Baltimore — with the condition the Browns' name and colors remain in Cleveland. Vinny Testaverde, the team's quarterback, said Monday he had been told he would play for the "Baltimore Mustangs."

The meeting comes a week after the Seattle Seahawks became the fifth team in the last year to move or announce its intention to move. In the Seahawks' case it's to the market opened up in southern California by the moves last year of the Raiders and the Rams.

That turbulence has raised eyebrows — not only among the fans, but among the owners themselves.

"I really don't know what's going on in this league," Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson said Tuesday. "I'm really sad to see what's happened to it. We don't have any rules and regulations anymore."

But Wilson appears to be only one of four potential votes against the move by the Browns. Eight are needed to block it.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue would not disclose his recommendation on Tuesday, saying he'd make a final decision after a meeting Wednesday night in Chicago with the stadium and finance committees.

But sources say Tagliabue and Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White appear ready to accede to Art Modell's move of his team to Baltimore if Cleveland is guaranteed another team when Cleveland Stadium is renovated or a new stadium is built, and that the team is "the Browns."

That still leaves the NFL with 32 cities and 30 franchises; Tagliabue has said he's committed to teams in both Cleveland and Baltimore, and in Los Angeles. If Seattle moves, that would fill a hole in southern California, but open one in the Pacific Northwest.

Tagliabue, in Washington on Tuesday again seeking antitrust protection that would allow the NFL to block team moves, has said he doesn't expect expansion until after the turn of the century.

But some sources suggest he may moderate that position to fill the 32 markets in which he wants teams and stop what could be a chain reaction.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers could move if they don't get a new stadium, perhaps into the Cleveland void, maybe to Orlando or even to Hartford. And the Cardinals, who moved from St. Louis to Arizona eight years ago, could be on the march again if Bill Bidwill doesn't get a domed stadium in the desert.

The problem is emphasized by the surprise announcement by Seattle. Last year, the owners, including Seattle's Ken Behring, passed a resolution giving the NFL control over the team that moves into the Los Angeles market.

"I do know," Tagliabue said "that there was a very strong consensus that the league would control and manage the process of re-entry of a team."

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College Scores

EAST
Connecticut 99, Providence 77
Fairfield 75, St. Peter's 63
Manhattan 65, Notre Dame 44
Massachusetts 73, Fordham 47
Penn 90, Lehigh 73
Rhode Island 74, La Salle 65
SOUTH
Alabama 83, Southern Miss. 69
Clemson 77, Wofford 28
Maryland 84, North Carolina 78
Miami 68, West Virginia 65
Mississippi St. 78, Arkansas 63
Virginia Tech 69, Duquesne 63
MIDWEST
Dayton 60, Bethune-Cookman 59
Indiana 81, Minnesota 66
SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts 78, Sacramento St. 66
FAR WEST
Cal Poly-SLO 66, CS Northridge 59
UC Irvine 85, S. Utah 75

NBA

All Times Local

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	34	13	.723	—
New York	29	16	.644	4
Washington	22	22	.500	101/2
Miami	21	26	.447	13
New Jersey	18	27	.400	15
Boston	17	29	.370	161/2
Philadelphia	8	36	.182	241/2
Central Division				
Chicago	41	5	.891	—
Indiana	31	15	.674	10
Cleveland	26	20	.565	15
Atlanta	25	20	.556	151/2
Detroit	22	22	.500	18
Charlotte	21	24	.467	191/2
Milwaukee	17	27	.386	23
Toronto	13	33	.283	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	14	.682	—
Utah	31	15	.674	—
Houston	30	18	.625	2
Denver	19	27	.413	12
Dallas	15	30	.333	151/2
Minnesota	13	31	.295	17
Vancouver	10	36	.217	21
Pacific Division				
Seattle	34	12	.739	—
L.A. Lakers	27	19	.587	7
Sacramento	24	19	.558	81/2
Portland	23	24	.489	111/2
Phoenix	21	24	.467	121/2
Golden State	21	25	.457	13
L.A. Clippers	16	30	.348	18

Monday's Games
Portland 90, Toronto 87
New York 97, Detroit 91
Miami 103, Sacramento 92
Minnesota 104, Dallas 92
Utah 92, Vancouver 83
Golden State 128, L.A. Clippers 124

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 91, Boston 73
San Antonio 109, Charlotte 102
Orlando 112, Sacramento 102
Phoenix 106, Chicago 96
Milwaukee 114, Dallas 111
L.A. Lakers 99, Denver 78
Seattle 99, Houston 94

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with Gregg Zaun, catcher, on a one-year contract.
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Pete Janicki and Joe Rosselli, pitchers, and Chris Turner, catcher.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Signed Joe Magrane, pitcher, to a minor league contract.
DETOIT TIGERS—Named Tim Torricelli manager of the Visalia Oaks of the California League.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with Matt Luke, outfielder, and Tate Seefried, first baseman, on one-year contracts. Sent Blaise Kozeniewski, pitcher, to the Chicago White Sox to complete the Jan. 23 Tim Raines trade.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with Mark Mimbs and Julio Santana, pitchers, on one-year contracts.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with Eric Young, outfielder, and Jorge Brito, catcher, on one-year contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Trey Wilkinson assistant director of media relations.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS—Named Jim Eddy defensive coordinator.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Named Mike Shula offensive coordinator.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Sent John Blue, goaltender, to Rochester of the AHL. Recalled Andrei Trefilov, goaltender, from Rochester.
DALLAS STARS—Recalled Travis Richards, defenseman, from Michigan of the IHL. Placed Shane Churla, forward, on the injured reserve list retroactive to Feb. 3.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Acquired Bob Corkum, center, from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for Chris Herperger, center, and a 1997 seventh-round draft pick. Sent Yanick Dupre, left wing, to Hershey of the AHL. Recalled Aris Brimanis, defenseman, from Hershey.

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TWIN BUTTES: Water clear; low; cold; very few fishermen out.
WHITE RIVER: Water clear; low; cold; very few fishermen out.

Bulldogettes clinch playoff spot

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA – The magic number is now zero.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes' long wait for the playoffs finally ended Tuesday night with a win over Winters at the Coahoma elementary gym. That win, combined with Jim Ned's victory over Wall, clinches second place in District 6-2A and a spot in the state basketball playoffs for the Bulldogettes, who now own a 15-13 overall record and a 3-1 district mark.

This is the first time in five years that Coahoma's girls have clinched a playoff spot.

"I think it's a matter of their hard work paying off," Coahoma coach David Cox said. "I think it might be hard for the girls to realize who close they really are. These girls were in junior high the last time Coahoma was in the playoffs."

For three-year letterman Nicci Reid, who's gone through the recent lean years, it was time to celebrate.

