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Total lunar eclipse
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Eclipse visibility

- Enter eclipse visible
- Moon rises at beginning of eclipse
- Moon rises during totality
- Moon rises at end of eclipse
- No eclipse visible

Lunar eclipse watch tonight

The full moon will rise totally eclipsed by the Earth's shadow tonight.

Angelo State University's Planetarium will present a program to watch it, beginning with a moon-rise watch at 6 p.m. outside the Nursing-Physical Science Building at Vanderventer and Johnson streets.

Telescopes will be set up in the Planetarium parking lot to watch the moon rise from 6-7 p.m. A program explaining lunar eclipses will be given in the Planetarium.

The program is free to the public. For more information call (915) 942-2136.

Writers sought for Prime of Your Life

Prime of Your Life is looking for writers to contribute articles or columns.

The monthly Big Spring Herald special section is a guide to activities and information for active, experienced senior citizens. It is available on the last Friday each month in the Herald as well as its advertisers' location.

For more information call Martha E. Flores at 263-7331.

School board to swear in member

Big Spring Independent School District Trustees meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room to appoint a new trustee. Former District 3 Trustee John Arrick resigned in November to pursue career interests in another city, and the board is slated to swear in a new member, school officials said.

'Letters to Santa' deadline Dec. 16

Deadline for submissions of "Letters to Santa" is noon, Wednesday, Dec. 16. Letters will be published Dec. 21.

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Weather

Tonight, clear. Low in the lower 30s. Northwest wind 10-15 mph.

Thursday, sunny. High in the lower 60s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph.

See extended forecast page 8A.

TONIGHT	TOMORROW	TONIGHT
CLEAR	CLEAR	TOMORROW

SUNSET 5:42 PM
SUNRISE 7:38 AM

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You better clean up!! Safety codes to be enforced

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Better mow and clean your unkempt yard and vacant lot, haul off your junked vehicle and fix your dilapidated house to comply with Big Spring health and safety ordinances by January.

Penalties as well as criminal charges with fines up to \$200 will be filed against those who don't, City Manager Lanny Lambert told the Big Spring City Council Tuesday. Press coverage and 10-day written warnings will be given.

"This is to give them due warning that we intend to enforce the city's health and safety codes and clean up the appearance of our city," Lambert. "We're not heartless about it, we're going to give them due warning."

"I suspect that when we begin this you'll have large crowds down here that are mad," he told the council.

Councilman Charles Beil, commenting on recent city cleanup efforts by citizens, said, "We'll see how dedicated they really are."

Mayor Tim Blackshear said city workers need to make sure city property is clean too.

"Right, that's only fair," Lambert agreed.

There are three employees in the city's code enforcement/building department but not much construction is going on in the city right now. So Lambert decided to have those employees work full time at code enforcement.

"Rather than simply respond to complaints, we are going to become proactive. We are going to

drive the city, find the violations and file charges after 10 days without compliances.

If needed, the city will mow, haul, tear down and charge owners with the cost plus 15 percent of the cost as a penalty, the maximum allowed by law. In addition, Class C misdemeanor charges punishable by up to a \$200 fine, equivalent to a traffic ticket, will be filed.

Typical costs include: mowing, \$30 to \$50; demolishing a structure, \$500 to \$1,500; vehicles hauled off and crushed, no cost.

"We're going to start probably in January," Lambert said. "In this way we believe that we can really do a better job of cleaning up the city."

Lambert said he plans to distribute media notices before actual enforcement. "We'll try to get all the publicity we can."

Collection of delinquent taxes are up

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

More lawsuits are being filed to collect delinquent city taxes, the Big Spring City Council learned Tuesday. Delinquent collections were up 8 1/2 percent the past year.

"It was a real good year," said delinquent tax attorney Drew Mouton in a report of the fiscal year ending June 30 to the council.

Delinquent collections the past year for all local taxing entities, including the county and school districts, was even better with a 15 percent increase, Mouton said. But delinquent collections for the city were still good, he said. "I'm satisfied with those results."

Some large city delinquent accounts collected include current or former owners of the Permian and Petroleum buildings at Second and Scurry, Mouton said. Also, \$18,000 of taxes owed by bankrupt Wilson Oil Co. were paid.

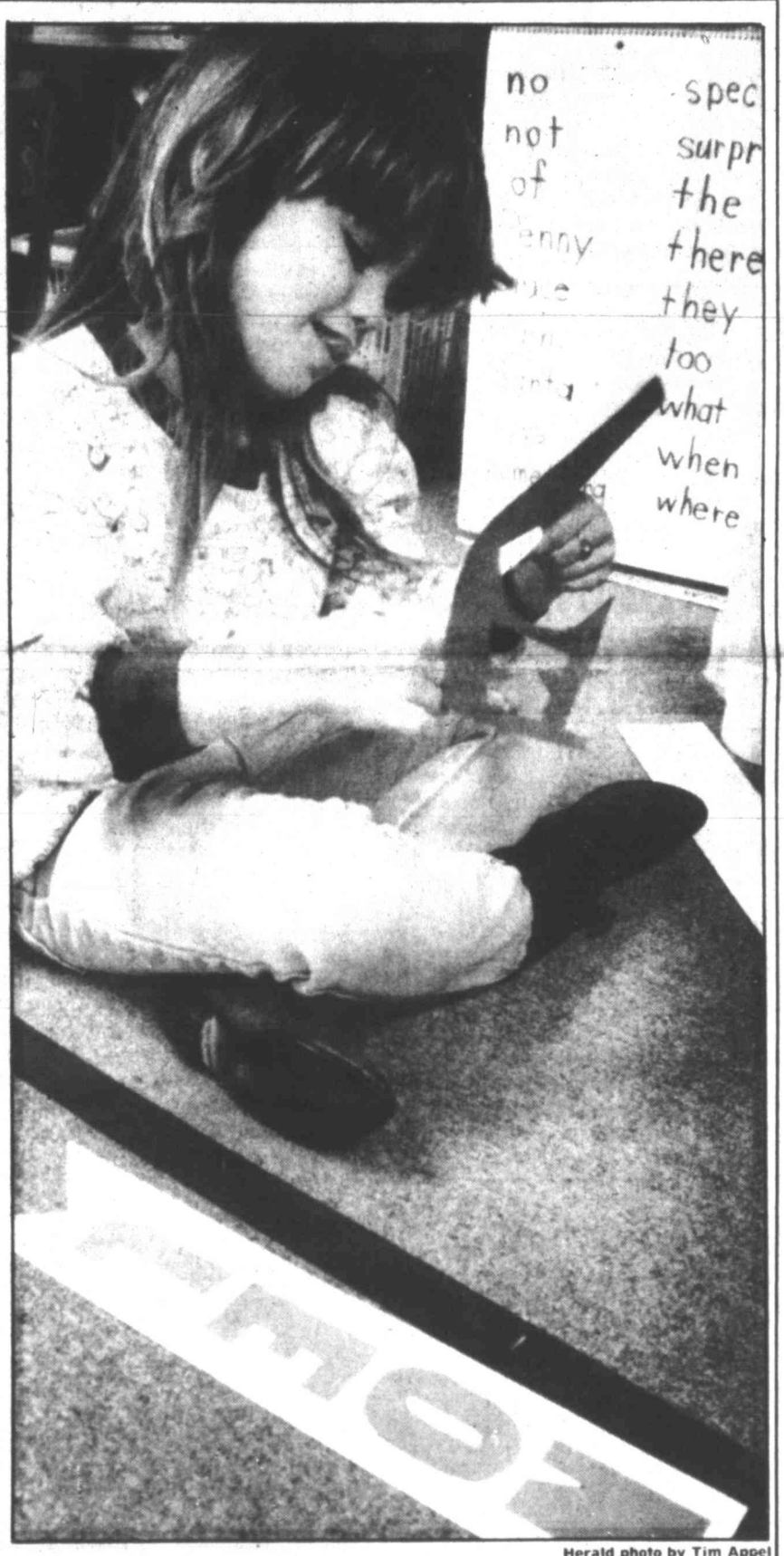
That brought delinquent collections for the city to \$127,000, compared to \$117,000 the year before, the lowest year of the past five. Average collections the past five years was \$129,200 with the high \$148,000. "Can't explain" that high year, Mouton said. The next highest was \$129,000.

The largest delinquent bill to the city is \$40,412 owed by Barcelona Apartments on Westover Road. That's for 1991 only. Due in 1992 is \$29,937.

The total city delinquent tax roll is \$577,121, of which an estimated one-third is uncollectable, another one-third probably uncollectable and the rest collectable with effort, a detailed study six years ago indicates, Mouton said. "I don't know if that's changed in the last five or six years."

Five percent of due property taxes typically becomes delinquent, says Howard County Tax Assessor Collector Kathy Sayles. That means of \$240,885 in city taxes due for 1992, more than \$12,000 is expected to become delinquent Feb. 1.

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Cutting Christmas tidings
Tiffany Emerson cuts out letters from a piece of paper that will be used to make a Noel banner like the example in front of her in her classroom at the Kindergarten Center Tuesday afternoon.

Expulsion for threatening assistant principal upheld

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District school board on Monday upheld an administration hearing decision to expel a student for physically threatening an assistant principal with a wooden paddle in his office.

Transcripts for two hearings conducted Nov. 16 were released during a special meeting Monday.

The first due process hearing regarded two students, a brother and sister, expelled for physically assaulting (around noon on Nov. 6) Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Tom Adams, according to the transcript, including testimony from four witnesses.

The board upheld the expulsion of a third student, another daughter of the parent, decided at a second hearing.

According to the transcript of the second hearing, after a physical

confrontation including Adams (at BSISD for seven years) and two students, Adams had the mother and police officials come to the school.

