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Cause of house fire still being investigated

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The cause of Monday morning's fire at 701 Goliad is still under investigation, but Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles said a child may have been playing with a lighter or matches.

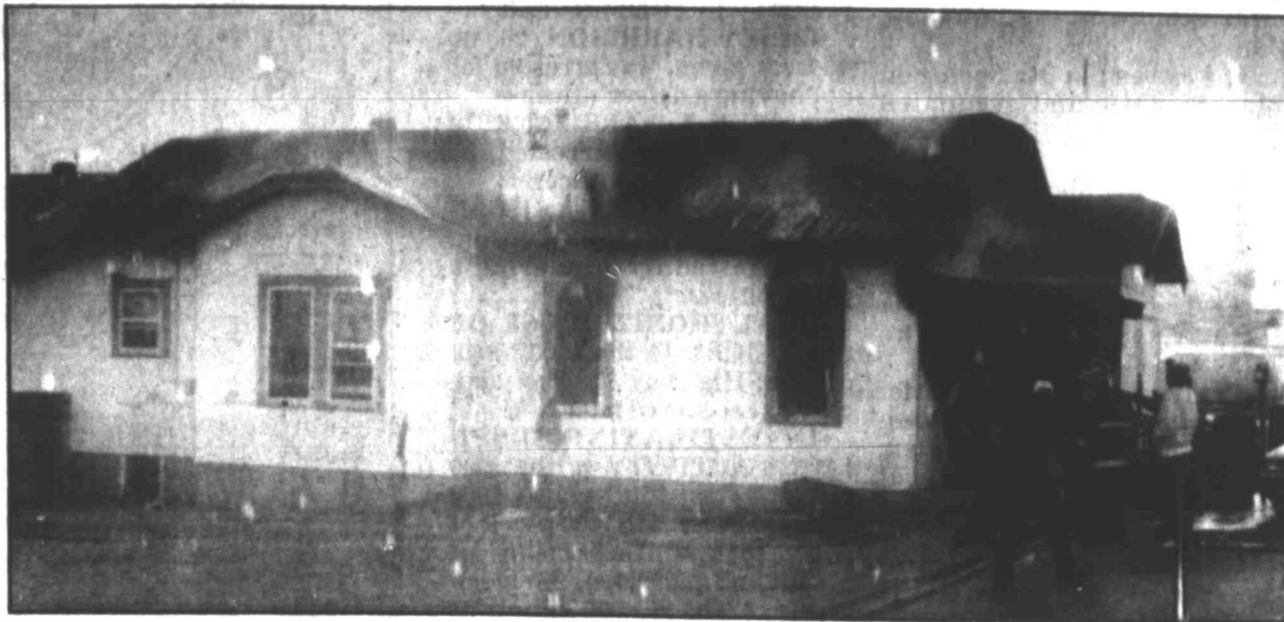
Gilbert Rubio's family escaped serious injury when the fire caused serious damage to the front section of their house at the corner of Seventh and Goliad streets. Rubio was at work and his wife and five children

were in the house when the fire started.

Shortly after 9 a.m. three units of the Big Spring Fire Department found the structure in flames.

Rubio told fire officials his wife heard a loud pop and when she turned to investigate she saw flames. Secondary damage was in the kitchen and adjoining rooms, which received a lot of smoke damage.

Settles said damage to the Rubio home has been estimated at approximately \$45,000.



Firefighters finish containing a blaze at 701 Goliad. Damage to the house is estimated at approximately \$45,000. The family of Gilbert Rubio suffered no serious injuries when the fire broke out; Rubio himself was at work.

Man arrested for sexual assault

Floyd Phillips, 35, of 112 N.W. 12th, has been charged with sexual assault.

Phillips reportedly raped a 26-year-old black female on the north side of town on Jan. 10.

He was arrested last Friday and remains in the city jail under a \$ 25,000 bond. Sexual assault is a second degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

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REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

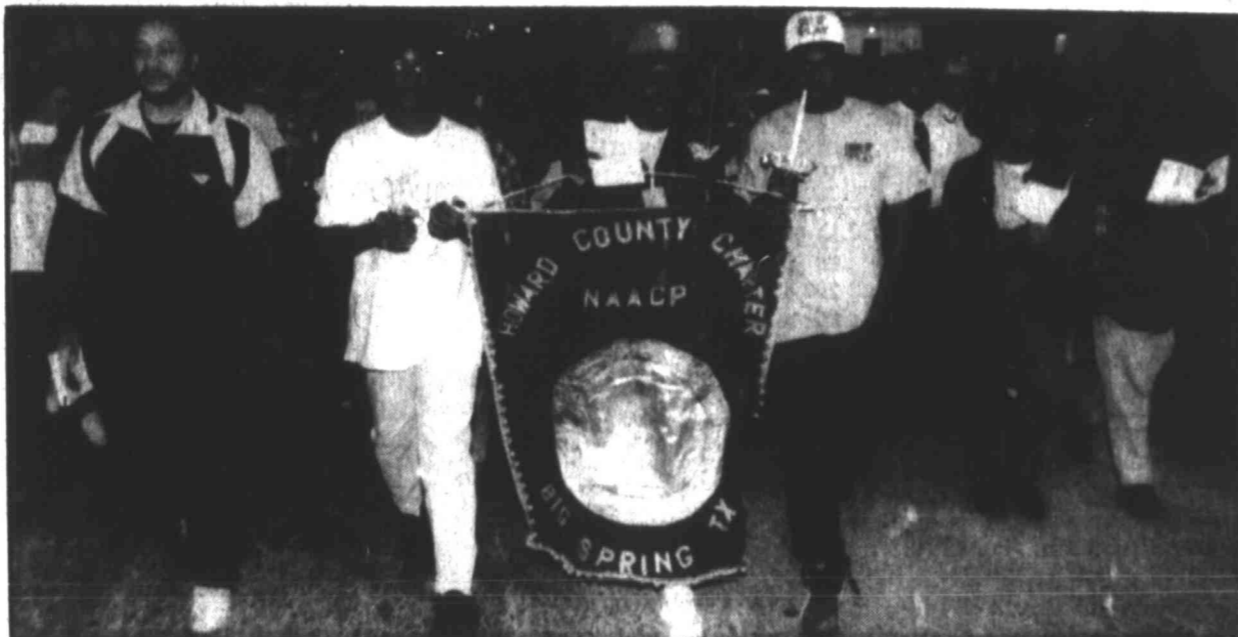
Approximately 100 Big Spring residents marched down Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 Monday night in honor of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This is the second year the candlelight vigil march was part of Big Spring's celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

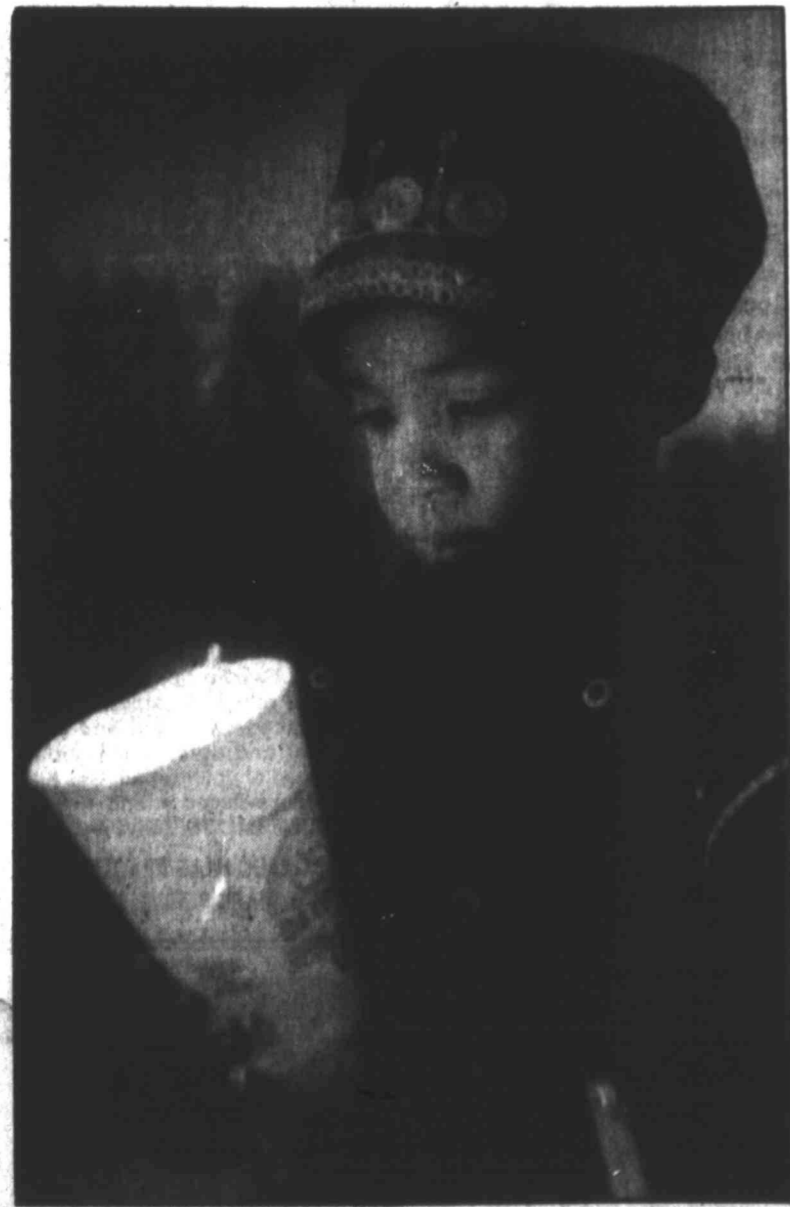
March organizer Stephanie Horton said she wants to see the vigil become a yearly event for Big Spring.

"The Big Spring march was about brotherhood and unity. The Big Spring community is continuing to come together. The march is a statement that no matter what race, color or creed we are, the justice and equality Dr. King fought and died for was for all of us," Horton said.

Herald Staff Report



A crowd of 100 people participated in the Martin Luther King memorial march along Martin Luther King Blvd. Monday evening.



James Burrell Walker looks at his candle as the four-year-old marches along Martin Luther King Blvd. Monday evening. The march was to honor Martin Luther King Jr.



Marion Odessa Lockridge lights her candle before the start of the Martin Luther King Jr. march Monday evening. The march started at Martin Luther King Blvd. and 10th St. and ended at FM 700.

