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Property tax relief heads legislative agenda for 1997

AUSTIN (AP) — In 1995, new Republican Gov. George W. Bush wowed even some critics as the Legislature endorsed all four of his top priorities. In 1997, he's focusing on a new one — property tax relief.

But finding a way to ease the \$10 billion a year burden of local school property taxes won't be easy.

As Bush's own tax study committee reported, without recommending a remedy: "Identifying problems is easy; solving them is hard."

Bush started the ball rolling 18 months ago.

Riding high after passage of bills to increase local control of schools, reform welfare, toughen juvenile justice laws and restrict civil lawsuits, Bush said he would turn his attention to property taxes.

The governor formed the study committee, which traveled the state and

heard from hundreds of Texans. The committee concluded that property taxes are too high and people are upset, but it found no agreement on an alternative to replace the much-disliked levy.

A group of gubernatorial and legislative staffers offered three options: higher sales taxes; a new gross-receipts tax on business revenue; and a new business-activity tax, which would tax the difference between the sales and costs that a business incurs.

Lawmakers have suggested some combination of those levies might be the way to go.

Whatever the eventual path, the governor voices increasing confidence that relief is on the way.

"I believe the plan that will emerge will include a swapping of other forms or revenue in return for substantive, real property tax relief," Bush said in

an interview.

Lawmakers "agree it needs to be addressed," he said. "I'm optimistic something will happen for the good of Texas, for the good of Texas families."

Bush said he worries about the negative impact of high property taxes on young Texans trying to buy first homes and on elderly Texans whose tax payments today top their original mortgage payments.

Several powerful lawmakers have joined the search for an alternative.

But as Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, observed, changing tax laws can be a minefield. "There's any number of things that could send property tax reform into the trash can," he said.

Bush has proposed what he calls a \$1 billion down payment generated from higher-than-expected state revenues and lower-than-expected spending.

"It's really important for Texans to

understand that we have lean government and that they will share in the benefits of leaner, more efficient government," he said. "That is ... a very critical first step toward a property tax relief plan."

The looming struggle has political overtones, too.

Bush, if he chooses to run, faces reelection in 1998. Both state Comptroller John Sharp and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro are counted among likely Democratic candidates.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bill White has said the governor needs to deliver on his property tax pledge. "He'll either succeed or fail, and I think to a large extent that's going to determine the governor's race," White said.

And for the first time in 125 years, the Republican Party controls one of the two legislative chambers. The GOP

won 16-14 control of the Senate in last year's elections.

While property taxes will occupy much of the 1997 Legislature's time, it's not the only item on the lawmaking plate.

First, a two-year state budget must be written.

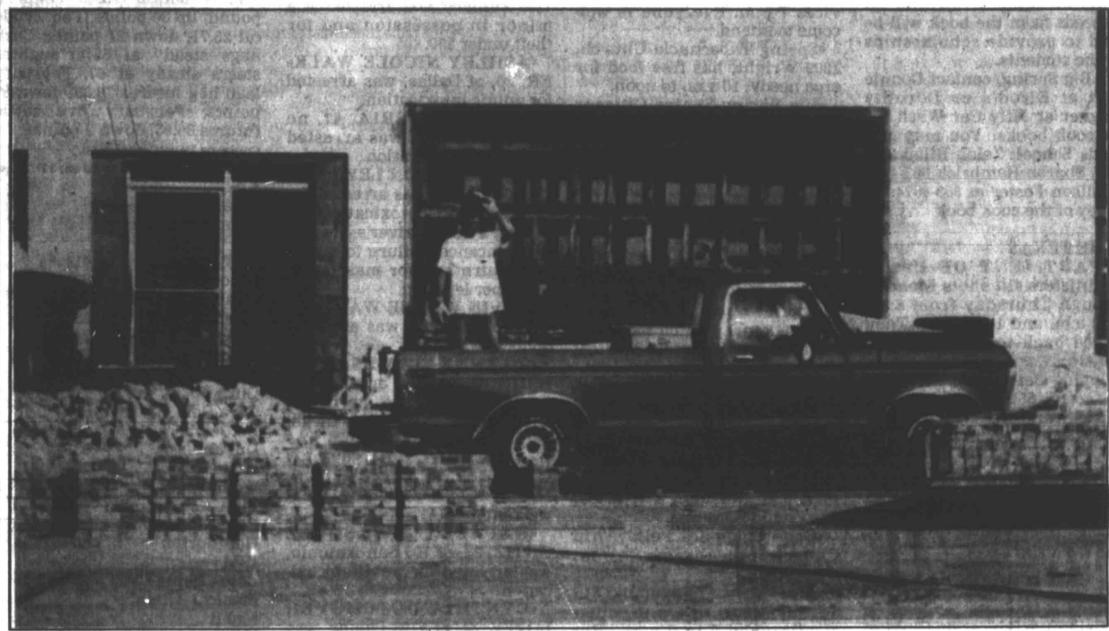
As House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, points out, approving a government spending plan "is the whole, total reason why we are here."

The current two-year budget totaled \$79.9 billion. Revenue growth is projected to be about \$3 billion, according to a report by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's office.

A booming economy has pumped additional money into the state treasury, as has a popular state lottery. And the comptroller's office has com-

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HOT WORK!



Nick Mindling takes a quick break from moving and stacking bricks where he and other workmen are tearing down a building in the 100 block of Gregg St. The building is being dismantled to make room for a new car lot.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Bullock, Laney both predicting bipartisan cooperation in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans have taken control of the Senate and won more seats in the House. But the two Democrats who preside over the chambers say that doesn't mean more partisanship in the Texas Legislature.

"I know most of the individuals pretty well and think they are individuals of stature and are going to do what is right for Texas. I think that is what most of us here want to do," says House Speaker Pete Laney.

For the first time since Reconstruction, Republicans control one of the two law-making chambers. After this year's elections, they enjoy a 16-14 majority in the Senate, with one seat left to fill in a special election.

In the House, Democrats held onto their majority but lost four seats in November. They currently have an 82-68 majority.

The changes, while historic, shouldn't affect day-to-day work in either chamber, according to Laney and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, both Democrats.

Bullock, who presides over the Senate, has given Republicans a majority on most committees and appointed them chairmen of key panels — although Democrats still have more chairmanships.

Bullock harshly accused four Republican senators of playing politics by suggesting committee assignments shortly after November's election, but he since has said he overreacted.

"I do believe that this session will be a very harmonious one," Bullock said quickly after the initial flap.

Senate Republicans have emphasized the need to avoid partisan battles. They say they doubt there will be any push to change Senate rules that give Bullock power to control the flow of legislation and appoint committee members.

"We recognize that the lieutenant governor is elected by the people of Texas, and we've all been sent here to represent our districts and do a good job," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, who heads the Senate GOP caucus.

One of the Legislature's longest-serving Republicans, Rep. Tom Craddock of Midland, said he doesn't see the GOP gains changing the bipartisan spirit.

"I think that the House will still be run on a nonpartisan basis," he said. However, he said, Republican control in the Senate "will make a difference in the type of legislation that moves out of the Senate."

Bullock has stressed the need for cooperation.

"The decisions we make about our future need to be free of political partisanship and based on the best information that is available about a specific topic," he said. "Texas is growing. The state's demographics are changing. New technology has entered our lives and we cannot return to the past."

When he announced committee appointments, Bullock said, "Republicans and Democrats proved in recent sessions that they can work together and solve the problems that touch the lives of Texans and their families. That will continue to be a key ingredient."

Laney, from Hale Center, cited the job of writing a two-year budget and attending to the state's educational needs as the Legislature's top jobs.

But he said other issues also will dominate discussions. Republican Gov. George W. Bush's push to replace rising property taxes as the state's main source of school funds will command much attention as lawmakers try to put together a package of alternative tax sources.

A key issue, Laney said, is the state's water supply and how it can be shared. As last summer's drought dragged on, officials from across the state began discussing the need for a comprehensive water management plan.

Laney said the fight won't be over where water is located, but how it is used. "The negotiations are going to be more from a use standpoint than a regional standpoint," he said.

Bullock's office prepared a report on major issues, including budget and taxation; education; criminal and juvenile justice; health and human services; natural resources; utilities; legal issues; and economic development.

"Nothing reflects the concerns and dreams of Texans more than the issues we choose to debate and decide in state government," Bullock said.

Jennings' new staff tops commissioners' agenda

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The new look of the Howard County Sheriff's Office will be one of the items on the agenda for Friday's special called meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Commissioners will consider approval of the new employees and changes implemented by Sheriff Bill Jennings.

Those changes include four new faces in the department and seven of 10 deputies who re-applied for their jobs under Jennings being retained.

Barney Edens, Jennings' opponent in the November election, was the only one not seeking re-employment. Out of those 10, seven remained on the payroll under Jennings.

Those staying at the department include Ed Covington, Bennie Green, Cliff McCartney, Ron Allen, Tony Chavez, Bill King and George Quintero. Quintero and King will be in charge of the jail. Keith

Burnett, a former jailer and reserve deputy, was promoted to full deputy status.

Some new faces commissioners and county residents will see are Kerry Fritz, former chief deputy in Scurry County with 18 years experience; Randy Ravies, city police officer in Stanton with four years experience; and Oscar Carrillo, former chief deputy in Culberson County with five years experience. Mike West Sr., formerly with the Big Spring Police Department, will be Jennings' chief administrative assistant in charge of the identification

department.

Commissioners will also confirm the appointment of Marilyn Carson as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 2.

Carson was appointed by the court Dec. 20 to fill the unexpired two years remaining in former Justice of the Peace Bill Shankles' term.

Shankles' announced his decision to retire in early December, citing health reasons and the advice of his doctors.

Carson, selected from a pool of eight candidates seeking the position, served as Shankles' secretary during his tenure.

Western Container to be part of Coca-Cola's newest product

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Western Container Corporation, including its Big Spring operation, will be a part of the Coca-Cola Company's upcoming new product release — Surge.

Western Container began production of a new 20-ounce bolt bottle in mid-December and in its continuing efforts to be the premier manufacturer of polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

containers for the Coca-Cola bottling system. The company is the first in the world to produce this bottle.

"Through some innovative efforts with our blow mold supplier, WCC was able to successfully speed up delivery of blow molds to produce the 20-ounce bottle," Bob Ayres, Director of Logistics for WCC, said. "As a result of our efforts in partnership with Coca-Cola USA to commercialize the new bottle, we will be supplying bottles for

the national roll-out of the new high caffeine, low carbonation, citrus soft-drink."

The introduction of Surge is the biggest soft-drink launch for Coca-Cola, according to Ayres, since the introduction of Diet Coke in 1982.

Surge will be a direct challenge to Pepsi Cola Inc.'s Mountain Dew, which currently has about a 5.6 percent share of the \$52 billion U.S. soft-drink market.

"Surge's slogan will be 'Feed

the Rush," and its ingredients include caffeine and maltodextrin, an energy producing carbohydrate found in Coke's sports drink Powerade," Ayres said. "It also has a lower carbonation level than most soft drinks. The labels on the bottles will feature a burst of red and green."

