

Looking into Sierra Blanca sludge

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El Paso Herald-Post

EL PASO, Texas — Sierra Blanca can do for sewage-sludge management what Love Canal did years ago for changing hazardous-waste disposal practices. That's the view of Hugh Kaufman, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official in Washington.

Kaufman, 52, is known as the EPA's gadfly who often takes positions against the agency's official line. He's best known as the man who blew the whistle or wrongdoing by top EPA officials in the first years of the Reagan administration.

That battle resulted in Kaufman filing harassment complaints against the EPA and getting a legal settlement that makes him "a thoroughly protected whistle-blower," said Dave Cohen, an agency spokesman in Washington. "He operates under his own portfolio."

Now, Kaufman is tackling a New York enterprise's sludge-spreading project near Sierra Blanca, about 90 miles east of El Paso.

The EPA's regional office in Dallas sees no problems with the project. And the project operates with authority granted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. But Kaufman, an engineer and assistant to the director of the EPA's Hazardous Site Control Division in Washington, sees it as bad for the environment and bad for the health of Sierra Blanca residents.

"The issues are very much the same (as Love Canal). Instead of industrial hazardous waste, it's sewage sludge," Kaufman said during a recent telephone interview. "The Sierra Blanca case will definitely change the way sewage sludge is managed."

Kaufman has worked for the EPA since its inception in 1971. He's had his hand in some big environmental battles. In the late '70s he helped expose the EPA's lack of action at several hazardous-waste sites, including Love Canal, the neighborhood in Niagara Falls, N.Y., where a chemical-waste dump had leaked for years.

But his biggest claim to fame is blowing the whistle in the early '80s on wrongdoing in the EPA's hazardous-waste cleanup program. EPA Administrator Anne Burford and several top deputies appointed by President Reagan were forced to resign or were fired. One deputy administrator was sent to jail for lying to Congress.

"If he sees something wrong, he'll try to bring it to the public

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Hugh Kaufman

through Congress or the press. ... He's sort of a rebel within the agency," said Lois Gibbs, founder and executive director of the Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste in Falls Church, Va.

She first heard of Kaufman when she was the leader of a neighborhood group in Love Canal. Kaufman's outspokenness on the sludge project has landed him in a libel lawsuit filed in December by three New York companies that make up MERCO Joint Venture.

MERCO, with state and federal authorization, has been spreading thousands of tons of New York City sludge on its Sierra Blanca ranch since July 1992. In the lawsuit, the New York companies maintain that Kaufman libeled them by saying "false and defamatory" things about MERCO and its sludge-spreading project during a nationally televised news show last summer.

Kaufman labels the lawsuit "frivolous" and continues to fire shots at MERCO and the EPA's handling of sewage-sludge reuse projects.

"Basically, the way the EPA regulates sludge management is the way EPA managed hazardous waste 20 years ago," Kaufman said. "It's the same as the '70s, when we were dealing with hazardous wastes. It's deja vu here."

Kaufman is again stepping away from the EPA mainstream. The agency favors reusing sewage sludge and has guidelines on how to manage sewage-spreading projects on

farms and other lands. Kaufman said the guidelines aren't based on health effects of such projects.

Kaufman is also going against the EPA regional office in Dallas. The office in 1992 concluded the MERCO sludge project posed no health or environmental problems and said MERCO did not need a federal permit to operate it. MERCO is required to meet certain state requirements under a sludge registration it received in 1992 from the Texas Water Commission, now known as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Kaufman said he initiated an investigation of the MERCO project several months ago because of Sierra Blanca residents' concerns. He's looking at whether the MERCO project could be classified as a Superfund site, which would mean it's hazardous and would have to be cleaned up.

But Kaufman's boss and EPA spokesmen said they know nothing about such an investigation. "He may be investigating on his own time as a private citizen, but it's not an assignment he got from me or my deputy," said David Bennett, acting director of the EPA Hazardous Site Control Division.

Kaufman gets involved in environmental battles as a private citizen. But, he said, in this case he's speaking in his capacity as an EPA official. He said he doesn't need permission from his boss to investigate.

"It's part of my duties as a government official," he said.

He compares his job to that of a beat policeman who comes across an incident. "You don't

walk away from it and ask your boss for permission, because by the time you get it, it (the incident) is gone."

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ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 5 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday:

•JUAN RIVAS JR., 44, of Lenorah was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

•JAVIER MONTOYA, 46, of Stanton was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

•ROBERT SCOTT PARK, 24, of 1300 Barnes was arrested for POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.

•WILLIAM BERNARD KILLCREASE, 28, no known address was arrested for THEFT.

•ROBERT WAYNE WALKER, 44, of 910 Nolan was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION and POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA UNDER 2 OUNCES.

•MITCHELL RAY COVINGTON, 31, of 1315 Harding was arrested for AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE and AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER.

•ESUBIO MENDOSA SAIZ, 55, no known address was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

•JOE MORGAN SIMMONS, 57, of Snyder was arrested for FLEEING TO ELUDE and AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER.

•ASSAULT in the 1300 block of Runnels.

•ASSAULT in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

•ASSAULT in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•THEFT in the 400 block of Johnson.

•THEFT in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

•THEFT in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

•THEFT in the 3300 block of W. 80.

•THEFT in the 1500 block of E. Marcy.

•THEFT in the 400 block of S. Gregg.

•THEFT in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 300 block of Tulane.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 700 block of W. 4th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 600 block of Caylor.

•BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 2000 block of E. Marcy.

•BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 2100 block of Wasson.

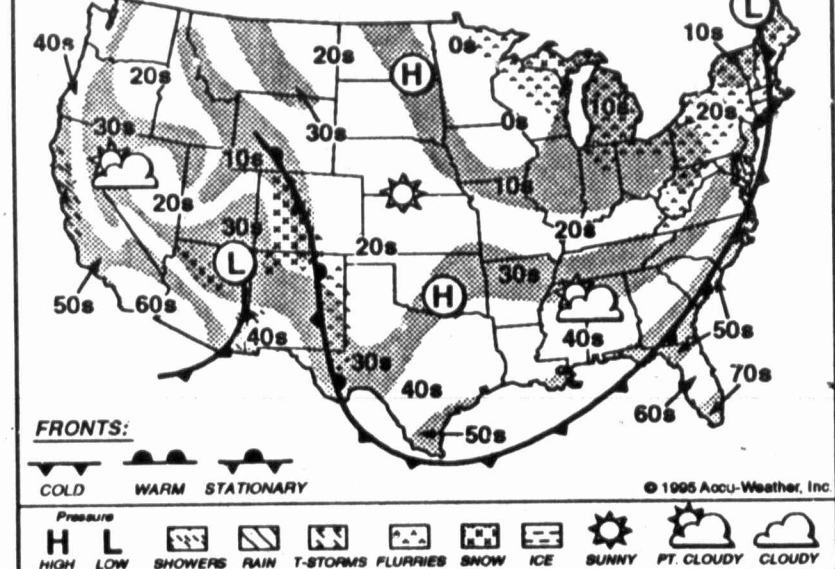
•BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 400 block of Hillside.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 2200 block of S. Johnson.

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SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.
- VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.
- MS support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury West. Call 267-1069.
- Coahoma Senior Center Project Group, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Call 394-4439.
- Cancer Support Group, noon to 1 p.m., room 213, VA Medical Center, and 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center.

RECORDS

Monday's temp.	38
Monday's low	28
Average high	55
Average low	26
Record high	75 in 1956
Record low	4 in 1979
Rainfall Monday	0.08
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.03
Year to date	0.00
Normal for year	0.03

MARKETS

March cotton futures 88.35 cents a pound, down 200 points; Feb. crude oil 17.64 down 12 points; cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 37.50; slaughter steers steady at 71 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 39.55, up 20 points; Feb. live cattle futures 72.80, up 13 points; according to Delta Commodities.

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Atmos	16 1/2
Boston Chicken	17 1/2
Cabot	28 1/2
Chevron	45 1/2

Hogue

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One Big Spring resident who had known Hogue for 22 years recalled his friendship - and his courtesy - whenever he stopped her for speeding.

"He told my daughter to watch the speedometer and tell me to ease off whenever I reached 65 miles an hour," Beverly Hall said. "He was always looking out for people. He was a real good man."

In addition to condolences and flowers sent by officers from around the state, family members also received a message from Gov.-elect George W. Bush.

Trooper Hogue is survived by his wife, Goldia; son, Bobby; and daughter, Jennifer.

As of this morning, the DPS office in Big Spring was still being overwhelmed with telephone calls from around the state concerning donations.

Anyone wanting to make donations to the Hogue family should send them to: Citizens Federal Credit Union, c/o Troy Hogue Fund, P.O. Box 425, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0425.

Snow

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unofficial reading of about one inch of precipitation, but some areas recorded as much as two inches.

Temperatures are expected to be in the high 30's today, with slight northeast winds.

Another cold front has been forecast to hit the area this afternoon, which will increase the chance for more snow to 30 percent tonight.

The NWS has also forecast a 30 percent chance of snow for Wednesday as this new cold front moves through, keeping temperatures in the 20's.

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Tatum said. "She was many things to many people, but first of all she was a woman of courage who faced life with eternal optimism."

Tatum applauded Mann's attitude in life, saying it set the example for others. "Even with the diagnosis of her illness, Ann gave leadership without abandonment," Tatum said. "Those around her marveled at her courage."

In addition to courage, Mann's professional leadership was also praised. She was acknowledged as being a primary developmental force behind several innovative programs addressing the needs of the mentally ill.

Mann was the first recipient of the hospital commendation award and received special statewide commendation for outstanding involvement in the development of psychosocial programming. Such programming places emphasis on returning the mentally ill to the community with a prompt and non-stressful direction.

"Since 1979, Ann gave herself tirelessly to Big Spring State Hospital," Tatum said. "Her first and last commitment was always to the welfare of the patient. She was a tireless perfectionist who expected the best of her colleagues and herself - and she got it."

