

## Police step up efforts in search of suspect in sexual assaults

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Two sexual assaults within the last 10 days has prompted the Big Spring Police Department to warn local residents to use caution if out after dark or during the early morning hours.

The description of the suspect also fits the description of a suspect involved in a Dec. 14 sexual assault in Ector County.

The two sexual assaults in Big Spring occurred in the east/southeast part of town on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28.

The victims in both the Big Spring and Ector County sexual assaults were white women in their mid 50s.

The suspect in the two sexual assaults is described as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, standing 5 feet, 6 inches to 5 feet, 9 inches tall with short light brown hair and a muscular build.

According to Det. Tony Hill, there has also been one report of a subject entering a residence that may be related to the two assault cases. Evidence also indicates that the suspect in both sexual

assaults was the same person.

The BSPD is following up on several investigative leads, but has not yet positively identified the suspect.

According to Hill, the department is searching for a sketch artist to do a composite drawing of the suspect and hoped to have the drawing released today.

Residents are also cautioned to remember to lock doors and windows and if possible use exterior lighting around their homes to deter crime.

According to the BSPD, the suspect may have been seen walking the area east of Big Spring High School in the early morning hours.

Hill added the BSPD has put out a directive to its patrol division and additional patrols have been placed in the areas in which the suspect may have been seen.

Additionally, the rapist has worn female clothing during both assaults.

Anyone with information regarding these offenses or having information on who may be responsible for the assaults should contact the department's Criminal Investigation Division at 264-2548 or Big Spring Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS.

## Women need to take precautions

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Big Spring is a small town but it's not without major crime as in the two recent cases of sexual assault. Women need to constantly be alert and always have a plan of action in case they are ever attacked.

When you go shopping at night or you know you will be leaving the area after dark, park your car in a lighted area. Always have your keys out and in your hand when walking to the vehicle so you don't have to fumble around for them once you are outside. It's important to walk with someone to your car whenever possible. The same holds true at the workplace.

"No matter where you are, night or day, it's important for a woman to have the attitude of being self-confident," said Det. Tony Hill of the Big Spring Police Department. "You should

know where you are going. That, in itself, can be a deterrent."

A few common sense reminders are to always keep your doors and windows locked. "Light up your homes. That is a fairly inexpensive way to deter crime," Hill added.

What if you are attacked? The first priority is for you to come out of the situation alive.

"It's really a judgment call for the woman as to what she thinks she needs to do to stay alive. If she thinks the person is going to hurt her, she has to know what she can or can't get away with," Hill continued.

It's important for women not to have the mentality that it can't happen to them and always be prepared for the "what if." Just like you practice for a fire drill, practice for the unthinkable. Ask yourself "What would I do if..." and then pre-

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## Book brigade closes library transfer

### Dedication ceremony is Jan. 11

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

More than 150 residents assisted the Howard County Library staff and Librarian Loraine Redman as they began moving from their Scurry Street to the library's new home at 500 Main St.

Movement of books and other equipment began at 8 a.m. and continued throughout the day Monday, culminating with a 4 p.m. "book brigade."

The library closed on Dec. 23 and will remain closed until it officially reopens Jan. 13, but Monday was the official moving day for the library.

Monday's book brigade, part of the library's moving celebration, was sponsored by the Big Spring Herald and the Friends of the Library.

The last 250 books to be moved were handled by the brigade, and a reception for those who helped move, as well as for participants in the brigade, took place in the courtyard of the new facility after the final book was moved.

The brigade began on the steps of the old library building and proceeded south up Scurry Street, turning left on 6th Street, and wound up on the south end of the new building. The address of the new facility is listed as 500 Main St., but the entrance is more on 6th Street, according to Redman.

Redman, as did several of the youngsters taking part in the brigade, thought the event



Volunteers form the book brigade that transferred the final 250 books out the doors of the old Howard County Library building and to the new facility at 500 Main St. Approximately 130 people were involved in the overall move, with 150 taking part in the brigade's finale.

went well.

Madison Toone said, "I had fun moving books. It's good citizenship." Her sister, Morgan, was simply into the fun of the event, saying, "I just passed the books."

Kelli Warrington enjoyed the brigade because she got to be with her friends. "I had a lot of fun," she said.

Her brother, Mark, enjoyed the brigade because the library is one of his favorite places. "I just like to help out with the library," he said. "I like the videos and the books."

Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore participated in the brigade and

was impressed with the turnout as well as the new facility.

"We have a very nice new facility," Kilgore said.

Once the move is complete, the new Dora Roberts Howard County Library will be presented to the public during a 3 p.m. ceremony Jan. 11.

It is during that ceremony that the new library will officially be dedicated to Dora Roberts, according to Redman.

"Now we have to shelve all of the books, but I think we'll make it by Jan. 11," Redman said.

A permanent plaque will also be mounted on the new build-

ing in appreciation of the seven donors who provided gifts of at least \$10,000 to the library project. A memorial plaque wall will also be part of the new facility so that people may honor their loved ones. Memorial plaques for this particular project are being sold by the Friends of the Library.

Redman said the new library will officially open to the public on Jan. 13, and business hours for the new facility will remain the same as at the current library. Those hours are 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to

5:45 p.m. on Saturday. Please see LIBRARY, page 2

## Local cotton crop falls much shorter than overall yield

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Good news for one area may not necessarily mean good news for another area where cotton production is concerned.

Harvest of the 1996 cotton crop around the 30-county High Plains area is complete for the majority of producers in the area, but putting the finishing touches on 1996 crop for many gins is another matter.

Many gins will finish their operations within the next few days, but for others, machinery will continue to run until mid to late January.

The turnaround of portions of the 1996 High Plains cotton crop is one of the primary reasons for the extension of the ginning season. The 1996 crop began with very slim hopes of any type of success because of the ongoing drought.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), dry soil conditions through June caused a large amount of cotton acreage to be diverted to alternative crops.

Howard County itself won't yield as much cotton as producers had expected, so the overall rosy picture painted by PCG officials doesn't necessarily change any numbers for the Howard and Martin County areas.

Local producers and county agriculture officials are looking at the overall picture as far as agriculture in 1996 is concerned.

Howard County's annual agriculture income is still estimated to be only one-third of what is normally expected.

"A total slightly more than \$16.7 million is expected from agricultural sales and government receipts in 1996," Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson said. "Hoping for 1997 to be more normal year, agricultural income is expected to be in excess of \$55 million."

The county's agricultural income losses are also attributed to the related loss of jobs from gins not being opened and agricultural supply sales being off.

"Cotton, being the main cash

crop in Howard County is estimated to produce only \$4.5 million in revenue and its seed about \$728,000," Richardson added. "A promising grain sorghum crop was severely damaged by recent frosts and freezes and is only estimated to generate about \$800,000."

One reason for the rosy outlook of PCG officials, according to Richardson is rain.

"The Lubbock area and northern Dawson County area received rains, during the course of the growing season, that we didn't get in Howard County," Richardson said.

"The overall outlook for the High Plains is good," Richardson said, "but for certain individual counties like Howard, the picture is not so good."

Overall, stands throughout the High Plains region were severely damaged because of hail and high winds last summer, and approximately 800,000 acres planted to cotton never made it to harvest.

Because of the turnaround of this year's crop, primarily in the South Plains, it appears that the High Plains area will see its third 3 million bale-plus crop in the last four seasons.

Updates crop estimates are that the 1996 crop will surpass 3 million 480-pound bales and will most likely set a new record for yield per harvested acre.

Projections are that the average acre yield will be in the area of 600 pounds plus. The previous record, set in 1993, was 555 pounds per harvested acre.

Richardson is sticking to his estimate of about 60 pounds of cotton per acre in Howard County or 20,000 bales.

Approximately 100,000 acres to 135,000 acres of cotton were planted in Howard County and about 50 percent of those planted acres didn't make to harvest, according to Richardson.

Estimates from the Martin County Farm Service Agency are that its 1996 crop will yield about 20,000 acres as well.

Martin County planted about 135,000 acres of cotton in 1996, and 83,000 of those planted acres

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## Some local businesses changing schedules for holiday

Herald Staff Report

As local residents prepare for the traditional New Year's Day celebration, including a bevy of college bowl games and spending time with loved ones, several offices and businesses will follow suit and have special holiday hours Wednesday.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce closed at

noon today and will also be closed Wednesday for New Year's.

City Hall and all Howard County Courthouse offices will be closed Wednesday for the holiday, and will reopen for regular business Thursday morning.

Area financial institutions will use the following holiday schedules:

•State National Bank, First

Bank of West Texas, Norwest Bank, Big Spring, N.A., and Security State Bank will all be closed Wednesday, and will resume regular business hours on Thursday.

•Cosden Employees Credit Union will be closed Wednesday as well as Thursday and Friday in order to have new computer equipment installed, and will resume normal business hours Monday.

•Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, Citizens Federal Credit Union and T&P Federal Credit Union will be closed Wednesday and will resume regular business hours Thursday.

Local grocery outlets will have the following New Year's Day schedule.

•Wal-Mart Supercenter, H-E-B

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## Gingrich ethics finale unlikely prior to speaker's election

WASHINGTON (AP) — House ethics committee members from both parties say a vote on punishment for Newt Gingrich is unlikely before the House decides next week whether he should continue as speaker.

With the Republican leadership trying to buck up the rank and file, three ethics committee members interviewed Monday by The Associated Press spoke of the large volume of work still before the ethics tribunal, despite Gingrich's Dec. 21 admission to violating House rules.

The committee's ranking Democrat, Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., was the most conclusive about the prospect of finishing the case before the Jan. 7 speaker's election: "It's not going to happen."

Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M., said he would like to finish by Jan. 7 but isn't certain it can be done. Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the subcommittee that investigated Gingrich, saw the potential need for multiple committee meetings.

Without a resolution of the case Jan. 7, Gingrich would

have to run for another term as speaker without knowing the ethics committee's recommended punishment.

And that's a big problem, because at least 10 Republicans have expressed uncertainty about supporting Gingrich — mainly because they first want guidance from the ethics panel.

On Sunday, the House GOP majority whip, Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said he was "absolutely confident" that Gingrich would stand for reelection to the speakership.

Also Sunday, Rep. Michael

Forbes, R-N.Y., became the first Republican to say he would oppose Gingrich.

Appearing this morning on NBC's "Today" show, Forbes said Gingrich had been unfairly attacked but added, "We can't tolerate two more years of this bickering, of this underground, invisible hand of leadership. We need a dynamic, aggressive speaker who can articulate to the American people our message."

Forbes said that in his con-

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

73 ▲ Highs 40  
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly sunny. High in the lower to mid 70s. Tonight, mostly clear with a low around 40.

New Year's Day: Partly cloudy with a high in the mid 70s. Low in the 40s.

Extended outlook: Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the 70s. Lows in the 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy and a little cooler. High in the 60s. Low in the 40s.



# Gingrich

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versations with about two dozen members of Congress, he found there was "tremendous angst, tremendous upheaval." He added, "I understand the need to circle the wagons, but I also understand the need to put this all behind us."