According to Ayres, until other PET manufacturers get blow molds in late February,

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Letter by GOP ethics committee members called unusual

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Democratic chairman of the House ethics committee says he can't recall members of the ethics panel ever publicly opposing censure for a colleague before deliberating on a punishment, as two Republicans are doing with Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I'm unaware of a member of the ethics committee heretofore communicating to the leadership of either party their predisposition to vote a certain way on a sanction," Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., who was the

ethics committee chairman for six years starting in 1989, said in an interview Wednesday.

"It's my recollection during my tenure that members were exceptionally cautious on making public utterances on issues pending before them," added Dixon, who chaired the committee when it charged then-Speaker Jim Wright with ethical wrongdoing. His former chief counsel, Ralph Lotkin, agreed.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct — the ethics committee — will conduct a

public hearing on sanctions as early as next week, but not before Tuesday's election for speaker. Gingrich admitted on Dec. 21 that he violated House rules.

Ethics committee members Porter Goss, R-Fla., and Steve Schiff, R-N.M., informed fellow Republicans by letter Tuesday that they would vote to re-elect Gingrich. The two men, who are the Republicans most familiar with the ethics investigation of Gingrich, wrote that they saw nothing in the evidence that would warrant a censure —

a punishment that would cost the GOP leader his high office under House Republican rules.

The letter was distributed by House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas, who is part of a massive GOP leadership effort to save shore up support for Gingrich among rank-and-file Republicans.

Also Tuesday, Rep. Bob Inglis, R-S.C., joined a group of at least 13 Republicans who expressed uncertainty about Gingrich's re-election. GOP Rep. Michael

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TODAY'S WEATHER

80 ▲ Highs 47
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Today: Mostly sunny. High near 80. Low in the upper 40s.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high near 80. Low in the 40s.

Extended outlook: Saturday, partly cloudy and cooler. High around 70. Low in the 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. High in the 60s. Low around 30.

Monday, mostly cloudy and cooler. High around 50. Low in the upper 20s.

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OBITUARIES

Geneva "Jay" Rogers

Service for Geneva "Jay" Rogers, 79, Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1997, in Mesa, Ariz.

James Chancellor

Graveside service for James Chancellor, 53, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, in the Terrace Cemetery in Post with Rev. Billie S. Smith, Post, officiating.

Mr. Chancellor died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, in Fort Worth following a long illness.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1943, in Post. He grew up in Post and moved to Big Spring in 1980 from Lubbock. He married Jan Gaydos on March 5, 1979, in Crosbyton. Mr. Chancellor was a diesel mechanic and owned James Diesel Service at 505 N.W. 12th in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife: Jan Chancellor, Big Spring; two sons: Jay Chancellor, Big Spring, and Jamie Chancellor, Slaton; two daughters: Charlotte Herring and Scarlet Pierce, both of Slaton; one stepson: Sammy Lowe, Slaton; one brother: Jerry Chancellor, Brownfield; four sisters: Lana Smith, Martha Mann, both of Dallas, Juanita Tully, Lubbock, and Deane Chancellor, Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Agenda

Continued from page 1A pleted its fourth top-to-bottom audit of state government, recommending hundreds of cost-cutting measures that could save \$1.2 billion over the next two years.

But there are other demands for spending. State government employees, who haven't gotten an across-the-board pay increase since December 1992, want a raise.

Public school enrollment is rising, and state spending on schools will too. The costs of running the state's larger prison system are going up. The state's colleges and universities want more.

Apart from money concerns, the list of legislation to be considered is lengthy. Lawmakers are expected to debate: -Limiting or ending local governments' use of property tax breaks as an economic development incentive.

-Imposing restrictions on abortions in Texas. -Meeting the increased demands for water, a problem emphasized during last summer's severe drought.

-Changing the state's con-

sealed handgun law, including determining where guns may be carried.

-Limiting parole and probation to keep more inmates in prison for longer periods of time.

-Continuing welfare reform, including efforts to conform with the federal law passed by Congress.

-Protecting the elderly and disabled Texans in nursing homes, long-term care facilities and in the community.

-Investigating questions about the Texas Lottery.

-Imposing further restrictions on civil lawsuits.

-Whether state regulation of electric utilities should be further changed.

-Allowing Texans to borrow against the equity in their homes.

-Whether taxpayers should help shoulder the costs of new sports facilities.

-Giving voters the right to take lawmaking into their own hands through initiative and referendum.

Bottles

Continued from page 1A WCC will be shipping bottle from Houston to different parts of the country to support the Surge introduction.

"Other than our normal bottles, we will be shipping to bottlers in Maryland, Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan, Florida and Montana," Ayres said.

The 20-ounce bolt bottle will begin to replace the 20-ounce straightwall bottle in March with other flavors, Ayres said. Bottlers will then begin using the bolt bottle for Barqs, Nestea Cool, Mr. Pibb, Mellow Yellow, Fresca and Minutemaid flavors along with Surge.

How the new bottle will effect WCC's Big Spring operation is a wait and see proposition, Ayres said, but optimism is high.

"Obviously, this is a new bottle and a new soft-drink introduction and you never know what will happen until you get things going," Ayres said.

"This could result in added injection capacity for the Big Spring plant down the road since our plant does have the capacity," Ayres said.

The initial blow-out of the new bottle will be in Houston, but will be in Big Spring by March.

The initial estimated number of the new bottles to be shipped is about \$7 million.

According to Ayres, this is just to fill the current pipeline and get the product going.

"We estimate that we will probably be producing about 15 million bolt bottles a month in January and February," Ayres said.

Letter

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"The more troubling question is how the speaker came to mislead the committee about these allegations," Inglis said. "At this point I am seeking more information about that, and I'm looking forward to hearing more from Newt. It's a troubling matter."

Gingrich will address Inglis and his GOP colleagues Monday night at a caucus of all House Republicans.

Gingrich, R-Ga., acknowledged violating House rules by failing to seek proper legal advice on use of tax-exempt contributions for possibly political purposes; and by providing inaccurate statements to the ethics committee about the role of his political organization, GOPAC, in the tax-exempt projects.

In their letter, Goss and Schiff said, "We know of no reason now, nor do we foresee any in the normal course of events in the future, why Newt Gingrich would be ineligible to serve as speaker," ruling out a censure.

Lotkin, who was the ethics committee's chief counsel while Dixon was chairman, said, "Historically, I am unaware of any instance, particularly in the case involving Speaker Wright, in which any member of the committee made any public statements regarding an evaluation of the evidence — or a prediction of the possible outcome of the process."

Lotkin said it was "more than curious" that Goss and Schiff communicated with DeLay, "because of DeLay's status as Republican whip and one of the key defenders of the speaker."

"It is reasonable to conclude that the communication represents a further infusion of politics into what should be non-political peer review before the ethics committee," Lotkin said.

IN BRIEF

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 Runnels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

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 panty hose and canceled stamps still attached to envelopes.

THE HOWARD COUNTY SPELLING Bee is set for March 3-7. Paletela 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 Alison Foster at 353-4574 for a copy of the cook book.

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 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.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL students involved in Distributive Education Clubs of American (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 Sponsor Lee Lowery at the high school at 264-3641, extension 151.

THE WORLD WAR II IWO Jima Survivors Association of Texas is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25 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.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at two.

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.

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 3 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1481, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

Good Shepherd Fellowship 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.

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

MONDAY

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

Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-9633.

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

Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

Big Spring High School Choir Boosters, 7 p.m. BSHS choir room.

Big Spring Outreach Aglow, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Tammy

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 4, 17, 22, 26, 31, 45 PICK 3: 7, 5, 7

POLICE

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

THEFT at Third and Owens; 1100 block of Lamesa; and the 2900 block of Wasson.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 500 block of Aylesford; and the 700 block of W. 1-20.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 2000 block of Runnels; 200 block of Circle; 1000 block of N. Main; and the 700 block of W. Seventh.

GAS THEFT in the 1700 block of Wasson.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1600 block of Bluebird; 2500 block of Hwy 80; and the 500 block of Scott Dr.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1400 block of Lincoln; and the 1700 block of Alabama.

IRENE PARADEZ FLORES, 22, of 2209 Runnels, was arrested for theft under \$50 and for making alcohol available to a minor.

MANUEL LOPEZ, 18, of 1100 Runnels, was arrested as a minor in possession and for theft under \$50.

ASHLEY NICOLE WALKER, 20, of Dallas, was arrested for public intoxication.

JUAN RENTERIA, 47, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

ARTHUR LEON LEWIS, 76, of 2304 Grace, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, not having a valid driver's license, no insurance, failure to signal a left turn and for making an improper left turn.

KEVIN WAYNE WARD, 26, of 3800 Connelly, was arrested on local warrants.

JOHNNY JAMES KIM-BROUGH, 42, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance and for making an illegal left turn.

ARNOLDO BUSTILLO GALVAN, 31, of 614 N.E. Ninth, was arrested on local warrants.

RAFAEL VASQUEZ ORTIZ, 33, of 705 San Antonio, was arrested for public intoxication.

CYNTHIA DUTCHOVER LOPEZ, 31, of 1105 Lamar, was arrested for public intoxication.

ARIEL WAYNE STANSEL, 50, of 3706 Calvan, was arrested for class C assault and family violence.

BOYCE LEE HORTON, 38, of Rt. 2 Box 158, was arrested for public intoxication and urinating in public.

KAYLA HORTON, 33, of Rt. 2 Box 158, was arrested for public intoxication.

JESSIE PEREZ, 37, of 1400 Mesa, was arrested for public intoxication.

JESUS VILLALOBOS, 24, of 1505 Wood, was arrested on local warrants.

JEREMIE WILLIAM EBBERSOLE, 21, of Rt. 2 Box 25, was arrested for public intoxication.

RAYMUNDO GONZALES, 26, of 706 Creighton, was arrested for public intoxication.

ANTHONY ARISTA, 37, of 306 N.E. 10th, was arrested for assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

EDITH ORTEGA, 25, of 2911 W. Hwy 80, was arrested on local warrants.

GUADALUPE LEDEZMA, 45, of 1311 Mobile, was arrested on local warrants.

EMMA NADEY LEESON, 47, of 1014 Sycamore, was arrested on local warrants.

ROYCE WAYNE NOBLE, 33, of Rt. 1 Box 365, was arrested on local warrants.

Brownwood publisher dies from cancer

JASPER, Ala. (AP) — H. Shelton Prince, editor and publisher of the Brownwood (Texas) Bulletin, has died at a Huntsville, Ala., hospital after a 9-year battle with cancer.

Prince, 52, was a vice president of Boone Newspapers and president of its Southwest Operating Group. He had been with the Bulletin since 1989.

Graveside services are planned Friday at 11 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Jasper. Prince was born in nearby Oakman, Ala., and grew up in Cedartown, Ga.

Prince was publisher of The Selma (Ala.) Times-Journal during 1980-89 and the Daily Mountain Eagle in Jasper during 1970-80.