Tatum acknowledged Mann's ambition, discipline and compassion. "She was many things to many people," he said. "But most of all, Ann was a friend. To that friend, we say farewell...and thank you."

OBITUARIES

Rubie Daniel

Rubie Daniel, 84, Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 2, 1995, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
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Rubie Daniel, 84, died Monday. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Pearlie Mae Wilborn, 72, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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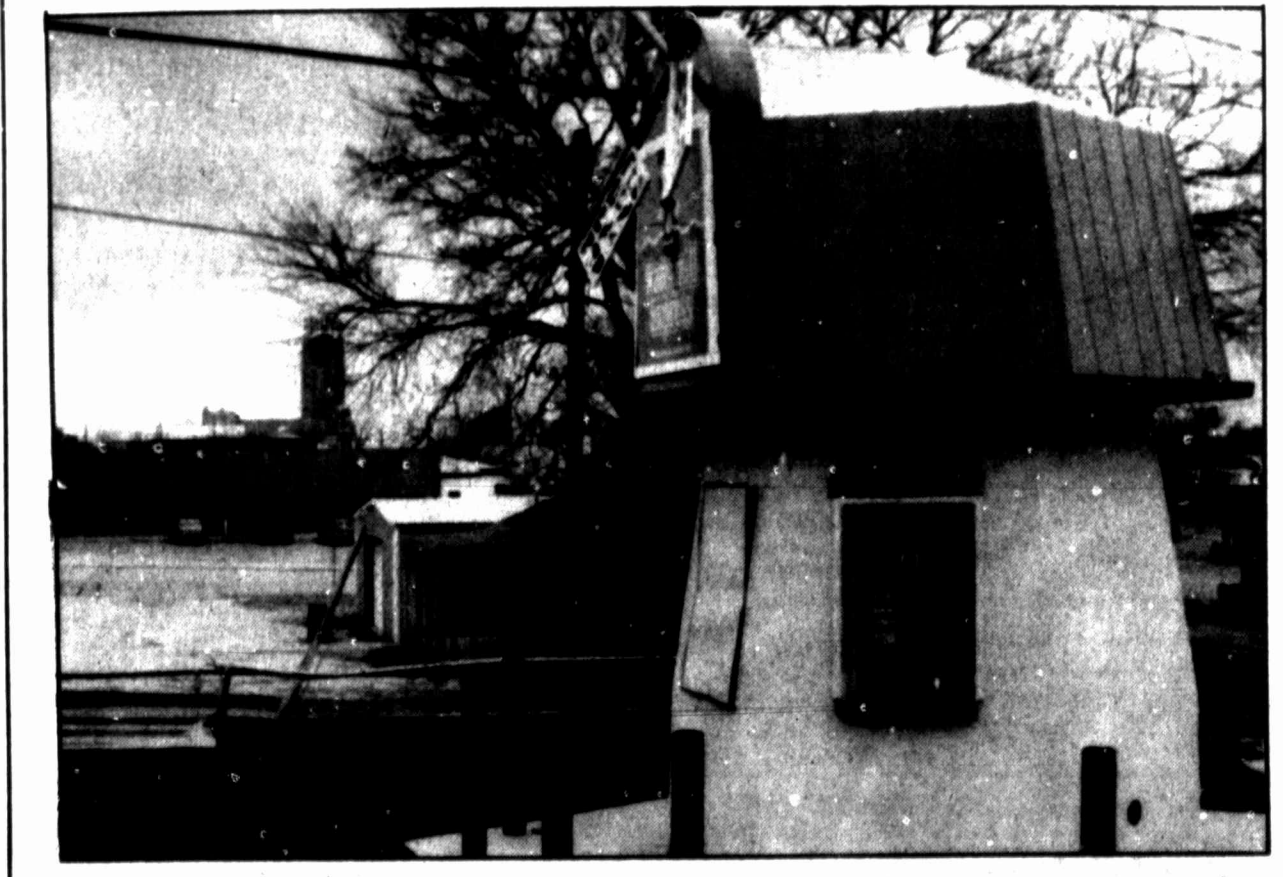
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Orientation program set for UTPB freshmen

Freshman and transfer students who will attend The University of Texas at the Permian Basin this spring are encouraged to attend an orientation program designed to acquaint them with the University's services.

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For those in a hurry to get drinking water, two drive-up locations of Watermill Express have recently been erected - on South Gregg St. next to Subway Sandwiches and on East Fourth St. near the TEC.

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NEWS IN
BRIEF

New DWI law being put to the test

'Jane Roe' fears returning to clinic

DALLAS (AP) — The plaintiff in a landmark 1973 case that prompted the Supreme Court to overturn Texas' anti-abortion statutes, undercutting similar laws nationwide, says she fears returning to her job at a local clinic.

Norma McCorvey says her fears stem from the shooting deaths of two women at two suburban Boston clinics Friday.

"The anti-choice people are just turning into terrorists," Ms. McCorvey said Monday. "It's really kind of getting scary coming into these clinics and never knowing if somebody is going to machine-gun us, follow us home."

John C. Salvi III, 22, was arrested Saturday in Norfolk, Va., on two counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder in the rampage at the Brookline, Mass., clinics.

S. Texas facility starts taking prisoners

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Inmates will begin arriving this month to South Texas' first prison devoted to drugs and alcohol rehabilitation.

"The overall crime rate is down, but drug use is actually increasing... but for their drug use, many of them wouldn't have committed a crime," said Madeline Ortiz, warden at the Glosbrenner Unit in Duval County.

Ms. Ortiz has worked with women's prison programs and substance abuse counseling since coming to the Texas prison system from New York in 1990.

"The purpose here is to deal not just with the addiction, but with the criminal behavior," she said in an interview with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The just-completed prison will serve as temporary home for 500 male probation violators with drug and alcohol abuse problems. Named for former legislator Ernestine Glosbrenner, it is located on 497 acres south of San Diego. It is the third such facility in Texas.

Dinosaur may have English relatives

DALLAS (AP) — New research shows that a 100 million-year-old flying dinosaur whose remains were found in Texas may have had English ancestors.

Yuong-Nam Lee, a Southern Methodist graduate student and paleontologist, has studied North Texas as it was 95 million to 119 million years ago. His findings are in the latest issue of Paleontology, a British science journal.

Amateur paleontologist Chris Wadleigh two years ago found the broken pterosaur snout, with inch-long teeth, in Fort Worth. The pterosaur evolved 70 million years before the first bird.

The fossil discovered in Texas has teeth and a definite crest, believed to have helped stabilize the animal's head.

"This pterosaur is totally new in North America because this pterosaur has teeth," Lee said.

DALLAS (AP) — Supporters of a new law that virtually guarantees a drunken driver will lose his license say it will be a big step toward getting intoxicated drivers — particularly repeat offenders — off the road.

Department of Public Safety trooper Joel Smith supports the new law, which went into effect Sunday, but does not seem concerned about whether it will keep repeat offenders off the roads.

Court clears way for Jacob execution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has cleared the way for the scheduled Wednesday execution of a man who confessed to a 1986 murder, then recanted.

But two justices dissented with the decision not to stay the execution of Jesse DeWayne Jacobs.

Jacobs, 44, was convicted in 1987 of the Feb. 21, 1986, shooting death of Etta Ann Urdiales, 25, a Conroe paramedic whose estranged husband was the boyfriend of Jacobs' sister.

Jacobs at first confessed to killing Ms. Urdiales, but later said his sister, Bobbie Jean Hogan, killed the woman out of his presence and he only later helped her conceal the body.

Seven months later, Jacobs was called as a witness when his sister was tried for the killing. He testified he was outside the abandoned house where the shooting occurred.

Ms. Hogan was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years in prison for Ms. Urdiales' death.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in September acknowledged the apparent conflict — in which both Jacobs and Ms. Hogan were convicted of shooting Ms. Urdiales. But it said "it is not for us to say" that the jury in Jacobs' trial made a mistake in convicting him.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for the Texas attorney general's office, said late Monday he was unfamiliar with the specifics of the case.

However, he added, "The state of Texas certainly would not pursue the execution of someone that prosecutors and law enforcement authorities have since learned is innocent."

Justices John Paul Stevens and Ruth Ginsberg dissented from the court majority that denied Jacobs a stay. They said prosecutors in his trial had relied heavily on the confession, then put that convict in doubt later when they tried his sister for the same killing.

Ms. Urdiales' body was not discovered until September 1986, when Jacobs was arrested after a six-month crime spree.

"Some officers get pretty irritated when they see some guy they arrested do it again, but not me," he said. "I'll just keep arresting them and putting them in jail."

Known as administrative license revocation, the new law calls for first-time DWI offenders to lose their licenses for 60 days. Second-time offenders face 120-day suspensions.

Those who refuse to take a blood-alcohol test can lose their

licenses for 90 to 180 days. Offenders still face possible fines.

Under the old law, driver's licenses could be suspended, but it actually happened in only about one-third of the state's DWI cases, DPS officials have said.

On first-time defendants such as 21-year-old Charles Chaffee of Garland, the new law's effect was profound.

"You could tell from his reac-

tion that it really sank in," said Smith, who arrested Chaffee in front of a country music club in Terrell on New Year's morning. "As soon as I said he was going to lose his license, his eyes lit up. He knows this is serious."

Other law enforcement officers said the law will produce only mixed results.

"I think it'll work out pretty well, but it won't stop repeat offenders," said Terrell police officer Michael Stansbury.

"They'll get their licenses taken away, and they'll keep taking their chances. For drunk drivers, it's just a gamble."

Some civil liberties groups agree.

"This doesn't keep people from driving," said James Harrington, legislative director for the Texas Civil Rights Project in Austin. "Instead of people submitting to the law, there are going to be more people driving around without their licenses."