The speaker acknowledged that he violated ethics rules by failing to seek proper legal advice on use of tax-exempt activities for political purposes and by providing inaccurate statements to the ethics committee about the role of his political organization, GOPAC, in the tax-exempt projects.

The committee members who were interviewed all pointed out that by admitting guilt, Gingrich waived the need for a fact-finding hearing. At this proceeding, the Goss-led four-member investigative panel and its outside counsel would have presented a comprehensive written report to the remaining six committee members.

The six, who would have acted as a jury, have not been privy to the subcommittee's investigation for a year. The subcommittee's findings, and all the explanations that go with them, must now be presented in conjunction with a hearing to recommend punishment. That's why the case is unlikely to be concluded by Jan. 7.

"I hope that this entire matter can be resolved by the ethics committee by January 7, and I think that ought to be our goal," Schiff, R-N.M., a member of the subcommittee, said.

"However, I am not certain it can be accomplished because some time is needed for the six (ethics) members not on the investigative subcommittee to be educated on the facts that we have. I'm not sure how long that's going to take."

Goss said, "The full commit-

tee needs to bless the subcommittee's statement of alleged violation" that charged Gingrich with ethical wrongdoing.

"There's a combination of duties. There can be several public discussions and several deliberative (closed) ones. I could see there might be a series of opportunities to brief members," Goss said.

McDermott said, "In order to make a reasoned judgment, we have to educate ourselves about what's there. That's going to take more than a day or two. I don't foresee one hearing and it's over with."

Gingrich is fighting for no worse than a reprimand, a House vote scolding him for the violations but allowing him to keep the House's top job. If a more serious censure resolution was passed, party rules would prevent him from serving again.

To shore up support for Gingrich, Republican leaders held a conference call with rank-and-file members Monday to give them a pep talk.

Participants told the AP the leaders talked about one House member who made what they called an "unfortunate" decision to publicly oppose Gingrich. The leaders didn't name anyone, but the reference was to Forbes.

Forbes, one of the lawmakers who described the conference call, said he informed Republican leaders of his intention to speak out. He was warned, he said, that he'd be handing the Democrats a victory and allowing the opposition to describe Republicans as a party in disarray.

Forbes said he has spoken to other members who "are sharing my angst" but haven't openly declared their opposition to Gingrich.

# Closings

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and Lawrence IGA will all maintain normal business hours Wednesday.

The U.S. Post Office closed at noon today and will resume regular business hours on Thursday. Also, mail was not collected from any letter collection box after 1 p.m. today.

Area residents needing police, fire department or EMS emergency assistance may dial 911.

As for emergencies involving utilities, residents need to call 264-2392.

Residents wondering about whether or not a business is open New Year's Day should first call in order to save a trip if the business is closed.

# Cotton

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were destroyed by the drought. Many producers are now turning their attentions to the new year and the activities that will be a part of it.

Some of the events planned include the Plain Cotton Growers Board of Directors meeting, Jan. 20; Beltwide Cotton Conferences, Jan. 6-10 in New Orleans; South Plains Ag Nonpoint Source Conference, Jan. 16 in Lubbock; Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Jan. 14 in Olton; West Plains Cotton Conference, Jan. 16 in Levelland; Hub of the Plains Ag Issues and Producers Conference, Jan. 22-23 in Lubbock; and the Southern Mesa Agriculture Conference, Jan. 20 in Lamesa.

According to John Farris, County Extension Agent for Dawson County, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is a direct result of producer-requested educational programming and will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture.

This particular program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, Garza, Midland, Martin and Howard Counties.

The conference will feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dawson County Annex Building at 609 North First Street in Lamesa. The registration fee is 415 if paid before Jan. 15 and \$20 if paid after Jan. 15. Registration forms and fees payable to the Dawson County Ag Fund, should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

According to Farris, registration forms may be obtained at any of the sponsoring county extension offices.

# Library

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4:45 p.m. Saturday.

Following the dedication ceremony on Jan. 11, Redman said the library staff and the Friends of the Library will be available to give tours of the new facility.

Two of the featured attractions of the new library that Redman is excited about are the children's section, which has been named, "Fantasy Land," and a puppet stage to be placed in the children's section.

The Friends of the Library have sort of adopted the children's section, Redman noted, and want it to be a place where children will enjoy coming to learn, read and explore.

Some of the items that will be a part of Fantasy Land include bean bags, a shelf for big books, little square cushions in primary colors, a globe of the world and posters with all of the flags of the world.

The puppet stage received a boost earlier this fall from the 1905 Hyperion Club, which donated \$600 for the construction of the stage.

Redman plans to have different shows for area children during the different holidays and when they come through on field trips.

"We're looking forward to this," she said. "I've wanted a puppet for the library since I've been here."

# IN BRIEF

**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR Christmas cards!** Rainbow Girls are recycling cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children as a service project. They will pick up the cards anytime. Call 264-9455. They are also collecting pantyhose and canceled stamps still attached to envelopes.

**THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health** administers flu shots Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. They moved back to their regular location at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell. The cost is \$5 and TDH will file on Medicare, if necessary. Call 263-9775 for more information.

**THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE** will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17, 1997. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

**THE HOWARD COUNTY SPELLING Bee** is set for March 3-7, 1997. Paiedela spelling bee books are now available at the Big Spring Herald. To order yours, contact Katy McAteer at 263-7331.

**THE 1996-97 SANDS PTO** cook books are in. "Cooking Country Style" contains 1,284 recipes from appetizers to main dishes and desserts. The cook book is dedicated to the students of Sands CISD and all proceeds from the book will be used to provide scholarships for the students.

In Big Spring, contact Connie Zant at Elrod's or Dorothy Ringner at Jiffy Car Wash for the cook books. You may call Sands School, Zelda Bilbo 353-4314, Sharon Hambrick 353-4744 or Allison Foster at 353-4574 for a copy of the cook book.

**AREA MILITARY VETERANS** CAN get flu vaccinations at no cost at the Big Spring Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Inoculations will be given in the main lobby at the VA.

Veterans registered at the Big Spring VA Medical Center will be required to show their blue or purple VA cards while any veteran not registered must do so prior to receiving a flu shot.

**BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL** students involved in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) are currently selling a Big Spring Steer card for \$10 offering discounts at various merchants. The owner of the card can use it once a day for a full year to receive such discounts as buy one food item, get one free, discounts on oil changes and dry cleaning, free second set of prints and buy one bowling game and get one free.

For more information and to purchase a card, contact DECA

# ON THE RUN

Sponsor Lee Lowery at the high school at 264-3641, extension 151.

**THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

**THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS** AT Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

**THE WORLD WAR II Iwo Jima Survivors Association** of Texas is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25, 1997, at the Harvey Hotel in Irving. Any branch of service involved before, during or after the Iwo Jima Invasion in February and March of 1945 is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Iwo Jima Survivors Association is searching for any Americans that served in Japanese P.O.W. camps during World War II to be special guests. Anyone fitting that description or interested in attending the Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion should contact Cy Young at 817/845-3261 or write to the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at Iwo.

**A RUMMAGE SALE** IS scheduled for Saturday at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. There will be lots of items for sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA** is still taking registration for the Youth Basketball League. There are no try-outs and the emphasis is on participation, not winning. Fundamentals are stressed. This is for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade. Although the registration deadline was Dec. 8, the YMCA is still accepting applicants at an additional \$5 late fee charge. Practice starts the week of Jan. 6 and the first game is Jan. 18. Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more information.

# SPRINGBOARD

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M.** All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

**TODAY**  
•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

**WEDNESDAY**  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

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# TEXAS LOTTERY

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PICK 3: 5, 4, 8

Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

# FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

# SATURDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

# SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

# MARKETS

March cotton 75.40 cents a pound, up 109 points; Feb. crude oil 25.51, up 14 points; Cash hog up \$1 lower at 55; slaughter steers steady at 67; February lean hog futures 79.75, up 25 points; February live cattle futures 65.22, down 65 points.

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ATT	43 1/2
Amoco	81 1/2
Atlantic Richfield	134 1/2
Atmos Energy	23 1/2
Cabot	24 1/2
Chevron	66 1/2
Chrysler	33 1/2
Cifra	1.18-1.22
Coca-Cola	53 1/2
De Beers	28 1/2
DuPont	96 1/2
Excel Comm.	20 1/2
Exxon	99 1/2
Fina	48 1/2
Ford Motors	32 1/2
Halliburton	61 1/2
IBM	154 1/2
Laser Indus LTD	9 1/2
Medical Alliance	11 1/2
Mobil	123 1/2
Norwest	45 1/2
NUV	9 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	45 1/2
Pepsi Cola	30 1/2
Polaris	23 1/2
Rural/Metro	34 1/2
Sears	46 1/2
Southwestern Bell	53 1/2
Sun	24 1/2
Texaco	98 1/2
Texas Instruments	64 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	40 1/2
Unocal Corp	41 1/2
Wal-Mart	23 1/2
Ampac	14.27-15.14
Euro Pacific	25.90-27.48
I.C.A.	24.60-26.10
New Economy	17.01-18.05
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# POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•JIMMY JUAREZ, 27, of 301 E. 9th, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance and for having an expired inspection sticker.

•DANIEL MATIO DELEON, 34, of 510 Lancaster #2, was arrested on local warrants.

•REYNALDO JUAREZ, 28, of 1217 W. 6th, was arrested for public intoxication and local warrants.

•JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ, 28, of 1906 Owens, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RONNIE THAMES, 40, of 410 Martin Luther King Boulevard, was arrested for assault and family violence.

•RAYMOND LOPEZ CHAVARIA, 41, 1217 W. 6th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 52, of 508 N.W. 6th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•VIRGINIA DIAZ, 38, of 1304 Colby, was arrested for assault.

•TRICIA CASTILLO, 21, of 1304 Colby, was arrested for assault.

•JUAN STEVEN DAVILA, 18, of 1105 N. Bell, was arrested for failure to identify and public intoxication.

•ROBBERY in the 400 block of Gregg.

•ASSAULT in the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80.

•THEFT in the 2700 block of Wasson; and the 2700 block of Gregg.

•GAS THEFT in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1300 block of E. 3rd.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 500 block of E. 6th.

# SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•GARY LEON JETTON, 42, of 801 Goliad, was arrested for failure to identify-judgement. Pled guilty in court and received eight days in jail and was fined \$100 plus \$192 in court costs, and was released based on time previously served.

•RECORDS

Monday's high 73  
Monday's low 37  
Average high 56  
Average low 29

Record high 86 in 1951  
Record low 10 in 1976  
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Month to date 0.00  
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Year to date 18.24

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Idaho woman undergoes surgery following dog attack

JOSHUA — An Idaho woman who came to Texas for a funeral underwent surgery after being mauled by four pit bull terriers on a rural road in Johnson County, authorities say.  
Lois Moore, 57, of Caldwell, Idaho, was severely bitten before a passing family rescued her by frightening off the animals long enough to get her in a pickup truck.  
"She took a step or two back, and they hit her," said Christie Said, who witnessed the attack from her kitchen window. "They just plunged on her, and she was down."  
Officers said the dogs escaped from a yard by crawling under a fence. The dogs were later killed by Johnson County deputies who had to hunt them down through fields and thickets.  
Neighbors said the dogs had broken free before and had charged at passers-by and workers.

