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Local credit unions help beleaguered federal workers

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The partial government shutdown is nowhere close to being resolved, but several local financial institutions have found a way to take the sting out of the situation.

Because of the shutdown 760,000 federal workers in unfunded agencies, including the 280,000 on furlough, will receive only partial paychecks.

Big Spring's Assistant Veterans Administration Medical Center Director Warren Longley said the hospital spent Wednesday on national teleconference calls with the other 170 VA hospitals around the country talking about the situation.

Federal workers expecting to be paid on Jan. 2 will receive a partial paycheck less deduc-

"We had a meeting this morning with management of the hospital and with our union, the

American federation of Government Employees and we're talking to our employees as well to let them know what the situation is," Longley said.

He added, "We're fortunate here in Big Spring because some of the lending institutions including Citizens Federal Credit Union and the Government Employees Federal Credit Union will issue interest free to any government

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Negotiators inching toward serious talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators are inching closer to new talks on resolving the federal budget impasse, but the prospect of serious progress

seems to be at least a day away. More than 280,000 federal workers remained off the job today, as did most of the people charged with getting the budget

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Capitol Hill and White House staff met today for lengthy discussions. He said they were preparing a report to leaders of both sides on where budget agreement exists, where the sides are close

and where they are far apart. President Clinton, meanwhile,

was described as prepared to veto the defense authorization bill. McCurry said the White House objects to its call for the purchase of costly weapons systems the Pentagon does not want as well as its insistence on a Star Wars missile defense sys-

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City wants Coahoma back to table

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Earlier in this month the Big Spring City Council voted against a resolution to execute an agreement with the city of Coahoma to provide ambulance service to Howard County.

At the Dec. 12 meeting Councilman John Paul Anderson said he thought the city should go back to the drawing board and start completely over in negotiating with the city of Coahoma.

The council met in a special meeting Wednesday addressing

The immediate wish of the council is to get together with Coahoma officials and work out an agreement.

The dispute of who should provide ambulance service for the city of Coahoma stems around the question of liability and who would respond to calls in eastern Howard County.

Anderson pointed to a recent incident where the Coahoma ambulance responded to a Howard County call and turned the Big Spring ambulance back.

"If anything had gone wrong, the city of Big Spring would have been liable," Anderson said.

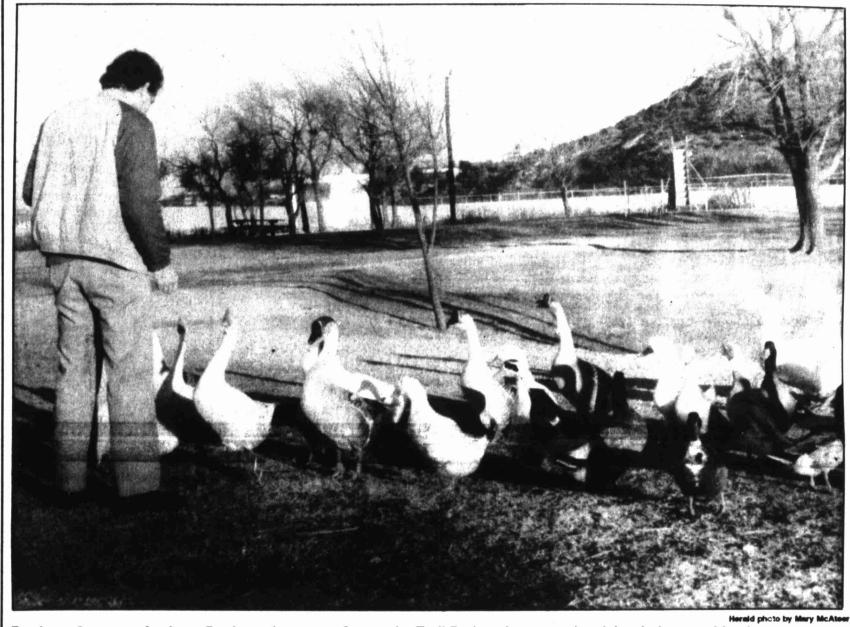
Anderson previously stated the city of Big Spring welcomes the chance to work out a contract as long as all the burden isn't on the citizens of Big Spring.

Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Anderson, EMS Coordinator Tina Stone, City Manager Gary Fuqua, Anderson and other city officials have been meeting to try to work out an agreement with Coahoma.

Currently, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department is the first responder to calls in the county and remains in place until the Big Spring ambulance arrives.

Anderson said the Volunteer Fire Department falls under the Good Samaritan Act and is free from liability when responding.

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Feed me, Seymour, feed me. Ducks and geese at Comanche Trail Park gather around a visitor in hopes of food.

Depression isn't always the blues

■ Help is near for people who suffer depression

By KELLIE JONES

Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series looking at various mental illnesses and how new knowledge and understanding have helped people cope with their disorders.

Major depression is a mental illness and not a case of the blues someone can get over in a

Depression involves the mind, body, thoughts and behavior often requiring medication and therapy to alleviate the symp-

Mental health officials say

depression is not a sign of weakness and with the right kind of treatment, more than 80 percent of those who suffer from it can be helped.

The National Institute of Mental Health lists the following as symptoms of depression:

•Persistent sad, anxious, or empty mood

·Feelings of hopelessness, pes-

·Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness ·Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities you

once enjoyed, including sex ·Insomnia, early-morning awakening or oversleeping

 Appetite and/or weight loss or overeating and weight gain ·Decreased energy, fatigue,

being "slowed down" ·Thoughts of death or suicide, suicide attempts

concentrating, Difficulty remembering, making decisions esearch has shown people suffering from major depression often have either too little or too much of cer-

tain neurochemicals.

·Persistent physical symptoms that do not respond to treatment such as headaches, digestive disorders and chronic

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The solution? There are severdifferent prescription including medicines monoamine oxidase inhibitors, tricyclics and lithium. Doctors often have to try different antidepressants in order to see

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both individual and group ses-

Mental health officials suggest interpersonal therapy involving a concentration on the patient's personal relationships that cause and contribute to the depression. Another type of therapy is cognitive/behavioral where the therapist helps the patient change their negative styles of thinking and behaving.

Depression can often be found in generation after generation of families but it can also occur in those who have no family history of the illness.

Friday's article will focus on how people cope with their mental illness and what family memapy is also important including bers and friends can do.

Full vs. mid size stumps bid award

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A dispute over the terms "fullsize" and "mid-size" caused **Howard County Commissioners** to temporarily rethink their original decision to award Pollard Chevrolet the bid for three new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioners previously awarded Pollard the bid for three new Chevrolet Luminas over the Crown Victorias offered by Bob Brock Ford, but the Ford dealer complained to County Auditor Jackie Olson saying Luminas are not classified as full-size sedans.

Pollard Representative Matt Caperton said if he could not have met the specs as given by the Sheriff's Office he would not have bid in the first place.

Caperton said size classification is based on features such as cubic feet, trunk space and passenger space.

He added as specified he met every spec requested.

were \$10,300 cheaper than the other dealer and we met every spec put in the bid. We would not have bid if we couldn't have met the specs." Caperton said.

After talking to commissioners for a while, Sheriff A.N. Standard said the issue was something the Ford and Chevrolet dealers should discuss with commissioners to decide if specs had been met.

Commissioners agreed with Standard and deputies took a look at both vehicles Wednesday afternoon to see if they would be satisfactory.

After the decision had been made to stick with the Pollard bid, Commissioner Sonny Choate said the county will have to buy different equipment for the Luminas such as the cages that separate the front and back sections of the car, but the county still comes out ahead of the \$10,300 savings by choosing the Lumina and added equipment over the Crown Victoria.

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Nation: Three children died screaming and their mother was critically burned in an explosion and fire believed caused by an illegal drug lab set up in their mobile home in the desert. See page 3A.

World: Working to meet the first deadline of Bosnia's peace agreement, the government and rebel Serbs pulled their forces. See page 3A.

STATE

Victim dies A boy arrested in the Christmas Day shooting of a motorist on Interstate 10

near Fort Hancock won't automatically be

died, authorities say. See page 5A.

No new trial

A judge has refused to order a new trial for the convicted killer of Tejano music star Selena, saying her request would be better handled by an appeals court. See page 5A.

facing upgraded charges because the victim has

Tonight



Friday



Partly cloudy Tonight, increasing cloudiness, low near 30, southeast winds 5 to 10

TODAY'S WEATHER

mph.

Permian Basin Forecast Friday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of afternoon rain, high near 50, southeast winds 10 to 15

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, chance of rain, high near 50; mostly cloudy night, low near 30.

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J.C. Hurt, Jr

Graveside services for J.C. Hurt, Jr., 67, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at Trinity Memorial Park with Home Stan Hanes, Minister of Music and Adult Education at First Dec. 28, 1995. Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Hurt died Wednesday, Dec. 27, in a local hospital.

He was born on July 25, 1928, in Big Spring. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifford Hurt. He had lived in Big Spring all of his life with the exception of two years service as a Private First Class in the United States Army, 8th. Infantry Regiment., Infantry Div. His outfit was among the first to go overseas under the NATO Treaty. He was arme er for Company A, 1st. Batta on, 8th Infantry Regiment serving in Germany. His Army service extended from October of 1950 to October of 1952. Mr. Hurt had worked for R&R Theaters for over 40 years and was a member of First Baplist Church.

Survivors include two sisters: Helen Hurt, Big Spring, and Lil Rockwood, Midland; one niece; three great-nephews; and several cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite chari-

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Teddy Phillips

Graveside services for Teddy Duckett Phillips, infant son of Kristina Duckett and Casey Phillips, will be 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 1995, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Gary Smith, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 26, in a local hospital.

He was born on Dec. 26, in Big Spring. Survivors include his mother:

Kristina Duckett, Big Spring; his father: Casey Phillips, Big Spring; his grandmother: Teresa Winn, Big Spring; his grandfather: Randy Duckett, Dustin, Okla, and severed aunts and

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Saul S. Morales, 50, of Sand

Springs died Thursday Services are pending.

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Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

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Talks

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McCurry said such a system would abrogate the existing Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and deal a serious blow to arms control efforts.

With federal workers increasingly restive and morale plunging, McCurry said Clinton "is very anxious to break this impasse and get the services of government restored."

Clinton has been following the staff discussions closely and has been in "fairly regular contact" with Alice Rivlin, director of the Office of Management and Budget, McCurry said.

Newt Gingrich and Senate Children, and foster care and Majority Leader Bob Dole were adoption services, plus money not expected to meet until Fri- to keep services in the District

An administration official doubted enough progress could down stems from disagreement employees back on the job by budget by 2002. the opening of business next

"It's not impossible, but hard. There are a lot of issues to be addressed and .here's not much time," said t e official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Dole, R-Kan., gave this week's efforts a mere "50-50 shot" at resolving budget differences to reopen the government, partially shuttered since Dec. 16.

"Hopefully, by Saturday, we'll have a framework - or we'll know we can't put it together," Dole told a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, town meeting while campaigning for the GOP presidential nomination.

We concur with that assessment," McCurry told reporters, adding that he agrees the talks could go either way.

"The president is willing to address these issues in good the spokesman said. The House Republicans have a different dynamic, don't they?" Senate Majority Whip Trent

Lott, R-Miss., said the budget deadlock could be broken if Republicans in Congress and Clinton can split their differences over Medicare spending.

"If he wants an agreement and we want an agreement, we can sit down and do it. It can be done and it will be done," he said at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast Wednesday in Biloxi,

As the government shutdown continues, McCurry said Clinton is concerned that critical services of government may be hurt, from the payment of prison guards to the delivery of Meals on Wheels to the elderly and disabled.

Clinton met briefly with Riylin on Wednesday, but his chief of staff, Leon Panetta, remained on vacation. Neither house of Congress conducted any business Wednesday.

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The partial government shutdown stems from disagreement over how to balance the federal budget by 2002. Republicans are seeking considerably larger savings from Medicare, Medicaid and welfare and larger tax cuts than Clinton wants.

Meanwhile, 760,000 federal workers in unfunded agencies, including the 280,000 on furlough, will receive only partial paychecks. Many national parks and museums are closed.

Rep. Constance Morella, R-Md., whose suburban Washington district is home to thousands of government employees, prepared legislation that would declare all federal workers essential and return them to their jobs.

A similar measure was approved by the Senate last week. There was no indication that the House would consider it: GOP House freshman have opposed ending the government partial shutdown until a longterm budget deal is negotiated.

Help

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employee who bring in his or her pay stub. This is to make up the different for what they normally receive."

For example if a person receive \$100 and after deductions and taxes has only \$25 left, one of the participating institutions will issue and interest free loan for \$75.

Longley said once the crisis is over and full pay is restored, the participating institution will take a lump sum payment for the loans interest free.

Longley said he wasn't sure of the dollar amount involved, but it could be a significant six figure amount because of the generosity of local lending institutions.

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Off-duty officer accused of shooting other officers, killing paramedic

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A shooting spree that left a paramedic dead and four municipal police officers wounded may have been the result of a conspiracy to kill one policeman, authorities say.

State Judicial Police investigators were quoted in Wednesday's El Paso Herald-Post as saying they believe the attack allegedly committed by an offduty officer was an attempt to kill municipal Patrolman Juan Guerrero.

