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Lloyd, Mansfield named woman, man of the year

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the highlights of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet was the announcement of Toots Mansfield and Margaret Lloyd as 1995 Man and Woman of the Year.

Lloyd is known to most in Big Spring as the mother of the Humane Society. She helped organize both the Abilene and Big Spring Humane Society and has utilized patients from the Big Spring State Hospital to aid at the animal shelter.

Lloyd served many years as the executive director of the Girl Scouts and has been involved with the group for many years as a volunteer.

As she made her way to the podium to receive her award Lloyd said, "I'm sure I was nom-

inated by two cocker spaniels and a German sheppard.

Outgoing chamber President Jim Weaver said of Lloyd, "She is an individual who has contributed to the community year after year. She is a unique woman who marches to the beat of a different drum and a lady who doesn't mind stepping on toes."

Lloyd is the mother of three and taught at the state hospital before retiring. She now serves as a part-time diagnostician.

As he introduced Mansfield as "Man of the Year" Weaver said he is a true role model for all men.

"In his profession he is without peers. His name is synonymous with that of world champion," Weaver said.

Mansfield is a seven-time world champion calf roper, win-

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Toots Mansfield and Margaret Lloyd were named the Man and Woman of the Year during the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet Friday evening at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Escapee recaptured

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The manhunt for Ruben Juarez ended around 4 p.m. Saturday when the Department of Public Safety was tipped off by an informant that Juarez was inside a structure on NW 7th Street.

Juarez had been on the loose since he escaped from jail last Friday morning.

Chief Deputy Robert Puente, DPS Trooper Darryle Sparks, Deputy Sgt. Barney Edens, Deputies Juan Palacios, George Quintero, Ed Covington and reserve Deputies Willie Rangel and Keith Burnett went to the location given by the informant and upon entering the residence found Juarez hiding under a bed.

Juarez was searched and a knife was found, but no injuries

were reported during the arrest. He was then taken into custody and transported to the Howard County jail.

Juarez was scheduled to go on trial this week for allegedly raping his former wife in May 1995. Because of that charge, he had been sent back to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville last summer on a parole violation. He was recently brought back to Howard County to stand trial on the aggravated sexual assault charge.

Because of his escape, Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard said Juarez will also be charged with escaping.

Workers were at the jail Friday afternoon repairing the window Juarez escaped from. He had tampered with a lock between bed checks early that Friday morning.

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Marj Carpenter provides a world tour



MARJ CARPENTER

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The saddest thing is a room full of children to weep to cry.

That is what Marj Carpenter told the audience at the annual banquet of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce as she took them on a trip around the world Friday, looking at the best, the worst, the prettiest, the saddest.

The banquet's theme was "Celebrating Big Spring ... A Premier Community" and guest speaker Carpenter did that by taking the audience on a round-the-world trip.

Carpenter is a Big Spring resident who was named the city's "Woman of the Year" in 1978 and in July was voted in as Moderator of 207 General Assembly of

the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Carpenter was introduced by Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks, who painted a portrait of a smart, gifted and talented person who made her way to Big Spring as a journalist, but whose first love was, is and always will be, the church.

Carpenter opened up by telling the audience she didn't come to talk religion, but to talk about her travels around the world. Because of her extensive travels as a missionary she said she lives in airports these days, but she still hangs her hat in Big Spring.

"I've been fortunate enough to see 105 countries," Carpenter said, adding she will see at least three more by July.

She said when she first left Big Spring she didn't know there were that many countries.

Carpenter said people often ask her about her travels and she tries to answer them.

"What's the most beautiful place you've ever seen?" she said someone once asked her.

Carpenter said two of the places were in Brazil, one was a particular water fall and the other was the butterflies she saw in the Amazon.

She added watching the shrimp boats come in at sunset in Nassau is also one of the most beautiful things she's seen.

Carpenter said many people have asked her what's the ugliest things she's ever seen.

She said she really hasn't seen anything she would call ugly, but when you see places that are leveled in poverty that has to be considered ugly.

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Gun ban considered by commissioners

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider banning concealed handguns on county property at their Monday meeting.

County Judge Ben Lockhart said commissioners asked him to put the item on Monday's agenda so they can discuss the matter.

"A lot of other counties are banning weapons and this is something we will discuss. We may ban the guns at all county properties or just some, it depends on what the commissioners want to do," Lockhart

said.

"If we pass this, we will post signs. We want to do this to remove any doubt and some people won't believe it until they see the signs."

Lockhart added one place that might be considered would be the Howard County Fairgrounds when there is a dance scheduled at the barn.

The commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the Howard County Courthouse.

The law states you are not allowed to carry a concealed handgun at any of the following places: at any meeting of a governmental entity, at a business that derives 51 percent of its income from the sale of alco-

holic beverages for on-site consumption; at a high school, college, interscholastic or professional sporting event; at schools; at polling places, courts or government offices; on the premises of a correctional facility; on the premises of a hospital or nursing home unless you have written permission from the administration; at an amusement park or at a church, synagogue or other established place of religious worship.

Carrying a gun at the above listed places is a Class A misdemeanor. The exception is carrying it at a place selling alcohol or a correctional facility, a third degree felony.

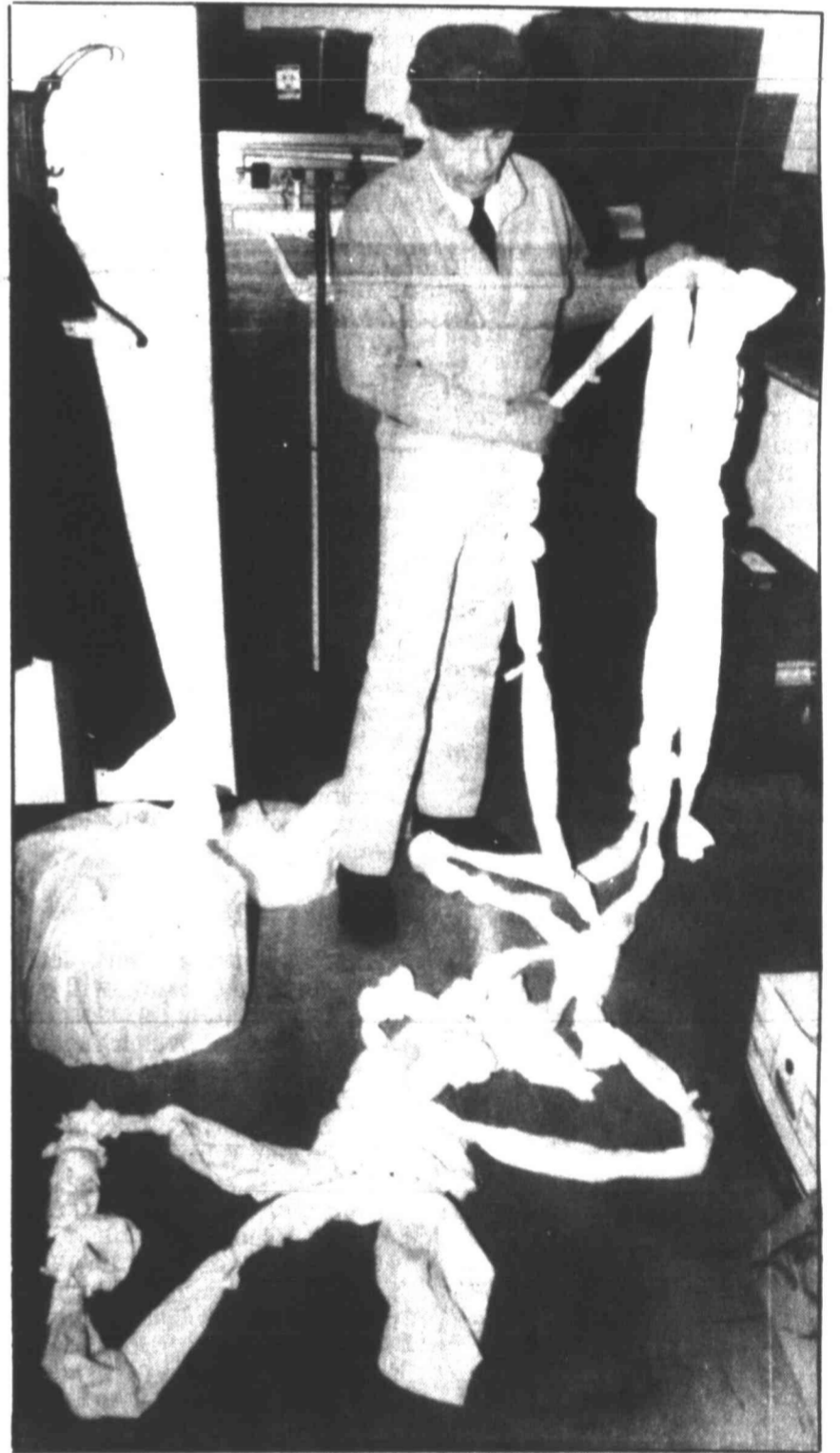
Drunk driving not behind fatal accident

Blood tests reveal a Big Spring woman was not legally drunk when the car she was driving veered into another lane and crashed head-on with another vehicle.

Department of Public Safety reports indicate Sandra Kay McClinton's blood alcohol level was 0.06 and the legal limit for being drunk is 0.10.

She was ticketed for driving on the wrong side of the road while not passing. Initial

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Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard holds the makeshift rope that Ruben Juarez used to make his escape from the Howard County Jail Friday morning. The rope was fashioned from bed sheets and painters cloth, reinforced with masking tape.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Texas Trivia
What Harris County town is named in honor of "The Father of the Port of Houston?"
Tomball for Congressman Thomas Henry Bell

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Declaring that "decision time" has arrived on balancing the federal budget, President Clinton called on the leaders of the Republican Congress today to shed narrow interests and join him in shaping a "national unity" budget plan. See page 8A.

World: NATO sent troops and armored vehicles into the streets of Mostar on Saturday after the shooting death of a Croat policeman sent tensions soaring in the bitterly divided southwestern town. See page 4A.

STATE

Bone cold
Light snow and frozen rain Friday pelted West Texas for the second time this week and left some roads glazed with treacherous ice. See page 5A.

Hard week for lawyers
Some Texas lawyers have had to face the bar of justice themselves in the past week. One is accused of robbing a bank, another faces charges in a murder-for-hire scheme and yet a third is under scrutiny for illegally soliciting air crash victims. See page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **45** ▲ Highs **22** ▼ Lows

Partly cloudy
Today, sunny, high mid 40s, light winds; tonight, mostly clear, low lower 20s.

Permian Basin Forecast
Mondays: Sunny, warmer, high near 60; clear night, low near 30.
Tuesdays: Sunny, warmer, high near 60; clear night, low near 30.
Wednesdays: Sunny, warmer, high near 60; clear night, low near 30.

OBITUARIES

Mary E. Knox

Memorial services for Mary E. Knox, 86, of Lake of the Pines, formerly of Big Spring, will be Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1996, at the Lake of the Pines club house with Rev. Sam Walberg officiating. Interment will be at Sierra Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Nevada City. Knox died Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996 at Auburn Faith Hospital. She was born June 26, 1909, in Abilene and married Hiram Knox June 2, 1940. She worked as an escrow officer for more than 25 years in Texas. Survivors include her husband: Hiram Knox, Lake of the Pines; two brothers: Johnny Burns and Sam Burns; one sister: Virginia Spears; and numerous nieces and nephews. Knox was preceded in death by two sisters: Patty and Nellie B. Arrangements are under the direction of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

Clara Mary Phelan

Funeral services for Clara Mary 'Curth' Phelan, 81, of Kansas City, Kan. were 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996, at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church, in Kansas City. Interment followed at Resurrection Cemetery. Phelan died on Monday, Jan. 1, 1996, in a local hospital. She was born on March 30, 1914 in Kansas City. She was a member of St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Phelan, who died in 1975. Survivors include two daughters, Marlene Sue Haugh of Big Spring and Patricia Schooneart Curth of Louisville, Ky.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Local arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Weldon Nuckolls

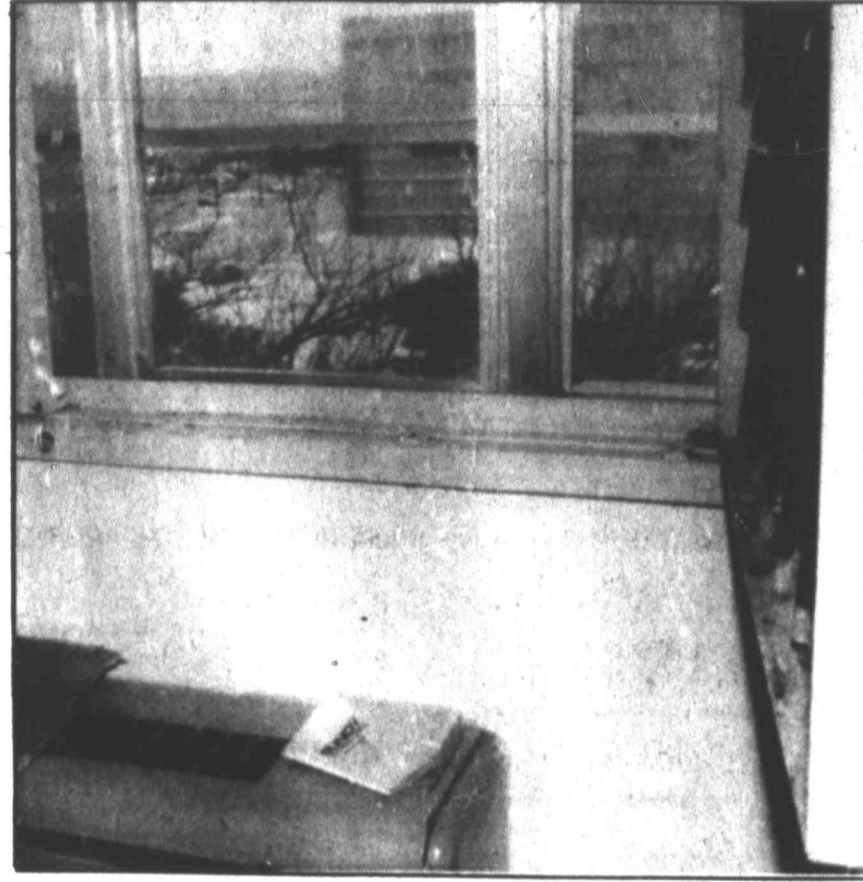
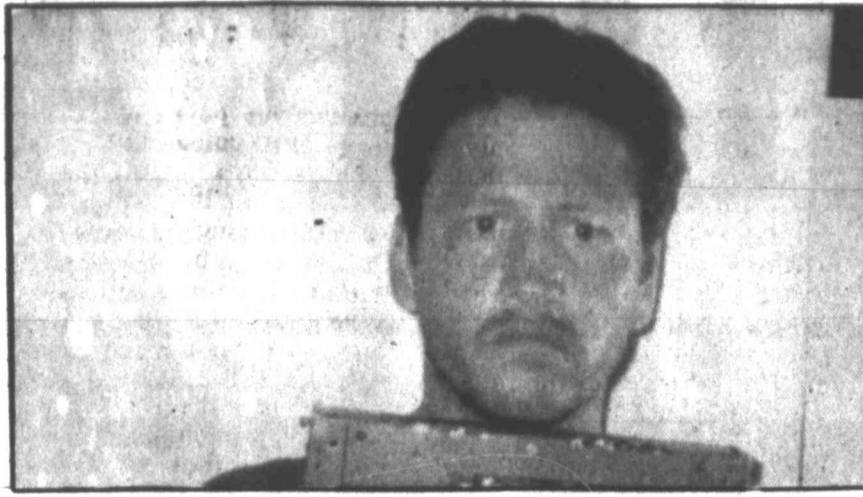
Weldon Nuckolls, 75, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church and Rev. Jack Abendschan, retired Methodist minister, officiating. He was born on July 28, 1920 in Breckenridge, Texas and married Louise Whitaker on Dec. 19, 1953. He moved to Colorado City with his family when he was 6-years-old. He graduated from Colorado City High School in 1938. He came to Big Spring and worked for H. W. Wright Oil Company for 44 years except for three years, from 1943 to 1946, when he served in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was an active member of the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, he was active in the R.S.V.P. Association and the Senior Citizens center. He and his family delivered meals on wheels. Survivors include his wife, Louise Nuckolls of Big Spring; a brother, Bruce Nuckolls of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; two granddaughters and their husbands, Becky and Phillip Smith of Big Spring and Angela and Craig Smith of Cherry Hill, New Jersey; two great granddaughters and two great grandsons. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon Lynn Nuckolls in 1982, his parents, Manly and Marie Nuckolls and one brother, Charles Nuckolls. The family suggests memorials to the Helping Hand Fund at First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

Mary L. Garner

Funeral services for Mary Louise Garner, 60, of Big Spring will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jack Abendschan, retired minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Garner died on Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, in a local hospital, following a lengthy illness. She was born on Sept. 5, 1935 in Benbush, WV. and married Wallace B. Garner in January of 1959 at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida. She moved to Big Spring in 1973 with her husband and family when he was transferred to Webb Air Force Base. She worked at the Base BX until the base closed then worked at K-Mart until its closure. She worked as an activity director at two of the nursing homes in Big Spring. Her last job before her illness was as R.S.V.P. Director for the city of Big Spring. She was very active in volunteer work, both in the military during her husband's career and in civilian life. Survivors include her husband, Wallace B. Garner of Big Spring; her son, Arley Garner of Euleus; her daughter, Lyn King and granddaughter, both of Broomfield, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Jeff Grant

Funeral services for Jeff Grant, 79, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Grant died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996, at a local hospital. He was born on July 19, 1916 in New Mexico and married Freida Newton on Dec. 12, 1936. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He came to Howard County in the fall of 1919 with his parents. He farmed and ranched all of his life. Survivors include his wife, Freida Grant of Big Spring; one son: Bobby Grant of Fort Worth; two daughters; Patsy Guinn of Fort Worth and Kolla Strickland of Crestview, Fl.; two brothers; Haskell Grant of Big Spring and Jack Grant of Houston; one sister; Lucille Lilley of Big Spring; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister. The family suggests memorials to The American Heart Association, Howard County Division, P.O. Box 1223, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1223 or The American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



Aggravated sexual assault suspect Ruben Juearez, top, supposedly made his escape from the Howard County Jail Friday through the bottom window, which was broken out after the metal bars in front were unlocked and opened.

Escape

Continued from page 1A The window had expandable metal on it and when the lock is opened, the metal opens up. Juearez then broke out the window pane and escaped down the north side wall of the Howard County Courthouse by tying bed sheets together. Standard said this is the first escape of this kind from the jail. Previous attempts from the ground floor were thwarted. Standard added, he and some deputies questioned a variety of people the day of the escape to determine where Juearez may have gone. "There were some infractions by the jailer and I plan to address those. My main concern right now is putting safety blocks back into place. We will have a hearing within the department and make some adjustments with our policies and procedures," Standard said. After Juearez was back in custody, Standard said he would definitely be looking at possible policy and procedural violations that may have led to the escape.

Named

Continued from page 1A ning titles in 1899, '40, '41, '43, '45, '48, and '50. Mansfield has been described as the ideal cowboy in both form and stature and at 81-years-old still garners the respect he did as a world champion. He was the first president of the Rodeo Cowboys Association when the Cowboys Turtle Association was reorganized in 1945 and was re-elected for six year consecutive years. He resigned in 1951 and was asked to flag the calf roping contest by the best calf ropers in the world at the National Finals Rodeo in Dallas in 1959. Mansfield has also been inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla. He has also trained thousands of young cowboys at his calf roping school, one of the first of its kind. Mansfield was recently inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the first cowboy to be recognized by this organization. As he accepted his award Mansfield said, "Talk about a surprise. All I can say is thank you. I'm proud to be associated with Big Spring."

Big Spring ON THE RUN

Did you Win? LOTTO: 12, 15, 21, 38, 45, 46 PICK 3: 1, 9, 6 CASH 5: 1, 6, 12, 14, 39

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday: JAMES NELSON, no known address, was arrested for driving while license suspended. DAVID LEE SPEARS, 46, no known address, was arrested for criminal trespass. STOLEN MOTORCYCLE in the 2200 block of Morrison. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in

the 200 block of Runnels. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 900 block of Willia. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 500 block of NW 7th. ASSAULT in the 900 block of NW 2nd. ASSAULT in the 100 block of Lincoln. ASSAULT in the 200 block of Runnels.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday: JAMES TROY NELSON, 25, 1009 Nolan St., was arrested for driving while license suspended and released on a \$1,500 bond. ANTONIO MIGUEL ARMILLO, 17, 2509 Gunter St., was arrested for evading arrest and detention and released on a \$1,500 bond. GUMISINDA JUAREZ, 32,

1905 Wasson #45, was arrested for hindering apprehension or prosecution. GUADALUPE ALEJANDRO GARCIA, 41, 1605 Avion, was arrested for revocation of probation for delivery of heroin in Dawson County. ALFREDO PINEDA, 28, 1003 S. Main, was arrested for judgment and sentence for driving while license suspended and given 30 days in county jail plus fines and court costs.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. For more information, contact Gina Garza, 263-7331, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club. Lc. #3-00-786055-1. Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825. Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Clarence Hartfield, 267-1806. Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633. "Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad. Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241. Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles. Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information. Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

TUESDAY Diabetes support group, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom. Human Services Council, 10 a.m., Chamber of Commerce boardroom. Call Debbie Jensen, 263-3351. MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. High Adventure Explorers Post 519, 7 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212, ages 14-20. Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

Fatal

Continued from page 1A reports also stated neither she nor her passenger, Kurt Frank Boubek, were wearing their seat belts. McClinton said she was buckled in, the report states she wasn't but troopers did not ticket her for not wearing the safety belt. Boubek died in the accident Nov. 18 on Highway 350 just north of Big Spring. McClinton struck a vehicle driven by Kim New Fregia, also of Big Spring. Both women have since been released from the hospital. Herald Staff Report

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel 906 GREGG BIG SPRING

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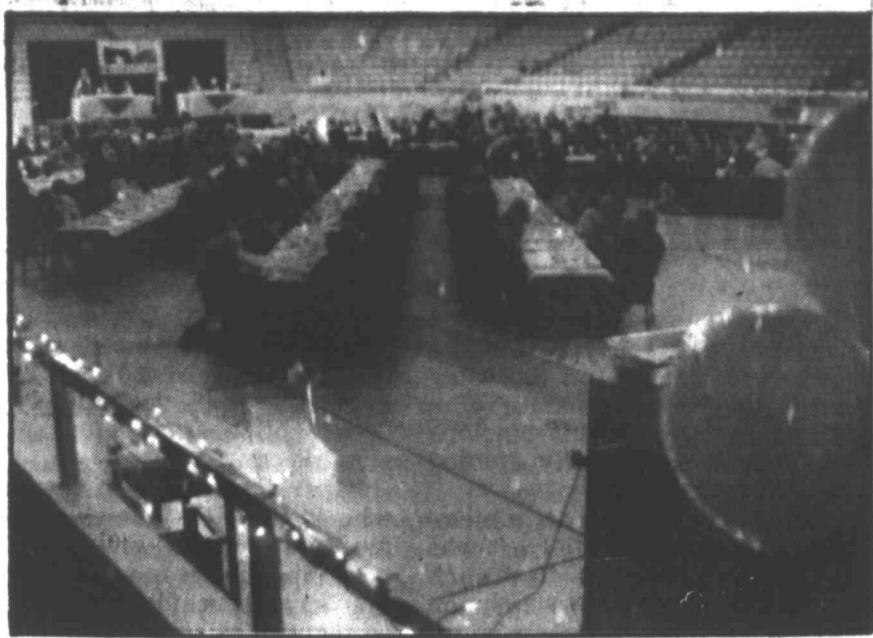
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Balloons and lights surround the floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday evening, where the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet was conducted.

Frances Wheat becomes only second woman president of chamber

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The reins have changed hands at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, but the goal remains the same - promote and sell Big Spring.

Wheat's installation as president of the chamber makes her only the second woman to serve as president.

Johannie Lou Avery became the first woman to serve as chamber president in 1979.

Wheat is following in the footsteps of her grandfather B. Reagan who served as chamber president in 1926.

"Our number one project will continue to be doing what we can as a chamber to implement the master plan. We also want to revitalize the downtown area," Wheat said.

She added, "We're also very

interested in marketing Big Spring through our Convention and Visitors Bureau."

Wheat also mentioned the plans to continue the unified advertising of Big Spring's retail and service-oriented businesses through the "At Your Service" program.

As she presented outgoing chamber President Jim Weaver with several awards, she said, "I'm looking forward to leading the chamber in 1996, but I can't do it without your help."

Speaking to those who were in attendance and those who weren't, she said the citizens of Big Spring have been wonderful in the past and she hopes that will continue in the future.

Wheat also used the theme of the banquet saying Big Spring is a premier community and the chamber would like to see it go further.

Tour

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"I don't know if we realize how lucky we are. We really don't have any problems," Carpenter said.

She mentioned Calcutta and seeing 600,000 people sleeping on the streets at night and Manila Bay in the Philippines, a once nice place that is now a bunch of slums.

Carpenter said one thing that saddens her is the feeling in this country that people around the world hate and resent us when for trying to help.

"People are the same all over the world. We all want and need the same things."

One of the funniest things that's happened to her involved a bunch of pigeons in Ivory Coast, Africa, with the Student Christian College Association.

It was at the end of a celebration and the plan was to release 10 pigeons. The pigeons were left in their pen too long and when they were released only one flew away.

Carpenter said the other nine flew low toward the crowd and did what pigeons do best.

The saddest thing she's seen is people starving.

"People say we can't feed the whole world, but after what I've witnessed I know we can't stop trying to feed the whole world," Carpenter said. She once stood in a room full of mothers and babies that were too weak to cry in Ethiopia during the severe famine.