"We knew we had talent before, but we just couldn't make it work," said Reid, a senior. "But now ... everybody works together real well. After four year, I'm ready for the playoffs. It's about time we went."

Reid played a big part defensively in the Bulldogettes' playoff-clinching win. Her two blocks in the fourth quarter helped squash a potential Winters rally.

"I like working on offense, but defense is a lot more fun," she said. "Our offense more or less works itself, but you've got to work on defense."

The Bulldogettes had trouble putting away the Lady Blizzards, who hung around long enough to take a 30-29 lead at halftime. But Tara Sterling, who led Coahoma with 20 points, ignited a a 12-5 run in the third, and Reid and the Bulldogettes' defense took care of matters in the fourth.

"We just needed to pick it up and play our game," said junior wing Tori Elmore, who finished with 14 points. "We finally started playing our kind of ball, and kept things going our way."

WINTERS (58) – Corley 3, Guy 8, Parramore 2, Edwards 22, Vega 4, Biddix 19, Kozelsky 3, totals 17 20-34 58.
COAHOMA (67) – Sterling 20, Reid 4, Elmore 14, Tindol 12, Coleman 2, Kirkpatrick 10, Bingham 2, Rister 3, totals 25 17-30 57

Winters	16	14	10	18 – 58
Coahoma	16	13	19	19 – 67

Three-point goals – Edwards, Biddix 3. Total fouls – Winters 23, Coahoma 24. Fouled out – Corley, Bryan

Steers

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with it getting late, we were forced to foul them. They made the free throws, and it's a credit to them.

"We did a pretty good job holding the ball, so turnovers were not a factor. It was a closer game than that 11-point score says."

Free throws determined the outcome of the game. Ib Simpson was the only Big Spring player to score from the line with four points while Andrews scored 19 points on free throws.

Simpson led the Steers in scoring with 16 points. Daniel Franks and Massingill each scored 14 points, and Chad Warren scored 10 points.

The season is not over for the Steers. If Monahans loses to Fort Stockton and Andrews beats Fort Stockton, there will have to be a playoff for second place in district. However, Big Spring must win its final two games on the road to be part of that playoff.

BIG SPRING (60) – Warren 5 0 10, Franks 7 0 14, Massingill 5 0 14, Wollenzien 2 0 4, Simpson 6 4 16, Fernau 1 0 2, totals 26 4 60.

ANDREWS (71) – Crawford 8 4 20, Daniels 1 2 4, Fariss 7 12 27, Moore 2 0 4, Mayfield 5 0 11, Williams 1 1 3, Falcon 1 0 2, totals 25 19 71.

BIG SPRING	10	13	18	19 – 60
ANDREWS	13	13	17	28 – 71

Three-point goals – Big Spring, Massingill 4; Andrews Mayfield 1, Fariss 1. Total fouls: Big Spring 19, Andrews 13.

Coahoma boys put chill to Winters

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA – After two weeks of near-playoff pressure, the Coahoma Bulldogs are one win away from the real thing.

The Bulldogs, close to goners in the District 6-2A race two weeks ago, climbed within a win of claiming the district's second-half crown with a 61-52 win over Winters Tuesday night.

The win gives the Bulldogs a perfect 4-0 second-half record, and sets up a showdown with district co-leader and rival Stanton Friday in Coahoma. The winner of that game wins the second half of the district race and is assured a spot in the state playoffs.

"I think people had us kind of dead and buried, with a shovel full of dirt on our faces, so this is a credit to our kids for playing as hard as they have," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "They've had every opportunity to fold their tent, but they didn't, and I'm very proud of them for that."

After a first half that ended in a 27-27 tie, the Bulldogs finally gained control of matters in the third quarter, using a 13-2 run to gain a 43-31 lead going into the fourth.

"They're so big and physical that we didn't want to get in a half-court game with them," Nichols said. "We wanted to push ball into the open court and force their big guys to run."

The Bulldogs now face a situation similar to last season, in which Coahoma barely missed a playoff spot after dropping its finale against Stanton.

Brandon Shifflett, who scored 11 points for the Bulldogs, is hoping for a different ending to this year's story.

"This is the way I wanted it to come out," Shifflett said. "I think everybody knew it would come down to us (and Stanton). Last year, it came down to, if we lose, we're out. It's the same thing this year, except now the game's in Coahoma."

Game time Friday is 8 p.m.

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wanted to play."

Point guard Heather Anderson helped the team recover by getting through Andrews' press, settling the offense and passing the ball inside. Along with seniors Smith and Wise, Taylor says that Anderson showed her experience on the court.

"Heather did a great job [Tuesday]," said Taylor. "She showed some leadership qualities. She handled the pressure coming up the floor."

Big Spring clinched the district championship with a 9-1 league record. A disappointing loss to Monahans was the Lady Steers' only flaw, but to Taylor, Big Spring tried to make that loss up with Tuesday's win.

"Our kids felt like they had something to prove after losing Friday," said Taylor.

Smith is looking at the playoff road. "I can't wait for the playoffs," said Smith. "I'm excited because I'm a senior and we are the district champions."

Wise is looking further down the road for Big Spring and, at the same time looking back at the season. "I like to thank the JV team because without them we wouldn't be where we are," said Wise. "[Big Spring] is going to have an awesome team next year."

The Lady Steers will play either El Paso Parkland or El Paso Jefferson for the bi-district championship.

BIG SPRING (46) – Anderson 1 5 8, Wise 6 4 16, Lott 1 1 3, Hughes 0 1 1, Smith 7 2 16, totals 15 13 46.

ANDREWS (33) – Allen 5 5 16, McDonald 1 2 4, Rampone 2 0 5, Connolly 3 2 8, totals 11 9 33.

BIG SPRING	8	17	13	16 – 46
ANDREWS	8	5	7	13 – 33

Three-point goals – Big Spring, Anderson 1; Andrews, Rampone 1, Allen 1. Total fouls: Big Spring 22, Andrews 20.

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Resurgent Spurs down Hornets

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have shown signs that a recent losing streak does not accurately reflect their abilities. The Charlotte Hornets keep showing signs their sub-.500 record is on target.

"We're still right in the thick of things," San Antonio's Vinny Del Negro said after his hot start sent the Spurs to a 109-102 victory over Charlotte on Tuesday night.

The win was the fourth in five games for the Spurs, who remained tied with Utah for first in the Midwest Division. San Antonio lost four of five from Jan. 18-24.

The Spurs finish the first half tonight at Boston.

Del Negro hit five of six shots in the first quarter, when he scored 13 of his 17 points.

"Obviously there's a lot of games left this season," Del Negro said, "but we want to finish up strong before the break and set the right tone for the stretch run. We think we're back on track now."