The others injured in the shooting merely got in the way, the investigators said. They did not specify why they thought Guerrero was targeted.

According to police reports, Guerrero was in his patrol car Tuesday morning when 24-yearold Eduardo Valle, a fellow municipal officer, pulled up in a civilian car and opened fire, wounding Guerrero in the arm and hand.

Valle then left the scene, police say.

Guerrero's partner called for backup and two police cars and a team of police paramedics arrived within a few minutes. They were loading Guerrero into an ambulance when Valle returned and opened fire again, police said.

Paramedic Javier Nevarez, 24, was fatally wounded in the second shooting. Officers Carlos Soto, Antonio Morales and Abel Lopez were wounded.

Morales and Soto were both shot in the head and doctors say they likely will each lose an eye. Lopez was wounded in the arm and has been released from a hospital.

Valle and Martha Maria Rios were arrested about an hour after the shooting. Rios was riding in a car with Valle at the time of his arrest.

State police said a second officer was also arrested, but his name was not immediately available.

Juarez Mayor Ramon Galindo said Valle, who has been hospitalized with gunshot wounds to his legs, is mentally ill and has a personal problem with one of the wounded officers that led to the shootings.

Authorities say Rios and Valle also are suspects in the fatal shooting Monday of a young woman inside a city cemetery.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thurs-

•STEPHEN C. JOHNSON, 31, Lovington, NM. was arrested for public intoxication.

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E. Marcy. •THEFT in the 1500 block of E. Marcy. •THEFT in the 2300 block of

SHERIFF

RUBIO, 28, 1002 N. Main was arrested for driving While license suspended and released on a \$1,500 bond.

NIGHT, 35, 120 Airbase Rd., was arrested for burglary of a building and remains in custody under a \$2,500 bond.

33, HC 76 BOX 77, was arrested for failure to pay child support.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thurs-

·LISA JEANINE ARISPE

·JULIUS JAMES McK-

JESSE CLYDE ELLIOTT,

IN BRIEF

Boy Scouts picking up trees

Boy Scout Troop 401 will pick up and haul off your Christmas tree if you live in Big Spring. A suggested \$5 donation will help the scouts raise money for their summer camps and in purchasing camping equipment.

The pick-up date is Jan. 6. Call 263-8860 for more information and to schedule a time for the scouts to pick up the tree.

Spelling bee books available

The 1996 Howard County Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the Howard College Auditorium.

Practice spelling books are available at the Herald for 55 cen**ts** each.

Any individual wanting more information can call Kristie Carruthers at 263-7331.

Mensa essay contest set

Announcing the 1995-96 Mensa Education & Research Foundation Scholarship Essay Contest: Awards are made on the basis

of an essay of fewer than 550 words describing the applicant's

academic or career goal. The eligibility requirements are that the applicant must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited American institution of post-secondary education for the 1996 fall/winter term and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (not student visa). The general awards are unrestricted as to age, sex, gender, level of education or financial need. Special awards are made for additional specific criteria.

All requests for applications must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and be postmarked no later than Jan. 5, 1996. All submission must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 1996. For an application and further information contact: Sharon Colbert, P.O. Box 15023, Odessa, Texas 79768-5023.

Walking tours

Hear tales of a long-ago railroad and cow town by walking the historic streets of downtown Big Spring every Saturday through the end of the year. Walking tours will begin at the Heritage Museum at 2 p.m.

Groups and individuals are welcome. There is no charge for the walking tours. Call the Heritage Museum, 267-8255, for information or cancellations.

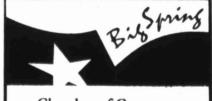
MARKETS

March cotton futures 81.60 cents a pound, up 44 points; Feb. crude oil 19.47, down 3 points; cash hog steady at 45 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 65 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 49.65, down 17 points; Feb. live cattle futures 66.57, up 20 points. Courtesy: Delta Commodities Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co

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TODAY

·Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

·Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford. Spring City Senior Citizen

Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or

·Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to

·Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

·Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles. FRIDAY .Dominoes, 42, bridge and

Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805

Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited. Turning Point A. A. 8: 9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Golfad. Open

to all substance abusers. *Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older

 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.

Book Study, 615 Settles. SATURDAY ·Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. open

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Abandoned 13-year-old turns into scamming woman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The boy who told authorities he was abandoned by his parents only days before his 13th birthday is actually a 25-year-old woman who has attempted similar scams in at least 11 other states.

Officials discovered the woman's true identity Wednesday after Vermont authorities contacted Utah about a similar

The woman in both instances was Birdie Jo Hoaks. She called Utah social services officials Dec. 20 posing as a boy and told them she had been left at a bus stop by her stepmother and father.

She provided a birth certificate for Michael Ross, who would celebrate his 13th birthday on Christmas.

Ross told authorities his parents were planning on driving to Mexico and gave authorities a letter supposedly written by his stepmother, which said she could no longer care for him because his father has AIDS and his birth mother was dead.

The story touched hearts nationwide. By Christmas, officials had received calls from more than 50 people offering donations, gifts and even their homes. The state and a local newspaper both set up trust funds.

"I'm just glad frankly that it unraveled as quickly as it did," said Mary Noonan, director of the Division of Family Services. Authorities said any donations



BIRDIE JO HOAKS

would be returned.

Vermont officials contacted Utah on Wednesday and provided a photograph of Hoaks. She was arrested there in 1993 for a similar scam and sentenced to 23 days in jail.

When confronted, Hoaks confessed to making up the story and said she was simply trying to find a warm place to stay, Salt Lake County sheriff's Sgt. Jim Vaughn said.

Hoaks was booked for investigation of making false or inconsistent material statements to a judge and theft of services, Vaughn said. She could be sentenced to up to 15 years in

Hoaks said he had never been to

school, and that his family lived a nomadic life, finding shelter where they could. He was placed in a group home.

In April, Hoaks told officials in Rapid City, S.D., that she was 13-year-old Nathan Devine, who had been abandoned by his mother who could no longer care for him.

Hoaks received about \$728 in cash and benefits before workers at a youth home became suspicious and called police.

Hoaks served seven months of a nine-month sentence for welfare fraud before being released from a South Dakota jail on Oct. 11. She also paid \$526, of a \$1,747 fine, and completed 170 hours of While still posing as a boy, court-ordered community ser-

In 1993, as a 22-year-old, Hoaks convinced police in Bennnington, Vt., that she was a 12-yearold Arkansas boy abandoned in Maine. Bennington officials spent two days trying to locate parents before Hoak's true identity was discovered during a routine physical.

In 1992, Hoaks stayed at a boys home in Wichita, Kan., for six weeks and received free foot surgery and Christmas presents. State officials caught on to her during a physical when doctors found her breasts bound and a Caesarean section scar.

Similar cases involving Hoaks have been reported in Texas, Idaho, Montana, New York, New Jersey, Alaska and West

Endangered Species Act tops farm stories for 1995

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) -Weather that ripped trees from the ground and drowned vegetables in California last winter was bad — but not rotten enough to win top honors as the most important farm story of 1995 in the nation's leading agricultural state.

In fact, it was elements of the federal Endangered Species Act that claimed the first and fourth spots in a survey of California Farm Bureau delegates conducted at a convention in Monterey this month.

For California farmers, the most important story involved efforts pending in Congress to overhaul the law to ease what they see as an unfair burden on them to protect wild plants and animals.

Federal charges that an immigrant farmer illegally plowed land inhabited by the Tipton kangaroo rat and other endangered species had outraged farmers so much that it was Cal-

The government's decision last spring not to prosecute Taung Ming-Lin for the alleged violations finished fourth in the

1995 survey. Meanwhile, the storms that tore through California in January and March, causing millions of dollars of farm damage, landed in second place — just two votes behind the proposed endangered species Act overhaul.

"It was difficult to find many commodities that were not affected by the weather to some degree," said Clark Biggs, the Farm Bureau's information director. "Weather can make or break a year for California agriculture."

The third most important farm story is certain to remain high on the list in 1996. It is the possible ban next March of methyl bromide, which is used to fumigate soil before planting and on some nuts after harvest.

California's legislature will be asked to extend the fumigant's use. But the federal Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to ban the chemical at the start of the 21st century because it damages the ozone

layer. Rounding out the top 10 stories to California farmers were concerns about chronic water shortages, the controversy over federal grazing reform, passage of a state law requiring water planning before major new developments are approved, passage of federal legislation reversing a U.S. Supreme Court decision known as the Adams Fruit case, reform of the state's pesticide registration process and full deliveries of water from state and federal projects.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - Cows prefer milking to Mozart.

Purdue University researcher Jack Albright and his colleagues received a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the mental well-being of cows, chickens, pigs and other livestock.

During his research, Albright said, the bovines balked at highdecibel music from the rock group Kiss, but they liked classical tunes from Mozart.

Details such as these are important, he said, because a happy cow gives more milk than a grumpy one, leading to increased profits for dairy farm-



Evidence tagged by Riverside County Sheriff's investigators lies in a tarp, foreground, Wednesday at the site of a trailer fire and explosion where three children were killed. Investigators suspect the explosion was caused by an accident in the manufacture of methamphetamines.

Three children die when illegal drug lab explodes

Three little children died screaming and their mother was critically burned in an explosion and fire believed caused by an illegal drug lab set up in their mobile home in the

Methamphetamine, "speed," labs often are found in Southern California's vast desert and rural areas, and authorities said Wednesday they were not surprised that children were in the home.

"The fact that kids are around doesn't seem to make any difference," said Phil Pelzel, a chemist for the state Justice Department who has seen about 150 homebrew speed labs.

'Home cookers are cooking in the garage, kitchen, bedroom or anywhere, and many times there's kids around. They just don't care, and these chemicals and vapors are very toxic and explosive."

The youngsters' mother, 39year-old Kathy James, stood helpless outside as flames destroyed the home Tuesday afternoon and killed the children, ages 1, 2 and 3. Her 10year-old son apparently fled the

AGUANGA, Calif. (AP) — burning trailer and was found unharmed staying with family in Aguanga.

"It's absolutely devastating to realize there was three kids in there because she had to stand there and watch her kids screaming and yelling and there wasn't anything she could do," said a neighbor, Steven Mackey. "That's why she got burnt so

Ms. James was in critical condition, as was a man who had been at the house. Harry Jensen, 42. A second man there

was not seriously hurt. No immediate charges were

filed. Aguanga, population 580, is in Riverside County, about 60 miles north of San Diego.

The wreckage, little more than a blackened smudge near a dusty road in brush-covered desert hills, yielded clues pointing to the manufacture of methamphetamines, a stimulant popularized by bikers in the late 1970s.

Late Wednesday, several adults who were inside the mobile home during the explosion were found, said sheriff's Detective Mark Lohman.

Allegations of evidence-planting checked

sheriff's deputies have accused their co-workers of routinely planting evidence on black and Hispanic suspects, an accusation that the sheriff said Wednesday was being investi-

gated.
"It's happening every day," said Deputy Michael G. Osborne, an eight-year veteran on paid leave for stress disabili-

The allegations were made Tuesday by Osborne and his wife, Aurora Alonso Mellado, a five-year deputy who resigned last week. She claimed she was harassed and forced out after she necessed her training officer,

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two Deputy Jeffrey Jones, of planting narcotics on suspects.

The couple filed a legal claim against the county sheriff's department. Such claims, if rejected by the county, are generally followed by lawsuits.

Mellado said she was asked to write false reports on two susnects and regularly saw evidence planted during seven weeks of patrol training. Jones is on paid administrative leave and could not be located for comment.

Osborne said fake drug arrests, largely of minorities. were common. He said many deputies make such arrests because they get overtime pay.

Warring parties pull back from Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Working to meet the first deadline of Bosnia's peace agreement, the government and rebel Serbs pulled their forces back Wednesday from key areas around Sarajevo.

NATO troops moved gingerly into the abandoned zones, wary of hidden hazards.

On the former front line, French troops took over a moonscape of shell-pocked buildings, discarded weaponry, unexploded grenades and graffiti: "The Islamic Republic of Bosnia" on one wall, "Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll". scrawled nearby.

The deadline for the pullback of government and Serb troops and equipment from 38 designated areas around Sarajevo was midnight (6 p.m. EST) Wednesday, a week after NATO formally took over in Bosnia from the United Nations.

Serb and government troops began pulling out of trenches and positions earlier this week. The two sides are also to mark or remove mines.

The Wednesday deadline was the first in a series embedded tions along the front lines to into the peace agreement signed keep the two sides apart. Dec. 14 in Paris.

"The operation has been successful," Capt. Jost Fohann, a NATO spokesman in Sarajevo, said shortly after the deadline. He would not elaborate.

hampered NATO efforts, there The fighting was static," he two months later.

peace was gaining momentum in Bosnia after 3 1/2 years of bloodshed:

-In the village of Porebrice,

37 miles north of Tuzla, Maj. Gen. William Nash, the commander of U.S. forces in Bosnia, brought together commanders of Bosnia's three warring fac-

> tions to discuss freedom of movement and mine removal. —U.S. forces reported cooperation from all sides in land mine removal. -British troops entered and

began setting up base Tuesday in the northwestern Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka, said Lt. Col. Mark Rayner, a military spokesman. -U.S. engineers trying to

build a pontoon bridge across the Sava River in the north were preparing to pull back from the flooded banks. In the southwest, dozens of

French military tents were flooded as the Neretva River overflowed its banks. In the aftermath of the Saraje-

vo-area pullbacks, French NATO soldiers are taking posi-The commander of the French

patrol, Maj. Rodolphe d'Almont, said the front never moved during the war through uncounted skirmishes.

"Each position is like a little Though flooding of key rivers fortress inside a building

were other promising signs that said. "They just shot at each other, at soldiers and civilians."

> On Wednesday, in the hotly contested suburb of Dobrinja, a French armored personnel carrier patrolled the former front, accompanied by five foot soldiers and a dog.

They searched the area for mines, marked them and placed barbed wire along the onetime front line.

Soldiers stopped and crouched every 50 yards to watch and listen. "This mission would have been impossible three weeks ago," one said.

Elsewhere, French forces patrolled a street in the frontline Stup suburb just north of the airport, where all forces have pulled out from both sides of the street under the first phase of the peace plan.

Dogs sniffed for explosives and intruders.

Civilians have not lived in the Stup area for 3 1/2 years.

NATO spokesmen said things were going well overall, but it was unclear whether there would be 100 percent compliance in all 38 areas designated by the deadline.

There is a second series of deadlines built into the agreement for the Serbs to turn over Sarajevo districts they control to the Bosnian government, beginning Jan. 19 and ending

The rains in Spain kill four

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Heavy rain, snow and winds land and city streets alike are nearing 60 mph are responsible for at least four deaths in three days, authorities said Wednesday. Flooding has closed highways and slowed traffic across much of Spain.

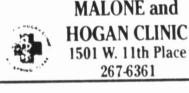
The storms have toppled trees, cut electricity lines and flooded rivers in the central and north-

ern parts of the country. Farmflooded. Heavy fog hampered port traffic along the coast. Rains are expected to contin-

ue for another week.

A Christmas Day mudslide in Jaen was blamed for a train derailment that killed two engineers and injured eight other people.

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Teresa Day, high school student, 1994

Renovation of courthouse step in the pride direction

The Howard County Courthouse is getting a facelift thanks to voters passing a bond election for reno-

Already some of the work has been started, as shown by the outside of the courthouse.

So far, contractors Lone Star Waterproofing have it looking good. Granted, there is still much to be done, but the beginning bodes well for the quality of work yet to come.

When all the changes are complete, however, it will be up to those working at the courthouse to keep it in good condition. That is part of the bargain we made - fix our courthouse and then make sure it stays fixed.

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Charles C. Williams Publisher

DD Turner Managing Editor

Big Spring is coming a long way in taking pride in what is here now and what will be here in the future. This pride can do much to carry the town to where city and county leaders would like it to go.

We are a part of that. Our city can be considered our larger home, bigger than the walls that surround us at any given time. We all have to take pride in it, in our smaller homes, our businesses, in every aspect.

Renovating the courthouse is one step in making that pride a visible reality.

■ Letters to the Editor

Wake up call given about drugs

Editor: To all of you drug dealers, and you know who you are. May 1996 be the year you rot in hell. This is the only way the cancer you spread can be eradicated.

You are not men. You are lazy wimps that prey on children and weak individuals. My son Jerry, a handsome hard worker, will forever be a vegetable. This is due to brain damage. He gave all his hard-earned money to you. He could not see the light at the end of the tunnel. His attempted suicide was not suc- even spoke about it as well.

in. You would rather see our society collapse from within.

Wake up Big Spring residents, you have a malignancy that is quickly spreading. Tomorrow, it could be your offspring. United we stand, divided we fall. Our children are the future of tomorrow. We must not leave them in a cesspool. Sincerely,

Stella A. Dominguez Los Angeles, Calif.

Christmas spirit does abound

Editor:

Whoever said, "there is no Christmas Spirit," has never been to Big Spring, Texas. Living out of state the last 4 1/2 years makes me appreciate Texans all the more.

My mother is a 1st grade teacher at College Heights Elementary School with a student who would have no Christmas. When I got here for the holiday we started talking about what we could do to help. I called Walmart and talked with Judy Black while waiting to speak with someone in donations. When I told her our story she said she couldn't let any child go without a gift at Christmas so she donated \$25 for him. Catherine Jefferies from Walmart helped us get a \$40 Walmart Gift Certificate and their managers came up with \$30 of their own. After an unbelievable shopping spree at Walmart we went to the Big Spring Mall. First stop was Anthony's where their manage Bill Conner went all over the store to find a Dallas Cowboy shirt and cap and a pair of "His" jeans. Next was the Athletic Supply Inc. where Dick Helms made it possible for our little Christmas boy to get a \$100 pair of Roadskates.

These wonderful people. "These Texans" are the true meaning of the Christmas Spirit. Thank you so much!

Stacie Campbell, a homesick Texan

Fears unnecessary

about concealed weapons

Re: Fears unwarranted I for one am tired of hearing how our police must be retrained in approaching a stopped vehicle, or person.

For years law enforcement has been taught and trained to approach a stopped vehicle, or person, as if they might be

This was taught as far back as I can remember. It was taught even by the Department of Defense in 1979.

In 1977 several officers had

Personally, in my opinion, the Many of you have friends or lawmen need to stop attempting family members that sell nar- to rise fear in our fellow citicotics. Yet, you do not have the zens, and stop attempting to fill morals or strength to turn them us with how fearful they are going to have to be now - in my opinion that's false and unwarranted.

Lawmen have never had to fear the law abiding citizen, only the criminal.

This law is a good law for Texas; who knows, one day it may be a fellow citizen who saves lives, maybe even a lawman's life as well.

Criminals have never, nor ever will, carry a weapon legal-

It's a shame our lawmen attempt to tell fellow Texas citizens how fearful they now will have to be, and attempt to fill fellow Texas citizens with unwarranted fear towards fellow law abiding Texas citizens.

Lawmen who fear this bad perhaps ought to resign - we don't need them.

Lawmen are servants, not gods so they should serve and stop attempting to fill fellow citizens of Texas with unwarranted and false fears; personal

Criminals have carried weapons for years and most likely for years to come without a license.

I believe in our fellow Texas citizens and rest knowing they are armed law abiding citizens.

Freedom to carry in Texas **Harold Hale Big Spring**

Let officials know who is really hurt

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. In this time of conflicts within our own government squabbles about benefits for the elderly, veterans benefits, social security and other live or die benefits to our United States cit-

I don't hear about Congress, Senate or any other government officials going without their salaries. Why don't we hear about them cutting their pay for a month, year, or til next term. No! All we hear is about us. I

think that we should let these officials that we put into office to run our country that we can still elect them for another term or get someone else who will think of the people.

I'm also a U.S. Veteran that counts on his government checks to survive, but I'm also concerned about the rest of our country. I hear about the Republicans, the Democrats blaming each other. I thought that we were all One Nation Under God. I strongly believe that if we all band together and let these officials know that we are not going to let them hold our money as a pawn in a game of chess between two different parties within our own government.

Maybe they have forgotten that election year is coming around and that this is a very wrong time to play chess with each other and our money. This is Christmas time - A time of giving not taking. Our government is taking and not even thinking of Christmas, but being selfish. Well I for one am going to look at these officials come election time and remember who were the ones that put us in this predicament. I suggest that all of you look at your ballot come election time and examine our officials consciences.

Sincerely, Jose Munoz Jr Disable American Veteran, American citizen and registered voter husband and

He helped to save a life

Editor:

Concerning Woodie Howell running for Sheriff in 1996. This man did do an outstanding job, when my son was bitten by a rattlesnake in 1991. He drove me and my son to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, blocked off FM 700 with other help from Big Spring Police Department. He has helped save lives in the line of duty.

Thank You! Jesse and Lori Metcalf Coahoma

Letters welcomed

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Umbilical cord banks spring up for possible later use of cords

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cathy Goldman is literally banking on the blood from her baby's umbilical cord. She's paying a company to keep it on ice just in case he ever gets sick and needs it back.

Scientists say using umbilical cord blood to treat lethal diseases is highly experimental and the government is about to regulate the practice, but private companies are signing up pregnant women nationwide to save their newborns' cells as a piece of biological insurance.

"If it doesn't work, you know you tried everything for your chile," said Goldman, of Charlestown, Mass., watched as doctors drained the blood from healthy newborn Alexander's still-pulsating umbilical cord.

"If doctors say to me one day, 'Unfortunately you didn't have any cord blood,' how would I

Usually, umbilical cord blood is thrown away. But since 1988, it has been used as a last resort to help about 170 dying children fight leukemia and other blood diseases.

Cord blood is a rich source of stem cells, the building blocks that produce blood cells. Certain diseases and cancer chemotherapy destroy these stem cells, meaning patients need a transplant to survive. Cord blood has about 10 times more stem cells than the standard — and very difficult bone marrow transplant.

But cord blood has not yet been proven a better alternative to bone-marrow transplants in most patients. And only one in 10,000 babies will develop a disease treatable by cord blood, said transplant pioneer Dr. Pablo Rubinstein of the not-forprofit New York Blood Center. Still, at least four U.S. compa-

nies are recruiting pregnant women to freeze and store their babies' umbilical cord cells. They charge \$300 to \$1,500 up front, with yearly storage fees of "We explain the service as a

new choice for parents, a promising field with a lot of University agreed: "The tech-



A doctor drains the blood from an umbilical cord shortly after a birth at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. Private companies are signing up pregnant women nationwide to freeze their babies' umbilical cord blood in the hopes it might fight lethal diseases that attack children later in life.

unknowns," said Cynthia Fisher, president of Viacord in Boston. But "this field is evolving rapidly. ... You'll see breast cancer and possibly AIDS treated with cord blood in the

Now the Food and Drug Administration is about to regulate those cryobanks, to ensure they keep the blood safe and don't offer false hopes. Nobody yet knows if cord blood lets children live as long as bone-marrow transplants do, if it helps adults — or even how long the blood remains usable, the FDA warned.

The key FDA proposal: Every cord-blood bank must be licensed to offer the service as a medical experiment, which means revealing all the questions to every parent and following strict safety standards in how they test the blood for infection, freeze and thaw it. "I feel very strongly that the

public really has a right to know" all those questions, said tology chief at the FDA.

Dr. Jeffrey Sugarman of Duke

nology is exciting, but we need more information.'

The National Institutes of Health is about to award \$37 million to four blood centers to find the answers, collecting cord blood from 20,000 infants. If successful, the centers will form a national donor bank for parents who can't afford private storage or older children who missed that chance.

Saving cord blood is easy and painless, said Viacord's Fisher. Once the umbilical cord is cut from the baby, its leftover blood is drained into a sterile bag. A courier rushes the blood to a laboratory that, within 24 hours, tests it for infections and freezes it in liquid nitrogen at 320 degrees below zero.

Collecting bone marrow, in contrast, requires anesthesia before injecting a needle deep into the hip bone. It costs \$5,000

Still harder is finding a genetically compatible marrow donor. If relatives don't match the odds of finding a donor from the National Marrow Program start at 1 in 20,000.

Light therapy approved to kill cancer which constricts the throat

W SHINGTON (AP) -Patients who choke on cancerous throat tumors may soon get help from a new therapy approved by the government Wednesday that destroys tumor cells with simple light.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Photofrin to help clear the esophagus when patients' tumors grow so big that they cannot swallow.

The approval makes Photofrin the first of a new type of cancer treatment called photodynamic therapy, where patients get a drug to make their tumors lightsensitive. The light then kills cancer cells.

"The attractiveness of it is ... it only makes you sick where the light hits it," explained FDA drug chief Dr. Robert Temple, who said photodynamic therapy also is being tested against bladder, bronchial and other tumors.

drawback: Patients remain vulnerable to very severe sunburns until the drug wears off, in about 30 days.

The American Cancer Society estimates that esophageal cancer struck 12,100 Americans in 1995 and killed 10,900 of them, slowly constricting their throats until they could not eat or even swallow their own saliva.

Standard therapy is to chip away at the tumor with a laser, Temple said. But patients whose tumors were too big for the laser to help have had nowhere to turn.

Photofrin, manufactured by

Canada's QLT Phototherapeu tics Inc., is a chemically modified version of a substance culled from pigs' blood called porfimer sodium.

Patients are injected with Photofrin. Several hours later, doctors thread fiber-optic cables into the esophagus and shine bright light onto the tumor. The light switches on the Photofrin, making it produce substances called free radicals that kill

Photofrin wasn't studied long enough to tell if it made patients live longer, but it did give patients a higher quality of life because they could once again swallow on their own, Temple said. That benefit lasted more than 69 days for half of the patients - but QLT Phototherapeutics stopped counting then and couldn't say how soon after the study the patients' throats reclogged. Median survival, however, was 115 days.

Surrounding healthy cells are not hurt because the fiber optics keep the light away from them, meaning the treatment itself causes few side effects.

But patients must avoid bright light, mainly sunlight, until Photofrin is cleared out of their bodies. Sunscreens won't help because they block only ultraviolet light and Photofrin reacts to visible light. Typical indoor lighting is weak enough to be safe and probably helps the body metabolize Photofrin, Temple said.

Infection increases chances of a

premature birth

BOSTON (AP) — Curing an extremely common female infection may give doctors a new way to reduce the chances of premature births, the chief cause of newborn fatalities.

As many as one-quarter of all women may have the infection, called bacterial vaginosis, although most don't know it,

Two studies published today in the New England Journal of Medicine demonstrate the potential benefits of routinely screening and treating pregnant women for the vaginal infection, which can be eliminated with standard antibiotics.

One of the studies concludes that the infection increases the risk of delivering premature, undersized babies by 40 percent. "Packs of cigarettes have

warnings saying pregnant women should not smoke. The risk associated with bacterial vaginosis is about the same as the risk associated with smoking," said Dr. Sharon L. Hillier of the University of Pittsburgh, lead author of one of the stud-Premature birth is the biggest

problem of maternity care. Yet up to now, there has been little doctors could do to stop it other than to warn pregnant women against bad habits such as smoking and drinking. Dr. Richard B. Johnston Jr.,

medical director of the March of Dimes, said the new work "will be remarkably important to our efforts to prevent preterm birth." The infection is distinct from

yeast infections. It results when a variety of unwanted bacteria

Study: Risk of AIDS through blood transfusion smaller than believed

BOSTON (AP) — Only about two dozen of the 12 million pints of blood used in transfusions each year are infected with the

AIDS virus, a study found. Experts already knew that the risk of catching AIDS from a transfusion is vanishingly small. But the new study shows it is only about half as great as previously estimated.

Nevertheless, the Food and Drug Administration recently recommended that an additional test be performed on donated blood to make it safer still.

The newest analysis, conducted by Dr. Eve M. Lackritz and others from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was based on a review of 9 million donations in 1992 and 1993.

People infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, make antibodies that circulate in their blood. Blood banks routinely test donated blood and throw away any that contains AIDS antibod-

However, the body does not produce the antibodies during the first few weeks of an AIDS infection.

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Toy sniping victim dies

EL PASO (AP) — A boy arrested in the Christmas Day shooting of a motorist on Interstate 10 near Fort Hancock won't automatically be facing upgraded charges because the victim has died, authorities say.

Ricardo Soto, 13, is being held in a juvenile detention facility in Pecos on a charge of deadly conduct stemming from accusations that he wounded Alberto Tarango in the head with a .22caliber rifle.

Tarango, 41, of Van Horn, died Wednesday afternoon at Thomason General Hospital in El Paso, said Chief Deputy Jerry Kresta of the Hudspeth County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the shooting.

Authorities said Tarango's death did not immediately mean that the charge - which can range from being a misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, depending on the severity of the crime — would be upgraded.

"Not until we complete the investigation," said Hudspeth County Attorney Tom Chellis, adding that he could not predict how long the probe might run.

Chellis said the next step for the boy is a Jan. 3 hearing during which authorities will determine whether further detention is warranted. The boy becomes eligible for such a hearing on the 10th day of his incarcera-

The teen-ager was arrested Monday just a few hours after he allegedly shot Tarango's pickup truck and a tractor-trailer rig just outside Fort Hancock, a small rural community about 60 miles east of El Paso.

Tarango, who was driving home, was shot once in the back of the head. He was transported to Thomason, where his condition steadily deteriorated. No one else was injured.

Authorities say they are not completely certain what could have motivated Ricardo, who has been described as reserved and well-mannered.

Ricardo's sister, Erika, 15, said she believes the shooting was accidental.

But investigators have been lending some credence to remarks by Ricardo's 9-year-old brother, David Soto, who told authorities that Ricardo had been trying to waylay a truck that he believed was loaded with toys.

David told The Associated Press that Ricardo said he wanted to "shoot a trailer and get Nintendos out of it."

Ricardo was taken into custody at his home, about three miles from the shooting site. He was not armed, but Sheriff Arcadio Ramirez said the boy was carrying a .22-caliber bul-

Son arrested in shooting death of father

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS (AP) — A teen-ager has been arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of his father Wednesday afternoon.

Lance Butterfield, 18, was taken into custody after William Butterfield, 45, was shot in the left forehead and upper right chest shortly after noon, North Richland Hills

police said. The youth was charged with murder and placed in the North Richland Hills jail. Capt. Mike Womack said arraignment

would be Thursday morning. Police went to the Butterfield residence after getting a call from Sandy Butterfield from a nearby convenience store, saying her father had been shot.

Officers met the girl at the store and accompanied her to the residence, where Kathy Butterfield said her husband had been shot and was inside, lying on the floor.

The victim was transported by CareFlight to Harris Methodist Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



Yolanda Saldivar sits with her attorney Arnold Garcia during a hearing Thursday in Houston. State District Judge Mike Westergren denied a new trial Wednesday in Corpus Christi for Saldivar, convicted of killing Tejano music star Selena. Saldivar's lawyers contend key financial documents were kept from her original trial and the criminal record of an eyewitness was not revealed. Westergren presided over the original trial.

Saldivar denied new trial

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) A judge has refused to order a new trial for the convicted killer of Tejano music star Selena, saying her request would be better handled by an appeals

Defense attorneys argued in a hearing last week that Yolanda Saldivar deserved a new trial because the criminal record of key witness Maria Norma Martinez, who has a conviction for ney Carlos Valdez did not His enemies were unhappy food stamp fraud, was not immediately return a telephone because his church and its radio trial.

Ms. Saldivar, 35, was found guilty Oct. 23 of shooting Selena singer once in the back March 31 at a Corpus Christi motel.

State District Judge Mike Westergren, who presided over the trial, said in court papers signed Wednesday he found the revelation of Ms. Martinez's theft conviction "somewhat problematic," but he thought the matter should be considered by an appeals court.

One of Ms. Saldivar's lawyers had claimed knowledge of Ms. Martinez's record would have tarnished her credibility.

Defense attorney Patrick J. McGuire said few motions for the Selena Etc. business. But new trial are granted, and the

get issues such as the witness' conviction on the record.

"We feel confident that with the matters that were presented at that hearing as well as some matters that arose during trial, such as the admissibility of the confession, that at some point an appellate court will grant a

Nueces County District Attor-

did not know of Ms. Martinez's Wednesday testimony. conviction. They say they mistakenly ran a criminal background check on a misspelled reversal of her name and found no conviction.

Ms. Saldivar's attorneys also contended that prosecutors kept financial documents of Selena's salon businesses from Jeing admitted during trial and were able to hint at suspicions that were never proven.

Prosecutors intimated during the trial that Ms. Saldivar was suspected of embezzling from documents were never intropurpose of the hearing was to duced to prove it.

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the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston,

Texas. She has received certificates in subspecialty train-

ing for cardiothoracic and obstetrical anesthesia and was

presented an award for outstanding resident in obstetrical

anesthesia. Her training locations included Hermann,

Texas Children's and LBJ Hospitals, in addition to Texas

Heart Institute. We are pleased to have her as a new mem-

ber of our anesthesia team.

BONNIE YOUNGBLOOD, MD ANESTHESIOLOGIST

Boy, adult accomplice nabbed

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A They don't have enough toys money for Toys for Tots and an adult accomplice robbed a man of cash and Christmas presents, then forced him to take some type of pills, police said.

Police said Wednesday they were beginning to investigate the case this week.

'This one catches me by surprise," said Corpus Christi police Sgt. Isaac Valencia. "This is not a typical thing for us here in Corpus.'

Bill Gwynn, 55, answered the door Saturday night and greeted a boy about 12 years old.

have arrested three men,

including a Fort Worth doctor,

after they allegedly broke into a

man's home, injected him with

a tranquilizer and bound him

The men were charged with

falsely imprisoning the man,

who police say is mentally chal-

lenged, KXAS-TV in Dallas-Fort

Authorities believe the victim

used to be a member of Christ

Truth Church in Fort Worth, a

church attended by the sus-

pects. Officials said they didn't

know why the man was

But the man said he thinks he

with duct tape.

attacked.

Worth reported today:

boy who said he was collecting this year, so they sent some of us kids out to get donations," Gwynn said.

time.

"He said, 'I'm collecting silent partner and said, "Well, money to help for Toys for Tots. we made a real haul here,

"The boy did all the talking," Gwynn said. "The man never

n's wallet. Then he turned to his

Gwynn unlocked the screen and turned to get his wallet.

When he looked back, the boy had entered his house, followed by a bearded man wearing sunglasses who pointed a pistol at

said a single word the whole The boy took \$260 from Gwyn-

Neighbors heard the man

Sgt. Weldon Norman said the

three men at first denied any

thing was wrong, but then offi-

cers located the victim after see-

"The victim was acting real

groggy and we tried to talk to

get more information because

this was such a bizarre inci-

know nothing of the incident.

Church officials said they

Police said Dr. Michael Tru-

man, identified as an assistant

minister in a church pamphlet,

dent," Norman said.

ing blood stains on the floor.

screaming and called police.

later, at 5 p.m. Chilat Suspect leads authorities to remains of missing wo

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charges would b

Fate of pastor accused of money laundering now in hands of the jury

was beaten because he befriend- was among those arrested.

Three Fort Worth men charged

FORT WORTH (AP) - Police ed a woman who also had left

the church.

with false imprisonment

pastor of a Kansas church has admitted laundering hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug money, but says he was set up new trial in this case," McGuire by federal agents and politi-

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The MacTaggard responded that the preacher was motivated by 'pure criminal greed."

Brace's trial on money-laundering charges began Dec. 18. Jurors got the case Wednesday. The panel was to resume delib erations today.

Defense attorney Roy Barrera revealed during the October call from The Associated Press: station supported conservative Sr. argued that Brace's devotion Prosecutors said during the and anti-abortion causes, the to his congregation drove him to hearing last Thursday that they Rev. David Brace contended in make a desperate search for the

millions of dollars needed to Federal prosecutor Glenn fend off the church's creditors. AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE 0 10 M 0 6 M

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Copper Bowl

Thursday, Dec. 28

Texas A&M (8-3) vs.

Florida A&M (9-2) vs.

University (10-1), 1 p.m

Washington (7-3-1)

Michigan State (6-4

4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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East Carolina (8-3)

North Carolina (6-5)

(8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS) Peach Bowl At Atlanta

p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl

Sunday, Dec. 31

At New Orleans

Monday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla.

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(11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

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1:30 p.m. (CBS) Rose Books 191910

(9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Citrus Bowl

Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Clemson (8-3) vs. S 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

(9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Texas (10-1-1) vs. V

Saturday, Dec. 3 Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn

3-1), noon (ESPN)

At El Paso, Texas

2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Holiday Bowl At San Diego

Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.

At San Antonio

Friday, Dec. 29

Heritage Bowl At Atlanta



Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard (4) is tackled by Air Force's LeRon Hudgins (32) in first quarter Copper Bowl action Wednesday in Tucson, Ariz. Tech downed Air Force, 55-41.

New wrinkle on offense guides Tech to Copper win

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Tech showed why the Wishbone offense — a runbased attack that doesn't work when a team has to catch up went out of style years ago.

The Red Raiders bolted to an 18-point halftime lead against Air Force in the Copper Bowl, then put the game out of reach with another surge in the second half.

"It felt like for the first time this year we looked good for all 60 minutes," Zebbie Lethridge said Wednesday night after directing a no-huddle offense that caught the Falcons off-balance and powered Tech to a 55-

It takes players to get ahead of a team with Air Force's crunching ground game — 67 rushes for 431 yards. And the Red Raiders (9-3) had them.

Byron Hanspard set Copper Bowl rushing and scoring records with 260 yards and four touchdowns Weunesday night, and Lethridge had 330 yards in total offense after passing for 245 and one TD, while running for two.

"I knew it was going to be an offensive game," Lethbridge said. "We were going to have to put points on the board to keep up with them."

The Raiders never showed the no-huddle during the season.

"We came out with the intention of showing them something different. We knew they would be keying on me," said Hanspard, a sophomore who led the Southwest Conference in rushing in its last year of exis-

Air Force (8-5) took advantage of a series of mistakes by the Raiders to close to 31-28 in the first seven minutes of the third quarter.

But Hanspard got his third TD with 5:06 left in the period, then ran 63 yards to set up another Tech score and a 45-28

Air Force, No. 3 in the NCAA in rushing offense and No. 105 in passing offense, couldn't rally again.

"We had several points where we were about to turn the game around, but it seemed like we were playing catch-up the entire game," quarterback Beau Morgan said. The teams shattered most of

the offensive records in the 7year-old bowl, which is sponsored by Weiser Lock.

Hanspard, who carried 24 times, scored on runs of 2, 11, 2 and 29 vards.

Lethridge threw a 38-yard scoring pass to Stacy Mitchell and scored on 1- and 3-yard runs. Tony Rogers kicked field goals of 24 and 31 yards for

Air Force cornerback Mickey Dalton figured in Air Force's rally by picking off a pass by Lethridge, who had set a SWC record with 211 consecutive throws without an interception, and returning it 32 yards. He said the quick pace of the nohuddle got too much credit.

"We just had poor execution," Dalton said. "We didn't tackle very well, and we had a lot of breakdowns on defense.'

Air Force's Danta Johnson scored on 71- and 60-yard runs. Nakia Addison ran for scores of 2 and 7 yards. Jake Campbell ran for a 7-yard TD and Morgan scored on a 1-yard run.

Johnson was the first to break the previous Copper Bowl rushing record of 133 yards by Kansas State's J.J. Smith in 1993. Johnson had 145 of his 148 yards in four carries, but Hanspard, with 201 yards in the second half, passed him.

The Raiders opened a 28-7 lead by marching 80, 75, 74 and 80 vards to TDs on their first four possessions.

Barry plans relaxing first round of playoffs

Switzer likes to scout future said, "If you have your opponents on tape, not watch druthers you'd like to play the

In fact, the Dallas coach says he's going to find a good book and catch up on some sleep while the NFC wild card games are being played this Saturday and Sunday.

"I'd rather look at the tape later then watch TV," Switzer said Wednesday. "I have more things to do. I might read a book or go to bed.

Switzer said his staff was spending all its time preparing for a meeting with the Detroit Lions on either Jan. 6 or Jan. 7 in the divisional playoffs at Texas Stadium.

Lions play at Philadelphia and the winner gets the Cowboys. The only thing that would change that is an Atlanta upset of Green Bay, in which case the Falcons would play Dallas.

The Cowboys are focused on the Lions for now.

'We'll spend all our time on Detroit because we've played Philadelphia twice and we know them," Switzer said.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Barry Asked his prefence, Switzer team you know more about. We study Philadelphia all the time. It's like playing a familiar golf course. You play your home course better because you play it all the time."

> Dallas split with the Eagles during the regular season. Switzer's refusal to punt from his own 29-yard line on fourth down late in the second game led to a 20-17 defeat.

> Switzer said the Lions "are very good and scarey. Barry Sanders is the most dangerous back we could face. Of course, Rickey Watters of the Eagles has done a number on us."

> Switzer predicted another Dallas-San Francisco NFC championship game.

> "That's the way I feel about it unless we give the thing away. We've got to go make it happen," he said.

The Dallas run defense will be of primary concern entering the playoffs. The Cowboys were 16th in the NFL against the

Please see BARRY, page 7A



Fired Tampa Bay head coach Sam Wyche gestures during a

press conference Wednesday in Tampa.

Tampa Bay gives Wyche the axe after four seasons

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A new lion stadium in Tampa have coach is just part of the grand stalled, and Glazer is exploring plan to make the Tampa Bay options for relocation while Buccaneers more competitive. maintaining that his preference

fired Sam Wyche after four losisn't the team's only priority this winter.

Owner Malcolm Glazer purchased the Bucs for a record \$192 million last January and insists the franchise has to have a new stadium to have a better chance to be successful.

"We're trying to do the best we can to win football games. That's what we're in the business to do," general manager Rich McKay said after announcing that Wyche will not return for the final season of a five-year contract.

"We're in the business to win football games. The coaching situation clearly ties into winning ... and understand that the stadium issue ties directly into winning. Don't think it doesn't. With free agency, if you're not financially competitive, you're going to wake up and you're last nine games after a 5-2 start. going to be wiped out."

Plans to build a new \$168 mil- Please see WYCHE, page 7A

Among the cities that could ing seasons Wednesday, but land the Bucs as early as next finding the right replacement season are Cleveland, Los Angeles and Orlando. The Glazers reportedly have also contacted Hartford, Conn., to find out what that city might have to offer.

McKay declined to answer specific questions about efforts to find a stadium deal, but stressed that Wyche's job won't be filled on the basis of fan opinion or a candidate's potential to sell tickets.

"You don't make this on emotional factors. You make it based on what's best for the football team. You make it on what gets this team to the next level," he said.

Wyche compiled a 23-41 record with Tampa Bay, including this year's 7-9 finish that normally would have been good enough to ensure his return. But the Bucs lost seven of their

At Tempe Ariz. Nebraska (11-0) vs. 8:30 p.m. (CBS) Saturday, Jan 13 East-West Shrine Cla

West vs. East, 5 p Saturday, Jan 20

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Wolverines insist crowd noise won't be factor tonight vs. Texas A&M ing sounds of hard-driving because we do anticipate it will back Tshimanga Biakabatuka into a passing game, they will upon freshmen D'Andre

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is well aware of Texas A&M's loyal fan following. He has a headache to prove it.

The No. 14 Wolverines (9-3) are approaching tonight's Alamo Bowl in the Alamodome as a home game for the 19thranked Aggies (8-3) and have practiced all week to the blarmusic. "I've had a headache for a

week," Carr said Wednesday. "Normally, we practice with crowd noise and you turn up the volume as high as it can go. This bowl preparation, we've used music.

"We've practiced for 10 days at a high degree of sound

be noisy."

Carr, who will be making his postseason debut, and Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum agree that establishing the run will be the key to the game.

Michigan will match its powerful offensive line, led by 6foot-8, 299-pound tackle Jon Runyan, and slashing running

against the swarming blitzes of Texas A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense.

"If you have any hope of beating them, you have to be able to run the ball," said Carr, who traveled to College Station five years ago to get defensive ideas from Slocum.

"They are so quick. If you get

blitz their linebackers, attack protections and knock your quarterback down. It would make for a long night," Carr

The Aggies, meanwhile, likely will be without star running back Leeland McElroy (sprained left ankle). If so, Slocum will be forced to rely Hardeman and Sirr Parker.

"I hate to say Leeland absolutely will not play, but I don't see any way he can play," Slocum said. "He hasn't run a single play in our workouts for two weeks and his ankle is still swollen."

Please see ALAMO, page 7A

SHOT OF THE DAY



Minnie

the smoocher Northwestern coach Gary Barnett receives a kiss from Disneyland character Minnie Mouse Wednesday Anaheim, Calif.

TEXAS

Longhorns down Lamar

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Texas broke open a close game in the final six minutes to notch a 96-82 victory Wednesda, over Lamar.

Texas built a 42-35 halftime lead on 50 percent shooting from the floor. Lamar rallied in the second half to take a pair of one-point leads, but poor freethrow shooting hurt the Cardinals.

Reggie Freeman scored 22 points and Titus Warmsley had 21 to pace the Longhorns (6-2).

Sonny Alvarado's layup with 6:25 remaining gave the Longhorns the lead for good at 70-69 and Texas nailed down the win by hitting 12 free throws in the waning minutes.

Lamar pulled within two points to 75-73, but two free throws each by Freeman and Alvarado gave the Longhorns a six-point lead.

Nation/World

Martin, Douglas honored NEW YORK (AP) — Curtis Martin, the AFC rushing leader in his first season with the New England

Patriots, was selected The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year. Martin, a third-round draft choice from Pittsburgh, gained 1,487 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. He received 57 of 88 votes from a media panel. Denver

back Terrell Davis was second with 16, followed by Seattle receiver Joey Galloway with 13. New York Jets defensive end Hugh Douglas was

selected the Defensive Rookle of the Year. Douglas, who had 10 sacks, was drafted 16th overall out of Central (Ohio) State. He received 57 votes to easily beat Minnesota cornerback Orlando Thomas, who had 25.

ON THE AIR

Football

College Alamo Bowl, Texas A&M vs. Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Basketball

NBA Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29). College Massachusetts vs. NC State

11:30 p.m., ESPN.

SPORTSEXTRA

FOOTBALL

Bowl schedule

All Times EST Thursday, Dec. 14 Las Vegas Bowl Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

Monday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic Blue 26, Gray 7 Aloha Bowl

At Honoluk

Kansas 51, UCLA 30 Wednesday, Dec. 27 Copper Bowl At Tucson, Ariz.

Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41 Thursday, Dec. 28

At San Antonio Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29 Heritage Bowl At Atlanta Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

At El Paso, Texas Washington (7-3-1) vs. lowa (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (CBS) At Shreveport, La. Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-

4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN) At San Diego Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas

State (9-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Dec. 30

Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)

North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS) At Atlanta Virginia (8-4) vs. Ġeorgia (6-5), 8

p.m. (ESPN) Sunday, Dec. 31 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans

Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC) Monday, Jan. 1 **Outback Bowl** At Tampa, Fla.

Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN) **Citrus Bowl** At Orlando, Fla. Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State

(11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC) Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.

Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC) Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2),

California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

(9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Flesta Bowl At Tempe Ariz. Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0).

8:30 p.m. (CBS) Saturday, Jan 13 East-West Shrine Classic

West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 20 South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

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The Cowboys are counting on

defensive tackle Russell

Maryland and middle line-

backer Robert Jones recovering

from injuries and playing in

"I think we could have both

of them back and also (tight

end) Jay Novacek," Switzer

said. "We should be better

NFL playoffs All times EST Wild-Card Round

Saturday, Dec. 30 Miami at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. Detroit at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 Atlanta at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.

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Pairings TBD, 12:30 and 4 p.m. Bunday, Jan. 14 Pairings TBD, 12:30 and 4 p.m. At Sun Devil Stadium Tempe, Ariz. Sunday, Jan. 28

AFC champion vs. NFC champion Sunday, Feb. 4

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST Boston College 116, Long Island

SOUTH Connecticut 77, Coll. of Charleston

Fla. International 82, Columbia 67 Southern U. 96, N.C.-Greensboro Tennessee 56, Miami 54

MIDWEST Ball St. 78, Coppin St. 55 Miami, Ohio 105, Wright St. 86 St. Louis 96, Chicago St. 56 SOUTHWEST Texas 96, Lamar 82

FAR WEST Fresno St. 75, St. Mary's, Cal. 74 Utah 108, Cal St.-Fullerton 58 TOURNAMENTS

ECAC Holiday Festival First Round Iona 70, St. John's 57 Kentucky 90, Rider 65 **First Round** Rhode Island 89, Hawaii 74 Syracuse 75, Illinois 64

George Washington 98, Idaho 65. Old Dominion 54 Sierra Medical Center Sun Classic F. Michigan 93. Texas Tech 77

Texas-El Paso 69, La Salle 62 **First Round** New Orleans 94, San Francisco 84, OT

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3. Memphis (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Thursday. Next: 4. Kansas (7-1) did not play. Next vs. Cornell, Jan. 2.

5. Cincinnati (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. McNeese State, Saturday 6. Georgetown (9-1) did not play Next: vs. Duquesne at Lakeland, Fla.,

7. Connecticut (9-1) beat College of Charleston 77-60. Next: vs. Hartford at the Hartford Civic Center,

8. Villanova (8-1) did not play Next: vs. Hofstra, Thursday

vs. Texas A&M, Thursday. Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m at Colorade, Thursday. 11. North Carolina (8-1) did not play, Next; vs. North Carolina-Asheville at the Asheville Civic

12. Illinois (9-1) lost to No. 13 Syracuse 75-64. Next: vs. Rhode Island or Hawaii at Honolulu, Friday 13. Syracuse (10-0) beat No. 12

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Illinois 75-64. Next: vs. Rhode Island or Hawaii at Honolulu, Friday. 14! Wake Forest (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Furman, Jan. 2. 15. Utah (8-2) beat Cal State-

Fullerton 108-58. Next: vs. BYU, Jan. 16. Georgia (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville, Saturday. 17. Mississippi State (6-1) did not play, Next: ys. Oregon State at the

Rose Garden, Friday. 18. Missouri (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern California at Honolulu, Thursday. 19. Michigan (9-2) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Thursday. 20. Duke (7-2) did not play. Next

vs. Monmouth, N.J., Thursday. 21. Virginia Tech (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Virginia at the Roanoke Civic Center, Thursday. 22. Virginia (4-2) did not play Next: vs. No. 21 Virginia Tech at the Roanoke Civic Center, Thursday

23. UCLA (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Saturday 24. Clemson (8-0) did not play Next: vs. Campbell, Saturday. 25. Tulsa (5-0) did not play. Next at Oral Roberts, Saturday

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Friday's Games New York at Washington, 7:30 Indiana at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10:30

L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

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Friday's Games Chicago at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. New Jersey at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m. Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m. Philadelphia at Calgary, 9:30 p.m. Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30

San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed Kelth Shepherd, pitcher, and Clay Bellinger, infielder, to minor-league

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed Willie Blair, pitcher, to a one-year BASKETBALL

DALLAS MAVERICKS-Placed Lucious Harris, guard, on the injured

MIAMI HEAT-Waived LeRon Ellis, forward-center

"We're where we thought we

would be except after the San

Francisco game (a loss) I didn't

think we would be there with

"It was our goal when we

started out in training camp in

July. And we came in with the

second best record in football.

This team is not what it was

(because of free agency and

injuries). But we got the job

the bye," Switzer said.

Sugar Bowl has pair of teams on hot streak

Sugar Bowl has teams that have not lost a football game since September.

Virginia Tech lost its first two and won nine straight. Texas, the winner of the final Southwest Conference championship, has not lost a game since Sept. 23.

In the Sugar Bowl, each is looking for bigger and better

"We want to be playing for the national championship," Texas coach John Mackovic said. "That's our long-range

First things first, and that means beating Virginia Tech on New Year's Eve.

"It's not a game we take light-

ly," Mackovic said. Southwest Conference champion Texas (10-1-1), is ranked No. 9 and last lost when Notre Dame beat the Longhorns 55-27. Virginia Tech, No. 13 with a 9-2 record, finished as the Big East Conference champions after winning its last nine games.