MARKETS

March cotton 75.45 cents a pound, up 30 points; Feb. crude oil 25.71, down 21 points; Cash hogs steady at 55; slaughter steers steady at 67; February lean hog futures 78.35, down 87 points; February live cattle futures 64.95, down 2 points.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 6380.53 Volume 153,951,950

Table with 2 columns: Market Name and Price/Change. Includes entries like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Cabot, Chevron, Chrysler, Cifra, Coca-Cola, De Beers, DuPont, Excel Comm., Enrich, Fina, Ford Motors, Halliburton, IBM, Laser Indus LTD, Medical Alliance, Mobil, Norwest, NUV, Phillips Petroleum, Pepsi Cola, Polaris, Rural/Metro, Sears, Southwestern Bell, Sun, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Euro Pacific, I.C.A., New Economy, New Perspective, Van Kampen, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 73 Wednesday's low 43 Average high 53 Average low 27 Record high 75 in 1965 Record low 2 in 1979 Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.03 Year to date 0.00 Normal for the year 0.03 **Statistics not available

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Geneva "Jay" Rogers, 79, died Thursday. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 James Chancellor, 53, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M., Friday at Terrace Cemetery, Post, Texas. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday.

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Toddler suffers minor injuries in highway shooting

TYLER — Three members of a Bedford family escaped without serious injuries when someone in a passing car fired a gunshot through the rear window of their car as they drove on Interstate 20, authorities say.

Officers said Jeffery and Lisa Anne Eichbalt and their child, who wasn't identified, drove to a convenience store where they called Smith County deputies following the shooting.

Emergency medical personnel gave first aid to the child, who was riding in the car's back seat when glass from the shattered window fell into the seat.

Smith County Sheriff's Sgt. Larry Wiginton said deputies arrested two of three occupants of car matching the description of the one involved in the shooting.

Erasmus Serrato, 19, of Houston, and his brother, Jerardo Serrato, 22, of Dallas, were charged with deadly conduct and injury to a child. They were released from the Smith County Jail late Wednesday after posting \$20,000 bond each.

Wiginton said the Eichbalts were eastbound on the interstate near the U.S. 69 exit in Smith County when the shot was fired into their rear window from a passing Jaguar.

Recreational tracts in demand as farmland moves slowly

HOUSTON — The market for Texas ranch land is continuing to strengthen, with prices rebounding from early-1990s lows and booming interest in property for hunting and other non-agricultural uses.

The land bank association in Devine, southwest of San Antonio, is doing a lively business financing 10-acre parcels of ruggedly attractive land for people who want to live in a rural setting and commute to work.

Rick Rothe, chief executive officer of Devine's Federal Land Bank Association, said doctors and lawyers and big-city business owners are buying ranch-size tracts of 500 acres and larger.

Overall, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas reports the strongest demand for new rural property loans since 1981.

New federal rule forbids dumping into Galveston Bay

HOUSTON — A new federal rule that bars oil and gas producers from dumping wastewater in Galveston Bay has some companies and state regulators upset.

Producers operating along the Texas Gulf Coast have long discharged the fouled water into the bay and other bodies of salt water. The water is used to increase pressure in the wells and improve production.

But Wednesday, an Environmental Protection Agency regulation took effect which requires companies to re-inject the wastewater back into the oil and gas wells, a more expensive practice.

Texas Railroad Commission officials said about 50 oil and gas producers that operate 877 onshore wells along the Gulf Coast are affected by the new rule.

The producers and Railroad Commission officials are upset because they thought the EPA had agreed to let Texas issue special permits to producers whose wastewater met state water quality standards.

President gets power of pen to save money

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the thick of budget negotiations with state lawmakers, Michigan Gov. John Engler once issued this threat: "If you go too far, just watch my pen," he warned, holding the instrument aloft.

Now President Clinton is the first U.S. president to have the same power — the ability to slash with the stroke of a pen budget line items in bills that are otherwise acceptable.

The new authority becomes available with the new year, but in reality Clinton won't be able to use it until Congress sends him the first budget bills in late spring or summer.

It's a power that many American governors have had for decades — a total of 44 at last count. They find it an effective tool to inject discipline into the legislative process and control state spending — although legislatures and Congress can vote to override those decisions.

In 1991, Republican governor Engler used his authority to veto specific dollar amounts in

spending bills to eliminate a \$1.8 billion deficit.

"He struck money from virtually every department — all kinds of nickel and dime things," said Engler spokesman John Truscott.

Last June, Republican Gov. Christie Whitman used her line-item veto pen to cut \$112,000 for a three-person staff of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission which researches issues for Vietnam veterans.

Lawmakers said the loss effectively killed the independent panel after 16 years. Whitman said the commission will continue, with the state veterans department handling its tasks instead. A spokesman said the panel's independent staff was a luxury taxpayers could no longer afford.

In Wisconsin, Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson has issued more than 1,500 vetoes — most line items — to stop \$850 million in tax and spending hikes.

"Our boss has been very

aggressive in using it," said Kevin Keane, spokesman for Thompson.

Thompson used the veto often during his first term in 1987 against what he saw as excesses of a Democratic-controlled legislature, Keane said. Republicans were so delighted that one lawmaker gave Thompson a 6-foot yellow pencil, now on display in the governor's office.

"If you're serious about balancing the budget and controlling spending and taxes, it's essential for the executive branch to have that authority," Keane said.

Clinton has said the line-item veto will help cut "special-interest boondoggles, tax loopholes and pure pork" by increasing presidential discretion over spending. He's eager to use it, his aides say.

The way it works is the president would sign a spending bill and then act within five days to reject an item. He could not rewrite spending figures — only reject them entirely — but he

could cancel spending for new entitlement programs or eliminate tax breaks benefiting groups of fewer than 100.

Congress then could pass a bill to reinstate the specific spending. And if the president vetoed that, a two-thirds vote in Congress would be required to override him.

Stanley Collender, a federal budget expert at Burson-Marsteller, noted that the president's ability is limited compared to governors who can reduce the size of a budget item. "For most states, the governor's line-item veto is more encompassing and gives them more discretion than the president's," he said.

Critics don't believe the line-item veto is all it's cracked up to be. Brian Roherty, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers, sees it as a club the executive branch may use in negotiations with lawmakers — but not particularly as a money-saving tool.

Palestinian militants vow revenge for soldier's attack

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian militants vowed today to exact revenge for an Israeli soldier's shooting in a crowded market, while Israeli and Palestinian leaders tried to finalize the overdue deal that would put most of the city under Palestinian control.

The militant group Islamic Jihad, which has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks against Israel, said it would avenge the shooting that wounded five Palestinians.

"The Islamic Jihad affirm to its masses and nation that the crime of the enemy against our innocent people will not pass without a punishment," it said in a leaflet.

The Palestinian group Hamas — which killed dozens of

Israelis in suicide bombings last year — also vowed revenge, Israeli media reported.

The soldier said he was trying to scuttle an emerging agreement between Israel and the Palestinians to withdraw Israeli troops from most of Hebron, the last West Bank city still under Israeli occupation.

The violence did not interrupt negotiations on the troop withdrawal. Mahmoud Abbas, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's deputy, and Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai met for nine hours into early today at the U.S. ambassador's home trying to resolve remaining issues.

Netanyahu's top policy adviser, David Bar-Illan, said progress was made and that

"there is a possibility, even a probability, that the two men (Arafat and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu) will meet today."

Arafat consulted with his negotiators Thursday at his Gaza City headquarters, and was to meet later in the day with U.S. envoy Dennis Ross. Ross has urged Netanyahu and Arafat not to let the violence scuttle their agreement.

President Clinton called Arafat to express his sadness about the shooting.

"I asked him to convey my condolences to the families," Clinton said. "I just said, you know this shows you that the longer this goes on, the more difficult it is. We need to bear down and go on."

Netanyahu also called Arafat to condemn the shooting, which he said would only spur the two sides to try to reach agreement.

The deal would remove Israeli troops — almost a year late — from four-fifths of Hebron, where 500 Jews live amid 130,000 Palestinians.

Most of the discussions have centered on how to protect Jews in Hebron. After Wednesday's shooting, Palestinian negotiators said the talks should now focus on protecting the 20,000 Palestinians who will remain under Israeli control even after the Israeli pullback.

The gunman, Noam Friedman, recently was expelled from a Jewish seminary and had been advised to seek psychiatric help.

Teachers get more bang for buck by building their own computers

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — By combining high-tech skills with old-fashioned thriftiness, King High School business teachers are helping bring their school to the front lines of the technological revolution.

Knowing that King had been allotted about \$68,000 in state funds for a new computer lab, business education teachers Trish Panknin and Patty Robinson figured they could get more bang for their technological buck by building their own computers instead of buying pre-assembled machines.

On Dec. 14, with the assistance of about 50 Corpus Christi school district staff, college and university faculty and community members, they did just that.

In four hours, the group, made up mostly of people who had never built a computer before, put together 42 new Pentium 100s — enough new machines for two computer

labs. That's twice as many, Panknin said, as they would have been able to buy with pre-assembled machines.

"We got two rooms for the price of one," Panknin said.

The idea was born last summer after Panknin and Robinson took a Del Mar College course in computer design and then built their own computers at a workshop sponsored by a division of NASA, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Prairie View A&M University.

"I had never built a computer before," Panknin said. "They worked."

The teachers shopped around for good deals on hardware and software and then enlisted help from school district consultants and faculty at Del Mar, A&M-Corpus Christi and Prairie View A&M in setting up the computer-building workshop. "It was such a bargain,"

Panknin said. "We got two new labs for our students, and the teachers got very valuable training."

Many computer teachers are former typing teachers who have, through years of workshops, seminars and self-training, become their schools' computer gurus, Panknin said.

The experience of building their own computers, Panknin said, will help teachers troubleshoot technology problems and upgrade the computers.

"We can't fix everything, but we're learning," Panknin said. CCISD computer consultant Stefan Wilkens, who assisted with the project, said the new computers will be technologically current for four or five years and can be upgraded.

With some of the savings on the computers, the school was able to buy new business and word processing software, which the students will learn to use and install themselves.

Family Medical Center of Big Spring and S. "Steve" Ahmed, M. D.

Dr. S. "Steve" Ahmed of Family Medical Center of Big Spring is a pediatric specialist. He worked four years in a rural health setting and completed a residency in pediatrics at Columbia Presbyterian, Columbia University, New York City. Dr. Ahmed is on the staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and he and his wife, Lucy, and their children, Loveita and Schon, make their home in Big Spring. They are avid supporters of community and school projects.

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"The crime problem is in part an overdue debt that the country must pay for ignoring for decades the conditions that breed lawlessness." - Chief Justice Earl Warren

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OUR VIEWS

Rapes reminding us to know one another

The rapes of two Big Spring women within the last two weeks have reminded us that the world we live in today — even here in this proud community most of us find comfortable — is not the one in which many of us grew up and understood.

No longer are we safely able to leave our doors unlocked, not even when we're home. And quite often, we can't count on neighbors to keep an eye on our homes and possessions when we're away.

Most of us don't know our neighbors anymore. In some cases, something of an "ignorance is bliss" attitude, we've almost gotten to the point that we're fearful of learning much about those living around us.