Charlotte, meantime, lost its third straight since reaching .500 last week for the first time since November.

"It's been a different thing every night," said Larry Johnson, who led the Hornets with 21 points. "One night we get killed on offensive rebounds. Then another night our rotation isn't there. Tonight we just got dug into a hole. Those guys came out ready to play and they were very physical as far as going to the basket and trying to create their shots."

The Spurs hit their first seven field goals and 10 of 11 in a 20-0 run that boosted them to an 18-point advantage in the opening six-plus minutes.

"The way we got started gave us so much confidence that we never looked back," San Antonio coach Bob Hill said.

"It was just one of those nights where everything seemed to go our way," Del Negro said.

The Hornets missed 13 of their first 16 shots and trailed 30-16 after one quarter.

"They put us back on our heels from the get-go," Charlotte coach Allan Bristow said.

Charlotte made 11 of 17 in the second period to cut its halftime deficit to 10 points. The closest the Hornets got was 60-54 on Matt Geiger's layup early in the third, but San Antonio responded with a 23-11 run. Sean Elliott had eight points and David Robinson six as the Spurs stretched it to 83-65 with 1:15 left in the quarter.

Robinson finished with 23 points and 15 rebounds and Elliott added 23 points.

Geiger had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, who didn't make a 3-pointer until there was 3:22 remaining.

Cummings leads Bucks past Mavericks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — This time, Terry Cummings stuck around to show his teammates just how it's done.

Cummings' pivotal rebound and assist in the closing seconds helped the Milwaukee Bucks hold off the Dallas Mavericks 114-111 Tuesday night.

"Somebody different every night steps up. That's the way good teams do it," said Cummings, who rebounded teammate Johnny Newman's missed free throw and dished to Vin Baker for a fadeaway jumper with 19 seconds left.

Four nights earlier, Cummings, one of the NBA's most amicable players, was ejected in the fourth quarter of the Cleveland's blowout of the Bucks after getting hit with a double-technical.

Cummings, a 14-year veteran who hasn't been on a losing team since his rookie year in San Diego, said his ejection was fueled by his frustration with some of his teammates' cavalier attitude toward losing.

He challenged them to respect the veterans' leadership and the coaches' advice, and he dared them to play hard from the start — and shake their habit of fading down the stretch.

The Bucks never trailed Tuesday night, although Dallas erased an early 22-point deficit to tie it at 109 on George McCloud's long jumper with a minute left.

McCloud, who hit eight 3-pointers and tied his career-high with 36 points, fouled Newman with 39 seconds remaining and Newman hit the first foul shot.

Cummings rebounded Newman's errant second attempt and fed Baker along the right baseline.

"I knew I was going to get a good look at the basket," said Baker, whose fadeaway over McCloud with 19.9 seconds gave him 36 points and made it 112-109.

"Right on me. That's why he's an All-Star," McCloud said. "He can break you down in so many ways. He's maneuvers really well. He's powerful down low."

After a timeout, Baker blocked Jimmy Jackson's jumper and Milwaukee got the ball with 7.9 seconds left. Randolph Keys was fouled right away and made two free throws before Lucious Harris' tip-in at the buzzer finished the scoring.

"It was big for us, in light of everything that's been going on," said Baker, who was 14-for-21 from the floor and 8-of-8 from the line. "I think the third quarter was the biggest quarter of the season because we really came out and said what this team wants to do and what direction we want to go in."

The Bucks, ahead 59-54 at halftime, went up 89-83 after three. But Popeye Jones' tip-in at 1:45 capped a 13-2 Dallas run and tied it at 107.

After Sherman Douglas' basket put Milwaukee ahead again, McCloud's jumper tied it at 109 with a minute remaining. He was on the 3-point line or his shot would have given Dallas its first lead.

"I thought that McCloud's shot was a 3-pointer, but I guess that wasn't the case," said Jason Kidd, who left briefly in the second quarter with back spasms.

"We thought George McCloud had a 3-pointer," Dallas coach Dick Motta said. "The refs were calling them real close to the line tonight. The additional point would have made a difference for us."

It would have given McCloud a career-high 37 points.

Milwaukee used a 24-4 run, sparked by Douglas' three 3-pointers, to put Dallas in a 39-17 hole. But with starters Kidd, Jackson and Jones on the bench for the second period, Harris (11), David Wood (6) and Scott Brooks (10) ignited a 39-point outburst that trimmed the Mavericks' deficit to five by halftime.

Robinson and Douglas each scored 17 for the Bucks, who shot a season-best 59 percent and made a season-high 46 field goals to give coach Mike Dunleavy his 200th NBA victory.

Douglas, another frustrated veteran, said the game could be the turning point for the Bucks (17-27).

"We ask for effort and our coaches as for effort," Douglas said. "So, when I dive on the floor, maybe someone else will do it, too. Hopefully, it will become contagious.

"I think the All-Star break comes at a good time," Douglas added.

Emmitt wants football named an Olympic sport

ATLANTA (AP) — Emmitt Smith says he deserves a chance to climb atop the victory podium just like Michael Jordan.

But American-style football in the Olympics? Smith would be better advised to take up another sport if he wants to go for the gold.

Smith, who has led the Dallas Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles in four years, on Tuesday said he's launching a campaign to get football on the Olympic program by the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.

"I've seen Michael Jordan get the opportunity to go play basketball and come home with the gold," Smith said at a news conference. "My idea, my dream, my goal is to go out and legitimize this sport and compete at the Olympic Games with my peers in the football arena."

Smith mentioned last week on The Tonight Show that he wanted to compete at the Olympics, and he discussed the idea with fellow players at the Pro Bowl.

"It hit in their minds that everybody else has the opportunity to go participate in the Olympic Games, but we have to sit at home and watch it," he said. "We want to go do it, too."

Still, the whole event had the air of being nothing more than a promotional campaign to sell a product that Smith endorses. The announcement was coordinated by Reebok and held in the shoe company's exhibit area at a sporting goods convention in Atlanta.

But since Smith insisted that "this is not tongue in cheek, it's a serious matter," let's play along.

Told of Smith's proposal, Anita DeFrantz, a high-ranking member of the International Olympic Committee, said it's highly unlikely that football will be part of the Olympics anytime in the foreseeable future.

"The sports that are played throughout the world are in line ahead of them," she said. "Rugby is a sport that's been on the program (in 1900, 1908, 1920 and 1924), and it's my understanding that they wouldn't mind coming back to the fold. The best thing to say is that football will have to take a number in line behind them."

The major hurdle facing football is, well, its exclusiveness to the United States and Canada, although it has a following in Europe and Mexico. To gain a spot in the Olympics, a male sport must be played in 75 countries on four continents.