The third student allegedly physically threatened Adams in his office sometime after the first physical altercation on the same day.

The school board considered the transcripts, statements from the students' parent and the hearing's presiding officer BSISD Principal Kent Bowermon to vote unanimously to uphold the decision.

Police Chief Joe Cook, Sgt. Mike Pearson, the two students charged with assault, their mother and an infant, a third student (a sister to the students' charged) and Adams were in the assistant principal's office, the transcript said.

The father to the students entered Adams' office, and physical altercations allegedly oc-

curred among Adams, the father and the police and allegedly between Adams and the third student, the transcript said.

Police arrested the two students (who allegedly assaulted Adams earlier) and their father after they were asked to leave school grounds, according to a police report and the transcripts.

Adams and the third student made these statements during the November hearing regarding the events in Adams' office:

- "Mr. Adams: (The father) had come in and I looked up and (the third student) was coming into my office screaming and hollering and I had turned around and she had a board in her hand. It was my paddle, which had been lying on my desk. The board was waving around in the air.
- "I reached up and grabbed at it, got a hold of it, at that point in time and pulled it down. Chief Cook was also standing there and grabbed at

1 Amphibious vehicles came out of the Indian Ocean and secured the airport.

2 Troops enter central Mogadishu to secure port and set up headquarters.

U.S. Embassy compound Evacuated in 1991 is a likely site for U.S. headquarters.

LCACs (Hovercraft) Air-cushion landing craft, fast and maneuverable, carried troops through surf and onto the beach.

AAVs Amphibious armored vehicle usable from ship to shore and on land; carries 25 fully equipped Marines.

USS Tripoli (Amphibious assault ship)
USS Juneau (Amphibious transport docks)
USS Rushmore (Dock landing ship)

Cobra Strike helicopters flew support

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Amphibious landing vehicles

AP / Karl Gude

No opposition as the Marines hit Somalia

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A U.S. Marine landing force, on a mission of mercy to a starving land, quickly took control today of key points in Mogadishu, where the streets were suddenly free of the terror of mobile gangs.

Just hours after the Marines hit the beaches, giant Air Force transports and a food-relief flight were touching down at the crippled city's airport.

The Marines and Navy commandos, sweeping in before dawn by sea and air, met no reported resistance.

Instead, thousands of Somalis, some in rags, flocked to the shoreline to gaze in awe at a superpower's might — and to shake its helping hand.

The youthful gunmen who long terrorized Mogadishu apparently had melted away into the city's ruins or into the countryside.

But word of new unrest came from the southern Somali port of Kismayo, where a night of looting and shooting forced the U.N. World Food Program to evacuate 13 foreign aid workers by air.

In Mogadishu, the Marines swiftly secured the airport and seaport, gateways for the planned effort to re-establish a food pipeline to the hundreds of thousands threatened by famine in this war-torn nation.

Under U.N. sponsorship, the Americans will guard aid deliveries that have been hostage to thousands of armed extortionists, some loyal to rebel factions, some simply free-lance thieves.

Looting of food shipments and interference by rebel leaders had paralyzed the relief effort, and 300,000 Somalis died of starvation, disease and warfare.

The pictures of famished women

and children shocked the world.

The Marines, an 1,800-man vanguard of more than 30,000 U.S. and other troops arriving in the coming days, also moved out from the airport and set up three checkpoints on the road into the city.

Ordinary Somalis greeted the friendly invaders, crowding rooftops and hillsides to watch the helicopters, hovercraft and other military behemoths crisscross their beaches and roadways. Some rushed up to the young Americans and shook their hands.

Abdul Mohamed Arale had waited for the Marines for three days at the airport, in pinstripe suit and polka-dot tie.

"I just want to meet the Americans and welcome them," the former Somali Airlines employee said. "I would like to show my respect."

Somalis poured into the airport by the thousands to watch the troops descend from their monstrous amphibious vehicles and deafening aircraft.

Residents swarmed across the runway, and the soldiers responded by pushing them away from military gear, mostly in a calm manner, and eventually out the gate of the airport.

"Gadal Uba!" shouted Lance Cpl. Danny Sheng. The phrase means "get back" in Somali, and each time Sheng yelled it, the curious broke into broad smiles and chanted it back to him.

"They're being cooperative," said Sheng, who had written the foreign words in ink on the palm of his hand. "They are friendly, yes, definitely friendly."

The opening moves of Operation Restore Hope appeared to go off like clockwork. More pictures were taken than prisoners.

Nation/World

Move on to get votes for delegates

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democrats are moving to let delegates from the District of Columbia and four territories vote to amend legislation on the House floor even though the Constitution bars them from voting on final passage of legislation.

The action is sure to draw the ire of Republicans.

On a voice vote in their closed-door caucus Tuesday, the Democrats adopted the rules change expanding the voting rights of delegates from the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

Because all five delegates side with the Democrats, the GOP minority is expected to oppose the move when Congress votes on its rules Jan. 5. But rules changes endorsed by the majority normally pass on a party-line vote.

Current rules allow the delegates to debate legislation and vote in committees, but they cannot vote on the floor because the Constitution provides full representation only to states.

"It has enormous symbolic meaning," D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton said of the change. "My constituents feel especially burdened and disaffected from the American body politic. They feel like they're second-class Americans."

The proposed change would let delegates vote when the House is amending bills, but not on final passage.

In other action during the House's week-long organizing process, Rep. Sonny Montgomery barely survived a challenge to his chairmanship of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

The Mississippi Democrat won re-election to the veterans post on a vote of 127-123, amid charges he was not loyal enough to the party.

Committee member Lane Evans, D-Ill., had challenged Montgomery, arguing that he had resisted legislation to aid Vietnam-era veterans and had consistently supported Republican presidents on key issues before Congress.



Thousands of Dhaka university students march in a silent procession through Dhaka, Bangladesh, streets Wednesday to protest Sunday's destruction of an ancient mosque in India and call for an end to violence during the past three days in Bangladesh. Paramilitary police guarded temples and Hindu shops to guard against retaliation by Muslims.

Death toll at 600 in India riots

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI, India — The death toll hit 600 today as Hindu-Muslim riots convulsed the nation for a third day, while in the capital legislators screaming in outrage over the bloodbath forced Parliament to adjourn.

Many people stayed home today, observing a one-day general strike called by the Hindu nationalist party whose leaders were arrested Tuesday and accused of inciting the extremists who set off the riots by destroying a mosque in the sacred city of Ayodhya.

The government today began arresting Hindus who took part in Sunday's mosque destruction. In recent days, it took control of the state where the mosque was located, banned fundamentalist groups and announced it would rebuild the mosque and bring to trial politicians who backed the extremists.

But those moves have done little to halt the violence and have heightened tension between Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's governing Congress Party and the

top opposition group, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

In Ayodhya, trains and buses were taking away some of the tens of thousands of Hindus who flooded into the city last week to tear down the mosque and begin construction of a temple its site, where they believe their god Rama was born.

Police in Ayodhya today arrested 26 militants who were injured while destroying the mosque and hospitalized.

In New Delhi, the speakers of both houses of Parliament adjourned the session until Dec. 16 after failing to stop legislators from shouting wildly at each other for a third straight day.

Some members yelled slogans condemning the Congress Party for arresting the Bharatiya Janata's two leaders, L.K. Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi. Congress lawmakers screamed for a resolution censuring the party for the mosque attack.

Advani and Joshi are charged on three counts: inciting religious enmity, threatening national integration and inducing others to commit

crimes. The maximum penalty would be a total of 11 years for the three counts. Their trial is due to begin Thursday in Faizabad, Ayodhya's twin city.

Rao, who has been unable to address the stormy legislature, refused to discuss the crisis as he entered the building looking worried.

In India's five most troubled states, Hindu and Muslim mobs armed with guns, knives, stones, sticks and firebombs continued to clash with each other and with police and soldiers.

Rioters set fire to people, mosques, temples, homes and shops.

In Bombay, one of the worst-hit cities, at least 20 people were killed today in riots in several neighborhoods. Police opened fire on mobs throwing stones and setting fire to buildings. Press Trust of India reported.

So far, 130 people have died in Bombay unrest.

Russian reforms in a crucial showdown

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Parliament began voting today on whether to keep President Boris Yeltsin's reformist prime minister in a crucial showdown on the future of Russia's free-market reforms.

Acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar told the Congress of People's Deputies that he would expand his year-old reforms if the lawmakers confirmed him as premier. But he also said he would make personnel changes as part of a compromise with hard-line critics that allowed his nomination to go to a vote.

In a bitter debate preceding the secret-ballot vote, Yeltsin opponents lashed out at Gaidar's policies, saying they had led to "the destruction of Russia and its people."

Gaidar has outraged much of the Congress with his attempts to steer Russia toward a market-driven economy, a program that has been accompanied by skyrocketing prices and slumping factory output.

The Congress, which is dominated by hard-liners, had blocked earlier attempts by Yeltsin to nominate Gaidar. But the nomination was allowed Tuesday after Yeltsin agreed to relinquish authority to unilaterally appoint other key Cabinet members.

Radio Russia urged any deputies not at the session to return to the Kremlin for the vote. To be approved, Gaidar needed 521 votes — a simple majority of the 1,041-member Congress.

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Sports

Hawks ready for preseason favorite

By MIKE BUTTS Staff Writer

The last week of school before Christmas vacation is often a nervous time for college students. Final exams and anticipation of the holidays can make for some high anxiety.

Coliseum. "There's been a lot of distractions with finals week and we're trying to keep everything in perspective and just prepare for a hard-fought basketball game Thursday." Hawk coach Jeff Kidder said.