Although Columbia has the reputation for being drug infested and a dangerous place, Car-

penter said that is where she witnessed the most religious moment in her life.

A salt mine deep underground once had trapped several miners, but they were saved. Once the miners were saved the people built a church underground.

Carpenter added she had the least fun in Russia, before the fall of communism and the most fun she's had has been in Scotland at St. Andrews - the birthplace of the Presbyterian Church.

Carpenter said, "I say all these things with a little tongue and cheek because people thought I'd never move back to Big Spring. I try never to say never because you never know what can happen."

Someone once asked Carpenter if Big Spring was pretty. She said "yes." They asked if it was big and she said "no." They asked where Big Spring was and she told them on Interstate 20 between El Paso and Fort Worth.

Carpenter said what matters is the people.

"I hope you realize that Big Spring has some of the best people in the world because they're stubborn, they don't give a darn, they have character, and they have a sense of humor. Big Spring has things it doesn't know it has," Carpenter said.

Despite having to catch an early morning flight out of Midland, as she was leaving Carpenter said, "I'm home and I don't have plans to go anywhere else."

Burton one of 17 to vote against measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texan Joe Barton was one of only 15 House Republicans who defied the GOP leadership Friday by signing a bill

that would temporarily pay 280,000 furloughed federal employees back to work.

The measure, which also would compensate 480,000 civil servants working without pay, passed 401-17 after House Speaker Newt Gingrich made clear in a closed-door meeting with Republicans that he wanted their complete support.

"Allowing the record partial shutdown — which hit its 21st day Friday — to end without extracting a budget-balancing deal from President Clinton amounts to a wrong-headed strategy, Barton said.

"It's a mistake to give the impression perhaps to the president that he doesn't have to negotiate with us, that if he just sits tight we will begin to

change our position," the six-term Ennis conservative said. Barton also faulted the stopgap spending bill, which would return furloughed workers to their desks — but in some cases without the necessary funding to do their jobs. "To pay them to come to work and not let them work, I think is wrong," he said.

Gingrich had made it clear to his troops that he expected unanimous backing. "He didn't leave any room for anybody to vote no," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio.

Barton, who chairs a powerful Commerce subcommittee, said he'll accept "whatever negative consequences flow from my vote."

In speech after speech, Republicans argued that backing away from their hard-line stance against reopening the government didn't represent a retreat.

"We have not caved. We will not cave," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land. "But we will not keep fed-

eral workers in the firing line when it is Bill Clinton who should be fired for not coming up with a real budget using honest numbers."

After the Senate passed its own stopgap spending bill earlier this week, DeLay had accused GOP senators of caving.

Barton pointedly refused comment when asked if the House's action amounts to a cave-in. But he blamed the shift on Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the Kansas Republican who engineered Senate passage. Barton, who is supporting the presidential bid of Texas Sen. Phil Gramm over Dole's, said Dole's action amounted to "political treason."

He was the only Texan voting against ending the partial shutdown.

Nine of Texas' 12 Republicans — including DeLay and Majority Leader Dick Armey of Irving — supported the bill, as did 15 of the state's 18 Democrats. Not voting were Republicans Jack

Fields of Humble, Steve Stockman of Friendswood; and Democrats John Bryant of Dallas, Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs and Charlie Wilson of Lufkin.

Despite their support, Democrats charged that the measure does too little.

"It's time to stop these Band-Aid approaches and reopen the federal government entirely," said Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston. "Every day of delay increases the cost to taxpayers and the burden on individuals and businesses who depend on government services."

The near-united House GOP front against ending the nation's longest shutdown had been put to the test in recent days with increasing hard-luck stories about citizens and federal workers feeling the pinch from the budget stalemate.

Polls showed the public mostly blamed the GOP for the impasse, as it did during the first partial shutdown in November.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Herald looking for Feb. 29 birthdays

The Big Spring Herald is searching for readers who were born on Feb. 29. We are doing a special story about Leap Year and want to interview people who were born during a leap year. Contact Kellie Jones at 263-7331 extension 110.

Howard County Court meets Monday

The Howard County Commissioners Court will meet Monday at 10 a.m. to discuss or approve the following items:

- Consider banning concealed handguns on county property.
- Introduction and approval of

new assistant county agent for Howard County.

• Discussion of Department of Public Safety policy and procedures with Sgt. Larry Meadors.

Martin County court meets Monday

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Monday at 9 a.m. in the County Courthouse in Stanton.

Agenda items include opening bids for a jail recreational area; certification of the 1996 budget; setting officials pay on a salary basis.

Annexation on Stanton council agenda

The Stanton City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday for a public hearing on a proposed annexation. The regular meeting will follow the public hearing.

Agenda items include consideration of the annexation; setting a date for water and sewer lines for annexation project; consideration of issuance and sale of \$425,000 in certificates of obligation.

Grady ISD board meets Monday

Grady Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Monday 7 p.m. in the Grady Board Room.

Agenda items include consideration of early dismissal dates; consideration of superintendent's contract; consideration of a statement of understanding with the Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross for use of GISD as a disaster relief facility.

Mitchell County court to meet Monday

The Mitchell County Commissioners' Court will meet at 1 p.m. Monday in the County Courthouse in Colorado City.

Agenda items include 1996 court term, selection of a grievance committee, reimbursement of jurors, presentation from Texas Midwest Community Network.

Volunteers needed for meals program

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WORLD

Tensions soar in Mostar; NATO troops pull back

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — NATO sent troops and armored vehicles into the streets of Mostar on Saturday after the shooting death of a Croat policeman sent tensions soaring in the bitterly divided southwestern town.

In a Sarajevo suburb, a member of the NATO force was wounded Saturday — a French soldier injured by an explosion while patrolling a zone separating Muslims from Serbs. He was the seventh casualty since NATO took over from the U.N. peacekeeping force Dec. 20; on Thursday, an Italian became the first NATO soldier wounded by hostile gunfire.

And near Sanski Most, in northwestern Bosnia, British soldiers with the NATO mission fired 62 rounds from automatic weapons after snipers shot at their bunker 20 times in five minutes.

Overall, NATO officials said Saturday, Bosnia's warring sides are pulling back from front lines mostly on schedule — sometimes even ahead of schedule.

Yet the day's fighting showed that the hatred that fueled nearly four years of war lives on — or has worsened through cycles of revenge.

The southern city of Mostar serves as a graphic illustration. On Saturday, it was more tense than it has been at any time since Croats and Muslims stopped fighting there almost two years ago.

A Croat policeman was killed Saturday by gunfire that local police said came from the Muslim-controlled eastern side. He was shot three times in the abdomen and legs and died from his wounds at a hospital, said European Union police spokesman Howard Fox.

NATO deployed at least four armored personnel carriers and some 40 Spanish soldiers to patrol the streets alongside the EU police. Rival Croat and Muslim police were out in force in their respective areas.

On Thursday night, two off-duty Muslim policemen were seriously wounded by gunfire as they drove along a former

front line in Croat-held western Mostar. EU officials said the fire apparently came from the Croat side. On New Year's Eve, a Muslim man was killed by Croat police after refusing to stop his car.

Hans Koschnick, a German who is the EU's administrator for Mostar, sent messages to both the Muslim and Croat mayors appealing for peace and restraint, Fox said.

"Things have been very tense," Fox said. "We don't know what the evening is going to bring."

On other front lines, NATO officials said withdrawals were going well, and even ahead of schedule in some places.

The first major task of the NATO-led force, which is ultimately to number 60,000, is to oversee the withdrawal of Bosnia's rivals more than a mile from the front lines by Jan. 19. NATO will then police the demilitarized zones.

Brig. Gen. Andrew Cumming, a NATO official in Sarajevo, said that in some instances the parties were "moving far faster than we anticipated."

In the far north, near the hotly contested Posavina corridor — the only link between Serb holdings in eastern and western Bosnia — there were some difficulties, he said. But he predicted the Jan. 19 deadline would be met.

Cumming also reported progress in moving foreign Islamic fighters who came to help the Muslim-led government army out of the country, as called for under the peace agreement. The deadline for them to leave is also Jan. 19.

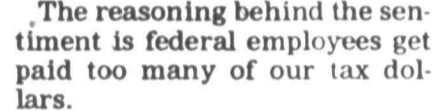
"There is evidence that some of them have gone back to wherever they came from," he said.

He estimated about 150-200 remain in Bosnia. Unconfirmed estimates at one time put their presence at about 900.

Cumming said the Bosnian government had said any who stay on would "become good Bosnian citizens," adding that the NATO-led force would allow that "if they become model Bosnian citizens."

It's understanding of a situation beyond their control that's offered

There is a sentiment floating around town that people shouldn't feel sorry for federal employees during the government shutdown. In fact, the Herald has been accused of having too much sympathy for the employees.



DD Turner Managing Editor

The reasoning behind the sentiment is federal employees get paid too many of our tax dollars.

Maybe they do. But during this shutdown, they are working with the hope Congress will agree to back pay for them. In other words, they are getting zero at present.

Most only got a half paycheck this time around, with full deductions taken out.

The real question is, should we have some understanding for what they are going through?

Before that question is answered, let's look at the situation as if the shoe were on the other foot.

Let's say you work for a local industry. For some reason, the company shut down because the shareholders couldn't agree on how the money should be apportioned.

But, you were considered an "essential worker" and had to be at the job, working without pay for that week or two-week period.

Wouldn't you hope the banks and credit unions would extend to you the courtesy extended to the federal workers? Sure you would, and you would probably be complaining because it wasn't happening.

We should all be grateful we work in the private sector where there are laws to protect us from this type of situation. A

private sector company would be in big trouble if they tried to pull what the government is withholding pay for work.

No, the federal government doesn't have to hold itself to labor laws it enacted until Jan. 23. The legislation was only passed in 1995, as part of the Republican's Contract with America. The bill removed exemptions from 11 workplace laws including the Federal Labor Act of 1938, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. The only branch not affected is the Judicial Branch.

In other words, government workers haven't had the protections we've enjoyed.

So, now they are working without pay. It's hard to find a part-time job to fill the pay void to make ends meet without having to go for help.

What we have here is understanding for a situation, no matter how much they get paid when the budget impasse is resolved. Right now, they are getting nothing, with bills to meet and mouths to feed and only a faint hope of getting paid later.

That is not something any of us in the private sector would endure for long. However, if we want the services, someone has to provide them because that is what we have told those news in Congress, over the year, that we want.

No, let's not have even a little bit of understanding for their plight. But, don't expect any understanding when the shoe is on the other foot.

The federal employees are not asking for pity. Pity doesn't pay the bills. They are asking for understanding of a situation beyond their control - which they find themselves in. They are asking to go back to work, or to be paid for the work they've been doing.

It is very easy to have no sympathy when you're talking about nameless numbers. Put faces to those numbers, and it is a whole other story.

EDITORIAL

"If we would have new knowledge, we must get a whole world of new questions."

Susanne K. Langer, philosopher, 1942

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Charles C. Williams Publisher

DD Turner Managing Editor

For your health, remember to get vaccinations

Flu season has already hit Big Spring, sending nearly 500 people to the doctor in December.

This year's strain, Type-A Texas, is the most common this season and is the same flu dominated from 1920-1957, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Which means elderly people are less susceptible to this strain.

This strain is striking mostly children and younger adults, less likely to die from the flu. And, according to the CDC, while it leaves many people weak, it isn't especially deadly.

However, not getting the flu is the safest and prevention is the key through flu shots.

Flu contributes to the deaths of about 20,000 people a year.

The CDC recommends vaccinations for people at high risk, including people age 65 and older, nursing home residents, children with asthma and anyone with a chronic illness.

Vaccinations can be obtained from your doctor or at the Texas Department of Health.

For your health and your childrens.

Letters to the Editor

Raising fear is unneeded

Editor: In Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, Letter to the Editor, Re: Fears Unwarranted, Mr. Hale is correct. I, being a Big Spring Police Officer for seven years, completing the University of Texas Police Academy, 1986, was trained and taught on how to approach a stopped vehicle.

What Mr. Hale said, "Lawmen need to stop attempting to raise fear in our fellow citizens, a stop attempting to fill us with how fearful they are going to be now in my opinion that's false and unwarranted."

He's right. We should not rise fear, but instead, the citizens (carriers) should be educated as to how to increase officer safety. Both, the citizen and officer, will be assured safety is being practiced by all parties involved. I'm happy to say, I'm not in this fear rising group.

As to, "how fearful we are going to be now," in my opinion is not false and unwarranted. We respond to many unpleasant emotional incidents which cause expectation or awareness of danger.

Mr. Hale said maybe one day a citizen will save a life, even an officers. Look at the top news stories everyday, crime is hurting everyone except the habitual criminals. The Texas concealed weapon requirements to be licensed should assure officers some safety precautions are being/have been considered. If I wasn't an officer, I would have exercised the right for "Freedom to carry in Texas." Being an officer, the stopped vehicle is not what concerns me, but the fact, a person may

have the opportunity to commit a crime being he/she is licensed.

Big Spring Herald, KBST, News West 9 and CNN news report law abiding citizens, not only known criminals committing a crime because of certain reasons causing no control over emotions.

"Lawmen are servants, not gods," and I try my best to serve any citizen I come in touch with.

Thank you Mr. Hale for your opinion. I feel what you expressed is what you have been told.

Javier V. Becerra Big Spring

Help needed to find family

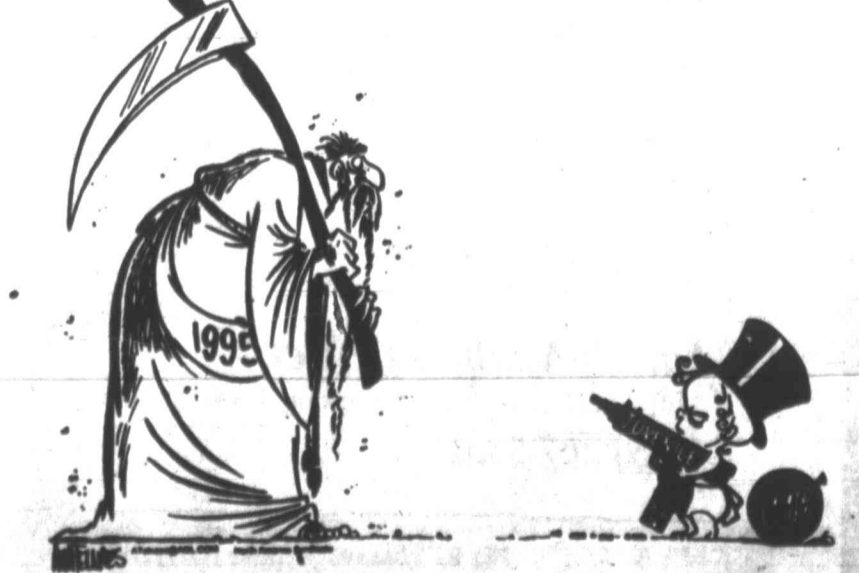
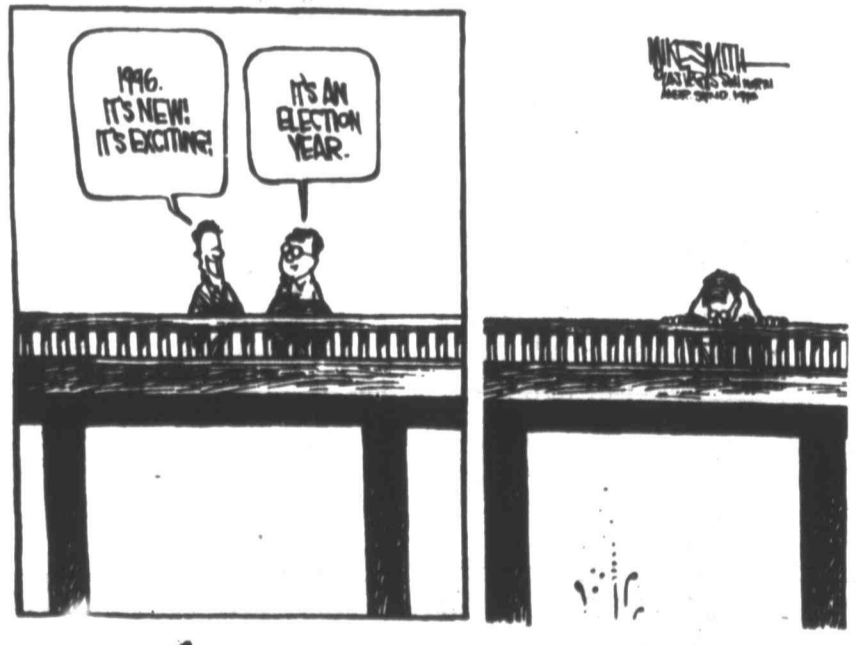
Editor: I need your help through your newspaper. I was born into the Kelley family. My parent's names are not known at this time. I was adopted by James (Jim) Orlando Hale and Velma Thomason Hale. On the adoption papers the only name is Baby Kelley. My birthday is Aug. 13, 1952. The judge over adoption hearing was Judge Charlie Sullivan.

I was told by a friend of mine when we where in the second grade that my real parents were killed in a car wreck. I called the reference librarian at the Howard County Library. She looked up the information for me and couldn't find anything.

I am now married to mark Clyde Robertson. Our address is P.O. Box 264, Daisetta, Texas 77533. Our phone number is 409-538-3464.

Sincerely yours, Nancy Hale Robertson Daisetta

The Lighter Side



New year brings fishes, wishes, cat to market

EDITOR'S NOTE: In Japan, the "firsts" of any new year — the first visit to a temple, the first eating of certain foods, even the first dream — are imbued with significance, powerful portents of the coming year. On Friday, as Tokyo's giant Tsukiji market reopened after the New Year holidays, it was time for the year's first fish.

By LAURA KING Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — By 4 a.m., with a wintry wind blowing off Tokyo Bay, the market was a din of activity: the roar of scooter carts, the screech of old bicycle brakes, the squeak-thump of plastic-foam boxes hitting cold concrete.

Traders in rubber boots and rough cotton trousers bowed deeply to one another and exchanged the traditional New Year's greeting: "It's begun! Congratulations!" Then they quickly settled down to work, hefting flashlights and metal hooks for lifting and prodding fish flesh.

Japan's appetite for fish is as bottomless as the gaping maws of the gutted tuna sprawling on the concrete floors of the Tokyo Central Wholesale Market, commonly called by the name of its district, Tsukiji.

And Tsukiji is the world's prime purveyor, with annual seafood sales equivalent to \$6 billion. Every year, more than 666,000 tons of fish are bought and sold here.

All that activity comes to a halt for the New Year's holidays, Japan's most important festivities. Nearly everything shuts down for the first three days of the year. A few establishments reopen on the fourth day. On the fifth, Tsukiji comes back to life.

On reopening day, it was business as usual — a piscine dream. Almost anything that swims, crawls the seabed or clings to crags in any of the world's oceans can be found in Tsukiji's cramped stalls and overflowing aisles: Norway salmon, Chile shrimp, Fiji

crabs. In a wooden barrel, tiny finger-length eels writhed in a single mass. Live blowfish — a deadly delicacy if the sushi chef gets careless — jostled bloatedly in a green-tinted tank.

Scarlet-and-white whole octopus bloomed atop piles of ice. A stricken sea bream flapped wildly on a bloody cutting board, and fist-sized scallops fluttered in their shells.

The market's main drama is the daily tuna auction, at 5:30 a.m. Just beforehand, traders cheered and clapped hands in rhythm to welcome the new year.

Tuna carcasses painted with red or yellow numbers sprawled atop wooden pallets in the auction yard. Plenty were bigger than the people buying them.

On a raised wooden platform, auctioneer Teruaki Masumoto clanged his tin bell to open bidding and then bounced up and down on his heels, reeling off a continuous chant of a fish's number, bid prices by kilogram and bidders' names.

"Forty-three, forty-three, forty-three," he sang, hopping all the while. "Hey! Get with it! Warm up!"

With subtle hand signals, the traders, who wear placards on their caps to identify themselves, committed to purchases in the tens of thousands of dollars.

A knot of buyers formed liked eager suitors around tuna No. 147, a 520-pound monster bluefin from the icy waters off Aomori in northern Japan. Approving note was made of the tuna's fat, firm belly, its deep-red coloring, the fine marbling of fat.

No. 147, fetched the highest per-kilo price of the day — 38,000 yen, or \$380 — for a total of \$90,000 for the whole fish.

Off the auctioneer's podium, Masumoto's demeanor changed completely. Although he's an eight-year veteran, he confessed to butterflies in the stomach.

"After all," he said almost shyly, "it's the first sale of the year."

Abortion appointments for inmates rare

DALLAS (AP) — Many sheriff's deputies in Texas have no procedures to follow when dealing with transporting female inmates to abortion appointments because, they say, the situation rarely occurs.

A spot check of state sheriff's departments revealed most do not know whether they agree with Tarrant County Sheriff David Williams, who last week refused to allow guards to transport a pregnant inmate to an abortion clinic.

Some deputies said they adhere to the advice of their facilities' medical staff.

"Bottom line is, if competent medical authority says an inmate requires certain medical procedures, we'll make sure they get them," said Harris County Sheriff's Department Capt. Matt McWilliams.

Thursday, a judge decided to allow Tarrant County jail inmate Kristie Ann Brown to be released on bond after Sheriff Williams' refusal to transport her to her appointment.

Officials in the sheriff's department had questioned whether they are legally obligated to escort Ms. Brown to a clinic so she could end her 11-week-old pregnancy.

Ms. Brown, being held on two drug charges and a parole revocation, had previously been denied bail.

District Judge Don Leonard ordered Ms. Brown freed on two \$1,000 personal recognizance bonds, instructing her to return to jail by Wednesday.

The judge told her she should use her time away from jail to consider whether she wants an abortion.

Other Texas Sheriff's departments said situations involving transporting an inmate to a clinic for an abortion have never arisen.

"I have been 23 years in this business and I've never seen anything like that," said Bexar County Sheriff's Department jail spokesman Daniel Gabehart.

Capt. McWilliams said in his 18 years — the majority of which was spent in the jail area — he had never encountered similar circumstances.

Hard week on lawyers this time

DALLAS (AP) — Some Texas lawyers have had to face the bar of justice themselves in the past week.

One is accused of robbing a bank, another faces charges in a murder-for-hire scheme and yet a third is under scrutiny for illegally soliciting air crash victims.

Another attorney faces a separate investigation for allegedly lying under oath.

Dallas attorney Joseph E. Chavis Jr. was indicted Friday by a federal grand jury in the Dec. 18 robbery of the Bank United branch in suburban University Park.

Chavis, 30, was arrested at his downtown law office the day of the robbery, in which bank tellers were threatened.

If convicted, Chavis faces up to 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

San Antonio attorney James Champion remained jailed without bond today on charges of violating interstate commerce laws in an alleged murder solicitation plot against his former wife.

A complaint said an FBI informant told federal authorities Champion approached him last month about paying him \$20,000 to kill Jeanette Rose Champion and a male companion.

The State Bar of Texas' Commission for Lawyer Discipline has accused First Assistant Attorney General Jorge Vega of neglecting state agencies' interests in a utilities case and lying under oath.

The Associated Press has learned that a state bar grievance panel recommended last year that Attorney General Dan Morales' top assistant be put on disciplinary probation for six months for professional misconduct.

Vega, who did not accept the proposed punishment, will fight the allegations of professional misconduct in court.

John O'Quinn, a Houston attorney who represents seven families of dead jetliner crash victims, is under investigation by the South Carolina attorney general's office for claims he illegally solicited relatives of victims.

Such an inquiry could lead to a reprimand, suspension from the bar or even disbarment.



Andrea Adams of Bryan keeps her kitten, Helen, cozy recently as the pair endured frigid conditions near their home in this East Texas town. While temperatures had warmed slightly, Texans are bracing for another dip in the mercury.

Weekend looking cold and wintry across state

LUBBOCK (AP) — Light snow and frozen rain Friday pelted West Texas for the second time this week and left some roads glazed with treacherous ice.

Police and state troopers in the Texas Panhandle reported dozens of fender-benders, jackknifed trucks and vehicle rollovers. Two motorists were hospitalized in stable condition at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

"We had a lot of problems during our rush hour," said Wayne Beighle, public information officer for the Department of Public Safety in Amarillo. "It was real tricky getting to work this morning."

Beighle said roads were "very, very slick," especially north of Amarillo.

A warning for Texans downtown: Arctic air is on its way.

As far south as Houston, the National Weather Service advised residents to wrap their water pipes, bring plants indoors and give shelter to pets. Temperatures in South Texas were expected to dip into the 20s by Sunday.

Flurries fell periodically

Three children killed in fire

DALLAS (AP) — A 10-year-old girl and her two infant brothers died Friday in a house blaze that firefighters believe began when the children played with a lighter under a Christmas tree.

The Dallas Medical Examiner's Office identified the dead as Karina Arrellano and her brothers, 3-year-old Agustin and 2-year-old James.

A butane lighter was discovered under the burned tree, said fire department spokesman Tom Oney. The fire began in the family's third-floor apartment in East Dallas shortly before noon.

Deputy Fire Chief Dick Langran said an apartment maintenance worker who saw smoke issuing from a third-floor window kicked in the apartment's door and pulled out the girl, but she couldn't be saved.

Just one hit away, rappers charged in officer's murder

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steady B and Cool C, grinning stars of hometown videos and schoolboy buddies of TV's Fresh Prince, thought their own rap stardom lay just one hit away.

But their good-guy image and dreams of success were derailed with their arrest Friday in the slaying of a police officer during a foiled bank robbery.

Officer Lauretha Vaird, 43, was responding to a silent alarm at a PNC bank branch early Tuesday when a gunman, lying in wait behind the door, shot the mother of two once in the chest. The robbers fled with a getaway driver.

Inexplicably, Vaird was wearing her bulletproof vest without the bullet-resistant panels.