Nightclub owner triumphs over Elvis empire

HOUSTON — A nightclub owner has triumphed over the Elvis Presley empire, with a federal judge denying claims that the bar's name, The Velvet Elvis, violates trademarks held by The King's estate.  
In an order signed Monday, U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore rejected nearly all claims made by Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc., which sued Barry Capece in 1994 to force him to change the bar's name.  
Gilmore agreed with Capece's contention that the name "The Velvet Elvis" was chosen not to pay homage to Elvis but to evoke images of an era when such cheesy oil-on-velvet paintings, lava lamps and bell bottoms were popular.  
The bar's Houston location is decorated with velvet paintings, including likenesses of Elvis, Mona Lisa and Malcolm X.  
Capece, who has opened a second location in Dallas, registered the name with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1990.

State board has backlog of school investigations

AUSTIN (AP) — Students face danger and school personnel face injustices because of a backlog of nearly 1,100 complaints against teachers and school administrators being investigated by the state, educators say.  
As of Dec. 11, the board had 350 cases that were two years old and 64 that were at least three years old. The oldest cases date to 1989.  
The older cases include numerous accusations of sexual misconduct involving children and an alleged theft valued at more than \$20,000.  
Board officials say the backlog is due to limited resources and the need to proceed carefully in cases that could damage reputations. The board, which can recommend that an individual's certification be revoked or suspended, has only three investigators.  
"It's a fine line you have to walk between due process and protecting kids," said Jim Nelson, board chairman.

Explosion victim's family seeks independent investigation

HOUSTON — Investigations of a deadly factory explosion that killed eight people may lead federal job-safety investigators into a legal battle with the attorney for the family of one of the dead workers.  
Houston lawyer Richard Mithoff, who represents the family of victim Steven Nagy, said two engineering firms have been hired to investigate the Dec. 22 explosion of a nitrogen tank at Wyman-Gordon Metal Forging Inc.  
"The family really wants answers more than anything right now, and that's what we have agreed to help them with," Mithoff said Sunday.  
The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which has a five-person team inspecting the blast site, will require Mithoff to get a court order to gain access to the site, said Glen Williamson, OSHA deputy regional director.  
"They won't be able to participate with us," he said.

Officials set for illegal New Year's Eve revelry

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Like other patrol officers and firefighters around Texas, police in El Paso are anticipating the celebratory showers of bullets that typically follow the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve.  
That's one of the reasons the El Paso Police Department has decided to put an extra 30 or so officers on the streets tonight.  
Police spokesman Al Velarde said dispatchers usually are flooded with gunfire and fireworks calls around the time the new year arrives.  
"We're very concerned," said Velarde, who has worked on several New Year's Eves in the past.  
"I've heard semiautomatic gunfire," he said. "It's very scary — a lot of lead coming

back down to the Earth."  
Officials in Dallas and Houston also are worried about illegal revelry.  
Russell Batchelor, a senior fire prevention officer with the Dallas Fire Department, said he was called out on a complaint about fireworks last New Year's Eve. While he was out, midnight arrived.  
"At 12 o'clock, it was just gunfire everywhere, all around," Batchelor said. "Bullets have to come down somewhere. We were fortunate."  
Both the firing of guns and the setting off of fireworks are big problems in the Dallas area, he said. As in many Texas cities, fireworks are banned in the city of Dallas.  
Houston's fire chief says his department has gotten fireworks "pretty well under con-

rol."  
"The gunfire is much more of a concern," Fire Chief Eddie Corral said.  
Corral said in recent years officials have cracked down on Houstonians who buy fireworks outside city limits and bring them back for New Year's Eve. Someone with more than \$20 worth of fireworks, for instance, can be fined up to \$1,000, he said. In addition, the fireworks are confiscated.  
"That's had an effect," Corral said.  
San Antonio officials similarly have been cracking down harder on those who carry fireworks into the city, said Sgt. Joery Smittick of the San Antonio Police Department.  
"Since we started actively enforcing the fireworks ordinance, then of course anybody

discharging a weapon is going to be very noticeable," Smittick said. "So when that started to be enforced, the discharging of the weapons has gone down."  
The introduction last year of "fireworks zones" — three sites outside the San Antonio city limits in Bexar County where fireworks can be set off legally — has helped too, Smittick said.  
"It's really worked out very good. People still get to shoot off their fireworks, and the vendors are happy because we're not cutting off their business totally," he said. "It's been a lot safer."  
One vendor just outside Houston said sales for New Year's Eve have dragged.  
"I would've anticipated more business," said Melissa Johnson, who has worked at the stand since Dec. 19.

Lottery panel will discuss removing Linares

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission will discuss removing Executive Director Nora Linares and appointing a temporary replacement at its Jan. 7 meeting, according to a posted agenda.  
The agenda, posted Monday, states that commissioners will "consider the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties or dismissal" of Linares, The Dallas Morning News reported.  
Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers confirmed late Monday that Ms. Linares' fate would be discussed at the upcoming meeting.  
"The agenda speaks for itself," she told The Associated

Press. "I obviously plan to have a full discussion of the matter."  
Commissioners also are scheduled to consider "the appointment, employment and duties of an acting executive director," the agenda states.  
Both discussions will take place behind closed doors prior to a public debate, the agenda states.  
Buck Wood, an attorney for Linares, said Monday that a commission move against his client would draw an escalation in the legal battle between her and the panel.  
"This posting appears to be bad faith. All she (Miers) has to do is take my client's deposition

under oath," he said. "I cannot believe that they would take any action against Nora without taking her deposition, which I've offered — even insisted — that they do. They don't want her deposition."  
Wood added: "If Harriet thinks that by taking some kind of punitive action against Nora that it's not going to be heard, she's wrong."  
Miers declined comment when asked if she thought Ms. Linares should be removed.  
The agenda posting came less than two weeks after lottery commissioners canceled their Dec. 19 meeting, citing a lawsuit Linares had filed.

The lawsuit challenged a gag order she alleged the commission had imposed on her; Miers denied the existence of any such order.  
"They have no evidence for any cause to remove her," Wood said. "There has been no investigation of her. ... The only thing I could think of is that they've got the idea that this lawsuit is causing a problem. It's not causing a problem, the lottery's running fine."  
The controversy flared in November amid revelations that GTECH Corp., the lottery's primary contractor, gave a \$30,000 contract to a close friend of Linares.

Susan McDougal still being held in California jail

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A California prosecutor says Susan McDougal won't make it back to a Texas prison if she expects his office to pay her way.  
Whitewater figure Susan McDougal remained in a California jail Monday while state and federal officials wrangled over who would pay for transporting her back to a federal prison at Fort Worth, one of her lawyers said.  
Mrs. McDougal was transported to Southern California Dec. 16 for a hearing in a criminal case in which she is charged

with stealing about \$150,000 from Zubin Mehta when she worked as a bookkeeper for the conductor's wife, Nancy.  
On Dec. 20, Superior Court Judge Paul G. Flynn postponed the trial-setting hearing until Feb. 26 and granted her permission to return to the Federal Medical Center outside Fort Worth, Texas.  
Mrs. McDougal was being held at the Texas prison on a contempt citation for refusing to answer questions about President Clinton before a Whitewater grand jury.  
Deputy District Attorney

Jeffrey Semow, who is prosecuting the Mehta case, said last week that it cost Los Angeles County taxpayers \$6,458 to transport Mrs. McDougal and officers to California.  
Semow said Monday that the judge's order said only that the Los Angeles County sheriff's office release Mrs. McDougal to federal authorities. He said his office is not obligated to pay for the return trip.  
"We brought her out here. We had to foot the bill," Semow said. "There is no good reason for the DA's office to foot the bill for a trip back to Texas that

Mrs. McDougal has requested for her benefit."  
Flynn may have the power to order the county to pay for the return trip but likely would not do so without a hearing, Semow said.  
Her attorneys told the judge Mrs. McDougal needed to be nearer her Texas and Arkansas lawyers and she needed to complete diagnostic testing for possible breast cancer.  
"The woman has a lump on her breast and she needs to have that looked at," her Houston attorney, David Berg, said.

Netanyahu-Arafat summit appears less likely

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the Palestinians were close to a Hebron agreement, but officials said a summit between Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat today was unlikely because the Israeli prime minister was busy with a budget debate.  
An Israeli government official said there was a 95 percent chance the summit would not be held today.  
Netanyahu's top policy adviser, David Bar-Ilan, said the government faced a tight deadline to get its 1997 budget passed, and the prime minister might need to be in parliament through the night.  
Earlier, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators said a Netanyahu-Arafat meeting later

in the day was possible, and that the two leaders could finalize a Hebron agreement.  
However, Bar-Ilan said "there are obviously only very minor loose ends" in the negotiations.  
Israeli radio had reported the two sides agreed in principle that Netanyahu and Arafat would meet at 6 p.m. tonight.  
Quoting a senior Palestinian security official, the radio said the two leaders could initial a draft of a Hebron agreement at the summit and hold a formal signing later in the week.  
However, Arafat spokesman Nabil Abourdeneh denied the radio report, saying no meeting was scheduled yet.  
Israeli government

spokesman Moshe Fogel said a summit was possible today but added nothing had been scheduled yet.  
In Hebron, a city of 130,000 Palestinians and 500 Jewish settlers, tensions rose as an Israeli withdrawal drew closer.  
Some 15 Jewish settlers broke into a Palestinian market area before dawn Tuesday, claiming it was Jewish property. The settlers were detained. Settler leaders have said they would try to scuttle a troop redeployment.  
Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have narrowed the gaps over Hebron, spurred by President Clinton's Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, who returned to the region Monday and met separately with Netanyahu and Arafat.

The remaining disagreements center on whether Israel will accept a Palestinian police presence at Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs, a shrine sacred to Muslims and Jews, and whether Netanyahu will commit to a timetable for a further troop withdrawal from West Bank rural areas.  
Under the autonomy accords signed by Netanyahu's predecessors, Israeli troops were to have withdrawn from West Bank rural areas in three stages, starting in September 1996 and ending a year later.  
Netanyahu has told Arafat he was ready to begin the first stage of withdrawal within six weeks of the signing of the Hebron agreement, but has not given additional dates.