"That's the first hurdle," DeFrantz said. "I doubt they can show 75 countries on four continents."

If Smith is serious about his Olympic dream, his best bet would be to take up another sport, as Herschel Walker did.

Smith, however, noted that Dallas' Super Bowl victory over Pittsburgh was seen by an estimated 750 million people in 187 countries.

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FORECAST FOR FEB. 8

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The unexpected occurs, and you feel directed. You have a lot of opportunities coming forth, so you might feel confused as to which way to go. Venus moves into your sign today, adding to your allure. Go for what is important to you. Tonight: Answer to popular demand.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Understand what is happening with a loved one. Evaluation and understanding mix well. News from a distance is important as you make a business decision. Be willing to take a risk and open a new door. Focus on work and accomplishment. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Opportunity strikes in the form of money or love — both, if you are lucky. Fun surrounds a change in your day-to-day life. You finally get what you want, so celebration is in order. The unexpected occurs, so go with the surprise. Tonight: Start the weekend early.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Security and family dominate your thinking. You are ready for an opening or change. You have wonderful news coming your way via a partner or friend. You might want to change your work schedule to make it more suitable for you. Tonight: Veg out.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a lot of good news coming your way. Work is positive, and the unexpected occurs with a partner or associate. Know that you have enough energy to cover all the necessary bases. Consider developing a new hobby or interest. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are tempted to take a financial risk, but keep adventure and financial matters separate. A loved one entices you to take the less stable path. Call your own shots; you're the one who will have to deal with the long-range effect of a decision. Tonight: Do some shopping!***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Positive influences mark this period, and you are excited by what happens. You have a special offer drop into your lap. This is not the time to hesitate or make a negative decision. Be willing to risk and grow. Excitement surrounds you. Tonight: Let happiness in.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This is time to gather information rather than take action. Mull over what you hear, and investigate more, if it is needed. You'll see events a lot differently as a result. Communications are active. You can solve a problem through openness. Tonight: Make it an early night.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Assess what is happening with a friend before you leap into action. The emphasis is on creativity, new ideas and romance. You are getting more of what you want. Brainstorm about a money-making venture. You get surprising feedback. Tonight: Go for what you want.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take the lead at work. Someone respects how you feel and what you want. Your positive ways bring new possibilities. Do not listen to negativity; stay on your chosen course. You have magnetism, you are popular, and you make great choices. Tonight: You're in the limelight.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) News is exciting and opens new doors. Jump on a travel offer or one that may bring you greater educational opportunities. Your instincts are right on about a loved one. You are finally able to get past self-imposed limitations. Tonight: Go for change.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One-to-one relating opens a new door. Pull back, and listen to a friend who means well and has a great idea. If you are willing to negotiate, you will be successful. You are in a building phase, both financially and emotionally. Tonight: Go for closeness.*****

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1996: Be willing to take a leap of faith this year. You need to ask for more. You can achieve a lot in the next 12 months. Consider focusing on more education, your higher self and possible travel. Your instincts are right on this year, and they will help you as you enter a new luck cycle next year. If you are single, you might develop a special, spiritual relationship. If attached, your relationship benefits from your growth and understanding. LIBRA praises you.

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In-laws' public reserve is wife's private frustration



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: This concerns all those letters in response to "Hurt Mother-in-Law," whose daughter-in-law couldn't call her "Mom."

In my case, I wanted with all my heart to call my mother-in-law "Mom." She didn't ask me to, so I came right out and asked my in-laws if I could call them "Mom" and "Dad."

They said it was OK with them, but every time I did, they looked uncomfortable, so I quit calling them Mom and Dad and started calling them by their first names. Well, I could see they weren't pleased with that either, so I just gave up and avoided calling them anything.

They are very undemonstrative and never hug or kiss each other in public. They kiss above their grandchildren's heads when they greet them. This is foreign to me because I grew up in a very affectionate family. However, my husband didn't, although he shows me lots of affection in private.

Abby, is there a solution to this problem? Or must I learn to live with it? — FRUSTRATED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Don't try to "teach" your in-laws to be more demonstrative or affectionate; just be grateful that your husband shows you "lots of affection" in private.

Continue to be affectionate to your children. However, never order them to kiss Grandma, Grandpa or anyone else. Insincere kisses give children the wrong message.

The way to teach children to be affectionate is to show them affection.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 59. My father was 74 when he died last year. They had been married for 40 years. When they met, my mother was 19, and Father was a 34-year-old widower with a 4-year-old son I'll call Max.

When Dad died, Mom went to a grief counselor who told her to "go for it." Nine months later, Mom moved Max into her bedroom! Max is my half-brother, but technically he is not a blood relative to my mother.

I thought it showed terrible judgment on her part when she had him move in with her, and most of my relatives agreed. After all, Max had been my mother's stepson for 40 years.

Abby, is our society so morally bankrupt that this is considered OK? Max is 44 and has been married five times. — MORTIFIED

DEAR MORTIFIED: Let me put it this way: In at least 15 states, marriage between "step" relatives is prohibited by law. And in the other 35, I'm willing to bet that the behavior exhibited by your mother would raise eyebrows. However, both are adults, and neither one has solicited my advice.

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Local Scouts have a home at last

By JOE PICKLE
Herald Correspondent

For the first time in its 85-year history, Scouting in this area has its own home.

Through the generosity of the Welch family, the former site of River-Welch Funeral Home (and the historic Eberley Funeral Home) at 610 S. Scurry Street, has been given to the Buffalo Trail Council as headquarters for the east service area.

Brief dedication ceremonies were at 2 p.m. Sunday at the new center, said Ladd Smith, chairman of the Lone Star District. Cubs, Scouts and Explorers were be on hand to explain and demonstrate several exhibits set up for the occasion.

A variety of improvements is being made possible through the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation and Marie Hall.

Smith said that extensive plans are on the board for improving and developing the center, most of them to come after a new roof has been placed on the building.

Primarily, the center will house area headquarters for Warren Wallace, District Executive.

It will provide space for district committee, monthly roundtable, and a variety of other meetings. (It also will be usable as a meeting place for other organizations, as available.)

Among the earliest projects will be the establishments of a Scout store, where advancements and supplies may be obtained. This will be operated by volunteers on Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and one evening each week. The other immediate project is development of a Scout Museum.

Facilities for training Scout volunteer leaders will be provided. There will be a kitchen to help prepare light food or refreshments in connection with meetings.

Upstairs storage areas for District equipment and camping gear will be set up.

Eventually, there are plans to develop a vehicle entrance of the south (Seventh Street) side so there can be off-street parking.