Howard vs. Midland Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Garrett

a long break, playing again on Jan. 11 at New Mexico Junior College. So they will have plenty of time to ponder the result of the Midland game.

"When you're competing to win a conference championship the first order of business is you have to win conference games at home because it's so difficult to play on the road," Kidder said.

viding the team's impetus to jump up to fifth place in the national JUCO poll. Howard has a 5-1 mark on the road with a 97-94 overtime loss at Eastfield College in Mesquite Nov. 19. They are 23-3 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum over the past two seasons.

We are. They're more pressure (and) guard oriented than we are," Kidder said. "We're more (a) structured, power-oriented, half-court team."

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Steers gun down Matadors, 75-67

By STEVE BELVIN Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers used all of their artillery in defeating the Lubbock Estacado Matadors 75-67 Tuesday night at Steer Gym. Steers coach Gary Tipton used all 12 of his players throughout the game, at times rotating two different lineups. The result was a balanced attack that took the lead from the start, and never relinquished it. The Steers go to 3-4 for the season, while Estacado, still missing four players because of the football playoffs, falls to 2-5.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Lubbock Estacado's Roderick Davis (44) battles with Big Spring's Torbin Lancaster (44) and Wes Hughes (14) for a rebound during first half action Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

points and post player Fred Boyd contributed 15 points and 10 rebounds. The Steers stretched their lead to 31-13 two minutes into the second quarter but Estacado went

basket. Estacado's Ruth hit a three-pointer at the buzzer pulling the Matadors to within 44-32 at the half. Big Spring built its lead to 54-38 late in the third quarter, but the Mats cut the lead to 56-44 going into the final quarter. Estacado got to within 59-51 early in the quarter, but Big Spring cooled the threat with a free throw by Hughes and two baskets by Lancaster via feeds from Cox. "I thought we played with a lot of intensity, every kid," said Tipton. "We played all 12 kids and that's good. I thought we made some mistakes but the effort was there. We're getting better at playing together. "The things we are continuing to stress are defense and blocking out. We want to take pride in that, offense is fun, defense is work."

Thursday night is rumble time

All right basketball fans, it's time to get serious. My co-worker Mike Butts wrote Sunday about sparse basketball crowds at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Jeff Kidder, who was then an assistant coach at West Texas State University. Last year the two schools staged two all-out wars. In the first meeting in Big Spring, a large crowd was on hand to see Green's return.

come away with the win. The second meeting at the Chap Center was much like the first. Both teams traded leads throughout the game. At the end Howard surged to a seemingly insurmountable 69-59 lead with 55 seconds left. But the Chaps rallied and almost sent the game into overtime.

Howard to escape with a 74-73 win. The Midland crowd left grumbling that the shot was indeed a three-pointer. The Hawks left with an empty feeling of breaking even with their rivals, but not making it to the playoffs.

Now it's WJCAC time. As hard as it is to say Western Junior College Athletic Conference, it's even harder to win in what basketball experts call the toughest JUCO conference in the nation. Now what better way for the Hawks to begin conference play than against I-20 rival Midland College? There has never been love lost between the two schools. There are all kinds of ingredients that make up that rivalry recipe. The latest additive has been the Steve Green Story.

Before the start of the game, in a special presentation, the Howard College cheerleaders gave Green a mum, much to the dislike of the Midland players. The Chaparrals paid the Hawks back with a 90-83 victory. It was a very emotional game as both Green and Kidder were whistled for technicals. The contest was close all the way. Howard led 83-81 with 2:38 left in the game. The Chaps scored the last nine points of the game to

Steve Belvin



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Earnst keys Lady Steers 67-47 win over Coronado

HERALD STAFF REPORT

LUBBOCK — Junior post Amy Earnst led an 8-2 third-period run that put the Big Spring Lady Steers up by 12 points as they defeated Lubbock Coronado 67-47 Tuesday night. Earnst had four points on the spurt and led all scorers with 22 points. She had seven rebounds as the Lady Steers improved to 5-3. Coronado fell to 3-4. "We had a pretty good all-around basketball game which we needed," Big Spring coach Ron Taylor said. "I felt pretty good about our half-court offensive game and Amy had a good game inside."

field, guard Casey Cook had 15 points and sophomore Kerry Gregg hit all four of her field goal attempts to add eight points to the Lady Steers. "I think Casey Cook had one of her better games this year," Taylor said. Big Spring plays in the Greenwood Tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday before beginning District 3-4A play Tuesday at San Angelo Lakeview. The Lady Steer junior varsity lost to Coronado 39-34. Kristi Birrell had eight points and Sarah Britlow, Holley Armstrong and Jennifer Broadrick had six. The JV is 4-3.

Table with 4 columns: Score by quarters, Big Spring, Coronado. Totals: 20 14 12 21-67, 12 16 5 14-47.

Latest JUCO Top 20 rankings See SportsExtra on page 8-B SPORTS & More Sports in the Big Spring Herald daily

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Mexican officials implicated in agent Camarena's death

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A former bodyguard for Mexican drug traffickers testified Tuesday that top Mexican government officials met with drug cartel leaders to plan the 1985 kidnapping and murder of a U.S. drug agent.

Jorge Godoy Lopez described four meetings where the abduction of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena was discussed.

Godoy said that two members of the Mexican cabinet at the time, Defense Minister Juan Arevalo Gardoqui and Interior Minister Manuel Bartlett Diaz, and leaders of a Guadalajara drug ring were at the meetings.

His testimony came during a federal trial for two Mexican nationals charged with complicity in Camarena's death.

Mexican officials immediately denounced the allegations. Bartlett Diaz, recently elected governor of the Mexican state of Puebla, held a news conference Tuesday and denied involvement.

Late Monday, the administration of Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari issued a statement in Mexico City furiously denouncing U.S. prosecutors for alleging that senior Mexican officials were involved in drug trafficking.

Godoy told jurors that some meetings also were attended by the governor of Jalisco state, Enrique Alvarez del Castillo, and Interpol Director Manuel Aldana Ibarra.

Godoy testified that Mexican authorities agreed to identify and locate Camarena so that drug traffickers could kidnap and kill him. He said he once worked as a bodyguard for one of the traffickers, Ernesto Fonseca.

Although previous witnesses have testified that Mexican officials collaborated with drug traffickers, Godoy's testimony was the first time they've been accused of helping to plan the murder.

Ruben Zuno Arce, a Mexican businessman, and Humberto Alvarez Machain, a Guadalajara gynecologist, are charged with complicity in Camarena's killing.

Godoy, characterized as a key witness by the prosecution, also testified Tuesday that Zuno attended at least four meetings where Camarena's kidnapping was discussed.

Speaking through a translator, he told the U.S. District Court that Zuno had contributed to the discussions, at one point saying they needed to "get that (expletive) American."

Defense attorney Edward Medvene suggested that the U.S. government was paying the witness about \$3,000 a month for his

testimony. Medvene cross-examined Godoy about a previous statement that he made to Mexican authorities that he knew nothing about the kidnapping because he had been away sick at the time. Godoy didn't mention Zuno in the statement, Medvene said.

Godoy, who also worked for the state police in Jalisco, said he gave the original statement because his interrogators beat him and threatened him with death.

"I was blindfolded and they were giving me a beating," he said. "They told me that if I didn't sign the papers they would torture me again."

Godoy testified Monday that Alvarez, who was abducted in Mexico and turned over to U.S. authorities, met with the traffickers several times and gave them medical treatment.

The prosecution alleges that Alvarez helped keep Camarena alive while he was being tortured. He and Zuno have pleaded innocent.

Camarena was abducted in Guadalajara on Feb. 7, 1985. Rafael Caro Quintero, the Mexican drug boss believed to have ordered the killing, was sentenced in Guadalajara in December 1989 to 40 years in prison.