Peru's president considers granting rebels safe passage

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru's president says he would consider granting safe passage out of the country to rebels holding hostages in the Japanese ambassador's house if they release the captives and lay down their weapons.  
Breaking a 10-day silence on the hostage crisis, President Alberto Fujimori appeared to soften his earlier stance against the rebels in a response sent Monday night to a questionnaire by The Associated Press.  
Rebels of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement seized about 500 hostages on Dec. 17 during a gala cocktail reception marking the Japanese emperor's birthday.  
They have released more than 400 hostages, but are still holding 83 people, including several ambassadors, Japanese businessmen, and Peruvian military chiefs, anti-terrorist experts and government cabinet members.  
Fujimori earlier said he would not consider rebel demands to free their jailed comrades until they freed all the captives. That statement, on Dec. 21, was his first and — until now — only public comment on the hostage crisis.  
Cheering and singing

resounded from the Japanese ambassador's residence Monday night, raising hopes that more of the hostages held by Peruvian guerrillas could be released today.  
Television audio equipment atop nearby buildings broadcast the sounds of an apparent celebration inside the dark building Monday night.  
Outside, government negotia-

tors shuttled in and out of the compound and motorcycle police gathered around, but it was not known if the negotiations had made progress.  
A spokesman for the Red Cross, which has been supervising the talks, warned against hopes for a quick end to the crisis, which entered its third week today.  
"We think this is a very deli-

cate situation that should be dealt with very patiently," said Roland Bigler.  
On Monday night, Domingo Palermo, chief negotiator for the Peruvian government, joined Michel Minnig — Red Cross director in Peru — outside the residence.  
Palermo entered the compound Saturday, for three hours of face-to-face negotiations.

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# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"Money often costs too much."  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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### OUR VIEWS

## 1997 brings about change

The more things stay the same, the more they change ... but that is not the case in the Howard County Courthouse, where change is the order of the day as we enter 1997.

Three newly elected officials assume their responsibilities as, respectively, sheriff, district attorney and county attorney.

As we enter 1997, we would hope that a spirit of cooperation would develop between those three offices and the Big Spring Police Department, for it is only with true and open cooperation that the two law enforcement agencies can truly protect and serve the public and it is only through the cooperation all four offices that criminals can be removed from the streets and placed behind bars.

Bill Jennings takes control of a sheriff's department that has had the same leader, A.N. Standard, since the mid-1960s.

We salute Sheriff Standard for his many years of loyal and dedicated service to the people of Howard County. We also look forward to the changes we'll see under Jennings as the department takes a new direction.

Hardy Wilkerson takes the helm in the DA's office where Rick Hamby has held sway for 20 years.

As with Standard, we salute Hamby for those many years of service to the people of Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties while looking forward to a more active district attorney's office.

Mike Thomas takes Wilkerson's position as county attorney and we believe he will aggressively represent the interests of the people of Howard County in a fair and impartial manner.

Clearly, all three men face the challenges of change ... challenges we feel they will be more than capable of handling as our county prepares to move on toward the 21st Century in a spirit of cooperation and public service.

### OTHER VIEWS

Since the future well-being of children is at stake, the two key questions about the Oakland, Calif., school system's decision to regard "black English" as a separate language are these: What good does it do? And what harm? The questions had best be answered right, because bad ideas can spread.

Clearly, improvement is needed. Though blacks comprise 53 percent of the district's 52,000 students, their average 1.8 GPA trails all other ethnic groups in rainbow-hued Oakland. This pattern is depressingly common across America.

But wait. "Black English," an inner-city dialect with Old South roots, includes omission of "to be" verbs, subject-verb disagreement and other grammatical shortcomings. How does declaring this patois a "language" help a disadvantaged pupil master standard English, the key to all kinds of learning? Explains one policy defender: "Teachers put students down for speaking that way, and it makes them more hostile to school. That's what we want to change."

But if Oakland teachers belittle students' innocent errors, that is an argument for

wholesale personnel changes or radical teacher retraining, not for linguistic falsification. Knowing that authority has christened their speech a distinct language — like Spanish or Swahili — many black kids may consider it validated and embrace it all the more. Already, extreme Afrocentrists preach secession from the "white" system — its language, its history, even its law.

With affirmative action reeling, a good education is especially vital for all minorities. You do not produce well-educated students by teaching them that two plus two equals five or "He the manager" is a complete sentence (albeit in a "foreign" tongue). You produce social cripples noncompetitive for a decent future.

Only one group tangibly stands to benefit from elevating black English to a language — those who would run this "bilingual" program. The feds now (legitimately) give \$262 million to teach English to non-English speaking Asian and Hispanic students. Some black educators want their bite at the funding apple — while denying black students the fruits of a quality education.

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## On welcoming the New Year ...

By CHARLES McDOWELL  
Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — The time is coming to change years again and we are full of hope, anyway relief, or whatever.

For me the transition always includes acquiring "The World Almanac and Book of Facts," published annually since 1886. The 1997 edition (\$9.95) is 976 pages. It is mostly about 1996, but it also summarizes all sorts of historical information, from politics and population to entertainment and sports. I confess it has been my best one-volume source for 45 years or so.

This edition begins with the 1996 election. President Clinton is referred to in an essay as "the most gifted Democratic politician of the last three decades." That seemed somewhat overstated until I was reminded that no Democrat had won successive presidential terms since Franklin Roosevelt more than half a century ago. Only 14 of 42 presidents have done it.

The age of presidents interest

me for some reason. When Clinton was inaugurated in 1993 at the age of 46, it suited my notion that presidents were getting younger all the time. Well, now I note in the charts that U.S. Grant was sworn in at the same age in 1869. Only five of the first 32 presidents were as old as 60 when they took office. From 1945 to the present, five of 10 have been in their 60s.

And consider this: From 1861 (Lincoln) until 1945 (Truman), no president was as old as 60 when sworn in.

Enough about age. Poking around in the lists of Cabinet members through history, I find that five of the first eight presidents served first as secretary of state. But no secretary in a century and a half has moved up; they included William J. Bryan, Jimmy Byrnes, George C. Marshall, Dean Acheson, Dean Rusk, Ed Muskie, Alexander Haig, George Shultz and Jim Baker.

Enough about politics. Once you put that behind you, the World Almanac surprises you with relatively relaxing information.

Within 25 pages of Newt Gingrich's name at the end of the list of Speakers of the House, we are into the top running speeds of animals. Fascinating. Cheetah, 70 mph; Pronghorn antelope, 61; lion, 50; quarterhorse, 47.5; greyhound, 39; wart hog, grizzly bear and domestic cat, 30; human, 27.89.

Back to politics just long enough to mention that young people are being turned off by politics even faster than the elders. A survey of college freshmen shows that the number interested in "keeping up to date with political affairs" dropped for the third straight year to an all-time low of 28 percent — down from 58 percent in the first survey in 1966. More than half the students described their personal political views as "middle of the road."

The proportion of these students who "frequently" use personal computers, by the way, rose from 25 percent in 1985 to 38 percent in 1993 and then went quickly to 49.6 percent in

1995. Meanwhile, the World Almanac also reports on some computer-related words approved for dictionaries for ordinary mortals in 1995 and 1996. The words include "cyberspace," which means the online world of computer networks, and "cyberpunk," which apparently has two meanings — (1) science fiction about computer technology, and (2) a punk in cyberspace.

The almanac includes a two-page directory of internet sites to which citizens can address e-mail. They include the Supreme Court, House and Senate, various departments, the Library of Congress and, yes, the Central Intelligence Agency. There are separate e-mail addresses for the president, the first lady and the vice president, along with a site that actually offers a "virtual tour of the White House."

Nothing at all about virtual campaign contributions.

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## The speech that Richard Nixon never delivered

By LEONARD LARSEN  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — In that long season when the Nixon sickness was on us, I would yield to no man or woman — you can look it up — in heaping abuse on President Nixon, his administration and the Watergate would he left on a victimized nation.

I believe it was in 1973, when the evil was still accumulating and the at-bay president was sneering at Congress and the media, I received a nice compliment from a nationally-ranked radical who praised me for nastiness in what I'd written about President Nixon and urged me to keep up the good work.

When Nixon quit the White House in a crazy final few hours — but not so crazy he failed to get a pardon in advance from his successor — my glowing report quoted a friendly and cooperative senator in his rejoicing that the American people were delivered from darkness into the sunshine.

So my credentials as a Nixon critic were in order then and they've remained ready, usually

when someone says the whole Watergate thing was just a burglary that got blown out of proportion or, more recently, when someone asserts that the dissembling and foolish pretense of the current White House occupant and his wife will "make Watergate look like a tea party."

In any such event, you can count on me to stick with my personal favorite, President Nixon, as history's enduring villain who cast the spell that soiled the presidency to this day.

Worse than that, though, the pursuit of Nixon helped change what were news reporters into a cult of self-inflated and high-minded "journalists" whose specialties now are celebrity-chasing and the reprocessing of roadkill news as revelation.

Most recently in the roadkill category was a semi-bombshell — as it was treated in some print and electronic media — that President Nixon, in the hours before he announced his resignation in 1974, had another speech ready, a go-to-hell declaration that he'd committed no act to justify his removal from office and that he wasn't going to resign.

In one passage of what was described as Nixon's "I-will-not-resign speech" were these words: "We must not let this office be destroyed — or let it fall such easy prey to those who would exult in the breaking of the president that the game becomes a national habit."

Is that great Nixon stuff or what? Actually, it's only roadkill, another lurid reprocessing of non-news about the architect of the Watergate scandal, a flimsy piece of investigative journalism that pretends to probe yet another time into the dark recesses of the mind of the scheming man and his unornamented presidency.

Not only was the speech never delivered, it was in all likelihood never read by Nixon, never seen by him and certainly not written by the departing president who probably didn't even know there was a speech in which he would damn the nation full steam into hell.

It was, as Alexander Haig Jr., then chief counsel in the Nixon White House, has explained, a contingency speech he ordered prepared on the possibility that Nixon would want to keep fight-

ing, even as the walls were falling in on him. In other words, it was no big deal, not then and not now. Maybe a footnote to Nixon's resignation but certainly not an insight into his thinking as he stared into the abyss.

But in today's journalism of roadkill news and celebrities living and dead, the Nixon speech that Nixon never laid eyes on was portrayed in much of the media as a significant new piece of the Nixon puzzle, dished up by reporters and editors schooled in the post-Watergate era.

That school seems to have inspired the belief that a no-news rehash of any dead scandal and insider reports on celebrity conduct — even dead celebrities — are avenues to success in the news business. And who's to say that's wrong? These days, media stars — print and electronic — do 30-second sound bites on TV, rewrite what's been written and hire out to insurance conventions to peddle gossip. There's not much left of the tedious old stuff about who, what, when, where, why and sometimes how.



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## Green Bay's Brett Favre wins second consecutive league MVP award

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre had to overcome problems off the field and a different set of troubles on it, and he doesn't know which were harder.

The Green Bay Packers quarterback bested both, and won his second straight MVP award, joining Joe Montana (1989-90) as the only winner of two straight MVPs.

"Believe it or not, it felt much better this year than it did last year," Favre said.

It's easy to see why.

Despite losing several of his receivers for part of the season, Favre led the Packers to a 13-3 record, tops in the NFC. He surpassed his 38 touchdown passes of 1995 — an NFC record — with 39 this year.

All of this after a trying offseason in which he entered a drug rehab center in Topeka, Kansas, to kick his addiction to the painkiller Vicodin.

Favre said winning the MVP this year was much sweeter.

"It's pretty obvious why it would be more exciting, satisfying, whatever adjectives you want to put," he said.

Favre spent 46 days at a drug rehab

center in the offseason to treat his addiction, and is under orders not to drink alcohol for two years or face an NFL fine of nearly \$1 million.

During the season, Favre's sister, Brandi, 19, was arrested in connection with a drive-by shooting at a motel in Slidell, La. And during the summer, their brother, Scott, 29, was arrested on felony DUI charges after an accident that killed a family friend.