Fire department pleased with its emergency operations

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During the month of December the Big Spring Fire Department's emergency medical service made 219 runs, bringing the service's run total for its first three months in existence to 640.

EMS Coordinator Tina Stone told the Big Spring City Council the service is working out very well.

"The largest number of calls have been for falls (52) and then cardiac patients (56)," Stone said.

"We've done a lot of emergency and non-emergency transfers, including runs to Midland (12) and Odessa (8), but most have been to Lubbock (20)," she added.

Other transfer locations include Stanton Care Center, Andrews, Hamlin and San Angelo.

One transfer has been as far away as San Antonio, but the majority are local such as the Big Spring Care Center (20), Comanche Trail Nursing Center (20), Mountain View Lodge (14) and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center (12).

Paramedics have also responded to numerous calls for various other reasons such as abdominal pain (34), cardiac arrest (9), stroke, diabetes (14), overdose (13), respiratory distress (49), seizures, fainting, and traumas such as falls, assaults and motor vehicle accidents (49).

Stone said she is pleased at how the service is operating at this point and response times are well below state average based on figures released by the Texas Department of Health.

Response time averages 4.24 minutes. State response times in urban areas average 8.8 minutes and all rural areas average

10.2 minutes.

The ambulance service's response time in the city is 4.04 minutes and 4.68 minutes when including the 53 EMS calls out in Howard County.

The average scene time, from arrival to departure, is 14.14 minutes. The state average in urban areas is 18.1 minutes scene time and 16 minutes in all rural areas.

Stone also asked the council to consider amending the fee structure of the ambulance service to be more in line with the fees charged by other local communities.

Several residents asked questions about billing when the service was first proposed and fees were established by ordinance as follows:

- Basic life support/Mobile Intensive Care Unit will be \$360 plus \$4 per mile over five miles during transport.

- Transfer/Transport Service - \$360 plus \$4 per mile over five miles.

- Pharmaceuticals and IVs - \$50 for each item administered.

- Standby Time - \$35 per hour with a maximum fee of \$75 for high school events.

What Stone has requested of the council is that it add a non-emergency run category and set the fee at \$100 instead of having a \$360 across the board fee.

The fee for basic life support would be \$200 instead of \$360, but the \$360 fee would remain in place for advanced life support services.

Stone asked the council to consider making the changes and bring the issue up at the Jan. 23 meeting as an emergency resolution.

Residents with questions about billing may contact EMS Billing and Collections Clerk Cherie Harris at City Hall at 264-2453.

Schedule for livestock show

- Wednesday - arrival of all swine 3 p.m. with weighing and classification 6 p.m.

- Thursday - arrival of lambs, steers and heifers, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weighing and classifying of steers and lambs, checking heifer registration papers from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Swine Judging 5 p.m.

- Friday - arrival, weighing and sifting of capons, 8 a.m., judging of capons 10 a.m., judging of lambs at noon.

- Saturday - Judging of heifers, followed by judging of steers at 7 a.m., buyers' barbecue at noon and awards program and premium auction at 1 p.m.

U.S. Trivia

In which year did Abner Doubleday of Cooperstown, N.Y., codify the rules of baseball?

1839

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Shuttle Endeavour's crew hauled aboard its second satellite in four days today. Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata maneuvered Endeavour's 50-foot robot arm to capture the \$10 million satellite, two days after it was released. See page 5.

STATE

Inmates escape
Inmates in prisons in Texas and Oklahoma are being questioned about the whereabouts of two female escapees, one a convicted murderer, who fled the privately operated Odessa Detention Center. See page 3.

Rangers dispute claims
Sexual harassment claims made against the Texas Rangers by two female investigators are baseless, the state attorney general's office says. See page 3.

TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Tonight
71 [▲] Highs [▼] 45
Mostly sunny
Partly cloudy. Low around 45. Southwest wind 10-15 mph.

Wednesday
Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Low in the low 30s. West to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution advised on area lakes.
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High near 55. Low in the high 20s. Friday: High near 60.

OBITUARIES

Naomi Wright

Services for Naomi Wright, 91, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Gary Hubbard, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Wright died Sunday, Jan. 14, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Oct. 16, 1904, in Carlton. She married H.L. (Henry) Wright on Nov. 1, 1924, in Stephenville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1983. She and her husband farmed for many years in Hale, Hockley and Terry Counties before coming to Big Spring in 1956. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Survivors include a son: Maurice Wright, Big Spring; three daughters: Letha Wayland, Big Spring, Betty Carter and Billie Beard, both of Amarillo; a sister: Opal Bostick, Lubbock; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Betty Bingham, a son, Kenneth Wright on Dec. 21, 1991, and a great-grandson, Hunter Blair in Feb. 1990.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Family Hospice of the Permian Basin, P.O. Box 14710, Odessa, Texas 79768-4710 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Pearl Boyce

Funeral services for Pearl Boyce will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Betty McNERLIN and Steve Calley officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Mrs. Boyce died Sunday, Jan. 14, at Memorial Hospital in Midland. She was born on Sept. 11, 1917. She was raised in the Abilene and Rotan area. She married Jack Boyce on Sept. 25, 1940, in Stanton. She worked at Rhodes Laundry and several other businesses. She and her husband established The Ornamental Shop in 1950. She was a co-founder of the Assembly in Christ Church in 1958.

Survivors include her husband: Jack Boyce, Midland; three sons: Don Boyce, David Boyce, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Dan Boyce, Midland; a brother: T.L. Henley, Midland; three sisters: Betty McNERLIN, Dola Fitzgerald, both of Midland, and Marguerite Dael, West Columbia; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Dana Thurman, 63, died Monday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

906 GREGG 267-6331

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Clifford Robinson

Funeral services for Clifford L. Robinson, 80, Lubbock, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lubbock, with Rev. E.L. Bynum, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Robinson died Sunday, Jan. 14.

He was born in Big Spring on May 18, 1915, and graduated from Big Spring High School. He married Lois Todd on May 5, 1934, in Big Spring. The couple moved to Lubbock in 1949 and he was employed at Reese Air Force Base, becoming supervisor prior to retiring. He was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife: Lois Robinson; a son: Doug Robinson, Plano; a daughter: Shirley Jackson, Brownwood; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Mission Program at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1911 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79412.

Arrangements are under the direction of RIX Funeral Directors, Lubbock.

Dana Thurman

Services for Dana Thurman, 63, Big Spring, are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

IN BRIEF

Crimestoppers needs your help

The Big Spring Police Department needs your help in solving a burglary.

Sometime between the hours of 8 p.m. and midnight Nov. 16, 1995, a suspect or suspects forced open the door of a residence on the east side of town.

Several guns, jewelry, cash and electronic equipment worth more than \$20,000 was stolen from the home.

If you have any information about this incident, call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS. A cash reward of up to \$1,000 could be yours if the information you give leads to the arrest, indictment or conviction of the person or persons involved.

Crimestoppers is seeking information about a crime that occurred during the weekend of Sept. 23 and 24, 1995. A vehicle was broken into in the 1700 block of East Marcy and several items were taken from the car. The vehicle sustained considerable damage, about \$2,500 worth.

If anyone has information, contact Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS. Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those responsible.

Leap year babies, we need you!

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.

Directory being updated

The Howard College Business Development Center will update the Minority, Veteran & Women-Owned Business Directory.

The purpose of this directory is to help companies or government agencies identify minority, women and veteran-owned businesses in Big Spring.

For more information, or to be included in this directory, contact Delia Barraza at 264-5164 before Jan. 19.

Free mammograms are being offered

Planned Parenthood's Big Spring clinic has free mammograms for women over 50. To qualify, women must be income eligible. Licensed professional counselor Robbie Jones, M.A., is continuing counseling and HIV testing by appointment. She will be at the clinic from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 2, 16 and 30. For more information, call the clinic at 263-8351.

ON THE RUN

POLICE

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

•CASEY HARRISON, 26, no address given, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

•AMEEN J. HASHEM, 43, of 1501 Tucson, was arrested for hindering a police officer.

•JEANEENE HASHEM-KESLER, 53, of 1501 Tucson, was arrested for hindering a police officer.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 3500 block of West Highway 80. The vehicle was recovered later.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 2900 block of West Highway 80, 1900 block of West 16th, 600 block of N.E. 10th, intersection of Miami and Morrison, 200 block of West Third, 500 block of West Fourth and 1300 block of Settles.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of North Main and 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 300 block of Tulane and 700 block of Goliad.

•LOUD PARTY in the 100 block of East 16th.

•THEFT in the 1100 block of North Lamesa.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 400 block of East 11th Place and 800 block of Creighton.

•ASSAULT in the 1400 block of East Sixth.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 1600 block of Rannels, 600 block of N.E. Eighth and 800 block of Lancaster.

SHERIFF

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

•PHONE HARASSMENT in the 800 block of Timothy Lane.

•GRASS FIRE on Center Point Road.

•CIVIL PROBLEM at residence on Rice Road.

RECORDS

Monday's temp. 70
Monday's low 34
Average high 57
Average low 27
Record high 77 in 1936

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., band hall. Call Roxanne Wilson, 264-4840.

•CRIE (Children's Rights Through Informed Education), 7:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

•Encouragers support group (formerly widow/widowers support group), 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th & Rannels, enter through patio.

•Linda Akin, R.N. with the New Concepts Wellness Center, will be the speaker and dinner will be at 7 p.m. at a local restaurant. Call 399-5523 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

•Senior citizen dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. The Country Five will provide the music. Everyone is invited.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

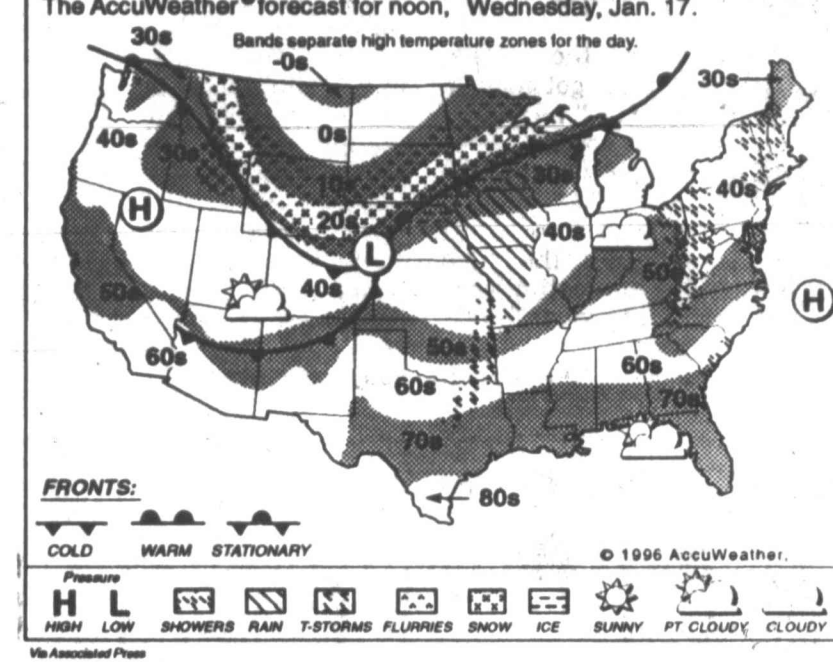
•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

NATIONAL Weather



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Warmer air will invade the East tomorrow as high pressure moves offshore. A few showers will occur from western New England to the Ohio Valley. A line of thunderstorms will extend from Texas to Missouri. While rain soaks the Midwest, snow will fall from Wyoming to Minnesota as it turns much colder. The Southwest will be dry.