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Scout Sunday was being observed Sunday morning in several churches with sponsor Scouting units.

In most cases, Scouts and leaders wore uniforms and sat in special groups. Troop No. 1 will observe Scout Sunday on Feb. 11, due to communion being observed at the First United Methodist church on each first Sunday.

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Young men attaining to the highest rank of Eagle Scout, no longer do it merely by passing required merit badges and citing evidence of living up to the oath and law.

Now, they must have performed a leadership service project. This is a community good turn that they must conceive, organize, and execute on their own.

Rarely is this an individual thing—on the contrary many other Scouts and adults may be involved. Time given to a project may run into even hundreds of hours. During recent months, these are our district's Eagles and their projects:

Ben Inman, Troop 401—reworked and improved the wildlife drinking ponds at the State Park, along with clearing trees and brush away from the road's Roman-like retaining wall. (over 200 manhours)

Clay Thixton, Troop 16—cleaned out seven drainage culverts in the Scenic Mountain State Park. (over 100 manhours)

Frankie Berthold, Troop 4—made improvements and cleaned up City Hall in Ackerly for the first time in a generation. (over 110 manhours)

Ryan Wilkerson, Troop 5—conservation work in the State Park (over 65 manhours)

Matthew Woodall, Troop 401—Trail renovation at the Scenic Mountain State Park. (100+ manhours)

Slate Broyles, Troop 1—refurbishment of the Jefferson St. City Park. (120 man-hours)

Jeff Suggs, Troop 5—conducted neighborhood vacation Bible School. (80 plus manhours)

Does Scouting make a difference?

Consider that 85 percent of student council presidents have come from Scouting; the same percentage of FBI agents; 65 percent of Air Force graduates; 70 percent of U.S. Naval Academy graduates, 72 percent of Rhodees scholars; 69 percent of senior class presidents; 26 of the first 29 astronauts; numerous members of Congress, and several U.S. Presidents, just to mention a few.

A brief history of Scouting

Special to the Herald

Big Spring and the eastern area of the Buffalo Trail Council can take pride in being a part of Scouting in the USA almost from the beginning.

Not long after the movement, which had its beginning in England, came to America, Congress gave its approval by chartering BSA in February 1916. In 1913, Mrs. B. Reagan read about it in a national magazine and saw in it something for her two sons, Paul and Horace, and other youths.

So she prevailed on C.S. Holmes, assistant postmaster, to look into the matter. He chartered a troop from the nucleus of a Sunday School class he had been teaching on the Northside, plus a few others including the Reagan boys.

The railroad YMCA, then one of the dominant community institutions, became the sponsor and furnished the meeting place. Camping became one of the prime activities of Troop No. 1, plus a few community good turns and some limited rank advancements.

Holmes headed the troop for a decade, being succeeded by J.M. Manuel, the YMCA director. Walton S. Morrison, a product of the troop, saved it in the Depression years by serving as scoutmaster.

Troop No. 1 had continuous registration for some 75 years before there was a slight lapse, disrupting the claim of being the oldest troop west of the Mississippi with continuous registration. It since has been revived by the First Methodist Church and is one of the more active units today.



Courtesy photo
Brian Marlar, Scoutmaster of Troop 4 (sponsored by First Methodist Church of Coahoma) and Allison Wallace, Post 394, climb the "Giant's Ladder." The feat took place at Rope's Course in San Antonio's Boy Scout camp at McGempsey Park.

Share adventures of Scouting

By JOE PICKLE
Herald Correspondent

Hey young folks and parents — are you interested in sharing in the adventure of Cubs, Scouts or Explorers — first grade and up — (or parents, are you interested in this for your children?) all you have to do is to call the scout office at 263-3407.

Oh, yes, at the senior (explorer) level, young ladies as well as young men are eligible from 14 to 20 years of age. Most of these units are career-oriented. High Adventure, or Sea Exploring Posts.

Finally, if your church, service or civic club, groups such as PTA really wants to invest in America's tomorrow, call Warren Wallace, Scout executive, 263-3407, and learn how easy it is to sponsor a Cub pack, Scout Troop or Explorer post.

Many activities are planned for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the Lone Star District this spring. Boys and leaders on Jan. 20 did cleanup work and preparing for the open house at the new East area service center; adults hosted the Buffalo Trail Annual Council Recognition Banquet Jan. 27.

The Lone Star District Leader Recognition Banquet is Thursday at First Presbyterian Church; camporee at Camp Thomas, south of Big Spring, area fishing tournament in Snyder April 13; Scout-a-Rama, Fairgrounds March 23; assist American Legion and VFW in placing flags on graves of veterans on Memorial Day; offer services as Color Guard for public events; Tri-District Camporee at the Hughes Aquatic Base, Lake Colorado City; area merit badge overnighter at Camp Thomas south of Big Spring; continued quarterly cleanup on U.S. 87 and loop 700 east of Birdwell.

Training key to Scouting

By JOE PICKLE
Herald Correspondent

Training is a key part of the Scouting experience, both with scouts and with adult volunteers.

Many adults say they would be willing or anxious to help, but they don't know anything about the program. There's an easy answer for that; at every level of Scouting, there are specific and continuing training sessions, and some of these pertain to such things as camping, cooking, program techniques, things to do, organization, etc.

These are progressive — no such thing as as one quick course, but continuing help from the District committee, the council, or the area professional executive.

When young people become a part of the movement, they are expected to progress through a series of advancement levels or ranks.

Cubs satisfy requirements to become Tigers, Wolves, Bears. Fourth and fifth grade boys become Webelos I or II, finally earning the Arrow of Light, then stepping up to Boy Scouts.

Scouts first become Tenderfoot, which consists of the basics in mastering the Scout oath and law, respect for the flag, basic traditions of the nation, etc. Then they are challenged to master practical knots, Second Class, including basics in camping, hiking, first aid, thrift; First Class, a refinement of previous steps.

Scouting offers career sampling by scores of merit badges, which, by the way are earned with the help of adult volunteers (counselors) who are expert in their field; five community service adventure merit badges advances the boy to Star; 10 merit badges are required from Life; and 21 (including about half in specific areas) to attain the highest ranking of Eagle. Palms may be added to the badge for additional merit badges.

Exploring, at the senior levels, have adults assisting young people explore specific careers such as law enforcement, medicine, education, high adventure and public service.

The task of undergirding Scouting in six West Texas counties comprising the eastern area of the Buffalo Trail Council, falls on the the shoulders of Warren Wallace. As the area executive, he has the responsibility of working with 250 volunteer leaders in 32 units in Borden, Scurry, Howard, Mitchell, Glasscock and Sterling Counties.

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Chairman gives back to Scouts

By JOE PICKLE
Herald Correspondent

The head man among the volunteers in the Lone Star District is a product of Scouting.