Emissions testing off to slow start

DALLAS (AP) — Vehicle emissions testing got off to a slow start Monday as compliance with the federal Clean Air Act began in parts of Texas, despite some state officials' opposition.

"It's been a little slow, but maybe it's because it's a holiday and a lot of people are watching football," said Tommy Burden, manager of a Texas Air Care facility in north Dallas.

Burden said he tested fewer than 40 cars Monday for exhaust emissions, most of which passed on the first try.

"Today, I haven't had too many failures," he said. "The ones that did fail, well, most of them were expecting it."

Critics have complained that the testing is inconvenient, expensive and unnecessary.

Gov.-elect George W. Bush has backed an effort to get the EPA to ease parts of the program. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, recently asked federal officials for a six-month moratorium on the emissions testing, but her request was denied.

"I have hardly seen anybody that's against it," Burden said. "Everybody, even those who are upset about it, say we need this."

Burden said the facility has been open for two weeks, testing cars free on a voluntary basis through last Saturday. About 100 cars visited the new facility on Friday alone, he said.

The emissions test is required before a vehicle registration can be renewed. Tests are conducted only at centralized inspection stations.

The testing is required for gasoline-powered vehicles — 1968 models and newer — in Houston-Galveston, El Paso, Dallas-Fort Worth and Beaumont-Port Arthur. Emissions inspections for diesel-powered vehicles begin in 1997.

"The Environmental Protection Agency says it's necessary because of the poor air quality here in Dallas," said Marion Fields, who needed a certificate to renew her registration this month.



Anne and Mike Sheaffer of Farmers Branch are shown in Dallas with one of the two billboards they have rented in their quest to adopt a child. The director of one adoption agency predicts more couples in the Sheaffers' position will follow that strategy in the future.

Billboards get adoption message out

FARMERS BRANCH (AP) — As their chances of adopting a child seemed to fade, Mike and Anne Sheaffer decided to take their search to the road.

On Friday, two billboards went up announcing: "Mike and Anne want to adopt. We are state approved. (214) 675-BABY."

"I feel we were competing with 3 million other people for 50,000 infants," said Sheaffer, who lives in this Dallas suburb. "I really wanted to search for something novel or that hasn't been done."

Since the ads went up in Dallas — one on a highway, the other on a main road — hundreds of people have called from across the country to offer the names of adoption agencies, stories and encouragement.

The Sheaffers met with one woman Monday who is four weeks pregnant. Sheaffer said they "clicked," but he remained cautious. "No one really can promise you a child," he said.

He was speaking from experience. Last year, a pregnant woman agreed to give the Sheaffers her child. But she

changed her mind six weeks before she was due and decided to give the baby to her aunt and uncle.

"That was a tough experience for us," said Sheaffer, president of a company that distributes electrical and mechanical industrial products. "It wasn't like having a child die. I would never say it was anything that serious. But we did lose a child. We made the mistake of naming the child, which even bonded us further."

The Sheaffers have been married for six years. They found out about four years ago that Mrs. Sheaffer, a homemaker, couldn't have children.

They ruled out a surrogate mother because of religious beliefs. Foster parenting seemed too painful because they would eventually have to give up the child. Orphanages seemed to offer even less hope.

Some adoption agencies said they weren't accepting any more adoptive parents. Other agencies said Sheaffer, 44, and his 36-year-old wife were past the age limits for adoption.

So they turned to the billboards, which were to run for three days, and rented two cellular phones to take the calls.

Only a few people called before a story on their quest appeared in Sunday's Dallas Morning News. Then came a barrage of calls, starting with about a half-dozen while they were in church.

"We were asked to move into the crying baby room," Sheaffer said.

Merritt Turner, a counselor at Adoption Access in Dallas, said the Sheaffers should stick with an agency. "The networking is not as successful — that's my understanding," she said. "It sounds like they're going through a lot of extra work and heartache."

But the Sheaffers remain hopeful and credit their strong Christian faith with helping them persevere.

"The Lord is leading us through this entire process," said Mrs. Sheaffer, who recently earned a master's degree in biblical studies. "When we feel the Lord closes all doors, we will stop. Right now, we feel like this is His plan for us."

Holiday traffic claims 27 lives - two more than DPS predicted

AUSTIN (AP) — Accidents on Texas roadways claimed the lives of 27 people — including five in one accident near Laredo — as of Monday evening, Department of Public Safety officials said.

The DPS had predicted that as many as 25 people could die during the 78-hour reporting period, which ended at mid-

night. "We're disappointed, of course, that the death count exceeded our estimate," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said. "We never do those estimates to prove how accurate we are. We always view those as a worst-case scenario. We think one of the reasons the count went over is because of three multiple-fatality accidents we had."

In the weekend's worst accident, five people were killed in a head-on collision about 11:30 a.m. Sunday on Texas 359, nine miles west of Laredo, the DPS said.

Killed were Marco Garcia, 19, and Luis Fernando Ramiro, 22,

both of Bruni; and Phillip Cervantes, 19, of Laredo. Two occupants in the second vehicle also were killed. They are Oscar Sanchez and his 13-year-old daughter, Karla Ortiz Sanchez, both of Saltillo, Mexico.

Three teen-agers were killed

in a 10 p.m. Sunday crash when a vehicle lost control on an icy road just northwest of Jayton in West Texas. Passengers Cory Morris, 17, of Spur; Devin Galoway, 17, of Aspermont; and Sher Lynn Stanaland, 16, of Jayton died in the accident on

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"The strongest weapon that we hold in our hands is truth itself."

O.K. Armstrong, member of Congress, 1962

Try slow in the snow

Winter finally arrived - almost. It didn't stick around long, but Monday night's sleet and snow served as a good reminder that nasty weather season is upon us, and extra caution must be used on the roads.

When ice and snow begin to melt, they can look so deceptive, as if the pavement were merely wet. However, this combination of frozen and unfrozen slickness can be dangerous, even deadly.

Many people may not be prepared to go a little slower, especially on hilly, winding roads or streets with many traffic lights (which require more stops).

Paying attention not only to traffic but to the road beneath the car is part of the trick. A well-traveled street may simply be wet from melted snow, but

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that street could lead into a bridge holding an icy surprise for the unwary driver.

We've all read the winter driving tips about pumping the brakes gently to stop, how to steer if the car skids and so on. Most important is just to use common sense.

Pay attention to what the weather's like, and allow extra travel time. Don't drive fast - even if the current stretch of road is dry, that could change a few miles ahead. Don't follow anyone closely or try any sudden stops.

Let's be prepared for the next winter storm that not only blows in but sticks around for a while.



Tilt to the right is all it is

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington tilts to the right on Wednesday as Congress convenes under Republican command — something most Americans never have known before. But it is tilting, not toppling. The federal establishment will keep turning.

Government change comes by degree, not decree.

The new powers at the congressional controls will alter the way Washington works and what it does — less, at less cost, they vow — but it will not come as a U-turn with a simple spin of the wheel. John F. Kennedy is said to have lamented that there were things he'd like to do as president if only the government would let him.

This is a new political era; about 60 percent of Americans weren't born the last time Republicans ran both houses of Congress. But it has been only eight years since the Republicans last held power in two of the three arms of government that make and implement the laws.

Then it was the Senate and the White House. Now it is Congress, with a Democratic White House at least for the next two years.

President Clinton, struggling for a comeback from the Democratic wreckage of the Nov. 8 elections, is turning, too. Or trying. He's reviving his promises of smaller, less intrusive government — promises made before he was detoured or simply disbelieved.

"The president is doing what he said he was going to do in 1992 when he ran," said Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, demoted by the voting to minority leader.

The bickering and backbiting

that has characterized Washington isn't going to end. Bill Clinton facing a Republican Congress is not all that different from George Bush dealing with a Democratic Congress.

Bush vetoed 32 bills, was overridden only once. Clinton has yet to veto any, but that can't last.

And Congress is not about to begin winning popularity polls because of the new management. The negative view of Congress hasn't changed much over the years. Sen. Bob Dole observed during the campaign, with approval ratings in the 30 percent range, sometimes lower.

The gridlock that has snarled Congress worsened that image. Indeed, when Clinton ran for the White House, he presented himself to the voters as the New Democrat, the centrist, who could end stalemate and get action for the average American.

It didn't work. That's why Speaker-elect Newt Gingrich is taking the gavel, while Dole resumes his lost role as the Republican majority leader in the Senate.

GOP leaders of the House are promising 100 days of top-speed action on their big 10 proposals, on balanced budgets, crime, welfare, tax cuts and more. They promise votes, not necessarily passage.

And that's only half of Congress. There is Senate skepticism about some of the points in the House GOP platform, and not all from Democrats. The Senate is far more difficult to manage than the House, where Gingrich already has consolidated his powers as speaker to make things happen in a hurry.

Instead of the ceremonial opening, the swearing in, and

then the customary pause until the president delivers his State of the Union message in late January, Gingrich and Dole both promise full-time work from the outset. Reversing the traditional order of things, Republicans hope to deliver their first bills to Clinton for his signature before he comes to them with his State of the Union proposals.

Gingrich promises a vote on Jan. 19 on a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, something Republicans promise will be done by the year 2002.

There's precedent for that pledge, too. Reagan promised a balanced budget, with tax cuts and increased defense spending when he took over the White House. He got two of the three, but he also oversaw the federal government at a time when the national debt exploded.

This time, perhaps, Republicans can make it work. But not without a struggle. In the Senate, it takes 60 votes to deal with most major issues, because of budget rules and the filibuster option. Republicans have 53, Democrats 47.

On the House side, Democrats hold 204 seats, more than the Republican minority managed in their 40 years out of power. Their high was 192. But Ronald Reagan's people forged that into House majorities in coalition with conservative Democrats.

Clinton can't match that. Twenty or so House Democrats are more likely to side with Gingrich than with the president. They stopped short of switching parties.