DID YOU WIN? PICK 3: 1,8,1

IN BRIEF

'80 Bites'

slated for Feb. 10

The Heritage Museum will once again present "Around the World in 80 Bites" Feb. 10 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Those interested in preparing international dishes should contact the museum at 267-8255 for an entry form. The form should be returned by Feb. 3.

Chefs should prepare enough food for at least 300 bites (one bite equals one tablespoon) and be at their booths by 4:15 p.m. Feb. 10.

School board

meets Thursday

The Big Spring Independent School District will discuss or approve the following items during their regular meeting Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the board room:

- Delinquent tax report from Drew Mouton
- Architect agreement for multi-purpose athletic facility
- Resignations and employment

- Title I Amendment
- Resolution and interlocal agreement with Region 17 for Co-op purchasing program
- Food service bids
- Superintendent's evaluation in executive session
- Enrollment report
- Update 50
- TASB board training

Museum mystery set for Jan. 27

The Heritage Museum's fourth annual "Let's Solve a Murder Mystery" benefit will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Heritage Museum. Murder mystery evenings will be hosted in Big Spring residents' homes, at the museum and at the Potton House.

Hosts will lead teams in groups of eight, provide a site for game play, serve dessert and see that the evening ends with the culprit apprehended. Hosts can choose to play at the museum or Potton House as space allows.

No acting talent is required. All clues are provided to solve the mystery. For more information contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

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

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

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

•West Texas Legal Services offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church library. Contact Murph Watson, 264-0500.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

•Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association meeting, 5:30 p.m., CLEAT Building, 306-D East 11th Place. All academy graduates encouraged to attend. Agenda includes election of alumni association officers.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

•Financial aid workshop at BSHS cafeteria from 7 to 8 p.m. All area seniors and adults wanting to attend college are invited.

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

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

MARKETS

March cotton futures 83.05 cents a pound, down 20 points; Feb. crude oil 18.69, up 31 points; Cash hog steady at 42 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 65 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 45.95, up 42 points; Feb. live cattle futures 66.20, down 7 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Oklahoma pair flees Odessa detention center

ODESSA (AP) — Inmates in prisons in Texas and Oklahoma are being questioned about the whereabouts of two female escapees, one a convicted murderer, who fled the privately operated Odessa Detention Center.

"We have to assume that they'll come back here," Jerry Massie, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Corrections Department, said Monday.

Richard Tessaro, the prison's administrator, said Rosemary Heather Miller, 20, and Gaylnn M. Mize, 27, escaped from the

medium-security prison for women about 5 p.m. Sunday after being led from the exercise area to a dining area for the evening meal.

"I guess during the feeding they slipped out and got back up to the exercise area," he said.

The women's absence was noticed four hours later, Tessaro said.

"They pried, busted, somehow forced a hole into the wire meshing of the recreation area and crawled out through that," he said.

Authorities said the women

used wire strippers to cut through a mesh screen on the prison's roof, then jumped 16 feet to another roof before leaping to the ground.

Massie said Miller was serving a life sentence for first-degree murder out of Creek County and a consecutive 25-year sentence for shooting with intent to kill out of Tulsa County.

She was convicted in 1983 of using a .22-caliber pistol to kill Ahmed al-Dawood, 19. He had been shot twice in the head. His body was found in a remote

pond near Bristow.

Miller claimed the victim had raped her twice at the pond before she shot him.

Her other sentence was for a shooting that occurred five days before Dawood's death. The victim in the second crime testified that Miller was giving him a massage and shot him twice in the head as he lay face down.

Mize, who initially was convicted on drug charges, was serving time for possessing a weapon in jail after a prior felony conviction. That charge was from Stephens County,

Massie said.

Tessaro said "we have a full investigation going, trying to find out where they went. It's just a matter of time."

Tessaro said the women had been held in Odessa since Jan. 5 under a contract with the Oklahoma Corrections Department. They were among 50 medium-security inmates transferred from the Mabel Bassett Corrections Center in Oklahoma City to ease prison overcrowding.

The state is paying \$35.50 per day to house each inmate at the two-story prison.

Massie said the escape isn't likely to affect the state's contract with the Odessa prison.

Tessaro said his prison previously housed 100 inmates from Houston for more than two years. "There was never so much as an attempt" to escape, he said.

Massie and Tessaro said they do not know how escape charges will be handled against the inmates once they are recaptured.

"They are Oklahoma inmates," Tessaro said. "We are just housing them temporarily."

Man killed, two shot trying to stop robbery

DALLAS (AP) — One man was killed and two others remained hospitalized Monday after they were shot while trying to fend off armed robbers who barged into their North Dallas apartment, police said.

Freddie Vincente, 21, was shot in the head and was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday.

His father and brother-in-law were shot in the chest as the trio tried to overpower two men who had pushed their way in through the front door about 3 a.m. while family members were watching television, police said.

"They were doing what they thought they had to," police detective Cathy Harding said. "They were trying to protect their wives and children."

Filemon Vincente, 46, was in serious condition Monday at Parkland Memorial Hospital, while Andrew Victor, 24, was in fair condition, officials said.

A 15-year-old suspect also was treated for a gunshot wound to the hand and was released into the custody of waiting authorities.

A 23-year-old Dallas man, who was released from state prison within the last year, has been arrested on suspicion of capital murder, said Sgt. Gary L. Kirkpatrick.

He would not identify the pair since they haven't been formally charged.

Police apprehended the suspects after they fled to a nearby apartment, then called police and asked for an ambulance, saying they had been robbed, Kirkpatrick said.

Marlene Victor, the wife of Andrew Victor, said her parents and brothers were in the living room when they heard a knock on the door.

When the mother answered it, the robbers, who were carrying a shotgun and a revolver, pushed their way inside, she said.

"They were yelling, 'Give us all the money you have,'" said Mrs. Victor, 18.

The shooting began when the men tried to overpower the robbers, police said.

Mrs. Victor said one of the robbers called out the name of her 16-year-old brother, who was home at the time.

Police were investigating why the suspects picked the Vincentes' apartment and whether they knew anyone inside, Kirkpatrick said.

I'VE BEEN FLEECE



A large pile of wool gathers on the floor as Tom Thompson shears more off a lamb. Youths were preparing animals for the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

AG's office claims Rangers, DPS didn't harass female investigators

HOUSTON (AP) — Sexual harassment claims made against the Texas Rangers by two female investigators are baseless, the state attorney general's office says.

The statement came in a brief, five-page court filing last week in response to the federal lawsuit filed by Cheryl Steadman of Houston and Lisa Sheppard of Corpus Christi.

The two are suing the Texas Department of Public Safety, which oversees the Rangers, DPS Director James R. Wilson and a member of the policy-making Public Safety Commission.

In December, the women filed their lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Houston against the 172-year-old law enforcement unit, claiming "extreme and outrageous" conduct by officers caused them severe emotional

distress.

The plaintiffs are seeking actual and compensatory damages of at least \$1 million, plus unspecified punitive damages. The defendants claim any actions taken against the two women "were free of any discriminatory intent or act."

The DPS and Rangers also claim that as state agencies they are immune to any civil action. However, the plaintiffs say that immunity was modified in 1972 and state agencies now can be subjected to lawsuits.

The state attorney general's office was closed Monday and a spokesman could not be reached immediately for additional comment. The case has not been set for trial. A scheduling meeting between the parties is set for early June.

Steadman, 35, was one of two history-making women commis-

sioned as Rangers in 1993, but she resigned a year later alleging discrimination and sexual harassment.

Steadman says she was subjected to ridicule and harassment after she refused to share a bunkhouse with other Rangers, all of them male, during a March 1994 overnight meeting. She was reassigned to the DPS vehicle theft unit in Houston.

Sheppard, a DPS criminal investigator, rejected a Ranger commission in 1994, accusing Maurice Cook, the senior Ranger captain, of a "calculated" act of sexual discrimination.

Her complaint centered on Cook's insistence that she be stationed in the San Antonio headquarters office, although vacancies purportedly existed near her Corpus Christi home.

Woman gives birth in ditch near Rio Grande

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A 21-year-old woman gave birth to a baby boy in a ditch a half mile from the Rio Grande after apparently swimming across the river from Mexico, emergency officials said.

Claudia Garcia was discovered Saturday afternoon by a man living in a house near the ditch. Ms. Garcia was clutching a tree and experiencing labor pains.

Olivia Gutierrez, who lives in the house, said her brother, Jesus Garcia, saw Ms. Garcia as he drove home.

"She told him she was having labor pains and was waiting for someone to pick her up there," Gutierrez said.

"He came inside in a panic and told us that there was a woman outside the house that was about to give birth."

Gutierrez and her brother called 911, but emergency workers arrived about 10 minutes too late.

With the help of Jesus Garcia and another man, Ms. Garcia delivered a boy at 6:50 p.m.

"When we got there all we heard was the baby crying, and that's how we located her in the tall weeds," said paramedic

Veronica Atkinson.

Atkinson said it appeared as if Ms. Garcia had just swum across the Rio Grande, something she said is not uncommon in the Valley.

Said Kim Beller, another paramedic, "We get several calls like that where we actually deliver right on the scene."

Ms. Garcia and her baby were taken to Valley Regional Medical Center. They were discharged Sunday afternoon.