Ladd Smith is one of the scores of former Scouts who are giving back something of what they received as boys.

As chairman of the Lone Star District, he is responsible for shaping up the work in Howard, Glasscock and Sterling Counties primarily, but he also works with Executive Warren Wallace to coordinate activities with those in the Lone Buffalo (Borden and Scurry Counties) and the Lone Wolf District (Mitchell County).

Smith is a native of Big Spring, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Felton Smith, Sr., who operated Uncle Walt's Store across from the high school. In those days it was a sort of unofficial student center.

Mr. Smith was an active Scouting volunteer, serving on the Troop No. 1 committee and often going on summer campouts.

Ladd's brothers Felton Jr. (Smitty), Howard, and Bob (who lost his life in World War II) were active in scouting and Howard and Ladd attained the Eagle rank.

Upon graduating from Big Spring High School, Ladd served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Returning home, he learned Howard College had been established, and he went to the Big Spring school superintendent's office, across from where he grew up, and was No. 5 to register for the first year of the college in 1946.

Later, he completed his degree work at North Texas State University, taught school a year in Littlefield, and returned to Big Spring and a job with Cosden Oil and Chemical Company, being transferred in 1953 to Dallas by successor Fina, retiring at the end of 1989 as general credit manager for the company.

He and his bride, Betty Stuteville, his school sweetheart, decided the old hometown ties were too strong — they moved back to Big Spring. Immediately, they were caught up in activities, including a term as city councilman for him.

Remembering how he had been in Troop No. 3, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and how he later put in half a dozen years as its Scoutmaster, he renewed his connections with the District Committee. When Tommy McCann moved last year, Smith stepped into his place and has been pushing an expanding program.

Ladd and Betty are parents of three — Celia Milner, Malibu, Calif.; Nancy Lynn Smith, Maui, Hawaii; and David Smith, Highland Village (Dallas).

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Getting the Boy Scout program to boys, and to girls at the senior (Explorer) level is not left to chance.

That responsibility falls to the district executive committee, an arm of the Buffalo Trail Council.

Heading this group, which meets monthly, Ladd Smith, a retired executive of Fina (formerly Cosden)

He is assisted by District Commissioner Eunice Thixton, and her commissioner staff and Ladd Smith, District Chairman, directing the various divisions of work to make certain that units are kept active and healthy are these committee chairman.

Many of these committee chairmen, such as the leaders Roundtable for unit leaders, training, etc., hold regular monthly meetings also.

Area Scout membership flourishing

By JOE PICKLE
Herald Correspondent

For 85 years the Boy Scouts of America has been a vital force in youth development in Big Spring. It has had its ups and down, but with the past five years it is once again flourishing.

Ladd Smith, Lone Star District chairman, said boy membership now is over 450, guided by 165 volunteer adults in 21 units (Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Explorer Posts). Boy membership has increased by 45 percent within the past three years, and the number of units has doubled.

Volunteers, from members of the district executive committee, to the volunteer leaders of the units, have seen to it that boys (and girls in the Explorer program) are kept busy in a variety of activities, plus achieving advancement in rank.

Last year the Lone Star district produced five Eagle Scouts and 24 Arrow of Lights. Less than two percent of those enrolled ever achieve this rank.

Smith attributed the steady growth to the program that the adults are providing, along with a team effort under adults are providing, the leadership of Warren Wallace as area executive.

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Big Spring and vicinity are part of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, an 18-county area extending to the Big Bend National Park.

While there may be some dispute of the claim that the council is the largest such geographical area in the nation, it certainly has enough square miles to rank it with the top three. On the longest northeast-southwest diagonal, it stretches over 400 miles.

Big Spring is headquarters for the eastern area (Borden, Scurry, Howard, Mitchell, Glasscock and Sterling Counties.) Midland has the council headquarters and serves Martin, Midland, Ector and Andrews Counties. The western area is comprised of Loving, Winkler, Ward, Reeves, Culberson, Presidio, Brewster, plus Big Bend Park.

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Youths don't lack for activities when they associate with the Scouting program in the Lone Star District.

Cub Scouts have their regular Den meetings (weekly) and monthly Pack meetings to conduct activities and recognize advancement. In addition, Cubs and parents had a camp out at Lake Colorado City plus a camporee at Camp Thomas south of Big Spring. They also went to the council's Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains.

They took park in the city-wide cleanup campaign, had exhibits at the Scout-a-Rama, had a miniature golf tournament, took part in Pushmobile Races as well as the traditional Pinewood Derby.



Courtesy photo

Janet Ferguson of Troop 16 acts as lifeguard while a Cub Scout shows his best back flip off the end of the dock at Cub day camp. Camp was at Hughes Aquatic Base, Lake Colorado City, in the summer of 1995.



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Cub Scouts participate in a tube-paddling race at Cub day camp at Hughes Aquatic Base, Lake Colorado City, summer of 1995.



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Shark! Sandy Wallace and Nurse Wood see the amazement on Cub Scouts' faces during the Petroleum Museum curator's presentation on sharks. The presentation was part of summer 1995 day camp activities.

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STATE OF TEXAS

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Glenda Brasel
Clerk of the District Court,
Howard County, Texas
By: Colleen Barton
9703 February 7, 1996