Favre said earlier this year that his only escape was on the field.

But trouble followed him there, too.

He lost his primary receiver, flanker Robert Brooks, to a season-ending knee injury on Oct. 14, and he also lost second-year star wideout Antonio Freeman for four weeks with a broken arm and tight end Mark Chmura for three weeks with a ruptured arch.

Favre hasn't been able to take narcotics for the many aches and pains he's sustained playing behind an unstable offensive line. Left tackle Ken Ruettggers, who protected his blind side, missed most of the season with a bum knee and decided to retire Nov. 20 because of the pain.

And Favre was sacked a career-high



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-Brett Favre

40 times this year.

"It was like OK, if it wasn't tough enough on me to start the season, let's make it a little tougher. We'll take Robert out. Ruettggers is not going to be back, and that's the most important position on the offense is left tackle. And then along the way, we'll take your No. 2 receiver out," Favre said. "It was like, 'OK we'll put you to the test and see how you respond.'"

"I'd much rather have Robert and Antonio and Ruettggers and all these guys to go to battle with, but it's not going to be that way all the time. So, what do you do when that happens?" Favre said. "And I think I responded well to it, to any type of adversity,

because I've had a bunch this year."

Favre received 52 of the 93 ballots by a nationwide panel of sports writers in voting announced Monday by The Associated Press. Denver's John Elway was second with 33 votes.

Favre said he felt that sentiment might have swayed the award to Elway, but he figured he got the edge when Green Bay thumped Denver 41-6 on Dec. 8, when Elway was sidelined with a hamstring injury.

"I thought when we beat Denver and the way I played, I said, if there was ever a convincing point in the season, this should be it," Favre said.

Yet, Favre still had his doubt, if not his doubts.

"With Elway not playing, even though it wouldn't have mattered if he would have played — OK, give them three more touchdowns, we still beat them by twice the amount — I said, people are going to say, 'Well, just because he didn't play. That just shows how valuable to the team he is when he doesn't play.'"

"I knew the reality of that was it didn't matter if he played or not," Favre said.

Winning the award again, Favre said, "was like a big weight was lifted off my shoulders."

He said he overextended himself last offseason on the banquet circuit, and when "I went to Topeka it kind of threw all these linchpins in."

"It was people tugging here and there, telling what I'd lost, and God, how I went from the penthouse to the outhouse that quickly," Favre said. "So, it was like: I got to win the MVP or get our team to the Super Bowl just to get over that. Because if not, people were going to just keep saying, 'Well, you blew it.'"

"So, now it's like, Whew! Now I can just relax."

Favre said it felt good to disprove his critics.

"I felt the first bad game, especially against an average team, they're going to rip me," he said. "But I remember when I came back from the Menninger Clinic I said, 'Look, you guys can say what you want to say, but if you don't believe in me, lay your money on the line and bet against me.'"

"And nobody did."

## Cowboys wary of 'expansion' Carolina Cougars

IRVING (AP) — Don't try to sell the Dallas Cowboys on the idea that the Carolina Panthers are some helpless expansion team.

"We don't think of them as an expansion team," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said Monday. "They've beaten San Francisco three out of the last four times they've played them."

"And there's talk about their quarterback (Kerry Collins) being inexperienced. I remember a Dan Marino who went to the Super Bowl his rookie year. Carolina has talent. Without a doubt, they will be the most balanced team we have played this year in all three phases."

Switzer said besides a veteran defense, the Panthers have special teams that can more than hold their own with the

Cowboys.

"Their special teams are the best statistically in football, and that matchup itself will have a dramatic impact on the game," Switzer said.

Switzer raved about the Panthers' veteran defense, which includes linebackers Kevin Greene, Sam Mills and Lamar Lathon.

"They are fourth in take-aways in the NFL and the leader in sacks with 60," Switzer said. "Football is a game of third downs, and they are No. 1 (in the NFL) by allowing just 32 per cent of third down tries against them."

Even though the Cowboys are a field-goal favorite in the NFC divisional playoff game at Charlotte on Sunday, Switzer calls the Panthers a huge chal-

lenge.

"Some of the guys on their defense have Super Bowl rings," Switzer said. "We don't expect the success we had against Minnesota."

The Cowboys offense got untracked in a 40-15 wild-card win over the Vikings.

Dallas has never played Carolina, so assistant coaches have been burning up the telephone lines trying to get any scrap of information they can on the Panthers.

"Our coaches are calling some friends on other staffs who will share something with us, and that's about as much as I'll say about that," Switzer said.

Dallas' players were off Monday, and planned to begin full-scale work today. The

Cowboys don't leave for Carolina until Saturday.

Owner Jerry Jones joined in on the "We respect Carolina" theme.

"I don't understand why we are favorites," Jones said. "We know Carolina offers a big challenge."

Offensive tackle Nate Newton said Carolina is no cakewalk.

"Sam Mills, that golden-haired guy (Greene), I can't think of his name, Lamar Lathon, (Eric) Davis ... they got some veterans," Newton said. "They've been in big games, Super Bowls and championship games. They're obviously looking to explode, too."

Newton added, "It's time for the ring now, baby. Now, everything is a bonus, baby. I've got to finish furnishing my house."

## God, not poverty directed Hanspard

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — All-America running back Byron Hanspard cited a compelling need for his decision to pass up his senior year at Texas Tech in favor of the NFL draft.

It wasn't poverty.

A licensed Pentecostal minister, the 20-year-old Hanspard said pro football offers him a larger arena to spread the word of God.

"The Lord is on his way back," he said at a news conference Monday. "And there's a lot of people out there that really don't know who Jesus is."

Hanspard's 2,084 rushing yards this season was the fifth-best total in NCAA history. He won the Doak Walker Award presented annually to the nation's best running back.

Hanspard announced his decision to turn pro one day after rushing for a season-low 64 yards in the Red Raiders' 27-0 loss to Iowa in the Alamo Bowl.

That was only the second time this season Hanspard was held below 100 yards. The other game was the last of the regular season, when Hanspard rushed for only 84 yards against Oklahoma.

Hanspard said he decided about two weeks ago he would enter the NFL draft but wanted to wait until after Sunday's game to make his plans public. He said God guided him toward the decision.

"The NFL is a bigger platform for Byron Hanspard to spread the word of God, to plant seeds where the Lord will have me to plant seeds," he said.

Hanspard, who often cites Bible passages when discussing football, said playing on Sundays in the NFL won't interfere with his faith.

"If the Lord felt that it would hurt me a lot, he wouldn't have told me to go to the NFL," Hanspard said. "I don't have to go to church on Sunday to worship and praise the Lord."

Hanspard is a member of Lay Ministers for Christ International, a nationwide evangelical organization that counts the Green Bay Packers' Reggie White among its members.

He has been preaching part-time at Community Baptist Church on Lubbock's lower-income east side. After each home game, he has delivered a brief sermon to his teammates and coaches.

Before speaking, Hanspard greeted Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes with a big hug.

"We've had a lot of fun together, and we're going to miss him," Dykes said. "He's



Hanspard rushed for 2,084 yards this season, fifth-best total in NCAA history.

given us more than we could ever give him."

Hanspard is the third underclassman thus far to declare his pro eligibility, joining Iowa State running back Troy Davis and Indiana tailback Alex Smith.

Hanspard and Davis, college football's first two-time, 2,000-yard rusher, are likely to be among the top running backs chosen.

Hanspard said he has been told by draft analysts he'll be taken in either the first round or early second round.

Davis beat Hanspard for the first Big 12 rushing title (2,185 yards to 2,084), but Hanspard won the Doak Walker Award. Hanspard finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting; Davis was second.

The 6-foot, 193-pound Hanspard was a top recruit coming out of high school in DeSoto, Notre Dame, Nebraska and Colorado wooed him, but he said the Lord told him to go to Lubbock while he was in the shower.

Hanspard, a junior who turns 21 next month, said he hopes to one day finish his college degree.

Hanspard ran for 761 yards as a freshman. The Red Raiders were co-Southwest Conference champions that year and played in their first Cotton Bowl in 56 years.

Hanspard followed that by rushing for 1,374 yards as a sophomore. He went over 100 yards in each of his last five games that season and kept the streak going until the Oklahoma game this year.

Hanspard had 115 yards in the opener against Kansas State, then a school-record 272 against Oklahoma State. He would rush for more than 200 yards four more times while setting school records for single-season and career yards (4,219).

## Cougars have plenty of postseason experience

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — When many people think about the Carolina Panthers, their first impression is of an inexperienced team making its first foray into the NFL playoffs.

Think again. Twenty-six players on the second-year expansion team's roster have been to the postseason and have taken part in a combined 118 playoff games. Twelve Panthers made it as far as the Super Bowl with other teams. Six of those players have won it all.

"It definitely makes a difference having that kind of experience," said linebacker Carlton Bailey, who was with the Buffalo Bills for three Super Bowl appearances. "The most important thing is that you don't get in awe of the playoffs."

Bailey and the rest of Carolina's postseason veterans are taking it upon themselves to counsel some of the younger

players as the NFC West-champion Panthers get ready for their first playoff game Sunday against Dallas.

"There might be a tendency for a younger player to let outside distractions get the best of you, but you can't let that happen," said cornerback Eric Davis, who will be making his sixth consecutive postseason appearance and is one of the Panthers who has played for a Super Bowl winner. He joined Carolina in the offseason after spending his first six years with the San Francisco 49ers.

"Guys who have been there understand what a loss would mean," Davis said. "Nobody wants that feeling. It's a bitter, bitter taste. And nobody wants that taste this time of year. The more people you have on your squad who understand that, the better off you are."

Carolina's playoff veterans are surrounded by 20 Panthers who are either in their first or

second NFL season and are making their first trips to the postseason.

The heaviest concentration of playoff experience is on defense, where 15 players have been in 83 playoff games. Nine of Carolina's defensive starters have been in a combined 72 playoff contests.

On offense, nine Panthers have been in a total of 29 playoff games, and two Carolina special-teams players have appeared in six postseason contests.

The Carolina player with the most postseason experience is Bailey, 32, who was in the playoffs six consecutive years — five with Buffalo and one with the New York Giants.

Sunday's contest against the defending Super Bowl-champion Cowboys will be Bailey's 16th postseason game. He likens the difference between the regular season and the playoffs to the difference between

the exhibition season and the regular season.

"You remember how in August you don't play every day and then when you get to the regular season, everything kind of picks up a little bit," he said. "Well, it's the same thing now. The intensity level is higher, and that's because everybody is fighting to achieve that one thing, and that's to become world champions."

Nose tackle Greg Kragen, 34, played in three Super Bowls with the Denver Broncos. Sunday's contest will be his 14th playoff game.

"I'm kind of in a comfort zone," he said. "I've been here before in this situation, so I know not to get too high or too excited too soon. You just go about business as usual and get ready to play on Sunday. Hopefully, the younger guys see that and it catches on."

## Detmer passes for 371 yards as Colorado rolls, 33-21

SAN DIEGO (AP) — What Ty Detmer couldn't do in three tries, little brother Koy did in his first attempt.