Drill instructor fired for making fifth-grade students do push-ups

HOUSTON (AP) — A drill instructor in a boot camp tailored for troublesome Conroe public school students has been fired for ordering about 250 fifth-graders to do push-ups because they were being too noisy during lunch.

Dwayne Sparks was relieved of duty last Thursday after the incident in the cafeteria at Washington Intermediate School, officials said Monday.

"When I walked into the cafeteria I was kind of amazed at what I was seeing," said school principal Jo Ann Beken. "All my fifth-graders were on the floor."

Instructors in the program are authorized to discipline those who have been placed in the program under court orders.

But officials said Sparks overstepped his authority when he

took command of the cafeteria and demanded push-ups from the entire 250-member fifth-grade student body.


The principal said Sparks and another drill instructor were eating lunch in the cafeteria at the invitation of some teachers. Sparks initially shouted at the fifth-graders to quiet down.

As he left the cafeteria and the

room became noisy again, the drill instructor went back and ordered the push-ups, Beken said. She found the children on the floor after one of her assistants reported that it sounded like boot camp was being held in the facility.

Two girls reported their fingers were accidentally stepped on during the incident.

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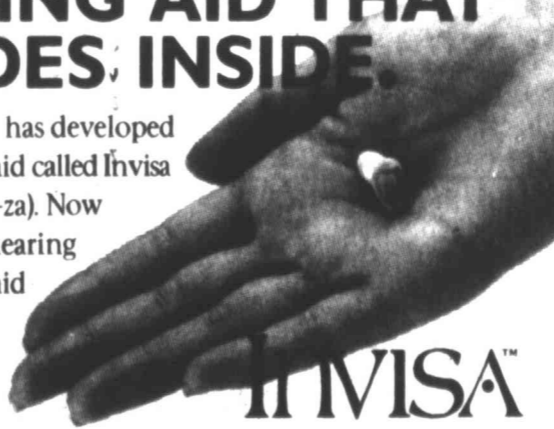
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Learn which candidates deserve your support

Clearly, it is the season of the politician.

Or, at the very least, the campaigner. Take Monday, for example, when one candidate and the wife and friend of a candidate came by to "visit" the local newspaper.

Before the day was over, a campaign worker for a state rep candidate from downstate called, wanting to set up a meeting with the newspaper's editorial board.

As we head toward the primary, one thing is certain - we'll all hear more and more from these folks who want to serve us and, as such, have us sign their respective paychecks.

We should all take the time to ensure that those folks who want our support are worthy of that support ... that they are qualified to hold the offices they

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seek and that we are comfortable with entrusting various roles of responsibility to them.

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Ohio lawmaker has made a career out of cutting budgets

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON TODAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. John Kasich's first federal budget came in 1989 after a citizen he met at a gas station in Ohio told him to do something about the federal deficit. He got in his jeep, drove home and wrote a budget plan. It got 30 votes.

How different today, when his fellow Republicans see balancing the budget as a near-religious experience and Kasich, now the chairman of the House Budget Committee, is their high priest.

The 73 GOP freshmen, the most ideologically dedicated to eliminating government deficits, have made him an honorary member of their group. Fiscal conservatives from both parties credit him for his impartiality in targeting both GOP and Democratic programs for the budgetary axe.

"He's the best thing the Republicans have going," said his onetime partner in budget-cutting, former Rep. Tim Penny, D-Minn. "He's serious, he's passionate, and he relates to real people."

In the past month he has been at the center of the tortuous

attempt by the White House and Republican leaders to work out a plan to balance the budget by 2002. Alongside Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., it's been Kasich who's been trying to come up with the numbers that may entice the White House into a deal while staying true to Republican principles on overhauling government and cutting taxes.

"He's the guy who knows the numbers," said his spokesman, Bruce Cuthbertson. "John's the guy who will say you can do this or that it just won't work."

Various described as irascible, hyperactive and obsessive, the 43-year-old workaholic was one of the first to see budget cutting as an act of passion.

The son of Democratic parents — his father was a mailman — who grew up in the blue-collar community of McKees Rocks, Pa., near Pittsburgh, Kasich has long had a knack for taking the political course of most resistance.

Elected to the Ohio state senate at age 26, he responded to criticism from his fellow Repub-

licans that he was acting irresponsibly in opposing tax increases by writing a budget that cut \$400 million in state spending.

After his first attempt at budget-writing in Washington in 1989, he tried again in 1990 and this time got 135 votes. Then in 1993 he joined with Penny to challenge the Clinton administration with a plan for \$90 billion in budget cuts over five years. It failed by a narrow 219-213 margin.

He has also, in the name of fiscal integrity, at times defied his own party, voting against spending on the B-2 bomber and opposing tax breaks and subsidies for Republican friends in corporate America.

"He gives the Republicans verity for their case that their demand for a balanced budget is a matter of principle rather than of pure constituent interest," said Joseph White, a budgetary policy expert with the Brookings Institution.

As Budget Committee chairman, he has gained a national reputation for his dedication to the cause and his physical intensity. The Washington Post,

WORLD
Prisoners' release scrapped; Bosnians say thousands missing

BOCAC, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A prisoner swap meant to demonstrate the will for reconciliation among Bosnia's hostile factions fizzled Monday. Only nine people were freed instead of the hundreds expected.

The failure, four days before the Jan. 19 deadline for all prisoners of war to be freed under the Dayton peace agreement, displayed the lingering enmity and mistrust that threatens the peace pact.

As in the past, the main stumbling block was government insistence that Serbs account for thousands of missing people.

"No agreement has been made about the release with the Serb side" because the Serbs refuse to say what happened to 24,742 people whose names have been handed to them, said Amor

Masovic, the Bosnian government official charged with overseeing POW exchanges.

Masovic said 4,000 of those are thought to be prisoners. The fate of others is unknown. They include thousands of people who disappeared in 1992 as the Serbs swept through northern and eastern Bosnia, expelling, imprisoning and killing Muslims.

The government also has said it wants to know what happened to more than 3,000 people seized by the Serbs after the fall of the eastern enclave of Srebrenica in July. Human-rights organizations, the United States and other governments have evidence that thousands of detainees were massacred. The Serbs deny it.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, which medi-

ates prisoner releases, says it understands Bosnian government concerns but considers those missing from Srebrenica to be a separate matter.

The Serbs have listed only 123 prisoners to be released to the government, Masovic said.

The government appears unlikely to drop the issue of the missing without an admission from the Serbs that the people are imprisoned, or — as most believe — dead.

The Red Cross and the NATO-led force implementing the peace had expected nearly 600 Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Muslims to be released outside Bocac, 12 miles south of the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka. The rest were to be freed near Tuzla, Sanski Most and Gorazde. In all, 900 were to be released.

More hostages freed as Russians battle Chechens

PERVOMAYSKAYA, Russia (AP) — Russian troops and Chechen rebels battled hand-to-hand today among burned-out houses as federal forces tried to wipe out the separatists and free dozens of hostages in this frost-covered village.

The boom of tank fire rang out across the barren fields on the second day of intense street fighting. Despite the winter chill, helicopter gunships rocketed the village to try to wipe out remaining pockets of rebels.

Military planes dropped flares all night, illuminating the village so soldiers could hunt for the rebels and their captives.

Tension was high as well in the Chechen capital of Grozny, where a group of about 30 workers at an electric power plant were reportedly seized by rebels early today, the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted a security service spokesman as saying.

Alexander Zdanovich of the Federal Security Service said a special task force was investigating the report that the workers had been taken hostage.

The fate of the majority of the 100 or so hostages held by the rebels in Pervomayskaya remained unclear.

Maj. Gen. Alexander Mikhailov, a spokesman for the Federal Security Service, said Russian troops had brought out 16 people from the

village since fighting began Monday. Most were hostages, but at least two were journalists who appeared to have been trapped when the battle started.

The hostages apparently ran to other buildings in the confusion of Monday's attack and were later found and freed by Russian troops.

The former captives were being held under guard in a nearby village and interrogated to make sure they were not rebels posing as hostages to escape.

While the freed hostages were being debriefed by Russian forces, reporters were not allowed to talk to them.

The rebels, estimated at 150 to 250, put up fierce resistance with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, and managed to knock out several Russian armored personnel carriers.

Much of Pervomayskaya, a village in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan on the border with Chechnya, was destroyed.

Gen. Mikhail Barsukov, who was in charge of the Russian operation, said the attack was launched because rebels had started killing hostages Sunday. The rebels denied the charge.

"We want the terrorists punished and wiped out from the Chechen land," President Boris Yeltsin, speaking in Moscow, told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Ailing Greek Socialist premier steps down

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Ailing Premier Andreas Papandreu's resignation brings to an end a 15-year period during which he dominated Greek politics.

The 76-year-old Papandreu, who became Greece's first Socialist prime minister in 1981, urged his party Monday to replace him, saying he was not strong enough to govern.

"This is a time for decisions. And the party organs are called on to take these decisions," Papandreu said in a letter of resignation to his party's central committee. "The parliamentary group must move immediately towards electing a premier because the country's problems cannot wait."

Papandreu has been in intensive care for two months.

"It is obvious that my weakness at this time should not become an obstacle for the country," Papandreu said.

His PASOK party was expected to elect a new premier from among its 168 members of Parliament by the end of the week. Papandreu did not indicate he would step down as party lead-

er, nor whether he would give up his seat in the 300-member unicameral chamber.

The top contenders to replace Papandreu are former Industry Minister Costas Simitis and Defense Minister Gerasimos Arsenis — both economists who support European Union economic integration.

Whoever wins will contrast starkly with the charismatic Papandreu, who entered Parliament in 1964 as a member of a centrist government headed by his father, George.

The younger Papandreu inspired fierce loyalty and tolerated no critics in the party he founded in 1974, rejecting recent calls to step down despite worsening health after major heart surgery in 1988. He governed from 1981 to 1989, and returned for a four-year term in 1993.

Papandreu's party and government have been paralyzed over the past weeks as he fought for his life. His subordinates had dithered partly out of deference to him and partly because of constitutional restraints: A premier can only be replaced if he dies or resigns.

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End in sight for Mexican water war

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — In a conciliatory gesture, the government of the northern state of Nuevo Leon says it will negotiate a dispute over water rights for Mexico's largest reservoir.

In a news release Monday, the state government said it understood claims by farmers in neighboring Tamaulipas who need water from El Cuchillo Dam.

"The only enemy to defeat in Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas is drought, not a fight between brothers," the communication said.

The move is a turnaround for Nuevo Leon, which built El Cuchillo two years ago to provide water in this industrial hub of 4 million people suffering from drought and water shortages.

On Jan. 4, Nuevo Leon state Gov. Socrates Rizzo said his government "would not give even one millimeter to protect the needs of potable water" in the state.

Tamaulipas claims a 1952 presidential decree gave the state rights over the San Juan River, which the Cuchillo Dam uses. Mexico's National Water Commission agreed on Jan. 5 and ordered the floodgates gates open to pump Tamaulipas 7 billion cubic feet (200 million cubic meters) of water to irrigate northern farms in Reynosa, on the border with Texas.

But Nuevo Leon obtained a court order minutes later blocking the decision. Tamaulipas is not receiving any water now and both sides have been trading barbs over it.

A Monterrey court is to decide the argument Jan. 24. The announcement by Nuevo Leon that it is willing to negotiate could help avoid a legal dispute. State officials from both sides were meeting Monday.

Northern Mexico along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border is mostly a semi-desert region where a lingering drought has made increased the value of what water there is.

The \$650 million dam, built with federal funds and loans from the Inter-American Development Bank and Japan's Overseas Development Fund, was inaugurated by former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari in 1994 as part of his Solidarity public works program.

CORRECTION

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The Associated Press erroneously reported on Jan. 14 that the U.S. attorney general's office was investigating whether negligence by Call air traffic controllers was responsible for the crash of an American Airlines plane. The inquiry is by the Colombian attorney general's office.

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Drug lord arrested in Mexico, deported to United States

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico proved to its northern neighbor that it is a reliable player in the drug war with the arrest of cartel chief Juan Garcia Abrego and his deportation to the United States to face American justice.

Garcia Abrego's arrest comes at a crucial time for President Ernesto Zedillo, who has been struggling to prove to American officials that his country can overcome widespread corruption to effectively fight drug trafficking.

"Mexico has taken a major step forward with this arrest of one of the world's top drug traffickers," Bob Weiner, spokesman for the White House Office of National Drug Control

Policy, said Monday in Washington.

"This step is a positive sign which seemed impossible just a few months ago," Weiner said.

U.S. authorities had long been pressuring their Mexican counterparts to arrest Garcia Abrego, a fugitive on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list for almost a year. Authorities on both sides of the border had implied that corruption in high levels in Mexico was blocking his arrest.

Authorities say Garcia Abrego built his Gulf cartel drug empire, the second most powerful in Mexico, partly through his ties — including millions of dollars in bribery payments — to top Mexican officials.

"Garcia Abrego had to go,"

said Peter Lupsha, a University of New Mexico professor who studies Mexican drug traffickers. "There had been complaints that the Mexican government had not done enough about drug trafficking in the last year."

Garcia Abrego, considered among the world's most dangerous drug traffickers, was arrested Sunday night in Villa de Juarez, a small town about 35 miles northeast of the northern city of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon state attorney general spokesman Oscar Diaz said.

The 51-year-old heavyset, mustachioed drug lord jumped several fences trying to flee Mexican drug agents who had hunted him for months through the

northern states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Veracruz, Diaz said.

Investigators were operating on information from a former Garcia Abrego bodyguard, Jose Luis Sosa, who had also served as a cartel negotiator, Diaz said.

Mexican television showed a dazed Garcia Abrego after the arrest, dressed in dark slacks and a black and gray long-sleeved shirt. Medical personnel treated Garcia Abrego for high blood pressure, and escorted him first to Mexico City and later Houston.

Garcia Abrego was born in La Paloma, Texas, about 15 miles northwest of Brownsville. He holds dual citizenship, so extradition proceedings were unne-

cessary, Mexican authorities said.

President Ernesto Zedillo decided to deport the drug lord to the United States because "his remaining in the country would be inconvenient," said a government statement.

Mexican agents forced the struggling Garcia Abrego on the plane to Houston, where U.S. agents took him to FBI headquarters and later to the Harris County Jail.

He was to appear before a U.S. magistrate today.

Garcia Abrego faces U.S. federal charges of drug trafficking and money laundering that could keep him in prison for decades. He also is accused of murdering dozens of drug rivals

and innocents.

As important as Garcia Abrego's arrest was his deportation, said retired U.S. drug agent Phil Jordan, who headed one of the first American investigations of the drug lord in the early 1990s.

"The best case against him is in the United States," said Jordan, who spoke by phone from Dallas, where he was the DEA's special-agent-in-charge. "And it is a good thing for Mexico to get that cancer, that corrupting influence out of the country."

The Gulf cartel, headquartered in the border city of Matamoros near the Gulf of Mexico, is believed to smuggle hundreds of tons of Colombian cocaine into the United States each year by bribing Mexican officials.

Space shuttle hauls in second satellite

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Shuttle Endeavour's crew hauled aboard its second satellite in four days today, plucking a gleaming NASA science probe from a 190-mile-high orbit.

Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata maneuvered Endeavour's 50-foot robot arm to capture the \$10 million satellite, two days after it was released to collect science data free of the shuttle.

Wakata also worked the arm during Saturday's retrieval of a science satellite launched by the Japanese 10 months ago. Both retrievals went without a hitch.

"Koichi's two-for-two, Houston," commander Brian Duffy, who slowly steered while Wakata made the grab, told Mission Control.

The boxy probe picked up today holds four technology experiments, including one on spacecraft contamination and another involving lasers.

During its two days of free flight, the satellite at times led the shuttle by more than 100 miles. Data gathered during that time will be reviewed after Endeavour returns to Earth.

One milestone remains for the

six-man shuttle crew — Wednesday's spacewalk by astronauts Leroy Chiao and Winston Scott to practice space station construction techniques and evaluate new tools.

It will be the second spacewalk of the flight as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration gets ready to lead construction of an international space station in a few years.

Chiao took his first spacewalk early Monday, spending a little over 6 hours in Endeavour's cargo bay with crewmate Daniel Barry. The second excursion will involve the same type of tasks.

A still exuberant Barry described the views of Earth during his spacewalk "as gemstone colors."

"The blue, the ocean, goes from turquoise to midnight blue," he said in a TV interview this morning. "The forests are emerald green. The clouds are so white that it hurts your eyes to look at them. It's really incredible."

Mission Control, meanwhile, kept an eye on a shuttle cooling system that failed Monday because of an ice buildup.



STS-72 Commander Brian Duffy, right, and Japanese Payload Specialist Koichi Wakata adjust their flight suits after arriving at Kennedy Space Center on Jan. 8. The shuttle, which just retrieved a second satellite, is scheduled to land Saturday.

Coca-Cola executives killed in plane crash

MALAD CITY, Idaho (AP) — A pile of tangled wreckage will hamper efforts to determine the cause of a corporate plane crash that killed all eight people aboard, including four Coca-Cola executives, investigators said.

"It's going to be hard on this one because there is not a lot to deal with," Federal Aviation Administration Inspector Timothy Mason said after touring the grassy hillside where the Mitsubishi MU-2B went down Monday. "Usually you can see a wing."

Among the few discernible remains of the wreckage was a portion of a propeller, an engine and a large section of the fuselage.

The crash also left a burned crater — 5 feet deep and 12 feet across — and scattered body parts in the Blue Creek Mountains.

Air traffic controllers saw the plane make a rapid descent on radar screens, and the pilot reported an unspecified emergency, said Mitch Barker, an FAA spokesman.

The wreckage was found at

the base of a canyon 10 miles northwest of Malad City, in southeastern Idaho.

Joining investigators from the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board will be a coroner and a forensic pathologist.

Among the dead were four executives from Swire Coca-Cola, USA of Salt Lake City: chief executive officer Craig Taylor, 39; vice president of marketing Gary Barber, 42; chief financial officer Brad Moore, 36; and marketing analyst Merlin Mikkelsen, 36.

Two employees of Scopes Garcia Carlisle Advertising Inc. of Salt Lake City — company co-founder and director William J. Garcia, 44, and account supervisor Bruce W. Keyes, 31 — also were killed.

The pilot was identified as Richard Shipman, 47, owner of Pro Air Services of Salt Lake City, from which Swire was leasing the plane. The eighth victim was identified as Scott Bogan, 27, a Pro Air copilot.

The Mitsubishi MU-2B has been involved in five fatal crashes since 1980.

Teacher of the year recalls past of poverty

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (AP) — Maria Ramirez's childhood was a blur: Working in the fields by day, squeezing into labor camp hovels at night, she had little time to think of anything but survival.

Years later, with field work behind her and a master's degree under her belt, Ramirez is a living example to her second-grade pupils of what can happen when you start thinking beyond survival, to success.

"Even if you're poor, you should work hard and go to school and know that you can do it. Some day you can be somebody," she said.

Ramirez, 36, a bilingual teacher at Alsup Elementary School in this blue-collar Denver suburb, was honored this month as Teacher of the Year by the

National Association for Bilingual Education.

Her pupils have "a sense of empowerment," said Alsup Principal Ernestine Garcia. "It's like I see more leaders and more assertiveness in asking questions. ... They're a pistol of a class."

Mrs. Ramirez was born in Nyssa, Ore., on the state's western border. Her parents, Mexican immigrants with little education or understanding of English, toiled in the beet and onion fields from sunrise to sunset.

From June to November, Mrs. Ramirez, her parents and her six brothers traveled through the Northwest looking for work in the fields. During the rest of the year, they worked in Eagle Pass, Texas, on the Mexican bor-

der.

For 19 years, Ramirez's life was spent in the one-room cabins of migrant labor camps, whose furnishings consisted of bunk beds, a table and a two-burner gas stove. Workers pinned up towels and sheets for privacy in community bathing areas.

Mrs. Ramirez's first break came when she was selected to attend St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, by the Texas College Assistant Migrant Program.

But early in her junior year, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. During her long recovery, she set school aside and married. Before she knew it, she was back in the fields with two small children at her heels.

"Here are my kids, and here I

am in this little house and I want better things for my kids," she said. "I thought, 'I've got to do something different.'"

Mrs. Ramirez went back to school, juggling work, classes, her husband, Santos, and three daughters. In 1988, she graduated magna cum laude from Metropolitan State College. In 1994, she received a master's degree from the University of Colorado.

In her classroom at Alsup Elementary School — a clutter of signs and pictures in English and Spanish — Mrs. Ramirez shifts between languages with ease, calmly handling questions from a half-dozen youngsters at once. There is a rapport between her and these children, whom she has taught since kindergarten.