Police arrested Warren

McGlone, 26, as the driver. Christopher Roney, 26, identified by a police source as the gunman, surrendered at headquarters Friday night. Mark Canty, 22, suspected as the second robber, was being sought.

McGlone (Steady B) and Roney (Cool C) were charged with murder.

The two local celebrities known for soft dance hits "Going Steady" and "The Glamorous Life," were not the kind of singers to cut a track like Ice-T's "Cop Killer," according to their friends, family and fellow rappers.

"Who knows? One hit tune, and they're on their way," said McGlone's uncle, Lawrence Goodman, a record producer who helped launch Will Smith,

star of NBC's "Fresh Prince of Bel Air."

McGlone, a married father of two, began rapping with Smith as a 16-year-old Overbrook High School student. He linked up with Roney to form the group C.E.B., or Countin' Endless Bank, slang for counting money. They starred in music videos that made them well-known Philadelphia faces.

Rap impresario Joe Nicolo, president of Ruffhouse Records, finds the link between criminal behavior and rap music undeniable.

"Maybe these guys begin to believe their own hype, with this violence and hard-guy attitude," Nicolo said.

But, he added, "Cool and Steady never seemed that type."

Irony laces opera star's death on the stage

NEW YORK (AP) — After singing the line "You can only live so long," a tenor suffered an apparent heart attack and fell 10 feet from a ladder during a performance at the Metropolitan Opera House. He was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Friday night's tragedy came as 63-year-old Richard Versalle was alone on stage singing the opening scene in the Met premiere of "The Makropulos Case," a Czech opera that tells of an elixir that confers eternal youth.

Many of the more than 3,000 spectators at first thought the seemingly graceful drop from the ladder was deliberate. But admiration quickly gave way to gasps and murmurs of alarm as he lay motionless on his back with his arms outstretched. A stage manager hurried out, and the curtain was lowered.

"He just fell backward," said Karen Davidson, who was in the audience. "You could hear his head hit."

Initially, conductor David Robertson turned around on the podium and announced there

would be a 20-minute delay. But when the audience was summoned back to their seats, Met General Manager Joseph Volpe came on stage to say that Versalle had "possibly had a heart attack which caused him to fall" and the performance was being canceled.

It was only the third time in memory that the Met canceled a performance after it had begun.

Versalle was cast in the minor role of Vitek, an elderly law clerk singing about a legal case that was nearly a century old. He was using the ladder to reach one of a series of file cabinets that line the rear wall of a law office from floor to ceiling in the modernistic stage set.

Ironically, the last words he uttered, in the English translation used at the Met, were "You can only live so long," referring to the protracted legal case.

About an hour after the fall, long after most of the audience had gone home, Met spokesman David Reuben told reporters that Versalle had died. Judy Pomett, a spokeswoman at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, said

Grieving granddad missing, believed to be dead

PAW PAW, Mich. (AP) — Devastated by the death of his 5-year-old granddaughter, Mack Jones grabbed a shotgun and walked out of his lakefront trailer, leaving behind his dentures, his wallet, even the keys to his Buick.

That was more than two weeks ago. No one has seen him since.

A search through the snow using dogs and a helicopter turned up nothing. Authorities suspect the 70-year-old retired teacher probably killed himself.

"We feel we need to wait until the snow melts and ice comes off the lake," said son-in-law Rudy Neumeier.

It is a twin tragedy for a family still grieving over young Megan Adam, who was fatally struck by her own school bus Dec. 12 in front of her house in Cassopolis. The driver apparently didn't see the girl when she got off the bus.

"She was his angel," Neumeier said.

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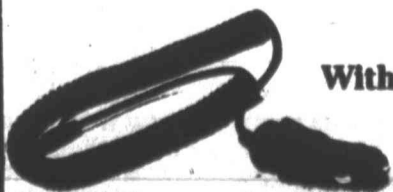
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The following course will meet April 15 to May 9 only:									
0036	ABR	2313	01	Auto Paint Refinishing III	MTWR	08:00-12:00M	OC	1	Rainwater, R.
0037	ABR	6313	01	ABR 2313 LAB	MTWR	01:00-04:00M	OC	1	Rainwater, R.

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ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING									
0019	ADAC	1301	10	Intro/Substance Abuse	M	06:00-08:30P	A	10	Crowell, P.
0020	ADAC	2310	10	Counseling II	T	06:00-08:30P	A	10	Crowell, P.
0021	ADAC	2310	10	Lab	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Crowell, P.
0022	ADAC	2305	10	Practicum I	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Crowell, P.
0023	ADAC	8305	10	ADAC2306 LAB	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Crowell, P.
0024	ADAC	2312	10	Practicum II	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Crowell, P.
0025	ADAC	8312	10	ADAC2312 LAB	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Crowell, P.

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AGRICULTURE									
0001	AGRI	1309	01	Computers in Agriculture	T R	09:25-10:45A	HGC	202	Adkins, L.
0002	AGRI	9309	01	AGRI 1309 LAB	T	01:00-01:55M	HGC	101	Adkins, L.
0003	AGRI	1415	01	Principles of Horticulture	M W F	08:00-08:55A	OC	4	Walling, L.
0004	AGRI	9415	01	AGRI 1415 LAB	M	02:00-04:30M	OC	4	Walling, L.
0005	AGRI	1319	01	Introductory Animal Science	T R	10:50-12:05M	OC	4	Yeater, M.
0006	AGRI	9319	01	AGRI1319 LAB	T	02:00-04:30M	OC	4	Yeater, M.
0007	AGRI	1325	01	Princ/Marketing Agri Products	T R	08:00-09:20A	OC	4	Yeater, M.
0008	AGRI	1329	01	Principles of Food Science	M W F	10:00-10:55A	OC	4	Walling, L.
0009	AGRI	2301	01	Agriculture Power Units	W	01:00-01:50M	OC	4	Walling, L.
0010	AGRI	8301	01	AGRI2301 LAB	W	02:00-04:30M	OC	4	Walling, L.
0011	AGRI	2322	01	Livestock Evaluation II	F	01:00-02:45M	OC	4	Walling, L.
0012	AGRI	8322	01	AGRI2322 LAB	T	01:00-04:20M	OC	4	Walling, L.
0013	AGRI	1413	01	Introductory Entomology	M W	11:00-12:00M	S	204	Simpson, L.
0014	AGRI	9413	01	AGRI 1413 LAB	R	01:00-03:30M	S	204	Simpson, L.

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ART									
0604	ARTS	1303	01	Art History I	T R	08:00-09:20A	A	201	King, S.
0605	ARTS	2346	10	Ceramics I	T R	06:00-06:55P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0606	ARTS	8346	10	ARTS2346 LAB	T R	06:50-08:35P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0607	ARTS	2347	10	Ceramics II	T R	06:00-06:55P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0608	ARTS	8347	10	ARTS2347 LAB	T R	06:50-08:35P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0609	ARTS	1313	10	Art Education I	T R	06:00-06:55P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0610	ARTS	9313	10	ARTS1313 LAB	T R	06:50-08:35P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0611	ARTS	1316	10	Drawing I	T R	06:00-06:55P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0612	ARTS	9316	10	ARTS1316 LAB	T R	06:50-08:35P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0613	ARTS	1317	10	Drawing II	T R	06:00-06:55P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0614	ARTS	9317	10	ARTS1317 LAB	T R	06:50-08:35P	ART		Tereletsky, J.

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BIOLOGY									
0040	BIOL	1409	01	General Biology II	M W F	09:00-09:55A	S	100	Ausmus, P.
0041	BIOL	9409	01	BIOL1409 LAB	M	02:20-04:55M	S	207	Ausmus, P.
0042	BIOL	1409	02	General Biology II	M W	08:00-09:20A	S	202	Simpson, L.
0043	BIOL	9409	02	BIOL1409 LAB	M W	09:25-10:45A	S	207	Simpson, L.
0044	BIOL	1409	03	General Biology II	T R	08:00-09:20A	S	202	Simpson, L.
0045	BIOL	9409	03	BIOL1409 LAB	T R	09:25-10:45A	S	207	Simpson, L.
0046	BIOL	1409	04	General Biology II	T R	10:50-12:10M	S	202	Simpson, L.
0047	BIOL	9409	04	BIOL1409 LAB	T	02:20-04:55M	S	207	Ausmus, P.
0048	BIOL	1409	05	General Biology II	T R	06:00-06:55P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0049	BIOL	9409	05	BIOL1409 LAB	T R	06:50-08:35P	ART		Tereletsky, J.
0050	BIOL	2402	01	Anatomy & Physiology II	M W F	07:20-08:35P	S	207	Ausmus, P.
0051	BIOL	8402	01	BIOL2402 LAB	W	10:00-10:55A	S	100	Ausmus, P.
0052	BIOL	2402	02	Anatomy & Physiology II	T R	02:20-04:55M	S	207	Ausmus, P.
0053	BIOL	8402	02	BIOL2402 LAB	R	01:00-02:20M	S	100	Ausmus, P.
0054	BIOL	2420	01	Microbiology	M W	02:20-04:55M	S	203	Simpson, L.
0055	BIOL	8420	01	BIOL2420 LAB	M	01:00-02:20M	S	100	Simpson, L.
0056	BIOL	2420	02	Microbiology	M W	02:20-04:55M	S	203	Simpson, L.
0057	BIOL	8420	02	BIOL2420 LAB	W	02:20-04:55M	S	203	Simpson, L.
0058	BIOL	2420	03	Microbiology	T R	10:50-12:10M	S	202	Simpson, L.
0059	BIOL	8420	03	BIOL2420 LAB	T	02:20-04:55M	S	203	Simpson, L.
0605	BIOL	1322	10	Nutrition	M	06:00-08:00P	HGC	205	Clemons, V.
0606	BIOL	1322	11	Nutrition	W	06:00-08:00P	HGC	205	Clemons, V.

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BUSINESS									
0060	ACCT	2302	01	Principles of Accounting II	M W F	11:00-11:55A	HGC	201	Adkins, L.
0061	ACCT	8302	01	ACCT2302 LAB	M W	11:55-12:20M	HGC	201	Adkins, L.
0062	ACCT	2302	10	Principles of Accounting II	T R	06:00-07:20P	HGC	201	Adkins, L.
0063	ACCT	8302	10	ACCT2302 LAB	T R	07:20-07:45P	HGC	201	Adkins, L.
0064	BUSI	1320	01	Speedwriting	T R	12:10-1:30M	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0065	BUSI	8320	01	LAB	T R	01:30-01:55M	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0072	BUSI	1103	01	Keyboarding on Microcomputers	TBA	TBA	HGC	103	Williams, G.
0073	BUSI	9103	01	BUSI1103 LAB	TBA	TBA	HGC	103	Williams, G.
0074	BUSI	1103	10	Keyboarding on Microcomputers	TBA	TBA	HGC	103	Williams, G.
0075	BUSI	9103	10	BUSI1103 LAB	TBA	TBA	HGC	103	Williams, G.
0076	BUSI	1300	10	Business Mathematics	M W F	08:00-09:20P	HGC	203	Eyans, M.
0077	BUSI	1301	01	Introduction to Business	M W F	09:00-09:55A	HGC	201	Rutledge, T.
0078	BUSI	1301	02	Introduction to Business	T R	08:00-09:20A	HGC	202	Rutledge, T.
0079	BUSI	1301	10	Introduction to Business	M W	06:30-07:50P	HGC	201	Rutledge, T.
0080	BUSI	1304	01	Business Communications	T R	09:25-10:45A	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0081	BUSI	1304	10	Business Communications	T R	06:00-09:20P	HGC	207	Newborn, J.
0082	BUSI	1317	01	Human Relations in Business	M W F	10:00-10:55A	HGC	204	Rutledge, T.
0083	BUSI	1317	10	Human Relations in Business	T R	06:30-07:50P	HGC	207	Morehead, C.
0084	BUSI	1324	01	Elementary Accounting II	M W F	10:00-10:55A	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0085	BUSI	9324	01	BUSI 1324 LAB	M W	10:55-11:20A	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0086	BUSI	1324	10	Elementary Accounting II	M W	06:00-07:20P	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0087	BUSI	9324	10	BUSI1324 LAB	M W	07:20-07:45P	HGC	207	Huibregtse, D.
0088	BUSI	1373	10	Medical Terminology	T R	06:30-07:50P	HGC	207	Looney, A.
0089	BUSI	1396	01	Management Internship I	R	08:00-08:55A	HGC	209	Huibregtse, D.
0090	BUSI	396	01	BUSI1396 LAB	ARR	ARR	ARR	ARR	Huibregtse, D.
0091	BUSI	1396	10	Management Internship I	R	06:30-09:30P	HGC	202	Huibregtse, D.
0092	BUSI	8396	10	BUSI1396 LAB	ARR	ARR	ARR	ARR	Huibregtse, D.
0093	BUSI	1397	01	Management Internship II	R	08:00-08:55A	HGC	209	Huibregtse, D.
0094	BUSI	9397	01	BUSI1397 LAB	ARR	ARR	ARR	ARR	Huibregtse, D.
0095	BUSI	1397	10	Management Internship II	R	06:30-09:30P	HGC	202	Huibregtse, D.
0096	BUSI	8397	10	BUSI1397 LAB	ARR	ARR	ARR	ARR	Huibregtse, D.
0101	BUSI	2302	01	Business Law I	M W F	09:00-09:55A	HGC	202	Williams, G.
0102	BUSI	2302	10	Business Law I	M W	06:00-09:20P	HGC	204	Richard, D.
0103	BUSI	2310	01	Introduction to Marketing	T R	10:50-12:10M	HGC	204	Rutledge, T.
0104	BUSI	2310	10	Introduction to Marketing	M W	06:30-07:50P	HGC	202	Fugate, G.
0105	BUSI	2337	01	Desktop Publishing	T R	08:00-09:20A	HGC	107	Williams, G.

CALL	SUBJ	NUM	SC	COURSE/TITLE	DAY	TIME	BLG	RM	INSTRUCTOR
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS									
0139	COSC	1308	01	Introduction to Computers	M W	10:00-11:20A	HGC	209	Brumley, B.
0140	COSC	9308	01	COSC1308 LAB	M W	11:20-11:50A	HGC	101	Brumley, B.
0141	COSC	1308	02	Introduction to Computers	M W	01:30-02:50M	HGC	101	Barbee, L.
0142	COSC	9308	02	COSC1308 LAB	M W	02:50-03:20M	HGC	101	Barbee, L.
0143	COSC	1	03	Introduction to Computers	T R	08:00-09:20A	HGC	201	Adkins, L.
0144	COSC	3	03	COSC1308 LAB	R	01:00-01:55M	HGC	101	Adkins, L.
0145	COSC	308	04	Introduction to Computers	T R	08:30-09:50A	HGC	209	Brumley, B.
0146	COSC								

DRAFTING

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes courses like Engineering Drawing, Computer Aided Drafting I, etc.

*Industrial Technology Building, 1-A1 - Big Spring High School

ECONOMICS

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Principles of Economics II.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

New time offering - Daytime Schedule for EMT March 18, 1996 - May 9, 1996

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Basic EMT I, Basic EMT II.

* Limited availability. Admission and selection criteria can be obtained by requesting an application packet from the EMS program office, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5131.

**Must be taken with EMT 1400.

ENGLISH

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Freshman Composition, World Literature.

FIRE PROTECTION

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Fire Fighting Strategy & Tactics, Fire Protection Systems.

*Central Fire Station located at Big Spring Industrial Park

Table with columns: CALL SUBJ, NUM, SC, COURSE/TITLE, DAY, TIME, BLG, RM, INSTRUCTOR

GOVERNMENT

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes American Government I, American Government II.

HISTORY

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes United States History I, United States History II.

MATHEMATICS

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra.

*This course will be taught via an interactive telecommunication system which links Howard College, Odessa College, Midland College, and University of Texas Permian Basin.

MUSIC

1/2 hour lesson per week (additional instruction fee):

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Brass, Percussion, Keyboard, Guitar.

Table with columns: CALL SUBJ, NUM, SC, COURSE/TITLE, DAY, TIME, BLG, RM, INSTRUCTOR

MUSIC - Continued:

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Percussion, Voice, Woodwind.

1 hour lesson per week:

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Brass, Percussion, Keyboard, Guitar.

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Woodwind, Basic Improvisation, Instrumental Ensemble.

MUSIC - Continued:

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Lab Music 1183, Voice Class II, etc.

NURSING

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Associate Degree Nursing Program, Licensed Vocational Nursing Program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Athletic Training Practicum, Lifetime Fitness, Running.

Table with columns: CALL SUBJ, NUM, SC, COURSE/TITLE, DAY, TIME, BLG, RM, INSTRUCTOR

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Continued:

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Racquetball, Weight Training, Cheerleaders.

PHILOSOPHY

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Introduction to Philosophy.

PSYCHOLOGY

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes General Psychology, Life Span/Growth & Development.

SOCIOLOGY

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary/Current Soc Prob.

SPANISH

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Beginning Spanish II, Intermediate Spanish II.

SPEECH

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Group Communication/Leadership, Intro to Spch Communication.

Table with columns: CALL SUBJ, NUM, SC, COURSE/TITLE, DAY, TIME, BLG, RM, INSTRUCTOR

SPEECH - Continued:

Table with columns: Course ID, Course Name, Days, Time, BLG, RM, Instructor. Includes Intro to Spch Communication, Bus & Public Speaking.

WELDING

The following course will meet January 15 to April 18 only: WELDING 1313 Welding (Elementary) M W F 08:30-07:30P OC 4 Rainwater, R. WELDING 1313 Welding (Elementary) M W F 08:30-07:30P OC 4 Rainwater, R.

Workers return to backlog, constraints

WASHINGTON (AP) — While federal employees are returning to work, spending constraints ordered by Congress could hamper their efforts to deal with a mountain of accumulated applications, claims and inquiries.

To put the backlog in perspective: The government lost more than 11 million employee work hours per week since Dec. 16, when legislation funding nine Cabinet departments and dozens of other agencies expired, forcing 480,000 civil servants to work without pay and putting 280,000 others on furlough.

A bill approved by Congress on Friday and signed by President Clinton early today returns all employees to the payroll. But a companion measure, passed by Congress but not sent to the White House immediately, funds only some of the programs that were affected by the partial government shutdown.

As a result, many employees could be left sitting idle at their work sites.

The Environmental Protection Agency provided one example.

At Superfund hazardous waste cleanup sites, most work is done by private contractors. Kirby Briggs, a Superfund supervisor, said the shutdown idled 2,800 government workers and 10,000 contractor employees at 609 sites.

"I'll be able to go back to work, but we won't be able to clean up the sites," Briggs said. "There'll be no money to mobilize the contractors."

Congress approved a separate measure that would completely fund government operations once Clinton submitted a balanced-budget proposal. But Democrats complained the GOP was still using government workers as pawns.

"In most agencies," said House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt, "they will be going back and be unable to make a long-distance call, unable to get on an airplane to go somewhere to do something, unable to make grants of aid through their departments for their programs because there is no money there to send out the grants."

Meanwhile, a daunting backlog of everything from headstones for veterans' graves to unprocessed loans and unanalyzed economic data awaits returning workers.

"Our backlog of passport applications from American citizens has now exceeded 200,000, and our backlog of visas, foreigners wishing to come to the United States, is certainly in the same range," said State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns. "The effects of this shutdown continue to be felt here in the department and in our operations overseas."

And then there's the mail to open and answer.

At the U.S. Geological Survey's national center in Reston, Va., for example, 29 pallets of mail were sitting unopened.

Legislation signed ending shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring that "decision time" has arrived on balancing the federal budget, President Clinton called on the leaders of the Republican Congress today to shed narrow interests and join him in shaping a "national unity" budget plan.

Speaking hours after he signed legislation to reopen the government after a three-week shutdown, Clinton said it is time for "constructive, focused, honest discussions" on how to balance the budget without hurting children, the elderly, the environment and working families.

The president also planned to sign legislation that would fund many, but not all, government programs that had been crippled by the partial government shutdown. These include assistance to the elderly, veterans and welfare recipients and operation of national parks, passport offices and museums. In most cases, the money would last the entire fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. The government's biggest welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and foster care adoption assistance to states lasts through March 15.

Clinton said that while the budget debate has been difficult, long, raucous and "not always pretty," the time has now arrived to take "the best that each side has to offer and fashion a sensible solution."

He said America is at a cross-

roads in which Congress and all citizens must choose a never-ending fight over ideology "or national unity built on true solutions and common ground."

"So I appeal to Congress to put aside partisanship and craft a balanced budget that upholds our values and reflects the common ground the American people have decided on," Clinton said.

He said that includes protecting Medicare to assure health care for the elderly.

He said that while a balanced budget is needed because it is wrong to leave children a legacy of debt, it is equally wrong to strip society of the buttresses it needs to make life worthwhile.

Responding for Republicans, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole appealed to conservative Democrats to form an alliance on the budget with the GOP.

"I hope ... we can put partisan politics aside and reach an agreement that will balance the budget," Dole said. "But if the president won't agree to balance the budget, Republicans will welcome support from Democrats who share our determination to win the fight for America's future."

Early today Clinton signed Republican-crafted legislation to restore the jobs and pay of three-quarters of a million government workers while he and Congress negotiate how to balance the federal budget.

All 280,000 furloughed federal workers will return to their jobs

under the measure that cleared Congress on Friday. Those employees, and 480,000 others who have worked without pay since the shutdown began Dec. 16, will receive full current and retroactive wages.

But the measure provides pay for the affected workers only through Jan. 26. The date served as a warning by Congress' majority Republicans that a new shutdown would begin if there's no agreement by then on a plan to balance the budget in seven years.

The government reopening came just in time for Washington tourists such as Sam and Marcy Stein of Montreal, who planned with their two children a full day at public museums that had been shuttered.

"We were here in '82 and we loved the museum so much we wanted to come back," said Sam Stein, waiting for the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History to open at midday.

Marcy Stein, who said the family was going home on Sunday, said that until today they had mostly seen "the outsides of all the monuments."

The House and Senate also passed a companion bill that would restore many — but far from all — government services that were shut down three weeks ago when legal spending authority for them lapsed. But the White House said Congress did not send it for Clinton's signature immediately.

That measure would cover such programs as meals for senior citizens, aid to welfare recipients and veterans benefits. National parks, museums and passport offices also would reopen, with most of the programs funded through Sept. 30, the end of this fiscal year.

In a statement early today, the White House press office said Clinton considered the back-to-work measure "a step in the right direction, but more work remains to be done."

On the bill to provide only partial restoration of programs, the statement said the president believed it was "cruel and unusual punishment, not only for the people who need services that are unavailable but for all the rest of the people in the country who pay the taxes for these services."

To entice Clinton and congressional leaders to strike a budget deal, Congress also passed a third, more comprehensive measure. It would fully reopen the government through Jan. 26, provided the president submitted a balanced budget plan with estimates certified by the Congressional Budget Office.

That bill also was not sent to Clinton immediately, the White House said.

Prospects for a balanced-budget plan by Clinton appeared to brighten Friday night after he and congressional leaders held a negotiating session at the White House, a continuation of a bargaining round begun a

week earlier.

Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said the president might unveil his proposal over the weekend. "I think they're serious," Dole told reporters.

More talks at the White House are scheduled tonight.

The ice was broken when the first Republican back-to-work bill passed the House, 401-17; the companion measure also were approved in the House and Senate by overwhelming margins or unrecorded voice votes.

Democrats went along reluctantly, arguing it would have been better to fully reopen the government without conditions while budget talks continued.

"This isn't the way to run a government," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "Now, we're picking and choosing. Now, we're picking winners and losers. Now, we're still leaving unfunded many major programs, including Head Start and cops on the street."

But Dole argued, "We have a resolution now to a very thorny problem and one that unfairly punished a lot of good people."

House passage represented a turnaround by Gingrich and other House Republican leaders, pushed by the chamber's large group of conservative GOP freshmen. They had insisted for weeks they would not reopen federal offices until they extracted a budget-balancing deal from the president.

Monuments reopen - most visible sign of government back on line

WASHINGTON (AP) — The monuments and museums threw their doors open in a most visible symbol of the return to work of furloughed government employees Saturday. But entertaining tourists was only the first act, with other federal workers returning to center stage Monday.

"I watched all week, hoping and praying they would be open on Saturday," said a relieved Audrey Cooper of Chattanooga, Tenn., approaching the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History during an eight-hour stopover between trains.

Sam and Marcy Stein of Montreal planned a full day at public museums with their children Kenny, 12 and Anna, 9.

"We were here in '82 and we loved the museum so much we wanted to come back," said Sam Stein, waiting outside the National Museum of American History.

Mrs. Stein, who said the family was going home on Sunday, said that until today they had mostly seen "the outsides of all the monuments."

The National Park Service reopened the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and other sites Saturday morning, with the Smithsonian and other museums following at noon.

The end of the partial shutdown cheered federal workers.

While they have been on the job throughout the shutdown, the vote to provide back pay "makes us feel a little bit better," said Alan Nierow, a National Weather Service fore-

caster.

His office, near Dulles International Airport outside Washington, was gearing up for a major storm, with forecasters making provisions to sleep over if need be, Nierow said.

In Colorado, rangers were removing barricades in Rocky Mountain National Park but it was slow work with snow as deep as three feet in some places.

Park Superintendent A. Durand Jones said roads will take some time to clear.

"Since we won't have everything at 100 percent this Saturday, we ask for the public's understanding and patience during this reopening phase."

"Now we work for pay, rather than work without pay," said spokeswoman Joanne Carney of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northampton, Mass.

In Kansas City Melodie Kozee, a Social Security employee, was worried that the measure bringing the workers back provides pay only through Jan. 26. "Wonderful, except it only lasts until the end of the month and we'll be back where we started," Kozee said.

All 280,000 furloughed federal workers will return to their jobs under the measure passed by Congress on Friday and signed by Clinton early Saturday. Those employees, and 480,000 others who have worked without pay since the shutdown began Dec. 16, will receive full current and retroactive wages.