Koy Detmer was spectacular in the first postseason start of his career, throwing for 371 yards and three touchdowns in No. 8 Colorado's 33-21 Holiday Bowl victory over No. 13 Washington on Monday night.

"Yes, I'm going to give my brother a hard time," said Koy Detmer, a senior. "I'm one up on him in the Holiday Bowl. It's the most entertaining game I've ever played in."

Koy's victory came a day after Ty was knocked out of Philadelphia's 14-0 NFC playoff loss to San Francisco with a hamstring injury.

"I didn't want to talk to him before the game because I wanted to get a win first," Koy said.

Ty Detmer can always brag about his Heisman Trophy, but not his Holiday Bowl record. He made three straight appearances with Brigham Young from 1989-91, but came away with an 0-2-1 record, two separated shoulders in one game and critical last-minute turnovers in the other two.

Koy was hit often by the

## HOLIDAY BOWL

Washington defense and had three passes almost intercepted, but his 241 first-half passing yards broke the school bowl record of 217 by Kordell Stewart in the 1993 Fiesta Bowl. Overall, Detmer completed 25 of 45 passes, with no interceptions, and was named MVP.

"My game plan from the outset was to put it in the quarterback's lap," coach Rick Neuheisel said. "I felt Koy could handle the protection. I thought he could handle changing the routes, I thought he could handle darn near anything that came his way. I wanted him to go out controlling his own destiny, and I think he did so magnificently."

"We're out of Detmers," Neuheisel said. "I just wish (parents) Sonny and Betty had another one playing for me."

They don't, but like Ty, Koy left his name in the Holiday Bowl record book with a 76-yard touchdown pass to Rae Carruth that started the Buffs

(10-2) back from a 14-0 deficit in the first quarter.

Carruth hauled in the pass at the Washington 40, broke a tackle by cornerback Jermaine Smith, cut inside and outran safety Tony Parish to the end zone. The previous Holiday Bowl TD pass record was 65 yards from Bob Leszczynski to Phil McConkey in Navy's 23-16 win over BYU in the inaugural game in 1978.

"We caught them man-to-man," Detmer said. "I licked my chops."

Washington defensive back Nigel Burton said of Detmer, "He does a good job of moving the ball around. We tried to rattle him with pressure, but it didn't really seem to do much good."

It looked like Washington (9-3) would run away behind tailback Corey Dillon, who scored on runs of 2 and 12 yards to give Washington a 14-0 lead. Dillon, the Pac-10 rushing leader with a school-record 1,555 yards and 22 TDs, had 83 yards in the first quarter, but the Huskies eventually had to throw, and he finished with 140.

Detmer's 76-yarder was the

first of three big plays in a span of 6:36.

With the Huskies on their 38, Colorado defensive end Nick Ziegler tipped Brock Huard's pass with his left hand, picked it off and ran 31 yards for a 14-1 tie, hotdogging it by diving in from the 1.

"We wanted to come out right away and stick it down their throats," Ziegler said. "But winning is winning. We had half a shutout."

Not to be outdone, Jerome Payton returned the kickoff 86 yards to put the Huskies up 21-14, getting two key blocks from Joe Jarzynka. It was Washington's first kickoff return for a TD since Anthony Allen had a 99-yarder against Pitt in 1979, and it broke the Holiday Bowl record of 48 yards by Iowa's Kevin Harmon against San Diego State in 1986.

Detmer led the Buffs right back, throwing a 7-yard scoring pass to Darrin Chilver for a 21-21 tie.

"Outstanding people made big plays in the game, made them when they had to, and dominated the second half," Washington coach Jim Lambright said.

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 1997, TCA Cable TV will make the following changes to the cable channel lineup.

TV Land will be added to the Basic service on cable channel #24. Entertainment TV, currently on cable channel #19 will no longer be available as part of the basic service. KMLM, currently seen on cable channel #24, will be moved to cable channel #19. Inquiries regarding these changes can be made by contacting TCA Cable TV at 267-3821.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1:

Take action to enhance your career and public image this year. In some way, spending could increase. This serves your long-term goals. Realize that who you are has changed over the years. You are likely to put into effect a dramatic shift in style and approach. Though money flows, your checkbook could still be subject to the unexpected. Keep an eye on details, as well as the big picture. If you are single, you meet someone through a professional or high-profile group. Communicate with greater efficiency. If attached, share more of your work with your partner. LIBRA challenges you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think through compelling news from a distance. Information is exciting. Another shares his aspirations and desires. Get the whole story from a partner. Friendship blooms, as you christen the new year. Tonight: Slow down, for your sake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Relax, and get done what you need. Be more direct about your choices regarding a friend. Consider making healthful resolutions, such as a new diet or health regime. It is important for you in the long run. Tonight: Call it an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A partnership is key to your day. A true confession has your heart fluttering. Stay open in talks. Dealings with children and romance are highlighted. Expect the pleasure ethic to rule. This is a great day to christen a relationship.

TONIGHT: Party into the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend time at home with family and friends. There could be some tension if you socialize too much with those who aren't primary. A loved one lets you know how much he cares. Listen to your instincts. Open up, and do not withhold. Tonight: Go where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You drift from house to house, socializing. You enjoy yourself with others. Talks are excellent, with friends as well as co-workers. Humor marks most exchanges. You make a resolution about your health that turns out to be significant. Tonight: Party until you drop.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Indulgence continues to be your theme. However, you might be tired from all the hoopla. Spend quality time with loved ones. Listen with care to what they say. Be sensitive about a money issue. Refuse to take risks. Tonight: Wind down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Start the day, not only as the beginning of the new year, but the first day of the rest of your life. Creativity flows. There is a need for a profound discussion between you and a family member. Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Go where the wild things are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Play a supporting role. Take some time off for yourself. Evaluation is important in making key decisions. Be confident. Stay in contact with your true feelings. Determine what you want from others. Careful in discussions; someone could misunderstand. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You start the year celebrating with friends. No one has a better understanding of what is required. Be more aware of another's needs, especially financial. Talks prove most enlightening. You get what you want. Tonight: Start winding down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take the lead. Remain sure of what you want. Excellent communications go on between you and others. Someone you put on a pedestal opens up a long overdue conversation. Dialogue is important, as you set the stage for the coming year. Tonight: Be out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take a minitrip with a friend, or join others for seasonal celebrations. Be experimental and open to other people's styles. Instincts are right on about a key communique. You are in touch with the deeper connection between you and others. Tonight: Try a new nightspot!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One-to-one relating proves most rewarding. Listen to instincts with a loved one, who needs to talk about feelings. Emphasize breaking patterns. Friends surround you. Greet the new year with at least one long-term resolution. Tonight: It's fun and games!

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Nebraska missing out on spotlight this time around

MIAMI (AP) — The spotlight is elsewhere this bowl season, so Tom Osborne's news conference at Orange Bowl media day lasted just 20 minutes before reporters ran out of questions.

"Last year I was up here for an hour," Osborne said with a smile.

Osborne and the Nebraska Cornhuskers, faced with their least meaningful bowl game in at least four years, are trying to grin and bear it.

Sixth-ranked Nebraska (10-2), which takes on No. 10 Virginia Tech (10-1) tonight, would rather be playing Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

"It still hurts not to be in the hunt for the national championship, because we're still a national championship caliber team," safety Mike Minter said.

But while the emotional edge may belong to Virginia Tech, Nebraska is a 17-point favorite,

the largest holiday spread. "It gets higher every day," Hokies quarterback Jim Druckenmiller said. "By game time it might be 40."

The Cornhuskers are appearing in their 28th consecutive bowl game, an NCAA record, and trying for their fourth 11-victory season in a row. The Hokies, meanwhile, are basking in their unprecedented success.

"This is the greatest moment in Tech's football history," coach Frank Beamer said.

Virginia Tech is playing the underdog role to the hilt. At a news conference for the coaches Monday, Beamer made four references in 30 minutes to Nebraska's 62-24 rout of Florida in last season's Fiesta Bowl.

"To think back to that is a little unsettling," Beamer said. "This team can whack you."

The Cornhuskers, however, will be hard-pressed to summon much motivation for a game that merely punctuates their disappointing season.

BOWL GLANCE

Table listing bowl games including Sun Bowl, Independence Bowl, Orange Bowl, and others with dates, times, and participating teams.

Gentlemen of U.S. Navy treat female students with respect

DEAR ABBY: In light of all the negative publicity given to some of the American servicemen with regard to their ungentlemanly behavior where women are concerned, I would like to share an experience I had recently.

I am a female American college student studying abroad at a program in Spain. Recently, three girlfriends and I went down south to the British colony of Gibraltar to sightsee. There, in a lively bar, we encountered about 40 U.S. Navy submarine men who were temporarily stationed there.

We four girls started a conversation with these Navy men centered around the men's families — they all carried pictures of their girlfriends or wives back home; some even had snapshots of their babies.

While my father may have been leery about his daughter sitting with 40 men, I felt entirely at ease. Not once in the course of the evening was there a lewd remark or an inappropriate gesture directed at us girls.

After spending a few hours at this bar, we all went dancing. Again, not a disrespectful hand was laid on my friends or me. To top off the night, when we girls were ready to go back to our hotel, the entire group walked us through the dimly lit streets and saw us safely to our doorstep.

Abby, without a doubt that was one of the most remarkable nights I had in my four-month stay in Europe. The U.S. Navy is to be commended for grooming its men to be respectable, honorable and chivalrous gentlemen. Thank you to the submarine crew of the James K. Polk. — LORA WILSON, GRANTS PASS, ORE.

DEAR LORA: All too often the rotten apples in the barrel get the headlines while the good apples go unnoticed. Thank you for writing to relate your positive experience.

DEAR ABBY: First, I want to thank you for a column that benefits all ages, sexes and races.

Last year you printed Edgar Guest's poem titled "It Couldn't Be Done." Being an optimistic person, I want to share a poem I ran across. (The author is unknown.) I hope you enjoy it.

LINDA SCHRADER, TAMPA, FLA. IT CAN BE DONE The man who misses all the fun, Is he who says, "It can't be done."

In solemn pride he stands aloof, And greets each venture with reproof. Had he the power he'd efface, The history of the human race.

We'd have no radio or motor cars, No street lit by electric stars; No telegraph nor telephone, We'd linger in the age of stone.

The world would sleep if things were run, By men who say, "It can't be done."

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Frustrated Homeowner," who was upset because his neighbors parked in front of his house, was good up to a point. But what if you got a response like this: "You don't own the street. I need the space in front of my house in case company comes," plus a few choice remarks about your ancestors?

Well, I had phone messages from friends who said, "We drove by Sunday afternoon, but didn't stop because you had company," etc. So one day I went over to my neighbor and asked him if his mother could please park in front of his house.

Well, I got a tongue-lashing I'll never forget and went home with my tail between my legs.

The next weekend I brought the company pickup truck home and parked it so my neighbor's mother would have plenty of room for her car.

On Sunday afternoon I pulled the family station wagon out of the garage and parked it up close to the back bumper of her car. Next I backed the pickup close to "Mom's" front bumper and locked both vehicles up tight.