But they can count. *Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.*

U.S. boosts plan to help peso

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo's plan to stem the peso's slide and restore confidence in the economy received a strong boost Monday from the United States, which put up half of an \$18 billion international support package to help stabilize Mexico's currency.

A nationally televised speech by Zedillo to outline the recovery program, however, was postponed until at least Tuesday while labor, business and farm leaders wrangled with government officials over its details.

Labor Department sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the main sticking point was what guidelines to set for increasing the minimum wage and prices.

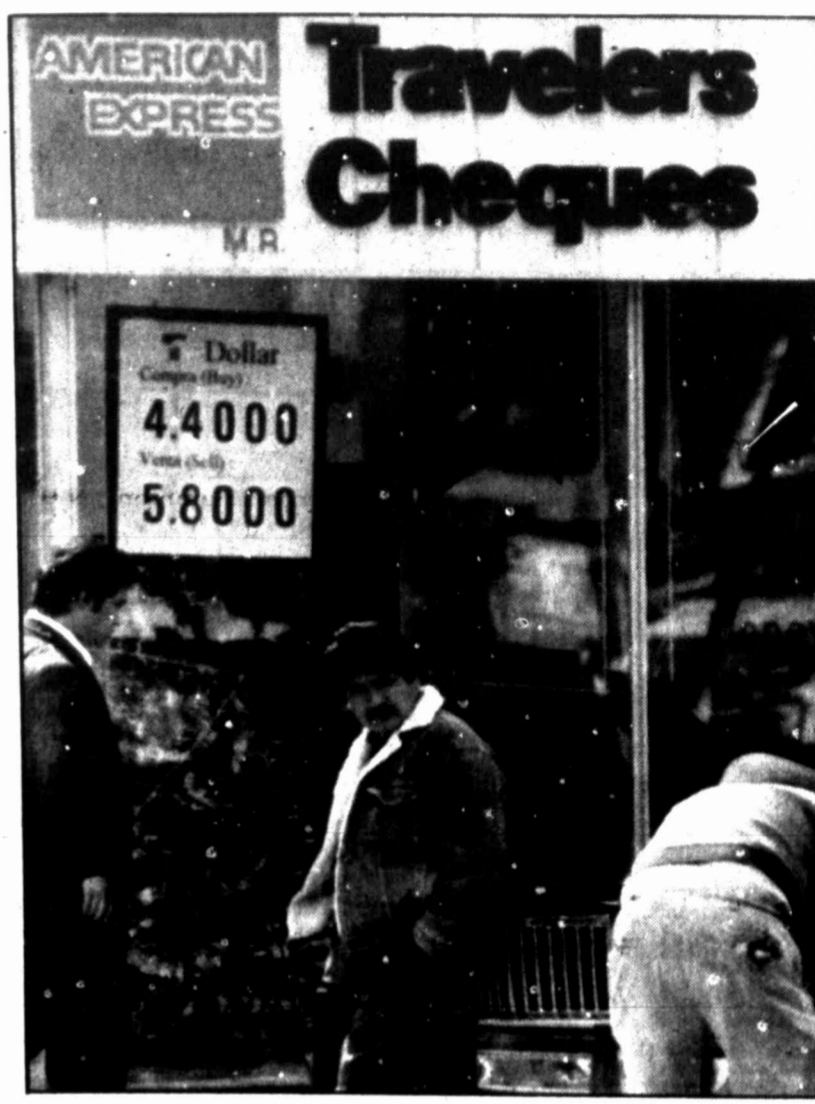
In the last two weeks, the peso has lost about 30 percent of its value in relation to the dollar. Zedillo's decision to delay his speech could have a sharp impact on financial markets.

In Washington, Frank N. Newman, the acting U.S. Treasury Secretary, said the United States would boost to \$9 billion the line of credit it is providing Mexico to defend the peso against further devaluation.

The Swiss-based Bank for International Settlements, which represents the United States and other major countries in Europe and Asia, is putting up \$5 billion in potential loans.

And Canada, which joined the United States and Mexico in the North American Free Trade Agreement, agreed to provide \$1 billion. Commercial banks, including several in the United States, have offered an additional \$3 billion.

In office just a month, Zedillo spent New Year's weekend in emergency meetings to counter the peso's plunge.



Associated Press photo
American Express Casa de Cambio, money exchange house, on Avenida Reforma in Mexico City shows an exchange of 4.40 pesos to the dollar Monday. The pesos' decline has triggered a crisis causing up to \$10 billion in U.S. investment losses.

The peso's decline has triggered a crisis that caused up to \$10 billion in U.S. investment losses, raised the specter of double-digit inflation and hurt investors' confidence in Mexico.

Business leaders have said they would push for tax breaks

as part of the program and Zedillo was expected to announce measures to speed up the privatization of state-owned companies and steps to cut spending.

On Mexican markets Monday, the peso strengthened to end at 4.925 to the dollar.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chechen capital still in hands of rebels

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A three-day pounding by Russian tanks has failed to wrest the Chechen capital from rebel hands, forcing Russian troops to regroup even as they are bolstered by reinforcements.

The badly outnumbered Chechens fought the Russians street-by-street and held on to the presidential palace in the heart of the Grozny, the capital.

"They'll never take Grozny!" shouted one Chechen fighter, Leche Ibragimov, as he fired down a street near the palace.

Talks resume amid new strains on process

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the Palestinians resume talks today with new troubles burdening an already strained relationship: the killing of four Palestinian policemen by Israeli soldiers and the Cabinet's failure to completely halt construction of a Jewish settlement on the West Bank.

Negotiations were already bogged down by Israel's reluctance to pull troops out of the West Bank while Islamic militants were still attacking Israelis. Thirty-two Israelis have been killed in such attacks since Oct. 1.

Monday's clash in the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip that left four policemen dead was certain to drive a further wedge into the negotiations. Each side blamed the other for the clash.

The Israeli army said its soldiers were chasing gunmen who fired on their patrol from inside the autonomous zone.

Kids know more of singer than leader

HONG KONG (AP) — Elementary school children in China know more about a Hong Kong pop singer than about the late Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung, Hong Kong press reports said today.

Quoting a survey by Beijing's China Labor Daily, the reports said only 82 students out of 123 questioned had heard of Mao, who proclaimed the founding of Communist China in 1949 and led the nation until his death in 1976.

However, they all knew about singer Andy Lau, including his birthday and the movies he has starred in.

Israeli soldiers gun down Palestinian cops

BREX JUNCTION, Gaza Strip (AP) — One of the worst episodes of violence since the PLO took control of the Gaza, Israeli troops shot and killed three Palestinian policemen in thick fog Monday.

The circumstances of the clash were not immediately clear. Israeli security sources said shots were fired at an Israeli patrol that gave chase. More shots were fired at the patrol from a house and again soldiers returned fire, Israeli sources said.

Palestinian police officer, Col. Kamil Abu Kumsan blamed the Israelis for the violence.

"There was a clash. We have some casualties. There is a search operation now in very thick fog to see if there are more casualties," Abu Kumsan said.

The fighting began in Israeli territory and it was not immediately clear if the chase ended in Israel or the Gaza.

The violence adds tension to the already fragile peace process. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have been unable to agree to a timetable for withdrawal of Israeli troops, with Israelis concerned about increasing terrorist attacks.

Palestinian negotiators are likely to discuss Monday's violence with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres when peace talks resume Tuesday in Cairo.

Foundation for peace in Bosnia gets key push

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. officials racing to build a foundation for peace on the ruins of Bosnia's war collected another key signature Monday for a four-month truce.

The commitment of Kresimir Zubak, head of Bosnia's Croats and president of a Croat-Muslim federation in Bosnia, widened the agreement between Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government that went into effect Sunday.

The truce generally has held, with one notable violation Monday: a missile hit the Holiday Inn hotel, near the front line in Sarajevo. No one was hurt.

Bosnian Croats, allies of the government, and two allies of the Bosnian Serbs are not main parties to the conflict. But they have the power to sabotage the

peace effort by continuing to fight.

U.N. officials praised Zubak's decision to sign on, and pressed another group, Serbs from Croatia, to agree. They said they were trying to create enough momentum for peace that no one would be interested in continuing the war after the truce expires May 1.

But to do that, they said, they would need more peacekeepers and a concerted diplomatic effort on a comprehensive peace deal.

"The further both parties go down the road to peace, the harder it will be for them to go back to war," said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko in Sarajevo. "No time should be lost."

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NEWS IN
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Five murderers
escape through tunnel

BELLE GLADE, Fla. (AP) — Five murderers were on the loose today after escaping from prison through a 15-yard tunnel they dug under a fence.

A sixth killer who escaped with the group Monday night was caught on the grounds of the Glades Correctional Institution.

The fugitives are considered extremely dangerous, officials said. More than 60 prison guards and three canine units were combing the grounds outside the prison, and helicopters beamed searchlights into nearby residences before morning.

The tunnel that began outside the prison's chapel passed about three feet under the fence. Alarms sounded during the escape, and guards fired at the inmates after they popped up on the other side of the fence. It wasn't known if any of the men were hit.

Felix Carbonell, who turns 34 today, was captured on the prison grounds near housing for state prison employees, Townsend said. Still at large were Juan Fleitas, 30; Florencio Alvarez, 39; Hector Rivas, 32; Jesus Martinez, 47; and Armando Junco, 62. All six men are from Cuba.

Republicans issue
warning to Demos

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Republicans prepare to take control of Congress for the first time since the Eisenhower administration, one of their leaders is warning Democrats not to become the party that just says "no."

"We'll make mistakes," predicted Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., certain to be elected House speaker when the 104th Congress convenes Wednesday. "But the key question is what is it the Democrats would do for America, not just how well can they attack Newt Gingrich."

The fiery Gingrich, who has spent much of his 16-year congressional career relentlessly criticizing Democrats, made his remarks in a taped interview broadcast Monday by C-Span, the cable television industry's public-affairs channel.