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FDA warns hemophiliacs about hepatitis in product

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says hemophiliacs should not use several batches of clotting factor after genetic tests proved one of the products gave two patients the liver virus hepatitis A.

Hepatitis A is usually a mild disease, but the cases that sparked Monday's warning mark the first time a U.S. plasma product has been found to be transmitting it, Dr. Jay Epstein of the Food and Drug Administration said Monday.

A batch of Alphanate Factor VIII, made by Alpha Therapeutics Corp., was genetically linked to two cases of hepatitis A, and doctors suspect it also caused a third infection, the FDA said. Alpha Therapeutics told pharmacists and other distributors to stop selling Lot No. AP5014A on Dec. 8 because of a suspected risk. But when the FDA got the genetic test results late Friday, it decided to warn patients in case they already have that batch at home.

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Hawks engineer upset of NMJC

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

If Tommy Collins was upset by his team's play in the first half, just imagine how their opponents felt in the second half.

Spurred by a halftime tongue-lashing from Collins, the Howard College Hawks roared to life in the second half and steamrolled New Mexico Junior College 101-88 Monday night in Garrett Coliseum.

The game marked the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

What had Collins so steamed was what he considered the Hawks' passive play in the first half, which ended with New Mexico leading 47-38.

So the coach laid into his squad at intermission.

And they heeded his message.

"Coach told us the only one who was playing good was (post) Chris (Stansel)," point guard Rod Jones said. "I don't like it when people tell me I'm not playing well ... We just had a bunch of people ready to play in the second half."

And how.

Sophomore post Ronnie DeGray played his best game of the season Monday night, leading all scorers with 34 points, 20 of which came in the decisive final 10 minutes.

"I told the guys to just give me the ball, and I'd carry it on my shoulders," DeGray said. "We knew we had to step up in the second half if we were going to win the game, and that's just what we did."

DeGray and Stansel each had a hand in the Hawks' second-half comeback. With Howard (11-7 overall, 1-0 in WJAC play) trailing 59-47 with 12:17 remaining, DeGray and Stansel each scored off assists from Jones, and the Hawks were off to the races.

Over the next five minutes, Howard outscored the T-Birds 14-5, eliminating the deficit and tying the game at 66-66. New Mexico's Harry Allen briefly rallied the T-Birds by converting a three-point play, but Samuel Maroney answered with a three-pointer at the 5:28 mark, and the Hawks were off and running again.

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Howard College's Ronnie DeGray (52), shown in this file photo, scored 34 points to lead the Hawks past New Mexico Monday.

Howard women struggle but win

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Sportswriter

The Howard College Lady Hawks squeaked by New Mexico Junior College 49-47 Monday night in an ugly test of defensive stamina.

New Mexico played Howard hard throughout the game. The Lady Thunderbirds outrebounding third-rank Howard on both sides of the court.

Also, Howard's frequent failure to pick up the back-door player provided a large amount of points for New Mexico.

But Howard ended the first half with a 24-20 lead because the Lady Hawks gave a great defensive performance Monday.

The shot clock buzzer ended New Mexico's possession several times because of Howard's pressure. Howard's points came mostly from steals followed by fast-break opportunities.

The Lady Hawks knew that they were in for a struggle Monday night as this is their second confrontation with the T-birds.

"We knew the game would be tough," said Howard Coach Terry Gray. "It was tough when we played them at Hobbs [New

Mexico]. We just look at the game one possession at a time."

Howard improved in the rebound department in the second half. Soon, it was the Lady Hawks who got the easy basket.

New Mexico took a lot of risks defensively, and it came back to haunt them in the second half. Four key Lady T-Birds were in early foul trouble the second half.

"At halftime, we were talking more on concentration, and going to the glass. We had to make an effort in rebounding — especially offensive boards," said Gray.

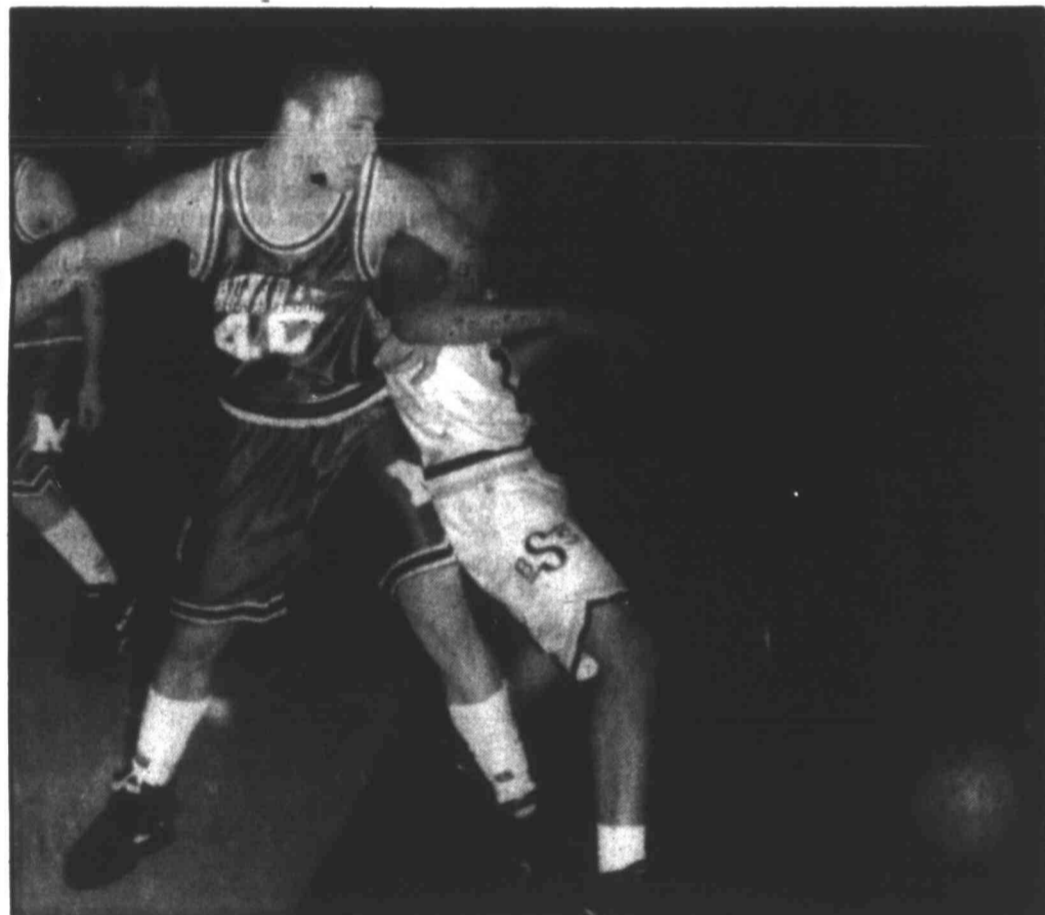
But Howard's scores were few and far between. The Lady Hawks improved on the boards, but didn't dominate. Neither team could shake the other's pestering defense.

The deciding factor was that the Lady Hawks took advantage of New Mexico's foul problem, while the Lady T-birds failed to make the open baskets inside the key.

New Mexico had the chance to send the game into overtime with 28 seconds remaining, but a turnover

ended the game. Please see HOWARD, page 7

GET YOUR BACK INTO IT



Big Spring's John Smith, right, gets tangled with a Monahans player during their game in Big Spring last Friday. Tonight, the Steers travel to Andrews for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Smiles a-plenty at Valley Ranch

Super Bowl berth ends sad times among Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — So much for the suggestion that quarterback Troy Aikman and coach Barry Switzer don't get along.

Aikman gave Switzer the game ball from Sunday's 38-27 NFC title win over the Green Bay Packers, surprising those who believe Aikman is unhappy with Switzer's coaching.

"I had the ball on the last play of the game, but I don't keep souvenirs," he said. "I thought about giving the ball to my niece for a minute. Then I decided I'd give it to coach Switzer. He didn't know what to say."

Asked about reports that Aikman doesn't appreciate Switzer's coaching, Aikman said, "Barry and I get along fine. His coaching style is unique, but it's working for him."

He also gave a little more insight into what went on behind closed doors immediately after the game.

"We gave (offensive coordinator) Ernie Zampese a Gatorade bath," Aikman said. "The greatest thing about getting to the Super Bowl is that Ernie is going. It was his fifth NFC championship game, and he had never been to the Super Bowl. Now he is going. And boy, was he excited."

The Cowboys, who earned their third trip to the championship game in four years, say this may be their best Super Bowl trip of the 1990s.

Fullback Daryl Johnston, who provided the blocking for most of Emmitt Smith's 150 yards rushing and three touchdowns, said it has been a hard, difficult season for the team.

"The two previous Super Bowls were great," Johnston said. "The first one was special because it was a new experience. The second one was great because we began the year 0-2. This one feels really good because it has been such a roller coaster season for us."

"Everyone got down on us, and we came out to play and made it this far. We felt pressure getting here, but we knew success would follow if we settled down and just won."

Owner Jerry Jones said: "We did

this the same way we went to the other two Super Bowls, with everyone pitching in. Everyone gets on Barry Switzer for his coaching, but all he has done is get to an NFC championship game and a Super Bowl. I'm proud of what he has done the past two years."

Center Derek Kennard said it feels great to get to the Super Bowl after all the adversity.

"Our offense came together," he said. "We had some great drives. That 99-yard drive we made was a classic."

Smith, who had an NFL record-tying sixth 100-yard rushing game in the playoffs, said the Cowboys showed a lot of character in hanging together.

"It's easy to jump off the bandwagon," he said. "A lot of people were wrong about the Cowboys."

Offensive tackle Nate Newton said the Cowboys played "tough, exciting, emotional football against the Packers."

"Now we have a week off for conditioning and getting Charles Haley healthy," he said.

Haley, who had back surgery six weeks ago, has a good chance of playing in the Super Bowl against Pittsburgh, trainer Kevin O'Neill said.

'Anybody but Dallas' fan may return to Minyard; says 'Go, Steelers'

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man whose refusal to take off a Green Bay Packers' jersey on the job cost him his employment says his choice of clothing wasn't cheesy.

Sam Young planned to meet today with his old bosses at Minyard Food Stores. But he tells radio stations he's keeping his options open — and backing the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl with an "anybody but Dallas" attitude.

Young said Monday he was

fired when he didn't follow a company memo telling employees who were Cowboys fans that they could wear team T-shirts, sweatshirts and jerseys.

"I'm a Redskins fan," Young told hosts of the Sports Huddle on Chicago radio station WMAQ-AM. "I thought it was wrong that they would not allow anybody else to support any other team."

"Saturday, I came in wearing a Packers shirt. He (the manager) told me I was out of uni-

form and to change into uniform. I said, 'As long as other people are wearing sports shirts, I should be allowed to wear the one of my choice.'

"And he said, 'I have no other choice but to terminate you ... right on the spot.'"

Young said he had backed the Packers in the Cowboys' 38-27 NFC title victory Sunday because "they are a great team and they do have some of the best fans in the country."

But the head of Coppell,

Texas-based Minyard contended that Young went against the grain of a corporate advertising campaign backing the Cowboys and running back Emmitt Smith.

The dress code was in place "because we've had association with Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys through Coca-Cola for the last three years," J.L. "Sonny" Williams, Minyard president, told Dallas television station WFAA.

"We don't make comments involving hirings and firings of local grocery store chains," said Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple. "That is not something we would talk about."

Williams contended that Minyard offered to meet with Young to hear his reasons for refusing to take off the Packers shirt, but the Dallas man declined.

Young now says he'll talk with the company. He has an unlisted telephone number and

could not be reached today by The Associated Press.

A grocery stocker who handles Wisconsin cheeses and other dairy products, Young quipped that he is having "Andy Warhol's 15 minutes of fame."

"It feels like I'm sitting on top of a wave on the north shore of Hawaii, 30 feet high and it's just all full force of Mother Nature," he told WMAQ's program. "One other thing: go Pittsburgh!"

BOTTOM of the ORDER	ON TAP	STATE/NATION	ON THE AIR
<p>Today Basketball Big Spring at Andrews (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m. Jim Ned at Coahoma (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m. Winters B/G at Forsan (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m. Wall at Stanton (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m. Garden City at Sands (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m. Grady at Southland (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m. Ira at Borden County (B/G), 6:30/8 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday Basketball Howard at Midland College (men/women), 5:50/7:50 p.m.</p>	<p>And in this corner: NCU SAN ANGELO (AP) — For the second time in a week, a basketball game involving National Christian University; a third-year program out of San Antonio, has been stopped before its conclusion. Last week, in a game at Abilene, Texas, officials stopped play and declared Hardin-Simmons the winner after a player from NCU, upset at a call, grabbed a chair and waved it menacingly at a referee. Monday night, six minutes into the second half of a game against Angelo State, referees halted play after a bench-clearing brawl in which NCU head coach J. Cesar Cervantes suffered a concussion. National Christian was trailing 65-48 when Xavier Burke of Angelo State delivered a hard foul while Julio Gonzales was driving to the basket.</p>	<p>Seles opens Aussie with win MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Unbeaten forever Down Under, Monica Seles picked up where she left off in the Australian Open. Despite a pulled groin muscle that caused her to wince in pain at times, the top-seeded Seles ran her streak to 22-0 in the Grand Slam event today as she brushed past American Janet Lee 6-3, 6-0 in a first-round match. Green Bay coach improving DALLAS (AP) — Gil Haskell showed improvement, a day after the Green Bay Packers wide receivers coach fractured his skull when slammed to the ground during a sideline accident.</p>	<p>Basketball College Indiana at Purdue, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30). Texas at Texas A&M, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29). Kentucky at LSU, 6:30 p.m., ESPN. NBA Cleveland at Seattle, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).</p>

SPORTSEXTRA

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

All Times EST
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 29
Buffalo 27, Miami 27
Philadelphia 31, Dallas 27
Sunday, Dec. 31
Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
Indianapolis 36, San Diego 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Pittsburgh 40, Buffalo 21
Cleveland 27, San Francisco 17
Sunday, Jan. 7
Dallas 30, Philadelphia 11
Indianapolis 10, Kansas City 7
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 16
Dallas 28, Green Bay 27
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas; 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST
Buffalo 80, NE Illinois 66
Cant. Connecticut 85, E. Illinois 80
Cornell 78, Army 76, OT
La Salle 73, Duquesne 66
Loyola, Md. 59, Manhattan 52
Mt. St. Joseph 79, Wake Forest 67
SOUTH
Alabama 81, Alabama St. 61
Austin Peay 82, SE Missouri 69
Campbell 63, Hampton U. 62
Clemson 62, Georgia Southern 56
Cot. of Charleston 79, Wofford 68
Davidson 102, Furman 67
Deleware St. 73, Howard U. 71
E. Kentucky 60, Tenn.-Martin 59
Jackson St. 85, Southern U. 74
Marshall 78, VMI 71
Morgan St. 79, Md.-E. Shore 66
Murray St. 66, Morehead St. 70
N. Carolina A&T 59, Bethune-Cookman 58
N. Carolina St. 81, Cent. Florida 74
Radford 71, Liberty 65, OT
S. Carolina St. 71, Florida A&M 54
Tennessee Tech 65, Tennessee Tech 65
Tn.-Chattanooga 84, W. Carolina 70
Troy St. 115, Valparaiso 104
Virginia Tech 79, George Washington 71
Wake Forest 71, Richmond 60
Williamson 60, N. Va. 58
Winthrop 64, Coastal Carolina 78
MIDWEST
Bradley 73, S. Illinois 67
Evansville 77, N. Iowa 64
Georgetown 74, Notre Dame 69
Kansas 85, St. Peter's 71
Marquette 103, Ill.-Chicago 81
Missouri 75, Oklahoma 73
Wm.-Green Bay 71, Detroit 60, OT
Wright St. 87, Loyola, Ill. 73
Youngstown St. 86, Chicago St. 69
SOUTHWEST
Georgia St. 90, Prairie View 85
Miss. Valley St. 97, Texas Southern 74
Oral Roberts 88, CS Northridge 53
FAR WEST
Brigham Young 78, Hawaii 77
Fresno St. 73, Air Force 67
Nevada 75, Pacific 55
New Mexico 67, Colorado St. 65
UNLV 64, UC Santa Barbara 55
Utah 67, San Diego St. 59

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HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR JAN. 17

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have a passion for exploring the unknown and for finding new solutions. Be careful when playing sleuth today or you could feel depressed. Realize that you have limits. Partners and a boss may have some pleasant news for you. Tonight: Go to the movies.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make close relating your specialty today. Examine what you want and need. Touch base with your inner desires before leaping into action. Examining what is important helps you make the right choices. Good news comes to you. Tonight: Yes, it's time to celebrate.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others seek you out. You have strong choices to make. Opportunities knocks on your door, as long as you are willing to accept an extra burden and responsibility. This will pay off. It's OK to overindulge. Tonight: Be out and about.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You mean business today. You get a lot done, if you don't permit unpleasant news to impede you. A spunky partner may want an afternoon treat. You will have to determine your priorities. Remember that you are commander of your ship. Tonight: Work off your stress.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) "Playful" describes you and all the activities you could get into. Indulgence emanates from you. You can't help letting your imagination run wild, though you might want to try to route your creativity into your work. Others value your ingenuity. Tonight: Must I spell it out?***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Follow your instincts with a family member who needs a lot more attention than you realize. A gesture or caring word goes much further than you imagine. Be open to the positive, and help someone feel comfortable. Check out an investment. Tonight: Cook a favorite dinner.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have a tendency to talk up a storm and create the things you want. Unexpected news makes you feel far more secure and together. You anchor in and exude confidence. Others love being close to you. Touch base with a neighbor early on. Tonight: Go out.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your possessive side emerges as you deal with others. You find that a soft approach works. Caring words and your soft,

sensual ways melt someone. Plan your budget carefully, with an eye to what could be. Examine a financial offer. Tonight: It's your treat.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are personality-plus. Deal with others as you normally would. A problem could arise with a boss who needs feedback from you. Please note that how you say something can make all the difference in how someone receives it. Tonight: Just ask.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Follow your instincts with a communication. Your positive vibrations help someone relate to you. A positive attitude is important as you handle a difficult person in your life. You do not have to reveal everything. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Focus on what you want. Friends play an important role in making your day work. You are on a winning path. Understand what direction you are heading in, and go for what you want. Find a way past a monetary limitation. Tonight: Celebrate a bit of good luck.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay on top of a change. Responsibilities could be awesome, but you can deal with them. Understand what you want, and be willing to tow the line. Look to the long term. Be more imaginative about what is possible. Tonight: Work late.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 1996: Consider your long-term goals. You have the ability to make things happen this year, as you are positive and lucky. Your biggest problem will be communicating, and your biggest liability will be a sensitive, defensive side. Remain optimistic. If you are single, romance flows, but you might find it difficult to express your feelings sometimes. If attached, think about taking a trip together. SAGITTARIUS can be your best friend or your worst enemy.

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Man's offhand remark is heard as insult to smoker

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired executive of a nationally known insurance company. I was with it for 31 years. I'm now 62. My wife died two years ago, and after her death I sold my house, returned to my hometown, bought a condo, joined AARP and settled in to being a "golden-ager."

Every morning I have a breakfast at my favorite restaurant and read the newspaper while I eat. I'm very anti-smoking, and the restaurant has a section for nonsmokers. A few months ago, a nice-looking woman began coming into the restaurant about the same time (mid-morning) as I did. She'd sit in the smoking section, have a couple of cigarettes, several cups of coffee and read the newspaper. She appears to be about my age, well-dressed and very attractive. I have never spoken to her. I don't even know her name.

One morning we were the only two customers in the place, and a waitress, while pouring my refill, said, "Why don't you go over there and speak to that lady and get acquainted? She lost her husband last year, and she's a very nice person."

I replied, "Thank you, but I avoid being around smokers." This morning, the manager of the restaurant said to me, "You insulted one of my customers by saying you wanted nothing to do with her, so now she's having her coffee up the

street." Abby, that's not true — all I said was, "I avoid being around smokers."

Should I get the lady's name and address and write her a note of apology? — UNSURE

DEAR UNSURE: You don't owe the lady an apology; a note from you would indicate a special interest in her.

The waitress showed poor judgment in repeating your remark. She should have kept her mouth shut — and so should the manager, who will be lucky if he doesn't lose a second customer for putting you on the spot.

DEAR ABBY: I'm Asian, and my name is Jose. This confuses many of the people I meet, who frequently ask me where I'm from. Most people are probably just making conversation, but I find the question impolite.

I grew up in Kansas; I have no accent, and my English is better than most Americans. Is asking about someone's race acceptable in polite conversation?