It doesn't take a degree in sociology to realize that today's norm of a two-income family, which leaves residential neighborhoods virtually deserted during the day, has been the major impact in creating the need to virtually redefine our concept of the word neighbor's meaning.

As a result, police are currently reminding women of some common sense steps they can take to reduce the possibility of becoming sexual assault victims — keeping doors and windows shut and locked and installing exterior lighting; remaining cognizant that they can become victims; being prepared for the "what if"; and making sure they have cellular phones available and ready to call 9-1-1 without looking at the keypad.

It would also seem there also needs to be new emphasis put on establishing Neighborhood Watch programs. Whether it's comfortable or not, we need to know who our neighbors are and be able to depend on one another in any emergency.

In Big Spring and Howard County, we're going to find our neighbors, for the most part, are the sort we want to know, as well as the kind of people we on which we can depend.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton, whose inauguration is just a few weeks away, has said he wants to make his historical mark in his second term, and the advice has been pouring in from butchers, bakers and candlestick makers, not to mention columnists, historians and fellow politicians. On the theory that we, too, should have some of this fun, we hereby prescribe the right course of action, which is for the president not to get too hung up on the idea of greatness, but to focus instead on dealing competently with the problems facing him.

Striving for a stellar place in history is OK, we suppose, if it serves as a goad to excellence. It also has its dangers, such as leading one to grandiose actions when a bit of the mundane would be better all around. And you need look no further than ordinary folk wisdom to learn there are certain things you seldom achieve by seeking them directly. Happiness, for instance, is seldom encountered when pursued as a thing in itself. Greatness is much the same. In physics, Newton and Einstein didn't achieve it by seeking it, but rather by applying their extraordinary minds to problems that were confounding their peers.

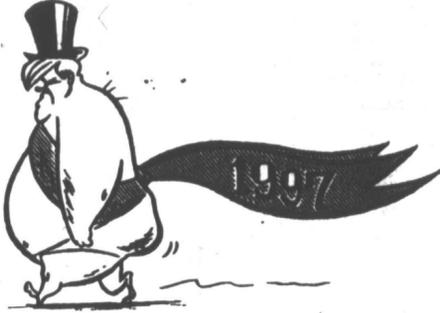
The best thing for President Clinton, we humbly submit, is for him to take on some unglamorous but hugely important chores, among them reforming the nation's entitlement programs within the next several years, especially Social Security. Some restructuring is the only way those programs will be preserved for future generations without eventually gulping up most of the budget by themselves or requiring egregious tax increases. President Clinton's

commendable goal of balancing the budget cannot be accomplished without first enacting entitlement reforms. The means are at hand — reducing annual Social Security benefit increases to something more nearly approximating the actual inflation rate and creation of a hybrid private-public system.

In foreign affairs, nothing may matter more than China, now beginning to emerge as a superpower but also continuing to behave very much as a rogue state. China continues to oppress the innocent at home and to ignore the rules of trade and non-belligerent conduct in its dealings with other lands. At this point, China needs the United States more than the United States needs China, and the opportunity exists to begin forging a mutually beneficial relationship in which China is a responsible partner.

These two issues scarcely exhaust a list of the problems President Clinton should persistently chip away at, such as racial divisiveness, underclass deprivations, an unfathomable tax code, international terrorism and nuclear proliferation, but if he neglects these two, and especially entitlements, he can put aside once and forever any notion of greatness. He will be rated a failure. Entitlements and relations with China are right now the primary issues that confront Clinton, not a second Great Depression or a second Civil War, and how he deals with them will determine how he gets measured, even if they do not seem the stuff that will cause future historians to scribble up an adulatory storm.

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE



Money-grubbing hacks take over politics

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — A new era of American politics — cheerless, dishonest, uninspired and even lacking diversion as entertainment — arrived long before the arrival of the new year and the new century, and the outlook continues to be grim.

The American president and head of the Democratic Party is a man lacking backbone and candor who displays imaginative leadership only in saving himself and his tattered public reputation. The speaker of the House of Representatives, third in line in succession to the presidency and the Republican Party's most widely known and influential leader, rivals the president in pettiness, calculation and official misstatement.

That's some awkward fix to be in for the nation and its people in the closing years of the 20th century. The great issue between the top leaders of the two political parties is who's a liar and who's covering up after the lying. And supporters of the president and the speaker defend their champions by pointing at the other side and yelling that "he's a

bigger one." The romanticized version of how we fell into the hands of expensive political manipulators and two-bit politicians might be the fading away of a post-World War II generation of public men and women who lived through both the Great Depression and the war and were drawn to public office in a sense of idealism and service.

Inviting as that vision was and remains to the dwindling band of Americans — including this one — whose nostalgia occasionally overcomes common sense, the end of that time had arrived before Bob Dole lost the 1996 presidential election to President Clinton, a man young enough to be Dole's son. It actually arrived even before the 1992 election when Clinton defeated then-President Bush, the last American president to have served in the military in World War II.

More profound than the exit of aging Americans who may or may not have been pure and honest in their politics has been the mounting evidence, in campaign after campaign, that more and more people holding themselves out for election are not suited to lead and inspire in public office but — more likely — just willing clay in

the hands of professional manipulators.

The concept of the molded and packaged candidate didn't arrive with the success of President Clinton's run for reelection in a campaign and a candidacy shaped by Richard Morris, one of that band of well-paid professionals who nowadays, quite literally, can turn political dung into donuts and earn glittering reputations in selling such stuff to American voters.

Packaging has been around a long time, certainly since it was used in the 1972 Robert Redford movie, "The Candidate," and even farther back to the 1947 masterpiece of political comment in the movies, "The Senator Was Indiscreet."

The striking difference between then and now would be that the packaging process has evolved from a sometime aberration to a normal process in our representative democracy, where money in great amounts buys the skills of the handlers along with acres and hours of deliberately misleading advertising that produce — well, a President Clinton or almost any member of Congress or any sitting governor, even state legislators and

city council members.

We are governed by hacks, not party hacks of an old school tradition who for better or worse owed some allegiance to their parties, but money-raising hacks whose allegiances are to free-spending special interest PACs and circles of wealthy donors, all of whom want something out of their narrow interest in good government and are willing and able to buy it.

So we have a re-elected president leading us into four more years of erosion of his personal stature and effectiveness with whatever that costs the nation. And we have a Republican opposition, its leadership in a state of collapse and the party chewing itself to pieces on the margins of the nation's important interests.

It's no national tragedy that many honorable and able politicians of the World War II generation have been pushed aside. The sadder prospect is that honorable and able people who might replace them prefer not to dirty themselves in what's become such pointless, contrived and dirty business.

(Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

Exploring the environmental angle on the Lippo story

By CRAIG PAUL ROBERTS
Scripps Howard News Service

President Clinton's critics have been murmuring that he sold U.S. foreign policy in exchange for a small fortune in illegal foreign campaign contributions. It appears that his critics are on to something, but that it is U.S. domestic policy that he sold to the powerful Indonesian conglomerate known as the Lippo Group in exchange for illegal contributions that Mr. Clinton has been forced to return.

President Clinton stands accused of locking up the most valuable deposits of environment-friendly coal in the world to the benefit of the second largest deposit, the South Kalimantan coal fields of Borneo, Indonesia.

When President Clinton issued his executive order last September designating 1.7 million acres in southwest Utah as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, he waxed eloquently about the natural beauty of the remote area. Mr. Clinton gave the impression that he was courting the environmentalist vote, but his executive order stopped the U.S. mining industry from going

ahead with plans to mine the valuable "supercompliance" coal. By keeping \$1 trillion of U.S. coal off the market, Mr. Clinton greatly increased the value of the Indonesian coal.

Sarah Foster broke the story last fall around election time in an obscure mining newsletter. It was not a story that the pro-Clinton prestige media wanted to know about, but the day after Christmas Associated Press reporter Karen Gallo noted that "the Jakarta-based Lippo corporation has business interests related to coal" and that by creating another national monument in Utah, Mr. Clinton "dashed plans to tap a huge reserve of environment-friendly coal." Sarah Foster put it more bluntly: "With a stroke of his pen he wiped out the only significant competition to Indonesian coal interests in the world market."

If investigators look further, they will probably find that President Clinton's appointees to the Environmental Protection Agency are tightening up the air quality regulations, thus raising the demand for the low-polluting coal that U.S. utilities will now have to import from Indonesia. One Florida utility, Tampa Electric

Co., has already signed a long-term contract to purchase 400,000 tons a year of Indonesian coal.

The rise in the demand for its coal is a boon for Indonesia. Sarah Foster reports that to handle the shipping of the increased coal production, new shipping terminals are under construction. The massive investments and massive contracts are unlikely to bypass the Lippo conglomerate.

The Clinton Administration apparently had a direct connection to Lippo through John Huang, who left employment with Lippo with a \$780,000 severance bonus to become a U.S. Commerce Department official. Mr. Huang is also suspected of having influenced President Clinton's decision to end the trade embargo against Vietnam, a decision that facilitated the expansion of Lippo's investments into that country. Mr. Huang also appears to have arranged the illegal political contributions from Asians that now appear to be the payoff for Mr. Clinton's executive order taking U.S. "Envirocoal" off the market.

While the extraordinary Clinton saga unfolds, the media focuses the public's attention

on the ethical lapses of House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Democrats and liberal editors believe that Mr. Gingrich deserves severe punishments, not the least of which is his removal as Speaker. The House Ethics Committee has completed its report, and this is what was found:

Mr. Gingrich taught a college course financed by three educational foundations and GOPAC, a Republican political action committee. GOPAC's participation makes the course look as if it might have been politically partisan — a designation that would apply to virtually every course taught in the politically correct university world. But as Republican politicians are held to a higher standard than liberal professors, Mr. Gingrich is guilty of the appearance of impropriety for using political money to teach history.

His other offense is to have reported GOPAC's participation on the first form that he submitted, but not on a subsequent form prepared by his lawyer. Obviously, if Mr. Gingrich intended to mislead anyone, he would never have reported GOPAC's participation in the first place.

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New calendar helps children of divorce track lives

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The idea is a simple one: try to make life a little easier for children of divorce by providing them with a colorful calendar to keep track of their two-track lives.

As a divorce attorney and family mediator in Albuquerque, N.M., Roberta Beyer knows first-hand how difficult it can be for kids to figure out which parent they'll be with on which day.

"I carry a fancy dateplanner, and I thought, what about these little kids who go back and forth between parents? How do they manage it?" Beyer said in a recent interview.

So Beyer, working with a friend who is a graphic designer, created "My Two Homes: The Divorce Calendar for Kids."

"My goal is to make this easier for parents and especially for their children. Divorce is an adult solution. Only in rare instances is it good for children," said Beyer.

"I wanted to create something happy for children to help them and to make them feel more involved."

Priced at \$16.95, the calendar is sold as a package that includes a 15-page calendar pad, two pens, and 444 colorful stickers that allow children to personalize the calendar. The 12-by-24-inch calendar, which is cheaper when purchased in bulk quantities, can be started at any time, since "people get divorced any time of the year," Beyer said.