"This was like a honeymoon year for us because we knew nence. our champion would go to the

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The alliance," Mackovic said. "Next be the next logical step, year (when Texas is in the Big 12 Conference), we will have as any teams competing for one spot in the alliance as we had competing for two this year, so this is a big bowl for us."

Texas, making its 36th bowl trip, is playing in back-to-back bowls for the first time since 1984-85. The Longhorns beat North Carolina 35-31 in the Sun Bowl last year. It's the third time, and the first since 1958, that the Longhorns have been

to the Sugar Bowl. "When we were selected to come to New Orleans, our fans overloaded the telephones and we had sold pretty much all our tickets within the first halfday," Mackovic said. "That spoke volumes for the interest and excitement surrounding this game. We should have

tremendous support." Texas posted three losing seasons in the four years just prior to Mackovic's arrival in 1992. Mackovic, Under Longhorns have worked their way back into national promi-

A Sugar Bowl victory would football team."

Mackovic said, boosting their ranking, their recruiting and their hopes for next year.

"This game is important because it gives us a chance to finish in the Top 10," Mackovic said. "We are going to play a great schedule next year. Our recruiting is off to as fast a start as it has ever been. We have a great mentality and great attitude going into this game.'

It's no less important to Virginia Tech, which is playing in its third straight bowl game.

A win against Texas would be a great finish to the year, Tech coach Frank Beamer said. It won't come easy, though.

"Texas is a team that is difficult in a sense," Beamer said. They're playing at their highest. Offensively, they're a team that's got it all. They've probably got the best running backs we've seen all year. They're very good, very well coached, very solid. If we can beat these guys, we've beat a real good

Oilers look to continue turnaround next season

Houston Oilers may not know progress in 1995.

During a season filled with distracting talk about a franchise move to Nashville, key injuries, a new offense and the initiation of a rookie quarterback, the Oilers managed to 1994 to 7-9 this season.

"We set out to accomplish Jeff Fisher said. "We had some ups and downs, but we showed improvement in every area.

number of wins we had. That's what we worked the hardest for."

Fisher's most controversial call was holding out rookie No. 1 draft pick Steve McNair for most of the season. Veteran quarterback Chris Chandler had the best season of his career, but fans wanted "Air" McNair.

The rookie had appeared in only four plays until the final three games, but he turned out to be worth the wait, throwing only one interception in 80 pass attempts and showing a grasp of the offense that offensive coordinator Jerry Rhome has been teaching all season.

"Steve has been the opposite of what his critics said he would be," said H-back Frank Wycheck. "People wondered whether he could read defenses or learn an NFL offense and he's proven he can do all that and more."

Haywood Jeffires, the Oilers' top receiver with 61 catches, likes the future catching passes

"We're headed in the right for certain where they'll be direction," Jeffires said. "We playing next season, but at just need to combine it with least they know they made experience. If you eliminate our mistakes this year we're in the playoffs. We can do a lot better next year."

Cornerback Cris Dishman is happy to be McNair's team-

"I really wouldn't like to have improve from a 2-14 record in to face that guy down the Dishman said. road.'' "Tennessee has got something some things this season start- to look forward to. They're ing with our record," coach going to have Air McNair, Chris Sanders and Rodney Thomas for years to come."

Thomas, a third round pick "The biggest difference is the from Texas A&M, finished the season with 947 rushing yards and, despite early trouble with fumbles, finished as the Oiler's No. 2 rookie runner behind Earl Campbell.

Sanders, also chosen in the third round, emerged as one of the Oilers' most exciting receivers, especially as a deep threat. He caught 35 passes for 823 yards and led the league with an average of 23.5 yards per catch.

The Oilers have other young players with bright futures on defense.

Rookies Anthony Cook and Gary Walker were contributing by the end of the season because of injuries in the defensive line. Safety Marcus Robertson and

linebacker Al Smith, both starters, suffered season-ending injuries in the second game of the season, and the Oilers later lost former Pro Bowl defensive lineman Ray Childress with a shoulder injury.

Running back Gary Brown and cornerback Steve Jackson

also missed parts of the season with injuries.

All those problems allowed inexperienced backups to get valuable experience for next season.

"We got some guys hurt early so we know the type of backups we have," defensive tackle Glenn Montgomery said. "The guys who have stepped in and played well will make us stronger.

"Sometimes, small things mean a lot and we've had some small things happen.

The improvement of Walker and Cook could mean new addresses for Childress and Montgomery, whose high salaries could make them expendable as general manager Floyd Reese works with salary cap restrictions.

n't have the big year that was anticipated with the addition of kick return specialist Mel Gray. "We need to iron out a few

The Oilers special teams did-

things but overall this is a talented group," Gray said. "The players know that they're still building on something.' And that something likely

will take place in Tennessee. The Oilers' Astrodome lease extends through the 1997 season, but it's believed owner Bud Adams will negotiate a buyout and move to Tennessee for next season.

Wherever the Oilers play, Fisher accomplished certain goals this season. "As a head coach, it's hard to

achieve chemistry, but our guys did, and they loved to come to work," Fisher said. "Once that's in place, you have a chance to win. And there' no question we had it."

Wyche

two weeks.

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Wyche declined to answer questions at a news conference. but did use the platform to thank fans and players for their support before predicting success is on the horizon for

the Bucs. Despite losing 41 of 64 games with Tampa Bay, Wyche departed with the best winning

percentage (.359) of any coach in Bucs history. The team finished 5-11 each of his first two seasons, then won four of its last five to go 6-10 and save Wyche's job in 1994.

"This team is far better than

it was four years ago when we

started," Wyche said. "A cou-

ple of good things happen this

year and we would be feeling a

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Novacek underwent knee

surgery five days ago and has

The Cowboys will have light

workouts through Saturday

morning then get the rest of the

weekend and New Year's Day

Dallas finished the regular

season 12-4 with the homefield

advantage throughout the NFC

made rapid recovery.

lot different right now.

playoffs.

"But I will say the effort has been complete. We cut no corners. We didn't take one shortcut. We didn't lack for enthusiasm or trying to be positive all the way through. I wish there had been more wins along with it. but sometimes the wins are just on the other side of the good effort."

Now it's A&M that has the postseason problem. Under Slocum, the Aggies are 1-4 in

beat Michigan," Slocum said. "If we lose to Michigan, people will say, 'So what, they lost another bowl game to a good football team and Slocum can't win the big one.' I can write your lines for you now, but that's already been written.

Cause unknown for player death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - ASouthside High School basketball player has died of an unknown cause after colliding with another player during a game, the San Antonio Express-News reported in a copyright story in today's editions.

Cesar Ybarra, 15, died at Wilford Hall Medical Center just after collapsing late in the second quarter of a freshman game at South San High School.

Hospital officials had scheduled an autopsy for Thursday

Teammates, family and friends joined the coaching staff at the hospital in a vigil that lasted more than two hours before a trauma care physician came to say Ybarra could not be revived.

Kelly said doctors were uncertain what caused the 5foot-8, 150-pound guard's death.

POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNER WEEK NUMBER 17

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Lubbock ★ 129 Points

Robert Wylie
Big Spring * 110 Points

Alamo

Continued from page 6A Michigan's defense, which has some of the best last names in college football — Irons, Steele, Sword and Swett — has

been racked by the flu. Carr said as many as 15 players have missed some practice time because of nausea and high fever since arriving last weekend in San Antonio, including star middle linebacker Jarrett Irons and nose-

tackle William Carr. But the coach said everyone

"I feel a lot better," said

Irons, who missed practice

Monday and Tuesday. "I'm

should be ready to play.

ready for the game." Michigan, whose 31-23 upset of then-No. 2 Ohio State sent Northwestern to the Rose Bowl, is averaging 402 yards and 26.5 points on offense while giving

up 286 yards and 16.8 points. The Aggles are averaging 376 yards and 27.7 points on offense while yielding just 257.7 yards and 13.5 points per game. A&M is No. 3 in the country in total defense and scoring defense. Michigan is meeting A&M for

the third time. The Wolverines won the two previous meetings in 1977 (41-3) and 1970 (14-10). Under former coach Bo Schembechler, Michigan often

bungled bowl games, going 5-12 from 1969 to 1989. But the Wolverines have won six of their last eight in postseason, including three straight.

"I think we gain more if we

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Thursday, December 28, 1995

PEZ dispensers not just candy holders; they're art

By PATRICIA CORRIGAN St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A bride and a pineapple that's all John Devlin is missing. He knows where to get both, but he doesn't want to pay for them.

The bride and the pineapple in question are PEZ candy dispensers. Devlin, who lives in south St. Louis County, collects them.

Known in PEZ circles as "The Cool PEZ Man," Devlin claims he has about 700 PEZ dispensers, some worth as much as \$3,000. Wisely, he keeps the valuable dispensers in a safe deposit box, but some of the others are on display in his

Devlin, 40, started seriously collecting PEZ dispensers in 1988. His collection includes a Frankenstein PEZ dispenser, a panda, Bat Man, Mickey Mouse, Snoopy, Santa Claus, Popeye, Pluto, Frankenstein, Miss Piggy, an elephant, the Green Hornet, the Mutant Teen-age Ninja Turtles (with open-mouthed smiles or closed).

Pinocchio and Snow White. He has 31 different bunnyhead dispensers. He has a European PEZ dispenser with a little orange hippopotamus on top. He has every pony dispenser made except the one with the purple head. And he has a couple of the "psychedel-

ic" designs, including the open tions. flower with an eyeball in it.

Devlin even has a small collection of "rip-off" PEZ dispensers (sort of like those fake Rolex watches, only faux PEZ) that includes Mr. Spock of Star Trek fame, the Alien and the Cat in the Hat.

He also boasts a healthy collection of PEZ-related artifacts, such as the PEZ Frisbee, the PEZ beach umbrella, PEZ lapel pins, the PEZ skateboard and the PEZ jigsaw puzzle. A PEZ sales rack in one corner contains PEZ dispensers and candy in the original packages.

Devlin admits his collection takes up lots of room. But not as much as his previous collec-

Big Spring Herald

"I used to collect pinball machines," he said. "I never had more than 10 at one time, though." Devlin also has curbed his fancy for jukeboxes and sporty cars.

Devlin said that as a boy he collected shells (when he lived in California) and coins (when his family moved to St. Louis).

"I've been involved with collectibles all my life," Devlin said. "I sold my stamp collection to buy my wife's wedding ring."

Devlin works as a stationary operating engineer, running boilers.

He also runs conventions — PEZ conventions. Devlin orga-

convention here in June 1993. The second was held last June. The third annual National PEZ Convention will be in St. Louis next June.

(For information on the convention, send a stamped, selfaddressed envelope to 640 Aqua Ridge Drive, St. Louis, Mo.

At the conventions, collectors trade and sell dispensers. Some cost as little as \$5 or less. Some cost a good bit more.

The "Make-A-Face" PEZ dispenser, which is something like a Mr. Potato Head toy, with interchangeable parts, is considered rare. The dispenser, in the original package with all

nized the first PEZ collectors the parts, is worth between

\$1,500 and \$3,000, Devlin said. All this excitement over a little candy - and at that Devlin can't get cherry PEZ, the flavor he likes best. He has to go to Canada, where cherry PEZ is still available.

PEZ was not always just a candy.

Devlin said Eduard Haas, an Austrian businessman, invented PEZ in 1927 as a breath mint for smokers. "Pfefferminz" is the German word for peppermint, and "PEZ" is an abbreviation of the word. "Eat a peppermint instead," urged the early ads for PEZ.

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Cancer claims girl's life

By JANET AUSBURY

Features Editor

"It's no big deal. They put the needle in, I watch. When they take it out, I watch.

-Naomi Collins, June 1994 No needle will trouble the skin of 10-year-old Naomi Collins any more. No chemotherapy will remove her hair. No complications will take her to the emergency

Naomi lost a three-year battle with cancer on Dec. 24 while visiting her father in Massachusetts. "She just went to sleep. I think she was pooped," said her mother, Donna Creamer.

The thin but spunky child was profiled in a June 28, 1994, article in the Herald. She was unfazed by either her illness or its treatment, and would watch the variety of tubes and needles being implanted in her rather than shy away.

Naomi's journey through the dark world of cancer began in September 1992, when she was diagnosed with Wilm's tumor of the kidney. Her left kidney was removed and she underwent chemotherapy on and off for months afterward.

Occasionally, she was plagued with bouts of abdominal pain and difficulty breathing, caused by her lungs filling with fluid. A few weeks ago, she began to have these problems again. "She got sicker, then she got better for a while," Creamer said.

"She had just gotten better, and then she got sicker again with breathing problems. She passed away Christmas Eve," Creamer added. "I think she was just tired."

A fund had been started in Naomi's name to offset her medical bills. In addition to those contributions, many in the community provided emotional support to the family. "Let everyone know we thank them," Creamer said. "We appreciate their prayers and

Services for Naomi were at 2 p.m. today in Baxley, Ga., where her father's family resides. In addition to her **mother, lather and steplather.** she is survived by her sister Anastasia Collins, brother Samuel Creamer, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Perdue, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chism of Arkansas and William and Janet Collins of Toledo, Ohio.