Then I went inside to watch television. About 8 p.m., my doorbell rang. It was my neighbor asking me to move one of the vehicles so that his mom could get out.

"Sure thing," I replied. "I'll be right out just as soon as I get my shoes on." Then I went back to my chair and continued to watch my TV show.

Half an hour later, the doorbell rings and it's my irate neighbor wanting to know, "How long does it take to put on your damn shoes?"

Well, after an hour and a half, I moved my pickup, and Mom shot out of there and burned rubber for half a block. I gathered she was a little upset with me, but she never parked in front of my place again.

— VINCE WOGMAN, CHEHALIS, WASH.

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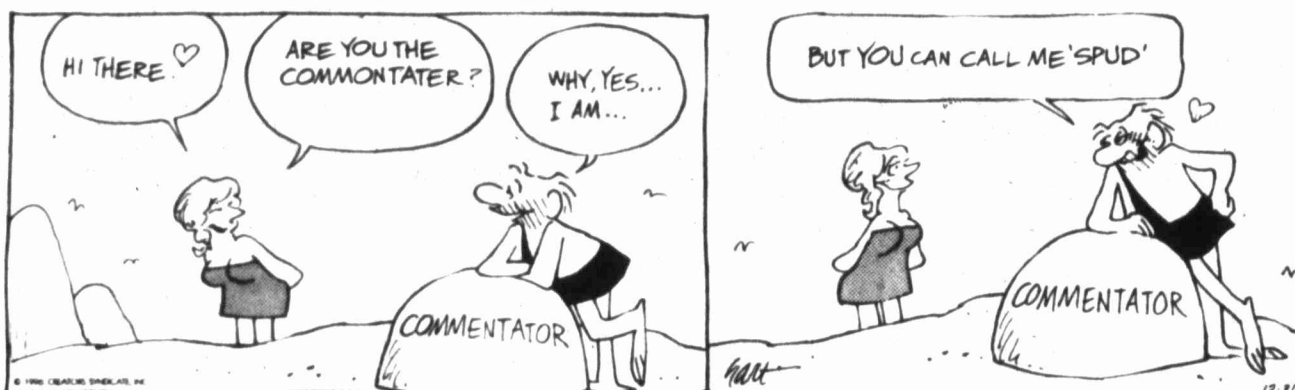
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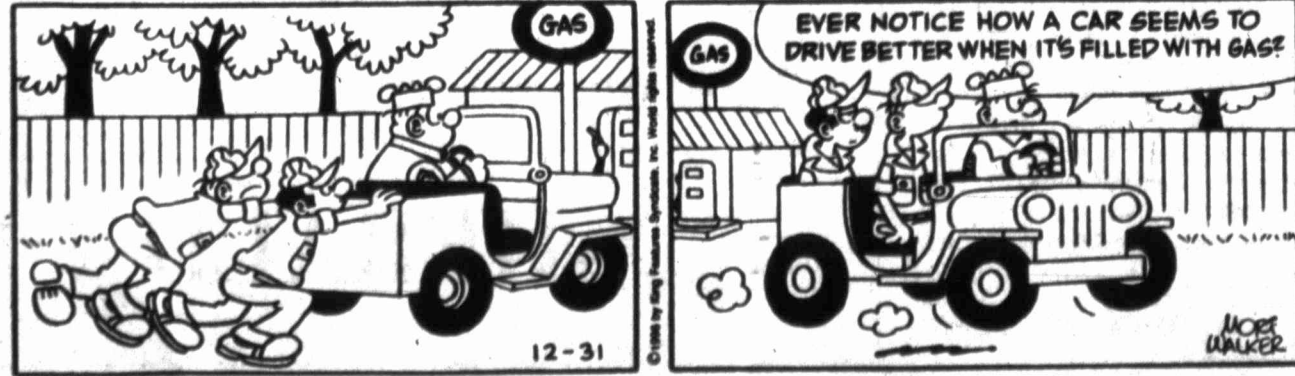
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 31, the 366th and final day of 1996.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Dec. 31, 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

On this date: In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec. Montgomery was killed.

In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1877, President and Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

In 1879, inventor Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the U.S.

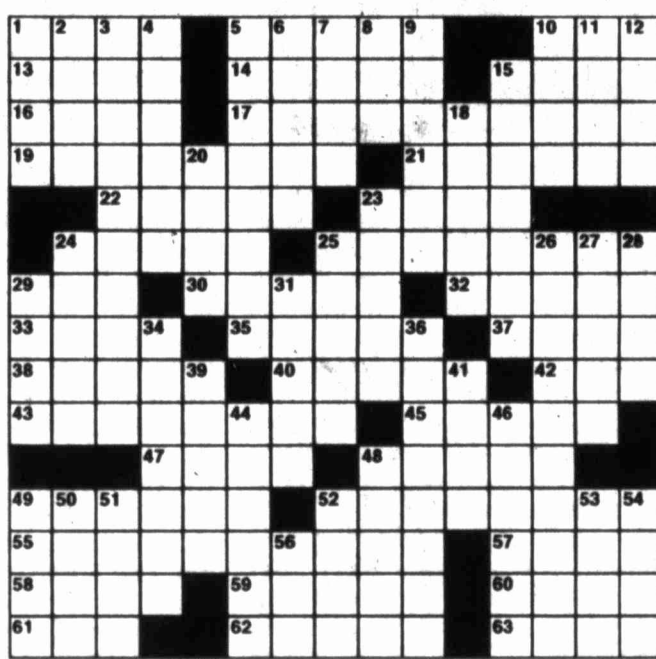
In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a privately owned DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

Ten years ago: Ninety-seven people were killed, more than 140 injured, when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

Five years ago: Representatives of the government of El Salvador and rebels reached agreement at the United Nations on a peace accord aimed at ending 12 years of civil war. President Bush arrived in Australia as part of a 12-day Pacific trip.

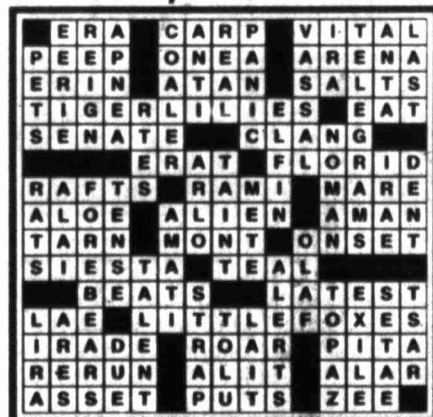
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by Diane C. Baldwin 12/31/96

Monday's Puzzle solved:



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# Lawrence IGA

Snyder: 4111 College & 2912 College Ave. Sweetwater: 2015 Lamar & 1000 E. Broadway Big Spring: College Park

## START THE YEAR WITH BIG FOOD SAVINGS JAN 1



### Sprite & Coca Cola

6 Pk. 20 Oz. Bottles

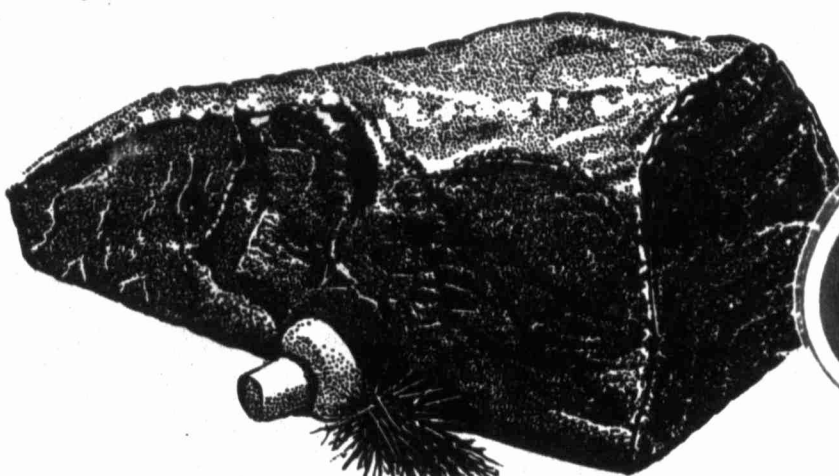
# \$1.99

With 3 Cash Saver Coins 2/\$5 Without Coins

### LAWRENCE IGA MISSION STATEMENT

To offer our customers more **VALUE** than any other supermarket. Our definition of **VALUE**:

- COMPETITIVE PRICES
- + OUTSTANDING SERVICE
- + HIGHEST QUALITY
- + MORE VARIETY
- + FRESHEST PRODUCTS
- + WELL STOCKED STORES
- + CLEANLINESS
- + A VERY PLEASANT AND EXCITING SHOPPING EXPERIENCE
- + EXTRA ADDED PERSONAL ATTENTION.



### IGA Tablerite "Select" Boneless Bottom Round or Rump Roast

# \$1.49

Lb.

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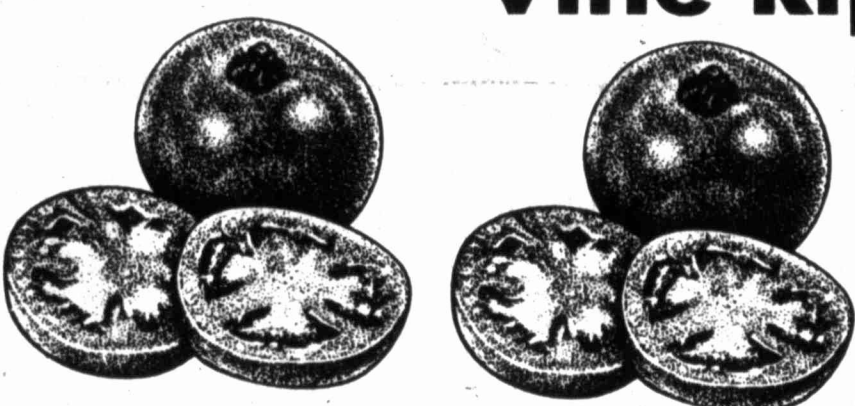


### Charmin Bath Tissue

White Only, 4 Roll Package

# 49¢

With 4 Cash Saver Coins 98¢ Without Coins



### Vine Ripe Tomatoes

Salad Size

# 69¢

Lb.

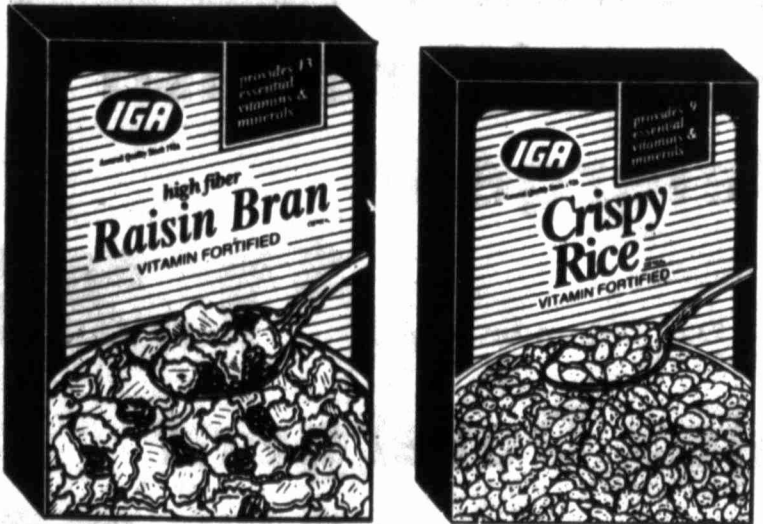


### Armour Vienna Sausage

5 Oz. Can

# FREE

With 3 Cash Saver Coins Limit 4 Cans 2/\$1 Without Coins



### IGA Cereal

Raisin Bran-20 Oz., Sugar Frosted Flakes-20 Oz., Crispy Rice-13 Oz., Bran Flakes-20 Oz. YOUR CHOICE.