Stickers include ones that say "Mom" and "Dad" to help kids remember which parent they'll be with on a certain day, as well as "Mom/Dad" and "Dad/Mom" stickers for those days when kids switch from one house to another.

Other stickers include ones to commemorate birthdays, dentist visits, holidays and lessons. There are even 15 blank stickers to allow kids to create their own reminders.

The stickers can be purchased separately for \$9 if kids and their parents want to use their own calendars, and separate sheets of stickers also can be ordered if kids run out of ones they need, Beyer said.

"It comes in any variation people need," she added. "We broke it down so people can

order stuff individually."

The "My Two Homes" calendar has been on the market for a little less than a year, and so far Beyer has sold about 1,000 copies. But she still hasn't broken even, despite her efforts to use direct mail to interest divorce attorneys and mediators in the calendar.

"I'm hoping at some point to get it into a bookstore chain," she said. "But that's very difficult.... It's hard to sell anything in America if you can't throw a ton of money at it."

Once she had the idea for the calendar, Beyer tried it out on the 10-year-old daughter of her fiancé. The experience of her fiancé's children — he also has a teen-age son — is typical: each kid has a different schedule with his or her parents.

In addition to helping older kids keep track of their schedules, the calendar allows younger children, with their limited concept of time, to visualize how long it will be until they see Mommy or Daddy again, Beyer said.

The calendar has one other use, this one for adults who need a record of the time they spend with their children.

"A lot of times, you have to figure out child support based on the actual time-sharing schedule parents have," Beyer said. "This way, people can create an actual record."

It took Beyer and her graphic designer friend, Cyd Riley, about six months to develop a prototype calendar. Since Riley lives in Oregon, much of their work was done by telephone and by computer.

"I still can't believe that I actually thought of something like this that somebody else hadn't dreamed up before," Beyer laughed.

Beyer has received mostly positive responses from people who have seen the "My Two Homes" calendar. A few others, however, see it as a "sick thing."

"Divorce is a sad thing," Beyer said. "I think some people are sad that there's even a need for something like this.... But, for people who are divorced, they really latch onto this thing and love it."

To order the "My Two Homes" calendar, call 1-800-244-1761 or write LadyBug Press; P.O. Box 7249; Albuquerque, N.M.; 87194-7249.

New books are helpful for children of divorce

Scrapps Howard News Service

Explaining divorce to children is excruciatingly painful for most parents.

Now, there's some help for both young children and young adults with three new books.

Here are short reviews of all three books:

• Fred Rogers, better known as TV's laid-back "Mr. Rogers," believes children going through parents' divorce must understand it is all right for them to express their feelings of anger, sadness and hurt.

In "Let's Talk About It: Divorce" (G.P. Putnam's, \$7.95), Rogers attempts to gently guide children through the kinds of feelings they might experience because of their parents' divorce.

• When Thea Joselow's parents were getting divorced, she combed the library and bookstores for books that could offer advice or comfort. She found next to nothing,

however, since most of the books about divorce are aimed at adults, not children or teenagers.

So Thea teamed up with her mother, Beth Baruch Joselow, to write "When Divorce Hits Home: Keeping Yourself Together When Your Family Comes Apart" (Avon, \$11).

The Joselows interviewed numerous young adults, ranging in age from 16 through 28, who have been through divorce and were eager to tell their stories, share advice about coping with such practical problems as how to decide which parent pays for the next pair of blue jeans.

• Vicki Lansky says nobody ever expects to be a divorced parent. Lansky should know.

The divorced mother of two now-grown children, Lansky applies her personal experience to the subject of how to deal with children in a divorce situation in an informative new book, "Vicki Lansky's Divorce Book for Parents" (The Book Peddlers, \$6.99).

The 12 days of Christmas aren't over yet

By CARROLL KOHL

Guest Columnist

I overheard a conversation Dec. 27 which went something like, "Why haven't you taken down your Christmas decorations yet. Christmas is over and gone. Are you lazy or something?" I didn't enter into the conversation, although I would have liked to. It's perfectly proper (some people feel, especially merchants) to put up Christmas decorations in November and try to get everyone in the "Christmas mood" which by interpretation means "start buying things." But the day after Christmas, forget it. Take it down. Either throw it away or store it for next year.

This attitude is rather recent in history of the Christian community, and you do remember the celebration of Christmas came from the Christian community long before the merchants and Santa Claus got hold of it. In past centuries and generations, the Christmas tree was put up by the family on Christmas Eve as a family activity and celebration to rejoice in the

birth of Jesus. Then for the next 12 days, the family and community celebrated the joy and excitement of the Son of God born in Bethlehem until Jan. 6 which is Epiphany. The

Men when they first saw the star and then killed all the children two years of age and younger. This was probably to make sure all children born since the star appeared would

In past centuries, the Christmas tree was put up by the family on Christmas Eve as a family activity and celebration to rejoice in the birth of Jesus.

word means "manifestation" of "appearing" and refers to the appearing of the star to the Wise Men who came and worshiped Jesus.

In our decorations and art, we usually place the shepherds (who went to the manger the night Jesus was born) and the Wise Men (who might have arrived in Bethlehem as much as two years later) as contemporary worshippers of the Christ Child. There are two clues in Scripture, in addition to the non-Scripture traditions, which give support to this.

One is Jesus was in the manger when the shepherds got there, and he was in a house (Matthew 2:11) when the Wise Men got there. Also the fact Herod asked the Wise

be killed in his massacre.

Thus, the 12 days of Christmas from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6 were special days of celebration to Christians. And it might just be that these days are still special to some present-day Christians. The next time you see Christmas decorations still up and Christmas lights still burning after Dec. 25, it might well be the person is not just slow in getting the decorations down, but may be intentionally celebrating the 12 days of Christmas, the ancient Christmas season, and is ignoring the "commercial" Christmas season. In fact, wouldn't it be great if we all did?

Carroll Kohl is minister at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Maza maker grinding to a halt

EL PASO — Elvira Vasquez has lived a run-of-the-mill life for the past 44 years: Every day she worked at the small maza-making business she learned from her husband in her youth.

But Tuesday, her daily routine of grinding corn into maza and greeting her customers with a splendid smile will come to a dramatic halt.

The doors to Elminuto Molina will close forever at the end of business Tuesday. The modest but popular South El Paso specialty store has been selling maza for tamales and corn tortillas for more than 60 years — the majority of them under Vasquez.

"I'll miss talking with the people, seeing my friends and just spending the day seeing different people walk in and out of my store," the petite 65-year-old woman said. "But I'm just tired. There's no other reason. It's time for me to quit working and give my arms a rest."

Mrs. Vasquez learned the business from her husband, who died 30 years ago.

At age 21, Mrs. Vasquez married into the business run by her husband's family. At first, she hesitated to get anywhere near the corn grinder or the

messa maza. In one short year, however, she learned all there was to know about the business.

Elminuto Molina produced about 150 to 200 pounds of maza daily. But business boomed during the holidays when families prepared to celebrate with the traditional tamales. Mrs. Vasquez sold anywhere from 500 to 800 pounds of maza daily during the Christmas holiday.

"We're going to miss her and the maza," said Carolina PaDez, a regular customer who travels from the East Side to buy her batch of maza every winter. "This is where you came if you wanted the best maza around. There's no substitute."

Hundreds of customers like Ms. PaDez will have to scramble to find a replacement because few stores sell the fresh-made maza anymore. Instead, many bakeries sell ready-made tamales.

"Maybe somebody will take over that can keep the business going, but I don't think there's a big market anymore," Mrs. Vasquez said.

Mrs. Vasquez plans to sell the store, but believes it won't be an easy task departing with it.

CAREER CORNER

Occupational title: Stationary Engineer

Duties: They repair and operate stationary engines to provide electricity for buildings, homes, and industrial plants.

Working environment: Their work is done inside most of the time. They may have to work some weekends, some holidays, and rotate shifts.

Helpful high school classes: Regular academic program, graphics, metal trades, computer, chemistry, electronics and physics.

Continuing education/training: The most common method of receiving training for this program is apprenticeship, and on the job training.

Special organizations: A stationary engineer might belong to the International Union of Operating Engineers, or United Automobile Workers.

Salary: In 1995, the average starting salary was \$29,930.

Job prospects: Poor to average. How the deregulation of utility companies will affect the job market is unknown at this time.

Making a living and making a difference can go hand-in-hand

Scrapps Howard News Service

As you drive the familiar streets to your familiar job with those familiar faces, a voice inside asks:

"Is this all there is? Shouldn't I make more of a difference in the world?"

At the same time, a practical voice reminds you that you like your job and you need your paycheck.

Some introspection is a good thing. Go ahead and look at yourself, your job, workplace and community. Opportunities to make a difference are hidden within that familiar territory. And there are role models.

Take secretary Teddi D'Errico, for instance. Co-workers and clients bask in the warmth of her smile at

Armstrong Realty in Riverside, Calif. D'Errico senses when someone is having a down day and makes gentle inquiries. She remembers birthdays and she asks about family.

D'Errico loves people. "I look at the best in everybody," she says. "I try to make the best of a situation when it's negative."

Beyond that, she finds the feeling difficult to express. "It's just a good feeling for myself and for others."

With your eyes open to options, you may see many ways to contribute right where you are. Concerned about the environment? How about encouraging telecommuting to cut down on employee miles on the freeways? How about designing an efficient way for your company to recycle floppy

disks or packing materials?

Whatever your concerns and interest, there is volunteer work to be done. This you can do on your own, without endangering your paycheck.

Eventually, your volunteerism could lead to a paying position or even a career switch to something closer to your heart.

Melissa Everett has lots more ideas in "Making a Living While Making a Difference: A Guide to Creating Careers With a Conscience."

Her wisdom has grown from her own journey: Resigning from a job that held no meaning for her (computer programming), running out of money and gradually moving into a multi-faceted career (writing, career counseling and fund-

raising for Global Action Plan) that sustains her both financially and spiritually.

"Over the years I learned what worked for me and began sharing ideas with widening peer-support networks," she writes.

Now she has a private practice counseling clients who are discontented with their work. They think they need to change everything, Everett says.

"I say the opposite. Look at the small significant changes you can make and sustain right now."

If you want to make changes on the job, Everett advises learning the basics and becoming a valuable part of the workplace first. Then bring your whole self to work and incorporate your personal values in as

many ways as you can, she writes.

Jennifer Lopez of Riverside brings her full self to work as a registered nurse at Kaiser Permanente in Fontana and for a company that provides in-home care for pediatric patients.

Lopez was a mom and a medical technician who became a nurse to help support her family. Then sick babies found their way into her heart.

"I stayed in it because I went into neonatal," she says. "I just love doing what I do there, taking care of the babies." Since her own daughter was born premature, Lopez has a special bond with fragile newborns and their parents.

When the newborns are critically ill and close to dying,

Lopez admits that it's very, very stressful. "Watching them recover and go home is where the rewards are."

"Continuing education helps the burnout not be so severe, just opening your mind to new and different techniques that you can develop."