That's good news for a lot of

WHAT REOPENED

According to the House Appropriations Committee, here are the federal functions funded through Sept. 30 under legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton:

—Nutrition programs for the elderly, including Meals on Wheels.

—Many child welfare programs, including the Federal Parent Locator Service.

—Administration of unemployment insurance.

—General assistance and foster care payments for Native Americans.

—Railroad retirement payments.

—Visitor services at national parks and wildlife refuges and Forest Service areas. The Smithsonian museums also will reopen.

—Passport, visa and services for American citizens abroad.

—Veterans pensions, education and compensation programs.

The plan also provides local funds for the District of Columbia through Sept. 30, and funds the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and foster care and adoption assistance to states through March 15.

In addition, Clinton was preparing to sign other legislation that covers:

—Medicaid payments to states.

—Payments for Medicare contract employees and Medicare claims processing.

—National Institutes of Health.

—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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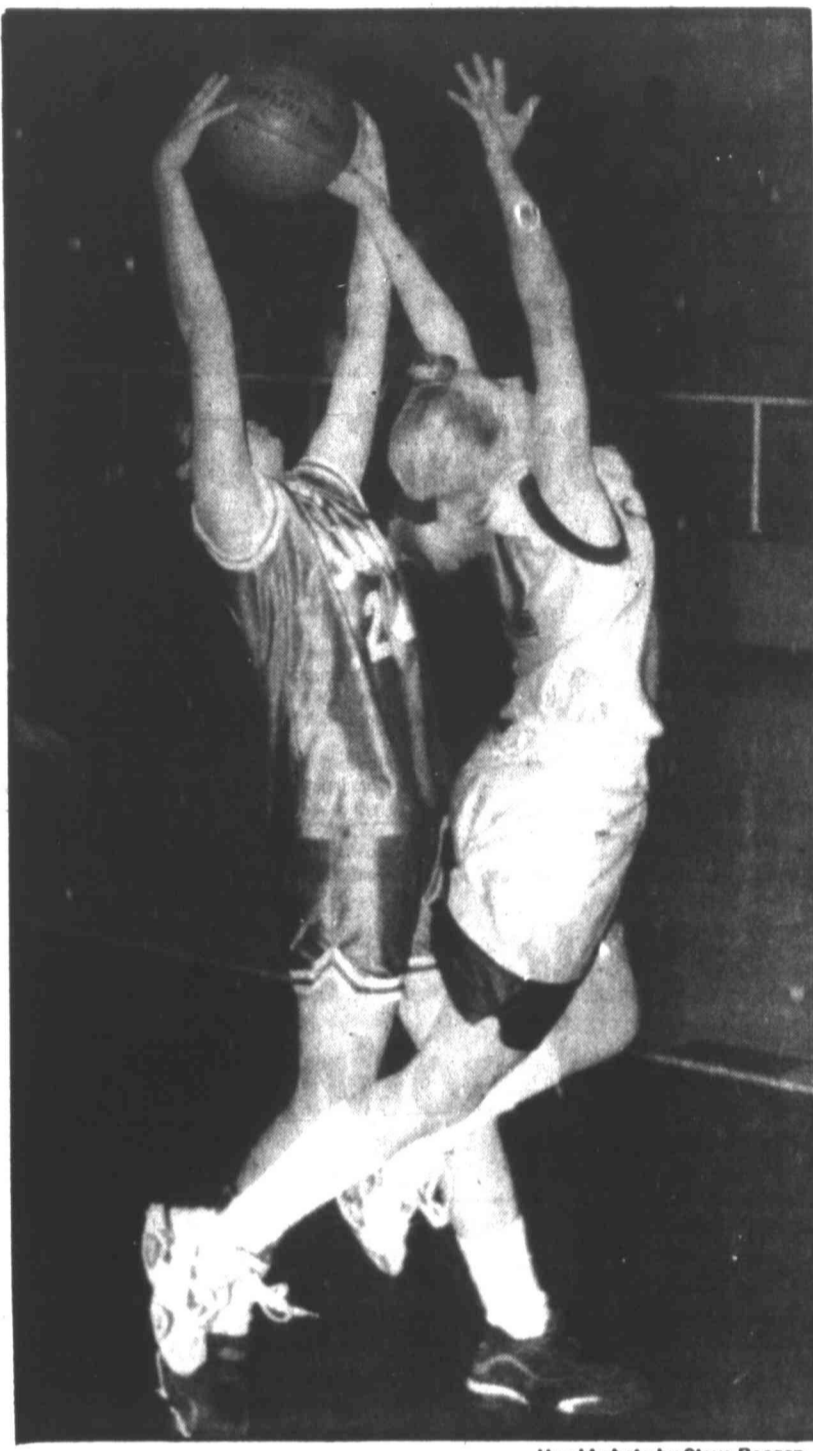
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SYNCHRONIZED REBOUNDING



Herald photo by Steve Reagan
Klondike's Darci Cozart, right, and Union's Bonnie Cunningham battle for rebound during their game in Patricia Thursday night.

Lady Steers crush Stockton

FORT STOCKTON - Even Ron Taylor had nothing bad to say about this one.

Taylor, coach of the Big Spring Lady Steers, usually can find a dark cloud behind any silver lining, but even he had to admit the Lady Steers were cooking when they blasted Fort Stockton, 78-37, in District 4-4A action Friday night.

The win allowed Big Spring to remain atop the district standings with a 3-0 record (11-6 overall), while Fort Stockton fell to 0-3 and 14-8 with the loss.

Robin Wise led a quartet of Lady Steers in double figures with 24 points. Keesha Lott, just up from the junior varsity,

had 15 points, while Maggie Haddad and Heather Anderson chipped in 11 apiece.

Big Spring opened the game with a 9-0 run, then buried the Prowlers with a 20-9 second quarter.

"In the second quarter, I told the kids, 'We're fine. Just go out there and execute,' and that's what they did," Taylor said. "It was just a pretty good all-around effort from everybody."

The win was also important because it meant that the Lady Steers survived a district-opening three-game road trip in fine fashion. They hold a half-game lead over Andrews in the district standings.

Big Spring is idle Tuesday before returning to action Friday at home against Monahans. Taylor sounds almost sorry to have the off time.

"It was the best game we've played in awhile," he said. "I felt like we were almost getting stagnant ... but last night, we finally got all stages of our game going, and when that happens, this group is pretty good."

Steers open district play with loss

FORT STOCKTON - The Fort Stockton Panthers raced out to a 15-point lead after one quar-

ter, and held on to defeat the Big Spring Steers 98-83 in the District 4-4A opener for both teams Friday night.

The Panthers, who improved to 19-2 overall, ran their way to a 29-15 lead after the first eight minutes, and the best the Steers could do was play Fort Stockton even the rest of the way.

Senior post Daniel Franks had an outstanding night for Big Spring, scoring 32 points, while Ib Simpson and Chad Warren added 21 and 14 points, respectively.

The Steers, 5-15 overall, return to action Friday at Steer

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Garden City girls rally past Queens

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

FORSAN - Tiffany Maxie won the battle, and her Garden City Lady Bearkats won the war.

In a game featuring dueling point guards, Maxie outscored her Forsan counterpart, Deborah Light, and the Lady Bearkats held on to defeat the Forsan Queens, 53-47, in overtime Friday night.

Maxie, one of several underclassmen on the Lady 'Kats' roster, scored 21 points and Misti Batla added 12 to lead Garden City, now 14-5 for the

season. Light, Forsan's senior point guard, had 18 points and Amie Evans chipped in 11 for the Queens, who dropped to 12-7 with the loss.

Garden City has only one senior on its roster, but the Lady Bearkats showed upper-class poise twice Friday - first, rallying from a first half deficit, then recovering after Evans forced overtime with a jumper with five seconds remaining in overtime.

The Queens had fashioned a 31-24 lead after two quarters on the scoring of Light and post Nicole Johnson, who had 14 and 8 points, respectively, in

the first two quarters. But Garden City held Light to 4 points and blanked Johnson in the second half, while Maxie and Batla began catching fire - the duo combined for 21 of their points in the second half.

"We were having trouble rebounding at first - we just had to get a body on them - and our defense wasn't that good at first," Maxie said. "But we started improving on that later."

"Our second half rebounding made a difference," G-City coach Phil Swenson said. "And we were able to make some shots ... We knew Deborah was going to get her points. We just

didn't want her driving the lane coast-to-coast on us."

Garden City reduced its deficit to 39-35 entering the final quarter, then grabbed its first lead of the night when Maxie nailed an off-balance jumper, was fouled and made the free throw to give the Lady Bearkats a 42-40 lead with 4:42 remaining in regulation.

The Queens rallied, however, grabbing a 45-44 lead on a Light jumper and a three-pointer from Evans. Batla countered with a three-pointer at the 15-second mark before Evans' basket forced overtime.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Packers punch out defending champions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Some San Franciscans wondered why Brett Favre was the NFL's MVP this year instead of Jerry Rice. Favre showed them Saturday.

Favre moved the Green Bay Packers within a victory of their first Super Bowl appearance since 1967. He completed 21 of 28 passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns Saturday, leading Green Bay to a 27-17 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion 49ers.

That last title game was back in the days when Vince Lombardi was their coach and titles were as routine as they have been for the 49ers in the last 15 years.

It was Favre's game in all ways, a hot quarterback having a torrid day. In the first half alone, as the Packers took a 21-3 lead, Favre was 15 of 17 for 222 yards. He was so hot that he completed a 28-yard pass to Keith Jackson after slipping down as he was dropping back.

But Favre was aided by near-perfect defensive schemes devised by a coaching staff headed by former 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Holmgren.



Associated Press photo
Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, right, laughs with Edgar Bennett after the Packers won their NFC wild card playoff game last week. Sunday, Green Bay defeated San Francisco.

"We're gonna win it all," Holmgren said after the Packers beat Atlanta last week. So far, so good.

It was a reversal of fortune for the two teams, Green Bay, which will play Philadelphia at home or at Dallas in the NFC title game next Sunday, had lost two straight at this stage of the playoffs. San Francisco had

won six straight, going to the NFC title game in six of the past seven seasons.

The Packers (13-5) did to the 49ers (11-6) what the Niners have done so often, producing a quick score on a turnover - Craig Newsome's 31-yard fumble return - and running off to a 21-0 lead in the first 19 minutes.

The 49ers hardly looked like the machine they've so often been. Their best play in the first half, a Dexter Carter kick-off return that would have started them at the Packers 34, was negated by an illegal block by Anthony Peterson.

Rice was double- and triple-

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What's wrong with the Cowboys' fans?

If there is anyone more fickle than a sports fan - especially a Dallas Cowboy fan - I don't want to meet the person.

The Cowboys are currently 12-4, have won their fourth consecutive NFC East title and hold home field advantage for the playoffs. They also stand a better-than-even chance of appearing in their record eighth Super Bowl this month. (Especially now that San Francisco is out of the picture - Yes!)

So how do Cowboy fans react? By wondering what's wrong with the team.

Fess up, Dallas fans. Haven't you caught yourself being just a little pessimistic about the team's chances? Haven't you wondered loudly why Barry Switzer is allowed to coach a Pee Wee league team, much less the Cowboys?

All I can say is: Get a life, and quickly.

Twelve wins during the regular season is a laudable feat. That total was more than any other team this season, with the exception of the Kansas

City Chiefs. Twelve wins also was a good enough win count for Dallas' last Super Bowl team, if I'm not mistaken.

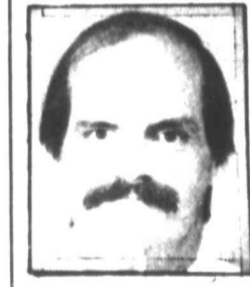
Apparently, however, that total isn't enough to placate a lot of Dallasites this season. It seems that nothing less than an undefeated season these days will be good enough to bring a smile to their faces.

Gee, you folks really have it tough. Why, I imagine fans in Tampa or Cincinnati or New York are just bleeding for you right now. Even the good people of Cleveland - who lost their team, for Pete's sake! - are just crying in their shot glasses for the deprived masses in Dallas.

OK, OK ... so Switzer is not a genius like Jimmy Johnson, George Siefert, Don Shula or any other of those sainted icons. So the Cowboys are not beating every comer by a minimum of 40 points. So they actually lose a few games here and there.

So what? They still stand in prime position for a Super Bowl trip, and that is the true measure of a team's success. They shrugged off injuries to key personnel, the occasional goof from Switzer and the fact that every other team in the league was gunning for their hides. They compiled the best

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Steve Reagan
Sports Editor

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LOCAL

JV Lady Steers win

FORT STOCKTON - The Big Spring Lady Steers' junior varsity demolished Fort Stockton by a 70-34 score Friday night. Traci Bellinghausen scored 25 points and Krisi McWhorter added 12 for the JV Lady Steers, who improved to 10-4 overall, 3-0 in District 4-4A play.

In the JV boys' game, Fort Stockton edged Big Spring 83-82.

Lady Hawks paste Collin Co.

PLANO - The Howard College Lady Hawks remained undefeated with a 67-39 win over Collin County Community College Saturday.

Summer Swoboda scored 13 points and Sunny Fuller added 11 for the Lady Hawks, who improved to 18-0 for the season. Howard's women return to action Monday at Paris Junior College. Game time is 6 p.m.

TEXAS

Rice rocks Longhorns

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Rice launched the final Southwest Conference season by sending defending champion Texas to its worst league defeat in Tom Penders' eight years as coach and its third straight opening-game loss.

Rice got a career-high 35 points from Tommy McGhee as it raced to an early lead and held off the cold-shooting Longhorns 80-69.

"When you can win a big road game this early in the season, you get the feeling that you might be part of something special later in the year," said coach Willis Wilson whose Owls handled Texas' pressure defense.

"Hopefully it's going to give our program a lot of confidence. We played with emotion but we weren't emotional, and that's the way you have to play against their pressing and trapping."

NATION/WORLD

UMass downs Dayton

BOSTON (AP) - Marcus Camby scored a career-high 38 points and had 11 rebounds as top-ranked Massachusetts welcomed the Dayton Flyers to the Atlantic 10 conference by beating them 78-58 Saturday.

Camby topped his previous best of 32 to assure the Minutemen (12-0, 1-0 Atlantic 10) of a third week at No. 1.

Georgetown edges Seton Hall

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) - Allen Iverson scored 40 points and Jerome Williams chased down four offensive rebounds off free throws in the final two minutes, helping sixth-ranked Georgetown to an 85-76 victory over Seton Hall Saturday.

ON THE AIR

Football

NFL playoffs
Philadelphia at Dallas,
11:30 a.m., FOX (ch. 3).
Indianapolis at Kansas City,
3 p.m., NBC (ch. 9).

Golf

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Mercedes Championship,
2 p.m., ABC (ch. 2).

Bulldogs can't quite crack Plowboys' armor

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Sports writer

The 10-7 Coahoma Bulldogs were merely steps away from blemishing the Roscoe Plowboys' flawless 4-0 record Friday.

But the Plowboys held on until the end as Roscoe squeezed through the Bulldogs' clutches 65-60.

Coahoma fell into trouble early in the game. The

Plowboys were on fire the first half - at one time, Roscoe led by more than 20 points.

Coahoma was also caught flat-footed, with several players battling foul trouble. Plowboy forward Shaw Sanford relentlessly probed through the Bulldog defense, while Aaron Barr, Coahoma post-man, collected his fourth foul during the first few minutes of the second quarter.

"We dug ourselves in a hole

early. They're quick... out-ran us early, and we were just standing around," said Coahoma Coach Kim Nichols. Coahoma managed to cut the lead to 13 points at halftime, despite the fact the Bulldogs had yet to shoot a free throw.

The Bulldogs entered the third period with an eye-popping 13-3 run, forcing a time-out by Roscoe. The score was 41-38, Plowboys, at the time.

"To the kids' credit, we

worked harder, and hustled more out there," said Nichols. "And we made our shots. That's something that didn't happen in the second quarter." But the Bulldogs couldn't maintain the heat, and Roscoe took another double-digit lead into the final period, 50-40.

Roscoe sank into a cold spell in shooting and gave Coahoma a second chance to take the lead. Finally, the Bulldogs looked as if they could stop Sanford's offensive flow. Six

minutes into the period, the score was 51-49, Plowboys. "We were more patience against their defense. We finally got the ball inside [the key]," said Nichols.

With under two minutes remaining, Coahoma's Brandon Shiffett sank two free throws to cut Roscoe's lead to 59-58. With the climax of the game at hand, it seemed that the Bulldogs had a crack at taking the contest. However, a clutch three-pointer by Sanford sealed the game.

Sanford scored 31 point Friday to improve Roscoe's record to 5-0. Coahoma is 10-8.

ROSCOE (65) - Brannon Barnes 12.5, Beau Barnes 0.2, Watts 5.1, Sanford 9.0, 10.3, Davis 5.3, Howard 1.0, 3.3. Total 21:18.65
COAHOMA (60) - Ruiz 4.1, Colom 5.2, 13, McHugh 2.0, Hamilton 3.0, Tindol 2.0, Barr 3.0, Milliken 1.0, Shiffett 4.3, 11.1, Total 24.6. 60.

Roscoe 22 16 12 15 - 65
Coahoma 10 15 15 20 - 60

Three-point goals - Roscoe; Brannon Barnes 1, Sanford 3, Davis 2, Howard 1, Coahoma; Colom 1, McHugh 2. Total fouls - Roscoe 15, Coahoma 20.

Roscoe runs Bulldogettes dizzy in non-district action

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Sports writer

COAHOMA - The Coahoma Bulldogettes' return to the court Friday ended on a sour note as the Roscoe Plowgirls eventually drained Coahoma's offensive efforts to win 56-39.

It was anyone's game the first half. Both teams were shaky in

their offenses, suffering numerous unforced turnovers.

Coahoma took a 10-9 lead ending the first period, but Roscoe settled down its 1-3-1 defense to slow the Bulldogettes enough to take the lead in the half, 27-23. Coahoma's Tori Elmore was the only double-figure scorer in the game with 10 points.

Roscoe exploded in the third

period. The Plowgirls intensified the pressure with the full-court press. This caused the Bulldogettes to panic, and choose poor shot selections. The Plowgirls pulled their lead into double figures at 46-31.

"We didn't shoot the ball well enough," said Coahoma Coach David Cox. "They out rebounded us - especially in offensive

rebounds. We didn't get a second shot at the goal."

Coahoma continued to miss its shots, many from the three-point area, while the Plowgirls maintained their steady game plan. Elmore, who dominated the first half, was limited to just one point in the second half.

One reason for Coahoma's

loss, according to Cox, was because the Bulldogettes strayed too far from the courts before their return.

"We haven't recovered from the holiday vacation," said Cox. "We need to get in the gym and shoot a lot more."

The Coahoma girls are going into the district with a record of 8-11. The Plowgirls are 12-3

for the year.

Roscoe (56) - Potter 5.2, 12, Frierson 3.5, 11, Stovall 2.1, Williams 2.0, Helm 2.2, 6, Dean 2.0, Jones 7.0, 14, Total 21:10.56
Coahoma (39) - Starling 2.0, 4, Reid 1.0, 2, Elmore 5.1, 11, Tindol 5.0, 11, Coleman 1.1, 3, Kirkpatrick 3.0, 6, Rister 0.2, 2, Total 17.4. 39.

Roscoe 9 18 19 8 - 56
Coahoma 10 13 8 8 - 39

Three-point goals - Roscoe Stovall 1; Coahoma Tindol 1; Total Fouls - Roscoe 10, Coahoma 18.

Steers

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Gym against Monahans. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Girls game

BIG SPRING (78) - Loft 6.3-9.15, Lusk 2.1-2.5, Haddad 5.1-2.11, Anderson 4.0-1.11, Robertson 3.2-2.9, Hughes 1.0-0.3, Wise 11.2-3.24, Smith 0.0-2.0, totals 32.9-21.78
FORT STOCKTON (37) - Ivy 0.3-6.3, Hughes 0.2-4.2, Cordova 2.1-3.6, Lujan 0.0-2.0, Granado 3.0-2.6, Billano 2.7-1.11, Pando 2.3-4.8, Smith 1.0-2.2, totals 10.16-32.37.

Big Spring 19 20 17 22 - 78
Fort Stockton 15 9 4 - 37
Three-point goals - Anderson 3, Robertson, Hughes, Pando.

Boys game

BIG SPRING (83) - Franke 15.1-3.32, Simpson 7.7-9.21, Myers 2.0-0.4, Warren 6.2-6.14, Measingill 2.2-3.7, Wollenzien 1.0-3.2, Farnau 2.0-0.4, totals 35.12-23.83
FORT STOCKTON (96) - Perales 5.4-5.17, Laysa 0.0-2.0, Keller 4.0-0.8, Garcia 6.4-5.16, Wallace 7.0-0.15, Robinson 3.0-0.0, Lopez 2.1-0.4, Flores 3.0-0.8, Prado 0.2-2.2, Williams 2.0-0.4, totals 37.16-20.98
Three-point goals - Measingill, Franke, Perales 3, Garcia 2, Wallace, Flores 2.

Big Spring 14 24 20 25 - 83
Fort Stockton 29 23 20 26 - 98

'Kats

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Maxie then made her presence felt in overtime, coming up with a crucial steal and basket at the 1:11 mark for a 51-47 lead and a pair of free throws down the stretch to ice the contest.

The two schools, separated by only a few miles of farm-to-market roads, have played some memorable games over the past years, but Maxie discounted any notions of a rivalry.

"It's not really a rivalry, it's just good, hard competition and wanting to get better," she said. "I think we just to play, get better and get ready for district."

The Lady Bearkats host Sands Tuesday, while Forsan opens District 6-2A play at Jim Ned. Game time for both contests is 6:30 p.m.

GARDEN CITY (53) - Bryant 0.1.1; Harp 2.3.7; Macie 9.3.21; Haseman 2.0.4; Braden 1.0.2; Fine 2.0.4; Batla 5.0.12; Hoch 1.0.2; totals 22.13.53
FORSAN (47) - Laperd 1.0.2; Bedwell 2.0.4; Hughes 1.0.3; D. Light 6.5.18; Evans 5.0.11; Johnson 4.0.8; totals 19.5-4.77.

Garden City 11 15 11 12 - 53
Forsan 18 13 8 8 - 47
Three-point goals - Batla 2, Hughes, D. Light, Evans; Total fouls - Garden City 8, Forsan 15; Fouled out - Evans.

Reagan

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record in the NFC, and what happens? Instead of applause, there's only a bunch of people holding their breath.

Dallas fans, it seems, are returning to the bad old days of the '70s, when it was widely acknowledged that the Cowboys had the worst fans in the league, politely applauding good plays while roundly booing bad ones.

Get a life, indeed. As you sit on your collective hands today while watching the Cowboys play the Eagles consider this: Anytime you get tired of this team, I know a bunch of folks in Cleveland who would love to be in your predicament.

Packers

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teamed, and the rest of the San Francisco receivers were repeatedly jammed at the line of scrimmage against a defense that was in the nickel most of the game and rushed only three men. He caught 11 passes for 117 yards but made no big plays.

Steve Young, under pressure all day, completed 32 of an NFL-playoff record 65 passes for 328 yards. But he had a fumble and two interceptions in the fourth quarter.

San Francisco's top-rated defense left the middle open for the Green Bay tight ends, particularly Jackson, who was a non-factor all season after reporting late. He caught four passes for 101 yards and a touchdown. Robert Brooks caught four for 103.

The 49ers' loss ended a string of three straight NFC championship games between San Francisco and Dallas, which plays Philadelphia on Sunday. Last year, the Cowboys-49ers game even overshadowed the Super Bowl.

Only one thing went right for San Francisco in the first half Saturday and that quickly turned into a negative.

On Green Bay's first series, Tim McDonald blocked Chris Jacke's 44-yard field goal attempt to give San Francisco a first down at its 34.

On the first play, Young threw a swing pass to Adam Walker, playing with a broken thumb. Wayne Simmons hit Walker, he fumbled and Newsome returned it for a touchdown.

It got worse for San Francisco.

The 49ers went three and out and Favre took just a 1:54 to drive the Packers to their second score, hitting Jackson for 35 yards, Robert Brooks for 20 and Jackson again for the 3-yard TD.

The Packers made it 21-0 at 3:39 of the second quarter on Favre's 13-yard pass to Mark Chmura, a TD set up by a 20-yarder to Anthony Morgan and 35-yard pass down the seam to Jackson.

And when the 49ers moved to the 4, all they got was a 21-yard field goal by Jeff Wilkins that left them down 21-3 at the half.

Steelers 40, Bills 21

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Pittsburgh Steelers played like it was the Super Bowl. Ultimately, so did the Buffalo Bills.

All-Pro Bruce Smith stayed at home with the flu, and the Bills' offense didn't show up until Pittsburgh led by 20 points, sending the Steelers to a 40-21 victory Saturday and their second consecutive trip to the AFC championship game.

Pittsburgh, which hadn't beaten Buffalo in the playoffs since their first Super Bowl season in 1974, plays the winner of Sunday's Colts-Chiefs game in the Jan. 14 AFC title game. The Chiefs will stay at home Sunday if they win, but a Colts' victory returns the game to Pittsburgh.

For a while, it seemed the Steelers might be on the verge of a postseason calamity worse than last season's AFC championship game disaster, as a 20-0 lead evaporated to 26-21.

Confused initially without Smith's disruptive pass rushes and seemingly outsmarted by a Pittsburgh game plan that all but dared a team coming off a 341-yard rushing game to run, the Bills played like they did in their four Super Bowl losses with fumbles and bumbles.

They didn't adjust at first when the Steelers lined up in a six-defensive back set, or when they began running away from All-Pro defender Bryce Paup.

Jim Kelly looked just as confused as he did in the Steelers' 23-0 and 23-10 victories over Buffalo the last two seasons,

finishing 14 of 29 for only 135 yards and two interceptions.

But one play after Kelly was shaken up and had to leave, Steve Tasker, playing only after receiving a pregame painkiller, set up Alex Van Pelt's 3-yard touchdown pass to Tony Cline with a 40-yard reverse. Tasker had earlier set up a Thurman Thomas 1-yard run with a 26-yard reception, and, suddenly, the lead was only five points.

Then the Steelers did what all of their Super Bowl teams did when in doubt: They rediscovered the run.

With Neil O'Donnell badly off his game - he threw eight consecutive incompletions at one point in the second half - the Steelers began working the clock and the tired Bills' defense with Bam Morris' running.

Morris, out of shape and on the bench when the season began, ran for two touchdowns in the final 6:16 to finish with 106 yards on 25 carries, and the Steelers were home free.

And the Bills were left to wonder once again what happens to their offense when they step on Three Rivers Stadium's frozen turf. For most of the game, they were just as clueless and defenseless as they were the last two seasons, as neither Kelly nor Thomas found their games. Thomas, who had rushed for 158 yards against Miami the week before, managed only 46 yards after spraining his right ankle on his third carry.

Astros, Houston officials prep ticket push

HOUSTON (AP) - City leaders and the Houston Astros are gearing up for a hard-sell ticket drive aimed at keeping the team from leaving at the end of this season.

The success of season ticket sales is a key component to whether Major League Baseball continues in Houston.

After claiming his team has lost \$60 million over the past three years, Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. put Houston residents on notice: unless attendance miraculously doubles to an average of 35,000

a game, he will revive efforts to move the franchise.

Last fall, McLane held discussions with Virginia businessman Bill Collins, who reportedly offered \$160 million for the team, which he wanted to move to the Washington suburbs.

But amid speculation that baseball owners would block such a move, McLane said he would give Houston another chance.

The Astros have sold 2,800 season tickets so far, almost the same number as this time last year, said Astros marketing

director Pam Gardner.

About 2,200 are season ticket renewals and 600 are new orders, she said. Last year at this time, the club had about 2,750 renewals and 36 new orders.

Jim Kollaer, president of the Greater Houston Partnership - Houston's version of a chamber of commerce - said the final touches are being put on a media blitz that will start right after the Jan. 28 Super Bowl.

The most season tickets sold during the past decade were the 11,300 in 1988.

Buffaloes rally past cold-shooting 'Kats

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

FORSAN - After 26 minutes of nip-and-tuck action and numerous lead changes, the Forsan-Garden City boys' basketball game Friday came down to five minutes of nothing.

Five minutes of shooting as cold as the outside weather doomed the Garden City Bearkats Friday, as they dropped a 66-63 decision to the Forsan Buffaloes.

The Bearkats had battled the Buffs on even terms for most of the night, but then they went cold at precisely the wrong moment. Bradley Batla's basket with 6:36 remaining gave the 'Kats a 52-49 lead, but that's when Garden City's attack ground to a halt.

By the time the Bearkats tallied again, on a George Martinez jumper with 1:21 left, Forsan had rallied to take a 60-54 lead, and the Buffs had the contest well in hand.

Jason Lentz and Robert Hillger scored 16 points apiece, while Rusty Baker added 13 for Forsan, which improved to 10-9 with the victory. Garden City, which dropped to 8-10 with the loss, was led by Kelly Lankford's 19 points. Batla and Bradford Blalock added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Garden City coach Robbie Robinson conceded that his

team's frigid fourth quarter was the difference in the contest.

"We had five consecutive trips down the floor when we didn't even get a shot off," Robinson said. "That was the deciding factor in the game."

Forsan coach Terry McDonald said Forsan's inside defense made a difference as well.

"We finally stopped their big guys (Lankford and Blalock) inside," McDonald said. "They were killing us inside in the first half... We were real flat at first, although we were getting good shots. In the second half, the shots finally started falling."

Forsan returns to action Tuesday when it opens District 6-2A play, while Garden City hosts Sands. Game time for both contests is 8 p.m.

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Johnson considered front-runner to replace Shula

MIAMI (AP) — For the first time in 26 years, the job Jimmy Johnson wants most is vacant — and he is interested.

"I've got to sit down with Wayne Huizenga," Johnson said Saturday on Fox, referring to the owner of the Miami Dolphins. "Obviously I'm interested. Obviously I love living in South Florida. But until you sit down, you can't say what you might do."

It may take someone of Johnson's stature to succeed Don Shula as coach of the

Dolphins.

Johnson tops Huizenga's list of candidates and often has said that if he returns to the NFL, he'd prefer to do it in Miami. Opportunity knocked Friday when Shula resigned, ending his record-setting reign with the Dolphins that began in 1970.

Johnson said he had yet to visit with Huizenga about the job.

"I have talked to Tampa Bay and some other teams," Johnson said. "Until I talk to

everybody, I don't know what I might do."

According to a source close to the Dolphins, other candidates include Florida coach Steve Spurrier, Kansas City Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer and Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher.

The biggest obstacle to prevent the Dolphins from hiring Johnson was removed when Shula — who will remain with the team in a figurehead position — pledged to support owner Wayne Huizenga's

choice. The relationship between Shula and Johnson has been strained for several years.

Huizenga will try to have someone in the job by Feb. 8, when the NFL scouting combine begins in Indianapolis. The free-agent signing period starts the following week.

There's no question that Johnson is up to the task of following a great coach, because he's done it before. Johnson succeeded Tom Landry with the Dallas Cowboys in 1989, revamped their roster and

delivered consecutive NFL championships in 1992 and 1993.

Now it's the Dolphins who need rebuilding. Hampered by dissension, the AFC preseason favorites struggled to a 9-7 record and were beaten by Buffalo in the first round of the playoffs. Shula faced unprecedented criticism and pressure to resign.

Nonetheless, Miami's new coach will be measured against an unmatched standard of success set by Shula, a likely Pro

Football Hall of Fame inductee next year. Shula set NFL records with 347 victories and six Super Bowl appearances while posting only two losing seasons in a 33-year career.

Succeeding a legend can be a losing proposition. Just ask Les Steckel or Phil Bengtson.

Steckel went 3-13 the year after Bud Grant quit at Minnesota. Bengtson went 6-7-1 the year after Vince Lombardi left Green Bay. John Driscoll was 7-7 in his first season as George Halas' successor.

Deion has yet to dance for Dallas

IRVING, TEXAS (AP) — It's noon and the locker room is open but Deion Luwynn Sanders is in hiding.

There's an unopened can of Hawaiian Punch in his cubicle. There are some Prime Time head rags. And a Nike glove. And Nike shoes. But no Neon Deion.

The \$35 million man has turned down a request this day to talk about his less-than-spectacular nine-game career as a Dallas Cowboy.

A team spokesman says Sanders is afraid "it might be something negative."

Sanders is making over \$250,000 per quarter playing for the Cowboys this year but owner Jerry Jones has yet to see a dramatic return for his dollar.

In fact, the Cowboys are only 6-3 with the multimillionaire on the team.

Sanders has two interceptions but none returned for touchdowns like he did last year with the San Francisco 49ers on three occasions.

He has 10 passes defended in nine games. He's credited with 28 tackles.

On offense, Sanders — who said he got "bored" last year just playing defense for the world champions — has caught two passes for 25 yards, rushed twice on end-arounds for nine yards, returned one kickoff for 15 yards and returned one punt for one yard.

This is not the stuff of the Sanders legend.

He has six career touchdowns on interceptions and three touchdowns on kickoff returns. He's caught two touchdown passes in his seven-year career and returned two punts for touchdowns.

But Dallas fans have yet to be treated to the Deion dance, the strut, the swagger, the Prime Time prance.

"I'm waiting to see Deion get to do his dance," Dallas running back Emmitt Smith said. "I hope he gets to do it soon. I'd like to see him on offense more. He has the ability to attract people when he's out there."

Sanders has had problems at times fitting in with the Cowboys' defensive scheme.

He cost Dallas a touchdown in the 24-17 loss to the Washington Redskins when he lined up on the wrong man. The Philadelphia Eagles victimized him on a two-point pass over the middle.

"Deion wants to stay on his island and I don't think he



Dallas cornerback Deion Sanders speaks during a news conference in this Nov. 9, 1995 file photo.

wants to play inside and mess around with all that traffic in there," Philadelphia quarterback Rodney Peete said. "Fred Barnett came all the way across the field on an under-route on the two-point conversion. Deion just kind of slowed up in the middle of the field and let him go."

Sanders has made some great plays on long passes when he's had man-to-man coverage. But he hasn't dominated like he did at San Francisco last year when he was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

Ankle problems bothered him at first. But now Sanders is back to where he's running 4.2 in the 40.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said the Cowboys need to get him the ball on offense.

"Our offensive staff feels like we can play him hopefully 15 to 20 snaps a ballgame," said Switzer. "I'm not saying that we'll be at that this season. We're talking about in the future. That type of production would be optimum for us."

Sanders, who got a \$13 million bonus just for signing with the Cowboys, hasn't been the talkative person the public sees on Segal, Nike, and Pizza Hut commercials.

He had an outburst in the dressing room several weeks ago, accusing the media of reckless reporting. The only time he talks now is after games.

Philadelphia coach Ray Rhodes, who was the defensive coordinator at San Francisco last year, said Sanders is worth what the Cowboys had to pay for him.

"Deion has burned a lot of teams and is well worth every penny the Cowboys are paying him," said Rhodes, who faces the Cowboys in the NFC divisional playoffs this week. "He's the kind of player who comes along every 10 or 15 years."

Rhodes said he tried to devise a defense where Sanders had man coverage on the other team's best receiver.

"We wanted to try to force teams to throw at Deion," Rhodes said. "We wanted people to see his ability."

Rhodes will try to devise an offense on Sunday that takes Sanders into account.

"You have to account for him," Rhodes said. "I know how dangerous he can be."

San Francisco president Carmen Policy refused to throw money at Sanders to re-sign him.

Rhodes has Cowboys jittery on eve of divisional playoff

IRVING, Texas (AP) — He has five Super Bowl rings. He also has the Dallas Cowboys' number.

Ray Rhodes, the NFL's Associated Press Coach of the Year, has become worrisome and unsettling for the Dallas Cowboys heading into Sunday's playoff game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Rhodes earned his Super Bowl rings as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers several times at the expense of the Cowboys. As a head coach, he earned the Cowboys' respect with a 20-17 victory Dec. 10 in which he found a way to stop Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith.

"We were outwitted the last time we played Philadelphia," Dallas guard Nate Newton said. "That doesn't happen to us very many times."

Rhodes has a no-nonsense work ethic and perpetual game face. He's not fazed by the fact the Eagles are 14-point underdogs against a team they beat

three weeks ago.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Rhodes said. "We've been underdogs all season."

Don't try to tell Rhodes his season is a success no matter what happens in the game.

"This is not about getting to the dance, but dancing after you get there," Rhodes said. "I'll have fun when the season is over. Our goal is to win games."

The Texan is a master of psychology. He used a remark by Detroit's Lomas Brown to fuel the Eagles' 58-37 victory over the Lions in last week's opening round of the playoffs.

Since the Cowboys aren't giving the Eagles much bulletin board material, Rhodes has found another way to pump his team.

"The Cowboys are still the most talented team," he said. "We can't match the Cowboys talent."

The teams split their two regular season games, with Dallas

beating Philadelphia 34-12 in a Monday night game.

But the Eagles improved dramatically in a month to upset the Cowboys, who had beaten them seven straight times.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer was criticized for his fourth and one call from his 29-yard line with the score tied and two minutes left in the second game. Dallas failed and the Eagles kicked the game-winning field goal.

After the game, Rhodes said, "I think I would have punted."

"It was just a team confidence in what it could do," he added. "Dallas has been in that position a number of times. It was just a confident team. That's all it was."

Eagles players love to play for Rhodes.

"The players believe in him," lineman Guy McIntyre said. "He's straight forward and has gained our respect. He just might be able to get us to achieve anything."

Longshot Colts face uphill battle as they take on Kansas City Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Not only are the Indianapolis Colts the longest shot in the NFL playoffs, they have to go into Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday. The host team doesn't remember what it's like to lose there.

Only the Kansas City Chiefs managed an unbeaten home record this season, a great factor in their 13-3 overall mark, best in the NFL. That can be intimidating for an opponent, but after what the Colts did last week in San Diego, why should they be scared?

Indianapolis beat the defending AFC champions 35-20 even though star running back Marshall Faulk went out after one carry. Faulk will not play this Sunday after undergoing knee surgery.

Still, the Colts are upbeat and thinking upset once again.

"Kansas City is in front of us right now, and that's our most important game. That's our Super Bowl game this Sunday," said safety Jason Belser, who returned two fourth-quarter interceptions 68 yards at San

Diego. Belser grew up in Kansas City and knows how loud Arrowhead can get.

"We can't get caught up in that. We have to take them out of their game so that we get the crowd quieted down."

If they can't, it could be a long day.

"I must say, when other offenses are on the field, I feel sorry for them," Chiefs receiver Willie Davis said. "We're on the sideline then and our coaches are trying to talk to the offensive players and even when you're standing right next to each other, you can't hear each other talk. If an offense tries audibling, they can't do it. That's a big advantage."

Although the Chiefs were unbeaten at home, they hardly looked invincible.

Their first three games at Arrowhead went into overtime. Their total point differential at home this season was only plus-73. Take away the only two blowouts, over Washington and Seattle, and that shrinks to

plus-29.

"Are we unbeatable here? I wouldn't say that," cornerback Dale Carter said Friday as the Chiefs prepared for Sunday's playoff game with the Indianapolis Colts. "It's just very hard for other teams with the 12th man behind us."

"You come into somebody's hometown in a football state that goes wild for the Chiefs and have a crowd like at Arrowhead, it's hard to beat."

The Chargers figured to be hard to beat, too. Then the Colts completely outplayed them in the second half.

Without Faulk, Indianapolis must rely on backups Lamont Warren and Zack Crockett, who have alternated as the lead runner the last two weeks. And they have the league's most efficient passer this season, Jim Harbaugh.

"This team has played pretty well as an underdog and with its back to the wall the entire season," Harbaugh said. "So it can be kind of fun to be in this role."

Architect: Dome won't work

DALLAS (AP) — Renovating and putting a dome over Texas Stadium, the open-air facility that now leaves the Dallas Cowboys at the mercy of the elements, would be unrealistic, according to the project's original architect.

Since Jerry Jones bought the Cowboys and stadium lease in 1989, he has talked intermittently about closing the gap in the facility's partial roof.

"What he said he wants to do can't be done," said retired architect Warren Morey, who designed the stadium for original Cowboys owner Clint Murchison. "I don't know what he's talking about."

Also, he said sight lines for spectators could not be maintained if Jones pursues a plan to expand seating by lowering the field and raising the roof.

But Jones is adamant about his goal, adding that any doubters speak out of ignorance.

"They obviously don't have any plans and they don't have

any information ...," Jones told The Dallas Morning News. "They're just shooting from the hip. I'm very confident the concept that I want to do is very feasible."

The Cowboys face the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday in the NFC championship game at the stadium, with the forecast for temperatures in the 30s after snowfall Saturday and a slick field as a possibility.

Jones said in November that he will begin construction in February 1997 on a two-phase doming and seat expansion project that would include retractable roof panels.

But Morey said the stadium roof would not handle the additional weight of retractable metal dome panels and raising the roof would create even more stress.

"If he thinks he can raise that roof, I don't know ... I think someone is smoking something," said Morey of Granbury.

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No favorite in women's race

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas, which captured the initial Southwest Conference women's basketball title in 1983, refused to share the crown for the next seven years.

But the Lady Longhorns' legendary dominance has waned into a free-for-all conclusion of the SWC.

Don't count out No. 10 Texas Tech or No. 22 Texas A&M. And Southern Methodist — who has lost only to No. 1 Louisiana Tech and then-No. 2 Georgia so far — was picked as the favorite of coaches.

"It being the last season for the Southwest Conference, I guess it couldn't end any better," said Baylor coach Sonja Hogg.

The final SWC women's basketball season opens Saturday when Houston tips off at SMU.

And on Jan. 10: Texas plays at Rice, Baylor plays at Texas A&M and Texas Christian heads to the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, where the Lady Raiders have won 20 straight.

Next season Baylor, Texas, Texas A&M and Tech move into the Big 12 Conference. Rice, TCU and SMU are leaving for the Western Athletic Conference, while Houston departs for Conference USA.

Coaches say the year of the SWC breakup promises to turn into the most balanced and competitive race yet.

"I just think overall this conference is playing as good of basketball as anyone in the country. All of the teams have quality wins," said Lady Aggies coach Candi Harvey. "There's something wrong if we haven't earned some national respect."

Stepped up recruiting and better talent pools from high schools have helped even out the field these days, Harvey said. That compares to the 12-year period, 1978 to 1990, when the Lady Longhorns won 183 consecutive games against SWC schools.

Texas hopes to rebound from

last year's 12-16 record, the first losing finish since coach Jody Conradt arrived there in 1976-77. The Lady Longhorns went 7-7 in the SWC one year ago.

"We're playing better than we have in quite some time," Conradt said. "I really like this team. I think we're growing with each opportunity."

Texas returns four starters — junior guards Danielle Viglione and Angie Jo Ogletree, junior forward Amie Smith and sophomore center Jaime Bailey — to a team that gave No. 3 Vanderbilt a 61-57 scare in December.

Conradt said her players are strong on defense and the perimeter but need to improve their inside shooting.

Texas Tech, meanwhile, surged to a 10th-ranked slot after upsetting then-No. 4 Stanford, 71-65.

Tech (33-4, 13-1 in the SWC last season) has won the conference the past four years. Top players are senior post Michi Atkins, who has made 21.6 points and 10.7 rebounds per game, and senior forward Melinda White.

The Lady Raiders also start two freshmen and a sophomore. Coach Marsha Sharp acknowledges some inconsistent performances on the court.

"We are probably the most inexperienced of" all SWC teams, Sharp said. "We'll have to fight our way through that and grow up in a hurry."

Texas A&M returns all five starters from a team that wound up 21-9 (9-5 in the SWC) and won the National Women's Invitational Tournament.

The Lady Aggies are led by senior guards Lisa Branch and Bambi Ferguson, senior center Kelly Cerny, junior guard Lana Tucker and junior forward Marianne Miller-Sevin.

Harvey said her team needs to work on rebounds. But shooting looks strong, she said.

"Scheduling has helped us a great deal," she said. "Five of our opponents were Top 25, and

we've more than held our own."

SMU (21-10, 9-5 last year) leads the conference in scoring 79 points per game.

Returning starters for the Lady Mustangs are junior forward Kim Brandt, senior post Kim Brungardt, senior forward Kerri Delaney and senior guard Jennifer McLaughlin.

"Our strength has been our balance," said SMU coach Rhonda Rompola. "I feel like we've got a very good balanced scoring attack, in the paint and from the perimeters. You can't just key in on one player."

Here's the outlook for other SWC teams:

—BAYLOR: The Bears (13-14, 4-10 last year) return junior forward Tonia Harris and junior post Angie Wilson to the starting lineup. Baylor has no seniors.

"We're probably doing a little better than we might have expected at this point," Hogg said. "I feel like defensively they've picked it up a little bit."

—HOUSTON: The Lady Cougars (14-14, 7-7 last year) have four starters back: junior forward Pat Luckey, senior guard Tandra Rucker, sophomore forward Jennifer Jones and senior center Rosheda Hopson. Luckey's game-average 23 points leads the SWC.

—RICE: Coach Cristy McKinney said the Owls (11-16, 7-7 last year) are hindered by injuries and inexperience. Rice returns two starters, senior guard Kim LaLonde and junior forward Tammy McCallum.

—TCU: The Lady Frogs (1-27, 0-14 last year) have nowhere to go but up. Sophomore guard Leah Garcia and sophomore forward Stacy Price return to the starting lineup.

Shell Robinson echoed the other coaches who pointed out the apparent parity among SWC teams.

"I'm pretty excited. It's interesting. Everything's kind of balancing out," Robinson said.

O'Meara leads by four at Mercedes Championship

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Mark O'Meara hit 16 of 18 greens and made six birdies Saturday, shooting a bogey-free 66 to take a four-stroke lead into the final round of the Mercedes Championships.

O'Meara started the day one stroke behind leader Lee Janzen and moved into a tie when Janzen, his playing partner, bogeyed the fifth hole. O'Meara then birdied four of the next six holes to take command.

"I was putting some distance between me and the other guys," O'Meara said of his run. "But I still have to play a solid round of golf tomorrow to win the golf tournament."

His 54-hole score of 13-under-par 203 was four better than Nick Faldo, who shot a 68 to get to nine under par. Another stroke back at eight under par were Jim Gallagher Jr., Scott Hoch, Corey Pavin and Janzen.

"I'm realistic. I know what can happen in golf," said O'Meara, who worked as a spotter for ABC-TV in this tournament when he was a teen-ager. "I still have to shoot under par tomorrow."

Once O'Meara took the lead, he simply sprinted away from the field.

He got to 9 under par with a

10-foot birdie putt on the sixth hole, rolled in a 22-footer on No. 8, an 8-footer on No. 10 and a 30-footer from off the fringe on the next hole. His 10-footer on No. 15 got him to 13 under par.

"I hit a lot of really good iron shots and I made some putts. I hit it on the fringe twice," O'Meara said. And on one of those — No. 11 — he rolled it in for a birdie.

While four strokes is a sizeable lead, last year John Huston took a four-stroke lead into the final round and shot a 77 to finish ninth.

"A four- or five-shot lead with 18 to play is certainly not insurmountable," Pavin said about the distance he has to make up on O'Meara. "It's not even close to insurmountable."

Defending champion Steve Elkington shot a 70 and was at 4-under par, nine strokes back. Greg Norman shot his third consecutive 73 and was at 219. And John Daly had a 73 and was 21 strokes back at 224, in last place.

Faldo, who averaged 69.82 in final rounds last year, seventh best on the tour, could be close enough to apply some pressure on O'Meara.

Faldo kept contact with the

top spot with a solid 68. Playing aggressively and, for him, seemingly relaxed, Faldo went after the La Costa course right from the start. He smashed his tee shot very long down the right side on No. 1, then went right at the pin tucked tight behind the right bunker, lofting his short iron approach right over the flag to about 12 feet.

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STANDING - Casual Shoppes, 102-34; Health Food Center, 74-62; Guy's Restaurant, 72-64; Petty Farms, 72-64; Kuykendall, 60-75; Tailgaters, 59-77; Federal Oil, 58-78; A & B Farms, 47-89.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS - Golden Corral over Big Spring Chrysler, 6-2; Security State Bank over Team #18, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration tied Wal-Mart Fun Bowlers, 4-4; PFS over Conoco, 6-2; Charlotte's Raiders, 8-0; Big Spring Auto Electric over Wild Bunch, 6-2; Loan Stars over A Timeless Design, 2-2; Big Spring Music over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; Saunders Co-postponed, Slow Starters unopposed, 0-0; H sc. game and series (man) Jackie Lacroy, 255 and 675; H sc. game (man) Danny Heckler, 296; H sc. game (man) Russell Paris, 773; H sc. game and series (woman) Patricia Hill, 215 and 621; H sc. game (woman) Charlyn Wells, 288; H sc. game (woman) Patricia Hill, 789; H sc. team game Arrow Refrigeration, 590; H sc. team series PFS, 1685; H sc. team game Conoco, 718; H sc. team series Security State Bank, 2033.

STANDINGS - PFS, 82-46; Wild Bunch, 79-50; Security State Bank, 76-52; Big Spring Music, 76-52; Loan Stars, 72-56; Arrow Refrigeration, 68-60; Charlotte's Raiders, 64-64; Big Spring Auto Electric, 64-64; Big Spring Chrysler, 64-64; Team 18, 63-65; Bob Brock Ford, 60-68; Golden Corral, 60-68; Fifth Wheel, 60-68; Wal-Mart Fun Bowlers, 57-71; Conoco, 52-78; Slow Starters Two, unopposed, 40-80; Saunders Company, postponed, 40-80.