Naomi Collins, shown in June 1994 at age 8, had already battled cancer for nearly two years when this photo was taken. The fight finally ended Dec. 24, when Naomi died in

Butterfly season takes wing high in California

By CHERI MATTHEWS

Modesto Bee

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. -Thirty feet up, eucalyptus canopies droop with the bodies of thousands of sleepy monarch butterflies. From time to time, entire branches flutter with orange-and-black wings. But it is the insects that fall to the ground that spark the attention of visiting children.

"It's a boy," announces Casey Morrow, 7, of Castroville, as she hands a monarch to her sister, Carissa. The butterfly, too cold today to venture out successfully, has the markings of a male — two black spots on the back of its wings.

Sally Herrgott, a woman who wears butterfly pins and drives with an "I brake for butterflies" bumper sticker, takes the butterfly and, cupping her hand, blows on it ever so gingerly. Her breath warms the wings so the monarch can fly again.

This is winter vacation for migrating monarchs, which find sanctuary here among the Monterey pines and eucalyptus. Service

Scientists estimate that nearly 40,000 butterflies are clinging to the trees in Monarch Grove Sanctuary and in Washington

"It varies back and forth depending on where they want to spend their days and evenings," said Herrgott, a member of the Friends of the Monarchs. "The two locations are about five blocks apart as the butterfly flies."

Last winter, Pacific Grove's butterfly count totaled only

"It was very depressing," Herrgott said. "For every year of drought, the numbers dropped. But last winter's heavy rains helped the milkweed to grow, which is the only plant the monarchs use to lay their eggs. As a result, they laid lots of eggs, and this year we have oodles of butterflies."

Residents take such pride in their migrant visitors that they passed a \$1.2 million bond in 1990 to purchase land and save a monarch grove from develop-

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BABYFACE

New video shows little ones mugging it up

By KATHERINE SELIGMAN San Francisco Examiner

BELMONT, Calif. - Bret Frost and Erica Dalton are not yet 2 years old, but they know what they like. And what they like looks a lot like them. It drools, it smiles, it sucks a pacifier.

Now, thanks to their mothers, they can spend a blissful halfhour viewing what's believed to be the world's first video for infants. "Babymugs," the brainchild of Linda Dalton and Shelly Frost, features 85 babies doing what babies do, accompanied by bootie-stomping music.

"We put so much work into it, it was almost like giving birth," said Dalton, screening the movie in her Belmont home one day recently. "The first

of

up and smiled and pointed, and we knew we had a winner."

To Erica and Bret, the movie is a perpetual winner. The toddler buddies still jump and gesture when they see it. And so, apparently, do other babies. Move over, Barney.

"I think our sales will be in the hundreds of thousands in the first year," said Ronni Shuffield, vice president of MVP Home Entertainment, a Southern California firm handling the film's distribution. "Stores have been selling out. My partner and I are calling this the Pet Rock of the '90s."

Dalton, 36, and Frost, 34, met first as overwhelmed, exhausted new mothers. Matched through the San Carlos-Belmont Mothers Club when their babies were 6 weeks old,

time Erica saw it, she crawled the two took hikes around Crystal Springs Reservoir to talk about the common denominators of sleep deprivation and the transition from dedicated professional to full-time mom.

Frost, who had managed a nonprofit animal shelter, and Dalton, an editor and art director for Hewlett-Packard, hit it off immediately. They both were enthusiastic, high-energy women who were married to serious Grateful Dead fans. They were delighted with their new roles, but broadsided by the high-maintenance aspect of child rearing.

"We started talking about doing something together, having an outlet," said Dalton, holding a pacifier as her daughter cruised around Frost's

Please see VIDEO, page 3B

COWS IN CENTERFIELD



Josh James, 12, waits on a high slow one from his buddy, Brandon White, not shown, as the two hone their baseball skills in a neighbor's cow pasture near Milton-Freewater, Ore. The cows, he says, are used to the whole idea.

PICTURE THIS



Magic shovel Five-year-old John Harrison of Racine. Wis., lets go of a shovel handle as he kicks snow from the scoop while clearing the family's driveway.

Fifth Sunday singing postponed

Because of the holidays, the Fifth Sunday singing at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church has been postponed. The next Fifth Sunday singing will be Feb. 4, 1996, the first one of the new year.

Midland to present Hamby play

"Maggie's Dance," a play written by Rick Hamby and winner of the 1994 McLaren Comedy Competition, will be presented by Midland Community Theatre Jan. 12-27 at Yucca Theatre, Midland. Hamby will play one of the characters.

Ticket prices are \$10 for the public and \$8 for theatre members. The box office will open Jan. 3 for members, Jan. 6 for the public. To reserve tickets. call the theatre at (915) 682-4111.

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-John F. Kennedy

Freedom is only sweet when it is won. When it is forced, it is called responsibility -Toni Morrison

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — He swam for more than 20 hours. He slept, floating on a life preserver made from his pants. He thought about his family and how he never got to say goodbye. And he prayed.

With bags under his eyes and a sunburnt face, Lance Cpl. Zachary Mayo recounted Thursday how, after a strong wind knocked him off the aircraft carrier USS America, he floated alone for 36 hours in the Arabian Sea until his rescue.

"I never expected I would be off the ship," the 20-year-old Marine told reporters here. "I prayed to God every minute I was in the water. That helped me to keep going.'

The aviation maintenance crewman from Osburn, Idaho, had insomnia early Saturday so he stepped outside for a breath of fresh air and a peek at the

A strong wind and a jolt from a swinging door knocked him overboard; his shouts weren't heard on the empty deck above.

The Navy gave him up for lost after a lengthy search, and Mayo bobbed helplessly for a day and a half in the ocean until Pakistani fishermen picked him up and took him to their village.

Mayo enlisted in the Marines in 1993 and, after boot camp, attended school to become an aircraft hydraulics mechanic. He was assigned to the Marine Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron Three, a group of EA-6B radar jamming planes based in Cherry Point, N.C.

Neatly shaved and wearing civilian clothes, Mayo fidgeted nervously during a press conference at the U.S. Consulate. He briefly described his thoughts as he floated alone at

"What came to mind were all the things I've never done before," he said. "I thought that I would never be able to say goodbye to my parents and to my friends."

Mayo said he swam for "20 hours, maybe 30." Overcome by exhaustion, he put his Marine training to use by tying his pants in a knot and inflating them as a life preserver.

The Pakistani fisherman who found him took him to Gwadar. their remote village close to the Iranian border on the Arabian Sea coast.

As soon as he could find someone who spoke English, he called his parents. He said village residents welcomed him as a celebrity.

"I'd like to thank everybody for taking care of me and feeding me and taking care of my needs," Mayo said.

Use the information from the story to answer the following true and false questions:

..... 1. Zachary Mayo, a United States Marine, was rescued after swimming for more than 20 hours in the Persian Gulf.

..... 2. Lance Corporal Mayo joined the Marines in 1993 and was trained to take care of airplanes.

3. Mayo had insomnia (difficulty sleeping) because there was no fresh air in his room.

.... 4. A strong wind knocked the 20-year-old Marine off the deck of the aircraft carrier USS America.

.... 5. When the Ohio crewman fell overboard, he was too scared to call for help.

..... 6. At first, Mayo's shipmates did not realize that he was missing.

..... 7. To stay afloat, the U.S. Marine inflated (filled with air) his life jacket and tied it around his waist.

..... 8. A Pakistani fisherman found the extremely tired Marine sleeping in the village of Gwadar.

..... 9. The Fakistanis who helped care for the American thought that he might be dangerous.

..... 10. One of the first things that the young Marine did after arriving in Gwadar was to write to his parents.

..... BONUS: After reading this article, you can guess that the water temperature in the Arabian Sea must have been above freezing.

Answer Key: 1)F 2)T 3)F 4)T 5)F 6)T 7)F 8)F 9)F 10)F



By BETTY DEBNAM

Here are some of Circleville, N.Y.'s biggest fads. Put a check if these

Hello, Circleville, N.Y.! The Kids of 1995

are popular where you live.



To find out what was "in" for the kids of 1995, The Mini Page

surveyed some kids at Circleville Elementary School in Circleville, N.Y.



Circleville is about 75 miles northwest of New York City. Students come to the school from



pogs popular?



Mini backpacks

The Mini Page thanks all of the students and Lynn Cook, computer paraprofessional, at Circleville Elementary School for their help



In-line skating





More favorites

Favorite entertainment

Authors

Two authors nearly tied as Circleville's

favorite: Dr. Seuss (younger kids top choice) R.L. Stine

(older kids' top choice)



Bruce Coville

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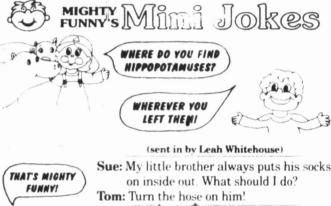
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TV shows

"Full House" Power Rangers' "Home "Real Monsters" Improvement"

"All That" "Family Matters" "Are You Afraid of the Dark?"



"Rugrats"

Q: What do you get when you cross a

bumblebee with a dinner bell? A: A real humdinger! (both sent in by Victoria Ferrante)

jeans

Rookie Cookie's Recipe **Very Merry Salad**

EARRINGS

BE A KID IN '951

clothes, too!

• 2 cups broccoli flowerets

• 2 cups cauliflower flowerets 1 cup mushrooms, sliced

• 1/3 cup olives

Put a check if you wear baggy

· 1 cup peas, canned or frozen What to do:

1. Place all ingredients, except salad dressing, in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish

2. Sprinkle 1 package salad dressing evenly on vegetables. 3. Use the other package to make the dressing, following directions on package.

Names that remind us of the kids of 1995 are hidden in the block

below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find:

POGS, HOME IMPROVEMENT, DR. SEUSS, JOHN ELWAY,

GARTH BROOKS, HATS, FULL HOUSE, JEANS, FLANNEL

JIM CARREY, MICHAEL JORDAN, MICHAEL JACKSON,

Mini Spy...

letter C

word Mini

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this year. See if you can find

Gus and his friends are taking a computer class in school

4. Pour dressing over vegetables. 5. Refrigerate at least 6 hours. Serves 8.

chestnuts, drained · 2 small packages of dry Italian salad dressing

• 18-ounce can water

baggy clothes **Barbie dolls**

TRY 'N

KIDS OF 1995 FIND

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Disney clother earrings for boys and

flannel shirts floppy hats footba friendship bracele friendship pins

fringed boots frizzy hair

hats on backward Hello Kitty things

goat's head inside-out cloth

Fads From A to Z Here are the "in" things from around the country. Circle the fads that are big

Hiking boots

from Circleville Put a check if these are your favorites, too.

TV and movie stars ☐ Brad Pitt

☐ Arnold Schwarzenegger ☐ Pauly Shore ☐ Jim Carrey

☐ Will Smith **Musical artists** \square TLC

☐ Michael Jackson ☐ Green Day ☐ Boyz II Men ☐ Hootie and the

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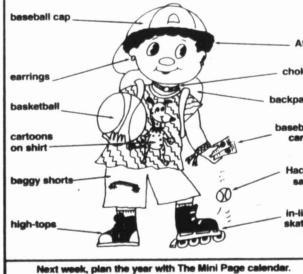
Athletes ☐ Don Mattingly ☐ Emmitt Smith

☐ Michael Jordan

☐ Shaquille O'Neal

The cool fads for 1995





light-up sneaker long shorts lots of earrings

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Drawn to catching criminals

By DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR. Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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HASLET, Texas — Catching a criminal with a pencil is a tough job. But Tina Scholl says she has captured more felons with a pencil than she ever did

with a gun.

Area police officials say Scholl, a former patrol officer, sketch artists in the state. The FBI, the U.S. Postal Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have for help in capturing bank

Detective Dan Smith, who has enlisted Scholl's help tracking rapists and armed robbers for anyone. at least 15 years.

Scholl "has that technique to listen to someone's description and get it down. And she also has compassion for the victims and witnesses," Smith

Haltom City Police Chief Andy Burt agreed.

"She's made herself available to police agencies on nights and weekends," Burt said. "And that's from someone whose full-time job isn't being a police sketch artist. She's clearly that dedicated."

Scholl, owner of Creative Forms, an interior-exterior decorations business, contracts her artistic skills on a part-time basis to law enforcement agen-

"I'd say we've managed to find at least 90 percent of the people I've drawn," said Scholl, who has been drawing suspects

is one of the best police The credit goes to the victims and witnesses. If it called on the Haslet resident wasn't for their ability to describe someone's robbers and kidnappers.

"She's topnotch," said Hurst facial features, we wouldn't have caught

Tina Scholl

for 20 years. "But the credit goes to the victims and witnesses. If it wasn't for their ability to describe someone's facial features, we wouldn't have caught anyone."

Scholl said she always had a passion for drawing faces, but because she believed artists "starve to death," she got a job as a Southlake dispatcher in the early 1970s.

Within a few years, Scholl joined the Colleyville Police Department as a patrol officer.

"There was a girl who was being stalked," Scholl said. 'She was depressed and very frightened because (the stalker) was loose. I just had to do something to help her, so I drew a sketch of him. We eventually caught him.'

That was the springboard for the hundreds of sketches Scholl has drawn for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. To improve her work, she has taken college courses on art, interviewing and psychology.

Scholl spends at least two hours with victims and witnesses, and on occasion takes an entire day.