Lopez is moving into management, which she believes will help her give even more to her profession. "I think my career is very much worth it. I would choose to do nothing else."

There are many ways to make a difference where you are, perhaps moving within your job, perhaps creating new ideas in your current position.

You may find a way to donate your skills in off-hours to a group that helps people.

S L I C E of life!

Car care:

(NAPS) - Tips for caring for your car during the winter:

- The onset of winter is the perfect time to flush the radiator and refill it with 50-50 mixture of water and antifreeze. Belts, hoses and all clamps should be checked as well.
- Nothing protects an engine better in cold weather than routinely changing the oil and replacing it with a high performance oil.
- A fully-charged battery is the best way to ensure starting when the mercury drops. A battery is 100 percent effective when the temperature is 80 degrees, but that same battery is only 40 percent effective when the temperature reaches zero.
- Proper tire inflation is essential, especially during the winter months when cold weather can deflate the air in a tire. Tires also should have sufficient tread and be rotated so they don't wear unevenly.
- In addition to tires, brakes should also be thoroughly inspected for winter driving months with the possibility of ice and snow.
- Be prepared by having a winter driving kit in your car that includes: extra clothing, blankets, flares, a shovel, a bag of sand, jumper cables and a quality emergency tire inflator/sealer. Keep gas tank at least half full and follow owner's manual for vehicle maintenance schedules.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Recycle your Christmas cards

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.

Spelling bee books available

The Howard County Spelling Bee is set for March 3-7, 1997. Paieda spelling bee books are now available at the Big Spring Herald. To order yours, contact Katy McAteer at 263-7331.

THE LAST WORD

God created things by naming them; the artist recreates them by taking their name off or giving them a new name. —Marcel Proust

To succeed in chaining the multitude, you must seem to wear the same fetters. —Voltaire

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century. —Mark Twain

Putting his dental skills to comic use

Scripps Howard News Service

It's amazing how a few ounces of dental work can transform a person's looks, and perhaps even a person's personality.

The dentist who makes a really good set of dentures is the dentist who will get calls from his patients thanking him for changing their lives.

That was the galvanizing opener for a dental class on how to set false teeth precisely.

Rich Bailey, then a sophomore at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in Alton, Ill., was sitting in the class, dutifully lining up central incisors with lateral incisors when he felt an urge to get creative.

He angled one front tooth on his model a little to the side. The comic effect of the snaggle was instantaneous.

He slanted a couple more, removed a few to create a spacious gap. This time the effect was thrillingly gross. The teeth dared him to look at them. Their power of suggestion was such that a whole goofy personality crystallized around them.

"I thought to myself, 'If I can figure out a way to get these things in my mouth, they are going to drive people crazy,'" Bailey, 25, recalled.

This breakthrough brainstorm has evolved today into Billy-Bob Teeth Inc. of Michael, Ill. (toll-free phone 888-245-9262) Billy-Bob manufactures the most realistic set of rotten choppers you've ever seen.

The teeth are so believable the most common (and gratifying) reaction is paralyzed politeness. Bailey and his partner and cohort Jonah White, 24, once wore their Billy-Bob Teeth on a double blind date.

As White remembers, "We went a full 15 minutes with the teeth in and we didn't overdo it. When we took them out and showed they were fake, those girls were so-o-o-o grateful. You talk about a great icebreaker! They were putty in our hands after that."

As every inventor with a great idea learns, it's a long haul from thinking up a gizmo to getting the finished product into a customer's hands, or mouth.

Bailey and White had two advantages developing and marketing their teeth, in addition to their mothers who let them set up the first production lines at home in Highland, Ill., and who still keep the books.

First, thanks to dental school, Bailey knew his medium, and he moved quickly past the prototype stage. Billy-Bob Teeth are constructed of the same acrylic and crown-and-bridge material as dentists use for their respectable efforts.

The stuff that makes Billy-Bob teeth fit so snugly is the goop used by dentists for impressions of teeth. Using materials that are approved by the American Dental Association not only adds to the realism and the comfort of the teeth, it meets health requirements.

"Nobody's come to check us out yet, but when they do, we're ready for them," Bailey said. "We've saved every single receipt showing what dental supply houses we bought from." A second advantage for marketing and promoting is the two irrepressible cutups, who are just the right duo for this tilted enterprise. The pair has been on the "Today Show" and on Fox Network news.

They think nothing about popping in a set of teeth and walking up to someone taking a smoking break on the street and saying, "You shouldn't do that. It's unhealthy. And it's real bad for yer teeth."

The personality Bailey envisioned when he sat in dental class staring at the snaggle teeth has been fully realized. The sets of teeth (priced at \$19.95 each) come with a sheet printed with tasteless jokes and one-liners for "pickin' up chicks the Billy-Bob way." Optional purchases include "birth control" glasses (\$8), an abscess like a white pimple (\$10) and a particularly fetching rotten gum option (\$5).

Bailey did graduate from dental school, near the top of his class. "These teeth can change your social life," White said. "They're a lot more fun. Going through the drive-through at McDonald's never has to be boring again."

The Mini Page

Important Events of the New Year A Kid's 1997 Calendar

Keep this 1997 calendar and watch out for coming special events.

January

1 New Year's Day
10 Ramadan, Islamic month of fasting, begins
15 Benjamin Franklin's birthday

February

2 African-American History Month
7 Groundhog Day
14 Chinese New Year - Year of the Ox

March

20 Inauguration Day
20 Martin Luther King holiday
26 Super Bowl XXXI

April

12 Abraham Lincoln's birthday
14 Valentine's Day
17 Presidents' Day

May

1 Asian-Pacific Heritage Month
5 Law Day
10 Be Kind to Animals Week

June

15 Dairy Month
15 National Little League Baseball Week
17 Flag Day

July

1 National Hot Dog Month
4 National Recreation and Parks Month

August

5 Children's Vision and Learning Month
10 National Smile Week
25-30 Little League Baseball World Series

September

1 Labor Day
8 International Literacy Day
15-15 Oct. National Hispanic Heritage Month

October

2 Rosh Hashanah
5-11 Fire Prevention Week
13 Columbus Day celebrated

November

2-8 Chemistry Week
11 Veterans Day
16-22 Geography Awareness Week

December

7 Pearl Harbor Day
21 First day of winter
24 Hanukkah

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Simple Swiss Tomatoes

You'll need:

- 4 tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup dried bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup Swiss cheese, grated

What to do:

- Place tomato halves in a baking dish.
- Combine remaining ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.
- Place equal amounts of mixture in bowl on each tomato half.
- Broil in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 minutes. Serves 4.

CALENDARS FIND

Words that remind us of calendars are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: CALENDAR, DATE, YEAR, MONTH, DAY, WEEK, MAY, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are putting up a new calendar. See if you can find:

- drum
- kite
- fish
- sailboat
- muffin
- apple
- sock
- peanut
- teapot
- ruler
- letter C
- number 3
- pig's face
- marshmallow

• number 7 = pumpkin • number 8 = knife

Calendar fact-a-roonies

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HOW MUCH DIRT IS THERE IN A HOLE 1 FOOT WIDE AND 1 FOOT DEEP?
IT'S A HOLE, SO THERE'S NO DIRT IN IT!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: How does a car go if it has a horn but no motor or wheels?
A: Beep, beep!
(both sent in by Ryan Woolfolk)

Q: Why did the ghost ride the elevator?
A: To raise his spirits!
(sent in by Stephanie Parker)

Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

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Gator - MI Canine 20, West Va. 13		College basketball
Clare - Tami 48, Northwestern 28		California at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., ch. 28
Cotton - BYU 19, Kansas State 13		
Boys - Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17		
Florida - Penn St. 28, Texas 15		

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Irvin 'looking forward' to talk with police

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin says he wasn't at teammate Erik Williams' home the night a woman claimed she was raped there.

The wide receiver also says he looks forward to answering investigators' questions.

A 23-year-old woman filed a police report Monday accusing Irvin of pointing a gun to her head while Williams and another man allegedly raped her at Williams' home Sunday night. Sources told The Associated Press the woman told police Irvin videotaped at least part of the alleged incident.

Irvin, Williams and the third man, none of whom has been charged with any crime in the alleged incident, were expected

to be questioned by police as early as today.

"I'm looking forward to helping and cooperating in any way I can," Irvin said Wednesday.

"I'm also looking forward to seeing how you guys go rewrite, reprint, rerun all these things about what happened Sunday night when you find out that I wasn't even at Erik's house," Irvin told reporters.

"I'm real anxious to see how that's going to happen. Can you run it with the same intensity that you ran this other stuff? Can you run it with the same intensity? I want to see if it's possible."

Police on Wednesday said they were reviewing the tape and preparing to interview the two players.

"At some point after that, we'll be prepared to talk about what charges might be filed, if any," police Sgt. Jim Chandler said.

Irvin, 30, is already on probation for a drug offense after pleading no contest in July to cocaine possession charges. At his sentencing, the judge threatened to put him in prison for 20 years if he violated probation.

Williams, a 28-year-old offensive lineman selected for the 1997 Pro Bowl, has declined comment.

During a search of Williams' house Tuesday, police seized several tapes and a video camera.

Despite reports that Irvin's voice was heard on the tape,

lead police investigator Ross Salverino said no voices on the tape have been identified.

"We have no idea whether there's even a voice on the tape," Salverino said. "We have not even attempted to identify anybody on the tape."

Investigators said they had tentatively identified the third man, but declined to release his name.

Two friends of the woman said she told them Monday morning that the men threatened to beat her if she didn't "act like she was having fun" during the alleged assault.

"She had bruises all over her legs and back," one of the friends told The Dallas Morning News.

The friends, who asked not to

be identified, said the woman works at a cosmetics counter in a mall and met the players while doing makeup for the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

The allegations come as the Cowboys seek to repeat as Super Bowl champions. They have won five Super Bowls, three in the last four years.

Coach Barry Switzer said in a conference call Wednesday that both Irvin and Williams were expected to suit up for Sunday's NFC divisional playoff against the Carolina Panthers.

"Both of them will play," Switzer said.

"I don't think that anything's going to happen. Why in the hell haven't they been arrested right now?" Switzer said. "You know, that's my attitude. Why

did the police department have a press conference and not even arrest anybody? It kind of stinks. Everybody around here has had that attitude about it."

Police held a news conference Tuesday to respond to a deluge of media calls shortly after a report outlining the accusation appeared on Dallas-Fort Worth television station KXAS. The station has acknowledged using the woman as a source in the past.

Williams was previously accused of sexual assault on a 17-year-old girl, but a grand jury in 1995 refused to indict him, citing insufficient evidence. The girl reached a civil settlement with Williams and asked that he not be prosecuted.