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST
Army 74, Wofford 71
Boston U. 58, Vermont 56
Suzanne 83, Cornell 59
Carnegie 63, Fairleigh 56
Columbia 78, Lehigh 69
Connecticut 73, Miami 62
Delaware 57, New Hampshire 52
Drexel 100, Hofstra 71
George Washington 67, Duquesne 59

Georgetown 85, Seton Hall 76
Hartford 83, Northeastern 74
Harvard 59, Dartmouth 40
Maine 85, Towson 72
Marshall 73, Colgate 60
Metrol 66, Robert Morris 56
Massachusetts 78, Dayton 58
Monmouth, N.J. 79, Rider 54
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 92, Long Island U. 74

N.C.-Wilmington 61, American U. 58

Penn 57, Princeton 55
Pittsburgh 84, West Virginia 83, OT

Rhode Island 83, Fordham 60
Siena 83, Holy Cross 78

St. Francis, Pa. 64, Fairleigh Dickinson 61

Villanova 94, Boston College 77

Wagner 83, St. Francis, N.Y. 67

Whitworth 69, Mid.-Ballmore County 63

Xavier, Ohio 69, La Salle 60

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 61, St. Bonaventure 58

Auburn 101, Arkansas 76

Bethune-Cookman 92, Delaware St. 83

Campbell 60, Mercer 57

Centenary 107, Fla. International 95

Charleston Southern 81, N.C.-Asheville 67

Cincinnati 71, South Florida 69

Col. of Charleston 91, Georgia St. 83

Coppin St. 82, N. Carolina A&T 71

Davidson 87, Navy 58

E. Kentucky 82, SE Missouri 73

Furman 72, Coastal Carolina 50

George Mason 88, East Carolina 76

Jacksonville 80, SW Louisiana 69

Kentucky 90, Mississippi 60

Liberty 76, Missouri-Kansas City 66

Marshall 123, Hampton U. 95

Mid.-E. State 71, Florida A&M 66

Mississippi St. 69, Florida 66

Murray St. at Tennessee St., ppd., snow

N.C. Charlotte 86, Lafayette 58

Radford at N.C.-Greensboro, ppd., snow

S. Carolina St. 67, Howard U. 58

SE Louisiana 72, Florida Atlantic 69

South Carolina 85, Georgia 73

Texas A&M 67, Georgia Southern 63

Texas Tech 99, E. Tennessee St. 81

VMI 77, Richmond 65

Va. Commonwealth 85, Old Dominion 70

Virginia 73, N. Carolina St. 69

Wake Forest 75, Florida St. 73, OT

William & Mary 98, James Madison 83

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 83, Kent 68

Bradley 80, N. Iowa 51

Butler 87, Portland 80

Cent. Connecticut 95, Chicago St. 83

Craigton 66, Wichita St. 57

E. Michigan 82, Alton 73

Ill.-Chicago 81, Wright St. 79

Indiana 89, Ohio St. 67

Kansas 83, Southern Meth. 61

Michigan 83, Northwestern 51

Michigan St. 66, Illinois 58

Missouri 77, Colorado 66

N. Illinois 80, Detroit 60

NE Illinois 96, Troy 77, 92
Nebraska 66, Long Beach St. 68
Ohio U. 85, Miami, Ohio 56
Toledo 52, Ball St. 69
Tulsa 67, Evansville 57
W. Michigan 81, Cent. Michigan 74

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 62, Louisiana Tech 50
Baylor 93, Hardin-Simmons 47
Lamar 76, New Orleans 70
Rice 80, Texas 69
Stephen F. Austin 63, SW Texas St. 62
Texas-Arlington 66, North Texas 63

FAR WEST
Boise St. 61, Pepperdine 58
Cal Poly-SLO 86, Idaho 84, OT
California 101, Arizona St. 79
Stanford 80, Arizona 71

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L T Pts GF GA
N.Y. Rangers 26 11 7 59 161 123
Florida 17 19 3 74 116 126
Philadelphia 23 11 7 53 146 103
Washington 19 16 4 42 110 101
Tampa Bay 17 16 4 40 114 130
New Jersey 16 19 4 36 97 101
N.Y. Islanders 9 27 2 25 107 143

Northwest Division
Pittsburgh 26 10 3 55 192 120
Montreal 19 17 3 41 116 120
Buffalo 17 19 3 37 116 126
Boston 15 15 6 36 130 135
Hartford 13 21 5 31 97 124
Ottawa 8 30 1 17 91 155

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
W L T Pts GF GA
Detroit 27 8 3 57 143 83
Chicago 20 13 8 48 138 117
Toronto 20 14 7 47 128 116
St. Louis 17 17 5 39 103 103
Winnipeg 17 20 3 43 151
Dallas 11 18 8 30 98 119

Pacific Division
Colorado 22 12 6 50 159 112
Los Angeles 15 16 9 39 134 128
Vancouver 13 15 10 36 136 134
Anaheim 15 22 4 34 121 137
Edmonton 13 22 6 32 108 163
Calgary 12 22 3 31 117 137
San Jose 8 27 4 20 113 176

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pts GF
Orlando 25 8 806
New York 20 10 867 4 1/2
Washington 16 14 533 8 1/2
Miami 15 14 517 9
Boston 13 17 433 11 1/2
New Jersey 12 18 400 12 1/2
Philadelphia 6 24 200 18 1/2

Central Division
Chicago 27 3 890
Indiana 18 12 600 9
Cleveland 16 13 552 10 1/2
Detroit 15 15 500 12
Atlanta 14 16 467 13
Charlotte 14 17 452 13 1/2
Milwaukee 12 18 400 12 1/2
Toronto 9 23 281 19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
W L Pts GF
Houston 23 9 719
San Antonio 20 9 690 1 1/2
Utah 21 11 656 2
Denver 13 18 419 9 1/2
Dallas 8 22 267 14
Minnesota 8 22 267 14
Vancouver 6 25 194 16 1/2

Pacific Division
Seattle 22 8 710
Sacramento 18 9 667 2
L.A. Lakers 17 16 516 6
Golden State 14 17 452 8
Phoenix 13 18 448 8
Portland 14 18 438 8 1/2
L.A. Clippers 12 20 375 10 1/2

OT
L.A. Clippers 94, Phoenix 88
L.A. Lakers 116, Utah 100
Golden State 122, Minnesota 119

OT
Saturday's Games
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Texas A&M at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 8 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

Monday's Games
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend

BASEBALL
American League
CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Dennis Springer, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed Pat Dobson, hitting coach; Rick Down, hitting coach; Andy Etchebarren, bench coach; Elrod Hendricks, bullpen coach; Sam Perazzo, third base coach; and John Stearns, first base coach, to one-year contracts.
BOSTON RED SOX—Signed Chuck Rickett, pitcher, on a one-year contract.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with Andre Dawson, outfielder, on a minor-league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with Anthony Young, pitcher, on a minor-league contract.

HOCKEY

NHL
All Times EST

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, January 7, 1996

Remember 1996

Universal Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

The Universal Calendar is copyrighted by Mark Silen 1995, Big Spring, Texas USA

This calendar shows how the design would normally appear. Silen decided on the name "Remember" for the 13th month because the calendar makes days, months and Sabbaths easy to remember. It also rhymes with other months - September, November, December.

Remember 1996U (U indicates Universal Calendar)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Dec 2 G	2 Dec 3 G	3 Dec 4 G	4 Dec 5 G	5 Dec 6 G	6 Dec 7 G	7 Dec 8 G
8 Dec 9 G	9 Dec 10 G	10 Dec 11 G	11 Dec 12 G	12 Dec 13 G	13 Dec 14 G	14 Dec 15 G
15 Dec 16 G	16 Dec 17 G	17 Dec 18 G	18 Dec 19 G	19 Dec 20 G	20 Dec 21 G	21 Dec 22 G
22 Dec 23 G	23 Dec 24 G	24 Dec 25 G	25 Dec 26 G	26 Dec 27 G	27 Dec 28 G	28 Dec 29 G Dec 30 G

Small dates followed by G mean Gregorian or Traditional Calendar used before 1996. The Universal Calendar is copyrighted by Mark Silen 1995, Big Spring, Texas USA

This version of Mark Silen's Universal Calendar, illustrated by the month "Remember," the 13th month, shows how traditional Gregorian calendar dates would relate to Universal Calendar dates in 1996.

TIME for a CHANGE

Story by Janet Ausbury

Can one man change the way the entire world measures time? Mark Silen of Big Spring is trying to find out.

In November, Silen developed a 13-month calendar based on the cycles of the moon. "One marketing company in Dallas said, 'It must have taken you two years to come up with this,'" he said. "Actually, it took me about 30 minutes."

Silen said the idea for the calendar just struck him one day. He doesn't like the difficulties of the Gregorian calendar much of the world uses. He wants to eliminate the problems of some months having more days than other months, leap days, leap years, leap seconds and other quirks.

Silen's Universal Calendar retains the 12 months now used. However, the months are identical, all beginning on Sunday and ending on Saturday. This structure makes dates easier to remember because one month is like the next, he explained.

He has named the 13th month Remember. "It rhymes with December, and you can use it to remember the Sabbath," he said.

Halloween is the only holiday occurring after the 28th of any month, so it is the

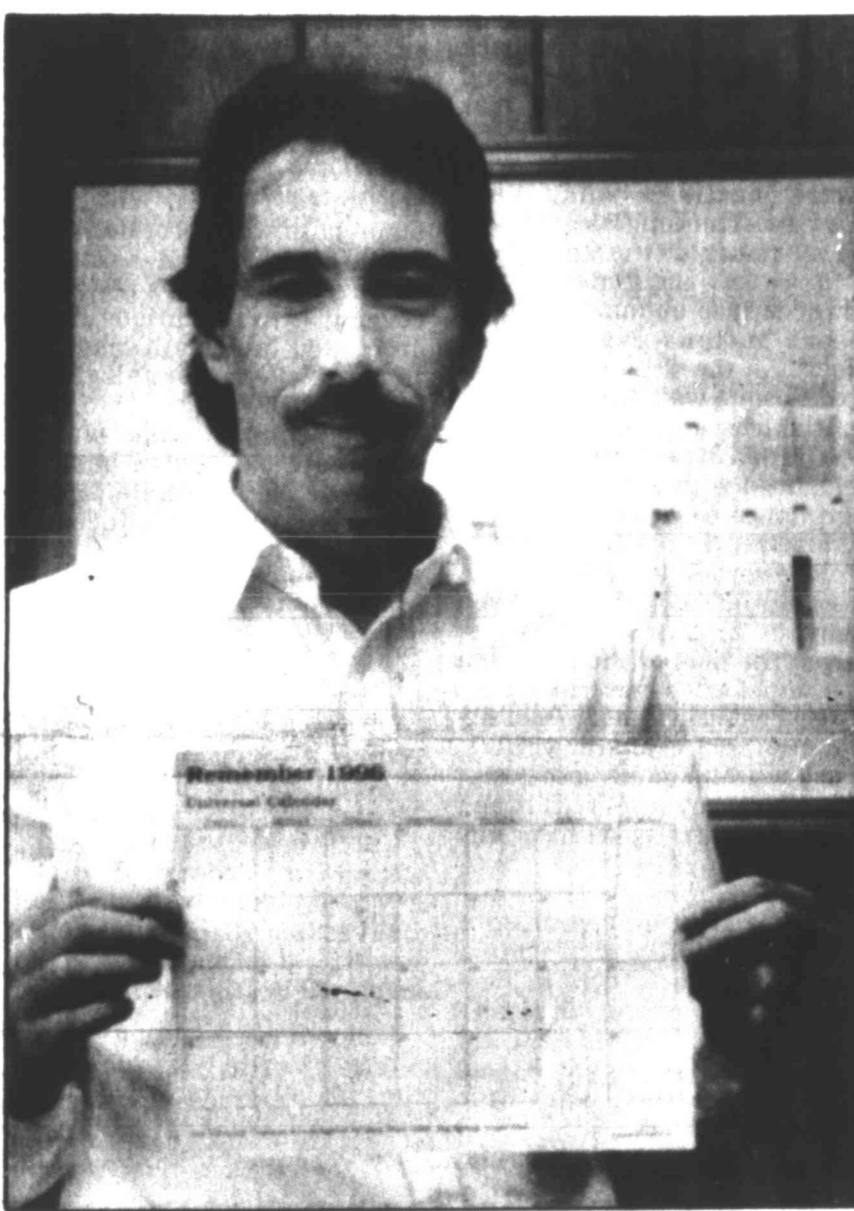
only "lost" holiday," Silen said. Those born or married after the 28th would have to select another day to celebrate, but as he pointed out, "So do people born or married on Feb. 29 in a leap year."

Silen believes the calendar could achieve wide acceptance because of the appeal to the secular and religious worlds. Every seventh day of the month is Saturday, every month ends on Saturday and every year ends on Saturday. All seasons would change on a Saturday.

The non-religious would find the calendar easier to use and dates easier to remember than in the current calendar, Silen said. The religious world would see the Sabbath fall regularly on a Saturday, when many cultures celebrate it.

"This is a revived calendar that was used for thousands of years by Indians, Jews and other cultures. The concept is by no means new, just basically forgotten," he said.

Silen derived the calendar mathematically from the lunar cycle of 28 days, 13 months, 52 weeks and seven days a week - not drastically different from what we now use. His calculations show 28 days multiplied by 13 months equal 364 days a year - once



Mark Silen shows a page of his creation, the 13-month lunar calendar he calls the Universal Calendar. The 28-day months are identical.

again, not a major difference.

His additional calculations show 13 months multiplied by four seasons equal 52 weeks, and 52 weeks multiplied by seven days equal 364 days. "The math of 12 wouldn't come close," he said.

"This puts everything back in perspective."

Silen acknowledges scientific minds should look at the calendar to see if there is anything he has missed. "To implement it, I'd leave it up to the scientific community," he said. He has planned to meet with people who know astronomy so they can analyze the calendar.

He also knows those who he approaches with his idea might dismiss him and his

idea. However, he has already won local support for the Universal Calendar.

Johnnie Lou Avery will feature Silen on her show, "Big Spring Today," on Jan. 15 or 16. When Silen contacted her, she became intrigued by the calendar. "It's logical and sensible, but I see barriers with accepting the changes and putting it into practice," she said.

"The most reasonable way to do it would be if the federal government would accept it," she added. She and Silen have an appointment at the end of the month to speak with Charles Stenholm about the calendar.

She admitted to initial skepticism about the calen-

Leap years, leap days, leap seconds - ever wonder why somebody didn't just invent a better calendar? If so, you may have gotten your wish, thanks to one inventive Big Spring resident

dar. "It seemed too simple, too sensible to actually work," she said. "There might be things that need to be changed to make it truly universal, but we want to propose to Stenholm that calendar companies start working on it now."

When Silen visited her in the studio, bystanders were won over as well. "Nobody gave a negative reaction," Avery said. "Even one woman, whose daughter was born on the 30th, liked it."

She is assisting Silen with publicity and other arrangements for the calendar, and thinks it will succeed with time and perhaps a few minor adjustments.

"Any time you start with a new idea, it's got to be fine tuned, as long as we don't change the major concept," Avery said. "It's reasonable, logical and follows our real life."

Doyle Phillips was one of the people at the studio with Avery when Silen discussed his calendar. Coincidentally, a lawyer and printer had already recommended Phillips to Silen as a potential designer for the calendar.

"My first thought was that it was too odd to work," Phillips said. "Then, as I looked at it and saw the logic, it impressed me." He is now helping Silen with the

calendar's design. Phillips, like Silen, recognizes this "new" concept of changing how we measure the days, years and seasons is actually very old. "Our calendar has been modified several times," he said. "It's not an entirely fresh or dangerous idea." It was only in 1929 that the Chinese adopted the Western calendar, he added. "It's been done before."

Phillips believes the calendar has potential for worldwide acceptance because no religious biases are built in. The biggest roadblocks will be whether the calendar is scientifically sound and then convincing people to use it.

"As beautiful and logical as this seems, I'll be convinced it is what it is when someone says it works with what happens up above," Phillips said. "The calendar is a measure of the lunar movement and we have to do it right."

Putting the calendar into practice will take time. "You can't just arbitrarily go on it. There will be a transition period," Phillips explained. "The year 2000 is when this calendar should kick in." He agrees with Avery that calendar companies should take on the project now to make the calendar a reality by 2000.

Please see CHANGE, page 5B

Be it ever so aggravating, there's nothing like a family visit

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home. Home for the holidays. Families are forever.

Sure, these are familiar phrases, but during the holidays, I was able to get a real close-up meaning of the word "familiar" ... as in "right in my face."

Don't get me wrong, I'm very grateful for my family and this past Christmas season I was fortunate to have my mother, my father, my mother-in-law, my father-in-law, my sister, her husband and two children all arrive just in time for the holidays. It was indeed a very full house.

Things started off all right. Mom and Dad arrived a week before Christmas and loved my new home. It was the first time they had seen it since Oliver and I moved to the country. The last they knew, Hubby, the terrible trio and I were all living in a house with less than a thousand square feet.

Anyway, the folks arrive about 2 p.m. on the Monday before the festivities. Dad loves

to cook so he decided that he would make all the supper arrangements every evening as a help to me.

And it was...that is, until they started looking through my cupboards. I'm sorry, Sally Homemaker, queen of organized cabinets, I'm not.

"Barbie," came the first phone call on Monday at 3 p.m. (It was Mom, the only one the world I let get by with calling me the same as some fashion doll which never ages.) "Daddy wants to make mashed potatoes...where are the potatoes?"

Darn, I knew when I stocked up the kitchen I was forgetting something. "Oh," I lied. "I must have used the last ones yesterday." Yeah right. Only if they

came out of the box. Soooo, I began a series of journeys to the grocery store. Journeys? It was more like an unending trek.

Every day, right before lunch, I would get a similar phone call and I would tell a similar fib. Then, right before I was getting off at work, I'd receive another. "Barbie..." (The dreaded name again.)

"What are we out of now?" I finally began asking.

"Honey, where is your spatula?" Well, I couldn't tell my mother that I broke both that and every wooden spoon I own in a fit of anger during various times of the year.

I had this habit of using

kitchen items for emphasis when I am trying to make a point with my children.

So, when I got pushed just over the limit, I would simply smash whatever kitchen utensil I was holding at the time down onto the counter and presto-change, I now had a utensil which was in several minute particles.

"Don't worry, Mom," I replied. "The dog got hold of that one and chewed it just last week...I haven't had time to buy another."

I spent hours a day in the store just trying to figure out what department carried spatulas. (They were next to the wooden spoons.)

Throughout the next two

weeks (yes, they stayed the full 14 days, six hours and 22 minutes), I was to spend every lunch hour and every evening after supper standing in line in the midst of every other last-minute Christmas shopper picking up "just one little item."

Don't get me wrong. I loved having everyone come and visit. And, I probably got enough material for another 10 columns or so.

But I must admit, I probably won't have the urge to stand in line at the grocery store for a long time to come.

Sure, suppers were great, but I could have used a lunch or two.

Barbara Morrison
Columnist

WEDDINGS

Barnes-Stallings



MR. AND MRS. KNEEL STALLINGS

Linda Kaye Barnes, Knott, and Kneel Stallings, Big Spring, were united in marriage on Dec. 19, 1995, at Central Park Wedding Chapel at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nev. Rev. Louis Lederman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Las Vegas, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Linda Barnes, Knott.

The groom is the son of Gary and Cynthia Stallings, Tularosa, N.M.

The couple stood before two large, cascading arrangements of magnolias resting on marble pillars.

The organist was Laura Ashley Sheffield. Vocalists were Brooke Morgan and Chase McCoy.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a straight formal-length satin gown with an off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline. The gown's bodice was fashioned with Alencon lace highly accented with hand-placed seed pearls, beads and iridescent sequins. The skirt was accented with matching lace sprin-

kled with seed pearls, beads and sequins.

She carried a freestyle bouquet of white, fuchsia and lavender roses with accents of genestra and freesia and touches of white tulle ribbon edged with gold.

Maid of honor was Keele Barnes, sister of the bride, Knott.

Best man was Gary Stallings, father of the groom, Tularosa, N.M.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the MGM Grand Reception Suite.

The bride is a graduate of Sands High School, attended Texas Tech University and is a dental hygiene student at Howard College. She is currently employed by Harold Davis Fitness Center at the college.

He is a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College and Sul Ross University. He is employed by the City of Big Spring.

After their wedding and honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

Anderson, all of Big Spring.

Catherine Elaine Harris, Dec. 31, 1995, 5:08 a.m.; parents are Barbara and Rocky Harris, Big Spring.

Grandparents are Ed and Pauline Parsons, Odessa, and Harvey and Gloria Cox, San Antonio.

Conrad Montgomerie Gaylor, Dec. 29, 1995, 2:15 p.m.; parents are Jerry and Sharon Gaylor.

Grandparents are Linda and Lee Roy Gaylor, Hobbs, N.M., and Darleen and Jack Womack, Odessa.

Tristan LeeAnn Christian, Dec. 27, 1995, 12:01; mother is Traci Christian.

Grandparents are Johnnie and Peggy Christian, Big Spring, Tom and Marva Willis, Greenwood, and Bobby and Patsy Wall, North Carolina.

Grandparents are Mike Roman and Jimmy and Pat

Dawes-Zetterstrom

Kathryn O'Hara Dawes and Bjorn Petter Zetterstrom, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage on Dec. 29, 1995, at Saint John's United Methodist Church, Lubbock. The Rev. Ted Dotts, former pastor of Saint John's United Methodist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Hara Dawes, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Griffin, Borger, and Mr. Fredrik Zetterstrom, Stavanger, Norway.

The couple stood before an altar featuring a three-tiered arrangement in blush and white tones using stalk roses, dendrobium orchids, Gerber daisies and seasonal greens. Three candelabras to one side of the altar were decorated with seasonal greens, cream chiffon and gold cording. A tall Christmas Tree was trimmed with tiny white lights and white and gold ornaments.

The organist was Merry Lee Dibrell. Vocalists were Jill Smith, Matthew and Skyler Stevens and Brian McKinney, along with a choir made up of friends of the bride and bridegroom from the Texas Tech University Choir.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight Georgette shantung wedding gown. The front and back necklines were a scalloped scoop "U." The bodice was heavily appliqued with imported Alencon lace decorated with pearl outlines and clear sequins. The long sleeves had small puffs at the shoulders and were trimmed with Alencon lace cutout appliques.

Pearl buttons fastened the sleeves at the wrists. The modified Basque waistline and bouffant skirt were decorated with applique lace. The lace was enhanced with pearls, sequins, and flower sequins. Large individual pearls dotted the skirt. A deep row of detailed Alencon lace, trimmed with pearls, sequins and flower sequins, edged the hem of the skirt and the cathedral-length train.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of Casablanca lilies, stephanotis, champagne roses, white dendrobium orchids and Italian spray roses with accents of holly.

Maid of honor was Nicole Bash, Austin, and matron of honor was Kelly McCormick Chase, Lubbock. The bride's attendants were Malinda Ellison, Los Angeles; Becky Byers, Houston; Angie Wilson Munday, Dallas; and Eric Kinman, Lubbock.

Emily Elizabeth Davis,



MRS. BJORN ZETTERSTROM

cousin of the bride, Dallas, was the flower girl. Scott William Dawes Davis, cousin of the bride, Dallas, was the ringbearer.

Best man was Dave Fillman, Stillwater, Okla. The groom's attendants were Flemming Zetterstrom, Norway; Mike Beasley, Bryan Bailey and Danny Hart, Lubbock; and Jennifer Douglas, Borger.

Jeff Chase and Les Kinman, both of Lubbock, were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Merket Alumni Center, Texas Tech University.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered Italian cream cake covered with cornilla lace with scalloped ruffles. The gold lame' base was decorated with fresh flowers and seasonal greenery. The bride's table was covered with an antique hand-crocheted tablecloth made by the bride's maternal great-grandmother.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake with basket-weave icing, chocolate dipped strawberries and chocolate curls.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Texas Tech University with a master's degree in music performance and choral conducting. She is employed by the Lubbock Independent School District as choral director at Monterey High School.

The groom is a graduate of Borger High School and will be a May graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in vocal performance. He is employed by Dillard's.

Following a wedding trip to Vista Verde Ranch and Steamboat Springs, Colo., the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

Reid-Layton

Carrie Lynne Reid and David Lynn Layton, both of Carrollton, exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 28, 1995, at the Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas. Rev. Keith Wiseman, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, and Rev. David E. Brown, pastor of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Waco, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Sara Beth and Slim Warren, Big Spring, and Jerry Reid, Parker, Colo.

The groom is the son of Paul and June Layton, Waco.

The couple stood before pewter stands with glass globes filled with arrangements of stargazer lilies, larkspurs and glacier ivy.

The organist was Debra Stribling, and the vocalist was Carol Boyd.

Given in marriage by her brother Brian Reid, the bride wore a white silk sheath gown with detachable silk train. The bodice had a scalloped neck and back line adorned with pearls, sequins, beading and cording over lace.

She carried a bouquet of Casablanca lilies, stephanotis, white roses and glacier ivy.

Maid of honor was Stacey Bragalone, Dallas.

Bridesmaids were Ellen Vincent, cousin of the bride, Dallas; Katie Vincent, cousin of the bride, Austin; Brandi Butler, Fort Worth; and Paula Wiggins, sister of the groom, Denton.

Best man was Paul Layton, father of the groom, Waco.

Groomsmen were Shawn Ward, Denton; Kirt Ruby, Denton; Greg Harvey, Dallas; Brett Wiggins, nephew of the groom, Denton; and Brian Reid, brother of the bride, Webster.

Steve Wiggins, brother-in-law of the groom, Denton, served as usher along with the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a



MR. AND MRS. DAVID LAYTON

reception was held in the Harvey Hotel, Addison.

The wedding cake was a five-tier square white chocolate cake in a braided trim design, with chocolate mousse filling and frosting. It was decorated with stargazer lilies.

The groom's cake was a two-tier chocolate fudge cake with chocolate amaretto frosting and Kahlua filling, with sugared fruit cascading down one side.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of North Texas with a degree in fashion merchandising.

She is employed by JC Penney as a merchandise evaluation technician in the Merchandise Testing Center, Carrollton.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Waco High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of North Texas with a bachelor of science degree in broadcast journalism.

He is a private banking assistant at First State Bank of Texas in Denton.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Carrollton.

ANNIVERSARIES

Crenshaw

James G. and Betty Crenshaw celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Jan. 6, 1996, from 5 to 7 p.m., at their home on the old Colorado City highway. Their children hosted the event.

He was born in Rush, and she was born as Betty Faubion in Denver, Colo. The couple met on a blind date while he was in the service in Fort Worth. They were married on Jan. 3, 1945, in Richardson.

They raised three children: Gaylord Crenshaw and Robert Crenshaw, both of Big Spring;

and Dale Crenshaw, Anchorage, Alaska.

They also have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw have lived in Big Spring since 1950.

The Crenshaws are affiliated with the Church of God on Tulane Street. He enjoys fishing and collecting antique barbed wire. She enjoys sewing, crocheting, arts and crafts.

They commented about their marriage, "Work together, 50-50 give and take."

Book offers hints for designing kids' rooms

By EILEEN McCLELLAND
Scripps Howard News Service

Designing a child's room isn't limited to choosing paint, furniture and a rug. From a fun standpoint, it's about secret passageways, closet forts and boat-shaped bathtubs.

On the practical side, it encompasses eliminating allergens, planning for safety and enabling short occupants to reach the light switch, says Ro Logripo, syndicated columnist in her current book, "In My World". (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., \$24.95).

"In My World" takes on the whole house. Logripo offers countless inexpensive and imaginative tips culled from actual homes, on how to make the whole house welcoming to kids.

For example, there's the sub-

chapter on closets: "Turning the Closet into the 'Other Room.'" Inside "To me, that was great," she said. "I would shut the door to the regular closet, then I'd get into that little cubbyhole and even though it was stifling hot in summer and freezing cold in winter, it felt like the safest place for me to be."

She offers practical advice for creating lofts or vanity areas in closet space, or making use of dead space under the rafters to expand a closet upward or outward.

"The youngest child we ever worked with was 18 months old," she said. "There was one color he always went after and that was the color they made the walls of his room." And what color appealed to an 18-month-old interior design customer? Lavender.

STORK CLUB

Brittany Amelia Torres, Dec. 27, 1995, 5:13 a.m.; mother is Lisa Ann Torres.

Grandparents are Joe and JoAnn Torres, Big Spring.

Caleb James Morrison, 1:04 p.m., and Caylee Paige Morrison, 1:05 p.m., Dec. 14, 1995; parents are Gary and Kristy Morrison, Crane.

Grandparents are Don and Roxy Belew, Big Spring, and Benny Joe and Shirley Morrison, Ira.

Tristen Paul Anderson, Dec. 28, 1995, 2:31 p.m.; parents are Lorri and John Paul Anderson.

Grandparents are Mike Roman and Jimmy and Pat

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Christie Pearlman, Big Spring, in marriage with the A.D. University of North Texas. Rev. Ranc Tom Pratt, officiant. The bride, Michael Pearlman. The groom, Kenneth Pearlman. The couple had a large reception at the Harvey Hotel, Addison. The wedding cake was a five-tier square white chocolate cake in a braided trim design, with chocolate mousse filling and frosting. It was decorated with stargazer lilies. The groom's cake was a two-tier chocolate fudge cake with chocolate amaretto frosting and Kahlua filling, with sugared fruit cascading down one side. The bride is a 1989 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of North Texas with a degree in fashion merchandising. She is employed by JC Penney as a merchandise evaluation technician in the Merchandise Testing Center, Carrollton. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Waco High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of North Texas with a bachelor of science degree in broadcast journalism. He is a private banking assistant at First State Bank of Texas in Denton. Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Carrollton.

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By JUDY 1
The Toledo

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Milam-Ficke

Christie Michelle Milam, Pearland, and Christopher A. Ficke, Big Spring, were united in marriage on June 18, 1995, at the A.D. Bruce Religion Center, University of Houston, with Rev. Randall Fields and Dr. Tom Pratt, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Laura Milam, Pearland.

The groom is the son of Kenneth and Mary Ann Ficke, Big Spring.

The couple stood before a large candelabra arch with a glass unity candle filled with maroon oil.

The pianist was Laura Milam, mother of the bride. Vocalists were Kathy Lee and Jeff Lewis, both of Seffner, Fla.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an off-the-shoulder "Cinderella" dress with chantilly lace and iridescent sequins, edged with a thick strip of accenting beads. She wore a beaded headband veil.

She carried a heart-shaped bouquet of maroon roses on the outside and light pink roses on the inside.

Maid of honor was Joanne Marie Johnson, Gainesville, Fla.

Bridesmaids were Carrie Milan, sister of the bride, Pearland; Deena Shamburger, Longview; Jennifer Robin O'Steen, Dover, Fla.; Amy Brown, Deerpark; Laurie Ann Barnett, Bryan; and Gina Garza, sister of the groom, Big Spring.

Flower girl was Kristina Sheppard, Seffner, Fla. Ringbearer was Ryan Sheppard, Seffner, Fla.

Best man was Brad Daniels, Big Spring.

Groomsmen were Stephen Phillips, Wichita Falls; Aaron Acosta, cousin of the groom, Big Spring; Robert DaSilva, cousin of the groom, Pearland; Joseph Bland, Pasadena; Kevin Parker, Nederland; and Sergio Vega, San Antonio.

Ushers were Lance Skinner,



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER FICKE

Dickinson, and Clint Kincade, College Station. Clint Brian of Omaha, Texas, served as candlelighter.

Junior bridesmaids were Danielle Sheppard and Alisa Sheppard, both of Seffner, Fla.

The couple exited the chapel under a military saber arch.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Pearland Community Center.

The wedding cake was a white double-stacked heart cake accented with maroon flowers. Champagne punch accompanied the cake on a lace-covered table.

The groom's table featured a "Texas Aggie Bonfire" cake covered with chocolate icing.

The bride is a graduate of Armwood High School, Seffner, Fla. She attends Texas A&M University as an animal science major. She works for Starship Hallmark.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He attends Texas A&M University as an electrical engineering major. He will be commissioned into the U.S. Air Force in August 1996.

Following a skiing trip to Keystone, Colo., in December of 1995, the couple has made their home in Bryan.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; potatoes; broccoli; peach halves; milk; rolls and brownies.

TUESDAY - Enchiladas; Spanish rice; pinto beans; tossed salad; milk; cornbread and fruit.

WEDNESDAY - Beef stew; green beans; salad; rolls; milk and cobbler.

THURSDAY - Meat loaf; potatoes; Brussels sprouts; tossed salad; milk; roll and pudding.

FRIDAY - Roast beef; potatoes; carrots; vegetable salad; milk; roll and fruited gelatin.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole or low-fat milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; whole or low-fat milk.

FRIDAY - Waffle with syrup; sausage patty; fruit juice; whole or low-fat milk.

LUNCH
(Elementary)
MONDAY - Ham and cheese croissant; potato rounds; glazed carrots; spiced pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Chili mac; green beans; Jell-O with mixed fruit; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito; salsa; corn; apple and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets; gravy; whipped potatoes; spinach; pineapple tidbits; hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Barbecue on a bun; french fries; catsup; black-eyed peas; cookie and milk.

LUNCH
(Secondary)
MONDAY - Ham and cheese croissant or Salisbury steak; potato rounds; glazed carrots; spiced pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Chili mac or deli sandwich; green beans; Jell-O with mixed fruit; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito; salsa; corn or chili salad; crackers; apple and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets or meat loaf; gravy; whipped potatoes; spinach; pineapple tidbits; hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Barbecue on a bun; or fish fingers; hushpuppies; french fries; catsup; black-eyed peas; cookie and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Sausage and egg burrito; milk and juice.

TUESDAY - Cereal; milk and juice.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk and juice.

THURSDAY - French toast; juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Buttered steamed rice; toast; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Lasagna; salad; June peas with carrots; batter bread; milk and fruit.

TUESDAY - Fried chicken with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; Jell-O; hot rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chili and beans; salad; cornbread; sopapillas with butter and honey; milk.

THURSDAY - Barbecued ribs; potato salad; pork and beans; hot rolls; pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza salad; buttered corn; cookies; fruit and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Oatmeal; little smokies or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast pizza or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Bagel and peanut butter or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Biscuit; scrambled eggs or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Waffle sticks or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Burrito and chili; ham and cheese; tater tots; corn; pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets; mashed pot and gravy; broccoli and cheese; peaches; hot roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Fish strips or corn dog; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; applesauce; commerial roll and milk.

THURSDAY - Nacho grande or baked potato; refried beans; lettuce and tomato salad; pineapple chunks; cornbread and milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza or chicken dumplings; green beans; tossed salad; mixed fruit and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal with fruit; toast and milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake on stick; syrup; fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal with fruit; graham crackers; milk.

THURSDAY - Sweetened oatmeal; toast; ham and milk.

FRIDAY - Waffle with syrup; ham; juice and milk.

GETTING ENGAGED



Kathryn Kraus, Big Spring, and Russell Burt, Loraine, will exchange wedding vows on Feb. 10, 1996, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring with Rev. Bob Lacey, pastor, officiating.



Jana Louise Simpson and Rodney Allen Phillips Jr., will be united in marriage on Feb. 3, 1996, in El Paso.

She is the daughter of Bea Egan and Dr. Michael Simpson, El Paso. He is the son of Rodney and Donnette Phillips, Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

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Jeremy Aaron Joy, son of Frank Joy and Phoebe and Weldon Trammell, completed Army Basic Training on Aug. 25, 1995, and Advanced Individual Training on Nov. 18, 1995. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., where he is expected to earn his wings in airborne training.



He is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School.



Mario Cavazos, son of Eva Becerra Cavazos, graduated from Army basic training on Dec. 11, 1995. He is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Pink flamingos become neighborhood landmark

By JUDY TARJANYI
The Toledo Blade

PORT CLINTON, Ohio — When Jeff Bugbee's pair of pink flamingo lawn ornaments disappeared a few years ago, it wasn't long before replacements arrived.

Neighbors and passers-by responded to Bugbee's loss by dropping a dozen or so of the pink ersatz ornithological beings at his house.

At first, he just let them loll in his yard.

"Then somebody said, 'Gee, you ought to do something with it,'" he recalled.

So for the Fourth of July in 1993, Bugbee got the flamingos in the spirit of '76, dressing them as a drummer, fife player, and flag bearer. "Everybody said, 'That's cute. What are you going to do next?'"

With a full-time job at John Pinks Custom Builders and a house to manage, Bugbee hadn't given much thought to the flamingos' future. But, being a good sport and a good citizen, he decided to try something for the next holiday.

Now, Port Clinton's year-round residents and summer tourists count on him for a smile as they travel the city's busy main thoroughfare and pass by his house.

On Halloween, the flamingos take on an eerie look with some clad in sheets and others suspended from the trees and riding on broomsticks. For Thanksgiving, they gather as Indians, pilgrims, and the requisite turkey. And at Christmas, one dons a red hat and sleigh and the others sport antlers.

"People call me up and say, 'Hey, why don't you have anything new out there?' I say, 'Gee, I've got a real job and things to do.'"

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BOOK REVIEW



Anna Lozano sits in the reading pit and points at pictures as she was skimming through a book at the Westside Day Care Center Wednesday afternoon.

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Learn a little lore about coyotes, bobcats and their hunters

The coyote is a master of disguise. His camouflaged coat blends so well into the surrounding terrain you can walk right by one and not notice it.

The coyote is cunning, crafty and probably the smartest animal around. He'll survive and reproduce right in your own backyard and you'll never know it.

They lay up during the day and hunt at night. Their resting places are in the roughest country they can find. They prefer long, narrow canyons out of the wind that offer good

views of the area. Hunters of coyotes have to think like coyotes. They hunt when the animal is at rest, generally in mid morning when the coyote has just gotten comfortable for his day's nap.

They have to get him when he's down because when the coyote is up and about, he can see, hear and smell better than any two-legged hunter.

Coyotes don't like wind or heat, but cold doesn't bother them. They can play in snow when it's 10 below zero. Coyote hides are thick and provide excellent protection from win-

ter's chill.

They are nervous and skittish. If they hear a threatening noise they're gone within three minutes. They prefer silence.

Coyotes are particular about what they eat. They never eat spoiled meat.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

When the coyote population is high, you see them in the daytime hunting for food.

They are curious critters. They can go up to a hunter's tent and shake it, completely surprising the occupants inside. Coyotes live on the plains and prairies and are considered a threat to ranchers.

Hawkeye Murphy of Borger hunts coyotes. He also hunts bobcats.

"Fifty years ago it was unheard of to kill bobcats. But I hunted all the time and got to where I knew where to look for them. A cat is hard to hunt

because they won't scare and run from you. They'll lay and look at you. They're not scared of anything. So you've got to hunt them of their way of thinking."

He hunts along the Canadian river. "You find them sleeping in the real deep canyons where there's a lot of rock and caves. They come down to eat in the skunk brush where there's plenty of mice and rats."

When he hunts bobcats, he gives them a sporting chance. "We feel like if a bobcat can whip the dogs or get away from them, it's free to go. We never

do shoot one. We get them out of the trees and they take off running. About half of them get away."

Hawkeye says the cats crawl out on a tree limb, then jump as far as they can. By the time the dogs start circling and find the bobcats' tracks, they've got a good headstart on the dogs.

A bobcat will put off climbing something as long as he can. "He's gotta have those teeth snappin' at him to make him go up."

Both coyotes and bobcats are considered varmints and can be hunted any time.

Cocktail culture makes a comeback

By KRISTEN TILLOTSON
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

When it comes to partying, Mums and Daddy's old-hipple crowd is strictly squaresville. But who says Grandpa and Grandma were?

Many of today's twentysomethings are trading slam dancing for sambas, beer pitchers for martini shakers and thrift-shop flannels for thrift-shop satins.

That social ritual of the 1950s and '60s middle class, the cocktail party, has re-emerged. So have its trappings — up 'dos and sensible heels, behaving like ladies and gentlemen, the patter of witty repartee and tinkling ice cubes drowning out those passe grunts, curses and like-wow Valleyspeak.

Fueled by a mixture of grunge backlash, curiosity and kitsch appeal, the trend isn't all that surprising. If you're someone who grew up with parents who were Deadhead earth muffins or geeked out your friends by asking if they could tag along to the Stones concert, you understand perfectly: It's not very rebellious to emulate Mom and Dad, but the lure of the archaic is irresistible.

Besides, now that the reigning dress code is "workday casual" and ill-bred crassness the behavioral norm, any self-respecting trendsetter simply must move on.

"Cocktail culture" never went away; it's just being rediscovered by a new generation, says Joseph Lanza, author of "The Cocktail: The Influence of Spirits on the American Psyche" (St. Martin's Press, \$19).

"Rock 'n' roll can now be seen as an old-fogey medium," Lanza said. "And 1960s middle-class America — Lawrence Welk, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra — is the new land of forbidden pleasure. It's also a part of the American social identity to which today's young adults have never been exposed."

Old-fashioned bars and supper clubs that never changed their M.O. have had to start checking ID's more often with their new crops of young customers. Restaurants that already cater to the youth market have cultivated lounge atmospheres with a hipper spin.

Rosemary Valenta, a 22-year-old English major at Macalester College in St. Paul, said that she and her friends are "tired of grungy bars. It doesn't feel like you're really going out, getting away from everyday life."

For many cocktailers, dressing up is a part of the fun. The other half is the aura of gentility that goes hand-in-hand with a lounge or cocktail-party setting.

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ON THIN ICE



Falmouth firefighters rescue a horse from the ice in Nyes pond in Falmouth, Mass., New Year's Eve. The horse, a Percheron named Jerry, had earlier been used to pull a hayride around the town with another horse named Tom. Tom died when the two horses jumped onto the ice-covered pond.

DES: Controversial drug still available along the border

By ALVARO RODRIGUEZ
The McAllen Monitor

McALLEN — The fear of miscarriage can strike a pregnant woman at any time during her pregnancy, grabbing greedily at our deepest fears of losing a child.

For more than 30 years, a drug called DES was sold under at least 78 different names — as pills, injections or suppositories — to improve the outcome of a weak pregnancy.

Then, a study linked DES, or diethylstilbestrol, to a rare vaginal cancer in the daughters of women who took it. In 1971, the federal Food and Drug Administration directed doctors to stop prescribing it to women.

However, a synthetic hormone similar to DES still is sold in Mexico, over the counter and without a prescription. Called "cuerpo amarillo," it is believed to improve pregnancy outcomes, and "to strengthen the uterus," as one Reynosa pharmacy explained its use.

Anyone who was pregnant between the years 1938 and 1971, and had either a history of miscarriages or complications during pregnancy, may have been given DES to improve the outcome of the pregnancy.

Those women — and their children — should know about its possible harmful effects, according to health officials at the Southwest DES Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

In the U.S., DES once was considered a miracle drug; now, it is thought to increase the risk of breast cancer in women who took it.

It may provoke a rare form of vaginal cancer, and may create

a higher risk of pregnancy problems in their daughters and problems in the genital organs of their sons.

"It really was thought to be a miracle drug at the time," said Dr. Susan Kutzner, Ph.D., RN, co-director of the Southwest DES Center at the Baylor College of Medicine.

"For bleeding and spotting, it was a wonderful thing that could stop the problem and help them have healthy babies."

Doctors and patients wanted to do what was best at the time and did with what was available, she said. But in the late 1960s, problems with DES started to emerge.

In the early 1970s, a group of Harvard doctors conducted a study of vaginal cancer in young women. Apart from their sex and age, the women had little in common.

While reviewing the women's personal histories, however, researchers discovered almost every woman in the study had been born following the serious danger of miscarriage.

And each of their mothers had taken DES.

That study, along with others, halted the administration of DES to pregnant mothers.

One in 10,000 women exposed to DES may contract the rare form of vaginal cancer, Kutzner

said. While the rate is not high, it is significant.

"It's a serious problem if it's not found, but it can be treated if caught early," she said.

The majority of women exposed to DES have about an 80 percent chance of having a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby, she said.

Female children of mothers exposed to DES may develop an abnormally shaped uterus or fallopian tubes, which can cause problems in reproduction, like miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies.

Male children of mothers exposed to DES may have abnormalities in the testicles or penis and low sperm counts, Kutzner said.

Because DES is a synthetic female hormone, it can also cause the feminization of the male fetus, said Dr. Carlos De Juana, M.D., a McAllen urologist who uses DES with aspirin to treat some cases of prostate cancer inexpensively.

"We need to alert people to the potential health risks," Kutzner said. "The majority of people exposed to DES can do quite well."

If someone thinks they may have been DES exposed, they should consult their doctors, Kutzner said.

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Breakfast is good food for thought

By YAMIL BERARD
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ARLINGTON, Texas — The child in the Pocahontas T-shirt rests her sleepy head on the desk. Her combed hair becomes disheveled and her eyes close momentarily.

"Wake up, sleepyhead!" says Cindy Brennan, a first-grade teacher at South Davis Elementary School in Arlington.

The 6-year-old rises clumsily from the desk and offers a drowsy grin as her teacher prepares to read to the class.

Just the other day, another of Brennan's first-graders came to class "in a terrible mood." The child was scribbling red marker all over his papers, his homework, his fingers.

In both cases, Brennan recog-

nizes the signs almost immediately. "What's the matter, hon? Did you eat breakfast?"

According to teachers, nurses and nutrition experts, the answer is increasingly "no" for dozens of children.

Pediatricians and nutritionists say that children who eat breakfast perform better and are more positive about learning. If a child has missed the most important meal of the day, he or she often has difficulty concentrating, according to nurses in Tarrant County.

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Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

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Small home becomes cheaper

By SUSAN WA
Wall Street Tex
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Caregivers need a break from 24-hour nursing duties

DEAR ABBY: I am the sole caregiver for my husband, who has a devastating illness for which there is no cure. He can't walk, talk, express himself or take care of his personal hygiene. He will not get any better.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

This is my plea: If you are my friend or acquaintance and you see me at the grocery store or beauty shop, please do NOT ask me how

my husband is.

I know you care and are concerned, but a kinder way to show it would be to allow me a few minutes of normalcy. Ask me where the macaroni is, brag about your kids or recommend a good movie I can rent. The sad truth is, my husband will not know you asked about him, and won't understand when I tell him.

I have lived this nightmare 24 hours a day, every day, for a long time. Sometimes I even

dream about it. It never ends. So, should you see me somewhere, please realize that I'm having a brief reprieve and need some time to NOT think — or talk — about my husband's illness.

Thank you, Abby, for printing this. — ILLINOIS READER
DEAR ILLINOIS READER: Your letter is a first, and I am printing it in hopes that it will help you and others in this stressful situation. Caregivers who are living with this heartache need an occasional reprieve.

In past years, when families lived closer together, they could rely on each other in such situations. Today our society is more mobile, and family members may live too far apart to offer the support a caregiver needs. Organizations such as the National Family Caregivers Association fill the gap.

For information, send a postcard to: National Family Caregivers Association, P.O. Box 5871, Capital Heights, Md. 20791-5871. A self-addressed envelope is not required.

DEAR ABBY: As a faithful reader of your column, I'd like to comment on a column you once printed on how to eat asparagus.

While growing up in Paris,

my mother, who was a debutante, attended a dinner given by French President Raymond Poincare at the Elysee Palace for the King of Morocco. Asparagus vinaigrette was served. Everybody waited for the king to try it. He did, but found the tough end too tough. He looked around to see what other people did with it. So when he thought no one was watching, he tossed the tough end over his shoulder. The other guests, thinking that was a Moroccan custom, did the same.

Soon the floor around the table became so slippery, none of the servers could get near the table. The rest of the dinner was a disaster — and to this day, the dinner for the King of Morocco at the Elysee Palace has taken its place in history! — GILBERT GESTAS, NEW YORK

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MORE WINTER WEIRDNESS



Chris Young waves to spectators on shore as he skis on Lake Fort Phantom in Abilene on New Year's Day in sub-freezing temperatures and moderate snow. Young and three friends continued a several-year tradition of water-skiing on the first day of the year regardless of the weather.

Change

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"I think it can work," he said. "I wouldn't be working so hard on it if I didn't."

Silen has copyright'ed the 13-month calendar and is trying to find out whether he can patent it. He is also looking for investors and for a company to make and sell the calendars. Most of all, he is looking for public support.

"I'm just a nurse," he said. "It's going to take 5 billion people to implement it. I can't do it all on my own. Once people are aware of it, it's their's to decide."

And what will he tell the inevitable detractors who want to dismiss him and his calendar?

Silen shrugged and smiled. "Can't please everybody," he said. "I think most people are realists and analysts. The majority see that it's logical."

To become involved with the Universal Calendar project, contact Silen at 2510 Cheyenne, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or at 267-6795.

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Smart homes becoming cheaper

By SUSAN WARREN

Wall Street Texas Journal

Smart homes are getting cheaper. The question is, cheap enough? Several Texas builders are betting that the answer is yes.

As prices plunge for smart homes, those high-tech houses that know when to turn on the lights, crank up the tunes and spy on the kids — builders are turning the state into a leading laboratory for gee-whiz home technology. And they're beginning to offer the smart features to mainstream home buyers, hoping the gadgetry will help them capture larger shares of the state's robust housing market.

Just a year ago, the \$30,000 cost of automating a new home was out of reach for the typical home buyer. Today, thanks to streamlined wiring and improvements in computer components, the same system costs between \$11,000 and \$15,000. In a year, as designers further refine the technology, the price could sink to \$7,000.

Dallas-based Centex Real Estate Corp. is leading the high-tech pack. Just this year, the company began showing fully automated model homes in Texas — the first time any major builder has featured a model smart home. It promotes the technology with brochures and videos, and is teaching its salespeople how to pitch it. By next summer, Centex hopes to have smart features on display in its design centers, where home buyers choose paint, appliances and other fixtures for their houses.

For those who aren't ready to dive headlong into the home of the future — but want to leave the door open — builders are offering wiring only. (Prices for smart wiring, now around \$1,000 to \$2,000, are expected to drop by half within a year.) That way, homeowners can already have the telephone and cable lines they'll need when the time is right to buy the computer "brain" that controls their home's basic functions:

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FORECAST FOR JAN. 7

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your playful side emerges. You are focused and feeling better. Listen better to a child or loved one. You add excitement wherever you are. Make plans to be with an older relative who wants to get together. Tonight: Be your naughty self.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take time to enjoy your family and friends. Stay close to the hearth today. However, a call may have you out and about before you know it. Exploring, enjoying and getting to know someone are highlighted. An invitation is tantalizing. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A partner's directness may surprise you. Consider seriously what this person is saying. Make time so the two of you can have a fun day together. You enjoy taking a drive, visiting a historic site or sharing an intimate meal. Tonight: Go with the moment.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your possessive side emerges as you deal with a friend or partner. You might be startled by this person's terms. Do yourself a favor and don't react. Sort through your own reactions before you weigh what is being said. Tonight: Go out for dinner.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your abundance of energy may stun you. There is no sitting around today. Take off, and get together with a friend for your favorite sport. The good times roll because you are ready, willing and able. Tonight: Beam like a Cheshire cat.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pull back, and don't make fast deci-

sions about plans. Hook up with a loved one and vanish together, or get together for a fun activity with a friend. Make plans involving activities you love, and this will turn out to be a banner day. Tonight: Vanish with a smile.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Friends seek you out, so you might need to change your plans to join in the fun. Sudden invitations and change mark this day. A family member means what he says. It may be time to let go and let this person go his own way. Tonight: Have fun.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are in control of the plans. Be more imaginative, and follow through on one or two wild ideas. You have a strong drive and sense of direction. Make a call. You enjoy visiting with friends. Tonight: Be out and about.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Make plans for a day trip. Let someone know how much you care by making a "must" appearance. Evaluate how much you are willing to spend before you start buying left and right. Keep a neutral perspective when you hear gossip. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your energy could overwhelm someone, but this person still enjoys spending the day with you. Make plans to see a movie or catch an art show. Conversation flourishes in a different atmosphere. Heated discussions end in added closeness. Tonight: Ask for what you want.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Express what is on your mind. How you say it makes a big dif-

ference in how someone receives it. Be open to others' feedback as you process what is happening. A change is in the offing; realize you are causing it. Be more open. Tonight: Go where the gang is.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Go for extra relaxation. Stay focused on what you want and what is good for you. Friends may do their best to draw you out the door. Realize that a friend has good intentions, but you might need to slow down a little. Tonight: Go to bed early.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 7, 1996: Focus on partnership, additional closeness and a stronger financial situation. This will be an unusually lucky year with changes that are for the better. You pull the wild card. You easily direct your high energy, and you will not lose your concentration. If you are single, a relationship is likely, but you cannot always dominate. Understand the give and take necessary for a successful relationship. If attached, don't insist on having things your way; be flexible. LEO thinks the world of you.

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Program to benefit area cotton farmers

Cotton producers have some pretty important area programs coming up that they should have some interest in. This coming Friday, Jan. 12, 1996, is the deadline to have registrations in to Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist, Lubbock, for participation in the Cotton Marketing Workshop here in Big Spring on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1996, at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Producers were mailed this information earlier in a newsletter from our office, but if anyone failed to receive such a letter or have misplaced the registration information please give our office a call at 264-2236 to get another copy. Spouses are encouraged to attend this meeting at no additional charge (\$30), provided only one set of materials is picked up per couple.