# 99¢

With 4 Cash Saver Coins 2/\$3 Without Coins



### IGA Milk

Homo, 2%, 1%, 5%

# \$1.59

With 5 Cash Saver Coins \$2.19 Without Coins Gal.

# Happy New Year!



# SERVICE IS OUR #1 RESOLUTION TO YOU

At  
Lawrence



We Value  
You As  
Customers.  
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You We...

• Sell  
Lottery Tickets

• Sell Postage  
Stamps

• Accept  
Visa,  
Mastercard, &  
Discover

• Take Lone  
Star Cards

• WIC Cards  
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• Lone Star  
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Accepted

• Friendly &  
Courteous  
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Locations

Double Your  
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Guarantee



What a  
Great Idea!  
ORDER WITH A  
TELECARD AND  
WE'LL DELIVER TO  
YOUR HOME!  
PERFECT FOR CALLS AWAY  
FROM HOME!

30 Minutes - \$10  
60 Minutes - \$19  
Ask For Details At Your  
Local Lawrence IGA



**Armour Treet**  
12 Oz. Can

**99¢**



**Maxwell House or  
Hills Bros. Coffee**

13 Oz. Can, Your Choice

**\$1.99**



**Heinz Ketchup**  
28 Oz. Squeeze Bottle

**\$1.49**



**Cain Tea**

24 Family Tea Bags

**\$1.19**



**IGA Charcoal**  
10 Lb. Bag

**\$1.49**



**Northern  
Bath Tissue**

12 Roll Pkg.

**\$2.69**

**IGA Boxed Drinks**  
3-Pk..... **79¢**

**IGA Box Apple Juice**  
3 Pk..... **99¢**

**2 Alarm Chili Mix**  
3.6 Oz. .... **2 For \$3**

**Ranch Style Pork N Beans**  
15 Oz. Can ..... **3 For \$1**

**Heinz White Vinegar** **\$1.99**  
1 Gal. ....

**Mardi Gras Towels**  
Ea. Roll ..... **69¢**

**Hey, Kids!**



**Special For  
Your Pets!**

**25 Lb. Bag  
Ken-L-Ration  
Dog Food**

**\$4.99**

**Clean-Up With  
These Specials!**

**Dawn Ultra Dish  
Detergent**

14.7 Oz., Green or Blue.. **\$1.29**

**Ajax Detergent**

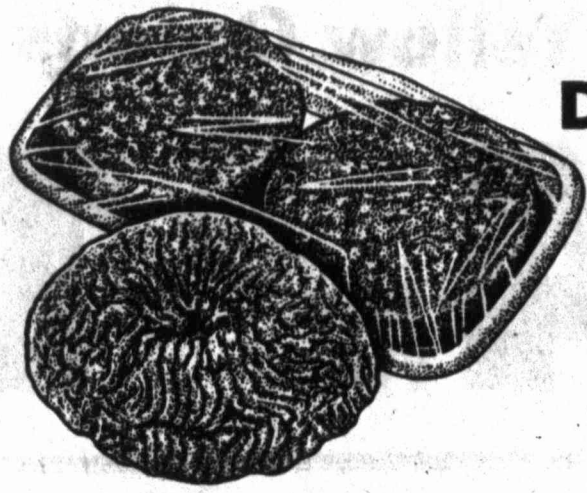
18 Load ..... **\$1.99**

**Friendly Service**



# BEEF UP YOUR DIET!

Meats always a good buy at **LAWRENCE IGA**



IGA Tablerite "Fresh Ground" Super Lean Diet Ground 93% Lean Family Pack

**\$1.59**  
Lb.



IGA Tablerite "Select" Boneless Bottom Round Steak Value Pack

**\$1.69**  
Lb.



Hormel Little Sizzlers Link Sausage

**\$1.19**  
12 Oz. Pkg.



IGA Tablerite Extra Lean Stew Meat

**\$1.99**  
Lb.



IGA Tablerite Extra Lean Stir Fry

**\$2.98**  
Lb.

Healthy Choice Cold Cuts

All Varieties, 6 Oz. Pkg. .... **\$1.69**

Healthy Choice 4X6 Lunchmeats

All Varieties, 10 Oz. Pkg. .... **\$2.49**

Eckrich Roll Sausage

Reg. & Hot, 1 Lb. Roll ..... **\$2.19**



Blue Bonnet or Parkay Margarine  
1/4s Lb.

**2 For \$1**



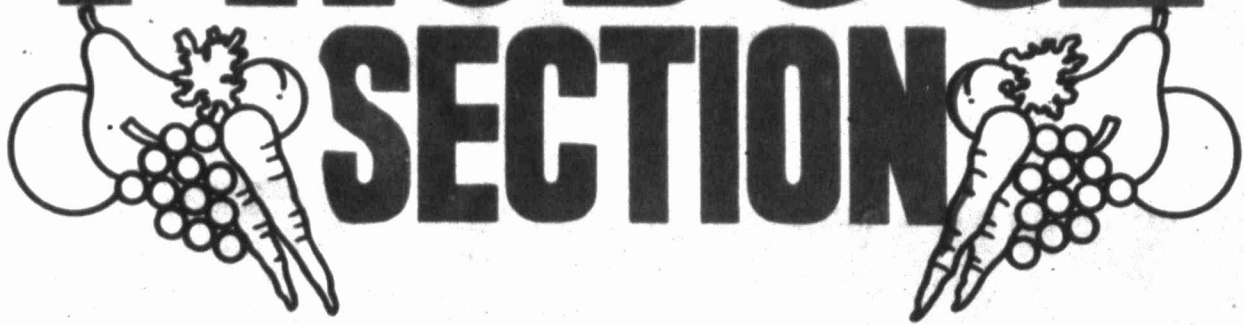
IGA Round Ctn. Ice Cream  
Assorted Flavors, 1/2 Gal.

**\$1.99**

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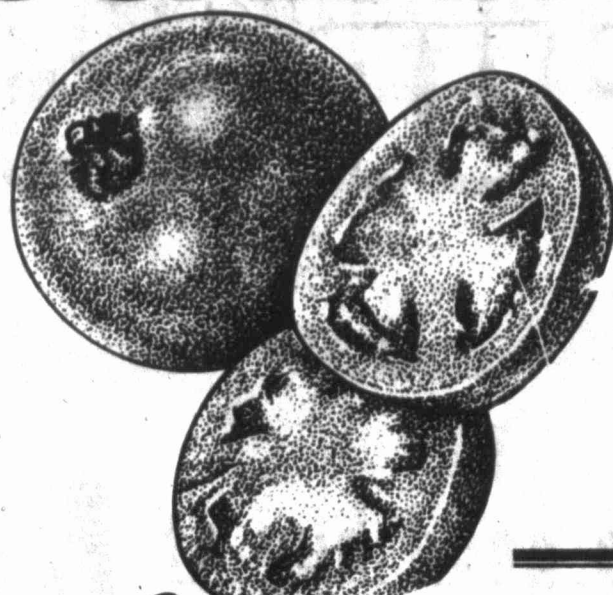
HAND-PICKED SPECIALS FROM OUR  
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**GUARANTEED FRESH**

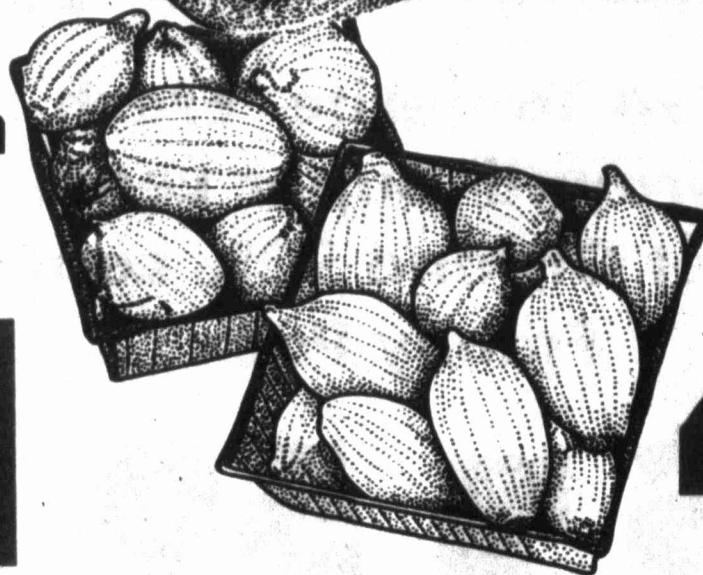
Vine Ripe Salad  
 Size Tomatoes

**69¢**  
 Lb.



Red or Green  
 Leaf Lettuce

**2** For **\$1**



Medium Size  
 Yellow Onions

**4** Lbs. For **\$1**



Medium Size Sunkist  
 Navel Oranges

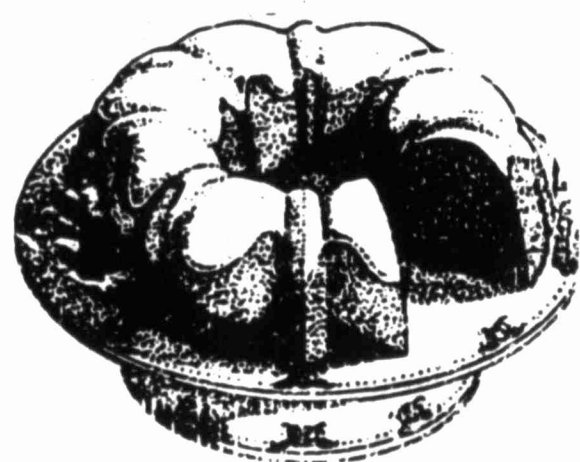
**5** For **\$1**



Sno White Large  
 Heads Cauliflower

**99¢**  
 Ea.

**Bakery**



Cream Cakes  
 All Flavors

**2** For **\$7**



English Toffee  
 Cookies

**\$2.28**  
 Doz.



French Bread

**58¢**  
 19 oz.



**Deli**

**Smoked Brisket**

Sliced ..... **\$4.98** Lb.

**Bar-B-Q Brisket**

Chopped ..... **\$2.98** Lb.

**Baby Back Pork Rib**

Finger Lickin' ..... **\$5.98** Lb.

**DELI SLICED LUNCHMEATS**

**All American Virginia Ham**

Sliced ..... **\$3.28** Lb.

**Butterball Cajun Turkey**

Sliced ..... **\$4.98** Lb.

**Call Us For Super Bowl Party Trays**