Teams resume season

HERALD Staff Report

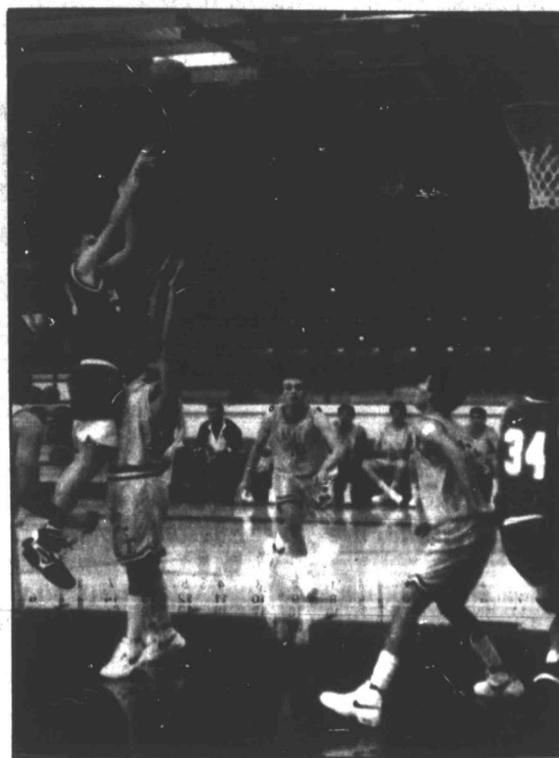
It's time for area basketball teams to shake off the rust from the holidays.

Several Howard County teams see their first action in several days tonight. At the top of the agenda is the Big Spring Lady Steers, who start defense of their District 4-4A title tonight at 7:30 at San Angelo Lake View.

The Lady Steers (8-9), who haven't played since a 62-61 victory over Odessa Permian Dec. 20, are after their sixth straight district title.

Coahoma and Forsan teams also are in district action tonight.

Coahoma returns to District 8-2A action tonight at home against Eldorado, while Forsan heads to Ozona. Times are 6:30 p.m. for the girls' contests and 8 p.m. for the boys' games.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Coahoma's Aaron Barr (23) fires a shot during action earlier this season. Coahoma hosts Eldorado tonight at 8 p.m.

National champion controversy disappears with Ohio State win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State's long game-winning drive in the Rose Bowl quickly ended the possibility of arguments over "Who's No. 1?"

The fourth-ranked Buckeyes scored with 19 seconds left Wednesday night to beat No. 2 Arizona State 20-17, meaning tonight's Sugar Bowl between No. 1 Florida State and No. 3 Florida will almost certainly decide college football's national championship.

"Arizona State's loss solved any potential debate of two undefeated teams and which ones should be the champions," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "The Rose Bowl's outcome means the Sugar Bowl truly is for the national championship. If a vote was taken (Wednesday night), I assume we would be No. 1 and Florida No. 2."

Arizona State (11-1) had been the only team besides Florida to go unbeaten through the regular season. The Sun Devils appeared to be ready to win their last game of the year when quarterback Jake Plummer scrambled 11 yards

BOWLS ROUNDUP

into the end zone for a 17-14 lead with 1:40 to go.

Enter Joe Germaine, half of the two-quarterback platoon used all season by Ohio State (11-1). He led the Buckeyes on a 12-play, 65-yard drive capped by a 5-yard TD pass to David Boston.

"You could look in Joe's eyes, and the eyes of everybody on the team, and you could tell that they had the determination and knew we were going to win the game," said Ohio State offensive tackle Orlando Pace, a two-time Lombardi Trophy winner.

Germaine agreed words weren't necessary.

"We had the state of mind to go out there and do the job," he said. "There was really nothing to say. We knew what we had to do. You knew just by looking into everybody's eyes that we could do it."

In other New Year's Day bowl games, it was No. 5 Brigham Young 19, No. 14 Kansas State 15 in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas; No. 7 Penn State 38, No. 20 Texas 15 in the Fiesta Bowl at

Tempe, Ariz.; No. 9 Tennessee 48, No. 11 Northwestern 28 in the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla.; No. 16 Alabama 17, No. 15 Michigan 14 in the Outback Bowl at Tampa, Fla.; and No. 12 North Carolina 20, No. 25 West Virginia 13 in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

In Tuesday's games, Howard edged Southern 27-24 in the Heritage Bowl. Stanford shut out Michigan State 38-0 in the Sun Bowl. Auburn held off No. 24 Army 32-29 in the Independence Bowl and No. 6 Nebraska defeated No. 10 Virginia Tech 41-21 in the Orange Bowl.

The victory was the first in a Rose Bowl for Ohio State since 1974. Coach John Cooper had won just one of his previous seven bowl games at Ohio State.

"We've won a lot of big games," Cooper said. "Maybe you guys should stop writing about not being able to win the big ones."

"We've had some disappointing defeats. But, guys, it doesn't get any better than this."

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Bowden, Spurrier make nice on eve of game

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bobby Bowden and Steve Spurrier shook hands, believe it or not, then took their places alongside a national championship trophy.

Click. Click. Click. Bowden and Spurrier together, smiling.

Two coaches posing for pictures Wednesday, the day before tonight's Sugar Bowl between No. 1 Florida State and No. 3 Florida for the national championship.

"Y'all want us kissin'?" Bowden asked as the cameras clicked away. "I don't think he'll kiss me."

The two chuckled.

Only one of them will be laughing after the game.

For the past month, ever since the Seminoles beat the Gators 24-21 in Tallahassee on Nov. 30, Spurrier has questioned whether Bowden teaches his players to hit after the referee's whistle. He's been relentless, accusing the Seminoles of

taking cheap shots and trying to put Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel out of the game. Bowden took it personally.

On New Year's Eve, the coaches huddled at a Sugar Bowl dinner.

"We chatted briefly, in a dark corner," Bowden confided, an air of mystery in his voice. "I was dreading the dance a lot more than that. No, we had a nice little ol' talk. I don't know how he took it."

Did Spurrier mention the late hits?

"Yeah, he talked a little bit about the late hits. Sure did ... I didn't listen all that much."

Both coaches watched and listened Wednesday night as No. 4 Ohio State beat No. 2 Arizona State 20-17 in the Rose Bowl, making tonight's game, sponsored by Nokia, a true title affair.

Of course, the Seminoles would win their second title in four years with a victory.

MVP Favre speculates on life after football

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre is seeking a seven-year contract extension, even though he's not sure he'll play that long.

The Green Bay Packers star quarterback told a Mississippi TV crew this week he didn't know how long he'd keep playing if he won a Super Bowl. The comment was part of an interview regarding his second straight MVP award.

And when he returned to frigid Lambeau Field from his golf vacation in sunny Kiln, Miss., Favre caught plenty of heat from coach Mike Holmgren.

"I really didn't mean anything by it, other than it's pretty simple: I don't want to be 35 years old and struggle to play golf or play with my kids and hurt to get up in the morning, kind of like I do now," Favre said.

Favre has had to make do with Motrin and Tylenol this season because of his addiction to Vicodin, which landed him in a drug rehab center last summer.

"I love to play football, I really do. I hate practice, I hate meetings. It's a long season, I hate preseason. But I love to

play games. And I could play them every single day," Favre said. "And, the demands on my life the last couple of years had increased immensely, with good reason."

Favre, preparing to start his 85th consecutive game in an NFC divisional playoff against the San Francisco 49ers on Saturday, said he enjoys the spoils of success "but all of a sudden a part of your life dies."

"It's tough to take my daughter out to eat, my family out to eat or go to a movie without football being brought up or someone asking for an autograph or something like that," he said.

"And I love the people here in Green Bay. I love the people back at home, the fans across the nation. I can't blame them one bit. If I was in their shoes and I saw a player or if I saw Oprah Winfrey walking down the street, or Garth Brooks or Vince Gill, I'd go up and want to say something to them," Favre acknowledged.

"But that's basically what I was saying. I'm not putting a time frame on how long I want to play. I would love to win a Super Bowl. If I don't win it this year I will be back next

year. If I don't win it next year I will be back until this old body won't hold up," Favre said.

"But I would like to win a couple, and then walk out on my own terms. I don't ever want a team to have to ask me to leave, ask me to take a pay cut. I want to go out on my own terms and I would love to go out as a Green Bay Packer. When that will be? Who knows? But, that's basically what I was saying."

Favre doesn't have to worry about the Packers asking him to take a pay cut; they're preparing to give him a big raise.

Last month, the Packers resigned defensive end Reggie White to a five-year, \$19 million deal and immediately shifted their focus on Favre.

James "Bus" Cook, the Hattiesburg, Miss., attorney who represents Favre, has been talking with Packers chief financial officer Mike Reinfeldt since late last summer about a possible seven-year contract extension, and they're going to meet face-to-face this week.

"Bus" is coming to the playoff game but he's also coming in so we can sit down and discuss it

Carolina having to deal with last-minute problems

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers were hoping to use this week to focus exclusively on the biggest game in the franchise's brief history. Instead, they've had some off-field problems added to the mix.

Starting tackle Blake Brockermeyer and reserve defensive end Shawn King, two of the Panthers' youngest players, have worked their way into the headlines as Carolina prepares for Sunday's NFC semifinal against Dallas.

Carolina suspended King for the rest of the season for repeatedly showing up late for meetings. Brockermeyer publicly vented his frustration over being kept on the bench while he recovers from a broken thumb.

"There's always some things on the outside that can become peripheral distractions if you let them," coach Dom Capers said Wednesday. "You have to be mature in your approach, put blinders on and focus on what it's going to take to go out and play."

The Brockermeyer and King incidents hardly put the Panthers on the same level as the Cowboys, who seem to be hounded almost constantly by one criminal investigation after another.

But they are uncharacteristic of a franchise that has become the most successful in NFL expansion history by espousing the principles of unity, maturity and individual sacrifice for the greater good of the team.

The Panthers last year more than doubled the record for victories by an expansion team with seven, and this year they went 12-4 and won the NFC West. The closed the regular season with a seven-game winning streak, helping them earn

a first-round bye for the playoffs and Sunday's second-round game at Ericsson Stadium, where Carolina is 8-0.

Some teammates who were interviewed Wednesday said Brockermeyer and King were unfairly drawing attention from Carolina's postseason aspirations. Others expressed sympathy for the two players. All, however, said the Panthers have to concentrate on the task at hand.

"This is a game where you put together a lot of individuals, and things happen," quarterback Kerry Collins said. "Things happen that are out of my control and a lot of the guys' control, so what do you do? You can sit here and dwell on it, but I don't think that would do any good. We've got to focus on the Cowboys and try to just play our best game on Sunday and kind of forget about everything else."

Brockermeyer, 23, one of Carolina's three first-round draft choices in 1995, started every game as a rookie at left tackle. But this season, the Panthers began experimenting with Brockermeyer on the right side, citing Mathew Campbell's progress in making the switch from tight end to left tackle.

Brockermeyer fractured his left thumb Nov. 24 against Houston. He had several alterations to his cast in recent weeks to allow him to resume practicing, but he has been unable to get back in the starting lineup.

Earlier this week, he told the media his frustration over being relegated to the bench — in favor of Campbell and rookie Norberto Garrido — was not likely to pass in the near future.

BOWLS

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Germaine finished 9-of-17 for 131 yards, while Stanley Jackson, the starter in the two-man rotation, was 6-of-14 for 59 yards.