I'm not ashamed of my heritage; if it's relevant to the conversation, I'll bring it up. I have finally come up with standard responses to the questions I'm asked.

When people ask me where I'm from, I smile and reply: "Kansas"; where my parents are from: "Canada"; how I got a name like Jose: "My parents gave it to me"; my nationality: "American."

My friends think my answers are too flippant. What do you think? — JOSE FIDELINO, KANSAS

DEAR JOSE: I think your answers are honest and serve as a polite reminder that some questions are too personal to be asked by a stranger.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed proposals for 0.189 miles of replace bridge and approaches on SH 6 at Red Paint Creek covered by BR06 (81) in Haskell County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 7, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.

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Girls "French White" bedroom suite - Includes twin canopy bed, night stand, 4-drawer chest of drawers, 6-drawer lingerie chest, and student desk with attached shelf unit. \$750. Call 263-0789.

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1980 CHEVROLET Classic Caprice, velour interior, automatic, V-8, 130,000 miles, \$1000. Call 263-3549 or 263-2656.

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FACTORY WARRANTY 1993 Plymouth Sundance Duster 2dr hatch-back V6 automatic, 18,000 miles, white, gray cloth. \$7950

REDUCED 1994 Thunderbird LX V8, 31,000 actual miles factory warranty, white with red cloth, priced below wholesale \$11,400

5 YEAR WARRANTY 1995 VW Jetta II 4dr, 12,000 actual miles, Burgandy with gray cloth \$10,950

SUPER CLEAN 1988 Olds Ciera Brougham 4 dr. 65,000 Actual miles, all electric, gold with gold velour. Must see! \$4,950

OVER STOCKED READY TO DEAL

1989 DODGE SHADOW, 2 door, clean, re-built motor, automatic, air. \$2,950. 905 W. 4th, 263-7848.

1990 SUBURBAN. Loaded, good condition. Call 267-7198.

1991 MAXIMA GXE. Maroon w/camel interior, V6/PS/PB/AT, 47K bluebook for \$13,000, quick sell at \$11,800. 287-6185 9:00am-9:00pm.

1992 SHO 4-door, loaded \$9875.00; 1991 Capri Convertible, low miles \$7250.00; 1993 T-Bird \$9250.00. 267-8504.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adoption 035

ADOPTION: Beautiful childhood memories await your baby. Expenses paid. Call Audrey & Carsten 1-800-613-2394. Thank You.

ADOPTION Picture your child with a happily married couple, full-time mom, devoted dad, and a puppy who loves children. All in a beautiful suburban home. Promise a lot of love, good education and bright future. Legal/Medical.

Please call Colleen & Ted collect 508-520-4340

Special Notices 042

I Morgan Wise am no longer responsible for the debts accrued by Wanda Wise.

BUSINESS

Business Opp. 050

PURIFIED water vending machine, R/O, UV, stainless steel, lighted marquee, Coin Op. Mechanism. \$1795. 512-261-0281.

Instruction 060 ACT Truck Driving School 1-800-282-8658 273 CR 287, Merkel, TX 79536

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS. Beginners through advance. Years of teaching experience. 2607 Rebecca, 263-3367.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted 085

2 TRANSPORT DRIVERS with Class A CDL & Hazmat. Excellent pay/benefits. Apply in person, Tru Trucks, 1300 E. Hwy 350.

BOOKKEEPER/PARTS Clerk. Some computer experience and parts experience. Excellent pay & benefits. Apply at Rip Griffin Truck Service Center, contact Mark Thompson.

COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER-3200 Parkway, a Long Term Care Facility, is interviewing for weekend RN position, 8 hour shifts per day. Please apply in person. EOE

COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER-3200 Parkway, LVN, 2-10 shift fulltime, excellent pay and benefits. Apply in person or fax resume to 263-4067. EOE.

FOREMAN, \$35,000 to \$45,000/yr, to start for El Paso ASME vessel shop. Five years supervisory experience for vessel or steel fabricator required. Reply to Kohlihaas, P.O. Box 9186, El Paso, TX 79983.

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE NEEDED. Must be experienced in air conditioning and heating. Apply at 538 Westover Road.

Fuel Center is now hiring: Cashier and Drive-way Attendant. Excellent benefits, competitive salary and opportunity for advancement. If you can work flexible hours, apply today. Jim Cawthron, Rip Griffin Truck Travel Center 18-20 HWY 87.

HELP WANTED: In home care for elderly. Assisting with home management and personal care. Call 1-800-638-1513.

HELP WANTED: Collections Manager. Good driver and high school diploma required. Must be good with people and self starter \$18-20k year, retirement and hospitalization. Apply in person, 1645 Gregg.

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Please Call The Big Spring Herald Classified Department at 263-7331.

***** LONG JOHN SILVER'S

Part-time positions available day or evening shifts. Must be energetic and dependable. Apply at 2403 S. Gregg. No phone calls please.

Help Wanted 085

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL Immediate opening for Maintenance Technician. Experience preferred in General Maintenance including light plumbing, light electrical and general mechanical repair. High school diploma or GED required. Must have clean driving record. Must be willing to relocate to Big Spring area. HVAC, Electrical or plumbing license a plus. Includes benefits and 401K Plan. Contact (915)263-5805 or send resume to: Box 2500, c/o Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721.

LAW ENFORCEMENT JOBS No experience necessary. Now hiring, U.S. Customs Officers, Officers, etc. For info, call 219-794-0010 ext. 2900. 8:00am-10:00pm 7 days.

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Call 1-800-260-9286

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NATIONWIDE COMPANY needs Physical Therapist immediately. Paid per visit. Local patients. Interim HealthCare 915-573-9646.

NOW hiring good pay for hard workers. Must be dependable. No experience required. Yale E. Key. Call 267-5291.

HOME TYPISTS PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-8423.

PORTRAIT SALES United Church Directories, a 32 year old company, has an immediate opening for an inside sales representative to work in churches in a 150 mile area surrounding Midland, Texas.

WE PROVIDE *Professional Church Environment *Inside Sales *Pre-Set Appointments *Health Insurance *ESOP *Reimbursed Expenses *Paid Training *Opportunity for Advancement

YOU PROVIDE *Ability to travel *Ability to stay overnight *Ability to work evenings and weekends *A great personality

For consideration, contact: United Church Directories 24 hours 1-800-821-4365 Ext. 626 between 1/14 & 1/16. Appointments will be scheduled for Tuesday.

Receptionist/Data-entry clerk. Temporary during busy season. Must be organized, pleasant and reliable and have basic office skills. Send resume in c/o P.O. Box 3709, Big Spring TX. 79721.

SINGERS Country, Easy Listening & Gospel. Crystal Image Talent Agency of Nashville, making FREE one song audition recordings for record producers. Thursday, January 25, 2:00-10:00pm Days Inn, 300 Tulane

Bring backup cassette, accapella or guitar. NO BANDS, NO CALLS. Ask for Lannie Johnson.

SOUTHWEST Coca Cola now accepting applications for Service Technician, refrigeration experience required. Apply at TEC 310 Owens. Affirmative Action/EOE.

Technician/Applicator, Fulltime, send resume or come by South West Pest Control, 2008 Broward Lane, Big Spring, TX. 263-6514.

WAITRESS NEEDED! Must be 18 and work split shifts. Apply at Red Mess, 2401 Gregg.

WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS

Game wardens, security, maintenance, etc. No experience necessary. Now hiring. For info call 219-794-0010 ext. 9463. 8:00am-10:00pm 7 days.

Jobs Wanted 090

LOTS mowed, cleaned, and small acre tracts plowed and cultivated. Bill Lovelace, 267-3241.

METAL WORK Bams, carports, sheds, fences, etc. Call Shawn Justice at 915-573-8230 or 915-335-4881.

MOW YARDS and alleys, haul trash, trim trees, remove free stumps, paint and odd jobs. 267-5460.

Responsible, married woman will babysit in your home, Wednesday & Thursday nights 5:00pm-10:00pm. Friday & Saturday nights 5:00pm-7. Call 264-9708 after 5:00pm.

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TUESDAY

JAN. 16

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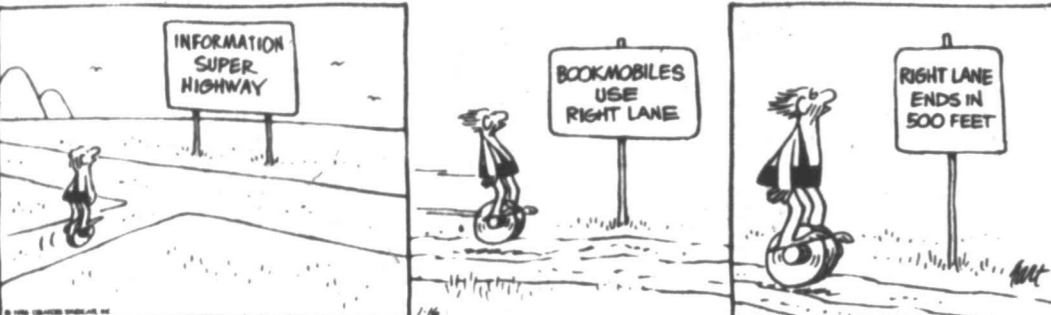
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 1996. There are 350 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Five years ago, on Jan. 16, 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

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THE Daily Crossword by Norma Steinberg

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a solved section for Monday's puzzle.

Dreyfuss enjoys movie's political message

By JEFF STRICKLER Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune NEW YORK — Richard Dreyfuss isn't about to be mistaken for Oliver Stone. Dreyfuss makes movies; Stone makes political statements.

makes sense!" Dreyfuss plays a high school music teacher in recently opened "Mr. Holland's Opus." The drama touches on several issues, among them the sacrifices made by dedicated teachers and the relationship between a father for whom music is of paramount importance and a son who is deaf.

"We have an obligation as Americans to revive the whole educational system to what it was in the 1960s," he said. "Arts are not taught in schools to teach my daughter how to play the clarinet. Arts, along with science and math, create well-rounded minds. And well-rounded minds make it possible to have the imagination you need to solve problems. If we cut arts, we cut the imagination and make solving those problems that much more difficult."

Advertisement for Big Spring Herald newspaper, including contact information and subscription details.

Advertisement for a garage sale ad and kit, offering a free kit for \$263-7331.

Advertisement for Ritz restaurant, listing menu items and prices.

Advertisement for movies at the Grandmark Theaters, listing titles like 'Father of the Bride 2' and 'Two if by Sea'.