Don Richardson
County Agent

An overview of price risk management, introduction to futures, localizing the futures-basis, introduction to options, estimating costs of production, comparison of pricing alternatives, developing a marketing plan, cotton situation and outlook and an overview of current farm bill provisions are among the topics that will be discussed by Dr. Carl Anderson, Professor and Extension Economist, Cotton Marketing Specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Agricultural Economics Department, Texas A&M University System and Dr. Jackie Smith, Professor and Extension Economist, Lubbock, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Agricultural Economics Department, Texas A&M University System.

This workshop begins at 9 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m. A noon meal sponsored by the Howard County Cotton Growers Association and local banking institutions is planned.

On Monday, Jan. 15, the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference will be held in Lamesa. This event begins at 8 a.m. at the Dawson County Annex Building at 609 North 1st St. in Lamesa. Please direct questions to the Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Entergy purchases foreign utility

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Entergy Corp. on Friday completed its purchase of CitiPower Ltd., an electric distribution company with about 233,000 customers around Melbourne, Australia.

At \$1.2 billion, the purchase is Entergy's largest overseas investment, the company said.

CitiPower was once part of the government-owned power company of the state of Victoria. The state-owned utility was sold off in five parcels.

CHRISTMAS PAST



Big Spring residents are urged not to dump Christmas trees along side roads and alleyways, but utilize the city's compost facility at the Airpark.

Texas' unpredictable weather blamed for higher average homeowners' rates

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' volatile weather has created a need for higher average homeowners' insurance rates, insurance companies argued Wednesday in the state's annual rate-setting case.

Administrative law judges hearing the case didn't immediately make a rate decision. When they do, it will be as a recommendation to Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer. Any change he approves in the benchmark, or average, rates could take effect next year.

The benchmark varies between the state's 23 insurance rating territories. In each area, insurers can charge from 30 percent below to 30 percent above the state-set rate.

"The industry's request for raising the homeowners' insurance benchmark rate can be described in three words," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service. "Weather, weather, weather."

"The threat of potentially violent weather has been demonstrated by hail storms in Dallas and Fort Worth in excess of \$1 billion and a similar hail disaster in Austin, costing \$125 million," Johns added.

Insurance groups filed increase requests ranging from 1.7 percent to 7.4 percent.

Under the proposals, renters' benchmark rates would be as much as 20.4 percent lower, while homeowners' average rates would see increases of as much as 8.3 percent.

Insurers say any change to benchmark rates does not automatically mean changes for individual policyholders.

While insurers said they need a slightly higher benchmark to protect themselves from growing claims, consumer groups said insurers already collect enough.

The Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a state agency that argues insurance issues on behalf of consumers, recommended an overall 3.5 percent reduction in benchmark rates. That would include a 1.5 percent drop for homeowners' rates and a 26.4 percent cut for average renters' rates.

Meanwhile, a consumer group new to Texas staged a protest during the meeting because it was prohibited from speaking or asking questions of other case participants.

United Policyholders of Texas filed its paperwork to be a party to the case in time, but refused a request from State Farm Insurance Co. to produce a list of its members.

The judges considering the

case said the group had to produce the list and could not participate otherwise.

But Ina De Long, executive director of United Policyholders, said her group's membership was not relevant. She also argued that the rate-setting case could be delayed if a higher court ruled that she was illegally barred from participating.

The judges opted to allow the group to participate, but did not allow the group to speak. Ms. De Long and Peter Altman, the group's state director, sat during the meeting with white gags over their mouths. The words "State Farm" were written across the gags in red ink.

"The irony is we're not trying to gag them," said Dean Brand, a spokesman for State Farm. "We feel all the parties represent Texas consumers and it's a Texas hearing. We'd like to know who she represents. Is it the Texas consumers?"

Ms. De Long, who was allowed to speak as a public citizen, said State Farm and the insurance industry know who she is.

"They dealt with us in California. They dealt with us in Florida and they employed me for 22 years," she said. "They know who we are."

High costs could hamper Pioneer's earnings, company lost \$49 million in first quarter

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. said today that its first-quarter loss widened slightly from a year ago and warned that 1996 earnings will be hampered by high seed corn costs.

The world's largest seed corn company said it lost \$49 million, or 59 cents a share, in its first quarter that ended Nov. 30. It lost \$48 million, or 57 cents a share, in the same period a year earlier.

Pioneer traditionally reports a first-quarter loss because it sells few seeds in the fall. Its biggest sales period is its third quarter, which ends May 31.

Sales for the latest quarter totaled \$92 million, up 33 per-

cent from \$69 million a year earlier.

Pioneer said its latest quarter featured strong sales in Brazil, Argentina and Australia. Wheat sales were strong in North America, it said.

But the gains were offset by increased spending on research.

"Strong investments in research have been the key to the success of Pioneer in the past and will be the key to our success in the future," Pioneer President Charles S. Johnson said.

Pioneer announced in September that it will invest \$51 million in a joint venture with Mycogen Corp. to develop

insect-resistant crops.

Johnson said Pioneer is on track to have a "strong" year in 1996. But he added that "results may not be as strong as some stock market analysts have projected, primarily because hybrid seed costs will be higher than had been anticipated."

Corn prices have risen sharply this year, raising the costs that Pioneer must pay to its growers. The company said in October that it plans to hold the line on its corn hybrid prices in 1996, which would pinch earnings but could help it strengthen its dominant position in the North American seed corn market.

Area investment firm part of top national rating

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Edward D. Jones brokers recently gave the St. Louis, Mo.-based company a first-place rating in a national survey of nine investment companies.

The company received a near-perfect score when it comes to putting clients first and doing what it promises.

"Although we'd like to take credit for these recent achievements. We know it really belongs with those who have played the most important roles in making our firm a successful organization - our customers and friends," Big Spring investment representative Dan Wilkins said.

This is the fourth consecutive year Edward D. Jones has ranked either first or second in the survey, conducted every October by Registered Representative magazine.

The survey results, which appear in the December 1995 issue, are based on anonymous telephone interviews with 50 brokers from each company. The brokers rate their firms on such factors as overall ethics, freedom from pressure to sell certain products, quote and information systems and quality of research.

In the four main categories of the survey, work environment, support, product and manage-

ment, Jones scored higher than any other firm.

The company also received an "A" letter grade in all sub-categories except research, for which it received a "B." The firm scored especially high in the category of freedom from pressure to sell certain products and in the ethics category.

The company received an overall score of 9.05 out of a possible 10 points.

"This survey reflects the opinions of our brokers, the people who are on the front lines dealing with our customers. Because of that, we are very proud of the high scores we received," Managing Principal John W. Bachmann said.

He added, "Our investment representatives are members of the communities in which they work, so their opinions about our firm are significant. We are very happy we are providing the support they need."

Edward D. Jones is one of the largest financial services firms in the nation with more than 3,100 branch offices in 49 states. The company serves more than 2 million clients and specializes in investments tailored to the needs of individual investors.

The company offers such investments as certificated of deposit, taxable and tax-free bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

State seeking parity among large and small companies

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance is asking workers' compensation insurance companies to treat small businesses the same way it treats larger companies, a feat they cannot achieve, according to an industry spokesman.

Rick Gentry, of the Insurance Information Institute, said on Wednesday that the department's warning to 17 insurance groups to either defend their workers' compensation insurance rates or lower them suggests prices in the market are not competitive. But he said they are.

The 17 groups, which operate 74 insurance companies in Texas, were told in a letter dated Dec. 22 to respond to Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer's concern over what he called excessive rates for small businesses by Feb. 1 or face rate rollback hearings.

The 74 companies collected about \$291 million in premiums, or 14.7 percent of all premiums, in 1994, according to the Insurance Department.

The companies' business represents one-seventh of the workers' comp market. They were targeted because their rates appeared out of line without sufficient explanation, according to the department.

"I would be quite surprised to find that these companies' rates are not competitive with others in Texas," Gentry said. "Price competition is so fierce right now, that unless you stay pretty close to the herd, you won't get any business. We know they are writing one-seventh of the market."

But Bomer said on Wednesday that workers' comp rates in Texas average between

4 percent and 17 percent too high, based on the number and cost of claims filed in 1994, the last year for which complete data was available.

"These letters should come as no surprise to the insurance companies," Bomer said. "The carriers have known for months of my concern that workers' compensation rates are too high, particularly rates for small businesses."

Rates vary widely across the state based on companies' number of employees, injury histories and the type of businesses being insured.

Bomer said many insurers cut their workers' compensation rates after sweeping changes to the state's workers' compensation laws were upheld by the Texas Supreme Court last February.

Those changes, which mostly took effect in 1991, included higher weekly benefits for injured workers and a streamlined claims process meant to reduce the number of workers challenging their benefits in court.

The Insurance Department estimates the changes cut the cost of claims by up to 57 percent in 1994.

"Some carriers, however, have persisted in charging rates that ignore the vastly improved claims situation," Bomer said.

But Gentry said policies for small companies do not generate enough money to garner the price cuts larger companies have seen.

"The proof in that pudding is the price being charged by the not for profit state fund," Gentry said of the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund.

FAST TRACK

BOMBAY, India (AP) — The state government of Maharashtra deferred a decision Tuesday on a counter-offer by Enron Corp. to build a power project.

A special cabinet meeting was called for Saturday to make a decision on the Enron project and two smaller power projects, Chief Minister Manohar Joshi told reporters.

The Enron project is being closely watched by potential investors as a harbinger of what might happen if a conservative government — like the one that governs Maharashtra — wins national elections later this year.

Last year, the U.S. energy company signed a deal for the \$2.8 billion project — the largest foreign investment ever made in India — with the previous state administration for power plants.

But after the state elections, a new coalition of Hindu nationalist parties, the Shiv Sena and the Bharatiya Janata Party, canceled the deal, alleging that Enron's guaranteed profits would exceed the 16 percent norm.

After the deal was scrapped in August, Houston-based Enron threatened to sue the state authorities.

DETROIT (AP) — Ford, Chrysler and General Motors are recalling 634,390 cars and vans for a variety of safety reasons ranging from leaking gas tanks to defective seat belts.

The three companies said that there had been no reports of accidents or injuries related to any of the problems that prompted the recalls.

Ford Motor Co. said it will replace gas tanks on 183,375 1995 Ford Contour and Mercury Mystique models because they might leak, creating a risk of fire.

Crysler Corp. is recalling 265,000 Chrysler Town & Country, Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager minivans to deal with possible fuel system flaws that could result in fires.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — General Motors Corp. said Thursday it will begin selling electric cars to the public in California and Arizona this fall, becoming the first of the Big Three automakers to get into the mass market.

"Well, there it is. It's been a long road to getting it here," GM Chairman John Smith Jr. said as the automaker rolled out its nonpolluting electric car — a sporty two-seater called the EV-1 — at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

The EV-1 will cost in the mid-\$30,000 range, plus an undisclosed amount to buy or lease a battery charger.

Its top speed is 80 mph. It has a range of about 90 miles between charges, but that can be reduced by such factors as cold weather and heavy traffic. In normal use, it's expected to travel between 60 and 70 miles.

Southern California Edison plans to have 18 recharging stations operating at stores and train stations by August.

Up to now, the market for electric cars has been limited mainly to governments, utilities and other businesses that use fleets of vehicles.

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Pearls scarce as time passes

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — People who hunt for Concho pearls and the mussels that make them are having a harder time these days.

Gems have become so scarce in Concho Valley waterways that some hunters say the search is hardly worthwhile anymore.

"I used to find a pearl in every 10 shells or so," said Mike Bagwell, who hunts for the mauve marvels that put the region on jewelers' itineraries. "But the last few years, it's been more like one in every 40 or 50."

Some hunters are selling the mussel shells without opening them, because the pearls are becoming so scarce and there has been no increase in the price paid to hunters.

"Just a few years ago I could make \$200 or \$300 a week hunting pearls," said David Reynolds, who has been wading the lakes and streams around San Angelo for 20 years. "Now I'm doing good to make \$50 or \$60 every three or four weeks."

Experts say pearls — from a gray or dusky mauve variety, to light lavender and peach — are found in freshwater mussels in waterways in North and Central America.

Bob Howell of the Texas Parks and Wildlife's research center in Kerrville says that of the 300 species of freshwater mussels in the nation, 52 used to thrive in Texas. But all 52 species are now threatened because of heavy gathering and poorer water quality.

Observers give a variety of explanations for the decline in number of mussels and pearls. Some blame chemical pollution or saltwater leached from abandoned oil wells.

SIGN OF THE TIMES



The new sign in front of Security State Bank signals new services for a new year.

Gulf of Mexico no longer the "Dead Sea"

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Just a couple of years ago, oil service company executives had a new nickname for the Gulf of Mexico: the "Dead Sea."

How times have changed in just a short while.

Because of low oil and natural gas prices, operational costs were high and discoveries seemed to be falling off. But its resurgence has occurred in only a few months, and analysts say the prospects for 1996 seem bright.

The Gulf is now "the place to be," said Matthew Simmons, president of Simmons & Co., a Houston investment banking firm serving the petroleum industry.

In October, oil companies were saying they planned to cut back gas drilling in the Gulf next year, according to an Arthur Andersen survey. But their mood changed as natural gas prices jumped to their highest levels in more than six years and oil prices have firmed above \$19 a barrel.

The price runup also coincided with a shortage of drilling rigs for work in water deeper than 1,000 feet.

Pushing the shortage is greater demand and the removal of older rigs from service, said Paul Kelly, a vice president of drilling contractors Rowan Cos. in Houston.

Leasing prices for deepwater drilling rigs have doubled over a year ago and companies are willing to commit to leases for up to three years.

A semisubmersible rig used to drill in water depths to 1,000 feet is contracted at a day rate of \$50,000 to \$68,000, up from \$30,000 to \$42,000 in January, according to Salomon Brothers research.

In the past two months, the rates for work boats have also risen to as much as \$4,000 a day from \$3,300 to \$3,600, said Geoff Kiebertz, a Salomon Brothers analyst in New York.

The push into the deep Gulf is being led by major oil companies: Exxon, Chevron, Shell, Texaco, Amoco and others.

But smaller independents also are increasing drilling.

One is Newfield Exploration, a Houston company. In 1995, Newfield spent \$85 million on 33 wells in the Gulf of Mexico, including 16 exploratory test wells and 17 development

wells. In 1996, the budget will be well above \$100 million, said Joe Foster, Newfield's president. The number of wells drilled will be the same as last year, but the tests will be in water depths of 300 to 500 feet, and will cost more.

Currently, 148 rigs out of 177 are operating in the Gulf, nine more than a year ago, according to Offshore Data Services of Houston. The 29 idle rigs are mostly shallow water jack-up rigs.

Texaco will drill four deepwater tests next year, if the company can obtain rigs early enough in the year, said Bruce Applebaum, Texaco's offshore division manager. Its deepest test will be at 7,800 feet.

The rig problem is serious. Texaco is having a drill ship refitted in a Galveston, Texas, shipyard for a test deeper than 7,000 feet off the Texas coast and has committed to a three-year contract on another deepwater rig.

Shell Oil Co. will drill 10 deepwater exploratory tests next year, and a total of 49 wells across the Gulf, up 40 percent from this year and spend an additional \$600 million on its program.

To date, oil companies have discovered 3.5 billion barrels of oil or an equivalent amount of natural gas in 25 major deepwater fields. This year, the industry leased 175 tracts, up from 54 leased in 1994.

Helping boost activity are technological advances that make drilling and completing wells potentially more profitable, said Arvind Sanger, an energy analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin, Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York.

The federal government also recently provided a new incentive.

The Deepwater Royalty Relief Bill signed by President Clinton exempts as much as 17.5 million barrels of oil in water depths of 1,000 feet free from royalties. The deeper the water, the greater the exemption, to a maximum 87.5 million barrels on which the government forgoes royalty payments.

The law will cut capital costs and will turn marginal fields into profitable ventures, analysts said.

Low attendance may cause Disney Space Center to default on bonds

HOUSTON (AP) — Three years after its opening, the Disney-designed Space Center Houston visitor center is on the road to default because of lower than predicted attendance.

The Manned Space Flight Education Foundation, which operates Space Center Houston, has "technically defaulted" on its bonds by failing to set aside adequate money to make a scheduled \$3.1 million payment to bondholders in February, the Houston Chronicle reported on Monday.

Negotiations have begun with major bondholders and a soon-to-be-released proposal will detail how the center will reorganize its debt.

One problem has been overestimated attendance. The center draws 750,000 visitors a year, not the 2 million anticipated when it opened in 1991.

"They made an assumption of an attendance level that hasn't materialized," said Richard Allen, general manager of the foundation. "That's caused a shortfall in revenues and put us in a position of — over the long haul — being unable to make our bond debt."

A second problem has been

the loss of two major sponsors, and possibility that a third may follow suit.

The IBM Corp., which sponsored the Fields of Space exhibit, and E.I. DuPont, sponsor of an exhibit entitled Starship Gallery, have not renewed their sponsorship contracts, Allen said. In addition, the center is still waiting to see if Southwestern Bell renews sponsorship of its Space Center Houston exhibit.

Allen would not reveal how much the lost sponsorships have cost the center. He also did not offer much hope that attendance figures would climb dramatically over the next few years.

"We're not going to go from 750,000 to 2 million people in a year or two years or three years," Allen said. "If you look at the growth of any visitor attraction, the percentages are far smaller than that."

The lion's share of funding for Space Center Houston came from a \$68.4 million bond issue by the Harris County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp., a nonprofit organization set up by Harris County Commissioners Court.

Under the deal struck between the non-profit group and developers, there is no risk to taxpayers. If the center defaults, bondholders, not taxpayers, will have to repay the debt.

The commissioners court loaned its loan authority — not taxpayer dollars — to developers.

The bonds for Space Center Houston, for example, carry an interest rate of 9 percent to 9.25 percent. In contrast, the Sam Houston Race Park had to pay 11.75 percent on its original private-sector bond issue.

Space Center Houston officials started preliminary negotiations with bondholders in June, and the center has since fallen into a technical default of its bonds after failing to set aside \$600,000 each month with a trustee to make the upcoming February payment to bondholders.

Hank Coleman, a Vinson & Elkins attorney who represents Space Center Houston's parent organization, said that 85 percent of the center's bonds are held by institutional bondholders and the remaining 15 percent by individuals.

Texas unemployment benefits not hampered by government shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas isn't among the states facing immediate troubles in their unemployment insurance benefits programs because of the money squeeze sparked by the federal budget stalemate.

Even if the budget brinkmanship isn't resolved anytime soon, Texas has enough funding to keep the doors of its unemployment benefits offices open through Feb. 5, the state's unemployment insurance director says.

"The good news is that Texas has managed its money well and that we have enough funds to operate going into the first week of February," the Texas Workforce Commission's unemployment insurance director, Mike Sheridan, said Wednesday.

"In Texas, we are in good shape." Tuesday, Kansas officials furloughed 400 employees who administer the state's unemployment insurance program and said future benefits checks to 19,000 jobless Kansans would be delayed.

But a day later, Kansas Gov. Bill Graves erased the threat of benefits disruption, saying

funds from other state sources would be used to return the furloughed workers to the job.

Other states facing possible unemployment insurance crises are Alabama, Alaska, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Tennessee and the Virgin Islands.

The problem isn't that the states don't have the money to issue the unemployment benefits.

Rather, the paychecks of those handing out the benefits are jeopardized by Congress' unwillingness to enact new stopgap spending bills funding the government's operations.

House Republicans are loathe to approve further temporary spending measures until they've ironed out profound differences with President Clinton over the means of achieving a balanced budget by 2002.

Unemployed Texans, who filed 800,000 initial claims during the last fiscal year, shared \$1 billion in benefits. The payments are funded from unemployment insurance taxes deposited by Texas employers into a trust fund.

Sheridan hopes the Washington power brokers will find a solution before Kansas' problem spreads. "I can't imagine these people not doing something when you see what's happening in Kansas and you see that expanding across the nation," he said.

Although Texas has money to continue operating its program through Feb. 5, Sheridan said that with "creative planning" the state could keep the commission's more than 1,600 unemployment insurance program funded workers on the job through February.

If the political stalemate drags into next week, Texas officials then will begin "serious strategy" talks about how to keep the program's doors open beyond February, he said.

The Labor Department is urging states to consider using state money to make up for the lack of federal dollars. While the Texas Workforce Commission doesn't have any surplus funds that can be tapped, Sheridan said Gov. George W. Bush could consider shifting funds from other sources.

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2nd Tuesday Antique Auction Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. Tennis Auction Company 2207 N. Chadbourn - San Angelo, Texas FURNITURE: 2 primitive pine handmade full beds, extra nice metal tw in bed with brass case, several accent tables (walnut and mahogany), old wrought iron ice cream parlor set, pine & oak chest, Queen Anne buffet, ornate oak turn of the century pump organ, old piano, pine showcase with marble accents, 3 ranch oak bar stools, oak library table, 6 Eastlake dining chairs (needs work), oak vanity with hat wing mirrors, oak center table with glass ball and claw feet, metal poster bed, trunk, large what-not shelves (made of spools), pine mantle, pine drop leaf table, ranch oak folding game table, mahogany Duncan Phyfe drop leaf table, organ stool, marble table (made from stove base), walnut linen cabinet, Mission sideboard with mirror, primitive wardrobe. SMALLS: Lots of kitchenware, lamps (electric and kerosene), pretty pattern rugs, several ornate mirrors, old table model radios, rare electric wooden candle lamps, castor set (1 bottle missing), Van Briggie pottery, violins, depression glass, milk glass, cast iron, store cast iron string dispenser, rare Wagner double waffle iron, marbles, occupied Japan, some art glass, lots of pictures, prints and old frames, old campaign buttons, stools, metal hat rack, wood toy box, crocks and crock jugs, quilts and quilt tops, glass churn, toy sewing machine, lots of primitives, maple shaving mirror, Time Life books (war and western), old pair of ladies lace up shoes, candlewick, old stick telephone lamp, and many, many items too numerous to mention! For more information: Tennis Auction Company AC 915-653-3494 Randy Cave, Owner - TXS

AUCTION MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1996 10:30 A.M. LOCATION: From Levelland, Tx. (Hockley Co.), 11 Miles North on US 385 to Whitharral, Tx. then 1/2 Mile North on US 385 OR From Littlefield, Tx (Lamb Co.) 16 Miles South on US 385. JOHN PUKATNIK, OWNER TRACTORS: '80 JD 4840, '78 JD 4640, '86 JD 7446 Cotton Stripper. EQUIPMENT: Planters, Lister, Bed Knifera, Cult., Stalk Cutters, Disc., Sandfighters, Gang Hoes, Duels, Etc. TANKS - TRAILERS - IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT - MISCELLANEOUS NOTE: Big John is known for his good farming and his super good equipment, so don't miss this sale...

AUCTION WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1996 10:00 A.M. LOCATION: From Slaton, Texas (Lubbock Co.), 2.3 Miles Northwest on US 84, then 2-1/2 Miles West on Fm 1585 and then 1 Mile North OR From Lubbock, Texas Southeast Loop 289, Exit on 84 Slaton-Post, then 4.5 Miles Southeast of US 84 to Coors Distributors, then 1 Mile South on Dirt Road. Clay M. Oats & Friends - Owner TRACTORS: '80 Case Int. 7110, '88 JD 4450, '77 JD 4430, '73 JD 4430, '83 F-100 Ford 1/2 T. Pick-up EQUIPMENT: Planters, Chisel Plows, Breaking Plows, Sub Soiler, Springtooth Harrows, Killing Rigs, Chisel Rigs, Tool Bars, Sandfighters, Tandem Disc, Shredders, Cult., Wheat Drill, Rotary Hoes, Crop Blades, and more... IRRIGATION MOTORS - TRAILERS - TANKS - SHOP EQUIPMENT NOTE: This sale is high in Quality. Come look it over.

AUCTION THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1996 10:30 A.M. LOCATION: Stanton, Texas (Martin Co.) from intersection of Interstate 20 and Texas 137, 3/4 Miles North on Texas 137 OR Just South of Graves implement. Bill Wilson and Friends, Owner TRACTORS/HARVEST EQUIPMENT: '80 JD 4440, '78 JD 4440, '76 JD 4430, Bush Hog Module Builder, John Blue Module Builder, 283 JD Strippers, Cotton Trailers EQUIPMENT: Planters, Lister, Chisel Plow, Breaking Plows, V-Flipper Plows, Cultivators, Plow Packer, Crop Blade, Springtooth Harrow, Tandem Disc, Shredders, Bed Knifer, Sandfighters, Wheat Drill, Blades, etc. DUALS - LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT - TANKS/SPRAY EQUIPMENT - MISC. NOTE: This is a good set of equipment. Make your plans to attend.

AUCTION SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1996 EQUIPMENT, 10:30 A.M. REAL ESTATE: 1:00 P.M. LOCATION: From Seminole, Texas (Gaines Co.), 1/2 Mile South on US 385 on Andrews Highway. HI-C, Inc. Kirk and Roberts Cooper REAL ESTATE: Approx. 6 Acres More or Less, 2-Submergeable Pump/Pressure Tanks, 50' x 90' Dental Metal Office Building with Central Air/Heat, Panel Walls, Carpet, Restrooms, etc. Plus, 54' x 110' Quonset Metal Open Shop Building, Concrete Floor w/rolling Doors. OFFICE EQUIPMENT - TRUCKS/TRAILERS - MOTORS - MISCELLANEOUS (Equipment sells at 10:30 A.M.) NOTE: This Real Estate offers an Opportunity for the successful bidder. Lots of good equipment and trucks at this sale. OFFICE 806-868-4646 JAMIE 806/798-7300 CHARLIE 806/864-5788 QUALITY Auctioneers

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