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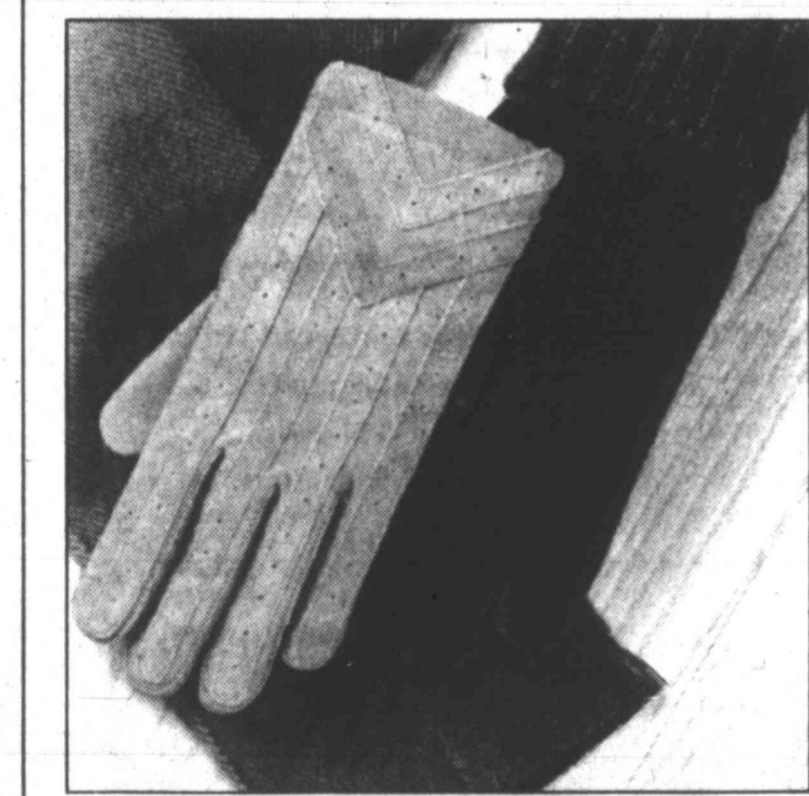
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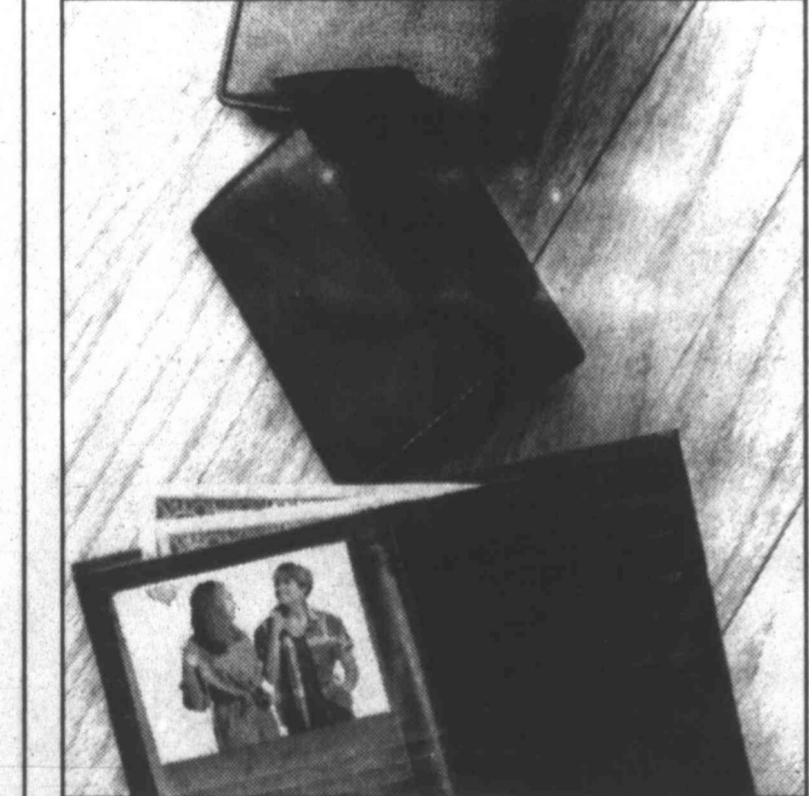
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Permian Basin Weather

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Wal-Mart, police join to bring gifts

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Wal-Mart store and local members of the Fraternal Order of Police are teaming up this year to provide gifts and necessities to underprivileged families.

Don Sanford, Wal-Mart store manager, presented a check for \$965 to Stan Parker of the Fraternal Order of Police. This Wal-Mart program, now in its second year, sets aside a percentage of its first-day-after-Thanksgiving profits, Sanford said.

Traditionally recognized as the beginning of the Christmas shopping rush, the day after Thanksgiving commonly is a day of high sales. Wal-Mart takes a percentage of its sales from the first three hours of operation and donates them to a local charitable organization, Sanford said.

Last year, the donation went to Rape Crisis/Victim Services. This year, the FOP's Christmas program was targeted, he said.

"With this, we'll have about



Big Spring Police Officer Stan Parker, left, receives a check for \$965 from Don Sanford, right, manager of the Big Spring Wal-Mart. Parker and other members of the FOP will use the funds to provide gifts and necessities for underprivileged children and families in Big Spring.

Oil/markets

January crude oil \$18.93, up 9, and March cotton futures \$8.35 cents a pound, down 13; cash hog is steady at 43.75; slaughter steers is steady at 77.50; December live hog futures, 44.10, down 20; December live cattle futures, 77.12, down 3 at 10:15 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Volume 74,119,630

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ATT	48 1/2	-1/2	
Amoco	49 1/2	-1/2	
Atlantic Richfield	110 1/2	-1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	35	+3/4	
Cabot	45 1/4	-1/4	
Chevron	49 1/2	-1/2	
Chrysler	33 1/2	+3/4	
Coca-Cola	39 3/4	-1/4	
De Beers	13 1/2	-1/4	
DuPont	49 1/2	-1/2	
El Paso Electric	2 1/2	-1/4	
Exxon	60 1/4	-1/2	
First IFC	60 1/4	-1/2	
Ford Motor	43	+1/4	
GTE	33 1/2	-1/4	
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Texas Instruments	49 1/2	-1/2	
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USX Corp.	30 1/2	-1/4	
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Mutual Funds

Amcap	13.35-14.14
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New Economy	25.67-27.24
New Perspective	12.47-13.23
Van Kampen	15.71-16.52
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Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

Deaths

Lynn Daniel

Lynn Daniel, 85, Cross Plains, died Monday, Dec. 7, 1992 in a Brownwood hospital.

Burial was 3 p.m. today at Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Higgenbotham Funeral Home.

He retired from Exxon in 1961 and farmed the Pioneer Community since that time.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Daniel, Cross Plains; four daughters: Betty Chapman, Cortez, Colo.; Ruby Patterson, El Paso; Barbara Athens, Brownwood; and Bonnie Neel, Big Spring; one son, David Daniel, Dallas; nine grand-

children and nine great-grandchildren.

Myrtle Ingram

Myrtle Ingram, 82, Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 7, 1992 in Abilene.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 12, 1910 in Ackerly. She married George S. Ingram on Sept. 30, 1930 in Sparenburg. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1973. She lived in Dawson County all her life until moving to Howard County in 1972. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons: George Ingram, Abilene, Clay Ingram, Big Spring, Gibby Ingram,

Colorado City, and Lynn Ingram, Sand Springs; two daughters: Totsy Alderson, Abilene, and Modesta Snell, Midland; two sisters: Lillie J. Huddle, and Ima Lee Gregg, both of Lamesa; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Big Country, 3909 S. 7th, suite W, Abilene, 79605.

Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, officiating. Arrangements by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Algie Brooks

Algie P. Brooks, 83, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1992 in a local nursing home.

Masonic graveside services were 2 p.m. today at Ira Cemetery, Ira with the Rev. Flynn Long, pastor of First

He was born May 25, 1909 in Longview. He married Ruby Giddens on Dec. 4, 1935 in Ira. She preceded him in death on May 23, 1983. He lived in the Lake Thomas area for several years before coming to Big Spring in 1981. He worked for Texaco for 36 years. He served as a deacon in the Baptist Church and was a member of the Ira Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include two sons: John Brooks, Colo. and Bill D. Brooks, Big Spring; one daughter, Joan Martinez, Rotan; two sisters: Inez, Rowen, Mulvane, Kan. and Nellie Audirsch, Eldorado, Ark.; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by one son, two brothers and one sister.

Upheld

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ing on in this business, this is totally out of line and out of place for public schools. And that is our point. That's the point of the District and this school system," the transcript stated.

Murphy was BSISD representative during the hearing. Raul Marquez, stated he was the representative for the parent at the hearing as well as president of the League of United Latin American Citizens local chapter 4495 and the school district had two attorneys present.

Bowerman gave the final decision as expulsion of the third student for the remainder of the 1992 semester.

He said in the transcript, "The most important thing that I have heard today is, number one: technically (the third student) did break the law.

"It was a threatening gesture with a paddle in her hand, but foremost above everything else education is the most important thing to this young lady, and since she is fixing to be a mother, I feel this will be the most important thing."

The student's mother and Chief Cook were also witnesses at the November hearing. BSISD secondary school principals Royce Cox and Jean Broughton attended the second hearing as observers.

Parents of the three students said they are pursuing the matter further in district court and possibly as a civil rights matter with the assistance of LULAC.

The two students from the first hearing were expelled for the remainder of the 1992-93 school year.

Parents filed assault charges against Adams on Nov. 16. The school district filed assault charges against the three students on Nov. 6.

Correction

In the death notice for George Borders Anglin, the name of the daughter, Roseann Bokelman, was misspelled by the funeral home. Services for Anglin will be Thursday, 10 a.m. at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring at 2 p.m.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home
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Myrtle Ingram, 82, died Monday. Services will be 11:00 A.M. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Tax

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But more lawsuits are being filed, mostly because time-consuming title searches are being postponed until action on filed suits is taken, Mouton said. Many taxpayers prefer to work out payment agreements rather than go to court.

"As a result we're filing a lot more and hopefully it'll generate more money for us."

Also, more monitoring of those agreements has been implemented because of a large number of defaults, Mouton said.

"Monitoring these contracts is something that's a real concern to us," he said.

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Calendar

- Today**
- Bingo offered by the Lions, Elks, and Main Street Club, Monday-Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Lions Club, 1607 E. Third.
 - The Salvation Army will have a dinner for area needy at 5:30 p.m. at their building, 308 Aylford, Monday through Friday.
 - Big Spring Senior Center will have ceramics class from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
 - The Rap Group will meet from 6-7 p.m. VAMC, room 212. All veterans of Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Persian Gulf invited.
 - Eagles Lodge, ladies auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m.
- Thursday**
- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
 - Republican Women will meet at noon at La Posada.
 - West Texas Opportunities will distribute commodities at the Dora Robert Community Center from 8:15-2 p.m. All recipients must have their certification cards with them. Come prepared to carry your own commodities. If anyone has extra sacks, please bring them. For information call 267-9536.
 - There will be a Country/Western program at the Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn St. at 7 p.m. Public invited, all musicians and singers are welcome.
 - Permian Basin Aids Coalition will meet at 7 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. 3rd. For information call 263-0900.
 - Rackley-Swords #379 Vietnam Veterans of American will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall on Driver Rd.
 - American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m.
 - Crude Diamonds, Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Country/Western Dance Association will meet at 8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. For information call 267-7937.
 - Masonic Lodge #598 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.
 - Childrens rights through informed education will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, meeting room. Open to public.
- Friday**
- Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chicken track from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.
 - Spring City Sr. Center will have a Country/Western dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Public invited.
- Saturday**
- Maximun payout Bingo at 6:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn.
 - American Legion Post #506 will have a shuffle board tournament at 2 p.m. Draw partners, \$2. entry fee. 3203 W. Hwy. 80.
 - Eagles Lodge will offer music by the Prowlers from 8:30-midnight. Join us and bring a friend.
 - Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade, 10 a.m. Gregg Street from FM-700 and downtown Big Spring.

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Don't touch that dial! Try these expert tips to cut heat costs

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

As the temperature drops, the winter heating bills rise, according to area utility company representatives.

Peggy Luxton, Cap Rock Electric communications advisor, said "Energy costs are going to be directly related to just how harsh a winter Texas experiences. Shorter days and chilly winds cause families to spend more time indoors, using more heating, more lights, watching more television," she added. "The oven, range and microwave have to prepare more hot meals and the water heater, generally located in some unheated location, has to work a little harder to supply hot water through un-insulated pipes."

She said it all adds up, little by little, to produce a higher energy bill for lights and heating.

"The longer it stays cold and the colder it gets, the higher the bills can go," she said. "Every degree difference in the temperature setting means a 2 percent difference

'Every degree difference in the temperature setting means a 2 percent difference in the electric bills for home heating.'

Peggy Luxton, Cap Rock Electric communications adviser

in the electric bills for home heating."

Luxton said the quality of energy efficiency in a home is determined by the family size, the age of the home and its appliances and the habits of the family members—all contributing to higher or lower costs.

The following tips can reduce winter energy bills:

- Never place a lamp near the thermostat. Its heat will cause the thermostat to sense a higher-than-actual reading and result in less-efficient operation.
- Water heater temperature setting is often set much too high. A good setting is between 120 and 130 degrees.
- Using a fireplace while your home heating system is on is inefficient—most heat goes up the

chimney.

• Always remember to close the fireplace damper.

• Maintain clean filters and the heating unit.

• Check for window leaks. They account for 25 percent of the cost of a home's heating and cooling energy use.

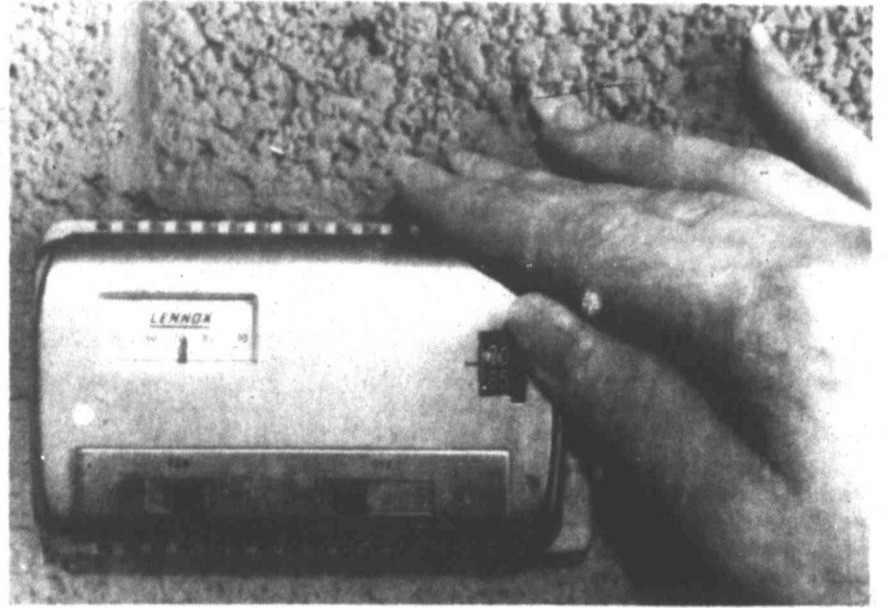
• Check for air leaks around doors, pipes and vents, and cover them.

• Check for worn weather stripping and replace it if needed.

• Inspect caulking around the windows for leaks; with a central system, inspect ducts for air leaks.

• When night temperatures drop, turn down the thermostat and consider using an electric blanket.

• Use a small portable space heater that can be moved from room to room; close off the unoc-



Wait! Before you adjust the thermostat this winter, check insulation, windows and other areas in your home. Saving energy also means cutting the cost of heating your home this winter. Local experts have tips for people who fear the rising cost of staying warm.

cupied rooms and use the heater in occupied rooms.

• Check insulation in the ceiling to make sure it has not settled; bring it to the standard level of six to eight inches.

• Lower the thermostat setting and wear warmer clothing indoors.

Fred Phillips, marketing manager for Energas, said consumers should set back their

thermostats. "If you are out all day, having the thermostat on is not needed," he said.

"Caution for older citizens during cold weather is always advised," Luxton said. "Hypothermia is a much greater danger to elderly people, and they should dress warmly (indoors or out), avoid drafts and protect themselves from sudden temperature changes."

New book: Food tricks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — There's something unsettling — terrifying, actually — about the prospect of eating lunch with magicians Penn and Teller, especially when they've just written a whole book on food tricks.

Will one of them stick a fork in his eye? Or cut off a thumb (his, not yours)? Or embarrass you — as they always embarrass somebody in their audience — by eating your appetizer while making you think you might have eaten it?

The distress is not diminished by reading their new book, "How to Play With Your Food," where all these tricks are explained.

But no gore and no blood at lunch on this Wednesday. Just the possibility of broken eggs everywhere, a broken spoon and a trick tiramisu for dessert.

Even the eggs pose no real threat, says Teller, who goes by one name.

"We taught this trick to Larry King — on the air." But Penn Jillette later says King told them he was more worried about having them as guests than he was about Bill Clinton, George Bush or Ross Perot.

Who could blame him? The trick involves filling four tall glasses with water, balancing a tray on them, balancing four rolled up playing cards on that, balancing four raw eggs on those and, finally, knocking the tray away so the eggs fall into the glasses.

Teller does it flawlessly; the waiters applaud (maybe because they don't have to clean up the eggs).

Not to be outdone, the executive chef at Trattoria Dell'Arte, Claudio Scadutto, stops by to ask if Penn



Penn Jillette watches Teller perform a trick at a New York restaurant recently as they promote their new book, "How to Play With Your Food." The egg trick involves balancing a tray on four

glasses of water, balancing a tray of playing cards and eggs on them and, finally, knocking the tray away so the eggs fall into the glasses.

can balance a raw egg on the table. Of course, he cannot. Scadutto can — by putting it down hard enough to crush the shell.

Even Penn laughs.

Scadutto has a bigger role, however. His is one of 16 restaurants around this country and abroad taking part in "The James Bond Fancy-Schmancy Restaurant Card Trick."

First, you must read about and practice an actual card trick. But then you call one of the 16 restaurants and mention the trick when making your reservations.

Suffice it to say the key card turns up in the food.

Hence the trick tiramisu. But Penn and Teller haven't played the card trick, although the kitchen thinks they have.

Dessert, unordered, arrives.

Penn: "Is it gimmicked?"

Teller: "Not to my knowledge."

Penn: "I think it is."

He is right. A three of clubs is cleverly hidden under a dusting of cocoa.

Penn and Teller have been eating lunch out a lot lately, talking about "How to Play With Your Food" (Villard Books). It's \$20 — and well worth it, the authors say, since one scam shows you how to get your friends to pay for your dinner.

All it took them was that simple, often-repeated parental admonition and they were off with 50 ways to raise playing with food to heights never realized by the most dedicated pea-hater.

"If you leave a carrot on your desk for a week, it will start to feel exactly like human flesh," they write. This is no mere rotten carrot; it's the prop for a trick in which you lop off your own

"thumb."

For variations on the theme, there also are directions for making your dinner companions think you're bleeding profusely from your palm and for stabbing your eye with a fork to make white glop spurt out.

Gross? Deliciously so.

"Gory special effects celebrate the victory of art over cruelty," they write.

Like smart, geeky junior high school boys who spend hours working on a trick, Penn and Teller can be rather serious about all this goofy stuff.

For one thing, they really want you to try these tricks. And then, they hope, you'll humiliate your friends, just like they do theirs. And they really want your friends to talk about it for months afterward.

Sweets for a treat: Candy recipes for the holidays

Our word, candy, comes from the Persian word qand, and although there is no one ingredient necessary to its making, the end result must be sweet.

Egyptians used honey and added figs, dates, nuts and spices. The Arabs and Chinese also made sweets of different fruits, juices and honey.

The Arabs were the first to refine and process sugar and spread their knowledge of sugar cane from Persia to the Mediterranean. Familiarity with sugar became widespread after the Crusades in the 14th century. Venice, the aristocratic lady of the Adriatic carried on extensive sea trade and from this port sugar was brought and made into tasty confections.

When the use of sugar spread throughout Europe, candy-making was done by the apothecaries (pharmacists or druggists as we know them today). Sugar-coated caraway seeds were used as a pleasurable way of settling an upset stomach after a large medieval feast.

On his second voyage in 1493, Col-

umbus brought sugar to San Domingo. Cuba was growing sugar cane by 1511. Sugar was one of the early imports into our colonies where druggists would make "healing" candy drops containing hoarhound, wintermint and peppermint. The first real candy was made in the form of a candy stick.

When Admiral Richard Byrd made his expedition to the South Pole, he took two and one-half tons of candy to supply quick energy. While there is not much nutritional value to candy, it is a sheer pleasure to eat.

Candies fall into two classes: creamy, or crystalline; and amorphous, or noncrystalline.

The no-cook Buckeye candy recipe was given to me by my husband's Grandmother who resided in Ohio. Ohio is the Buckeye State, its state tree being the Buckeye, a member of the horse chestnut family.

Grandma Bell liked to think of her Buckeye candy as the "state candy." It is also sometimes known as Shoebox Candy, since it makes six pounds and fits nicely in

a shoebox for mailing.

- Buckeye Candy**
- 1 pound butter, room temp.
 - 2 pounds smooth peanut butter
 - 3 (#1) boxes confectioners powdered sugar

Place above ingredients in large bowl. Cut butter and peanut butter into powdered sugar until mixture looks crumbly like pie dough. Then mix together with hands. Take large handful and knead on counter top until smooth. Pinch off small amount and roll into ball (about the size of a large olive) and place on cookie sheet. Chill in refrigerator. Continue making the balls until all the mixture has been rolled. These can now be stored in the refrigerator indefinitely either in containers or covered with saran wrap until you are ready to dip them in chocolate.

Chocolate Coating

- 2 large packages Semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 2 tbsps. solid vegetable shortening*
- Melt chocolate chips and vegetable shortening in top of double boiler. Stir well. When



Sue Haugh

thoroughly melted and mixed, remove from stove. Take long wooden bamboo skewer (or toothpick) and dip each ball, leaving a small part uncovered around the toothpick to get the "eye" effect. Reheat the chocolate when it starts to thicken.

*Grandma's recipe called for 2/3 of one bar of Parawax (canning wax) instead of the vegetable shortening. I prefer now to use wax — it can be your option.

This recipe is very time consuming but well worth the effort as it does make an enormous amount of candy for gift giving or your own personal enjoyment. It is definitely NOT for calorie counters.

English Toffee
Sprinkle on bottom of 9"x13"

baking pan 2 cups whole or chopped pecans. Combine in 3 quart saucepan one and one-half cups brown sugar and 2 sticks butter (do NOT use oleo).

Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium low and cook, stirring constantly, for approximately 12 minutes or until mixture reaches 300 degrees on a candy thermometer. Pour and spread over pecans. Immediately sprinkle one cup chocolate chips evenly over top. Wait about 5 minutes until chips soften and spread. When cooled, break into pieces. Can be refrigerated.

Helpful hints: When melting chocolate for dipping or spreading take care not to get temperature too hot as this will slow the drying process. Too hot a temperature can also cause chocolate to separate or burn.

Food for thought: The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

Sue Haugh's recipe and food columns appear Wednesdays.

Pulitzer humorist's Japan foray

By GLENN WHIPP
Thompson News Service

Dave Barry loves Southern California. Loves it!

Not long ago, Barry was waxing philosophical about all that is Southern California. Barry was at a bookstore in Irvine, signing copies of his latest foray into humor, "Dave Barry Does Japan" (Random House, \$18).

Hundreds of people were in line, all wanting to meet their hero, the writer the New York Times called "The Funniest Man in America" ("And we know what an authority on humor that New York Times is," says Barry).

Every third person in line wants to know the answer to the same question: "So, Dave — how do you like Irvine?"

"I love it," Barry says. "I've only been here 90 minutes, but I love it! Where am I again? Irvine, you say? I love Irvine!"

You can understand why Dave is confused. The day before he was in Portland. Before that, it was Seattle. It's week two of the Book Tour From Hell, and Dave's eyes tear up when he recalls the last decent meal he's eaten ("A steak in Minneapolis, no ... New York City. Wait a minute, that's not right. ...").

In fact, Dave has spent more time promoting this new book than he actually took researching the

thing in Japan. It's one of life's little ironies, the kind of contradiction that Barry has so successfully lampooned during a career that has won him a Pulitzer Prize for his nationally syndicated humor column.

Barry has become a national institution, a 20th-century Mark Twain who still has the same goofy haircut he had in his high school yearbook. At 46, Barry has topped the best-seller lists with books skewering American history, child rearing and marriage. He's proved that he's not afraid to tackle serious topics, either, subjects others wouldn't touch, such as TOILET SUCKS OUT WOMAN'S INSTENTINES and JETLINER COLLIDES WITH FISH.

And now it's Japan, a country that has intrigued Barry for many years, or at least since Random House agreed to send Dave, his wife and 10-year-old to the Orient, all expenses paid ("A critical factor," Barry says. And the one thing I've learned from journalism — expense accounts!").

Barry arrived in Tokyo speaking Japanese "at essentially the same fluency level as cement," he says. But that didn't stop him from attempting to unravel many of the country's ancient mysteries, such as Buddhist temples, sumo wrestling and the vast popularity of Nintendo.

"Visiting the Nintendo head-

quarters was a great spiritual moment for my son," Barry says. "You could say he really immersed himself in Japanese culture that day. Plus he picked up game cartridges that you can't even find in the United States. He became like a god to the other kids on the street when we got home."

Which is not to say the Barry family didn't sample traditional aspects of the Japanese culture. The Barrys visited bath houses and Mount Fuji, attended comedy clubs and an evening of kabuki theater ("a form of drama that has the same dramatic pacing as bridge construction").

Dave and family also sampled Japanese cuisine, being lucky enough to arrive during eel season. "We were hoping the food would be like Benihana of Tokyo, but no. They were serving food like sea urchins — which I did not eat," Barry says. "I did have a cricket. They told me what I was eating in mid-chew. Mmmmmmm-good!"

And thus, the Barrys soon took the Philistine route and loaded up on American food when they could find it. But even that was tainted, such as the Domino's pizza topped with squid.

"Developing a general food policy naturally became a high priority, namely: Order whatever dish that's been most thoroughly processed and cooked and otherwise altered from its naturally

eyeball-intensive state," Barry said.

In the end, though, Barry loved Japan — even more than he loves Irvine or the current Book Tour From Hell ("Nobody understands English, so you can't be interviewed," he says with typical logic).

With that, Barry prepared to leave Southern California. He whistled, warning those around him that his one travel bag has been trained to trot in at his bidding.

"After two weeks on the road, it's just one seething, writhing mass of wadded shirts, old underwear and Prell shampoo," Barry says. "The last time someone tried to open the case, a giant tentacle emerged and pulled him in."

So, like the protagonist in the Lynyrd Skynyrd rock anthem "Free Bird," Barry must be traveling on now, but he does have time to answer one last question from a fan.

"Dave, how do you like Irvine?" (We are not making this up. A Crown employee actually asked him this question again as he was leaving the bookstore.)

"I love it, man, absolutely love it! It gets better with each minute that I'm here."

And on this note, Barry leaves. But not before a tentacle pokes through his traveling bag and pulls the Crown bookseller inside.

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BBC vs. CNN

By RICHARD BROOKS
London Observer Service

LONDON — Cable News Network had people around the world glued to their sets with its coverage of the Gulf war, but its omnipotence is now being threatened by the British Broadcasting Corp.'s new World Service Television.

The fledgling WSTV, launched a year ago, is already winning the ratings war in the key battleground of Asia, where it's watched in 7.5 million households — more than twice that of CNN.

"An absolutely key point is that we are self-funding," says chief executive Chris Irwin.

WSTV has made deals with various organizations around the world, such as the Hong Kong-based telecommunications group Hutchison in Asia and M-Net in Africa. They cover costs initially and recover them from the BBC's profits, generated by advertising and subscription.

A major difference between WSTV and CNN is that the BBC is less news-oriented, with a deliberate mix of news bulletins and factual and entertainment programs.

—Scripps Howard News Service

Calendar!

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- Dec. 12 — City-wide garage sale for charity at the Big Spring Herald parking lot.
 - Dec. 15-18 — Texas largest drive-through nativity scene, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. At the Church of the Nazarene at 1400 Lancaster.
 - Dec. 12 — Community Christmas Parade starting near the intersection of FM 700 and Gregg Street, call 263-7331.
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- Dec. 11, 12 — "The Steadfast Tin Soldier," play at the Permian Playhouse. Call 362-2329.
 - Now-Dec. 13 — Quilt exhibit at the Art Institute for the Permian Basin in Odessa. Call 550-3811.
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 - Now-Jan. 14 — 10th Annual Members Show at Gallery 1114 in Midland. Call 685-9944.
 - Now-Jan. 3 — Childrens Christmas Exhibit at the Art Institute for the Permian Basin in Odessa. Call 368-7222.
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 - Dec. 10-13, 17-20 — Life and Adventures of Santa Claus, play at the Garza Theatre in Post. Call 1-800-846-3706 or 1-806-495-4005.
 - Dec. 16, 22, 23 — Musical adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," at Midland Community Theatre. Call 682-2544.
- Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene**
- Now-Jan. 10 — "Towers for the Eyes: Architectural Motifs in Contemporary Sculpture," exhibit at Museums of Abilene. Call 673-4587.



Do it like this
Comic Dana Carvey, left, shows President Bush how to imitate himself Monday at the White House. Bush put Carvey, of "Saturday Night Live" fame, up Sunday night in the Lincoln Bedroom before summoning the surprised White House staff to the East Room for a 10-minute reprise of Carvey's famous Bush imitation. Associated Press photo

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- "The Bodyguard" \$11.1 million
- "Aladdin" \$10.9 million
- "The Distinguished Gentleman" \$10.6 million
- "Malcolm X" \$3.8 million
- "Bram Stoker's Dracula" \$3.6 million
- "Passenger 57" \$1.9 million
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By MEREDITH G
Thompson News Service

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Mouse in your house?

By MEREDITH GUINNESS
Hornum News Service

If it's the night before Christmas and all through the house something is stirring, it's probably mouse.

Meteorologists' predictions of a rosy winter seem to have made the "Rodent Nightly News," sending whole families of the furry ritters scurrying to basements, attics and toasty-warm pantries.

"In the last couple of years it's been so warm, they haven't needed to move in as much," said Susan Birmingham, a naturalist at the Connecticut Audubon Society in Fairfield, Conn. "But they sure are looting it this year."

"People who don't know if they have them yet? They will soon."

Pest control workers say they've received a bumper crop of "Rat Patrol" calls since the mercury started to dip this month. While it seems the frisky little devils made good use of the warm breeding months, most blame the weather or the proliferation of unwanted mouse guests.

"Nature has a way of knowing when things get worse or colder," said Kyle Donaldson, an employee of Guaranty Pest Elimination in Bridgeport, Conn. "And they seem to be a little more clever this year."

Actually, mice need not be Rhodes scholars to get into the average house. Weighing a scant half-ounce, the tiny rodents can squeeze themselves through a quarter-inch hole if the promise of warmth and a few cookie crumbs lies on the other side.

"People who get scared of mice, I think they think they're big, a pound or so," said Curly Bode, owner of Curly's Pest Control Co. of West Haven, Conn. "If you've got something that big, that's different. That's a rat."

"Mice are much smaller." Of course, mice pose a different threat. Left untended, a seemingly harmless Mickey and Minnie can create 500 offspring in a year, said Bode. By that time, they've moved out of the unused corners of the attic and created a bed and breakfast in the Barcelonaer.

Bode said the poor economy may affect this year's mouse problem. Homeowners struggling to meet the mortgage payment may put off home repairs, a practice akin to leaving out the mouse welcome mat.

"A lot of times a window that might be replaced in a day takes a week," said Bode. "They'll find that."

If you've already noticed the patter of tiny feet — and your children are in college — you still have a fighting chance.

Pest controllers say the bait they use for mice is quite effective. An impressive-sounding "single-feeding anticoagulant," it makes the mice terribly thirsty, forcing them to leave the house before they pass on to that great cheese wheel in the sky.

"One bite and their days are numbered," said Donaldson. "That's important with mice because they're nibblers."

If you don't think you'll be able to afford professional mouse help with all those holiday bills dancing in your head, you can go the self-help route. Professionals admit the mouse bait on supermarket shelves uses much the same method they do.

And if you've fended off the first wave, put out the "No Vacancy" sign by leaving mothballs or ammonia-soaked rags around any holes or cracks in a home's foundation, said Birmingham.

While dubious of such preventative measures, Donaldson does recommend tried-and-true remedies once the invasion begins.

"I don't know about those," he said, of the ammonia-soaked rags. "But, to be honest, mouse traps do work. As do cats."



Tossing salad

George Ball, Jr., chairman of Burpee, juggles a few "Roly Poly Zucchini" over a bed of "French Vanilla Hybrid Marigolds" at the New York Horticultural Society Monday. The squash and flowers are the product of two new seeds to be sold by the company in 1993.

What to wear Advice for party garb

By BARBARA BRADLEY
Scripps Howard News Service

Tottie Madison-Haas knows the perils of party dressing. She once attended a formal dinner-dance wearing a short cocktail dress, gloves and a large "Lady Di" hat festooned with a big pouf of black lace and a veil.

A conservatively dressed Memphis woman, intrigued by this getup, inquired if she was a player in the skit.

"I thought I was pretty chic," said Haas, public relations director for The Peabody hotel. "But she thought I was part of a song and dance team."

That's what can happen even when the dress instructions on a party invitation are clear. Unfortunately, hostesses these days often strive for creativity.

Invitations floating about town in recent weeks have advised "black tie-red dress" (clear only to Nancy Reagan and Jezebel), "black-tie optional" (a chance to be the only man wearing a tux), "holiday best" (generic dark suit) and "festive" (generic dark suit with holographic tie).

Casual, a treacherous word, has appeared dressed up as "casually

chic" (as opposed to what you're likely to arrive in), "country casual" (where did you put that prairie skirt?), and "shipboard casual" (clearly referring to the red, white and blue cotton garments you usually sport about the yacht).

You may receive tongue-in-cheek advice to dress "up-casual" (something beyond your best Gap T-shirt), or even "Christ Methodist casual" (windsuits and designer sweaters at the Easter egg hunt).

Surreal messages have included "black tie and toga" or "dress optional, sunglasses required."

Even women who have a way with clothes get confused.

When Lucy Buchanan and her husband moved to Memphis a few years ago, they were advised to "come casual" to a cocktail party in their honor. Buchanan wore a nice two-piece dress and flats — just right for their former home in Peoria, Ill. All the other women were arrayed in silk pants and blouses with piles of pearls and jewelry.

"I learned that casual for cocktail doesn't mean what it did in the Midwest," she said. "Southern women — me included — like to get dressed up."

Magazine for cooks is back

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The executive editor of the resuscitated Cook's magazine is sitting in a coffee shop, talking about why the magazine should never have died the first time, when a waitress walks over.

"Wow! Cook's! I thought that was gone," she said, picking up the charter issue.

It was as if Mark Bittman had hired her to make his point that Cook's readers were enthusiastic until the end, which came in July 1990, after a decade.

Publisher Christopher Kimball has brought the magazine back as Cook's Illustrated — smaller, not so slick, and without advertising. Hence, a \$19.95 subscription price for six issues and a \$4 cover price.

The magazine, on the stands this month, needs 50,000 subscribers to operate, Kimball said. Like Ms. Magazine, which also takes no ads, Cook's Illustrated is aiming for a specific audience — a method of publishing Kimball said is likely to grow.

Bittman said the lack of ads will liberate the magazine to publish stories and criticism it might otherwise shy away from. "If Ber-

telli is one of your advertisers," he said, "how can you do an olive oil tasting and have it be legitimate?"

The charter issue has an olive oil tasting, and the surprising winner was a commercial brand available in supermarkets at \$5.29 a liter, far from the most expensive of oils. (Bertolli was ranked 10th of 17 oils tested.)

Each 32-page issue also will include a wine tasting, with a panel of wine experts and "regular" people who like wine.

"I feel that what wine professionals look for and what we do isn't the same," said Bittman, adding that his friends ask for wine recommendations based on price, not on vintage.

Cook's Illustrated aims to teach people how to cook, not just provide recipes, and to do it with a serious but irreverent point of view. The first issue is full of well-known food writers, including Harold McGee, Dorie Greenspan, Nina Simonds and Richard Sax. And there are

plenty of stories about making vegetable soup provides a master recipe and directions for varying it. "I could give you a book with 600 vegetable soup recipes, or I could show you what they all have in common," Bittman said.

Cook's Illustrated is counting on the seriousness of people who cook for themselves these days, among them people who ate out nightly in the free-spending '80s but now find themselves with children and less to spend.

"There's a big-time backlash against stupid ingredients. Zucchini flowers — they're fun once in your life," Bittman said. "There's a backlash against overly complicated cooking."

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Cookbooks welcome in holiday gift giving

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you want to give the perfect holiday gift — but all that shopping tires you out — cookbook author Irena Chalmers offers: "Everyone will be happy to receive a gift of food."

Chalmers, author of more than 100 cookbooks, offers many suggestions on gifts of food, decorating and entertaining in her new cookbook, "An Edible Christmas: A Treasure of Recipes for the Holiday Season" (William Morrow, \$23).

The 230-page cookbook, filled with 125 recipes and 125 pages of full-color photographs, is divided into two sections: Gifts for Sharing and The Gift of Hospitality.

Gifts for Sharing includes recipes for homemade sauces and marmalades, flavored vinegars and oils, Christmas cookies and candies, and a no-bake Christmas Cookie House. Many of these recipes can be made at the last minute, or you can make several batches at once.

Chalmers fills the Christmas cookie jar with spicy Gingerbread Cookies, Puff Angels and Jewel Biscotti. A spectacular Chocolate Yule Log and Candied Caramel Apples are among her "Fun Kitchen Projects for the Whole Family."

In The Gift of Hospitality section, Chalmers provides menus and recipes for 10 holiday parties including a Tree-Trimming Party for Twelve (or More), A Romantic Dinner for Two and A Sugarplum Dessert Party for Twenty.

Christmas Traditions

"From the beginning, I thought it was important to show how families celebrate according to their interests and traditions, and how these traditions were rooted in American history," writes Marcia Adams in her new cookbook, "Christmas in the Heartland" (Clarkson Potter, \$25).

There are four basic themes: a rustic country Christmas, a Victorian-inspired Christmas, Moravian traditions in Bethlehem, Pa., and Christmas at home with friends, featuring Adams and her husband, Dick.

The 161-page book includes recipes for Scottish Shortbread, Polenta Stars, Creamy Oyster Bisque, Chocolate Noels and Steamed Apple Pudding.

Adams, author of "Heartland" and "Cooking from Quilt Country," also includes instructions for holiday topiaries, Hydrangea balls and Victorian hand tree ornaments.

Celebrating Hanukkah

"Gourmet's Holidays and Celebrations" (Random House, \$25), from the editors of Gourmet magazine, is a collection of 23 menus and recipes, including a Latkes Party for Hanukkah.

Latkes are traditional for Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, because they are cooked in oil. This represents the small amount of oil the Jews had centuries ago when they were defending the Temple of

For the cook on your list

Jerusalem. There was only enough oil for one night, but it lasted for eight days.

Gourmet's menu and recipes for a Latke Party include Potato Latkes with Applesauce and Sour Cream, Hot Cranberry Apple Cider, Mushroom Barley Soup, Dilled Cucumber Salad and Hanukkah Jelly Doughnuts.

The 215-page cookbook features 22 other seasonal menus and recipes including An English Christmas Dinner, An Intimate New Year's Eve Dinner and An Elegant Easter Dinner. There are also suggestions for seasonal gifts of food such as Challah, Greek Easter Bread, Bread-and-Butter Pickles and Pumpkin Chutney Bread.

Also Available

"Home for the Holidays" by Ken Haedrich (Bantam Books, \$25). With recipes for Christmas cookies and bars, "spirited" cakes, seasonal pies, sweet tarts — and more.

"Fast & Fabulous Hors D'Oeuvres" by Michele Braden (Collier Books, \$16). With party planning tips and recipes including Asian-style dipping sauces, fritatas and flans, pates and terrines.

"Christmas Baking: Traditional Recipes Made Easy" by Christian Teubner (Barron's, \$9.95). With recipes for honey and molasses cookies, butter cookies, macaroons, marzipan cookies, holiday breads and more. Plus full-page color photographs.

"Gingerbread Things to Make and Bake" by Teresa Layman and Barbara Morgenroth (Abrams, \$29.95). More than 20 projects, with detailed instructions and actual-size patterns and diagrams, including 10 gingerbread houses, Noah's ark and a toy wreath.

"Festive Gingerbreads" by Evelyn Howe Fryatt (A Sterling-Tamos Book, \$14.95). More than a dozen gingerbread projects, with patterns and recipes.

"What Should I Bring?" by Alison Boteler (Barron's Educational Services, \$11.95.) Gifts you can make, gifts you can bake and gifts you can assemble from an imaginative shopping trip. With recipes for Hanukkah Cutout Cookies and Crispy Christmas Trees, plus craft projects.

"Creating Gourmet Gifts" by Barbara Beckett (Allen & Unwin, Chicago, \$24.95). Hundreds of recipes for edible gifts — from fruity liqueurs to hand-dipped chocolates. With ideas for packaging. Illustrated with more than 45 color photographs.

"The Christmas Cookbook" by Marilyn Bright, a new addition to The Little Kitchen Collection published by HarperCollins (\$7).

Recipes for Buche de Noel, Christmas Plum Pudding, Roast Goose with Apple, Viennese Christmas Stars and more.

Labels

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nutrients. Put the information in the context of a sample daily diets of 2,000 calories, with 65 grams of fat. Serving sizes will be uniform.

Exempt most food sold in restaurants, but include packaged foods sold by them.

Labeling will be voluntary for produce, fish and fresh meat. For those foods, the industries are likely to post nutrition information in stores, said Sara Clarke of the American Meat Institute. She said a seasoned, frozen packed turkey probably would carry a label, while a fresh one wrapped in the supermarket would not.

Bruce Silverglade, of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which lobbied for the rules, said they give consumers the information they need to improve their diets and reduce the risks of heart disease and some cancers.

"For many years, labels revealed the good news about vitamins and minerals, but not the bad — fat and cholesterol," he said.

Many high-fat foods now carry no nutrition information, or base information on tiny serving sizes. Words such as "healthy" have no set meaning.

"To put it simply, the Tower of Babel in food labels has come down, and American consumers are the winners," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis

Sullivan said at a news conference. Not everyone agrees. John Stanton, chairman of food marketing research center at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, said the labels will only help those who are very well-informed about diet.

The government said it will educate people. Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan had fought rules including the sample diet, saying it was complicated and didn't relate to anyone in particular.

The meat industry also had opposed it. Meat that is high in fat might not seem as inviting if a serving turned out to be a high proportion of the day's recommended fat.

As a compromise, worked out by the White House, the label includes a 2,500-calorie diet in addition to the 2,000-calorie one. But Silverglade said the context is essential. For example, one brand of ice cream bar has 27 grams of fat. Without figuring that into your overall diet, it's hard to know if that's too much.

But if you know it's 40 percent of the fat recommended for a 2,000-calorie-a-day diet, you could eat it and watch your fat the rest of the day. Or you could pick another brand, or you could do without.

President Bush decided on the rules after Sullivan and Madigan couldn't agree.

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Adopted son rejected second time around

DEAR ABBY: We have a 21-year-old adopted son. "Jim" had never expressed interest in meeting his natural mother until two of his doctors suggested it might be a good idea. The reason was because of many medical problems he has had. When he discussed it with us, we were very supportive. We had always told him that he was given up for adoption because of his mother's love for him and her feeling that he needed more than she could give - which we truly believed.

When Jim pursued finding her, he knew she could possibly refuse to meet him or the courts might refuse to open the file. However, the courts did open the file and located the natural mother. The woman agreed for Jim to have limited information about his



Dear Abby

background, but she refused to meet him or give him any information about his biological father or about any other siblings.

Now I wish the courts had refused to open the file rather than having the mother refuse to meet Jim. I know her reasons are probably justified, but even though he says it doesn't matter, I can feel his pain in (again) feeling rejection.

I'm wondering what your opinion is. No names or cities, please.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: It is most unfortunate that your son was "rejected" in the manner that he was. His feelings could have been spared had there been a more sensitive "go-between" handling the possible meeting. Apparently, the woman did not want anyone to know anything about that part of her life. Perhaps, in time, she will change her mind.

Meanwhile, God bless you - it is your good fortune to have this lovely son. Please don't judge his biological mother too harshly. God only knows what kind of a life she has had.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you can help me with my problem. I have been dating this guy for five months. I love him very much and I

know he loves me. He calls me every night when we are not together, and we usually spend the weekends together. Here's the problem: He lived with a woman for six years and they have three children together. They are 5 1/2, 3 and 2 years old. He loves his kids, but he will not tell their mother (his ex-girlfriend) that he is in love with someone else so she should go on with her life and leave him alone. Everyone who knows us thinks that he should tell her. It's really making me feel like I am "the other woman" even though I'm not.

What should I do? - **FEELING LIKE "THE OTHER WOMAN"**

DEAR FEELING: You "feel" like "the other woman" because you are the other woman.

He may love you, but he has a moral obligation to the mother of his three children - with whom he lived for six years!

I think you should say goodbye to this man, for your sake, his sake and the sake of his three children.

Jacqueline Bigar

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1992

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Buckle your seat belt because, after the full moon yesterday, the roller-coaster ride continues. Be more forthright about your choices and desires. Listen to your inner voice - about an important choice you need to make. Tonight, settle in.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You are going for an adventure today. Expect a hectic day and enjoy what is happening. Pace yourself and get a better understanding of what is being asked of you. Use humor to mitigate some of the fallout from the last few days. Tonight, go where the action is.

Cancer (June 21-July 21): You are a powerhouse today. Be more directed in your projects and desires. Touch base with your inner being before you spin out and take action. Evaluate alternatives that surround a personal matter. Tonight, be your happy self.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Quiet down and examine where you are coming from. You need to get more feedback from a loved one who wants to understand. Understand where another is coming from. Tonight, catch your breath.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Go for what you want today. Listen to your higher self when making your choices. Request more information about a group or organization before you align yourself with it. Touch base with a friend before making a decision. Tonight, go for what you want.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Settle in on what is necessary and accept responsibility at the moment. Be more willing to make a difference where it really counts. Your accessibility puts you in the winner's circle. Tonight, work late.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go with the creative force. Touch base with another and get more information. Be more forthright about what is going on with you. Look for new solutions, but remember to stay aboveboard in your dealings. Tonight, off to the movies.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be more clear in your choices. Listen to your sixth sense regarding a child or loved one and a money matter. You are capable of cutting a deal that serves all concerned. Tonight, try a close encounter.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partners are whimsical and in control for now. Cut back and handle a situation in an effective and direct manner. You know where and when to pull your punches, which isn't now. Hang loose and you win. Tonight, follow the leader.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get plenty of exercise today. Promise yourself to maintain better health and dietary habits. Determine the most effective way to proceed with a work-related matter. Pretend you are an efficiency expert. Tonight, push to make it an early weekend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Romantic fever is high right now and might be quite distracting. Listen to your inner vibrations regarding a creative matter. Touch base with your higher self before starting a project. Experiment and be open. Tonight, heat up the night.

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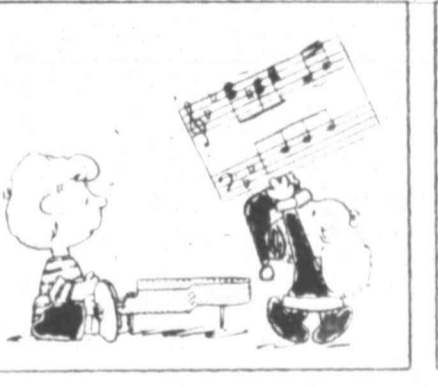
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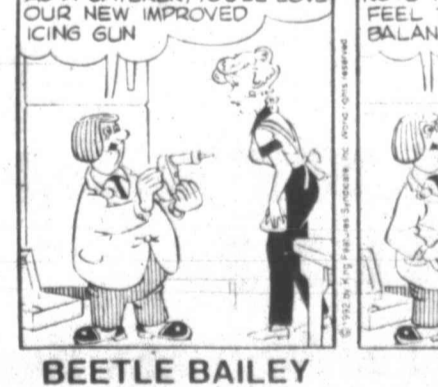
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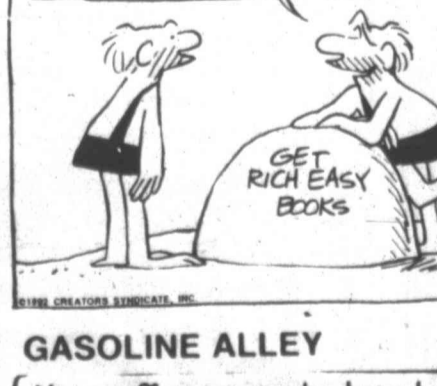
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