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Bee-lieve it, these students can spell

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Seven Big Spring Independent School District students will compete in the annual district-wide Spelling Bee Thursday afternoon.

The annual bee will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, according to Junior High School Librarian Robin Ritchey, coordinator of the event.

This marks the fourth year the district bee will be sponsored by the local school district, Ritchey said.

Moderating the event will be Elissa Medina-Bancroft, high school English teacher. School trustees Phil Furquerson, Allan Partee and Irene Galan will serve as

2007 Big Spring ISD Spelling Bee Campus Representatives



Michael Akin

Blake Brorman

Matilda Irvin

Kattlin Long

Ethan Morelson

Ashley Smith

Tobyn Tannehill

What: 2007 Big Spring ISD Spelling Bee

Where: Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria

When: 4 p.m. Thursday

At Stake: A trip to the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock

judges.

Contestants will face a zero-tolerance policy for mis-spelled words — one strike, and they're out. But the rules change slightly when the bee gets

to its final two competitors.

"If one (of the two) misses a word, the other one has to spell that word correctly, then another word, before he or she is

declared the winner," Ritchey said.

The winner of the district bee will represent Big Spring at the regional level March 9 in Lubbock, Ritchey said.

This year's contestants, and their alternates, are:

• Big Spring Junior High — Blake Brorman, champion; David Rios,

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Laptops on list for Thursday

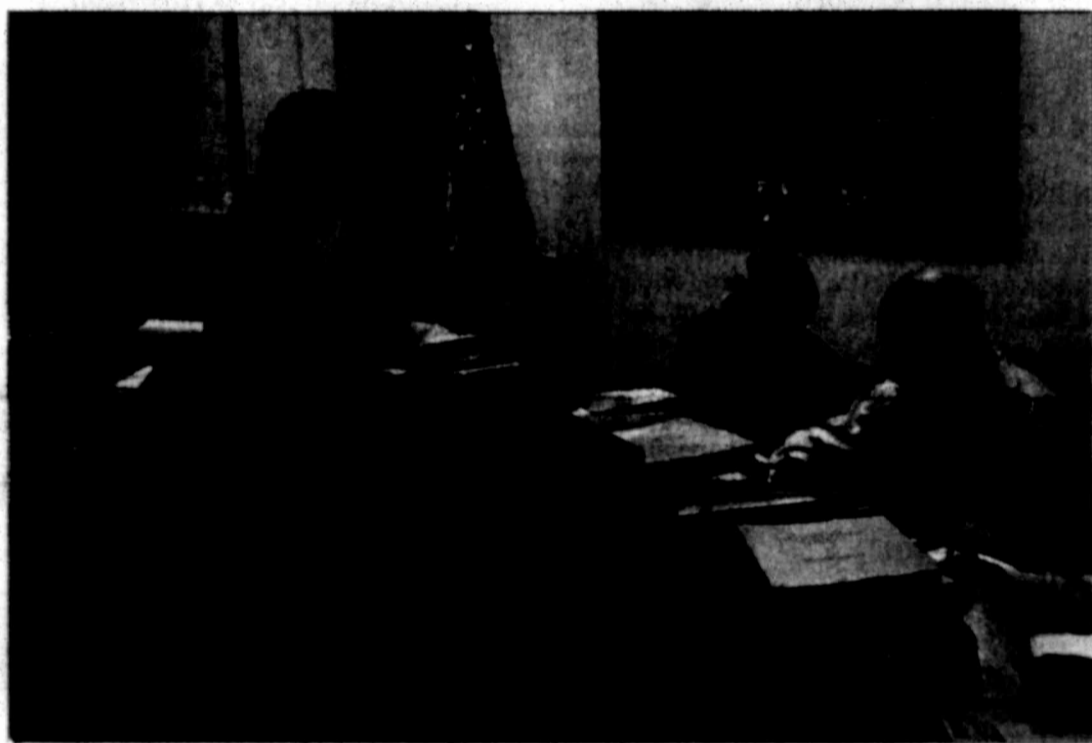
By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After months of discussion, Big Spring Independent School District trustees will consider final approval of a plan to purchase laptop computers for all high school students and teachers when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The proposal, which would cost about \$1.4 million for the computers

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Howard County commissioners listen as County Auditor Jackie Olson, standing, goes over the current financial statement for the entity. According to commissioners, the cost of housing county jail inmates abroad has taken a dangerous toll on the current budget, and could spell disaster for the coming fiscal year.

County in 'tight' financial situation

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If Howard County commissioners had to put a label on the current financial situation, the word would most certainly be "tight."

Commissioners heard a detailed report on the county's financial stance from County Auditor Jackie Olson during a special meeting Tuesday morning.

"Right now we're in good shape," said Olson. "But we need to watch our budget and make sure we don't go over what



Olson know."

"Not knowing what the Texas Legislature is going to do with the effective tax rate could have a major impact on the budget next year. There's no guarantee they will do anything at all to it, but you just don't

we've budgeted for the year."

Olson said the fiscal outlook going into the coming year's budget could change drastically, however, as state lawmakers toy with the idea

of changing effective tax laws.

According to Olson, the legislature is considering dropping the rollback tax rate from a maximum 8

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Jail repairs moving along, time critical

Cost of keeping inmates in other facilities is overwhelming expense for county

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners hope to have a final price tag for repairs to the county jail facility Monday, as the court struggles to meet state stan-

dards in time for the next meeting of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, work to install a standpipe — necessary to deliver water to firefighters inside the facility — was expected to

begin today, and the cost of electrical wiring for the smoke evacuation system has been estimated at \$24,600.

"The scheme for the standpipe has been laid out, and they are supposed to cut into the city (water) line Wednesday," said

Barr. "That's where we are right now on that particular problem. We've also received a bid for the electrical wiring for the smoke evacuation system, and we're still waiting on a price on what the equipment is going to cost. Monday, we'll

most likely make a decision whether or not to go ahead with that. We just want to see what all of it together is going to cost us."

Commissioners Jerry Kilgore

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4,500 TXU customers lose power for short while

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents who experienced a power outage late Tuesday night were far from alone, as more than 4,000 TXU Electric customers found themselves in the same position during the course of the night.

According to Sue Mercer, area manager for TXU Electric Delivery, approximately 4,500 customers lost power Tuesday night because of a problem at

one of the company's sub stations.

"We had a problem with some wildlife getting into one of our sub stations and causing a fault," said Mercer. "The first service call was reported at 11:30 p.m. and according to our reports, power was fully restored at 12:24 a.m. There were five system feeders impacted by the problem.

"We were able to do some remote switching — some of which had to be done in the field — after we received the

report, allowing us to get the power back on at many of the homes, so the entire 4,500 wasn't without power during that hour-long period," Mercer said.

"Remote switching is something we're really working on because it allows us to restore power quickly."

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Symphony tickets are on sale now

Tickets are on sale for the Feb. 17 "The Music of Europe" performance of the Big Spring Symphony at Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, and are available at the Big Spring Herald, Blum's Jewelers, Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum and at the door.

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Obituaries

Pete Wilson



Robert Preston (Pete) Wilson, 66, of Seminole passed away Feb. 5, 2007, in Lubbock. Funeral services are planned for Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at 1 p.m. in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Elwin Collum and Joe Eivens officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pete was born March 6, 1940, in Ralls to Robert and Ruth (Jamerson) Wilson, and grew up in Meadow and Levelland. On Jan. 19, 1962, he and Patricia Ann Gray were married in Levelland.

Pete worked in the medical field in lab, x-ray, and as an RN in hospitals in League City, Amherst, Levelland and Big Spring. He retired in 2000 from the VA Hospital in Big Spring. He was a member of the Lions Club of Coahoma, a member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild, a member of the International Chapter of Newmar Kountry Klub and the Local Chapter of Kountry Lonestars West. His hobbies included woodcarving, traveling and playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Wilson of Seminole; one son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Krisha Wilson of San Angelo, and their two children, Abby and Tobyn; one daughter and son-in-law, Paige and Kyle Freeman of Seminole and their two children, Kendall and Parker; his mother, Ruth Wilson of Lubbock; a sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Steve Carlisle of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert F. Wilson.

The family suggests memorial donations to the American Heart Association, 4630 50th St., Ste. 400, Lubbock 79414, or to a charity of your choice.

Paid obituary

Preston Springer



Preston Springer, 51, of San Angelo, formerly of Lenorah, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, in San Angelo. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at the Lenorah Baptist Church in Lenorah with Glenn L. Ward, pastor of Acton Baptist Church in Granbury, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 19, 1955, in Big Spring and married Susan Reed Springer on May 6, 1995, in Granbury.

He was a Memphis recording artist, touring with musicians such as Kris Kristofferson and the Fabulous Thunderbirds.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Springer of San Angelo; one daughter, Jessica Springer of San Angelo; one granddaughter; one brother, Allen Springer and wife, Sherri of Harrah, Okla.; two sisters, Carolyn Ward and husband, Glenn of Granbury and Virginia Springer of Midlothian; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Denver Allen and Martha Ruth Springer, and his son, John Dawson Springer.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

James P. "Jim" Archer

James P. "Jim" Archer, 74, of Sand Springs, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, in Temple. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wilburn "Pep" Turner

Wilburn "Pep" Turner, 85, of Big Spring, formerly of Plains, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Plains with the Rev. Bill Wright officiating.

He was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Gerard to John F. and Ella Turner. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in WWII. He married Inez Rose Duffey Oct. 15, 1987, in Plains. He had been a resident of Plains and Yoakum County since 1953 and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Plains. He had farmed in Yoakum County and was a welder.

He is survived by his wife, Inez Turner of Hobbs, N.M.; two daughters, Leora Williams and her husband, John of Hallsville and Lou Ella Drake and her husband, Neil of Sinton; two step-daughters, Rose Ann Ansell and her husband, Jerry and Nancy Teague and her husband Harry, all of Hobbs, N.M.; two step-sons, James Duffey and his wife, Janet of Roswell, N.M. and Jack Duffey and his wife, Cheryl of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Betty Tate and Ruth West of Lubbock; four grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie Winningham in 1977 and three brothers, Lee Turner, Rupert Turner and J.A. Turner.

The family suggests memorials to the Yoakum County Senior Citizen Center, the Plains Library, or your favorite charity.

Local arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

• **PAUL ANDRE DAVIS**, 45, transient, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **MARK PERRY**, 30, of Arlington, was arrested Tuesday on five local warrants and two Howard County warrants.

• **MAEGHEN SWINNEY**, 20, of Arlington, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.

• **DIMUS JOE OLIVAS**, 29, of 1407 N. Highway 87, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft by check and warrants from Yoakum and Andrews counties.

• **KYLER CANNADY**, 17, of 1513 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **ORLANDO SANCHEZ JR.**, 22, of 1503 S. Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.

• **KRIS GARNER TERRY**, 52, of 1202 Fourth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 40 inmates at the time of this report.

• **GLORIA GARZA**, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of parent contributing to non-attendance (two counts), possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **JOSEPH MARK ROSSITER**, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

• **MARK PERRY**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and a charge of theft by check.

• **APRIL DAWN ALLAIN**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance and theft by check.

• **EDWARD MARTINEZ**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping, failure to appear and bondsman off bond for criminal mischief.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of S. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2200 block of FM 820. Service refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels.

• **DUMPSTER FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Patchy fog after midnight. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Patchy fog in the morning. Highs around 60. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph after midnight.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 60. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60.

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

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$91 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$77 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 16, 21, 35, 36 and 46. The Mega Ball number was 38.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-36-17-37-33.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$31,666.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-3-4

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

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

• The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold an adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Gollad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Take Note

• **IMMACULATE HEART AND SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP SPONSORS** are hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 1009 Hearn. Cost is \$5 per person, adults only; no one under 18 will be allowed in. Joel Perez will be the DJ. Door prizes, donated by local businesses, will be given away. Funds raised will go to help the church's youth groups. For more information, contact Merlinda Moron at 816-1231 or Bonnie Loya at 213-1356.

• **THE 5TH ANNUAL RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ** will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at KBST and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry deadline is Feb. 20.

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Perry proposes payments to help poor buy health insurance

By LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry wants to cut the number of uninsured Texans in half by giving low-income workers a monthly stipend to help them buy coverage through their employer or a private company. Perry's "Healthier Texans" plan, which he outlined Tuesday in his biennial State of the State speech, calls for spending about \$625 million a year on monthly premium subsidies of up to \$150 per person. "One of the greatest obstacles to individual prosperity is the rising cost of health care," Perry said. "Years of hard work and savings can be wiped out with the onset of one life-threatening illness."

Lawmakers and advocates for doctors and the poor praised the governor for bringing attention to the growing problem of the uninsured. One in four Texans, or more than 5.5 million people, lack health insurance, according to a study released last week by the Texas Health Institute. The nonpartisan think tank said that's the highest rate in the country. But many were hesitant to embrace the plan before seeing



Fort Worth Star Telegram photo/Ron T. Ennis
Texas Governor Rick Perry, pictured here at a news conference in November, made proposals to help the uninsured Tuesday, and pay for it by selling the lottery.

more details, especially on Perry's proposal to partially pay for it by selling the state lottery.

"I'm not real excited about selling the lottery," said state Sen. Jane Nelson, a Republican from Flower Mound who chairs the Senate's health and human services committee. "But, you know, there are certainly many ways we could look at funding

ensuring that all Texans have access to quality health care."

About 2 million uninsured Texans would qualify for Perry's program, which would be limited to those making less than twice the federal poverty limit — or about \$40,000 for a family of four.

The monthly stipend would be based on a sliding scale according to income and need, Perry

spokeswoman Krista Moody said. She didn't know what percentage of people would receive the full \$150 or what the average stipend would be.

A \$150 stipend would cover about one-third of the average health insurance premium for a single adult with coverage through their employer, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

Participants and their employers would cover the rest of the cost.

People who work for companies that don't offer health insurance could buy catastrophic insurance from a private company, Moody said.

Selling the lottery would let the state establish a \$2.7 billion endowment for the uninsured that would generate nearly \$250 million a year in interest, Perry said.

The rest of the money would come from redirected federal funds that now go to hospitals to help cover the cost of caring for the uninsured.

Although Moody said hospitals costs would go down because more fewer patients would lack insurance, that part of the plan still troubled officials with the Texas Hospital Association, a powerful group

that lobbies for more than 450 hospitals.

"While premium assistance is an appropriate goal, that's not going to cause uncompensated care to drop immediately," said John Hawkins, the group's vice president for government relations. "We need to make sure we maintain that safety net at some level."

Several Democratic lawmakers were disappointed that Perry's plan did not address the Children's Health Insurance Program, the state's low-cost insurance plan for the children of the working poor. Dozens of Democratic state representative are pushing legislation that would reinstate cuts that were made to that program in 2003.

More than half of the 1.4 million uninsured children in Texas are eligible for but not enrolled in CHIP or Children's Medicaid, according to the Children's Defense Fund of Texas.

State Sen. Carlos Uresti, a Democrat from San Antonio, said he's also concerned that \$150 a month won't be enough to make insurance affordable for people on the edge of poverty.

"It's a good start, but it's not enough," he said.

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and Bill Crooker agreed the repairs are the primary focus of the court at this time, as mounting costs for housing prisoners outside Howard County — estimated at \$72,000 for the month of December alone — continue to accumulate.

"I really wish the smoke removal part of the project would move a little faster, but it's moving

down the road," said Crooker. "We hope to be in the position where we can get back to the jail commission during its May meeting. It's costing a tremendous amount of money to keep the prisoners in other counties, and with the budget already stretched to the limit, this is something we have to get done as soon as possible."

The smoke evacuation system has been a major thorn in the county's side since last March, when

the facility failed to meet state fire standards during an evacuation drill.

Following renovations to the system in November, including the addition of a damper to bring in fresh air to flush out smoke and fumes in the event of a fire, a second test of the system also failed state expectations.

The second failure brought on a remedial order from Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, closing

the facility and limiting use of its jail cells to holding cells, usable only several hours at a time.

Since the jail's closure, inmates of the Howard County Jail have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb.

As commissioners struggle to have the existing jail reopened, Barr said efforts to design a new — or possibly renovated — facility are continuing.

"He (architect Jeffrey

Heffelfinger) was here Monday and had about five people with him," said Barr. They were measuring the old jail and determining how we could best look at that, and then he went down to city hall to look at several sites we had presented him with to see what would be suitable.

"We found out one of the sites we have been looking at, half of it is in a flood plain. So that kind of nixes that deal. But we're still looking at

things. We took them out on the west side of town to look at some sites out there as well."

The location eliminated from consideration — the lot adjacent to the district courthouse — had been the topic of much discussion during efforts to design a new jail in 2006.

The court is to meet again Monday.

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FINANCES

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percent to 5 percent, and instead of just opening the door for a possible rollback election, requiring it.

"Going into the budget for the coming year, it's going to be a tough year," said Olson. "Not knowing what the Texas Legislature is going to do with the effective tax rate could have a major impact on the budget next year. There's no guarantee they will do anything at all to it, but you just don't know."

Commissioner Bill Crooker described the current fiscal state of the county as "tight," calling for the court to pay special attention to the road and bridge fund, which has taken a drastic dip over the past few years.

"Things are very tight at this point," said Crooker. "It's going to be up to our court to conserve as much money as possible and it's going to be a continual problem for the rest of this budget year. I don't see any light ahead, to be very honest about it."

"The road and bridge and

equipment operating funds are quite low," he added. "They certainly have me concerned. We're going to have to monitor them very closely."

Olson said the reason the equipment operating fund has dipped so low is because the funds that support it simply haven't been there.

"The equipment operating fund works off the finances transferred from the general and road and bridge funds," said Olson. "We just haven't had the money in those two funds to transfer any, so we're just going to have to wait a lit-

tle while before we can buy any more equipment."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the only way the county will make it out of the current budget intact is if efforts to reopen the county jail, which was shut down by the state in November, are successful — and soon.

"This is about as tight as I've seen it in several years," said Kilgore. "Of course, the big drain on the budget right now is the jail and the fact that it's closed. And things just keep cropping up on top of that. We're just going to have to say

no to some items.

"One of the most important things we're trying to do right now is to get the jail reopened. I know it seems like that's moving slowly right now, but you have to work through the state law, the bidding process and finding an engineer to determine what we need in it. You have to get it approved and have the contractor build it. It's just a slow process and we're cutting every corner we can."

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BSISD

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and all related costs, has generated quite a bit of attention and discussion in recent months.

BSISD Technology Director Corey Wood, who has been the district's point man in selling the idea to teachers and parents, admitted some instructors have expressed concern over the plan's viability.

However, he also said the district has done everything it can to alleviate those concerns.

"We still have a lot of work to do, but have we done everything we can to get the information out? Yes, we have," Wood said. "We have given the trustees enough information so they can make a good research-based, data-driven decision."

If trustees greenlight the project, the computers likely would be purchased within the next 30 days and delivered to the district by mid-April or early May. They would be issued to high school teachers so they could familiarize themselves with the machines prior to the start of the 2007-

2008 school year. Students likely would be issued their laptops at about the same time they receive their class schedules in late August or early September, Wood said.

"There would also be parent orientation prior to the start of the new school year," Wood said. "We'd probably schedule two or three of them to make sure we could inform as many parents as possible."

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Employment recommendations for administrators, directors and coordinators.
- Ordering a trustee election for May 12.
- Approval of a lease agreement with Howard College for the use of Memorial Stadium.
- Approval of the 2007-2008 school year calendar.
- Reports on the ongoing facilities study and preliminary work on the 2007-2008 budget.

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alternate.
• Goliad Middle School — Michael Akin, champion; Brianna Kight, alternate.

• Bauer Magnet School — Ethan Morelion, champion; Isabella Delatour, alternate.

• Washington Elementary — Matilda Irvin, champion.

• Marcy Elementary — Kattlin Long, champion; Abel Gomez, alternate.

• Moss Elementary — Tobyn Tannehill, champion; Serena Payen, alternate.
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OUR VIEWS

Get registered for Big Spring Day at Capitol

It's time for another Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol, a chance for our community to put its best foot forward in front of our elected representatives and their colleagues, and the deadline is rapidly approaching for those who want to join the group riding to Austin on a chartered bus.

The trip to Austin is scheduled for March 7, that's more than a month earlier than the trip two years ago. And that means now is the time to get a spot reserved on the bus. The deadline to make reservations is Feb. 27.

Remember, Chamber of Commerce officials have had little trouble filling the chartered buses in the past, so it's important to make reservations early for what will be an important day for our community.

Legislators and other state officials are in the midst of what may well be the most difficult legislative session in decades. So, it's important that our community take this opportunity to not only be noticed in Austin, but to use this opportunity to thank our state's leaders for their hard work.

Seats on the charter are \$40 per person and include a box lunch on the capitol grounds. Those who take their own cars will be asked to pay \$9 for lunch and need to register by the Feb. 27 deadline, as well.

In addition, all those planning to attend are asked to wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The shirts are available at the chamber office but must be ordered and prepaid by Tuesday.

To register or obtain additional information, call the chamber office at 263-7641.

While the group makes its visit to both houses of the Legislature, a resolution will be read on the floor of the House and Senate and the Howard County School Choir will perform in the Capitol Rotunda.

Other activities scheduled for the day include the lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, a Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on the grounds and the taking of a group photo on the Capitol steps with legislators.

It's important to remember the trip is designed as a chance to offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts. It's not a chance to complain about things that we think are wrong, but to thank people for the things they do for us.

So, make plans to join us in making another positive impression on our state's lawmakers.

You'll have a good time and go a long way toward making sure Big Spring's, Howard County's and the rest of West Texas' needs are considered during this crucial legislative session.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we put You at the front of our life, Lord, instead of way down the line.

Amen

Not practicing what he preaches

Since President Bush claims he wants to "resolve the status of the illegal immigrants who are already in our country, without animosity," you would think his administration would be putting the breaks on efforts to arrest and deport them. Right?

Wrong!
Since Bush says he wants comprehensive immigration reform because immigration authorities should be concentrating on prosecuting criminals and terrorists, you would think his administration would already be practicing what the president preaches. Right?

Wrong!
In the past few weeks, instead of reducing the government's animosity toward illegal immigrants, there has been a noticeable increase in raids and arrests of illegal immigrant workers.

Not only criminals or terrorists, mind you, the increased persecution is also against immigrants who happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

The raids are allegedly targeting specific immigrants who have criminal records or deportation orders against them. But many others who are found anywhere in the vicinity of the raids are also being arrested and processed for deportation. That includes many people who haven't had any prob-

lems with the law or immigration authorities — parents who never return home to their children, breadwinners who can no longer pay the rent or put food on the table.

When authorities detain people for whom they don't have warrants, when they randomly detain immigrants simply because they can't prove they are legal residents or American citizens, the civil rights of legal immigrants are often being violated.

This is coming from an administration led by a president who claimed in his State of the Union speech that he wanted to resolve this issue "without animosity."

If the president really wanted immigration authorities to concentrate on pursuing criminals and terrorists, he would order the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency to stop arresting immigrants indiscriminately.

The random raids are spreading panic in immigrant communities where many had expected the president's policies to reflect his rhetoric.

That's because ICE agents are raiding work sites, like meat packing plants and sanitation companies, and hauling away anyone who can't prove they are in this country legally.

The sweeps are also spreading false rumors that are driving illegal immigrants further underground. Some are missing work and keeping their children at home because they hear that even

schools will be raided.

In fact, as part of ICE's "Operation Return to Sender" — targeting fugitives who have ignored deportation orders — most of the raids are conducted on homes in the early morning or in the evening, terrifying many children when doors are broken and their parents are hauled away.

And even when the raids are conducted on homes, not just the targeted criminal is being detained. Even his illegal immigrant neighbors run the risk of being taken.

The raids are motivating immigrants' rights activists to organize a new round of demonstrations all over the country, similar to the protests that managed to kill many of the most draconian anti-immigrant measures that were considered in Congress last year.

The protesters will call on Congress to finally pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes a legalization plan for the 12 million illegal immigrants who are already in the country.

Some pressure will deservingly be placed on Democrats who benefited tremendously from a midterm election backlash against immigrant-bashing Republicans and who are now expected to deliver true immigration reform.

But now the protests are also likely to be aimed at Bush, the president who says one thing and does the opposite.

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A commander joins the paint crew

Jim Sterling of Liberty refuses to have a \$50 bill in his possession because it has a picture of Ulysses S. Grant on it. He is a fan of the confederacy.

Jim spent 30 years in the funeral home business. When he was in mortuary school, he and some other students would put glue on the podium so when the teacher leaned on it, he was stuck and practically had to remove his coat to get loose.

Jim would also stage a fake call to the teacher and while the teacher was gone, he would turn the lecture notes to a previous lesson, so the teacher would repeat the lesson from a week earlier.

I admire a man like that. On occasion, residents of Liberty see an alligator.

"We have some 15-footers here," says Jim, "but we throw them back so they'll get big."

Right after Jim graduated from

high school in Dayton, he boarded the Texas Clipper, Texas A&M University's school ship and went to Brazil as part of the university's Summer School At Sea program. On that cruise he saw his first water spout, crossed the equator and experienced his first glimpse of St. Elmo's fire. He watched blue static electricity dance up and down the mast.

At A&M he was in the Aggie band, and as a bugler, got to wake up the campus and put it to bed at night. He got a bachelor's degree in marine transportation.

"It's learning how to drive a ship from point A to point B, how to load it and navigate it," says Jim. "I studied seamanship and communication, all very interesting to me."

After graduation, Jim became a Merchant Marine officer and spent 27 years as a commissioned officer in the Naval Reserve.

He's been nearly around the world on merchant or Navy ships.

On his last cruise as a Naval Reserve commander, he took a break from all his important duties.

"I was on the USS Blue Ridge, a command and control ship," he recalls. "We had seven flight officers, some admirals and a couple of generals on board. We were in an exercise off the coast of Korea and I'd been kind of running the whole show 12 hours a day for about 30 days and my mind was fried."

"I was going back to my room about 3 in the morning and saw two sailors doing some painting as extra duty. They were bored to death and I could tell they would rather be sleeping. So I stopped and visited with them. I said, 'You know, I haven't got to paint in a long time. When you get to be an officer they don't let you do the fun things any more. Could I do that for awhile?' They replied, 'Are you kidding, sir?'"

"I said no, that I wanted to paint. I told them to take a break. So I sat down on the deck and started painting the bulkhead. A couple of Marine officers walked by and they looked down at me and I heard one of them say, 'They certainly do things different in the Navy these days, don't they?'"



MIGUEL PEREZ

Presidential pet museum comes to trendy Maryland capital

By TAYA FLORES

Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — At first glance, Claire McLean's Presidential Pet Museum appears to be another antique store on Maryland Avenue — full of Richard Nixon bobbleheads and Scottish terrier knick-knacks.

But if you look past the kitsch, listen to McLean's White House pet trivia and add a little imagination, it can be an experience like no other.

"Pauline Wayne was the last cow to graze on the lawn of the White House," McLean said in discussing a cowbell that was donated to the pet museum. "She belonged to (William) Howard Taft, one of the fattest presidents. He drank a lot of milk from Pauline."

McLean said that she believes the bell once adorned Pauline because the man who donated it wrote that it once belonged in the White House.

"Sorry, there's no way of authenticating it, but it could be the cow bell," McLean said pointing to a photograph of the cow on the White House lawn with a bell around its neck.

McLean is a virtual repository of White House pet facts, rattling them off one after another.

John Quincy Adams had an alligator. Calvin Coolidge kept raccoons. At various times, exotic animals like tigers and bears have roamed the White House lawn.

Some pets have given their owners a run in the popularity department. Harry S. Truman was given a lovely cocker spaniel, Feller, but he gave it away. This made the public angry because they thought he did not like pets.

During his impeachment, Bill Clinton often said his only friends in Washington were his cat, Socks, and his dog, Buddy.

And today, McLean said, "we have Barney Bush and Miss Beazley, two pure-bred Scottish terriers that rule the White House and are probably more popular right now than the president."

The 73-year-old retiree's love of all things presidential and furry began in 1985 when she received a phone call from the White House asking her to groom President Ronald Reagan's dog, Lucky.

McLean said the pooch was named after Nancy Reagan's mother, Edith Luckette, who was nicknamed Lucky. McLean

said she was called to groom the dog because she bred dogs of Lucky's breed, Bovier des Flandres, commonly known as French sheepdogs.

and her mother have received from presidents or their wives.

Some letters thank McLean for gifts she sent to the White House. A thank you note from



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The visit to the White House awed McLean and inspired her to create a pet museum in honor of the presidency. McLean is enamored by the presidency and her infatuation is apparent in her collection and sometimes even her jewelry — she wears American flag earrings when she goes out.

"My mother had this love for the presidency and I think it was passed on to me," McLean said peering over her plastic-framed glasses. "I went to the White House and it changed my life. Some people are nonchalant when it comes to the presidency, but others are inspired by any association with greatness."

McLean saved some of the dog hair from grooming the Reagans' Lucky, and her mother, Dorothy Fenn de Silva, made a portrait of Lucky using the dog's real fur. This was the beginning of McLean's presidential pet collection.

The walls of the small shop are lined with presidential kitsch: a "Vote for Bush" sign, a Jimmy Carter banner, presidents' portraits — with or without pets — and framed letters McLean

Laura Bush is signed by the First Lady and co-signed by both the Bush dogs, represented by their paw prints.

Another Bush item in the collection is a portrait McLean created of Miss Beazley. McLean lined the portrait of the terrier with fur donated by the dog's official White House groomer, Helen Krisko.

McLean has only recently moved her museum from a renovated barn in Lothian, Md., in southern Anne Arundel County, where she originally opened in 1998, to boutique-lined Maryland Ave., barely a block from the State House. The museum opened Jan. 19, with the official opening on President's Day, but the quirky combination of pets and presidents piqued the early curiosity of neighboring business owners and passersby.

The presidential pet museum is in a building next to a fine art gallery, DMG Artwork, which was opened by Debra Graleski in April of last year. Graleski says it's too early to tell whether the pet museum will fit in well with the other businesses on the street — among them some high-



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This portrait of Ronald Reagan's dog, Lucky, was made from fur saved by Claire McLean, pictured at her pet museum in Annapolis, Md. McLean was the White House groomer for the Reagans.

end retail stores, antique and curio shops, a tobacconist and one of the Irish pubs now ubiquitous in Annapolis.

"It's hard to say if the store fits in because it's so different," Graleski said tactfully. "It's out-of-the-ordinary — but that's not necessarily a bad thing."

Another neighbor, Joyce Kaminkow, has been the owner of the Annapolis Country Store on Maryland Avenue since 1970. She said the pet museum is right at home on street.

"There certainly is not anything like it," she said. "I think it's quirky, but I have been on

Maryland Avenue for 36 years and there are a lot of quirky stores on Maryland Avenue so it fits right in."

Judy Rourke, a customer in Kaminkow's gift shop, said she comes to Maryland Avenue looking for unusual gifts. She also offers the view that since Annapolis is a political center, the pet museum should find an audience.

"I would visit (the pet museum) because I worked as a spouse in politics," she said. "I find politics fascinating, especially the behind-the-scenes stuff."

McLean loves the attention the museum gets just for being different. With

no background in museum management or retail, she is content to live her dream of running a pet museum that pays homage to the nation's highest office. She plans to improve the museum — one pet fact at a time.

"I could retire for real and play canasta but getting on Maryland Avenue is a reality check, she said. "I've got to learn more trivia and detail."



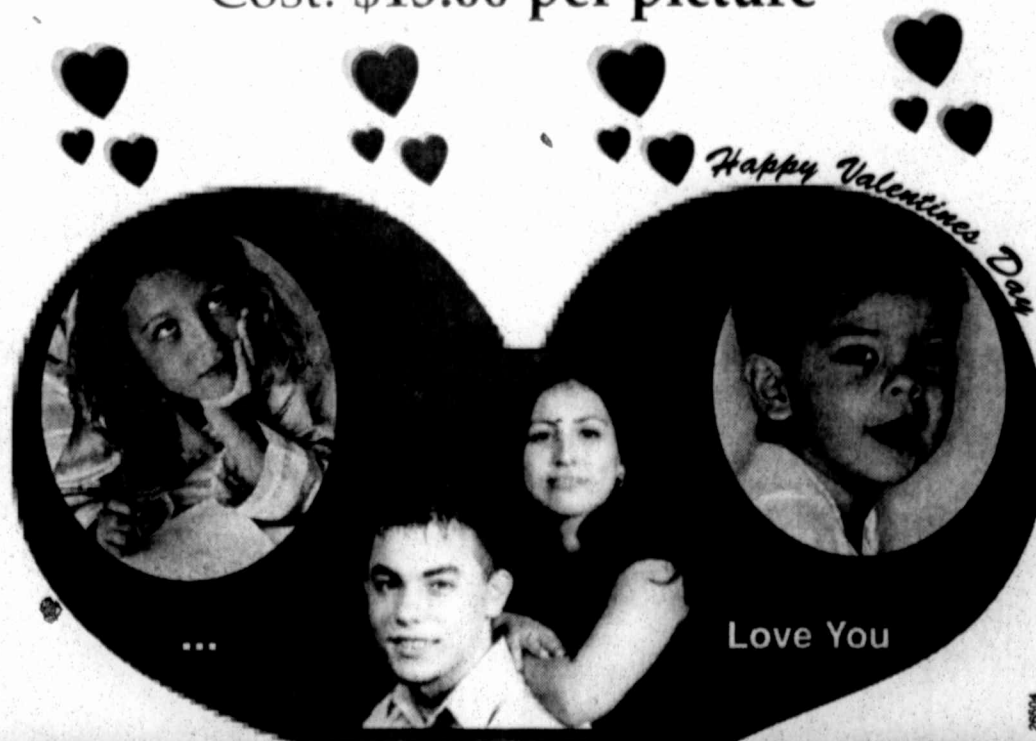
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Popping the question

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Courtesy photo
Big Spring Evening Lions Club President Shirlene Sulatan shows a man how to use a focometer during her visit to the Philippines.

Local Lions Club president brings supplies, compassion to Philippines

Special to the Herald

Shirlene Sulatan, president of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, was in the Philippines from Jan. 1-15, conducting a medical and eyeglass clinic at her own expense.

Twelve hundred eyeglasses donated by the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Midland were dispensed at the clinic.

Sulatan trained two optometrists from different areas of the Philippines in performing aspects of the eyeglass clinic, especially in regard to recycled eyeglass tolerances. These two optometrists will be prepared to continue to conduct eyeglass clinics

in the future.

Sulatan provided focometer (a handheld eye refractive device without the need of electricity) training, acuity checks and eyeglass distribution. They will also continue to collect used eyeglasses to augment the supply that Sulatan brought.

Lion's Club member Ronel Sulatan is going to the Philippines in March and will bring an additional supply of eyeglasses to help them.

Shirlene Sulatan also spent \$200 to help pay for medications — such as antibiotics, cold and cough medicine, vitamins, pediatric medications, local anesthesia for dental extractions —

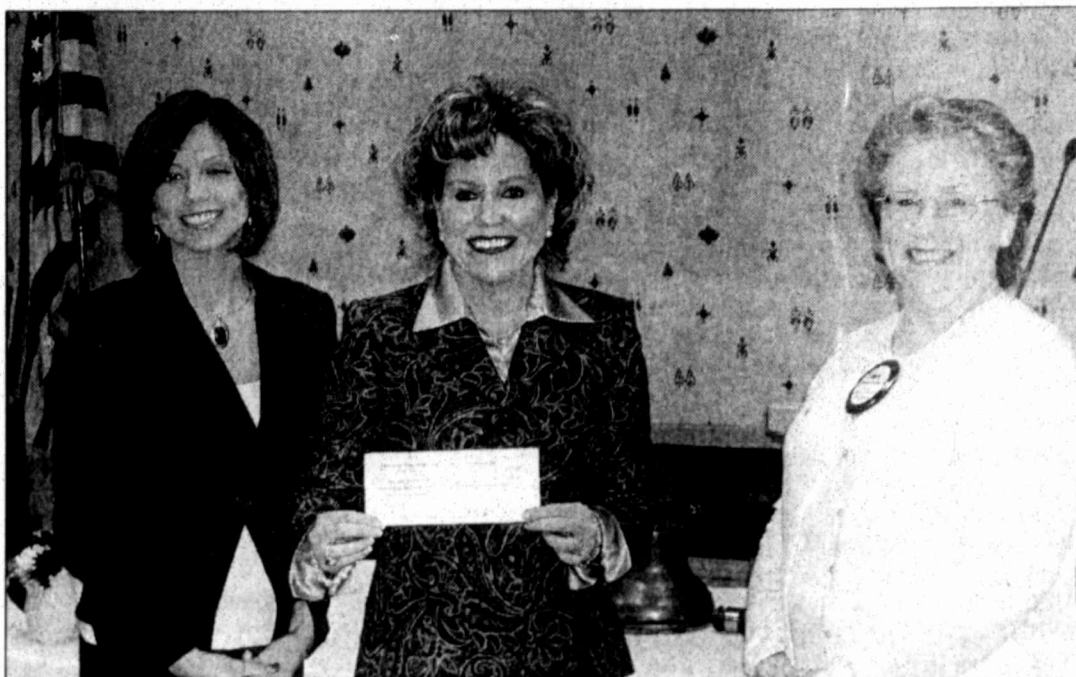
given during the medical clinic. In all, the medical clinic served 368 indigent Filipinos.

The medical and eyeglass clinic also offered dental services and primary care consultations through local volunteers (doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists, church members) from the Manila Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Shirlene Sulatan also provided information to the local church members regarding Lions Club International and what the organization does to help communities. She was also able to visit a provincial prison system and provided health care instruction to its inmates.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Members of the Greater Rotary Club of Big Spring, shown at left, recently presented Big Spring High School with a check for \$1,000 to help finance an after-prom party for BSHS students this spring. Members of the BSHS Student Council, at right, accepted the check.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Amy Vidal, left, and Shelly Smith of West Texas Centers for MHMR were recently presented a donation of \$368 from Gwen Dunson, right, and the Greater Rotary Club of Big Spring. The donation is for the centers' Children in Need Fund.

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State briefs

Three convicted in Hamilton bank robbery plot

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal jury on Tuesday convicted three people in a failed plot to blow up patrol cars and rob banks in Hamilton.

James Edward Geske, 27, of Arlington, Kevin Michael Smith, 37, of Fort Worth, and Smith's girlfriend, 25-year-old Alicia Nichole Frazier, of Aledo, were accused of trading methamphetamine for weapons and explosives to an undercover officer.

Authorities said the three intended to detonate the explosives on police cruisers to create a diversion while they robbed banks in Hamilton, which is about 90 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Jurors convicted them each on one count of conspiracy to commit bank robbery, one count of conspiracy to use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, one count of conspiracy to possess an unregistered firearm and one count of possession of an unregistered firearm.

Each faces up to life in prison when they are sentenced on May 25.

Parolee set to die today for strangling of stepdaughters

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The handwritten note, signed by James Jackson and addressing his wife and two stepdaughters, lamented how he had no job and couldn't care for them.

"I gave them back to God," Jackson wrote. "He and they will understand."

Jackson insisted it was a prayer left in a Bible study folder. Harris County district attorneys said it was confirmation of a confession he gave to police in which he acknowledged strangling the three nearly 10 years ago.

A jury believed the prosecutors, convicted him of capital murder after 30 minutes of deliberation, then decided he should be put to death for killing his stepdaughters.

The punishment for Jackson, 47, was set for Wednesday evening. The lethal injection would be the fourth this year in the nation's busiest capital punishment state and the first of three scheduled for this month.

"Everybody I talk to that's a Christian, they understand," Jackson said from death row. "You're giving back to God. They just took it out of context."

"That doesn't make any sense," said Julian Ramirez, one of the trial prosecutors. "He had left the note at the crime scene. It was an open and shut case. We had a confession. We had evidence."

Appeals were exhausted for Jackson, who was condemned for the slayings of Sonceria "Sonnie" Mayes, 19, and her sister Ericka, 18, at the Harris County apartment they shared with Jackson and his wife, Sharon, 39, who was their mother. She also was killed. The U.S. Supreme Court last month turned down

Jackson's request to review his case. Jackson's lawyer, Kenneth Williams, said no late appeals were planned to try to block the execution.

"We had him examined last week for the possibility of mental retardation, but it didn't work out," Williams said. "There's nothing to be filed."

A determination that Jackson was mentally retarded could have spared him since the Supreme Court has barred execution of mentally retarded people.

A friend of Sharon Jackson became concerned April 9, 1997, when the normally conscientious woman failed to pick her up for a drive to church. She called the woman's sister, who went to the apartment and found the three bodies. All were in bed, dressed in street clothes, covered with sheets and appeared to be asleep.

Former border agent beaten in prison, family and congressman say

EL PASO (AP) — A former U.S. Border Patrol agent who was convicted of shooting a drug smuggling suspect and then lying about it was beaten by fellow inmates in prison, his relatives and a congressman said Tuesday.

Prison officials issued a statement Tuesday afternoon confirming that Ignacio Ramos was attacked Saturday night after his case was described in an episode of "America's Most Wanted." In a written statement, Traci Billingsley, a U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman, said Ramos suffered minor cuts and bruises in the assault. He had been moved to the Special Housing Unit at the Yazoo City federal prison in Yazoo City, Miss.

Ramos' conviction along with that of fellow former agent Jose Alonso Compean has sparked outcry from critics alleging the men were merely doing their job defending the border against criminals.

Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado, a vocal supporter of the agents and opponent of illegal immigration, criticized the Bush administration Tuesday for failing to protect Ramos and demanded a full presidential pardon for them.

"Not only did the administration choose the side of a foreign dope runner over the agents who stopped him from smuggling a load of drugs into the county — now they've failed to protect that agent while his case is on appeal," he said in a statement.

Tancredo issued his statement after reports that Ramos was severely beaten by inmates at the Yazoo City federal prison, a medium- and low-security facility near Jackson, Miss.

Jury hears testimony in unborn-child murder trial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Witnesses offered tearful testimony Tuesday as prosecutors tried to sway a jury to give the death penalty to a man convicted of murdering a teenage girl and their unborn child.

Jurors could start considering whether Adrian Estrada, 23, gets the death penalty or life in prison without parole as early as Wednesday.

"Instead of me pampering her she would pamper me a lot," Mary Vargas said of her daughter, Stephanie Sanchez. "I really miss her."

Estrada was convicted on Friday of capital murder in the deaths of Sanchez and her unborn child. Sanchez, 17, was three months pregnant on Dec. 12, 2005, when she was found in her family's home. She had been choked and stabbed 13 times. During the trial, prosecutors offered DNA evidence to show Estrada was the father.

Estrada, who was a youth pastor at a local church, admitted to the stabbing the next day. Prosecutors also said Estrada worked out at the gym and went shopping after committing the murders.

"They all look like parents to me," Juan Vargas, Sanchez's father, said in reference to the jury. "I'm sure they can understand."

"He's in a cage. I feel like I'm in a cage," he added.

In 2003, legislation was passed that amended the definition of the word "individual" under the law to include an "unborn child at every state of gestation from fertilization until birth."

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World news at a glance

Some Democrats pushing for tougher action to stop the war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tired of waiting for an opportunity to try to stop the war in Iraq, some Democrats say they want to use legislation approving billions of dollars in war spending to insist that President Bush not send more troops.

Others want to use the spending measure to bring the troops home by a certain date.

"The longer we delay taking action, the greater the failure in Iraq and the larger the cost in American blood and treasure," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who supports legislation that would cap the number of troops allowed in Iraq.

Sen. Barack Obama said he would push his legislation ordering troops out of Iraq by March 2008.

"This is not a symbolic vote," Obama, D-Ill., said of his proposal, which is backed by two House Democrats. "This is what I think has the best chance of bringing our troops home."

Frankie Laine dies at age 93

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frankie Laine, the big-voiced singer whose string of hits made him one of the most popular entertainers of the 1950s, died Tuesday of heart failure. He was 93.

With songs such as "That's My Desire," "Mule Train," "Jezebel," "I Believe" and "That Lucky Old Sun," Laine was a regular feature of the Top Ten in the years just before rock 'n' roll ushered in a new era of popular music.

Somewhat younger listeners may remember him best for singing the theme to the television show "Rawhide," which ran from 1959 to 1966, and the theme for the 1974 movie "Blazing

Saddles."

He sold more than 100 million records and earned more than 20 gold records.

Laine's variety show "Frankie Laine Time" ran for two summers, 1955 and 1956, on CBS, and he also appeared in films including "When You're Smiling" and "Sunny Side of the Street."

Rival Palestinians leaders begin crucial talks in Mecca

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Rival Palestinian leaders on Wednesday began crucial talks in this holy city on ending their bloody street battles and resuming the peace process with Israel.

"We came here to agree and we have no other option but to agree," the exiled leader of Hamas, Khaled Mashaal, told the inaugural ceremony in a royal palace.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said he and his Fatah delegation had told all their supporters that "we will not leave this holy place until we have agreed on everything good, with God's blessing."

"I tell our people to expect good news, and I hope this (meeting) will not be mere words in the air," Abbas said.

Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, who heads the Hamas-led government in the Palestinian territories, added his voice to the spirit of goodwill. "We ask God to grant that this will be a new page in Palestinian-Palestinian relations."

Austria authorities say they've uncovered global child porn ring involving 2,360-plus suspects

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Austrian authorities said Wednesday they have uncovered a major international child pornography ring involving more than

2,360 suspects from 77 countries, including hundreds in the United States, who paid to view videos depicting infants and young children being sexually abused.

Federal police called the case "a strike against child pornography unprecedented in Austrian criminal history."

Interior Minister Guenther Platter said the FBI was investigating about 600 of the suspects in the United States. German authorities were following leads on another 400 people, France was looking into about 100 others, and at least 23 suspects were Austrians, he said.

Platter said videos downloaded from the Internet and seized by Austria's Federal Criminal Investigations Bureau included images that showed "the worst kind of child sexual abuse."

No suspects were yet in custody, but Austrian authorities said they were sharing their information with law enforcement in other countries in hopes that suspects could be investigated and charged.

Envoy expects 'hard bargaining' at upcoming NKorea nuclear talks

BEIJING (AP) — Envoys to North Korean disarmament talks began gathering Wednesday, and the chief U.S. negotiator said he expected "hard bargaining" over new proposals to get the North to abandon its nuclear programs.

The resumption of the six-nation talks, expected Thursday, follows a December meeting that ended in stalemate. But since then, signs have emerged of a greater willingness to compromise. Washington improved its offer for disarmament in exchange for security guarantees and energy assistance at a meeting in Berlin that North Korea described

as positive.

"The big question is whether the North Koreans are really ready to make some progress," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill told reporters before leaving Tokyo for Beijing. "We did have some good signs in Berlin, but I think we also know that there is going to be some rather hard bargaining, so we'll see how we do."

Hill and his counterparts from China, Japan, Russia and South Korea were scheduled to hold separate two-way meetings Wednesday afternoon. The North Korean envoy was expected to arrive Thursday morning.

Getting North Korea to relinquish its nuclear program has been a thorny issue for over a decade in Northeast Asia.

Bush budget would halt some land conservation for ethanol

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — President Bush's proposed budget would put a land conservation program that protects some 35 million acres on hold in favor of boosting corn production to meet the growing demand for ethanol.

While the proposal might help lessen the country's dependence on oil, a pheasant hunting and conservation group was quick to criticize the trade-off and a state biologist said the loss of the program could put some farmers in a financial bind.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said his agency would offer no new Conservation Reserve Program enrollments in 2007 and 2008.

There's a lot of pressure to act because "the price of corn is very, very high," putting upward pressure on ethanol prices, Johanns said Monday during a news conference in Washington.

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IN BRIEF

Howard Hawks athletics updated

Thursday the Hawks basketball teams will be playing against conference rival Midland College.

The women's game is scheduled to tip-off at 6 p.m. and the men's game at 8 p.m. Both games are in Midland.

Hawks fundraiser for rodeo scheduled

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Howard College Rodeo team will conduct a Cow Pattie Bingo fundraiser.

The event will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the east grounds of the Student Union Building and all squares are \$10. Tickets are now available.

For more information contact Coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

Red Raiders rally comes up short

Jordan Pacheco drove in two home runs, one of six the Lobos had in the game, to lift New Mexico to a 15-13 victory over Texas Tech on Tuesday.

The Lobos (1-0) took the lead in the first inning with three runs, including a home run by leadoff hitter Matt Foote on the third pitch of the game.

Trailing 7-4 in the bottom of the fifth, Texas Tech got a two-run home run from Matt Smith. That was followed by back-to-back solo home runs by Taylor Ashby and Chris Hall to give Tech an 8-7 lead.

But New Mexico followed up with three runs apiece in the seventh and eighth innings to seal the victory.

Brandon Hewett (1-0) earned the win for New Mexico. Sam Janca (0-1) took the loss for the Red Raiders.

Stars change goalie and attitude for win

A goalie change and a change in attitude sparked the Dallas Stars to a come-from-behind 4-2 victory.

Rookie goalie Mike Smith stopped all 15 shots he faced after taking over for starter Marty Turco, and the Stars rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Minnesota 4-2, on Tuesday night.

"Sometimes a team needs a little shakeup," Smith said. "It worked tonight. I hadn't played in a month. I was a little anxious at first, but I settled down. This is a big win for us. They're right behind us in the standings."

Cowboys interview Bears D-Coordinator

Waiting two hours on a Chicago runway, Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera wondered if icy weather really was delaying his flight to a job interview in Dallas.

"There was a vicious rumor going around Chicago didn't want me to leave so they weren't going to let the plane go," Rivera said, laughing.

Rivera finally arrived in Dallas around 4 p.m.

Forsan loses at the buzzer to Hamlin

Buffaloes miss district championship

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

FORSAN — A district championship managed to slip through the Forsan fingertips last night as the boys basketball team lost to Hamlin 44-43 on a last second shot by the Pied Pipers.

The loss could drop the Buffaloes into a four-way tie depending on how other district games ended, but the Buffaloes missed the chance to at least have a tie for the district title with Rotan. All that needed was to defeat the Pied Pipers.

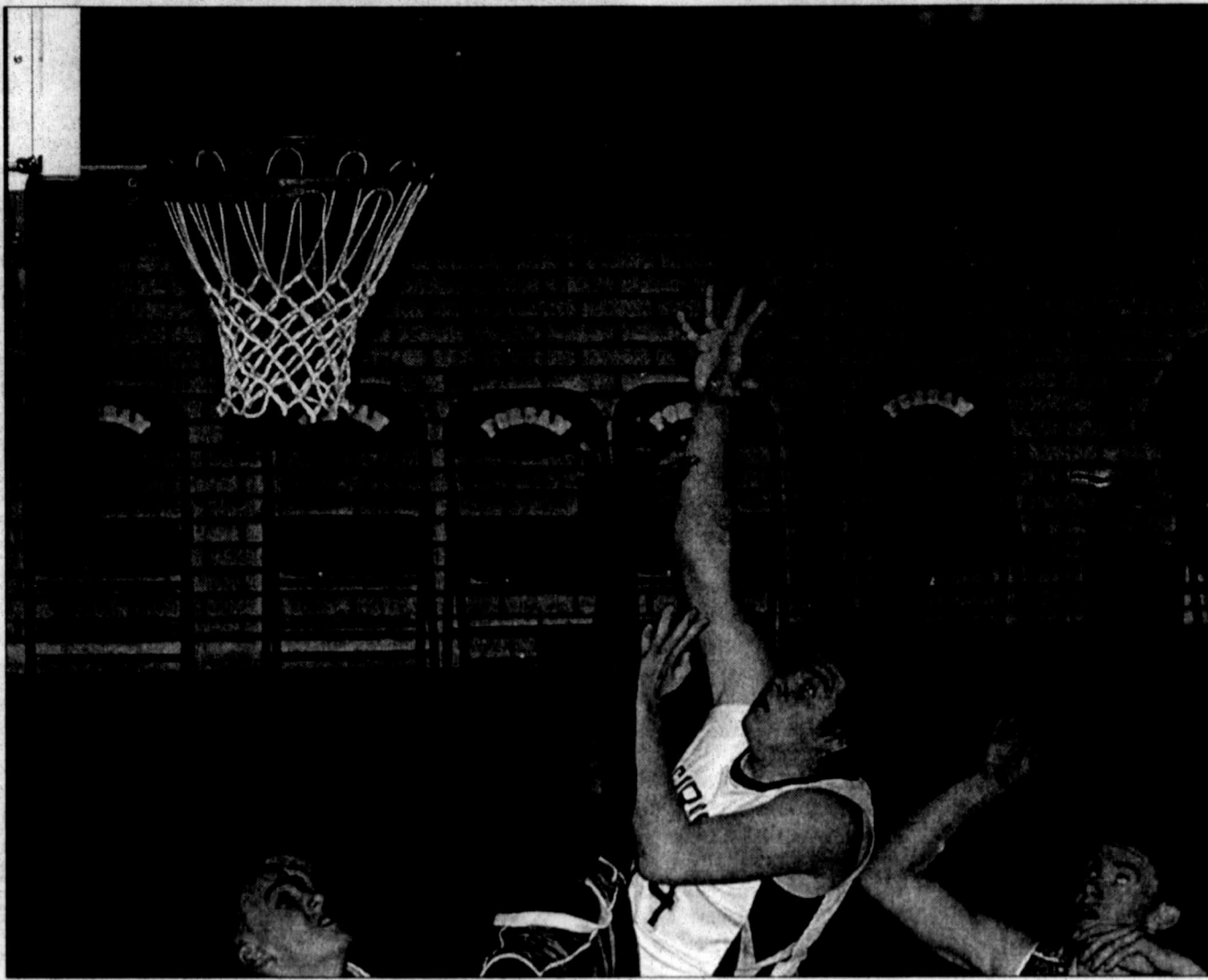
Leading the way for Forsan (16-6, 3-3 district) was Adam Bailey with 10 points in the first half and 16 points for the game.

The first quarter started off fast as both teams tried to set the tone. The lead changed hands several times but neither team could manage to pull away from the other.

In the final seconds the Buffaloes got off a long jumper before the horn sounded and when it swished through the net they took a 16-14 lead. Little did anyone know that on that same end of the court there would be a second shot to fall with under 1 second to play in the contest.

Hamlin bussed in anyone who wanted to make the ride and attend the district shoot-out with Forsan and they brought plenty.

The gym was rocking for a full 32 minutes of basketball Tuesday night.



Nathan Atkerson skies for two of his points in the Forsan district loss to Hamlin Tuesday night. The Buffaloes were upset 44-43 on the last shot of the game. Forsan is now 16-6 on the season.

Herald photo/Bob Fishback

In the first minute of the second quarter Hamlin tied the score at 16 apiece, but then both teams went cold from the floor and the shooting percentages tumbled.

In the second quarter Forsan was held to only 7 points, but they applied some defensive pressure as well and held Hamlin to just 5.

In the opening minutes of the third, the Pied Pipers showcased

As the two teams headed to the locker rooms Forsan led 23-19. See **FORSAN**, page 2B

Hawks sweep first two games against Ranger

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Starting pitcher Charnel Zetsch kept the Ranger College batters off balance and Alejandra Rodriguez provided the big blast to propel the Howard Hawk's softball team to a 14-3 romp in the opening game of the softball season Tuesday.

The Hawks led the game off in the bottom of the first inning with a bunt single by Alisha Rams. After a hit batter, Rodriguez picked up the first RBI of the season with a screeching double to left.

"We did a really good job of getting our timing down at the plate and we put some good hits on the

ball," Hawks head coach Kelly Raines said from the infield after the game. "Charnel did a good job of pitching for us today. She was hitting her spots, moving the ball around and she kept the Rangers off balance."

With runners at second and third and no outs in the bottom of the inning, it looked as if Howard was going to start the season off with a monster inning for the home town team at Foundation Field. However, a run down between third base and home ended in the first out of the game and a ground out to the pitcher and pop up to the Ranger first baseman ended the

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Teryn Garner advances to third on a fielder's choice in Game 1 of the Hawks double header against Ranger College Tuesdays afternoon. The Hawks softball team defeated the Rangers 14-3 in game one and 9-7 in game 2.

HERALD photo/Mike Grimes

Bulldogs win, record now 20-9

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Colter Morgan and Jason Gonzales dominated the basketball game between Coahoma and Anson last night and when the final whistle blew the Bulldogs picked up their 20th win of the season.

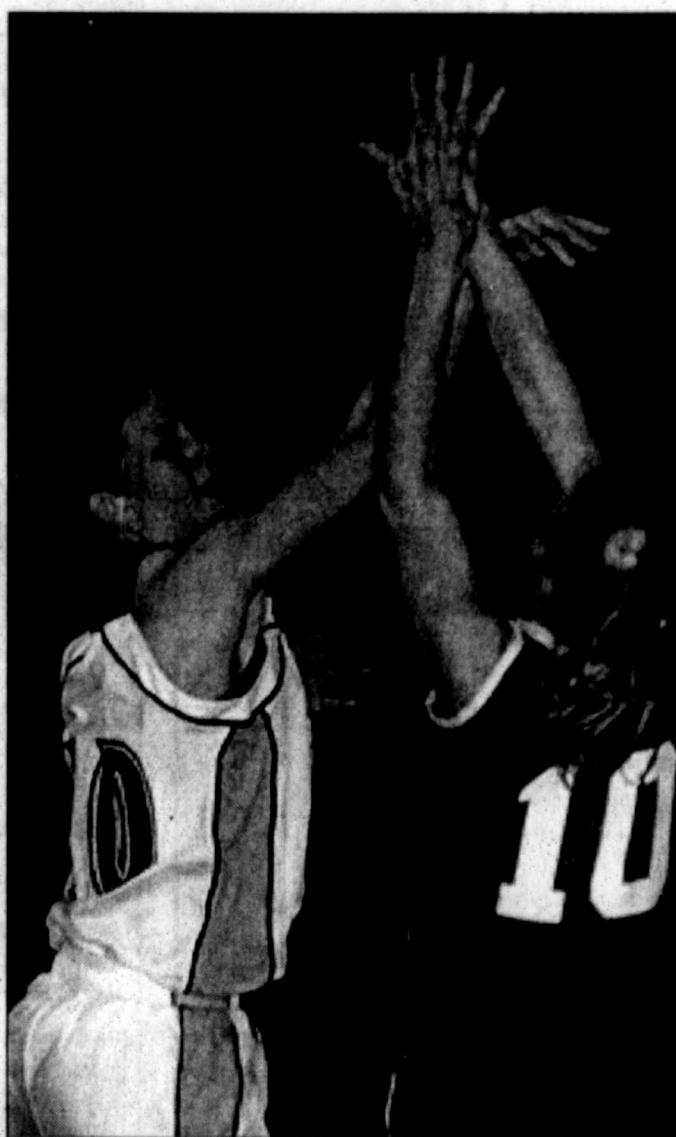
The Bulldogs (20-9, 9-3 in district) led after each quarter and according to coach Kim Nichols, the team played well defensively in the 62-45 district win. At intermission the Bulldogs were leading by 8 points and the elementary gym was packed with fans making plenty of noise and causing problems for visiting Anson.

Morgan, the 6-foot-8 junior from Coahoma, scored 27 points — had 6 blocks and 9 rebounds on the night.

Bulldogs leading scorer this season, Gonzales, added 19 points of his own and had 5 steals to go along with 5 assists in the game.

"We played tough as a team tonight and we played well," Nichols told the Herald. "Stephen Ewing and Curt Long played well on the defensive end and Colter was outstanding tonight. He changes things in the middle and he allows our defense to play tough and take some chances."

"Jason did what he has done all year long — he can score in so many ways and he's



Kayley Eggleston comes up with a blocked shot in the first half of the Forsan 36-34 loss to Hamlin Tuesday night.

HERALD photo/Bob Fishback

Lady Buffaloes fall to Lady Pied Pipers

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

FORSAN — It was not a particularly good night to be a Lady Buffaloes fan, but according to coach Robert Hillger, the energy and effort in the 36-34 home loss to Hamlin was something for the team to not only be proud of, but to build on.

In the opening quarter, the teams set a blistering pace as they hustled up and down the court en route a 13-9 early Pied Piper lead. The difference was a 3-pointer by Hamlin and a half-court press that the Lady Buffs (8-16, 2-4 in district) struggled to break.

Opening the second quarter, the Lady Pied Pipers continued to have the hot hand as their second 3-pointer found the bottom of the net and the visiting girls extended their lead to 16-11. Still, Forsan refused to lay down on its home court.

With just under two minutes before halftime, the Lady Pied Pipers were whistled for their seventh team foul — sending the Lady Buffs to the free throw line for one-and-one opportunities for the rest of the half.

According to the Hamlin coaches, the visitors needed to play a softer defense at that point because Forsan was shooting so well from the free throw line.

Amanda Longorio was perfect from the charity stripe as she hit 4-for-4 in the

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MCT photo/Harry E. Walker
Houston Head Coach Jeff Van Gundy is guiding the Rockets without Yao Ming.

Rockets continue to win without center

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Houston Rockets continue to adapt quite nicely to the absence of Yao Ming.

Tracy McGrady scored 33 points and had eight assists to lead the Houston Rockets to a 98-90 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

The key was a strong defensive effort and other players picking up for Yao, who has missed 21 games since suffering a fractured right leg against the Clippers on Dec. 23. The Rockets are 15-6.

"We're in a nice little groove offensively right now," McGrady said. "My teammates have been great in providing offense as well and opening things up, allowing me to play one-on-one and have single coverage. When we are playing that way, that's when we are at our best."

McGrady led five Rockets in double figures as Houston won for the sixth time in the last seven games.

Memphis, which has the worst record in the NBA, has lost three straight.

"It's frustrating to lose

period," Memphis guard Chucky Atkins said, especially when you know you have opportunities to win.

Juwan Howard scored 17 for the Rockets and Shane Battier added 14. Rafer Alston had 12 points and Luther Head contributed 11.

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 30 points and 13 rebounds. Mike Miller added 12 points, but was only 5-for-17 from the field. Lawrence Roberts finished with 10 points.

Gasol also had five blocks and five assists.

Defense was the key for the Rockets and other players stepping up and providing leadership, coach Jeff Van Gundy said, from Dikembe Mutombo playing 37 minutes to McGrady's offense to Battier's discipline in guarding Miller. "Shane did as good a job on Mike Miller as you can do," the Houston coach said.

Miller missed all eight of his shots from beyond the arc, breaking a franchise-record 27 straight games with a 3-pointer.

Battier, whose locker was right next to Miller's during his days with the

Grizzlies, said the key was "don't leave him."

"I've played against him enough to know you give him a foot and he can make you pay for it," Battier said of Miller, who had connected on 31-of-58 from outside the arc in the previous six games. "I'm glad we're done playing these guys this year

because I don't know if I could chase him around for another 40 minutes."

Miller's problems were part of a 2-of-18 performance from 3-point range for Memphis, the 11 percent a season-low.

"We were hanging in there," Gasol said, "even with the poor shooting."

HAWKS

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threat, leading the Hawks leading just 1-0.

In the second inning, Zetsch allowed a leadoff single before settling down and retiring the Lady Rangers without a run.

"I felt good out there — felt strong — felt confident," Zetsch said after pitching a complete game for the first win of the season. "My rise ball and my change up were both working well and Vanessa (Justin, the Hawk's catcher) kept me calm and focused out there."

In the second inning the Hawks' offense erupted.

After a walk to start the inning, Teryn Garner was hit by a pitch and right fielder Vanessa Hernandez slapped a single to set the stage for a bases-loaded, 3-RBI line drive off the left field fence by Alisha Rams.

The triple gave the Hawks a 4-0 lead and the scoring had just begun. Three more runs crossed home plate before

the Rangers returned to the visiting dugout.

In the third inning, the Rangers roughed up Zetsch for 3 runs — albeit with the help of some fielding errors, but in the bottom of the inning Howard warmed its bats up and returned the favor by adding 6 more runs to the scoreboard.

The highlight was a towering shot by Rodriguez that sailed over the left field fence.

"I felt confident because of all the work we have put in practice this month. Our defense looked good and if we can be consistent at the plate ... we should have a strong season," Rodriguez said after going 3-for-4 with a single, double and home run.

After Zetsch shut down the Rangers in the fourth and fifth innings, the Hawks won in a game called by the 10-run rule.

In the second game of double header, the Hawks needed extra innings to get past the Rangers, but in the eighth the Hawks pushed across two runs for a 9-7 victory and a 2-0 start to the season.

BUFF'S

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First half. "I'm pretty shaky sometimes," Longorio said, when asked about her touch from the charity stripe. "Tonight I just stepped up there and shot them."

Longorio led Forsan with 6 points and 4 rebounds in the first half and Stanley Kaylon — the Lady Buffaloes' leading scorer on the season — added 4 more.

By halftime the Lady Buffaloes trimmed the lead down to five, 22-17.

Opening the third quarter, the two squads combined for zero points in the first three minutes of action.

"They played some tough one-on-one defense in the second half," Longorio said after the loss.

In the fourth quarter the Lady Pipers opened a 36-28 lead, the largest of the game.

Down by 8 points and with the game getting out of hand, Robert Hillger, the Forsan head coach, took a crucial timeout.

Over the next two min-

utes the Lady Buffaloes responded by preventing Hamlin from scoring.

"There have been a lot of times this season where we have gotten down and we usually make a comeback," Hillger explained. "Our defense was good and we held them to only 14 points in the second half. I'm proud of the way they played defense in the second half."

Tori Gauer had 9 points for Forsan and she ended the night as the leading scorer. Faith Bellow added 7 points and Kaylon hit for a total of 6.

On the final possession — with an attempt to send the game to overtime — the Lady Buffaloes ran out of time. Hamlin held on for the 36-34 win.

"Despite the loss we're playing Wink in the first game of the playoffs and that will probably be played on Tuesday, somewhere in Midland," Hillger said outside of the locker room. "Right now we need to get over a tough home loss, but I am confident in my players. We'll be ready to bounce back next week."

FORSAN

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the defense that gave Forsan trouble in the first half and they held the Buff's scoreless for 5:40. This allowed the Hamlin to tie the game and keep its faithful following cheering late into the game.

"It was a good, hard fought basketball game between two tough teams," Forsan head coach Terry McDonald said.

When Bailey hit a turnaround jumper from the paint with 3:08 in the third, the Buffaloes offense returned to life.

In a span of 1:18 the home team scored 7 points and regained the lead before the quarter expired. Going into the final 8 minutes the score was 30-29 and the crowd was standing on its feet.

"The kids played extremely hard," McDonald reiterated. "This was a physical ball game and I'm very proud of the effort and heart we played with tonight."

Early in the fourth quarter Hamlin took a brief lead, but it was

quickly erased when Forsan hit three straight baskets and pulled out front by as many as 5 points, 42-37.

Forsan failed to score a point.

Despite playing tough defense, the Pied Pipers continued to cut into the lead. Down the stretch the Buffaloes failed to convert free throw opportunities and with only 13 seconds remaining Hamlin took a timeout with the ball and a chance to steal the win.

As the two teams returned to the court the Pied Pipers point guard drove the lane and kicked the ball out to the baseline for the game winning shot — it missed, but the rebound by Logan Hertel was kissed off the glass as the horn sounded and Hamlin was victorious.

"We're disappointed in the loss, but were going to get over it in a hurry," Buffaloes leading scorer Bailey said. "We have a couple of practice games coming up and then we will be in the playoffs. This team is made up of good friends and that is going to help us overcome this loss. Next week — for the playoffs, we will be ready."

DOGS

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just tough to defend." In other District 5-2A action Merkel was defeated by Haskel.

"At this point we just need to take care of our own business and continue to play solid basketball

night in and night out," Nichols added. "We are a good team and if we can continue to do that we're going to be fine. The Merkel loss tonight — all that means is that we need to take care of business every time we step on the court. That's all."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Bath Coup

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Most players are familiar with the Bath Coup, even though they might not know the technical name for the play. It gets this name because the play is said to have originated in the resort town of Bath, in England.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of hearts. If South knows his way around a bridge table, he plays the four on the king, hoping West will continue the suit and hand him an extra heart trick. The duck of

the king, holding A-J-x, is called a Bath Coup.

However, if West is familiar with this holdup play, he will switch to a different suit after East plays the discouraging deuce of hearts on the king. It is here that declarer must be careful not to dissipate his advantage.

Let's say West shifts to a club at trick two. South cannot afford to finesse, since this would subject him to defeat if the finesse lost and East returned a heart. So to ensure the contract, he goes up with the ace.

He next plays the K-Q of trumps, followed by the queen of diamonds. Assume East wins the second diamond with the ace and returns a heart. South takes the ace, crosses to dummy with a trump and discards his heart loser on dummy's third diamond. He then concedes a club to the king to make the contract.

Observe that if South takes the king of hearts with the ace at trick one, he goes down. East later gains the lead with either a diamond or a club and returns a heart through declarer's J-4. The Bath Coup thus proves to be the key to making the contract, even though declarer may have no idea that the play he has employed carries a very fancy moniker.

Tomorrow: Long-range preparatory moves.
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No man is an island. But if he were, during the Libra moon he'd be proud to be one in a group of islands, like the Channel Islands or the Hawaiian Islands. The Libra moon is about bonding, cooperating and building on the strengths of the group. Disagreement is worked out. Communication is restored.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The essence of knowledge lies in emotion, not thought. Throw out your rulebooks. Forget everything you think you know. Focus on what you feel. A Cancer person is your guide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Why people aren't sticking to the schedule is beyond you — it's all you can do to stop from rolling your eyes like an

annoyed teen. Patience, Taurus! Diplomacy and tact win loyalty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Maybe you don't have the answer because you're asking the wrong question. Change your question this afternoon. So-called coincidences take on new meaning, and good things flow toward you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Imagination will solve what intellect cannot. So those flights of fancy you take this afternoon? Well, they're more lucrative and productive than any number of errands you could run.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't mind a clash here and there — it keeps things interesting. But when loved ones seem to be picking fights all the time, well, that's just not acceptable. Tonight, get to the root of the problem and fix it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The shift from old to new is exciting and a bit stressful, too. It helps to know that everyone is going through the same thing. The transition is unavoidable — and if you tried to avoid it, you'd be unsuccessful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Tomorrow's Horoscope

There's a way to get what you want and still please the powers that be. But that solution hasn't been conjured up yet. Ask three other people for opinions. Your open mind is the hero in the end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're good at being mysterious. But if you blend in with the crowd, you'll never know whether that special someone is really looking at you! Dare to stand out in your own subtle, sophisticated way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone is looking for a commitment you aren't ready to give. How can you know what to do when there are all those other options out there you haven't even tried?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've already experienced the benefits of being incredibly self-disciplined most of the time. But today, the less you do, the more desirable you are. So don't try. Who can resist your chic scruffiness?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The people around you are a reflective surface for your secret desires. You're learning what you want by noticing what you give

your attention to. Dare to set a goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Express your excellent style, regardless of who might be around to praise you. You feel terrific when you look terrific. Romance begins while you're busy taking excellent care of yourself.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tall, dark and oh-so-handsome, is there anything Ashton Kutcher touches that doesn't turn to gold? Eight years on television's "That '70s Show," over three years producing MTV's mega-popular "Punk'd," and he's married to Demi Moore! Kutcher's famous Aquarian social charm demands that we root for him, not envy him, and that could be his greatest quality of all.

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Legals

City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

Balkar S. Hayer, all of BK 34 of Amended Government Heights to Bauer Addition, Located at 911 Lamesa Hwy, is requesting a variance for a 10' setback on NW 9th and a 10' setback on Lamesa Hwy. Kenny Davis Chief Building Official #5236 February 7 & 11, 2007

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Last year, my son and I moved into my boyfriend's home. I pay half the utilities and spend almost \$400 a month on groceries for all of us, including "Tom's" 12-year-old daughter. I also paid for half of his new washer, dryer and refrigerator. When we go out for dinner, I'm always the one who pays, and we use my car. I keep the house clean, wash, iron, make lunches, etc. He never lifts a finger.

The other day, Tom told me I should pay half of his mortgage and the costs of remodeling his house inside and out. He says I'm obligated because I live there. He says the remodeling will cost thousands, and if I don't have the money, I should take out a loan.

Annie, I feel I'm being taken advantage of and don't think I should pay for anything more. My expenses are higher now than when I was single. To top it off, every time Tom gets mad at me, he kicks me out of the house and then apologizes. We both make the same amount of money. I'm considering moving out. What do you think? — Miserable and Broke

Dear Miserable: There is nothing wrong with paying for half the costs of your living arrangements, including rent, utilities, groceries, repair bills, etc. That includes half (not all) the cost of entertainment. However, the house is in Tom's name. He can kick you out whenever he wants, which is not good for you or your son. He also can sell the house, and you won't get a penny.

If he wants half the mortgage and remodeling costs, the house should be in both your names, but frankly, Tom doesn't sound like a good risk for a permanent relationship, and we don't think you should entangle your finances with his. If you are financially better off without him, it's time to move out.

Dear Annie: I was married 35 years to my beloved husband. Our sex life was good until the last five years before he passed away. Since his death, I've had sexual desires that I've taken care of with self-gratification. I don't wish to date, as it feels like cheating, and with all the sexually transmitted diseases



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

wrote us, saying their schools also have such policies in place. We hope all schools will follow suit.

Dear Annie: I was diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome in 1989 and was unable to work for over two years. I gradually recovered to the point where I could work part time, along with running a small Internet-based business from home. My health is greatly improved, but I still have limitations on my ability to work.

For a number of years, my mother has directed her money manager to send a monthly check to me to help me pay my bills. (I live alone and own my own home.) However, with my mother's increasing senility, my sister was made the executrix and given power of attorney over my mother's finances. Now, my sister wants to write up a document whereby I would agree that all of the payments to me would be deducted from my inheritance. In return, she would deduct from her inheritance all the money my mother gave her to help pay for her two children's college tuitions.

I feel that payments made to me due to chronic illness should not be equated with money for tuition, although I am willing to consider a compromise for peace in the family (say, half of the payments). My sister, however, is adamant that I sign the agreement on her terms or she will take action to reduce future payments to me.

Am I wrong to differentiate between these two types of payments, since one is essentially charity to me and the other is to defray the expenses of my healthy, and gainfully employed, sister? Your opinion would be greatly valued. — Stressed Out

Dear Stressed: Most parents prefer to leave their children equal amounts, so as not to show favoritism. We think this is a sound practice. In fact, we believe it's quite possible your mother gave your sister tuition money in order to equalize the amount of money she was giving to you. While it is wonderful that your mother can afford to help you out, it is still a gift. Please sign the agreement.