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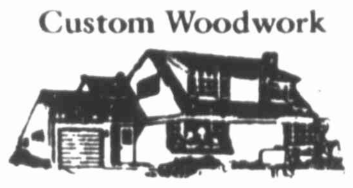
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6 :PM :30	News Wh. Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	C. Sandiego Science Guy	Waltons (174194)	News (6303) Ent. Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (1823) Seinfeld	Home Videos Home Videos	Lazos de Amor (23552)	Tall Tales and Legends	(746842) Country News	(5:55) Movie: Suspect	" "	Twilight Murders	Light of the Southwest	Equalizer (992552)	Invention Movie Magic	In the Heat of the Night	Longhorn High School	College Basketball:	(2632587) Unusual	Sanford Benson
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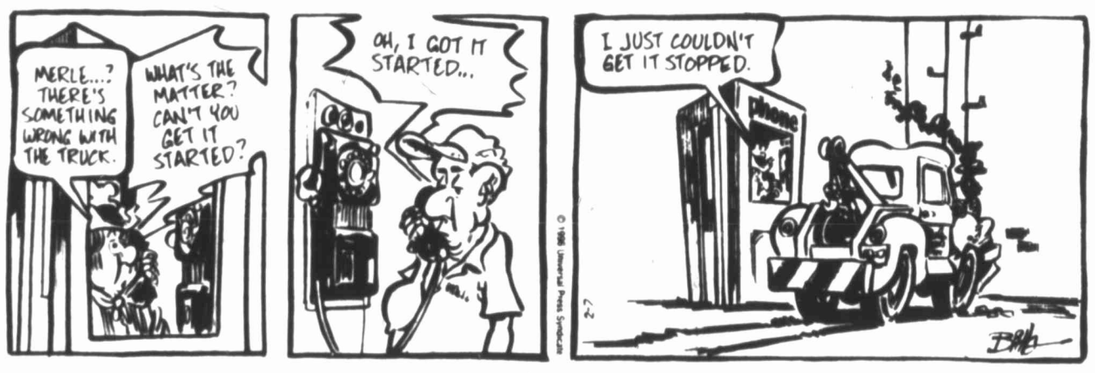
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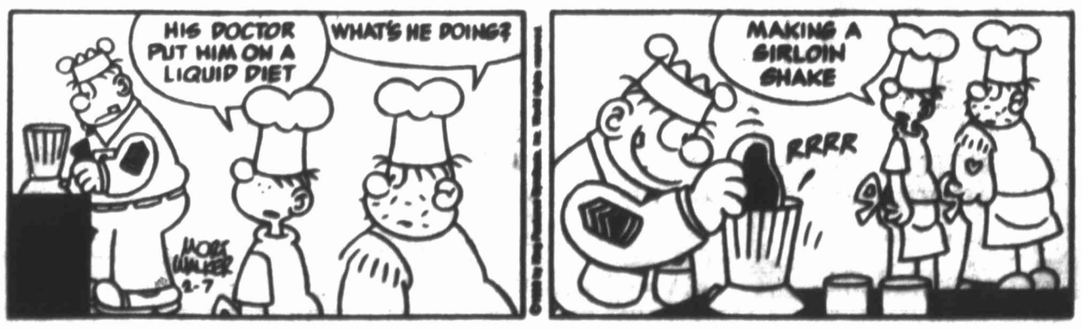
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1996. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 1964, the Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they were greeted by thousands of screaming fans.

On this date:

In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn.

In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943, the government announced that shoe rationing would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1944, Bing Crosby and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded "Swinging on a Star" for Decca Records in Los Angeles.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

In 1990, the Soviet Union's Communist Party agreed to let alternative political parties compete for control of the country, thereby giving up its monopoly on power.

Ten years ago: The Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos. Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

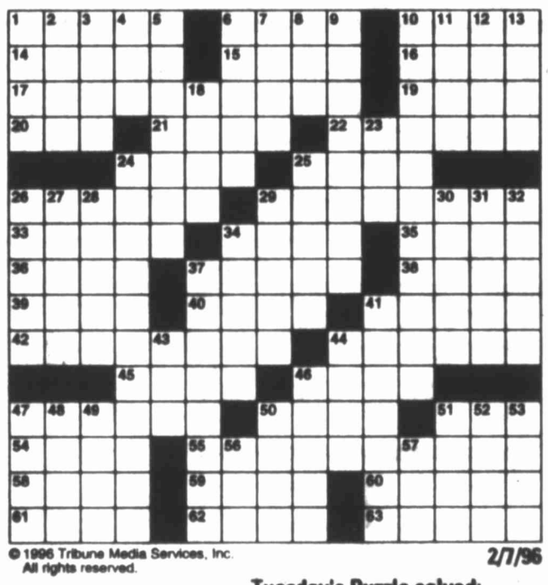
Five years ago: Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, left for a visit to the Gulf War zone. The Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected president.

One year ago: Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing, was arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan, after two years as a fugitive.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eddie Bracken is 76. Author Gay Talese is 64. Country singer Garth Brooks is 34.

Thought for Today: "There are only two classes of mankind in the world — doctors and patients." — Rudyard Kipling, English author and poet (1865-1936).

THE Daily Crossword by Robert Zimmerman



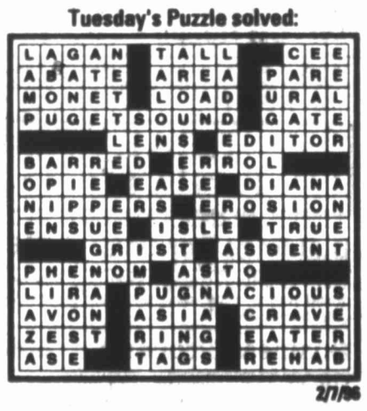
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34 Foil for the backs of mirrors
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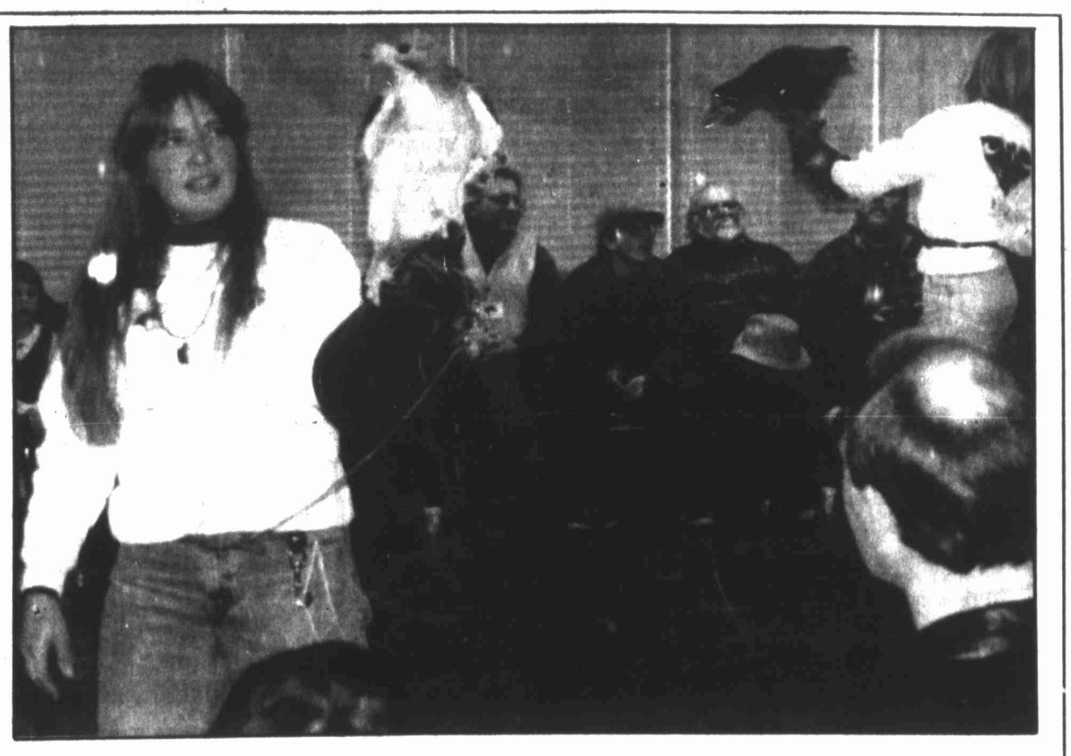
HERALD staff report

Temperatures were down into the teens and windchill factors were slightly below zero, but birdwatchers still showed up to take part in the activities surrounding the 4th annual Cranefest.