Plummer, who had led the Sun Devils through some fourth-quarter heroics a few times this season, was 19-of-35 for 201 yards. He got the Sun Devils as far as their own 48 before time ran out.

"This is tough to take," said Plummer, who spent nearly an hour trying to compose his emotions in the locker room before coming out to face the media. "This was my last game as a Sun Devil. I wanted to go out and win it. I would have liked to have a couple of ticks left and get into range for a field goal. But (Ohio State) just played great."

Outback Bowl
No. 16 Alabama 17, No. 15 Michigan 14

Gene Stallings' final game as coach of the Crimson Tide (10-3) was appropriately enough decided by the defense. Linebacker Dwayne Rudd returned an interception 88 yards for a touchdown that gave Alabama a 10-6 lead in the fourth quarter. Shaun Alexander's 46-yard scoring run 10 minutes later provided the insurance to withstand a touchdown and 2-point conversion with 1:16 left by Michigan (8-4).

Alabama averaged 10 victories a season in seven years under Stallings, who had a 70-16-1 record there, including the 1992 national championship, and a 97-61-2 mark overall in 14 college seasons.

Gator Bowl
No. 12 North Carolina 20, No. 25 West Virginia 13

Oscar Davenport, making his first career start, threw for one score and ran for another in a 17-point second quarter as the Tar Heels (10-2) finished with 10 wins for only the sixth time in 106 years of football. All-America freshman cornerback Lre' Bly had his 12th and 13th

interceptions of the season as the nation's top team in turnover margin had four while losing the ball only once. Davenport was replacing all-ACC quarterback Chris Keldorf, who broke his ankle. The Mountaineers (8-4), who lost their sixth straight postseason game, had started the season 7-0.

Citrus Bowl
No. 9 Tennessee 48, No. 11 Northwestern 28

Peyton Manning threw for 408 yards and four touchdowns

and ran for another score one TD as the Volunteers (10-2) wrapped up their third 10-win season in the past four years. Manning, who has to decide whether to return to Tennessee or apply for the NFL draft, was 27-of-39, including a 67-yard touchdown to Joey Kent that put the Volunteers ahead for good late in the first half.

The Wildcats (9-3), who trailed 21-0 in the first quarter, were led back by Steve Schnur, who was 25-of-45 for 228 yards and two touchdowns, but he

also had three costly interceptions.

Cotton Bowl
No. 5 Brigham Young 19, No. 14 Kansas St. 15

The Cougars (14-1), who felt snubbed by the Bowl Alliance, rallied for the victory as Steve Sarkisian hit K.O. Kealaluhi with a 28-yard touchdown pass with 3:39 remaining. Kansas State (9-3), twice converted on fourth down in a final drive to the BYU 12, but Omarr Morgan intercepted Brian Kavanagh at the 3 with 55 seconds to play.

Sarkisian was 21-of-36 for 291 yards and two TDs. He tied a Cotton Bowl record for completions and fell one yard short of the record for yardage.

Fiesta Bowl
No. 7 Penn St. 38, No. 20 Texas 15

The Nittany Lions (11-2) dominated the second half for their fourth straight bowl victory and their sixth in a row in the Fiesta Bowl. The win came nearly 10 years to the day of Penn State's national title win over Miami in the 1987 Fiesta

Bowl. It was also the 18th postseason bowl victory for coach Joe Paterno, extending his own record.

Five plays after Kenny Watson returned the second-half kickoff 81 yards to the Longhorns 19, Aaron Harris scored from five yards out to give Penn State a 15-12 lead. Texas (8-5) tied the game on the next drive, but Penn State scored on its next two drives and the rout was on. Curtis Enis had three touchdowns for the Nittany Lions, two in the second half.

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Road show a horror for Celtics

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Given the choice of returning to Boston for a day or flying directly from Denver to Detroit, Celtics coach M.L. Carr opted to have a practice session at home before hitting the road again.

And who could blame him, the way things have gone when he leaves Boston.

The Celtics lost their first 12 road games this season before Monday night's victory over the Nuggets. The victory snapped a seven-game overall losing streak and ended Boston's reign as the only team in the NBA without a win on the road.

Of course, the Celtics aren't exactly burning up the nets at home, as their conference-worst 6-21 record attests.

"It's not even a reason to celebrate," forward Rick Fox, who hit a buzzer-beater to provide the 104-102 victory over the Nuggets, said Wednesday before practice at Brandeis University.

"It's like a load is lifted off our backs, a little bit of the weight removed," he said. "Just a little bit, though. You still need to accumulate success."

Even the always optimistic Carr conceded that a 12 road record is nothing to brag about.

"Obviously, you know it was just a matter of time," he said, noting that there had been close calls against Miami, Washington, and Indiana. "But the road record should be better than it is."

After hitting the game-winning shot, Fox gave his thumbs away to a supportive cheering fan and had to be helped to leave the court.

The road still remains an adversary as he walked out to the practice court, wearing a jersey that he wanted to wear that day.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 3:

Remain direct about what you want. In some way, it seems you are surrounded by a bunch of hotheads. Actually, they could be reflecting some of your frustration. Career and other matters in your life are possible sources of dissatisfaction. There is confusion around desire and how you communicate them, especially at work. If you are single, proceed with caution. You might change your mind about what you want, midstream. Anger could be an issue as well. If attached, work through differences in your relationship. Be advised that you don't have the whole picture. SCORPIO is a pal.

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) It has been a wonderful few days. Now, reality sets in. Deal with financial changes. A partnership and friendship are involved. Reconnect with goals. Someone could disappoint you. Revamp your operations. Tonight: Take it easy. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others are simply out of whack. Socializing has been quite enjoyable. Today, an unexpected demand throws you off. Do some solid thinking. A trip or information received could toss plans in a new direction. Verify all news. Tonight: Escape to the movies. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Events indicate a need to slow down. There is much that is amiss. A different perspective about what is going on serves you. Pull back, and listen to another side. Finances could be off as well. Let your creativity navigate through difficult waters. Tonight: Relax. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone's behavior disappoints you. Finances and relating seem more difficult than they actually are. Don't worry so much. Permit your playfulness to emerge. Just go with the flow. Flirting and frolicking are more fun than being uptight! Tonight: Go where your heart takes you. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A partner lets you down. His decisions do not sit comfortably with you. Express to him how out of sync all this feels. Initiate important talks. Make needed calls. Be the consummate communicator you are. The power is in your hands. Tonight: Play at home. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your nervous system is frayed from recent celebrations. Rest, and take better care of yourself. Reach out to a loved one, who is demanding more than you are willing to give. It might be necessary to spend some money on your needs. Tonight: Chill out with a pal. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your energy is vital. It is so high that it will take nothing for you to tell another off. Be reasonable in your demands. Much that is transpiring is really due to pent-up frustrations about money. Perhaps others have been too exacting. Tonight: Treat yourself! ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A jolt comes from a family member. Think before reacting. You cannot assume arrangements are carved in stone. Loosen up. Take another gander at your expectations. A misunderstanding could be at the base of this mess. Tonight: Make your own plans! ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A money matter is anything but amusing. It is key to open up communications. A friend must think through a decision recently made. Gently inform him he is off the mark. It could have much to do with the end results. Tonight: Do what's best for yourself. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You cause your own problem as the day begins. Stay sensitive to those in power. You could create more trouble than you are currently aware. Be careful handling finances. Keep your eye on the big picture, not trivial matters. Tonight: Go where your friends are. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Accepting responsibilities may be more than you are up for. You are forced to reverse plans or reorganize your day. You also can choose to detach and get another view. A trip is possible in the next month or so. Be ready to take off. Tonight: Do what is needed. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) An offer throws you off. You enjoy taking off at the last minute anyway. Let go of what isn't working. Don't even think twice. Relaxation and a change of scene are what the doctor ordered. You might change your mind later on. Tonight: Try a new restaurant. ****

BORN TODAY

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TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Man tries to make good on his 14-year-old promise

DEAR ABBY: In January 1983, my wife and I sailed on the Queen Elizabeth II from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to San Francisco. We were in the middle of a bon voyage party when a young man around 30 peeked into our stateroom. He was a visitor on board, and asked if he could see what a cabin looked like. I invited him in, and we chatted for a few minutes.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

As he was leaving, he asked me to do him a favor and purchase four QEI World Cruise T-shirts for his children. (The ship's shops were closed while we were in port, and he would have to disembark before they opened.) He told me what sizes to buy and gave me \$30 to cover the cost of the shirts, plus mailing. He gave me a business card — he worked for a financial organization in Fort Lauderdale.

"How do you know I won't just keep the money and not send the T-shirts?" I asked. He said he had faith in people's honesty. To make a long story short, I lost his card, so I couldn't send him the T-shirts. When we arrived in San Francisco, I got a Fort Lauderdale telephone directory and made over two dozen calls to different financial companies, but I couldn't locate the young man.

My wife has been nagging me all these years to write to you because we still have the T-shirts. You could put my mind at ease and restore a young man's trust in people by printing my letter. And if you do, I hope he sees it. — EUGENE GAZZOLO, AUBURN, CALIF.

DEAR EUGENE: It's never too late to make the effort to right a wrong. Should the man see your letter in my column, he will finally know why you didn't send the T-shirts. Then his trust in people may be restored. If I hear from him, I'll let you know.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Jennifer in Norfolk, Va.," dealing with the issue of sex education. The question was who should be teaching kids about sex: parents or teachers?

Jennifer makes a broad assumption when she states, "Teachers don't like to talk about the 'touchy-feely' stuff." Well, it's not that teachers don't like to talk about it, but oftentimes they CAN'T talk about it. I am a young English teacher in the Bay area. I would like nothing better than to discuss sex openly and honestly with my students, but if I decided to do that, I could kiss my teaching career goodbye.

Until the classroom stops being a place for moral battles and starts becoming a place where open communication can flourish without fear, sex education will stay where it is — buried. — NO NAME PLEASE, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR NO NAME: Several of my readers have suggested that rather than calling it "sex edu-

cation," if it were viewed as health education, the topic might be less controversial. While some parents fear that these classes are sex manuals, in reality all they teach is how pregnancy occurs and diseases are transmitted. Teen-agers need to know much more than this in order to make wise decisions, and ideally both schools and parents should educate young people about sex.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I work in a small family business. A female employee spends a great deal of time in my husband's office. (I'll call her Sally.) She flatters him constantly and often brings him food. Although Sally is married and has children, my husband has gone to her home several times to assist her with setting up her computer.

Last week, we were all having lunch. Sally sat across from my husband and I noticed that her foot was touching his leg! When I left work one evening, I forgot something and had to return to my office. My husband was in Sally's office, and I overheard him telling her not to sit next to him at lunch because I was jealous! (She was laughing!) I was enraged that he would discuss my confidences with this woman, and I later confronted him about it. He apologized for this disloyalty.

Abby, I am in a dilemma, as I must work with this woman daily. I am her supervisor. All the strange comments she has made in the past seem to indicate that there is more than just friendship between her and my husband. To make matters worse, she's unhappy in her marriage and several of her friends are going through divorces. I don't want to lose my husband. