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Training lapse - who's to blame?

■ *50 policies questioned in light of shooting death of trooper*

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

If you train a person to do a job and the job is done wrong, do you blame the person or the trainer?

This is the question that has been raised by former Howard County Deputy Woodie Howell in light of the recent shooting of Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue.

According to Howell, Deputy Clifford McCartney's handling of accused killer Levy Lee Edmondson on Dec. 29 was a

result of what Sheriff A.N. Standard has always instructed his deputies to do.

"McCartney was doing what he was trained to do," Howell said.

He added deputies rarely arrest DWI suspects, which is a result of Standard's own policies.

According to sources, the Big Spring police officers who transported Edmondson to the Howard County jail following the shooting stated that he

reeked of alcohol, which means he should have at least been patted down and questioned as a possible DWI suspect.

Standard said Edmondson was in the deputy's vehicle for a few minutes only before DPS Troopers arrived, which implies that McCartney may not have been aware of Edmondson's intoxicated state.

According to DPS Capt. Coy Clanton, this and several other

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Herald photo by Carlton Johnson
Jerry Worthy and Beverly McMahon were honored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce as Man and Woman of the Year at its annual banquet Thursday.

Welfare reform - a 'back-to-work' plan

AUSTIN (AP) — State Comptroller John Sharp says his recommendations to reform the welfare system will get recipients back to work.

"The problem with the system, not just in Texas, but everywhere, is that the No. 1 goal of the welfare system is to get the checks to people," Sharp said Thursday.

He said the welfare system should get "people to the point where they can get off of welfare."

The plan calls for a 24-month limit on people receiving cash assistance from the state, requiring mothers who have additional children while on welfare to identify the father, and revoking state driver's and

occupational licenses of fathers who are delinquent in child support payments.

It also seeks to improve access to child care and job training.

Sharp said the proposals would save \$26.4 million over the next two years, which is a fraction of the more than \$1 billion spent over two years by the state on Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Texas' monthly AFDC grant — the state's major cash assistance program for the poor — is the third lowest in the nation.

Sharp's 188-page report will be forwarded to the Legislature. Last year, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock asked Sharp to study Texas'

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THE PLAN

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is a description of the welfare system in Texas, and proposals by State Comptroller John Sharp to change it:

Texas Welfare

— In the 1994-95 budget cycle, Texas will spend \$18.6 billion in state and federal funds for Medicaid.

— In 1993, Texas' Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments totaled \$533.5 million.

— In 1993, more than 2.6 million Texans received food stamps valued at \$2.2 billion.

— To initially qualify for minimum benefits, a single parent

with two children may earn no more than \$402 per month in Texas, as compared with \$778 on average nationwide.

— In fiscal year 1994, an average of 277,000 families, or 781,500 persons per month, received AFDC grants and related benefits in Texas.

— The typical AFDC head of household is a single, 30-year-old female with 12 or fewer years of schooling, no current employment and no additional sources of outside income.

— The typical AFDC family — a mother and two children —

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Search continues for Subway robber

By **KELLIE JONES**
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials continue to search for a man suspected of robbing a sandwich shop clerk at gunpoint on Dec. 29.

According to police reports, a Hispanic male walked into Subway at 1000 S. Gregg St. around 10 p.m. on Dec. 29. He brandished a small chrome-plated semi-automatic pistol and demanded money. The clerk complied and the suspect fled

the scene with an undetermined amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 25-30 years old, 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighing 170 pounds. He fled the store in a small blue or gray colored vehicle.

CrimeStoppers is asking anyone who has information about the crime to call 263-TIPS. CrimeStoppers will pay up to \$1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest, indictment or conviction of the person involved in this crime.

Woman burned while trying to start fireplace; treated and released

By **KELLIE JONES**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman is recovering from burns she suffered while trying to start a fire in her fireplace.

According to Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles, firefighters were called to 3712 Hatch St. around 3:45 p.m. Thursday in reference to a fire.

Because of the cold weather, Linda Huckabee was apparently trying to start a fire in the fireplace by using lighter fluid.

"She put the charcoal lighter

fluid on the wood and used a match to light it. Vapors from the fluid had already built up and her clothes caught on fire. She had burns on one of her calves, lower torso and left arm. She was able to drive herself to the emergency room," Settles said.

Huckabee was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Damage to her home was estimated at \$1,000.

Settles reminds people not to use lighter fluid as an accelerator when trying to start a fire in a fireplace.

CRITTER CARE



Herald photo by Tim Appel
Andy Partain carries an armful of hay to one of the dog pens that will go inside the dog houses in order for the animals to keep warm from the freezing temperatures at the Big Spring Humane Society Wednesday afternoon.

McMahon, Worthy honored for their contributions to city

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Beverly McMahon and Jerry Worthy were named Woman and Man of the Year at the annual Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday night.

McMahon's accomplishments include being a businesswoman for 17 years and serving as the executive director of Big Spring Main Street for three years.

She also opened the first restaurant in the railroad car located at First and Main Street and organized cleaning groups for downtown and had murals painted on empty buildings.

Her most recent accomplishment was raising money to renovate the Dora Roberts Community Center.

McMahon is also a pioneer of what is now a citywide effort to

bulldoze vacant building and overgrown lots.

Worthy works in real estate and is the owner of Big Spring RV Park.

He has served two terms as president of the Salvation Army, and is a junior warden in the vestry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Worthy is on the boards of the Big Spring Symphony and the Heritage Museum and has served as president and in several other capacities of the Big Spring Rotary Club.

He has also served as president of the Texas Association of Campground Owners and is an active member of the chamber, specifically in tourism and planning.

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce has become a key player in several areas in Big

Sharp: State's most important goal to develop human resources

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

State Comptroller John Sharp said the future of Texas depends on how well the state develops its most important resources — its human resources.

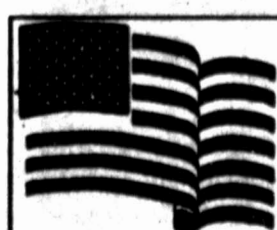
Sharp was the guest speaker Thursday night at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Outgoing Chamber president Jeff Morris introduced Sharp by referring to Sharp's book entitled, "Forces of Change."

Sharp's remarks centered around the book he says was written by 1,000 businessmen and businesswomen from around the state.

"The book is really about what the future of Texas will be. Any good economist will tell

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U.S. Trivia

Clayton Antitrust Act passed when?

Oct. 15, 1914

The first conscription law was passed when?

May 18, 1917

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Four firefighters were feared dead after they were trapped inside a blazing warehouse when the main floor collapsed into the basement. See page 5A.

World: Russian warplanes pounded the Chechen capital again today, and President Boris Yeltsin demanded his top ministers explain why the deadly bombings continued after he pledged they would be called off. See page 4A.



STATE

Poorly managed

Poor management at Texas A&M has led to increased costs, unlawful activity and ridicule at the nation's third largest university, according to a critical state audit. See page 3A.

Dice game shoot-out

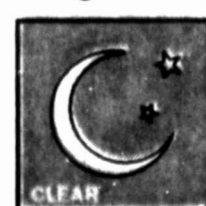
Police on Thursday sought a 20-year-old man charged with opening fire at a late-night dice game, killing three people and injuring four others after they refused to buy stolen handguns. See page 3A.

Rabies confirmed

Results from health officials show a 12th animal in San Saba Co. died from rabies. See page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight



55 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 25

Cloudy

Tonight, clear, low mid 20s, light winds.

Permian Basin Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high upper 50s, south winds 10 to 20 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high upper 50s, south winds 10 to 20 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.

Monday: Mostly sunny, high upper 50s, south winds 10 to 20 mph; clear night, low mid 20s.

Saturday



OBITUARIES

Marie Darrow

Services for Marie Ann Darrow, 83, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, officiating. Private family graveside services will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Darrow died Wednesday, Jan. 4, at her son's residence in Austin.

She was born on July 27, 1911, in Hillsboro, and married Paul Darrow on June 1, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 18, 1981. She had been a resident of Big Spring most of her life. She had worked as a territory manager for Kentucky Central Life Insurance Company starting in 1950 and retiring in 1969. Mrs. Darrow was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was currently serving as president of the Philathea Sunday School Class.

Survivors include one son: Richard Darrow, Austin; two brothers: W.H. Zarafonets, Big Spring, and J.H. Zarafonets, Odessa; one sister: Patsy Huckabee, Snyder; and six grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son: Billy Paul Darrow on March 7, 1987.

The family suggests memorials to: Hospice of Austin, 3710 Cedar St., Austin, Texas 78705.

Allen H. Booe

Graveside services for Allen H. Booe, 35, Midland, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 1995, at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton, with Rev. Bob Porterfield, of Midland, officiating, and under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Mr. Booe died Tuesday, Jan. 3, in Midland.

He was born Sept. 11, 1959, in Seminole. He formerly lived in Houston. He was a welder.

Survivors include his mother: Joyce Booe, Midland; one brother: Ritchie Lewis Booe, Midland; and his grandmothers: Arvel Jones, Midland, and Dixie Edman, Sacramento, Calif.

Victoria C. Diaz

Funeral services for Victoria C. Diaz, of Midland, will be 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 1995, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Alvin Wilde officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland. A rosary was held 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Diaz died Wednesday, Jan. 4, at her Midland residence.

She was born March 6, 1908, in Colima, Colima, Mexico. At an early age she and her family moved to Big Spring. They moved to Midland in 1950. Mrs. Diaz was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons: A.C. Diaz, Joe C. Diaz, Sr. and M.C. Diaz, all of Midland; four daughters: Maria Gomez,

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Ann Darrow, 83, died Wednesday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 7, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Private family graveside services will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Austin, Angela D. Oigin, Margarita D. Oigin and Lupe Diaz, all of Midland; one sister: Amalia Gonzalez, Austin; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Reform

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welfare system. Bullock said Sharp's review, combined with an earlier report by state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, on Medicaid needs, demonstrates that Congress must overhaul the welfare system.

"If you're going to save much money, you're going to have to get the federal government to make some changes," said Bullock's spokesman Cindy Rugeley.

Many of the proposals would require a waiver of federal law, state legislation or both, Sharp said. If Congress reforms the welfare system, Sharp said his recommendations could still be implemented.

One of his main recommendations would limit AFDC benefits to 24 months for "employable recipients." Sharp has proposed testing that concept in 10,000 cases out of the approximately 275,000 AFDC families in Texas.

A report by the Texas Department of Human Services indicates that 51 percent of those on AFDC in 1993 had been on the program for more than two years. Twenty-five percent had received benefits for at least five years.

While limiting AFDC benefits, Sharp also recommends flexibility in helping a person make the transition from welfare to work.

Under his plan, Medicaid benefits could be extended for several months when welfare recipients become employed so that if one of their children becomes ill they don't have to return to welfare to get health care.

Republican Gov.-elect George W. Bush was pleased with the report. He said many of the Democratic comptroller's proposals were similar to ones he made during the campaign. Bush's spokeswoman Karen Hughes said.

Plan

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received a maximum AFDC grant of \$188 per month, or about \$2,250 annually, less than 20 percent of the poverty level. Texas' monthly AFDC grant is the nation's third lowest after Mississippi and Tennessee.

— AFDC families automatically qualify for food stamps and Medicaid benefits.

— The typical Texas welfare family received benefits totaling \$778 per month: \$188 in AFDC payments; \$286 in Medicaid; and \$304 in food stamps.

Sharp's Proposals

— Establish a pilot project of 10,000 AFDC recipients and limit them to a total of 24 months of payments over a lifetime.

— Require mothers who have additional children to identify the father.

— Use automated fingerprint imaging to stop welfare fraud.

— Require non-custodial parents to attend job training and education classes.

— Remove rules that discourage marriage for low-income couples.

— Increase child support enforcement.

— Cut the bureaucracy and streamline eligibility at health care sites.

— Transfer eligible AFDC recipients to Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance.

— Increase local control and flexibility of health and human

service providers.

— Expand use of electronic benefits transfers to cut fraud, improve service, and save money.

— Use JOBS education, training, and employment funds to help teen parents stay in school and become self-sufficient.

Lapse

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questions will be answered when Texas Rangers complete their investigation.

The Sheriff's Office has been accused by some, including Howell and another former deputy, of not having any policies as to how it handles calls for service, including accidents and DWIs.

In responding to the allegations, Standard said his department does have written policies and the department's policy always has been to secure the area of an accident, which is what McCartney was doing last Friday, and wait for the highway patrol (DPS).

Standard added that the Texas Rangers are now handling the investigation and he would rather not comment any further on the case until it goes to the Howard County Grand Jury.

He did say that he would answer any questions concerning his department's policies after that time, but allegations and accusations are coming from all directions by people trying to force issues that aren't issues and he does not want to add to them.

Standard did say, however, that McCartney has been assigned administrative duty and is receiving psychological evaluation. He added that he does not believe that his deputy mishandled the situation.

A grand jury convenes later this month and could hear evidence in the the capital murder case of Edmondson.

Edmondson is currently in the Howard County jail without bond and has been charged with capital murder in Hogue's death.

Despite the case's complexities, District Attorney Rick Hamby said he would be surprised if it qualified as anything other than a capital case.

Hamby said his office expects to receive the case in the next few days from the Texas Rangers, following their investigation.

As for determining whether the death penalty will be sought against Edmondson, Hamby said that will be determined after a Grand Jury indictment.

The last capital murder case in Howard County occurred in June when Jesse Gutierrez was indicted for the April murder of Daphne Nicole Gutierrez, his 1-year-old niece.

Gutierrez pleaded guilty in 118th District Court and received 99 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Honor

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Spring, the group's outgoing president said.

Incoming chamber president Jim Weaver presented his predecessor, Jeff Morris, with a framed portrait of the mural painted on the side of the chamber building and a plaque for his service to the chamber. Weaver also outlined several key areas for the chamber in 1995.

Those areas include member involvement, aggressively marketing Big Spring, assisting local retailers in being as competitive as possible, and working with other institutions and organizations such as the Big Spring Industrial Foundation, Moore Board, City Council, County Commissioners, and the many service clubs in the area.

As the evening moved into the awards portion of the program, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Bob von Rosenberg was presented with a plaque for his service to the community through BSSH.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

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

•CESAR GONZALEZ, 34 a transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

•WILLIAM RICHARD PERREGO, 44 of Omaha, Neb., was arrested for public intoxication.

•STANLEY HOWARD NEIGHBORS, 57 no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFTS in the 900 block of Willia, 1500 block of Wood, 1100 block of North Lamesa and in the 1000 block of Nolan.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 1800 block of East Marcy and 1400 block of Oriole.

•SEXUAL ASSAULT reported to detectives at the police department.

SHERIFF

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

•DAVID COLEMAN HINES, 31 of Colorado City, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was transferred from the city jail, posted a \$500 bond and released.

•DEBRA JO WALLACE, 37 of Monahans, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

•MITCHELL RAY COVINGTON, 31 of 1315 Harding, was arrested for aggravated assault on a peace officer and parole violation warrant. He was transferred from the city jail and is being held without bond.

•ROBERT EARL JONES, 23 of 538 Westover #135, pled guilty to possession of marijuana under two ounces and was released after receiving credit for time already served. He was also fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$167 in court costs.

RECORDS

Thursday's temp.	43
Thursday's low	27
Average high	54
Average low	27
Record high	83 in 1916
Record low	8 in 1971
Rainfall Thursday	0.02
Month to date	0.10
Month's normal	0.11
Year to date	0.10
Normal for year	0.11
**Statistics not available.	

Sharp

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you that there are really only three things you can sell: natural resources; capital resources; and human resources," Sharp said.

He said Texas must now build its future by using human resources. The future of Texas will depend on the number of good people making it better through teamwork.

"Six out of the 10 fastest growing regions in the U.S. are in the Lone Star State," he said. And Texas must take advantage of that.

"When Texas has lot a battle to keep a company from leaving the state, we found out that we were losing to North Carolina. This was due to job training.

"If you go to North Carolina and say, 'I want to move my business here,' they will ask you, 'What do you want them trained in?'"

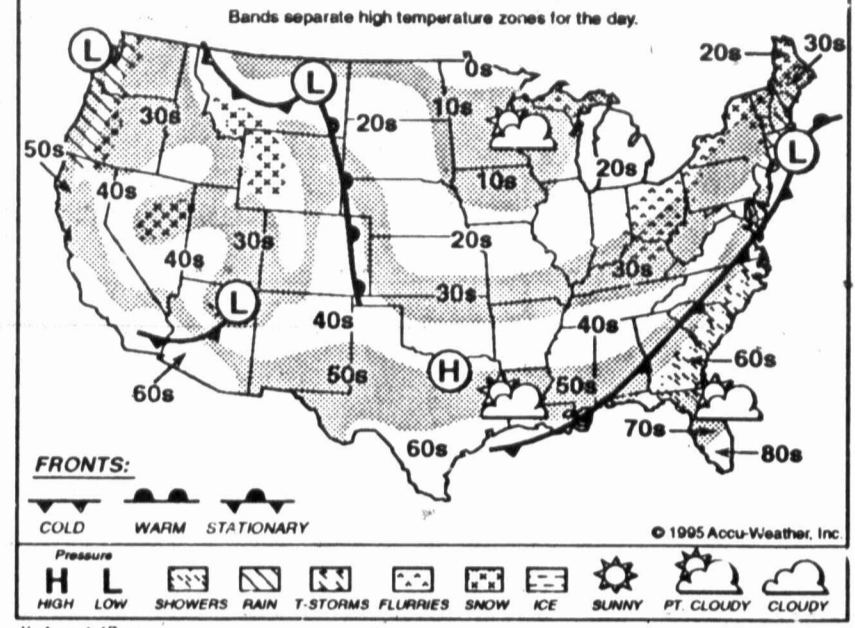
Sharp said, "Every CEO wants to know what type of workforce a state has. Texas spends \$1.5 billion a year on workforce training, but too many businesses do not know that."

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NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Jan. 7.



NATIONAL SUMMARY:

A fast-moving storm will bring snow and ice to the interior Northeast tomorrow, while rain soaks southern New England. Showers and thunderstorms will move away from the East Coast during the morning as a cold front pushes offshore. The Plains will be dry and chilly. Rain and mountain snow will fall in the Northwest.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

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

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion modeling classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$5 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by The Super Six Band. Area seniors invited.

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

•Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, 7 p.m., conference room of the College Park Bingo. Call 263-6148 or 263-8998 after 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

•Family support group, 1 p.m., Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

•Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chapparral Road. Call 393-56 93 or 267-7043.

•The Howard County Coalition for the Environment will be collecting smashed and cleaned steel & aluminum, boxed, bagged, or bundled newspaper, and flattened corrugated cardboard, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Big Spring Herald Parking Lot.

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

•"Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in, 6 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

seem as if he is trying to get rid of the program.

Sharp said, "This program began three months ago in Houston (and is working), and a year from now, food stamps won't exist. People will be fed, only now they will be fed more efficiently."

Two reason for the card program is that it will no longer cost Texans millions to have food stamps printed and people won't be able to buy drugs and other non-food items with the card.

Sharp said this is but one step in revamping the welfare system.

"The No. 1 goal (today) in the welfare system seems to be to keep giving people checks. We have to start thinking about how to make people on welfare independent."

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NEWS IN
BRIEF

Poor management leads to costly audit at A&M

Couple suing over alleged lotto mistake

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A lawsuit filed by a San Antonio couple alleges they lost a chance to become millionaires because of a mistake made when they bought Lotto Texas tickets for a \$7 million jackpot at a convenience store.

Harold and Rebecca Kinnard claim in a lawsuit filed earlier this week that a mistake by the wife of convenience store clerk kept them from sharing the jackpot with another winner.

The lawsuit was filed against Circle K Corp. under the Deceptive Trade Practices act, the first time such a claim has been brought in Texas, according to lawyer Paul D. Rich, who represents the couple.

Judge's ruling in DWI case questioned

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some legal experts are wondering whether an outgoing state district judge may have sidestepped legal precedent by throwing out a drunken driving conviction of a former visiting judge.

At question is the ruling by Bill Burdock, who is now a visiting judge, to throw out an earlier DWI conviction for former visiting Judge Frank Douthitt because the special prosecutor in the case had not been sworn in.

"As long as the person could have been a prosecutor, as long as the intent was there, the conviction should be valid," said Robert Dawson, a criminal-law professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "In other words, it's close enough for government work."

Burdock made the ruling on Dec. 29, three days before he left office, when he granted a defense request to throw out a 1991 misdemeanor conviction of Douthitt in Tarrant County.

The ruling helped Douthitt because he is under felony indictment in a 1993 DWI case, his third such charge in three years.

Bushes celebrate anniversary in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Bush has an answer for the cynics who suggested his oft-stated love for country music was a political ploy.

The former president will mark the 50th anniversary of his marriage to the former Barbara Pierce at the Grand Ole Opry House. The tribute concert Sunday will include stars Vince Gill, The Oak Ridge Boys,

AUSTIN (AP) — Poor management at Texas A&M has led to increased costs, unlawful activity and ridicule at the nation's third largest university, according to a critical state audit.

"At Texas A&M University, management's override of policies and procedures, laws and channels of communication have eroded the effectiveness of control systems designed to protect resources from misuse and safeguard assets," according to the audit obtained by The Associated Press.

San Saba reports 12th rabies case

FORT WORTH (AP) — The latest test results from state health officials show a 12th animal in San Saba County died last year from an outbreak of rabies believed to have been transmitted by foxes.

A cow sent to investigators last month joined four foxes, three skunks, three raccoons and one bobcat also diagnosed as victims of the disease in the county about 150 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Six people who came into contact with the cow, including four high school students and a 12-year-old, are undergoing anti-rabies vaccinations.

No rabies cases were reported in 1993 in San Saba County, and there were only a handful in the 10 years before that, state records show.

"About the closest it has come to the (Dallas-Fort Worth area) ... is about 100 miles southwest," said Dr. James Wright, assistant regional veterinarian.

Winter storm short circuits; state beginning to warm up

Fear of treacherous overnight conditions across much of Texas proved to be mostly unfounded early today as the National Weather Service downgraded several warnings.

West Texas wasn't as lucky as

a vigorous upper-level winter storm pushed into that region and left a fresh layer of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

Any snow or ice remaining on the ground early today was expected to melt in the wake of

a rapid statewide warmup. Temperatures were expected to climb into the 50s and 60s across the entire state on Saturday.

Another cold night was in store across the state tonight

with readings early Saturday mostly in the 20s and 30s except in South Texas where the mercury is expected to be in the 40s and 50s.

All precipitation was expected to end by late afternoon today.

STOPPING THE ICE



Texas Department of Transportation employees Curtis Jordan, left, and Junior Martinez mix salt with the de-icing stone used on the roads of North Central Texas in Wichita Falls. The department expects to be on duty throughout the night trying to keep ahead of the freezing precipitation.

Dice games end with four dying from gun shots

HOUSTON (AP) — Police on Thursday sought a 20-year-old man charged with opening fire at a late-night dice game, killing three people and injuring four others after they refused to buy stolen handguns.

Wilbert Alfonso Smiley of Houston was charged with capital murder, but he remained at large late Thursday. He was thought to be driving a gray,

1983 Cadillac that belonged to one of the shooting victims, authorities said.

The bodies of Aderyl Lawan Gardner, 22, and Candy Jermaine Blake, 18, were found inside a unit at the Northborough Station Apartments in far north Houston early Thursday. The body of John Nathan Henry, 24, was found in the parking lot outside the unit.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"The test of literature is, I suppose, whether we ourselves live more intensely for the reading of it."
Elizabeth Drew, writer, critic, 1926

Man and Woman of the Year: Strong community contributors

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet was Thursday night and was a success. The highlight of the evening, though speaker State Comptroller John Sharp was very entertaining, was the announcement of the chamber's Man and Woman of the Year. Beverly McMahon was named Woman of the Year while Jerry Worby received the honor as Man of the Year. Both McMahon and Worby are active members of the Big Spring community, giving of their time and effort

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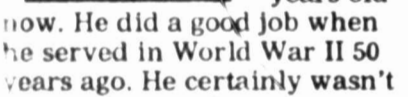
to make Big Spring a better place for all to live. This is never an easy task and is often an unappreciated one. But, through the work of people like McMahon and Worby and the many others who simply give to make their community better, we all receive something good.

Congratulations.



Mail call for Pfc. Dvorak

To Private First Class Edward Dvorak, if you are still alive — or to Pfc. Dvorak's descendants, if somewhere in the world they are reading this: We have something for you. Pfc. Dvorak, if he's still living, would be around 84 years old now. He did a good job when he served in World War II 50 years ago. He certainly wasn't an internationally famous war hero — he was no George Patton or Dwight Eisenhower — but he was one of 16 million Americans who served their country when the country needed them, and he did it well.



Bob Greene
Columnist

How do we know? That's the story. Near the town of Frankfort in Will County, Ill., a real estate agent by the name of Jim Clarke went down to his basement after it flooded last year. "It was our first flood in, I guess, 32 years," Clarke said. "I went to the basement to see how bad things were." In Clarke's basement was an old cedar chest. "We never look in it — there's old stuff in there, stuff we don't even know where it came from," he said. "But after the basement flooded, we cleaned the chest out." Among the things in the chest was an old military press release that appeared to have been issued from Germany in 1945. "It's typed on onionskin paper," Clarke said. "There were copies made for all the Chicago newspapers."

Indeed, at the top of the press release were the routing instructions: "To: Herald-American, News, Sun, Times, Tribune, Calumet, Chicago, Ill." And the 14-paragraph release began: "HEADQUARTERS, IX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, FRITZLAR, GERMANY — A veteran of the French, Belgian and German campaigns, Private First Class Edward Dvorak, 34, of 9326 South Green Street, Chicago, shown here, is a member of the Eighth Tactical Air Communications Squadron, Ninth Air Force, (and was) recently awarded a meritorious service unit plaque, it was disclosed. "Decorated for outstanding devotion to duty in rendering service of vital importance and exceptional magnitude," the Eighth Tac furnished air-ground communications for Ninth Tactical Air Command — whose fighter-bombers and mediums gave the First Army close air support throughout its drives through France, Belgium and Germany ..."

The press release said that Pfc. Dvorak was a radio operator-mechanic; that he had been overseas for 30 months; and that he was "in radio contact with fast Mustang P-51 artillery directing fighters, (and) would pass vital reconnaissance information back to field artillery officers." Found with the press release in the old cedar chest — 50 years later — were photographs of a man who is presumably Pfc. Dvorak. In one he is sitting in a Jeep; in one he is standing bare-chested in a field; in one he is posing on what appears to be a European city street.

Jim Clarke is looking for Pfc. Dvorak or his relatives because "he, or they, should have these things — the press release and

the photographs. The man deserves the recognition. He was in the service, and apparently he did his best, and even if he has passed away and we are only able to locate his family, they ought to be able to look at these things and think: "This is something Grandpa did when he was young. This is who he was." Although there is some descriptive writing in the press release ("Shell fire of both sides screamed continuously over his head" ... "Once he almost waited too long and had to drive wide open down a winding dirt road with surprised Germans pot-shooting at him from fields on either side"), what makes it so touching is not that Pfc. Dvorak's actions were out of the ordinary.

What makes it touching is that he was one of the 16 million — and that the press release was like so many that the armed forces sent back to the States during World War II, hoping that hometown newspapers might print a story, to let a soldier's friends and neighbors know what he was doing. It's not too late to do that now. A few more hints about Pfc. Dvorak: According to the fading onionskin press release, he liked "to dabble in photography on his off-duty hours," and he had a wife (she was noted simply as "Mrs. Edward Dvorak") and two children: Betty Jean, who was 12 at the time, and Ronnie, who was 9. Dvorak is not all that uncommon a name; many years have passed. But if, wherever you may be reading this, you know Pfc. Dvorak or his family, let us know. We're holding a package for him.

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WORLD

Yeltsin calls for explanation of continued bombing of Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian warplanes pounded the Chechen capital again today, and President Boris Yeltsin demanded his top ministers explain why the deadly bombings continued after he pledged they would be called off.

His remarks at a Security Council meeting in the Kremlin came amid increasing questions about who is in charge of the troubled Chechnya offensive.

Heavy air attacks resumed in Grozny today, a day after Russian fighter jets hit the presidential palace, and despite a new promise by Yeltsin to stop the raids because of mounting civilian casualties.

There were no immediate reports on new casualties.

The Russian government press service claimed Russian troops were advancing toward the center of Grozny and had taken over a military college building near the palace. Many of the government's past claims have proven false.

Dissension has spread in the Russian army over the three-week-old campaign, which has

met with fierce resistance by the Chechens, who declared independence from Russia in 1991. A ground offensive in Grozny began last Saturday.

Rossiiskiy Vesti, a semi-official newspaper funded by the government, accused the military of defying Yeltsin's order to halt bombing attacks. It said the "open ignoring of the president's order to stop bombing... added to gross casualties among civilians."

Yeltsin said the council should determine when combat operations in Chechnya should cease and when the army could turn over control of the operation to Interior Ministry units, charged with "disarming illegal armed gangs."

Clinton administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Yeltsin was likely to dismiss several military officials.

Russia claimed to control much of Grozny. But Chechen fighters strolled freely through the city center on Thursday.

"They are lying," said Vakhid Dutayev, pointing to the bodies of Russian soldiers scattered about the square around the

palace. "Russians don't control the center of the city."

Russia said its soldiers killed 100 Chechen rebels around the city's main railway station, scene of almost daily battles. The claim could not be confirmed.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of civilians and fighters have been killed or wounded in the three-week-old invasion of the southern republic, which declared independence in 1991. The Red Cross estimates 350,000 people are now refugees.

Yeltsin's promise Wednesday to stop bombing Grozny was his second of the Chechen campaign — and the second to be followed by air strikes the next day. Last time, warplanes destroyed much of downtown Grozny, including an orphanage.

With dissension spreading in the Russian army over the military debacle, it was difficult to determine whether Yeltsin approved Thursday's airstrikes.

Russian warplanes also made bombing runs outside Grozny, the Interfax news agency said, and heavy shelling pounded outlying villages.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

N. Korean scriptwriter seeks asylum in S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean army scriptwriter sought asylum in South Korea today, the first defector from the isolated communist state this year, the South's main intelligence agency said.

Chung Song San, 26, said he was an army sergeant writing scripts for propaganda films, the Agency for National Security Planning said.

Chung reportedly left his parents, a sister and a brother in the North. He arrived in South Korea via an unspecified third country. Further details were not immediately released.

The trickle of defectors from North Korea has turned into a steady stream in recent years. All of the 50 people who fled to the capitalist South last year reported serious food and fuel shortages in the North.

Stone Age art found near dam site

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Deep in the wilds of northern Portugal, far from where Stone Age man was believed to have wandered, an archeologist stumbled across dozens of nuzzling horses, wild bulls and deer chiseled into a remote granite riverbank.

The 20,000-year-old carvings are one of the most impressive examples of Paleolithic art in the world — and they may soon be deep underwater. A \$300 million dam is under construction a few miles away on the Coa river. The river's waters have already swallowed half the graceful line carvings, and the rest will probably disappear beneath the surface within a few years.

"There is absolutely no question the gallery is genuine," said French archeologist Jean Clottes, who assessed the carvings for the Portuguese government and the United Nations. "It could be the most important outdoor Paleolithic site in the world." The discovery has touched off a flurry of charges of corruption and scientific incompetence and arguments over what should take precedence in one of western Europe's poorest countries: jobs or culture.



Montenegrin kids look around trucks waiting permission to leave the Montenegrin-Bosnian border crossing of Nudo, some 50 miles northwest of Podgorica Thursday. Some 16 gasoline tankers and several trucks were stopped by Yugoslav border police from crossing into Bosnian territory.

Continued warfare stops Bosnian peace talks

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A Bosnian Serb delegation has walked out of truce talks to protest the failure of government troops to comply with a fledgling cease-fire by leaving a demilitarized zone.

Fighting in northwest Bosnia also threatened the truce, which was supposed to last four months. Under terms of the cease-fire, which began Saturday, all forces were to have withdrawn from Mount Igman, south of Sarajevo, by noon on Wednesday. That was a precondition for rebels Serbs allowing access into the besieged capital.

But a U.N. official said Thursday that as many as 150 government troops remained in the DMZ. A Bosnian Serb delegation walked out of truce implementation talks at the Sarajevo airport in protest. "The talks have broken down," said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko. Late Thursday, a senior U.N. official said most government soldiers had left the zone and "just a few stragglers remain." The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said agree-

ment had been reached with Hasan Muratovic, the government's minister for relations with the United Nations, on verifying troop withdrawals.

Military observers from both sides are to accompany U.N. teams on helicopter flyovers to verify the withdrawals. There also may be ground inspections.

Rebel Croatian Serbs and Muslims — neither of whom signed the truce agreement — attacked government forces Thursday near the towns of Velika Kladusa and Bosanska Krupa in the northwest. 150 detonations Thursday in the region, 90 miles north of Sarajevo, U.N. officials said.

Rebel Muslims in Velika Kladusa blocked passage of a vital resupply convoy for the Bangladeshi U.N. battalion in Bihac. The battalion has stopped patrols because it has run out of fuel, U.N. spokesman Edward Joseph said.

U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, said in Sarajevo that the government and Serbs were determined to make the cease-fire work.

Former Malawi dictator put under house arrest

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP) — Aged former dictator Kamuzu Banda, who ruled Malawi with an iron fist for 30 years, was put under house arrest Thursday and will face trial within weeks for the 1983 murder of four political rivals.

Banda tightly controlled this poor southern African nation until losing its first multiparty election last year. Since then, an inquiry ordered by President

Bakili Muzili has investigated the deaths of three government ministers and a lawmaker who reportedly tried to buck Banda's rule.

Defense Minister Kassim Chilumphi said Banda, believed to be in his 90s and who is ailing after brain surgery, will go on trial within six weeks, as will John Tembo, his former minister of state in charge of the police, and three police offi-

cers. Chilumphi said because of Banda's age and frail health he will be kept under house arrest. The decision to try one of Africa's last old-style dictators came after a special commission ruled that three Cabinet ministers and a legislator were bludgeoned to death with clubs and hammers by police on May 14, 1983, on the orders of Banda's government.

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Criticism of Yeltsin's tactics on the rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criticism of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's tough tactics in suppressing the Chechen rebellion is rising within the Clinton administration, with several officials saying he has lost control of the military operation.

To assert his authority, Yeltsin is likely to fire some of his top commanders, and even Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev could be forced out, U.S. officials say, though they consider that improbable because of Grachev's steadfast support for Yeltsin's economic and political reforms.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Thursday he was sure the operation in Chechnya "has not gone the way President Yeltsin hoped it would go."

Christopher said Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev had assured him everything would be done to minimize the bloodshed.

"We support the territorial integrity (of Russia)," Christopher said, "but we're also very concerned about the heavy loss of life, and we're using our diplomatic efforts to try to ensure that the Russian govern-

ment takes into account those values."

A senior defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the situation in Chechnya would not lessen U.S.-Russian military cooperation.

Rather, the conflict shows there should be more contacts to impress on Russia the U.S. approach to dissent, the official said.

But another well-placed official said the new Republican leadership in Congress, eager in any event to trim foreign outlays, would seize on Yeltsin's

actions in Chechnya to cut aid to Russia.

Yeltsin ordered a suspension of aerial bombardment of Grozny, the Chechen capital, on Wednesday. But on Thursday Russian ground forces continued their assault and warplanes went back into action, attacking the parliament building.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of civilians and fighters have been killed or wounded in the three-week conflict. The Red Cross estimated 350,000 people were refugees.

Inside the Clinton administration, Yeltsin was being faulted

primarily for not having a clear plan to accomplish a goal the United States supports — putting down the Chechen revolt. As a result, Yeltsin was viewed as not entirely in control of the situation.

Christopher, in an interview with the Voice of America, said "that has to be recognized as a problem that's been created for him, but he is trying to find his way through it now."

At the same time, Christopher bolstered Yeltsin's stock. He called him a strong exponent of political and economic reform.

Loose lion story turns humorous

YEADON, Pa. (AP) — The door of the school office was framed by first graders' drawings of lions, children wrote lion stories and the principal played "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" over the public address system.

A day after residents reported seeing a lion prowling the Philadelphia suburbs, tension and fear had turned to excitement and humor Thursday at the Walnut Street Elementary School in Darby.

After all, police had given up their search and Yeadon Police Chief Robert Smythe had said the animal probably wasn't even a lion.

But around 3 p.m., police officer Michael Dolly was on his normal patrol when he spotted a 100-pound mountain lion in the woods near a Yeadon parochial school — and lion fever swept the area again.

Dolly said the cougar, wearing a collar and chain, dashed down a ravine.

"I really didn't think I was going to see anything because I didn't believe it," said Dolly, who had no doubt that he had seen a real lion. "I've seen enough of them in the zoos and such."

Police searched the woods along a creek between the St. Louis School and Mount Moriah Cemetery. An animal control officer combed the area with a shotgun and Borough Manager Peter Brusco scanned the trees — a favorite spot for pouncing cougars.

More than a dozen motorists stopped along a bridge overlooking the creek to watch. Others drove into the cemetery asking if the lion had been caught.

"When we were doing our walk through the park, there were civilians all over the place," Brusco said. "We really didn't have a clear line of fire as far as I could see."

Police suspended the search at dark and planned to return this morning, possibly with dogs.

Brusco said Dave Wood, a curator at The Philadelphia Zoo, would be available to shoot a tranquilizer dart. But if the animal attacks, officers will probably shoot to kill.

By the time the lion was spotted, children at the St. Louis School had gone home. Police were planning to post officers at the school this morning.

On Wednesday, about 10 residents reported seeing or hearing the lion. One woman said it rummaged through her garbage, roared at her and left. Walnut Elementary teachers made sure no students walked home, and they rode on buses with chil-



Seattle firefighters pour water on flames at a five-alarm food warehouse fire late Thursday night in Seattle. The fire trapped four firefighters inside the warehouse when the building's main floor collapsed into the basement after an explosion.

Firefighters die, trapped in blaze

SEATTLE (AP) — Four firefighters were feared dead after they were trapped inside a blazing warehouse when the main floor collapsed into the basement.

Hope for their survival dwindled early today as the flames continued to burn. The firefighters had a half hour's supply of air when they were last seen about 7:30 p.m. Thursday, shortly after the fire was reported, said Fire Department spokeswoman Georgia Taylor.

"Obviously we want to hold out hope to the end," she said.

There was a tremendous explosion just before the floor collapsed, but officials weren't sure if the blast caused the collapse. Flames up to two stories

high prevented firefighters from rescuing their colleagues.

Taylor said crews left the warehouse after the explosion, then re-entered for about a half hour before being forced to retreat again. The fire was contained around 1 a.m., but officials said the building was still too dangerous to enter.

More than 100 firefighters were combating the blaze. Four suffered minor burns and a fifth sustained a minor neck injury.

"There were tall flames," said Charles A. Berkey, a witness. "Big flames, maybe two stories tall."

The one-story building housed the Mary Pang frozen food processing operation and Mary

Pang's Chinese Cooking School. Taylor said it contained a lot of wood construction and such fuels as ammonia and other refrigerants.

The cause of the fire was unknown. Police Chief Norm Stamper said more than 25 investigators from the police and fire departments were assigned to the case. Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also were on the scene, as were state Department of Labor & Industries investigators.

"The death of four firefighters is sufficient to bring out all the available resources," Stamper said.

Nation's jobless rate at lowest level in four years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's jobless rate edged downward in December to the lowest level in more than four years, demonstrating that job creation remains relatively healthy despite six interest rate increases last year.

The Labor Department said today that the December rate was 5.4 percent, down from 5.6

percent in November and the lowest level since July 1990.

The news was good for the White House, which has been touting President Clinton's suc-

cess in creating new jobs. But it was likely to be unwelcome on Wall Street, where investors have been concerned that the rate of economic growth could

fuel inflation and lower the value of their holdings.

The Labor Department reported also that the nation's non-farm payrolls grew by an estimated 256,000 in December.

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Lady Steers winning 4-4A war

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

They have 10 players back from the previous year. They are the consensus pick to win their fourth straight district title. They've defeated their first two district opponents by an average of 24 points. And the punch line is, their coach thinks they're just now starting to play well.

their fourth straight league title.

The Lady Steers, currently holding an 11-4 overall record, have cruised through their first two district games, crushing Pecos 78-48 and downing playoff contender San Angelo Lake View 63-45.

They've won for the same reasons they've won every year since Ron Taylor took over the program in 1991: They've combined a post-oriented offense with a smothering pressure defense that produces turnovers by the bushful.

Yet Taylor says the team is just starting to hit its stride.

"As district has started, I

think they're just starting to jell," Taylor said of his team. "And I think this is a good time to be reaching your peak."

The team is cooking despite a subpar season - by her standards - from starting post player Kerry Gregg.

Gregg, a 6-foot-2 senior, has been hampered by injuries (ankle and thigh) and foul trouble and is currently averaging 9.4 points a game,



GREGG

three points under her '93-94 average.

Taylor said that statistic is misleading. Although Gregg is not carrying a major portion of the scoring load, she is making contributions, such as collecting 7.5 rebounds a game and blocking three shots a contest.

"Everybody looks at Kerry and wants to know how many points she scores, but she does so much more for us than that," Taylor said. "Let's face it, when you have a 6-2 girl on defense, it's going to be pretty hard to shoot over her."

"This is my last year to play, so I'm going to play hard and try to enjoy it," Gregg said. "I

don't feel there's as much pressure on me as there was last year. Last year, I moved up to a starting position, and I felt like I had to play that much harder. This year, everybody's pretty much equal. Everybody on this team can play."

"It all goes back to her understanding her role as a player," Taylor said. "I don't care how many big players you have, if you don't have a team, you may win a few games, but you won't win the big game. I haven't seen Kerry get disappointed. It's just going to take one big game for her to pop out ... I'd say she's doing just fine."

4-4A girls standings

Team	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Big Spring	2	0	11	4
Andrews	1	0	11	7
Lake View	1	1	11	6
Fort Stockton	1	1	12	6
Monahans	0	2	10	9
Pecos	0	2	3	9

TUESDAY'S SCORES

Big Spring 63, Lake View 45; Fort Stockton 59, Pecos 41; Andrews 52, Snyder 29; Monahans 96, Preddo 39.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Fort Stockton at Big Spring; Monahans at Andrews; Lake View at Pecos.

Oregon stuns UCLA

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Henry Madden scored seven points in a crucial three-minute stretch late in the game as Oregon came from 13 points behind in the second half Thursday night to stun No. 2 UCLA 82-72 in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

The Bruins (6-1), who were in line to move to No. 1 after North Carolina's loss to North Carolina State on Wednesday night, were outscored 14-3 over the final 4:33 and didn't have a field goal in the last 4:51.

Oregon (9-1), off to its best start in 20 years, was led by Orlando Williams' 18 points, the last four on free throws when UCLA coach Jim Harrick was called for two technical fouls and ejected from the game with 37 seconds to play. Harrick bumped referee Steve Wilson during the dispute.

The free throws gave the Ducks 79-71 lead.



Associated Press photo

UCLA coach Jim Harrick is ejected from the UCLA-Oregon hoops game Thursday. Oregon beat No. 2 UCLA 82-72, and Harrick was ejected from the game after two technical fouls.

Hakeem, Rockets too much for Mavs

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon and the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets believe they are back in their rightful place, first place in the Midwest Division.

A 108-99 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night was the sixth consecutive win for the surging Rockets and Houston's second against the Mavericks in three nights.

"I'm glad we're winning games we are suppose to," said Olajuwon, who scored 33 points to complement his 41 at Dallas on Tuesday. "It was not the case earlier this year when we lost a lot of games we shouldn't have."

Despite averaging 38.5 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and 3.5 block shots over the last five games, Olajuwon said teamwork is the key to the Rockets' recent success.

"Everybody on this team real-

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ized we can't do it individually, and we are only going to win if we play as a team," he said.

Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich emphasized the tenacity of the Rockets after a rough stretch when they lost nine of 14 games after opening season 9-0.

"We've weathered injuries and we are back in first," Tomjanovich said.

Tomjanovich did not want to overlook the Mavericks, who have experienced four consecutive losing seasons with a com-

bined record of 74-254, but have rebounded to 13-14 this season.

"We've surprised a lot of people by already winning 13 games," said rookie point guard Jason Kidd, who had six points, eight assists and three steals. "These two games are a learning experience for



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us. They're the kind of team we want to be."

Dallas forward Jamal Mashburn said he wants the same thing, but he knows it will take time.

"They are the champs and we are not on that level yet, and I think these games prove it," Mashburn concluded.

But Kidd envisions a renewed Dallas-Houston rivalry in the NBA.

"It'll be great to have an established local fight," Kidd said. "It's fun to play for bragging rights. Right now we have to settle down to play the champions and other playoff contenders, but we're learning."

In other NBA games, it was San Antonio 104, Utah 103; Miami 114, Minnesota 91; the Los Angeles Clippers 95, Philadelphia 93; Milwaukee 111, Golden State 103; and Sacramento 94, Detroit 88.

Even boneheads deserve awards

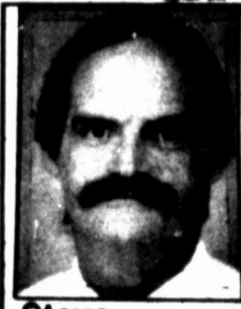
Random thoughts while freezing:

It's more than common this time of year to pass out awards and recognition to deserving athletes and other humans. The bad thing about these awards is that they recognize only the folks who did something extraordinary.

Goofballs, for instance, are almost always left out at award time.

This must change.

Therefore, heretowith and all that other flowery stuff, I hereby present the inaugural Uncle Stevie Dubious Distinction Awards:



Steve Reagan
Sports Writer

Best Bonker Award - to Shane Stant, the goon who whacked Nancy Kerrigan on the knee back in January. One swing hasn't gained so much attention since Carlton Fisk's homer in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series.

Best Road Rally Award - to O.J. Simpson, who led police on that strange odyssey along the Los Angeles freeways before finally surrendering to murder charges. In this case, life imitated an upset stomach.

Best Oops! Award - to Darryl Strawberry, for forgetting to report money earned at baseball card signings to the Internal Revenue Service. Everybody makes mistakes, but not all of us face federal charges as a result.

Worst Impression of a Division Leader Award - to the Texas Rangers. Before the strike came along, Texas had the distinction of being the only Major League division leader with a losing record. As Marlin Brando said in "Apocalypse Now," the hor-

ror, the horror ...

The "Love Means Never Having To Beg For Money" Award - To Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson. After their much-publicized breakup in early '94, Dallas Cowboy owner Jones gave ex-head coach Johnson \$2 million to leave the team. Not bad coin for getting fired.

Ugliest Man in America Award - A tie between Bud Selig and Donald Fehr. The two men, the major principals in the baseball strike, made millions of people sick of the national pastime just by appearing on TV.

The "You're Never Too Old To Rock 'n Roll" Award - to George Foreman. After doing a credible impression of a punching bag for nine rounds of his fight with Michael Moorer, Foreman KOed Moorer to claim the heavyweight boxing title at age 45. Geritol stock prices jumped 76 percent.

The Smooth Move Award - to National Hockey League owners. A year after celebrating their most successful season ever, after expanding to previously non-hockey areas like Texas, Florida and California, after getting many warm-weather fans actually interested in the sport, the NHL owners responded by ... locking out the players and possibly canceling the season.

The It's My Party and I'll Put It In Your Face Award - To Chicago Bull Scottie Pippen, who sat on the bench and sulked in the final seconds of the Bulls' playoff game with New York simply because the play called for didn't have him taking the shot. The Bulls won anyway. So there! Pffffff!

The Dubious Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award - The Buffalo Bills.

And finally ...

Uncle Stevie's Person of the Year - to Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan. Never have two people been so deserving of such non-recognition.

BOTTOM of the ORDER	SHOT OF THE DAY	TEXAS SPORTS	NATION/WORLD	ON THE AIR	
	<p>Big Apple bound</p> <p>Rich Kotite, right, poses with New York Jet owner Leon Hess Thursday. Hess named Kotite the Jets' head coach just 11 days after the Eagles fired Kotite. Kotite replaced Pete Carroll.</p>	<p>Kidd has off-court trouble again</p> <p>DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks rookie guard Jason Kidd is back in the off-court spotlight, this time for allegedly punching a fan who wanted a picture taken with him. Kidd is said to have slugged him twice in the face in an unprovoked attack after he requested the photo with Kidd and his fiancée.</p> <p>Kidd, 21, admits being involved in a confrontation, but denies hitting the man, identified as Bennie White, 34, of Carrollton, a Dallas suburb.</p>	<p>Umpires fight owners' lockout</p> <p>NEW YORK (AP) — Major league umpires, locked out by the owners Jan. 1, will meet Saturday in Dallas to discuss their contract negotiations. Management lawyer Robert Kheel made the owners' initial proposal Wednesday.</p>	<p>Basketball</p> <p>College</p> <p>Cincinnati at DePaul, 7:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).</p> <p>NBA</p> <p>Seattle at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).</p> <p>Indiana at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).</p>	<p>Golf</p> <p>PGA</p> <p>Mercedes Championships, 2:30 p.m., ESPN.</p>
	<p>Spurs take down Utah Jazz</p> <p>SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sean Elliott scored 20 points, including two free throws to seal the game with 4.6 seconds to play as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Utah Jazz 104-103 Thursday night.</p>	<p>All-Star guard suspended</p> <p>OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Golden State's Latrell Sprewell, who leads Western Conference guards in all-star voting, was suspended without pay for the Warriors' 111-103 loss to Milwaukee for skipping practice Wednesday. He also missed practice Dec. 21 and was late for another Dec. 26.</p>	<p>Basketball</p> <p>College</p> <p>Seattle at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).</p> <p>Indiana at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).</p>	<p>Golf</p> <p>PGA</p> <p>Mercedes Championships, 2:30 p.m., ESPN.</p>	
	<p>YMCAs forming volleyball league</p> <p>The Big Spring holding a power league. Registration and organizational meeting will be Tuesday at the YMCA.</p>	<p>CHIROPRACTOR</p> <p>Dr. Bill T. Chraney 263-3182 1409 Lancaster</p>			

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BASKETBALL

NBA standings

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	24	6	.800	—
New York	16	12	.571	7
Boston	12	17	.414	11
New Jersey	13	20	.394	12
Miami	10	19	.345	15
Philadelphia	10	20	.333	16
Washington	7	21	.250	19

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	9	.690	—
Indiana	18	10	.643	1
Charlotte	17	12	.586	3
Chicago	16	13	.552	4
Atlanta	12	19	.387	10
Milwaukee	10	19	.345	10
Detroit	9	19	.321	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

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Phoenix	17	12	.586	2
Utah	16	13	.552	3
Los Angeles	12	19	.387	10
San Diego	10	19	.345	10
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SPORTS BRIEF

Lady Hawks' game postponed

RANGER - The College-Ranger women's basketball game scheduled for Thursday was postponed because of injuries.

Because of injuries to every player on the team, Ranger will have five players on campus for the game on Saturday. Howard decided to play the game for Saturday.

The Lady Hawks will take action Monday afternoon in an open Western Junior Athletic Conference game against South Plains. The game is 6 p.m.

YMCA to host hoops clinic

The Big Spring YMCA will host a youth basketball clinic Saturday at 801 O Street. The clinic will be for grades K-2 coed and grades 3-4 boys and grades 5-6 boys, no girls. There will be a first-time coaches clinic. For more information, contact the Y at 267-8222.

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'Boys feel rested, ready

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Wide receiver Michael Irvin had trouble containing his enthusiasm. He had just been to a practice where Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman was at his best, snapping off passes like he did earlier in the season before he suffered a series of injuries and lukewarm performances. "Troy was something," Irvin said Thursday. "Believe me he was really throwing the ball. It was great."

The Cowboys need a healthy and effective Aikman on Sunday in the NFC divisional playoffs against the Green Bay Packers if they are to live their dream of winning a third consecutive Super Bowl.

Aikman has thrown one touchdown pass and seven interceptions in his last five games. Irvin has missed numerous practices because of a sore leg and it has hurt his timing with Aikman.

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has to see everything at game speed," Irvin said. "It hurts if we miss practice. It was frustrating. I haven't been able to run routes like I want to for the last four or five weeks. I got hurt and I've had those cornerbacks all over me. My leg is fine now."

Irvin looks for a productive Dallas offense in Sunday's game in Texas Stadium which begins at 11:30 a.m. CST. "We'll be running the same plays but we'll be running them better," Irvin said. "We don't mind if other teams know what we are doing. We can still beat anybody if we just do it right."

Irvin said the Cowboys don't need a Jimmy Johnson guaranteeing victory to get the team pumped up. "We're just promising a victory to ourselves," Irvin said. "Nobody needs any speeches. We know what's at stake. We don't want to look back with any regrets."

Irvin said it was ridiculous to blame new offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese for a dropoff in the Cowboys production. Zampese replaced Norv Turner, who left to coach the Washington Redskins. Turner learned offensive football from Zampese when both were with the Los Angeles Rams. "Ernie has been great," Irvin said. "He's as intelligent a football person as you're ever going to meet. How long has he been in the NFL? Two hundred years? Don't worry about us. We've been just fine under Ernie."

SPORTSEXTRA

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Utah	20	10	667	12
San Antonio	17	10	630	2
Denver	15	14	517	5
Dallas	13	14	481	6
Minnesota	6	22	214	131/2

Pacific Division

Phoenix 23 7 .767 —

Seattle 20 9 .690 21/2

L.A. Lakers 18 9 .667 31/2

Sacramento 16 13 .552 61/2

Portland 14 14 .500 8

Golden State 10 19 .345 121/2

L.A. Clippers 5 25 .167 18

Thursday's Games

Miami 114, Minnesota 91

San Antonio 104, Utah 103

Houston 106, Dallas 96

L.A. Clippers 95, Philadelphia 93

Milwaukee 111, Golden State 103

Sacramento 94, Detroit 88

Friday's Games

Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Portland at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Now Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.

Philadelphia at Utah, 9 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Miami at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at New York, 6 p.m.

Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Milwaukee at Denver, 9 p.m.

Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Georgia Southern 61, Furman 60
Howard U. 62, S. Carolina St. 58
Jacksonville 85, SW Louisiana 83
Memphis 82, Tr.-Chattanooga 76
New Orleans 80, Lamar 56
Nicholls St. 79, SW Texas St. 66
Samford 85, SE Louisiana 79
Siena 86, Bethune-Cookman 85
Southern U. 127, Louisiana Coll. 72

Midwest

Stetson 83, Cent. Florida 80, OT

Texas-Pan American 63, South

Alabama 59

Texas-San Antonio 92, McNeese

St. 81, OT

Tulane 78, Virginia Tech 72

Va. Commonwealth 67, Louisville

63

W. Kentucky 88, Arkansas St. 69

Southwest

Buffalo 73, NE Illinois 62

Butler 64, Wis.-Milwaukee 48

Chicago St. 83, Youngstown St. 73

Craigton 70, Indiana St. 63

Massachusetts 80, St. Louis 74

Mo.-Kansas City 72, Valparaiso 60

Notre Dame 78, Loyola, Md. 66

Sacramento St. 68, Loyola, Ill. 56

Temple 69, Marquette 57

W. Illinois 72, E. Illinois 65

Wis.-Green Bay 62, N. Illinois 57

Wright St. 78, Detroit 71

Xavier, Ohio 64, Cleveland St. 69

Southwest

Louisiana Tech 61, Ark.-Little Rock

60, OT

NW Louisiana 75, Texas-Arlington

66

North Texas 77, NE Louisiana 64

Texas Southern 90, Houston

Baptist 73

Far West

Arizona St. 53, Arizona 52

Montana 90, Rice 81, 2OT

New Mexico St. 96, Long Beach

St. 78

Oregon 82, UCLA 72

Oregon St. 90, Southern Cal 89,

OT

Pacific 86, Nevada 74

Portland 100, E. Oregon 58

Stanford 65, Washington 61

UC Santa Barbara 77, UNLV 61

Utah St. 71, San Jose St. 62

Washington St. 83, California 71

4. Massachusetts (7-1) beat Saint
Louis 80 74. Next: vs. La Salle at
Atlantic City, N.J., Saturday.
5. Kansas (9-1) did not play. Next:
at Southern Methodist, Saturday.
6. Connecticut (9-0) beat Hartford
102-77. Next: vs. St. John's at
Hartford, Sunday.
7. Maryland (11-2) did not play.
Next: at No. 1 North Carolina,
Saturday.
8. Kentucky (7-2) did not play.
Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
9. Arizona (9-2) at No. 15 Arizona
State. Next: vs. Rhode Island at
Providence, Saturday.
10. Syracuse (9-1) did not play.
Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
11. Duke (9-3) did not play. Next:
at No. 24 Georgia Tech, Saturday.
12. Georgetown (8-1) did not play.
Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
13. Florida (6-3) did not play. Next:
vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
14. Michigan State (8-1) did not
play. Next: vs. No. 22 Iowa, Saturday.
15. Arizona State (9-2) vs. No. 9
Arizona. Next: vs. Old Dominion,
Saturday.
16. Iowa State (11-1) did not play.
Next: at Colorado, Saturday.
17. California (7-1) at Washington
State. Next: at Washington, Saturday.
18. Wake Forest (7-1) did not play.
Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.
19. Nebraska (11-2) did not play.
Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
20. New Mexico State (9-3) at
Long Beach State. Next: vs. UC
Irvine, Monday.
21. Indiana (8-5) did not play. Next:
vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.
22. Iowa (11-2) did not play. Next:
at No. 14 Michigan State, Saturday.
23. Stanford (9-0) at Washington
State. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
24. Georgia Tech (8-4) did not
play. Next: vs. No. 11 Duke,
Saturday.
25. Pennsylvania (6-1) did not
play. Next: at Harvard, Friday.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—

Renewed the contracts of Brian

Bullerfield, Tony Clineinger, Billy

Conners, Rick Down and Willie

Randolph, coaches; Glenn Sherlock,

bullpen catcher; and Tim McCleary,

assistant general manager. Re-

assigned Clate Boyer to roving

instructor.

Top 25 scores

How We Top 25 teams in The

Associated Press' men's college bas-

ketball poll listed Thursday:

1. North Carolina (9-1) did not play.

Next: vs. No. 7 Maryland, Saturday.

2. UCLA (8-0) at Oregon. Next: at

Oregon State, Saturday.

3. Arkansas (11-2) did not play.

Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.

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Canisius 74, N.C. Charlotte 71

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EAST

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- ◆ Find it in the Classifieds/4B
- ◆ Billy Graham: Doubling's no sin/3B
- ◆ Need a laugh? Read the comics/6B

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 112.

Ella Rasher marks 102nd birthday

■ She'll see plenty more, her relatives say

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

How many people in Big Spring can claim to have survived 102 years, four husbands, six children and five generations of family?

Probably only one Comanche Trail Nursing Center resident Ella Rasher.

Rasher's 102nd birthday was Jan. 1. The center gave her a party Jan. 3 so family, friends and fellow residents could help her celebrate.

Pat Kelso, the center's director of nursing and Rasher's great-granddaughter, believes Rasher may now be the oldest resident in Big Spring.

Originally an "Oklahoma gal," as Rasher's daughter and fellow center resident Methel Bell

Purvis describes her, the centenarian moved to Big Spring in the 1930s. Purvis herself moved here in 1930.

Rasher does not speak often, preferring to hum songs. "She's always liked to hum as long as I can remember," said Kelso.

Although the years have taken their toll on Rasher's ability to communicate, she's "healthy as a horse," said Kelso.

Rasher's white hair is a little thinned with time, but still shiny and pulled back in a neat braid.

She sits in a wheelchair but rarely remains in one place, carefully shuffling her feet to move her chair all over the center.

Her perpetual pleasant mood has stayed with her through the decades.

"When I was a kid, she was always happy," recalled Purvis. "I can't remember ever seeing her cry."

And those memories go back a long way. Purvis has taken care of her mother for "a very long time," and looks forward to having her around for quite some time to come.

"She's gonna live another hundred years," said Purvis. "I think she'll outlive us all."

Mary Hamilton, activity

director at the center, said Rasher still enjoys other people.

"Ella loves children," she said.

"You should have seen her when children came by to sing carols. She just sat there and smiled and put her arms out." Hamilton made a hugging gesture.

If Rasher has a vice, it's her passion for sweets. "She loves to eat, and she sure loves her candy," said Purvis.

Around Christmastime, Rasher spent an entire day nibbling on a candy cane given to her by her daughter.

After the birthday party had wound down and the tables were being put away, Rasher appeared restless and decided she had places to go.

She shuffled her feet, moving the chair slowly down the shiny waxed floors.

Down the hall, another elderly woman in a wheelchair greeted her by handing her a stuffed toy.

Even from a distance, the smile on Rasher's face was visible as she embraced the toy and held it up to her cheek.

Even after 102 years, the simple things in life still seem to be a joy to Rasher.



Ella Rasher, middle, celebrated her 102nd birthday Jan. 3 with the help of great-granddaughter Pat Kelso, left, and daughter Methel Bell Purvis, right. Rasher's actual birthday was Jan. 1.

Students find faith, fellowship in club

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a nationwide organization designed to provide companionship for students in junior high and high schools.

Coahoma Independent School District Athletic Director Eddie McHugh rejuvenated the program when he started in April 1994.

FCA had been inactive for several years in Coahoma and McHugh wanted to start it again because he had been involved in FCA since 1975.

"I started this up again because I felt the kids needed something besides x's and o's. They need a place to talk and discuss problems and for fellowship," McHugh said.

"This is not limited to just athletes and it is non-denominational. We have an adult group to serve as sponsors and different churches in the community are also involved."

The group of about 50 students meets every other Thursday night at the Coahoma Community Center.

McHugh says the churches take turns presenting programs, acting as sponsors and providing refreshments at the meetings.

"We don't discuss religion but we do talk about Jesus Christ and God. This just gives the kids another means to help them in their daily lives."

"This also gives me an opportunity to get to know the students as people and not just athletes. It establishes a more personal relationship with the kids other than player and coach," McHugh added.

FCA recently had elections with Denyce Hayes and Bucky Williams as high school captains and Lauren Hamilton as the junior high captain.

The co-captains are Mandi Herring, Matthew Hamilton and Michael Cobb.

Lori Brockman was elected as secretary, Tara Sterling as reporter and the activity planners are Leslie Monroe and Rende Herring.

INSPIRATION

Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Herald.

Life isn't always ducky for Christians

By CARROLL KOHL
St. Paul Lutheran Church

The story is told that many years ago during horse and buggy days, a wealthy land owner and his hired hand Sam were going duck hunting.

As they rode along, the rim came off one of the wheels. Sam immediately got out and hammered the rim back on the wheel, but in the process he hit his finger.

He let out some very choice bad words. Just as quickly he, realizing what he had done, fell to his knees and asked for God to forgive him.

"Lord," he said, "it sure is difficult at times to live the Christian life, and so I ask your forgiveness for what I just said."

"Sam," his boss said, "I know you are a Christian, but tell me, why do you struggle so?"

Please see INSPIRATION, page 3B

IS IT A WINNER?



Wilfred White looks over to see what Pauline White needs to complete her Bingo card as the two were at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center one recent afternoon.

'Ethical culture' explores humanism

By RON GEORGE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — Curt Collier of Corpus Christi is a bright, somewhat unconventional guy with degrees in philosophy, speech pathology and audiology.

His path has led him through a kibbutz in Israel and along the docks of Boston Harbor, where he worked as a seafood broker. His spiritual path, too, has taken an unconventional turn.

Reared in Reform Judaism, Collier turned away from that traditional faith in 1991 to become state chairman of the Ethical Culture Society, a small band of religious humanists for whom the idea of God is irrelevant.

"We call ourselves a religion," said Collier, who practices audiology in Corpus Christi. "The difference between us and the humanists is that they function more like philosophical groups. Their discussions may organize around issues that will lead them to become politically active."

Most Ethical Culturists, he said, do not believe there is a God. "We're nothing like the atheists," Collier said. "They are very anti-religion."

Ethical Culture, he said, "is far more communitarian. We

have Sunday schools, naming ceremonies, memorial services. We are recognized by the government as a religion."

Ethical Culture is a very small religion at that, with about 3,000 members throughout the United States, Collier said. The object of the society, he said, is not mass conversions of the lost but to provide an option for individual seekers who find their own way to Ethical Culture.

Since last year, Collier has started Ethical Culture groups in Austin and Lubbock. In February, he organized the society's first statewide conference in San Antonio. He said he would like to start a society in Corpus Christi but that he has been too busy elsewhere to pay much attention to his doorstep.

Joshua Dysart may qualify as Collier's first Corpus Christi society member. Dysart said he became interested in Ethical Culture about a year ago, after meeting Collier in a bookstore.

"It appeals to me because I truly see the need for this sort of belief structure, a rigorous religious structure," said Dysart, whose spiritual wandering once led him to a Buddhist commune in Houston.

Ethical Culture founder Felix Adler was a college professor and social activist. He founded

the first free kindergartens in San Francisco and New York in 1877. He fought for child labor laws and established the Legal Aid Society, which became the American Civil Liberties Union. Adler wrote the charter for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Congress of Racial Equality and the Urban League also have roots in Adler's social activism. Adler died in 1943 while working on behalf of the founding of the United Nations.

"Adler thought of society as a culture in which we were trying to grow ethics," Collier said. "Each of us in Ethical Culture is a running experiment." Such experiments, he said, have been significant to American history.

What distinguishes Ethical Culture from other humanist groups is its focus on ceremony and what, in other religious traditions, is called ministry. Society leaders conduct ceremonies for weddings, the naming of children and memorial services.

They provide ethical counseling and sympathetic ears for problems, very much like their counterparts in mainline Christian denominations.

Regular meetings are called "platforms," the order of which is left to each local society.

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Lutherans address rural problems

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Lutherans here are being challenged to become more involved in helping their small-town neighbors, both financially and spiritually.

"There's a tremendous amount of hurt now with a lot of farm families. Part of that is due to the (1993) flood, but it was there before that," said Jim Almquist, who's heading a three-year pilot program.

"There are going to be people who have to make the decision, 'Am I going to stay in this business?' You hate to see people who have invested 30, 40 years of their lives into farming and who don't have a lot to show for it."

The church doesn't have the resources to be a safety net, but it must do more to reach out," he said.

"I'm not sure we can save them. Perhaps we can improve some part of the farm enterprise that will enhance their productivity. If not, it helps to at least be there with them when they make a decision on what they want to do."

The \$600,000 for the program comes from Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response, a joint charitable program between both branches of the Lutheran

We want people to tell us what's needed, and we'll come up with the resources.

Jim Almquist

church — the Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The first job is to select a region of the state for the Rural Empowerment Program. Iowa Lutherans are being challenged to vie for the right to start the program in one of four regions that have lots of Lutheran churches.

"This has to come from them. I don't want people thinking we're coming with top-down ideas. We want people to tell us what's needed, and we'll come up with the resources," he said. Once an area is selected, a full-time project director and two part-time case workers will be hired.

Almquist said Lutherans will provide leadership but the assistance will go to people regardless of faith.

He said the church will coordinate with other rural charities.

"It's not a matter of the other ones falling short, not at all. It's a matter of this church taking some leadership in the needs of people in rural areas," he said.

Church leaders have said that some rural churches have isolated themselves from their communities.

A news release by the Lutheran Social Services said a researcher found the "rural church, by and large, has not wanted to get involved in the community. (A researcher) cautioned that if the church isn't careful, it will ignore the rural population much as it has ignored inner city population in the past."

Almquist, 61, took early retirement last year after 35 years with the Iowa State University extension service.

Retirement didn't suit him. So he volunteered for the Central Iowa Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response Steering Committee during the flood, later taking the part-time job when the incumbent left.

"It was very satisfying, the family to family impact," he said.

GOP top religious story of 1994

By TERRY MATTINGLY
Scripps Howard News Service

Lo and behold, dancing with the Religious Right wasn't the political kiss of death after all.

In its end-of-the-year poll, the Religion Newswriters Association of America named the sweeping Republican victory in the mid-term elections, backed by strong work among revived religious conservatives, as 1994's top religion story. Exit polls indicated that a growing concern about declining moral values played a crucial role in races nationwide.

In another symbolic win for traditionalists, Pope John Paul II was the runaway choice as religion newsmaker of the year.

Events that mix religion and politics — from Washington,

D.C., to Jerusalem and beyond — always place near the top of the RNA poll. However, I was intrigued by several 1994 events that blended issues of faith and public life in ways that were harder to label, in strictly political terms. I chose as my top story the October "miracle in Memphis," in which 100 black and 100 white Pentecostal leaders agreed to form in the new Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches of North America. In one emotional scene, leaders on both sides of a half-century of mistrust and segregation wept as they washed each other's feet to symbolize repentance.

"To answer the big questions of our times, we have to get past some of the labels that divide us," said Bishop Ithiel Clements of the Church of God in Christ.

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CHURCH IN BRIEF

First Church of God

Christian concert artist and former Big Spring resident Hope Harrington Kolb will perform at First Church of God, 2009 Main St., at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Kolb and her husband are on a year-long tour of the United States and Canada. She has performed on television and radio.

The public is invited to attend the free concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

First Church of the Nazarene

David Doll, a freshman at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., and Billy Sutton and Chris Perez, members of the church's youth group, left the day after Christmas to spend a week in Monterey with a mission team from Southern Nazarene University (SNU).

The trip is an annual event for SNU and has involved participants from the Big Spring church for the past three years.

On this year's trip, the mission team helped build a church in Monterey. They returned to Big Spring Jan. 3. During Sunday evening service, Doll, Sutton and Perez will report on the trip.

Unitarian Universalist Church

On Sunday, Jan. 8, at 9:45 a.m., the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland will present a film-strip program entitled "God Images for Adults."

This presentation briefly examines a wide variety of God symbols from human experience. They include images from Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Shintoism, and modern science.

CLUBS IN BRIEF

DAR

White House Christmas Tree ornaments were displayed at the Dec. 17 DAR meeting at the Big Spring Country Club.

Local teacher and DAR vice regent Sue Ann Damron displayed her personal collection of White House Christmas ornaments.

The White House Historical Association issues these ornaments. It was organized in 1961. Their first ornament was issued in 1981.

At the next meeting, Jan. 21 at the country club at noon, members are to bring knitted caps and sweatsuits for patients at the VA hospital, as well as paper goods for Haven House at 2204 Runnels.

Martha Cummings, DAR service representative to the VA Hospital, reported ditty bags made by Abilene's Military Order of the Cooties had been stuffed by volunteers, including DAR members, and handed out to patients.

DAR members Bonnie Hale, Laura Mae Pollard, Lola Kelley, Sue Ann Damron and Regent Cynthia Lawson served homemade baked goods and punch to patients and staff.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE KING WHO DIVIDED THE KINGDOM!