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7:30	George Lopez	George Lopez	La Foa Mas Bella	Bones (CC)	Armed & Famous (CC)	Manna	Friday Night Lights (CC)	Raymond	Update/Israel	Balroom Chair	Futurecar	Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Without a Trace (CC)	The Parkers	Movie: Stuart Little (CC)	Lincoln at Northwestern	Georgetown at Louisville	Movie: The
8:30	Lost (CC)	Lost (CC)	Futbol: Estados Unidos vs. Mexico	American Idol (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Amor Mio	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Raymond	Light of the Southwest	The Supreme Court	MythBusters (CC)	Michael Myers Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael	UFC's Ultimate Fight Night	Without a Trace (CC)	Celebration of Gospel '07	Soccer: Mexico vs. United States (CC)	Soccer: Mexico vs. United States (CC)	North Carolina at Duke (CC)	Breach-Look Extras (CC)
9:30	News (CC)	News	70s Show	News	Noticias	Noticias	News Tonight Show	Movie: Boat Trip (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Futureweapons	Meyers	Pros vs. Joes	Las Vegas (CC)	Reflections	NASCAR Now	SportsCenter (CC)	Rome (CC)	
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11:30	Extra (CC)	Extra (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	My Wife-Kids	Show	The Insider	Pagado	Conan O'Brien	Apex		MythBusters (CC)	45 Movie: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Alias (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Proud Family	SportsCenter (CC)		
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"I wish Margaret would stop callin' to tell me she's not speakin' to me."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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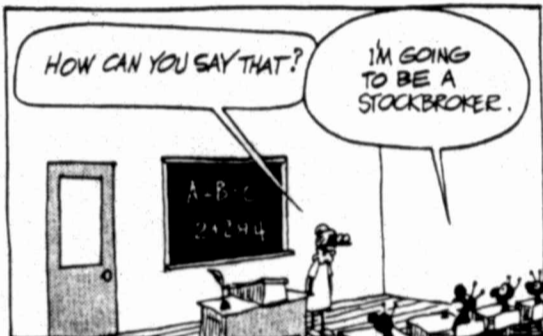
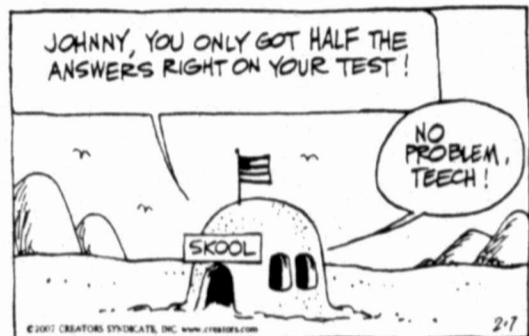
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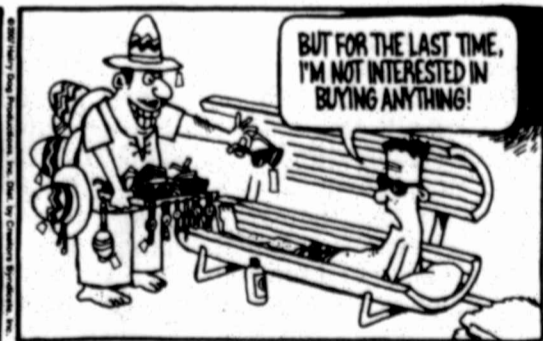
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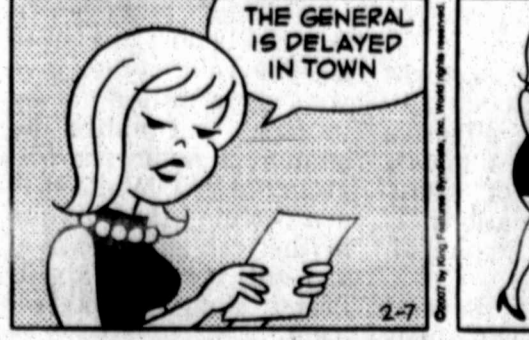
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2007. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

On this date:

In 1861, the general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopted a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

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

In 1906, Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, was born in Beijing.

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

In 1943, the government announced the start of shoe

rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

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

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

In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos.

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

Five years ago: Authorities in Oklahoma captured the last of four escaped prison inmates from Texas who'd been on the run for more than a week.

One year ago: 10,000 mourners, including four U.S. presidents, said goodbye to Coretta Scott King

during a service in Lithonia, Ga.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 86. Author Gay Talese is 75. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 52. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 48. Actor James Spader is 47. Country singer Garth Brooks is 45. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 45. Comedian Eddie Izzard is 45. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 42. Actor Jason Gedrick is 40. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 29. Actress Tina Majorino is 22.

Thought for Today: "The time on either side of 'now' stands fast." — Maxine Kumin, American poet.

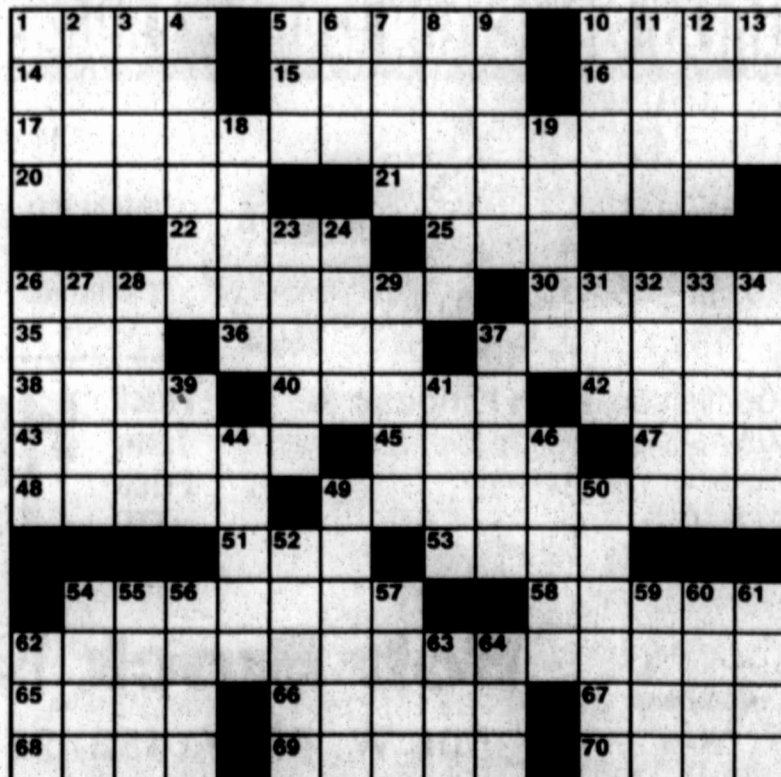
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Alto, CA
- 5 Make into law
- 10 Prefix meaning "half"
- 14 Dishonest one
- 15 Nancy's rich friend
- 16 Hertz alternative
- 17 Very low-budget movie
- 20 Fashion sense
- 21 Grant a right to
- 22 Phoenix hoopsters
- 25 -Tiki
- 26 Hose without heels
- 30 Singer Eydie
- 35 Genetic material
- 36 McGregor of Star Wars films
- 37 Ongoing drama
- 38 Has a bug
- 40 Make ashamed
- 42 Puts a stop to
- 43 Hot and humid
- 45 Bit of bridal attire
- 47 Moo goo pan
- 48 Property divider
- 49 Minnesota stadium
- 51 X, to frat men
- 53 Nintendo rival
- 54 In the wrong role
- 58 Asimov of sci-fi
- 62 Sandwich seller's shop
- 65 Director Kazan
- 66 Children's song refrain
- 67 Blissful place
- 68 Toward the sunset
- 69 Very strict
- 70 Usher's find
- DOWN
- 1 Grade booster
- 2 "If it ___ broke..."
- 3 Disney pooch
- 4 "Otherwise..."
- 5 Unit of work
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- 7 Natural soother
- 8 Dull sounds
- 9 Kemo Sabe's friend
- 10 Foolish
- 11 Foul doings
- 12 Odometer unit
- 13 Belief system
- 18 Get extra life from
- 19 Shabby state
- 23 "Forget it!"
- 24 Picket-line crosser
- 26 Totally wreck
- 27 Join
- 28 Did hayfield work
- 29 Scoundrel
- 31 Smelting input
- 32 Fab Four name
- 33 Palindromic title
- 34 Toon cow
- 37 British county
- 39 Go limp
- 41 Hardens
- 44 Tourist draw
- 46 Clear thinking
- 49 Social outcast
- 50 Short races
- 52 President after Grant
- 54 Hybrid equine bird
- 55 Hieroglyphics
- 56 Fly's undoing
- 57 Peach or beech
- 59 Gofer, for one
- 60 On the briny
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- 62 Use a needle
- 63 Make public
- 64 "Smoking or ___?"





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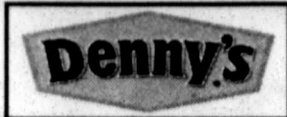
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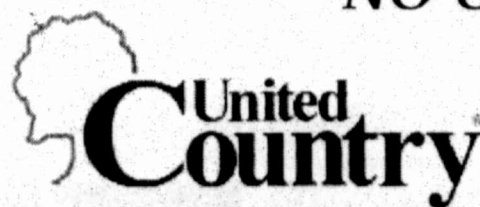
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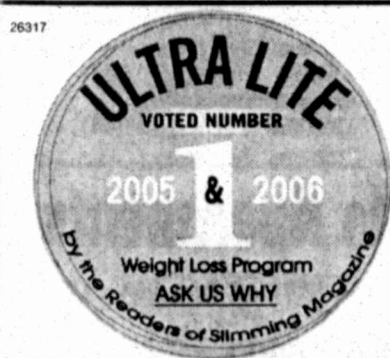


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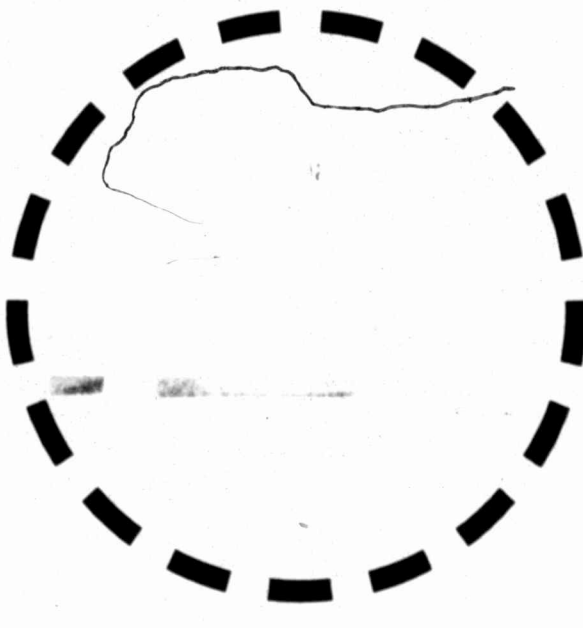
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