Emboldened by November elections in which not one of their congressional incumbents was defeated, Republicans are out to reverse the direction in which Democrats have steered the government for decades. They want to eliminate entire programs and agencies, slash spending for others and transfer power from Washington to state and local governments.

Marion Barry
back in office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marion Barry, back in the mayor's office he left in 1991 after being caught smoking crack-cocaine, faces a \$500 million budget deficit that will force severe cuts in municipal services in the nation's capital.

In his inaugural speech Monday, Barry pledged to "shape a government that is compassionate but yet efficient."

Salvi seen at anti-abortion protest at clinic

BOSTON (AP) — The man accused in three abortion clinic shootings handed out pictures of aborted fetuses outside a church and told the pastor that the Catholic Church wasn't doing enough to fight abortion, a newspaper reported.

John Salvi III is accused of killing two clinic workers and wounding five others Friday in two Brookline clinics, then spraying more than 20 shots into a Norfolk, Va., clinic the next day.

The 22-year-old student hairdresser from Hampton, N.H., was to be arraigned today in Norfolk on a charge of firing into an occupied building. He was to be taken to Massachusetts later this week to face murder charges.

The Boston Globe reported today that Salvi attended an anti-abortion demonstration and prayer meeting May 14 outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in Brookline that was attacked.

"These are open to anyone who wishes to attend," said Robert Dellery, who organized the demonstration. "He must

have just drifted in. It's horrifying to think he was there and then did this. It really hurts the movement."

The Globe said Salvi had several conversations with Madeline McComish and Frances X. Hogan, president and vice president, respectively, of Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

He attended a meeting of the group in February in Revere, but McComish and Hogan said the meetings were open and Salvi was not an active member of the group.

"All we know was there was this strange guy handing out these awful photographs" of aborted fetuses, Hogan said.

"You just knew there was something wrong with this guy," he said. "No one ever heard him talk about violence."

The Rev. Edmund Sviokla, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Everett, where Salvi lived for a time in 1993, said Salvi complained that the Catholic Church was "not doing enough" in the fight against abortion.

Sviokla told the Globe that he rebuffed Salvi's suggestion to distribute pictures of aborted



George Bryant of New York City and another member of the Refuse and Resist abortion rights group carry a banner while attempting to interrupt a meeting of an anti-abortion group inside the Ruggles Baptist Church in Boston. The demonstrators were protesting Friday's fatal attack on two Brookline, Mass., abortion clinics.

fetuses, but Salvi later did it himself from his truck parked in front of the church.

President Clinton ordered federal prosecutors Monday to mobilize task forces to make abortion clinics more secure.

"I recognize and respect the

range of deeply felt beliefs Americans hold on abortion," Clinton said in a statement from Little Rock, Ark., where he is vacationing. "A continued vigorous debate over abortion is proper. Violence against those

who hold differing opinions is not."

For years, people on both sides of the abortion battle have watched their foes across clinic barricades, shooting videos, clipping newsletters and building file:

DNA moving to center stage of Simpson trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As O.J. Simpson's case inches closer to the jury, fragments of a complex molecule curled within every human cell are moving to center stage.

Lacking witnesses and a weapon, the prosecution needs a way to link Simpson to the knife killings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Prosecutors hope to do this with tests of genetic material in

blood scraped from Ms. Simpson's walkway and Simpson's Bronco. The defense has already tried to cast doubt on the tests' integrity.

Starting Thursday, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito was to hear arguments on DNA testing. Then he will decide if the prosecution can present its DNA evidence to the jury, based on whether or not the tests are generally accepted in the scientific community.

Last month, Judge Lance Ito sided with prosecutors in ordering the hearing held outside the jury's presence. Jurors are to report Jan. 18, though the DNA hearing could last several weeks and delay opening statements until February.

Genetic testing delves into the human cells left at a crime scene in blood stains and hair strands.

Scientists compare segments of DNA from a crime scene to

samples taken from a suspect, then use population statistics to estimate the chance that two samples could have come from more than one person. Odds range from one in hundreds to one in billions.

Two types of genetic testing are at issue in Simpson's case: Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism, which has a mixed record of being admitted by California appeals courts, and Polymerase Chain Reaction,

which is so new that appeals courts have yet to take it up.

Two California appellate rulings have tossed out RFLP tests because experts disagree on the estimated odds of genetic matches.

But on Nov. 22, an appellate court upheld RFLP admissibility in a rape case. Ito has said he'll use that case for guidance.

Early warning on
new diseases set
up on regional basis

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new strain of meningitis quietly made its way from Norway to Spain, jumped over an ocean to cause epidemics in Cuba and Brazil — and then somehow sneaked into Oregon and began sickening Americans.

Now the government is setting up the nation's first early warning system for these emerging diseases with regional detection offices whose mission will be to discover exotic new germs, and detect the return of old ones, before they cause deadly outbreaks.

"This country is woefully unprepared to deal with new emerging pathogens," said Dr. David Fleming, Oregon's state epidemiologist. "These regional centers to keep us ahead of this evolution are something new and needed if we are going to win that war."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is starting programs in four states: Oregon, California, Connecticut and Minnesota.

The four Emerging Infections

Programs will tackle a few of the nation's underfunded health threats, everything from food-borne illnesses and super bacteria to the meningitis just uncovered in Oregon.

"It's a different approach and nobody's exactly sure how it will pan out, but ... ultimately the hope is to be able to prevent people from getting these various illnesses," said Dr. Arthur Reingold of the University of California, Berkeley, who is helping run that state's program.

Infectious diseases are on the rise. New ones evolve from animals, mutate or migrate from other countries. Old ones, such as tuberculosis, are returning because of drug resistance, homelessness and overcrowding.

But the nation has no way to warn doctors when a disease is about to strike, so the CDC last spring planned a \$75 million to \$125 million global sentinel system — but it didn't have the money.

Howard County Junior College District
STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND OTHER CHANGES

	Year ended August 31, 1994				Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General and Educational	Designated	Auxiliary	Restricted	1994	1993
Revenues						
State appropriations	\$ 7,424,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,035,931	\$ 8,460,882	\$ 8,064,103
Local funds						
Tuition & fees	1,762,550	-	326,366	-	2,088,916	2,030,462
Taxes for current operation	2,277,097	-	-	-	2,277,097	2,301,050
Other sources	222,778	74,005	-	176,416	473,199	362,243
Federal grants and contracts	14,625	-	-	2,074,342	2,088,967	1,811,818
State grants and contracts	-	-	-	332,083	332,083	332,078
Private gifts	284,409	-	-	134,403	418,812	358,159
Interest income	103,427	-	181	22,010	125,618	45,461
Sales and services of educational activity	156,969	-	-	-	156,969	134,174
Auxiliary enterprise revenues	-	-	1,183,741	-	1,183,741	1,050,533
Total Revenue	12,246,806	74,005	1,510,288	3,775,185	17,606,284	16,490,081
Expenditures						
Educational and general						
Instruction	5,459,276	-	-	1,158,437	6,617,713	6,409,519
Research	110,396	-	-	7,307	117,703	59,921
Academic support	836,877	-	-	87,807	924,684	517,224
Student services	1,079,507	-	-	259,825	1,339,332	1,283,378
Institutional support	1,482,860	101,272	-	377,188	1,961,320	1,756,266
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,962,265	-	-	74,894	2,037,159	1,800,919
Scholarships and fellowships	307,051	-	-	1,801,577	2,108,628	1,985,693
	11,238,232	101,272	-	3,767,035	15,106,539	13,812,920
Mandatory transfers						
Principal and interest	28,359	-	-	-	28,359	64,159
	11,266,591	101,272	-	3,767,035	15,134,898	13,877,079
Auxiliary enterprise Expenditures						
Mandatory transfers	-	-	1,524,239	-	1,524,239	1,363,457
Principal and interest	-	-	211,433	-	211,433	211,000
	-	-	1,735,672	-	1,735,672	1,574,457
Total expenditures	11,266,591	101,272	1,735,672	3,767,035	16,870,570	15,453,536
Excess revenue over (under) expenditures	\$ 980,210	\$ (27,267)	\$ (225,384)	\$ 8,150	\$ 735,714	\$ 1,036,545
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers out	(496,979)	-	(103,316)	-	(600,295)	(596,253)
Transfers in	236,606	-	362,000	1,688	600,294	597,552
Total other financing sources (uses)	(260,373)	-	258,684	1,688	(1)	1,299
Excess revenue over (under) expenditures and other uses	719,842	(27,267)	33,300	9,838	735,713	1,037,844
Fund balance at beginning of period	863,807	33,202	1,128,108	169,269	2,194,386	1,156,542
Fund balance at end of period	\$ 1,583,649	\$ 5,935	\$ 1,161,408	\$ 179,107	\$ 2,930,099	\$ 2,194,386

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Coahoma at C-City (G/B), 6:30/8 p.m.	Ira at Forsan (G/B), 6:30/8 p.m.	Wednesday	HAWKS at Panola, 7:30 p.m.
Iron Co. at Garden City (G/B), 6:30/8 p.m.	Wellman at Sands (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.		
New Home at Grady (G/B), 6:30/8 p.m.	Stanton at Rankin (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.		

Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Dave Hargrave, 263-7331, Ext 116.

The Top Twenty Associated Press poll, with first-place votes, season record based on 25 point vote through one place vote, and rank poll:

1. Nebraska (51/12)
2. Penn St. (10/12)
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4. Florida St.
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17. Carolina St.
18. Brigham Young
19. Kansas St.
20. Arizona
21. Washington St.
22. Tennessee
23. Boston College

Bowl roundup

Penn State roars; Tech crumbles

While Nebraska returned home to a salute befitting a national champion, Penn State tried to keep its mind on a game that couldn't lift it to No. 1.

Top-ranked Nebraska returned to Lincoln on Monday for its coronation, even as the second-ranked Nittany Lions struggled through a 38-20 victory over Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

Even before their official designation as national champions, the Cornhuskers, led by coach Tom Osborne, were hailed by the governor and saluted by some 15,000 screaming fans. The celebration was at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, named for the man who coached the Cornhuskers to their only other national titles, in 1971 and 1972.

Penn State also has won two national championships, but a 12-0 record wasn't enough this time. The Nittany Lions knew they had little chance after Nebraska (13-0) beat Miami 24-17 in the Orange Bowl.

Joe Paterno's team was ahead only 14-7 at halftime before getting untracked. Ki-Jana Carter ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns, while Kerry Collins was 19-for-30 for 200



Disheartened Texas Tech fans Lonnie and Jennifer Dutton watch as the Red Raiders lose to Southern California 55-14 in the Cotton Bowl Monday in Dallas.

yards passing. "It's really a shame that Penn State couldn't play Nebraska this year," Collins said. "The NCAA has to take a long look at this. This season more than anything shows that the system

must change." For Paterno, it was his fifth perfect record in 19 years at Penn State. The Nittany Lions didn't win the crown in four of those seasons — 1968, '69, '73 and '95.

"We did everything we could do within our power to win the national title," wide receiver Freddie Scott said.

In other games Sunday, it Please see BOWLS, page 7A

Expansion team names its coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The expansion Carolina Panthers are taking several risks by hiring Pittsburgh Steelers defensive coordinator Dom Capers as their first head coach.

Just by talking to Capers before the Steelers' season is over, they're risking a big fine and possible sanctions by the NFL, including the loss of draft choices. They're also gambling that a man who has never been a head coach can quickly transform expansion players into a team as aggressive and successful as his sacking, attacking Steelers defense.



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What the Panthers wouldn't risk was losing Capers to another NFL team. With the Philadelphia Eagles also interested in Capers, the Panthers apparently decided they couldn't wait any longer to go after the man they wanted.

With the Steelers aware of the situation, the Panthers apparently ignored the NFL's stringent anti-tampering rules by interviewing and hiring Capers last week. Under NFL rules, a team cannot talk to another team's coaches until that team's season is over. Steelers coach Bill Cowher isn't confirming the numerous print and broadcast reports that he'll soon be seeking a new defensive coordinator, but he isn't denying them, either. "This organization, Dom included, will have no comment until our season is over," Cowher said Monday.

The Panthers contacted the Steelers before talking to Capers, but apparently didn't go directly through team president Dan Rooney, a proponent of the anti-tampering rule. It is more likely the permission came from Cowher, who possibly wasn't as cognizant of the rule as Rooney.

Cowher described Capers as a thoughtful, analytical coach whose best quality might be his communicative skills. "Communication is most important thing in our business, and he's a good communicator," Cowher said.

NBC officially crowned coach King of the Universe Sunday

We have seen the Lord. He was on television Sunday night.

His name is Tom Osborne. Didn't know God coached football, did you? Sorry to load you with blasphemy, but didn't you get the feeling Osborne was some sort of deity as NBC rolled Nebraska's stunning come-from-behind win over Miami in the Orange Bowl? Good Lord! (Osborne lifts his red eyebrows, tilts his head upward to say, "You called?") NBC kissed up to Osborne more than it has kissed Notre Dame's behind.

All in one night. Bob Costas and his cohorts picked the story of the game - Nebraska's latest opportunity to erase years of bowl busts and missed national championships, a saga of which Osborne has been the main character for more than two decades. By the end of the game, however, the sentimental story became more annoying than Eddie Haskell and Lumpy Rutherford. NBC play-by-play man Tom Hammond could have let pictures tell the story as the Huskers clinched that elusive national title, but instead he took the time to read poetry - all for the benefit of Osborne, the long-suffering coach. Please!!! There were some players involved in the win too, you know! Osborne may be a great guy, but what do we know? He's a great coach, no argument there. Thank goodness coaches aren't graded solely for on-camera charisma, cause Osborne is about as chummy and likable on camera as Richard Nixon



Dave Hargrave Sports Editor

was in the 1960 Presidential debates. Why did Osborne and his quest have priority over the game itself? NBC graciously took the time to interview Miami coach Dennis Erickson, but only so Erickson could assure the public that his team was indeed going to try to win the football game. Thanks for letting us know, coach. Of course, Erickson added that if Miami weren't playing Nebraska, he'd be all for Osborne. Gag! Just play the game - who gives a darn who the coaches are? Given a choice, most coaches (certainly Osborne) would step aside and let their players soak all of the spotlight. Why can't the media accommodate them? If NBC had just mentioned Osborne and his story before the game, then returned to it after the game, that would have been wonderful. Instead, NBC

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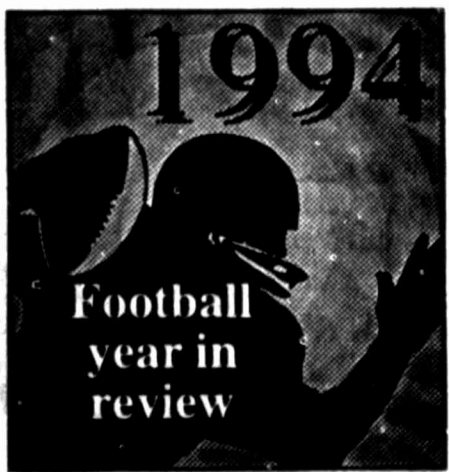
HAIL TO THE CHAMPS



Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne, left, hands the microphone to Abdul Muhammad at a rally Monday in Lincoln, Neb. The rally celebrated Nebraska's victory over Miami in Sunday night's Orange Bowl.

Sands made playoffs, Grady flipped out, 'Dogs came oh-so-close

By DAVE HARGRAVE Sports Editor



The story of the 1994 Crossroads Country football season was the Big Spring Steers.

At least in Big Spring. Those of you who followed other teams had quite a year as well.

First, you have to look toward the north on Highway 87 to the Sands Mustangs. The Mustangs (9-3) won six-man District 6 and were briefly ranked No. 1 in the state early in the season. Sands won a bi-district playoff game over Highland before

falling to Dell City in the area round.

Grady (8-2) could have had the District 6 title, but a coin flip kept the Wildcats out of the playoffs. Grady did complete a rare double-dip, beating Sands and Klondike in the same season. Sands, Grady and Klondike all appeared in the state's top 10 in '94.

On the 11-man front, Greenwood was a huge story, finishing 9-2 and earning its first playoff win. Using a wishbone attack, the Rangers charged to more than 400 yards

per game. They lost to Ballinger opening night, then didn't lose again until Ballinger beat them in the area playoffs. Greenwood beat Clint in bi-district.

Coahoma (6-4) won four of its five non-district games, then became district title contenders with an 11-8 win at home against Wall, the eventual district champion. Though the Bulldogs missed the playoffs, they did land Crossroads Country's only First Team all-state selection - 6-foot-3, 210-pound senior linebacker

Brandon McGuire.

The 'Dogs were still in the playoff hunt on the final night of the season, but they had to travel to Stanton. Stanton (7-3) had a superb team, led by the stellar running of Jerele-Lee, and they proved it with an easy 35-15 win. Lee rushed for 219 yards in that game and easily crossed the 1,000-yard mark for the season, but stumbles against Winters and Wall cost the Buffs a shot at the playoffs. As far as playoff contention, that pretty much sums up the excitement of the 1994 season. Still, plenty of great players

from the area made their presence known.

Garden City's Brent Seidenberger and Forsan's Shane Sims played well enough to earn spots on the Herald's Crossroads Country Honor Roll despite playing for teams that had disappointing years. They made First Team Defense, as did seniors David Foresyth, Leslie Adkins, Brien Burchett, Frankie Flores and Tony Rodriguez (Big Spring); McGuire; Rusty Purser (Greenwood); and Luis Castro, J.J. Ortiz and Eric Martel (Stanton).

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



How 'bout that! Colorado quarter-back coach Rick Neuheisel and James Kidd celebrate a Colorado touchdown in the first half of the Fiesta Bowl Monday. Colorado slapped Notre Dame 41-24.

TEXAS SPORTS

UTEP grounds Air Force

EL PASO (AP) — Antoine Gillespie scored 25 points and George Banks added 19 as Texas-El Paso defeated Air Force 80-64 in the Western Athletic Conference opener for both teams. The Miners (7-3) outscored the Falcons (4-6) 17-5 in the last five minutes of the first half and first five minutes of the second half in pulling away to a 49-33 lead.

KU women defeat Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Kansas' Angie Halbleib nailed a pair of free throws with 14 seconds remaining and Tandra Rucker of Houston missed a baseline jumper as the 17th-ranked Jayhawks held off the Lady Cougars 99-98 Monday night. Houston is 5-6.

NATION/WORLD

Heisman winner goes pro

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam confirmed that he will leave Colorado a year early to enter the NFL draft. Salaam, who had said he would wait until Friday to make an announcement, broke the news minutes after Colorado's 41-24 victory over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

Lady Vols top hoops poll

(AP) — Tennessee was the unanimous top choice in The Associated Press women's poll for the seventh straight week. Connecticut was second, followed by Louisiana Tech, North Carolina, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Colorado, Penn State, Texas Tech and Alabama.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Purdue at Michigan, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
S. Carolina at Mississippi St., 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
Pro
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).

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FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and ranking in the previous poll:

Record	Pts	Pv
1. Nebraska (51/12)	13-0-0	1,530/12
2. Penn State (10/12)	12-0-0	1,497/12
3. Colorado	11-1-0	1,410/4
4. Florida State	10-1-1	1,320/7
5. Alabama	12-1-0	1,312/6
6. Miami	10-2-0	1,240/3
7. Florida	10-2-1	1,153/5
8. Texas A&M	10-0-1	1,117/8
9. Auburn	9-1-1	1,110/9
10. Utah	10-2-0	955/14
11. Oregon	9-4-0	810/12
12. Michigan	8-4-0	732/20
13. Southern Cal	8-3-1	691/21
14. Ohio State	9-4-0	672/13
15. Virginia	9-3-0	648/18
16. Colorado State	10-2-0	630/10
17. N. Carolina State	9-3-0	511/23
18. Brigham Young	10-3-0	500/22
19. Kansas State	9-3-0	496/11
20. Arizona	8-4-0	364/15
21. Washington State	8-4-0	344/24
22. Tennessee	8-4-0	303/—
23. Boston College	7-4-1	236/—

24. Mississippi State	8-4-0	180/16
25. Texas	8-4-0	99/—

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 75, North Carolina 65, Wisconsin 54, Illinois 45, Washington 41, Duke 9, Syracuse 7, Air Force 2, South Carolina 2.