WHEN SOLOMON DIED, HIS SON, REHOBOAM, ASCENDED THE THRONE OF ISRAEL. NOW, DURING SOLOMON'S REIGN, HIS WEALTH AND GLORY HAD BEEN MAINTAINED BY STERN MEASURES—HEAVY TAXES AND HARD LABOR EXACTED FROM ALL TWELVE TRIBES! THE POWERFUL TRIBE OF EPHRAIM WANTED NO MORE OF THIS AND A DELEGATION SOUGHT FROM THE NEW KING, ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD CEASE. REHOBOAM ASKED THE OLD AND WISE COUNSELORS WHO HAD GUIDED SOLOMON DURING HIS REIGN, FOR ADVICE—THEY TOLD HIM HE SHOULD APPEASE THE PEOPLE AND DEAL KINDLY WITH THEM....



...OBVIOUSLY, THIS DIDN'T FIT REHOBOAM'S IDEA OF WHAT A KING SHOULD BE LIKE, SO HE SOUGHT ADVICE OF THE YOUNG PRINCES WITH WHOM HE HAD GROWN UP! TO A MAN, THEY ALL AGREED THE PEOPLE NEEDED A SEVERE LESSON FOR THEIR IMPUDENCE IN QUESTIONING A KING'S RIGHT TO TAX HIS PEOPLE. SO, THREE DAYS AFTER THE QUESTION HAD BEEN PUT TO HIM, THE KING GAVE THEM HIS ANSWER—HE WOULD TAX THEM GREATER THAN SOLOMON EVER HAD, HE WOULD WORK THEM HARDER THAN SOLOMON EVER WORKED THEM! AND PERHAPS REHOBOAM SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOREWARNED, FOR THE EPHRAIMITES APPEARED BEFORE HIM IN ALL THE ACCOUTREMENTS OF WAR—THEY WERE CAST! THE TEN TRIBES OF THE NORTH REBELLED, NAMING JEROBOAM THEIR KING—AND NEVER AGAIN WAS ISRAEL UNITED!

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Inspiration — Moments of doubt don't equal a sin

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I'm an atheist and I don't have the problems that you have."

Sam was silent, trying to think of an answer to give his boss. Just then two ducks flew overhead. The boss raised his gun and two shots rang out in quick succession.

"Leave the dead one and go after the wounded bird," shouted the boss. Sam pointed at the duck that was fluttering desperately to escape and said, "I've got an answer for you now, Boss. You implied that my Christianity isn't any good because I have to struggle so to keep doing what I do."

"Well, I'm like the wounded duck and I struggle to get away from the devil. Boss, you're like the dead duck. The devil doesn't give you problems because you are already dead."

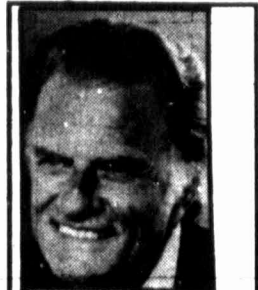
Sometimes, like Sam, it seems like we certainly do have a lot of problems. It seems like the goddess people around us have it so much easier than we do.

The next time you get down and feel depressed about all those troubles that seem to come your way, just remember that the devil always gives problems to those he is still trying to catch.

The ones that already belong to him he doesn't have to worry about. When problems seem to be more than you can bear, remember it is better to be a fluttering duck than a dead one.

See you in church Sunday. It's a good game preserve for wounded ducks.

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: Is it a sin to have doubts? I honestly believe in Christ, but I still have times of doubt when I wonder if it is all true, or if I really am forgiven and am God's child. S.L.



Billy Graham
Columnist

DEAR S.L.: Most believers, I suspect, have doubts at some time or another, and when we have doubts they need to be faced.

But God does not want us to wallow in our doubts, but wants to lead us to greater assurance and greater trust, if we will let Him. Do you remember Thomas, who was one of Jesus' disciples? He doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead, in spite of the testimony of the others who had seen Him. But Thomas stayed with the other disciples, and I think one reason he did was because he honestly wanted an answer to his doubts and he genuinely hoped Jesus would appear. And when He

did, Thomas' immediate response was to cry out decisively, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

Let Thomas be an example to you. Just as he went to the place where Jesus could meet him, so we need to go where we can meet Jesus -- and that is in the pages of God's Word, the Bible. The Apostle Paul said, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Focus your mind and heart on Christ and His Word -- who He is, what He has done for us in His love, and what He has promised. Let the facts about Christ be your foundation, not your feelings.

Remember that doubts are not necessarily the same thing as questions. We all have questions about God and His ways -- things we will never understand this side of eternity. But we can know God loves us, and Christ died and rose again to give us eternal life. Satan wants you to doubt those truths, but "this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life" (1 John 5:11-12).

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a friendly day. News from a distance is important. Accept an invitation, even at the last minute, to take off and visit a friend. The more open you are, the happier your day is. Try something new. Reach out for another. Tonight: Use that magnetism. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try to understand a partner who may have a hard time making a point. Listen carefully to those around you and you'll make headway. Being clear is important. Focus on one-to-one relationships. Money matters flourish because of a partnership. Tonight: Out and about. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Prioritize. Get your musts done. Because you know which way to go and are efficient, you will accomplish a lot. Friends seek you. A call from a distance is important. Another befriends you. Count on your appeal. Tonight: Hang out with best buddies. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the lead, know what's important and handle a situation in a positive way. Choices are critical, and you do well. Being sincere and clear helps another understand your view. Extra work or a favor may be required. Tonight: Get out and about. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Insights make you feel better. Creativity is high. Be open to change, and try handling a situation differently; this matters to a loved one. Family affairs are highlighted. Feedback makes you feel good. The unusual could occur. Tonight: Go to the movies. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): One-to-one relating makes a big difference in another's attitude. Communications open a new door. You might radically change your opinion of a friendship. Consider a purchase for your home or a family member. Tonight: Be a couch potato. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Opportunities to grow empower you. A loved one handles a situation constructively. Listen to your instincts, follow through and know what makes you happy. A positive approach gets you far. Listen to an offer. Visit a friend. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You accomplish a lot quickly. Your management of a problem impresses another. Don't take an absence personally. A family member who values your insight needs to discuss daily patterns. Be open to feedback and information. Tonight: Order in. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get into the fun of the day. You're at your best and connect with another. Stay on target and you will accomplish a lot. This is an important time, with a lot happening. A loved one shows care. Your charisma draws others. Tonight: Let the good vibes flow. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Family matters are important. A lot is going on behind the scenes that may need evaluation. You might have inadvertently pushed another way. Do what must be done. You could be overly sensitive presently. Tonight: Have a long talk with a roommate. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're talkative and full of spunk. Good news from a distance needs to be considered. Another really cares about you. Awareness of your feelings changes your approach. Value a friendship. Make plans to get friends together. Tonight: Out and about. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You're empowered by a situation. Be aware of your finances. Someone whom you put on a pedestal smiles at you; notice this person's willingness to help. Be positive. Don't get overwhelmed by work. Indulge another emotionally. Tonight: Your treat. *****

IF JAN. 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Family members require high priority. You will make important decisions. Be sensitive to your choices this year. Excellent communications surround money, and instincts are strong. If you are single: You are entering a banner year in late 1995; you could become attached to somebody who is emotionally unavailable, though in the long run this person could be good for you. If attached, this is a very romantic year in which excellent communications surround you. ARIES helps you anchor.

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Woman remembers orphanage fondly

DEAR ABBY: There has been some talk lately about starting up the orphanages of years ago.

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DEAR MARIE: Thank you for writing. If others who have had personal experiences concerning life in an orphanage will write to me, I will publish some of their letters. No doubt the orphanages in

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DEAR ABBY: To this day, I shall never forget when I was a little girl and Santa Claus came to deliver our gifts.

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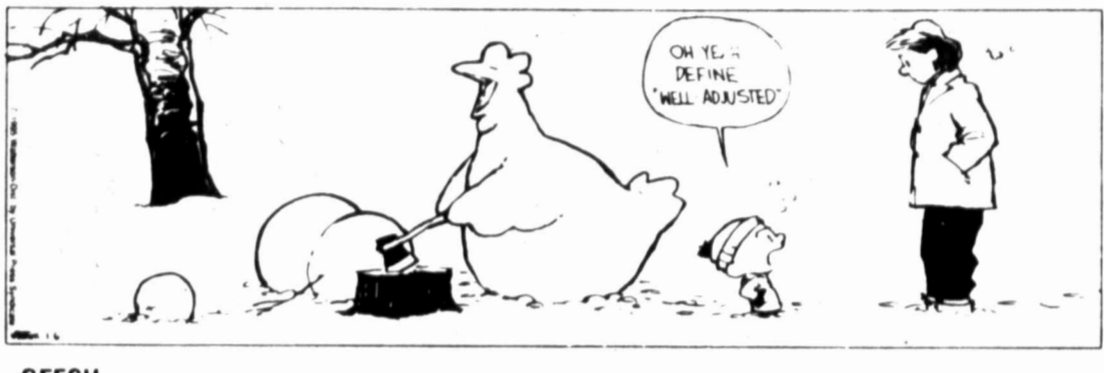
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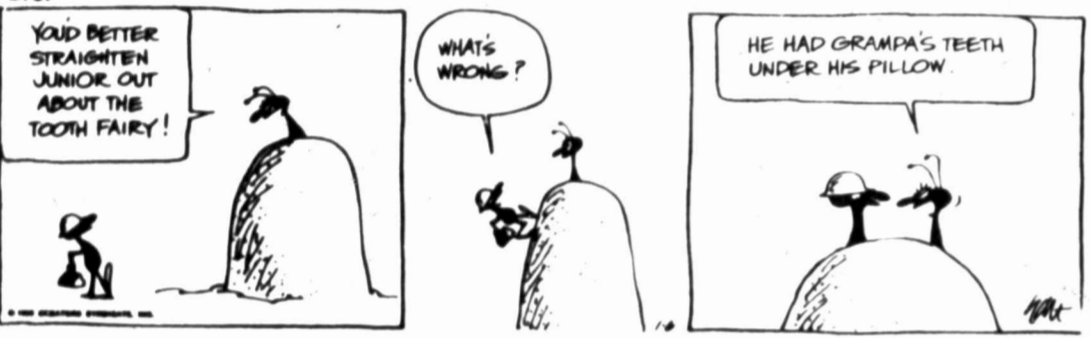
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