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## NEWS DIGEST



### ▲ Giving your wheels a good soapy scrub

Ginger Griffith uses a soapy brush to scrub off dirt on the front of her van Monday afternoon, as she and many others were taking advantage of the warm weather to wash their vehicles.



### ◀ Battling for the ball

Players from Garden City High School and Forsan High School battle for a rebound during first half action of their game Thursday morning at the Sterling City Tournament.

### Offering inspiration

Have you heard a story without end? The Rev. J.P. Delaney shares with readers a sermon that is hoped to inspire better living for the new year. See page 7.



### ◀ Project continues

A worker reaches up to grab a bucket of concrete to pour into a form for a pillar as work continues on the eastbound Interstate 20 bridge project.

## World

•Israel, Vatican recognize each other: Israel and the Vatican recognized each other Thursday, seeking an end to 2,000 years of "long, tortuous, painful relations between two great religions." See page 5.

## Nation

•Hundreds swap guns for toys: Dozens of people crowded into the 34th Precinct police station in Manhattan Tuesday, after the week-old toys-for-guns swap was extended at least through Jan. 6. See page 3.

## Texas

•Family grocery dies in Seguin: The store that served Seguin for nearly six decades, Baenzigers mom-and-pop grocery opened in 1934 that spun countless memories, is going to be nothing but a memory. See page 2.

## Sports

•Sands knocks off Stanton: The Stanton Buffalos picked the wrong time to go cold, or the Sands Mustangs picked the right time to get hot, take your pick. See page 9.

## Weather

•Partly cloudy, low around 30: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 30-35. Southwest wind 10-15 mph becoming northwest around midnight. See extended forecast, page 6.

<b>TONIGHT</b>  PARTLY CLOUDY	<b>TOMORROW</b>  CLEAR	<b>TONIGHT</b>  SUNSET 5:38 PM
		 SUNRISE 7:45 AM
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## BSISD superintendent sees '93 as favorable for schools

By JANET AUSBURY  
Staff Writer

If one word could be used to summarize 1993 for the Big Spring Independent School District, "stabilization" would probably be that word.

Superintendent William McQueary said the recent upholding of the state's school finance law, which requires wealth from rich school districts to be distributed to poorer districts, was important because it guarantees BSISD will have no change in finance plans for at least two years.

"It gives us some stability," said McQueary. "At least we will know what we're dealing with for the next couple of years. It could have been a lot uglier than what it turned out to be."

Stabilization also turned out to be a factor in another important aspect of BSISD's

1993: enrollment.

"Enrollment is much better than last year or the year before last," said McQueary.

"The year before last we lost about 90 to 100 students. This year, enrollment is running close to last year. During this two-year period we've seen stabilization in the number of students enrolled."

He was also pleased with the schools' 1993 test scores. "Only one school in one grade didn't measure up," he said, "but overall, the others scored with the rest of the state."

Perhaps the most important challenge that will face the school board next year is the issue of facility planning.

"After the first of the year, the new bond issue and new building facilities will be something we're dealing with. It's been a year or so since the last bond issue," said McQueary.

"The big question is, what do we do with Runnels Junior High? We could spend the money to construct a new building, or spend money to fix the current structure. These are some of the options the board is looking at," he continued.

"There are so many things that are considered hazardous in that building now that weren't when it was built. We'll have to figure out what to do with that building and how to address the problem, especially when tax rates are as high as the board will let them be."

Facility planning issues may make 1994 a difficult year for BSISD. "It'll be a big question mark for the board," said McQueary. "The community will be getting involved."

As for the year that has just passed, he has no complaints. "It's a year to be proud of," he said.

## Three held on charges of burglary

Herald Staff Report

An investigation by the Big Spring Police Department into a recent string of residential and automobile burglaries resulted in three arrests Thursday afternoon.

Ruben Cisneros, 17, of 700 W. 16th, and Michael Todd McClinton, 17, of 1306 Dixie, are being held at the city jail. A juvenile, whose age was not available, is being held at the Howard County Juvenile Detention Center.

Several cellular phones, radar detectors, car stereos, cameras and a purse are among the items recovered after the arrests.

At least nine burglaries have been cleared.



### Best kind of swing

Tyler Phillips leans back and laughs as he is pushed by sister Lacey Phillips, as they play on a fire swing on a sunny Thursday afternoon.

## City official looks ahead to projects

By TIM JONES  
Staff Writer

Water and sewer connections for the new Wal-Mart site at the current Highland Mall location will be at 100 percent operating status by the start of the new year, but Assistant City Manager Tom Decell indicated that at the nearby Furr's cafeteria relocation site crews are still waiting for easements.

Decell made comments about the City of Big Spring's public works projects planned for 1994. He said, "Repairing older water mains will be our No. 1 concern, by far. These time bombs literally eat our lunch; consuming manhours, our budget and increase equipment and maintenance costs."

The example he cited was the 19 breaks that occurred in one day during the Christmas holidays. He said that "we average one break every four-and-a-half hours."

Decell explained what actually happens when a water main breaks.

"Many of the water mains are older and the state of the art technology then involved sealing the joints using caulking compound and lead," he explained. "A chemical reaction between dissimilar metals, called electrolysis, creates a flow of electrical current between the iron and the lead. The cast iron acts as a sacrificial anode, giving up its molecular structure, and thus weakens the joint. Corrosion occurs at the pipe's joint due to the soils and moisture on the outside and unusual pressures exerted on the inside."

Decell indicated there are some problem areas that will be targeted first. On Dixon, city crews will rebuild a problematic area from the old O'Barr well fields. Morrison and Armstrong streets have long standing problems and are targeted as well.

"The transmission main from the city park to the state park will be a bear," Decell said. "Water main repairs downtown involve replacing curb and gutter. We will periodically have to live with the problem of an open hole and will be using barricading to insure overall safety and facilitate the extensive work that will have to be done. Pipe is in 20-foot sections, blocks are 300 feet long, that's 60 joints per block."

Major efforts on street seal coating will be done in conjunction with Howard County road crew plans. That's one agenda item for the city council to consider and will begin in mid-February.

"We'll undertake a number of intersections in poor shape pavement-wise. But first we'll determine if the underlying water lines need repair at the same time," Decell said. "We have developed a fast-track procedure that takes only two days to tear out and repair those intersections."

"Among the other city projects will be the 70,000-square-foot expansion at Western Container. We're working on plans now. Also planned is a new 500-bed contract jail facility building which will be operated by the city."

## Fire Station No. 1 personnel receive gift from Southwest

By JANET AUSBURY  
Staff Writer

A recent donation of firefighting equipment from Southwest Builders has made firefighters at Fire Station One very happy.

A positive pressure fan and a backboard were presented to Fire Chief Frank Anderson and Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles on Dec. 17. The fire department already has two positive pressure fans but welcomes a third, said firefighter Steve Hedges.

"The positive pressure fan gets smoke out of buildings," Hedges explained. "We have vent fans we would hang in doorways to suck the smoke out, but the positive pressure fans really blow the smoke out of there."

He estimated the donated equipment might have cost the fire department "a couple thousand dollars" if they had purchased it themselves. "That's just a ballpark figure," he added. "One of those fans might cost that much by itself."

Hedges was not sure what the fire department will do with the backboard. "When we go out on a run where there might be injuries, the ambulances are usually out there too," he said. "But that doesn't mean we can't use the backboard."

Fire Station One was surprised and pleased to discover it would receive the equipment.

"Hopefully we won't need to use it much, but it's nice to have," Hedges said.

Paul Hopper, general manager of Southwest Builders, said the equipment donation was the company's opportunity to commend the fire department's service to Big Spring.

"This was from all our employees," he said. "It's our way of recognizing them and the things they do for the community. Public service organizations such as the police and fire department are important."

The company had previously donated gun racks to the Big Spring Police Department.

Hedges said he had been told the equipment previously belonged to John Anderson of Southwest Builders, and the equipment was from Anderson's days as a volunteer firefighter with Howard County.

Anderson could not be reached to confirm this but Hopper said the fan and backboard were previously used equipment that was no longer needed. "It was stuff we had and had used before. We didn't use it anymore and we knew the fire department could."

An upgrade in equipment will occur soon for Fire Station One. "We have a new, larger fire truck on order," said Hedges. The truck currently used by the station will go to Fire Station Five, on Wasson Road, after the new truck arrives.



Firefighter Robert Stevenson displays the positive pressure fan donated by Southwest Builders to Fire Station One. A backboard was also donated to the fire station.

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President Bill Clinton drives a golf cart during a round of golf at the Arthur Hills Golf Course at Hilton Head Island, S.C., Thursday.

Hey, Mr. President, how's your game?

The Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — President Clinton is mostly ignoring reporters as he scurries to and fro on Hilton Head Island, vacationing with his family and attending the annual Renaissance Weekend retreat.

mail-order catalog two months ago and carried it into the Hyatt lobby. Mrs. Wunder Kemp said that "when he's too busy to greet somebody, he can use this."

FBI stalks criminal on information highway

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is stalking a deadly bomber down a different kind of mean street: the information superhighway.

23 people were injured in the attacks. Most of the bombings were targeted at the computer industry, the aircraft and airline industries and universities.

type of individuals that to date have been recipients of explosive devices attributed to UNABOM," said FBI Special Agent William Tafoya in a notice posted on the computer network.

The document gives a description of all 14 bombings and lists some clues in the case.

People surrendering guns for toys

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe bought his handgun for \$20 on the street, to protect himself at work at a convenience store. But both times he was held up, he was too afraid to use it.



New York City police officer Robert Roche (left) examines a gun turned into authorities by an unidentified man in New York.

Frank bought an illegal rifle, also for \$20, to protect his family in their tough Bronx neighborhood. With the gun at his side, he'd watch out the window while his father ran errands.

Dozens of people crowded into the 34th Precinct police station in Manhattan's crime-ridden Washington Heights on Tuesday, after the week-old toys-for-guns swap was extended at least through Jan. 6.

they entered the station house until they left with gift certificates and cash in hand. Many wouldn't talk to a reporter.

A drug addict he'd seen a few times before walked into the convenience store and offered it for \$20. Talk about convenience.

"I was waiting for something like this to get rid of the gun," Joe said. "It came at the perfect time."

More on our freedom to self-destruct

Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part series on the decriminalization of drug use.



Paul Harvey

Last visit, we talked about the practical aspects of self-destruction and whether any such "right" should include the decriminalization of drugs.

tion and the specification of limits on drinking. To allow local determination of drug regulation would not inhibit organized crime any more than did Prohibition.

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# Gunmen kill four in attack

The Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Black gunmen opened fire at a pub popular with university students in a mostly white section of Cape Town, killing at least four people and seriously injuring five.

Police refused to speculate on a motive for Thursday night's attack. But a man claiming to represent the militant black Azanian People's Liberation Army claimed responsibility in a call to the South African Press Association. Police declined to comment on the claim.

The APLA — the armed wing of the nationalistic Pan Africanist Congress — opposes sharing power with the white minority and has claimed responsibility for several similar attacks.

Hours after the assault, police found the getaway car abandoned in the Guguletu black township, where militant black youths murdered white American scholar Amy Biehl in a racial attack last August.

"I'm just very deeply shocked, really shattered, because somehow one was thinking that this kind of carnage was a thing of the past," Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said today.

President F.W. de Klerk called the attack "barbaric" and said it was aimed at scuttling South Africa's first multiracial elections next year. He urged the nation to "stand united" in condemning such violence.

Police offered a \$60,000 reward for help in capturing the gunmen.

There were 20 to 50 people in the Heidelberg bar and restaurant when several attackers, wearing civilian clothes, burst in, witnesses and police said. The attackers first threw a hand grenade, which did not explode, then began firing automatic weapons.

"All hell broke loose," said Steve Hamilton, who had stopped there to buy cigarettes. Immediately after the attack it was "dead quiet" in the bar, he said. "Then everybody started going mad."

Three women were killed and five people seriously wounded, police said. They said all the victims were white, but witnesses said one of the women was Indian.

The owner of a nearby restaurant heard the shooting and ran into the street to investigate. He was shot dead by the attackers as they fled.



Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin (right) glances at Monsignor Claudio M. Celli, the Vatican undersecretary of foreign relations, as they sign a mutual recognition agreement Thursday at the Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. Israeli and the Vatican recognized each other, pledging to end a 2,000-year history of "long, torturous, painful relations between two great religions."

# Israeli-Vatican recognition ends centuries of mistrust

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Vatican recognized each other Thursday, seeking an end to 2,000 years of "long, torturous, painful relations between two great religions."

The accord caps a series of diplomatic breakthroughs for Israel and gives the Vatican what it hopes will be a voice in Jerusalem's future. It also set the stage for a possible pilgrimage by Pope John Paul II to Israel in 1994, a visit that would be the first by a pope in 30 years.

Still, there was dissent. Some Jews blame earlier Roman Catholic Church teachings for fomenting anti-Semitism that led to the Holocaust. Some Arabs feel the Church should have waited until the status of Jerusalem is discussed in peace talks before granting recognition.

In the accord, the Vatican agreed to combat anti-Semitism, and Israel agreed to respect Catholic holy places and encourage Christians to visit the Holy Land.

"It is not just an agreement on relations between the state of the Vatican and the State of Israel, but this is a change in the long, torturous, painful relations between two great religions," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said at a dinner marking the accord.

The agreement caps a wave of international acceptance of Israel following the collapse of the Soviet bloc beginning in 1989 and opening of U.S.-backed Mideast peace talks in 1991.

The White House welcomed the accord, saying it would help maintain the "momentum for peace in the Middle East," according to a statement issued by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers.

Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, and Monsignor Claudio M. Celli, the Vatican undersecretary of foreign relations, signed the agreement of principles at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

They agreed to establish full diplomatic ties, with ambassadors to be exchanged in about four months. The two sides have two years to negotiate the details of the agreement.

Celli said that the accord had "fundamental religious and spiritual significance, not only for the Holy See and Israel, but for millions of people throughout the world."

Emphasizing the religious dimensions of the accord, the secular Beilin placed a black skullcap worn by devout Jews on his head after the signing and said a prayer for peace in Hebrew.

The Vatican has moral authority over some 900 million Catholics around the world and diplomatic relations with more than 100 countries.

Church teaching until 1965 assigned blame for Christ's crucifixion to the Jews collectively, and said the Jews' suffering resulted from their refusal to accept Christianity. Some say the doctrine fostered anti-Semitism that led to the Holocaust in which 6 million Jews perished during World War II.

Celli sidestepped questions about whether the Church should apologize to the Jews. "We must use history as a reliable source not to repeat what was done," Celli told a news conference. "What we are trying to do is to create a new atmosphere of comprehension, of cooperation."

The accord is vague on the status of Jerusalem, but Celli suggested that the Vatican would like to play a role in the Middle East peace talks, especially when the future of Jerusalem is being negotiated by Israel and the PLO.

# Soldier killed in series of suspected IRA hits

The Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — An IRA sniper killed a British soldier Thursday in the first political killing in the British province since Ireland and Britain signed a peace initiative two weeks ago.

Another British soldier was wounded by the IRA in a separate series of mortar attacks in Belfast.

The attacks came a day after an Irish Republican Army New Year message stressed peace but failed to mention a cease-fire. The message indicated that the IRA has not made up its mind about the Dec. 15 initiative, which offers a place at peace

talks to groups that renounce violence.

The outlawed group has shown that it intends to keep its armed campaign going while it deliberates on the initiative. It has waged attacks before and after a three-day Christmas truce that ended Monday.

On Thursday, the slain soldier was hit by sniper fire as troops moved along a street in Crossmaglen, a town in the south of the province. The soldier was not identified.

The IRA admitted Thursday's killing in messages to local media. The outlawed paramilitary group has targeted security forces in its fight to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

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# Rabin warns PLO rejection takes talks to 'square one'

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Negotiations on implementing Palestinian autonomy would return to square one if the PLO rejects compromises drawn up this week, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in an interview published today.

The proposals concerning three main issues — border security, the size of Jericho and safeguarding Jewish settlers in the occupied territories — have been criticized by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Arafat's senior aide, Nabil Shaath, sent an amended version of the proposed compromise to Rabin's office Thursday night, and Rabin's spokesman said it would be studied.

In an interview with the Yedioth Ahronoth daily, Rabin said he was not certain whether it reflected Arafat's view.

He said Israel was withholding ratification of the deal agreed to by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon

Peres and another Arafat aide, Mohammed Abbas, on Wednesday, until PLO headquarters in Tunisia approves it.

"If Tunis doesn't approve, all that we have said in this paper will be reopened to new examination," Rabin said, adding that Israel remains committed to the peace process.

The Sept. 13 Israel-PLO accord calls for Palestinians to gain autonomy in the West Bank region of Jericho and the occupied Gaza Strip by April.

Israel was supposed to have begun pulling out troops from these areas Dec. 13, but the withdrawal has yet to begin because of a failure to reach agreement on the terms for autonomy.

In the agreement reportedly reached in Cairo, Egypt, Israel agreed to enlarge the Jericho region to 22 square miles instead of 11 square miles.

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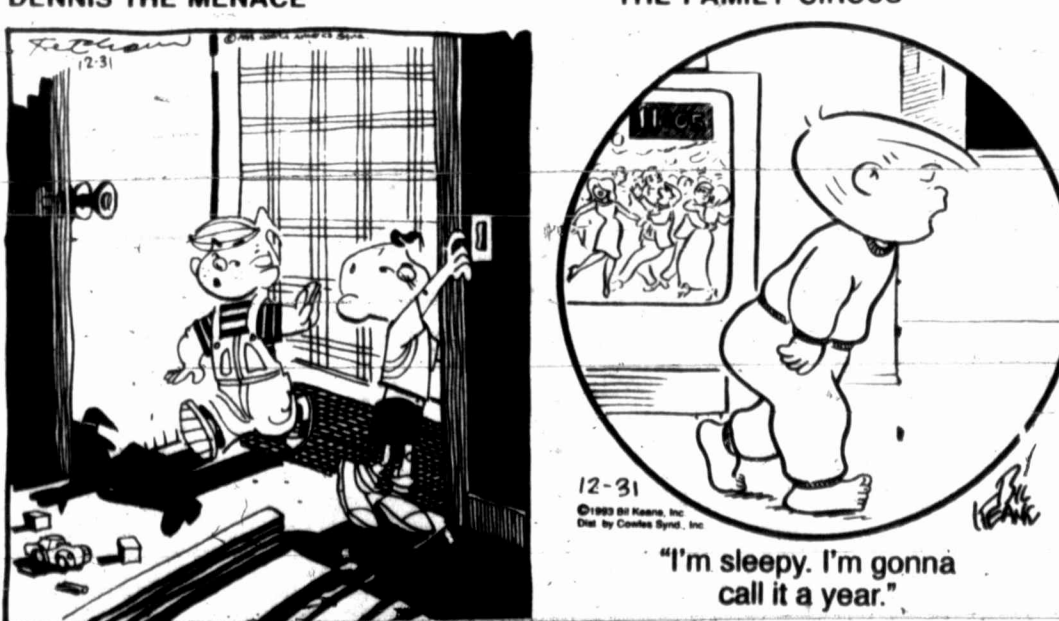
Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1994
ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's time to ease up. If you feel cranky it's because you've been doing too much.

Dear Abby - Letters...

Memories of those we left behind

DEAR READERS: What a year this has been! The Bushes and "first dog" Millie moved out of the White House. The Clintons and "first cat" Socks moved in.

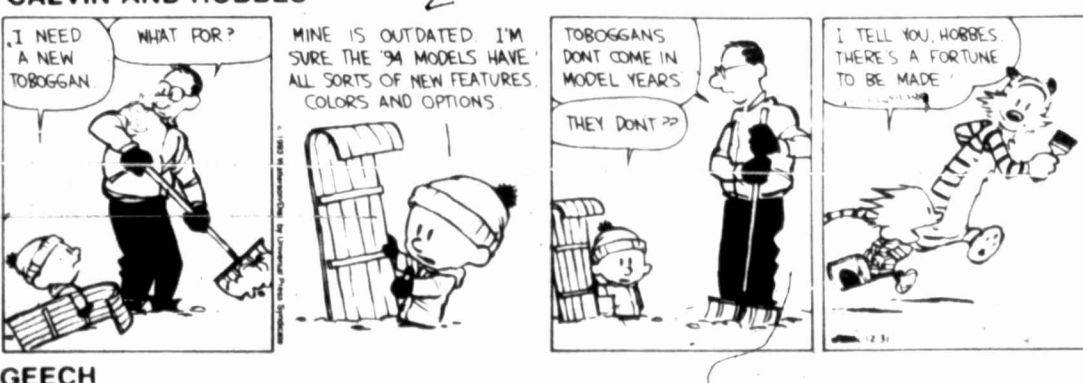
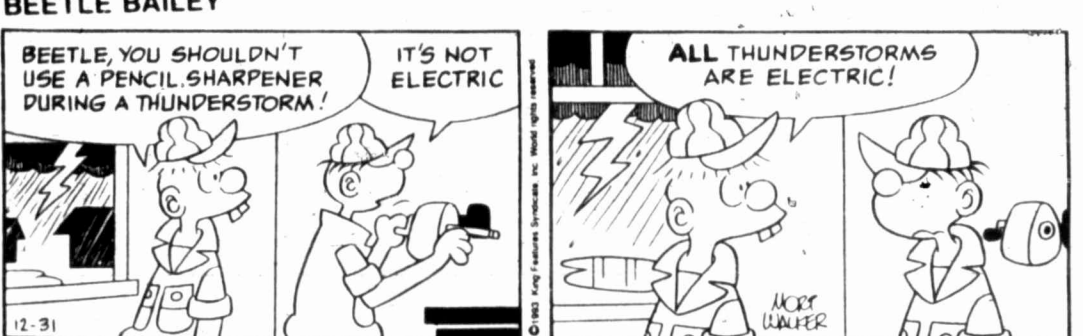
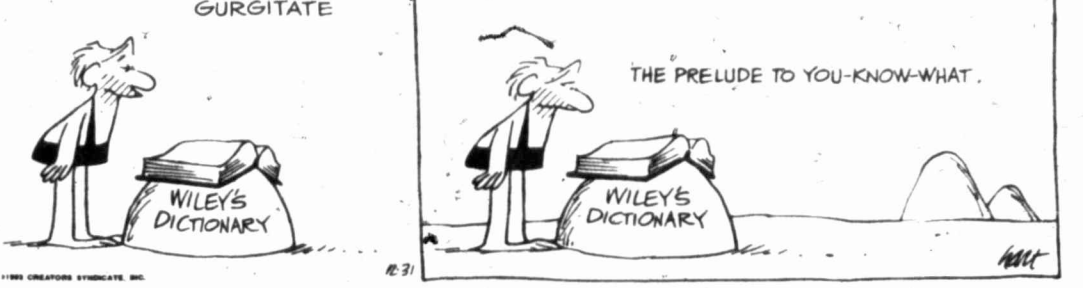


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