College Bowls

College Bowl Games	All Times EST
Thursday, Dec. 15	Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas	UNLV 52, Central Michigan 24
Sunday, Dec. 25	Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.	Blue 36, Gray 27
Aloha Bowl	At Honolulu
Boston College 12, Kansas State 7	
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.	Utah 16, Arizona 13
Wednesday, Dec. 28	Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.	Virginia 20, Texas Christian 10
Thursday, Dec. 29	Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.	Brigham Young 31, Oklahoma 6

Friday, Dec. 30	Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta	South Carolina State 31, Grambling State 27
Sun Bowl	At El Paso, Texas
Texas 35, North Carolina 31	
Gator Bowl	At Gainesville, Fla.
Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23	
Holiday Bowl	At San Diego
Michigan 24, Colorado State 14	

Saturday, Dec. 31	Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.	Illinois 30, East Carolina 0
Alamo Bowl	At San Antonio
Washington State 10, Baylor 3	
Sunday, Jan. 1	Peach Bowl
At Atlanta	North Carolina State 28, Mississippi State 24
Orange Bowl	At Miami
Nebraska 24, Miami 17	

Monday, Jan. 2	Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.	Wisconsin 34, Duke 20
Citrus Bowl	At Orlando, Fla.
Alabama 24, Ohio State 17	
Cotton Bowl	

At Dallas	Southern California 55, Texas Tech 14
Carquest Bowl	At Miami
South Carolina 24, West Virginia 21	
Fiesta Bowl	At Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24	
Rose Bowl	At Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State 36, Oregon 20	
Sugar Bowl	At New Orleans
Florida State 23, Florida 17	

Saturday, Jan. 14	East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.	East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 21	Senior Bowl
Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 22	At Honolulu
Hula Bowl	East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

National Basketball Association	All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE	Atlantic Division
W L Pct. GB	
Orlando	23 6 .793 —
New York	15 12 .556 7
Boston	11 17 .393 11/12
New Jersey	12 19 .387 12
Philadelphia	10 18 .357 12 1/2

Chicago 35, Minnesota 18	
Divisional Playoffs	Saturday, Jan. 7
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.	
Chicago at San Francisco, 4 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 8	Green Bay at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 4 p.m.	

Sunday, Jan. 15	AFC and NFC Championships, 12:30 and 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 29	Super Bowl at Miami, 6 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 5	Pro Bowl at Honolulu, 6 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE	Midwest Division
W L Pct. GB	
Utah	19 9 .679 —
Houston	18 9 .667 1/2
San Antonio	15 10 .600 2 1/2
Dallas	13 12 .520 4 1/2
Denver	14 13 .519 4 1/2
Minnesota	6 20 .231 12

Pacific Division	W L Pct. GB
Phoenix	21 7 .750 —
Seattle	18 9 .667 2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	17 9 .654 3
Sacramento	15 12 .556 5 1/2
Portland	13 13 .500 7
Golden State	10 17 .370 10 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4 25 .136 17 1/2

Monday's Games	No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games	Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7:30 p.m.	
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
Phoenix at Sacramento, 8 p.m.	
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.	
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.	
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.	

Wednesday's Games	Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.	
New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.	
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.	
Seattle at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.	
Washington at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.	
Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.	

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SOUTH	W L Pct. GB
Alabama 86, Cent. Connecticut St.	39
Coll. of Charleston 72, Campbell 48	
Duke 107, S. Carolina St. 61	
Fla. International 75, Georgia St. 64	
Florida Atlantic 68, Carnegie Mellon 66	
Marshall 89, E. Kentucky 64	
Murray St. 111, Alcorn St. 100	
N. Carolina St. 89, Winthrop 46	
NW Louisiana 69, NE Louisiana 56	
SE Louisiana 100, Centenary 92	
South Florida 57, N.C.-Wilmington 38	
Troy St. 110, Seima 84	
Tulane 86, Drake 72	

MIDWEST	W L Pct. GB
Appalachian St. 84, Loyola, Ill. 75	
SOUTHWEST	W L Pct. GB
Oklahoma St. 112, Alaska	

College Scores

EAST	Seton Hall 72, Miami 54
St. Joseph's 83, Loyola, Md. 53	
Vermont 82, Dartmouth 70	

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TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING
SARCO RACING—Named Greg Sacks driver for 1995.

BASEBALL
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Signed Kevin Kobetsch, pitcher, to a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed Greg Kite, center-forward, to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Fired Walt Corey, defensive coordinator.

Kidd earns 'passing' grade from coaches

DALLAS (AP) — Jason Kidd admits he belongs in calf-hugging tube socks, short shorts and Chuck Taylor canvas high-tops.

In an NBA era dominated by 20-somethings obsessed with hanging on the rim after their dunks, striking poses for their commercials and comparing zeros in their bank accounts, the Mavericks rookie is a breath of fresh air for a rare, dying breed who appreciate the lost art of passing the basketball.

"Some people say I'm a throwback," Kidd said. "I don't know about that. I just love to pass. I guess that appeals to the older generation. Hopefully, I can do my part to make it vogue to pass the ball at any age."

Kidd's National Basketball Association career is only 25 games old, but there's no hiding where it's heading. Following in the footsteps and chest passes of legendary assist men Bob Cousy, Nate Archibald, Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson and John Stockton, Kidd seems destined to re-establish the assist as an exciting, marketable basketball play.

"People go to games just to watch Jason pass," Mavericks coach Dick Motta said. "It's been a long time since you heard that about someone."

Despite struggling with his shooting, Kidd has already proved why the Mavericks paid \$54 million for his services.

"He can control a game without scoring a single point," teammate Jamal Mashburn said. "Players like that don't come around very often."

But for all his playmaking and productive energy, it's Kidd's innate ability to propel a round ball from Point A to Point B with precise efficiency and awe-inspiring flash that is drawing attention from fans and praise from the game's all-time best ballhandlers.

"He's got great instincts," said Utah's Stockton, who is on pace to become the NBA's all-time assists leader in February. "You can see it in his eyes. He has a passion for passing. When he gets the ball, everybody in the arena and his four teammates all perk up. It's like they expect something great to happen."

Since a spectacular opening night in which he energized a victory against New Jersey with a smorgasbord of behind-the-back and no-look assists, Kidd has excelled.

"I'm getting used to my teammates, and they're getting used to me," said Kidd, 21, who occasionally bounces a pass off an unsuspecting teammate's face. "I'm not real concerned with my stats, except that our record is better than most people predicted."

His 8.0 assists-per-game average is ninth in the league, a pace that would challenge Derek Harper's team record single season assist mark of 637 but needs to improve if Kidd hopes to surpass then-New York Knick Mark Jackson's rookie assist record of 868. Kidd's contract, however, contains no assist incentives.

"I wouldn't have dared asked for bonuses for assists," said Kidd, whose assist-to-turnover

ratio is 193-73. "When I make an assist, I'm just doing my job. That's why the Mayericks drafted me."

It's also why his idol, Johnson, speaks so highly of Kidd.

"He's impressive, fun to watch," said Johnson, the current all-time assists leader with 9,921. "What I like is that after one of those plays where he jumps in the air, looks one way and goes behind his back the

other way to set up a dunk, he just busts his butt back on defense. You've got to love his attitude. He's a player."

Kidd, accustomed to but still not comfortable with gushing compliments, shies away from any comparisons to Hall of Famers such as Johnson, Robertson and Cousy, who never shot above 39 percent in any season but is considered one of the NBA's founding fathers of assists after leading the league eight consecutive seasons from 1952 to '60.

"People can mention me in the same sentence with Magic and Cousy because that would be proper English," Kidd joked. "But there's no comparison. I'm just a rookie learning the ropes. Someday, maybe."

Kidd said there's nothing magical about his play, explaining that fast-break, no-look assists are a natural part of his pedigree developed as the youngest, shortest player on the blacktop courts in Oakland, Calif.

"When you're the 10th guy picked to play," Kidd said, "you pass the ball or you don't get picked again."

Not all of Kidd's ability is natural. Sure, he has the physical hand-eye coordination to thread the eye of a needle in a haystack, but he also has a quick-thinking mind that appears to keep him one step ahead of the other nine players on the court.

Consider the mental checklist Kidd goes through upon grabbing a rebound, making a steal or receiving an outlet pass en route to an assist:

- "First I have to identify where the other players are and figure out where they're going to be in the next couple of seconds. Knowing the personnel is half of the solution."
- "After looking for a long pass possibility, I determine by personnel and pure numbers whether to push the ball or not. A lot goes into that, like realizing who is on my left, on my right, who is back on defense and what the game situation is."

Bowls

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was No. 3 Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24 in the Fiesta; No. 4 Florida State 23, No. 7 Florida 17 in the Sugar; No. 13 Southern Cal 55, Texas Tech 14 in the Cotton; No. 5 Alabama 24, No. 14 Ohio State 17 in the Citrus; Wisconsin 34, Duke 20 in the Hall of Fame; and South Carolina 24, West Virginia 21 in the Carquest.

Fiesta
Colorado 41
Notre Dame 24

At Tempe, Ariz., the final college games for coach Bill McCartney and Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam wasn't close. The Buffaloes (12-1 this season, 93-55-5 overall under McCartney) had too much of everything for Notre Dame (6-5-1), which failed to give coach Lou Holtz his 200th career victory.