"The hardest thing," Scholl said, "is they give me a description of a vicious, mean facial expression. That may be what they looked like at the time, but I need what they look like in a normal situation.'

Computers and composite drawing kits have added to the tools of a police sketch artist, but police officials say they will never replace the artists. "A computer will never replace her," Smith said. "It can never do what an artist can do.

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Tina Scholl, a commercial artist, shows some of her work in Bedford, Texas. She contracts her artistic skills on a part-time basis to law enforcement agencies. Area police officials say Scholl is one of the best sketch artists in the state.

Penny for your thoughts on children's allowances

By MIA B. MOODY

Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — Allowances are one thing parents and children inevitably fight over.

Children usually want big bucks in exchange for little effort, while parents often want total obedience, cleaning services and perfect grades in exchange for a pittance.

The age-old debate also focuses on how much money children should get at certain ages, how much work they should do to get it and how much of their allowances should be saved.

children in the decision process first-grader, and \$6 a week for, Parents should also encour-finances aren't helping their

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can provide a learning experience, said Gussie McConnell, a McLennan County extension

'Monies are limited is the most important lesson," she said. "An allowance should cover children's needs and a few wants.'

A good allowance system teaches children about the real world on a smaller scale, said Yolanda Lopez, coordinator of the Waco Independent School District's English as a Second Language program.

Nick and Rachel Dahnke, the children Lopez helps raise, get \$1 per grade level, which adds is satisfied with a smaller she said. "Adults who have a school editorial, "Is this fair?

Rachel, a sixth-grader.

The two work hard for their money. Nick, 6, must take out the trash, clean his room twice a week and complete his home work assignments. Rachel, 11, must wash dishes, sweep the kitchen, clean her room and get along with her brother.

Lopez believes adults should be realistic about how much money children need for their daily activities.

"Rachel needs more money and spends it on movies and other activities," she said.

age children to have a savings children by making all of the account and tithe at church, she said. Rachel and Nick give 10 percent of their allowances to church and put 10 percent in

This helps them understand that even adults don't get the full amount of their paychecks because of taxes and insurance expenses, Lopez said.

To teach responsible behav ior, parents should supervise rather than dictate their chilthan Nick because she's older dren's expenditures, McConnell

"Children need to learn by "Nick has fewer expenses and mistakes as well as successes," years of experience with Idon't think so.

financial decisions.

Parents should also make sure they are fair to both sons and daughters.

Earlier this year, Beth Peres, an Illinois fourth-grader, protested a gender gap in allowances. After surveying her class, she discovered boys got an average of \$3.18 a week. while girls averaged only \$2.63. Peres' allowance was 50 cents a

Peres also discovered boys did only three chores to earn their bucks, while girls had to do up to 12. Peres' comment in

Blast rescue team sends holiday greetings to state

By PENNY OWEN

The Daily Oklahoman

OKLAHOMA CITY Though only here for a few of Oklahoma City's darkest days, the California Task Force 3 team was not forgotten by Oklahomans, as proven by more than 1,000 cards and let ters it got from well-wishers.

The 62-member search and rescue team that helped in the Murrah Building bombing aftermath is returning the gratitude by sending 700 handwritten holiday cards to those who gave a return address.

For those who didn't — many were schoolchildren -- a few members of the team will return to Oklahoma on Jan. 15 to deliver about 500 posters, mostly to schools.

"The bottom line is: We have a message to send back to everybody from Oklahoma and we hope it gets out," said Cart Harold Schapelhouman, team coordinator.

The cards bear that message: "To the people of Oklahoma: Thank you for your overwhelming kindness and support during and after the dark days following the Murrah Federal Building incident. We will never forget the people of Oklahoma and their treatment of our team. We wish for you and your families peace, love and healing during the holiday season. With our deepest appreciation, California Task Force

The team mainly worked from the ninth floor of the Murrah Building down, removing overhead hazards. "We didn't rescue anybody; that's the hardest thing about this," Schapelhouman said. "But I think we helped out.'

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Helpful high school classes: Most high schools don't have any programs that relate directly to this occupation. Basic education, construction trades, automotive tech and diesel

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Average salary: 1993 average salary \$25,591.

Job prospects: Nationally average or less than average, for Texas better than average.

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Helpful high school classes: College preparatory, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, chemistry, physical science, biology, physics and any advanced science or math

Continuing education/training: Junior college (basics) and senior college.

Some sources of training or education: Texas Tech, Texas A&M, University of Texas or Rice University.

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house. "We needed a project to feel OK." "But it had to involve our kids," added Frost. "They're

our No. 1 priority." It was the kids who provided inspiration for a video. They would calm down whenever they saw each other, proving what every mother knows: Babies like to watch other

babies' faces. Frost and Dalton leaped on the idea. They opened the phone book and called a video producer, who was kind enough to give them advice. He also told them their homespun project would cost \$75,000.

Although they didn't know a Betacam from a backdrop, they eventually found a video editor who had the equipment they needed and a background in early childhood education. Best of all, he would do the film for only \$10,000, money raised from garage sales and from raiding

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pockets and savings. Frost and Dalton handled the

details themselves. They put out a casting call by flagging down women with babies in strollers, printing flyers, approaching strangers in malls and landing a press release in a local paper.

It's everybody-out-of-the-pool time as Rambo, a 9-month-old Bengal tiger, takes the plunge

in the fifth-floor swimming pool at a Tampa hotel. Trainer Graham Thomas Chipperfield

brought Rambo to the pool as a promotion for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey

Circus playing in town. The young tiger is not yet performing, but attends all rehearsals to become acclimated to the sights, sounds and action of the circus.

They were flooded with more than 200 calls. From those, they signed up every baby they could. The only requirement for the young stars was being 3 to 18 months old.

The cast is as varied as nature. Its members have peach-fuzz hair, no hair, ringlets. They are chubby and petite. The babies generally just sit or lie there. Some chew on a toy. Others just stare at the screen.

The pace changes with music that is at first jazzy, then sooththen countrified. Truthfully, there is no high drama. "Oh, look, look what's going

to happen," said Dalton, watching a motionless baby on the screen. "I love that one. The baby smiles, then tilts slowly out of the picture. The film has done better than Dalton and Frost ever imagined

it might.

In its first Christmas season, the video is being sold for \$9.95 at places like Imaginarium, FAO Schwarz and Musicland. It has gotten a seal of approval from Parents Choice, a nonprofit organization that rates children's products.

The new entrepreneurs have taped "Oprah" and other national shows. They're getting used to being called "the Babymugs Moms.'

A sequel may be in the works, but Dalton and Frost aren't sure they want to spend more time away from their families. Frost already is president of the Mothers Club and works part-time for an organization she helped found that finds homes for stray animals. Dalton has plans to work with homeless women.

"Basically, we're both homebodies," said Dalton. Distributed by Scripps Howard News

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change in pace is needed. Use this opportunity to set aside time for yourself away from the hectic activity and constant communications. Recharge your batteries. Touch base with friend. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.**

GRMINI (May 21-June 20) A partner may be cranky and upset. Friends seek out your company. Accept invitations. Don't mope about a momentary setback. Carefully monitor the flow of money. Happiness surrounds groups and a longdesired wish. Tonight: Go for what you want.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An associate is determined to get his point across. Stay on top of changes, and recognize your power. Refuse to let someone trigger your emotions; choose to stay in control. Your stability helps this person realize the recklessness of his ways. Tonight: Spread your wings.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take off as soon as you can. Distant drummers call you, and you need to respond. Make calls, and catch up on a loved one's news. Detach from a workrelated matter, and you'll see past self-imposed restrictions. Go with the unexpected. Tonight: Go for the exotic.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your popularity is high, but you need to handle certain priorities. Include a friend in a long-term plan. Discussions are important as you make a decision. Togetherness marks the day. Be careful with flirting, if attached. Tonight: Walk a conservative course for now.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Tempers flare when you least expect it. A family member is definitely out of whack. The timing isn't right to ask for KIND OF DAY YOU'LL what you want. Being your HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; seu brings better results than being assertive for now. Go along with a partner's needs. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Get work done, and worry less about an unpleasant talk you have today. The pressure of the holidays could be getting to someone. Concentrate on one task at a time, and you'll breeze

through your work, errands and other obligations. Tonight: Rest up while you can.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Mix ingenuity and imagination, and you'll succeed despite a monetary hassle. You can find a new path to achieve your objective. Children, friends and a romantic overtone mark the day. Be adventuresome and open. Tonight: Start the round of parties.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might lose it at the oddest moment. You are under unusual stress and need a break from the pace. Pull back, and think about how you can release the pressure. You simply may need some quiet downtime. Tonight: Vanish.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Talks may be frustrating on some level for you. Resist making things worse than they are. You are overly tired and need to express how drained you are. Return calls, catch up on news and touch base with a friend or close relative. Tonight: Get in the mood for the new year.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be more aware of how a long-term commitment is affecting your wallet. There is no time like the present to call a halt to the spending and reorganize on a more solid basis. You will be happier in the long run as a result. Tonight: Make it cheap.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 29, 1995: You start a new luck cycle next month. During this cycle, you will experience life with more intensity. The highs will be very high, and the lows could be very low. Nevertheless, when you look back at this year, you will feel as if you gained enormously from it. Learn how to channel your high energy. If you are single, you meet people easily, but you might push them away inadvertently. If attached, learn to express your frustration in a nonthreatening way so your partner can hear it. ARIES poses a challenge.

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Why should the 20-year-old woman whose date said her nose is too big and her chin is too receding even consider that she has "flaws" that need correcting? A person who is extremely photogenic and skin-

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Columnist help stop wasting their energy comparing themselves to models and movie stars. This only leads to low self-esteem, and

eating and drinking disorders. . The insensitive young man who was "brutally honest" is also a victim of the new beauty culture. He measures beauty as 'movie star material.'' However, it is very doubtful that he measures his attractive-

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DEAR WOMAN: Well said. And may I add, a genuine smile can radiate more candlepower an a 300-watt bulb.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Wants a Tattoo in New York," the 16-year-old girl whose mother said it was against their religion to get a tattoo. If she won't listen to her mother, maybe she will listen

I am 25 years old. When I was 19. I went to a local tattoo parlor with a girlfriend and left there with a small rose the size of a half dollar on my left shoulder. I thought it was cool, so a week later, I went back and had another rose taftooed on the outside of my right

ankle. They cost \$35 apiece. Not long after having my tattoos done, I started getting disapproving looks from strangers. (It's still happening six years later.) As much as I hate to admit it, people just

don't accept tattoos on women. Once a tattoo is there, it's very expensive to remove. Also, if it's not removed properly, it could leave ugly scars. I have consulted a laser clinic and plan to start the removal process soon. It will cost at least \$300 a session and will

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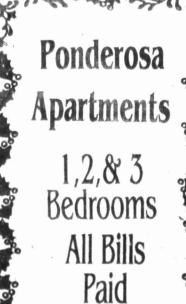
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joint rule with her husband,

In 1832, John C. Calhoun

became the first vice president

of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the

In 1856, the 28th president of

the United States, Thomas

Woodrow Wilson, was born in

In 1869, William Finley Semple of Mount Vernon, Ohio,

patented chewing gum.
In 1917, the New York
Evening Mail published a face-

tious — as well as fictitious —

essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America. In 1937, composer Maurice

In 1944, the musical "On the Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, author Theodore

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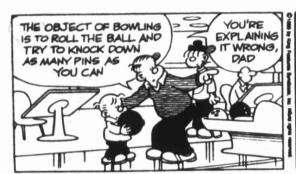
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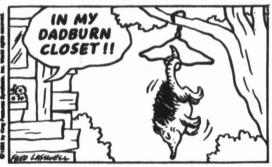
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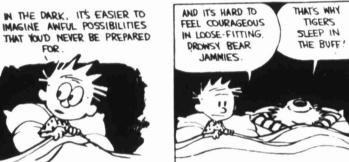




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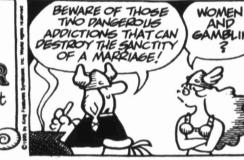
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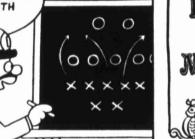








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dead. Ten years ago: One of South Africa's most prominent white dissidents, Molly Blackburn, was killed in a car crash outside Port Elizabeth along with liberal politician Brian Bishop.

Five years ago: The government reported that its chief economic forecasting gauge, the Index of Leading Indicators, plunged 1.2 percent the previous month, the fifth consecutive monthly drop. Two people died in a subway fire in New York City; 33 people were injured in a trolley collision in Boston.

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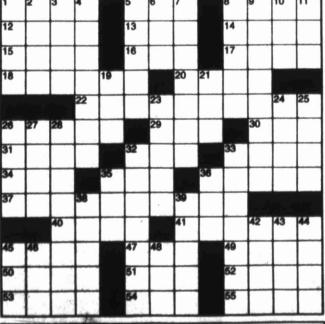
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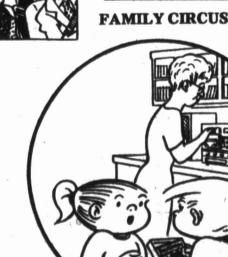
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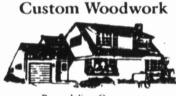
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