About 100 people attended Friday night's kickoff banquet, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jim Lewis of Albuquerque, N.M. Lewis is the National Whooping Crane Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department. He presented a slide show and talked about sandhill and whooping cranes.

Past Cranefests have allowed bird watchers to see birds such as the great blue heron, snowy egret, Canada goose, mallard, redtailed hawk, greater yellowlegs, mourning dove, cactus wren, American robin, northern cardinal and meadowlark, plus many others.

While a detailed accounting was unavailable, it was reported that five species not previously seen in West Texas, were viewed by a sparse birdwatching group Friday morning.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Sherry McDaniel and Mary Lee, both with the Last Chance Forever Conservancy in San Antonio, show two hawks up-close to spectators at the Dora Roberts Community Center as part of Cranefest.

The Saturday walking tour of Comanche Trail Park, as well as the afternoon tour of Scenic Mountain State Park was cut short because of the cold weather, but Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Program Director Debbye Valverde said there were dozens of cranes at One-Mile Lake for birdwatchers to see as well as several different species of birds.

Approximately 60 people were at the community center at 11 a.m. for the luncheon banquet and program featuring local resident Hayes Stripling Jr. who served as guest speaker, presenting a program on the sandhill cranes.

Also on Saturday afternoon was a demonstration by "Last Chance Forever" members Mary Lee and Sherry McDaniel. The San Antonio-based group specializes in the rehabilitation of sick and injured birds of prey.

The demonstration featured rehabilitated hawks, owls, falcons and eagles and drew an enthusiastic audience.

Cranefest is a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce event.

Local restaurant assistant promoted to manager

Special to the Herald

A local sonic employee recently completed management training in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Adam Fox, assistant manager of the Sonic-Drive-In on 1200 Gregg Street in Big Spring, and his wife Heather, attended and received certification at Sonic Industries Inc. Management Training School in Oklahoma City.

Fox will be managing the new Sonic Drive-In on 7th and Broadway in Post, Texas.

The week-long managers school certifies Sonic managers, assistant managers, supervisors and partners in management and operational procedures such as general accounting, food/paper cost controls, labor/labor scheduling, human resources, marketing, promotions and local public relations, equipment use and maintenance, customer service and leadership.

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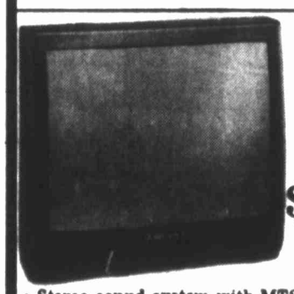
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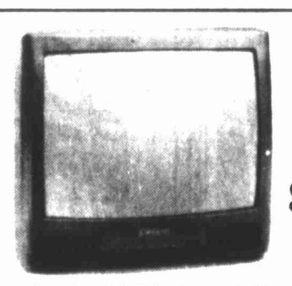
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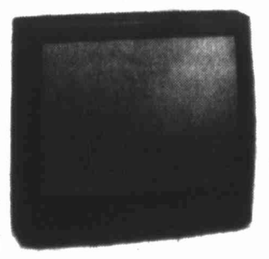
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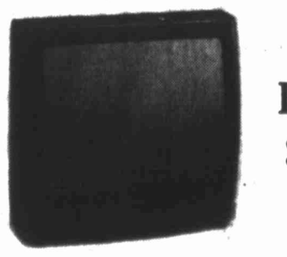
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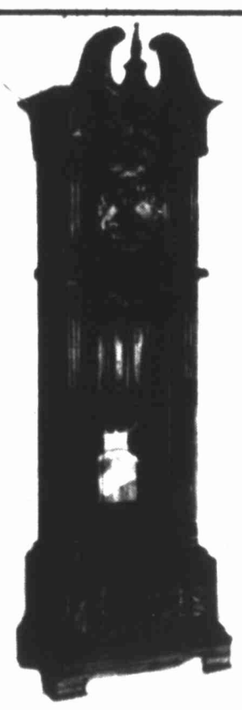
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Seminars show farmers and ranchers how to handle finances

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring four two-day farm and ranch estate planning seminars for Texas producers.

The seminars are scheduled for Feb. 7-8 at the Lubbock Holiday Inn Civic Center; Feb. 14-15 at the El Paso Hilton Airport; Feb. 21-22 at the Waco Hilton; and Feb. 28-29 at the San Antonio Chapter Training Facility.

Each seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. each day.

The seminars are designed to give a thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules are they affect families and their agricultural businesses.

Texas Extension Economist and attorney Wayne Hayenga said each seminar is also designed for each party in a married couple because they will discuss estate administration and tax reporting requirements for the surviving spouse.

He added the same information is useful for potential executors and trustees of estates and to all who want to make their estate settlement less of a burden to their loved ones.

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service estate taxes range from 37 percent to 55 percent for estates valued above $500,000.

The goal is to give seminar participants knowledge sufficient to make an informed choice as to the best alternative for their family and financial situation.

"A properly drawn estate plan may save many farm and ranch families up to $200,000 in estate taxes," Hayenga said. But that 's assuming you're talking about a couple with a farm or ranch worth $1 million or more and want to pass it along to their children.

Hayenga added, "For many families the estate tax savings are not as large because they have smaller operations. In fact, for many farm and ranch families, the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

The seminars are also structured to help farmers and ranchers learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed as well.

Hayenga added there are two problems with making excessive gifts; the first is dying poor and the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the beneficiary.

He said, "A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

Two topics that affect family operations - planning for inflation and growth of the business and how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not - will be addressed.

The registration fee is $100 and registration information is available at the Howard County Extension Office or from Wayne Hayenga or Carol Sabo, Agricultural Economics Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843 or by calling (409) 845-2226.

Area farmers and ranchers with questions about the seminars may contact following the County Extension Agents at the seminar sites: Stanley Young, Lubbock (806)767-1190; Alfred Gonzalez, El Paso (915)859-7973; Doug Andrews, Waco (817)757-5180; or Dirk Aaron, San Antonio (210)930-3086.

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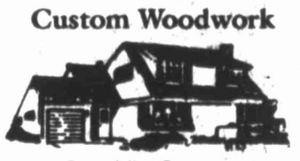
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