McCartney is retiring and Salaam announced after the game he is bypassing his senior season for the NFL.

Salaam rushed for only 83 yards on 27 carries — more than 100 yards below his average — but scored three times. Quarterback Kordell Stewart ran seven times for 143 yards, completed 11 of 20 passes for 205 more and accounted for two scores.

Then Salaam said he was turning pro.

Sugar
Florida State 23
Florida 17

At New Orleans, the Seminoles won an NCAA-record 10th consecutive bowl game, riding the wave of confidence built by their stunning

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harped on it all night. Remember that famous failed two-point conversion in the 1984 Orange Bowl that cost Nebraska the national title? How could you forget? NBC showed that play — an 11-year-old play, mind you — at least five times.

It's a miracle Osborne didn't jump out of a cake during the Orange Bowl halftime show.

Healthy again, Nelson returns to bench

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Golden State coach Don Nelson says he has learned from his seven-game absence while recovering from viral pneumonia, and vows to avoid the mistakes he made during a fall of turmoil.

"I'm going to try not to take blame for everything that happens on the basketball court, which is something I've always

comeback against the Gators in a regular-season tie.

When they met on Nov. 26, the Gators blew a 31-3 lead in the fourth quarter. This time, FSU (10-1-1) controlled most of the action, holding Florida (10-2-1) to a season-low point total.

Danny Kanell threw for 252 yards and one touchdown, and halfback Warrick Dunn connected on a 73-yard scoring pass to Omar Ellison. Kanell was 23-for-40 for Florida State as the teams combined for 774 yards passing. Dunn had 182 all-purpose yards, rushing for 58 on 14 carries and catching nine passes for 51, in addition to his TD pass to Ellison.

Cotton
Southern Cal 55
Texas Tech 14

At Dallas, in the mismatch of the day, Southern Cal made its first trip to the Cotton Bowl a memorable one, building a 48-0 lead.

Rob Johnson threw three touchdown passes and Keyshawn Johnson caught three, including an 86-yarder from backup Brad Otton. Rob Johnson completed 16 of 21 passes for 289 yards and left after the first series of the second half — 3 yards short of the bowl record.

Citrus
Alabama 24
Ohio State 17

At Orlando, Fla., Sherman Williams was the one standout in a sloppy game.

Williams caught a short pass from Jay Barker and turned it into a 50-yard touchdown with 42 seconds remaining, giving Alabama (12-1) the victory.



Associated Press photo
Texas Tech punter Brad Cade puts his head in his hands after the Red Raiders' 55-14 loss to Southern Cal in the Cotton Bowl Monday.

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NEEDED TO FILL Immediate opening for full time dishwasher. Apply in person at 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, EOE.
Cook/Cashier Needed. All shifts. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700.

VEHICLES

Autos for Sale 016
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Pickups 027

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1995 VAGABOND TRAVEL Trailer 28ft. Fully self-contained, air, large radius windows. Excellent!! Suburban East RV.

Oops!!!
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Announcements 036

1995 CALENDARS
of Old Time Big Spring now at The Heritage Museum. 267-8255.
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Help Wanted 085

BIG SPRING COUNTRY CLUB needs Wait Staff, day shift. Apply Tuesday-Friday 9:00-5:00.
COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER has the following openings for the right qualified person: Certified Nurses Aide 6:00-2:00; Full-time Social Worker. Competitive wages, benefits. EOE. Apply at 3200 Parkway.
Drivers-OTR
Beep, Beep...

Roadrunner wants YOU! \$1,000 sign-on bonus, full insurance benefits, rider program, 401k plan and much more. Call 800-285-8267 for details!

FAT BOY'S FINA MART, FM 700 has 1 part-time cashier position open, possibly full-time. Must be willing to work days, evenings and weekends. Apply in person! Absolutely no phone calls.

Get Cash in One Hour For Your Income Tax Refund Check. Bring W-2's, ID & SS Card. 1 mile North of Rip Griffin's on Lamesa Hwy.

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week processing products at home. No experience. Call 1-504-946-1700 DEPT. TX-2174.

Help Wanted 085

HELP WANTED: Receptionist/Data-entry clerk. Temporary during busy season. Flexible hours OK. Must be organized, pleasant and reliable and have basic office skills. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3709, Big Spring.

IMMEDIATE OPENING

Part-time position for just the right man in local laundromat business. Stability-mechanical skills are essential. For more information call 267-3014 evenings only or apply at 1208 Gregg St.

MECHANIC NEEDED: Apply in person at Hughes Auto Sales, 1611 S. Gregg, Salary.

MEDICAL LABORATORIES
Phlebotomist needed in the Big Spring and Stanton area. Please send your resumes to: Medical Laboratories, 605 E. 4th St., Suite 200, Odessa, TX 79760. (915)335-0361.

R&H WELL SERVICE now hiring experienced Pulling Unit Operator. Class B CDL required. Paid insurance and Profit sharing. Apply in person 1300 E. Hwy 350.

RN & LVN
Needed to fill immediately openings in the field of home health nursing. Full-time positions, Monday-Friday (occasional call), excellent salary and benefits. Contact Jan Yoder, Medical Arts Hospital, 1600 N. Bryan, Lamesa, TX 79331. 806-872-2183.

R.N. POSITION open at Best Home Care Incorporated. Excellent benefits with competitive salary. Apply at 1710 Marcy Drive.

TREY TRUCKS now hiring experienced Transport Driver, Class A CDL w/hazmat required. Profit sharing and paid insurance. Apply in person 1300 E. Hwy 350.

WAITRESS WANTED: Experience helpful, good salary plus tips. Apply between 3:00pm and 4:00pm daily at 1602 Marcy Drive, The Brewery, Under New Management.

WAITRESS NEEDED: Must be at least 18 and able to work split-shift. Apply at Red Mesa Grill, 2401 Gregg.

WANTED: Experienced Dry Clean/Laundry Personnel. Apply in person 2107 Gregg.

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Blue Ribbon winning Coastal Bermuda horse quality square bale. \$4.50 each. Delivered/Stacked. \$500. minimum. 512-461-3266.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Antiques 290

ALAMO ANTIQUES & GENERAL STORE
114 E. 2nd 264-9334
Buy-Sell-Trade

Drexel bedroom set, Twin bedroom painted white, Oak kitchen cabinet, Oak table & 6 chairs, Oak ice box, Old books, Glassware, Collectibles.

Auctions 325

SPRING CITY AUCTION-ROBERT PRUITT
Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

Computer 370

FOR SALE: Macintosh Power Book 170 Computer. Also, computer desk. Call 263-4665.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE: Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

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LIVING ROOM GROUP
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Cakes, catering, silk wedding florals. Book your wedding for next year, prior to January 30 for 10% discount on custom made items. Plan Now! See 2 wedding displays in Big Spring Mall.
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Acresage for Sale 504

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Buildings For Sale 506

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LARGE SELECTION of portable buildings priced to sell. Some damaged, some returned from lease. Delivery and terms available. Call 563-1807 after 5:00pm call 550-5225.

Business Property 508

BUSINESS PROPERTY for sale or lease. Good location. 907 E. 4th St. For more information call 263-6319.
SMALL BUILDING or car lot. \$150 per month plus deposit. 810 E. 4th. 263-5000.

Commercial Real Estate 511

CANCELED
G-KELL F. 97% occ. Colorado City. Call ERA 267-8266.
NICE 60'x80' SHOP. Built new in 1981 with 4 acres, yard fenced-in with 7ft. chain-link fence with an additional 6 acres. Price: \$65,000. Call 267-3126, 8:00-5:00

FOR SALE

Commercial property with large metal building, fenced yard - located at 2nd and Young. For more information call (915) 267-5555

Houses for Sale 513

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATHS, garage, built-in range, oven, microwave, fireplace. Under \$50,000. 263-4652.

BY OWNER: NON-QUALIFYING ASSUMABLE
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Mobile Homes 517

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TUESDAY

JAN. 3

Table with 31 columns representing different TV channels (KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing programs and their start times.

PEANUTS comic strip panels showing characters talking about a substitute teacher and a raise.

GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip showing cars crashing and a character named Rover.

B.C. comic strip showing a character talking to a bird and another character talking about a fish.

HI AND LOIS comic strip showing characters talking about 'naughty nines' and 'terrible tens'.

DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip showing a character with a large nose and a character with a large mouth.

FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip showing a character walking in the snow and talking about celery.

THE Daily Crossword by Eugene Puffenberger. Includes a crossword puzzle grid and a list of clues.

This date in history. A world map and text describing historical events on January 3, 1995.

Monday's Puzzle solved: A grid of words and phrases. Includes a list of words like 'PAYS', 'ROSE', 'ENOS', etc.

Big Spring Herald advertisement. Includes contact information, phone numbers, and a list of staff members.

BLONDIE comic strip showing a character talking about a raise and a ten-dollar bill.

CALVIN AND HOBBS comic strip showing a character talking about a bulldogging contest and a character named Rover.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip showing a character talking about a definition of 'mixed reaction'.

HAGGAR THE HORRIBLE comic strip showing a character talking about accessorizing.

BEETLE BAILY comic strip showing a character talking about a rat and a character named Julius.

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip showing a character talking about a plumb accident and a character named Jamey.

GEECH comic strip showing a character talking about a raise and a character named Fester.

Comic strip showing a character talking about a 10-foot pole.

Comic strip showing a character talking about a stick with it.

RITZ movie listings. Includes showtimes and prices for movies like 'The Lion King' and 'Street Fighter'.

CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4. Includes showtimes and prices for movies like 'Dumb and Dumber' and 'The Jungle Book'.

ered diplomatic relations with Cuba. Text describing historical events related to Argentina, Cuba, and the United States.

THE QUIGMANS by Buddy Hickerson. A comic strip showing a character talking about a walk and a character named Bob.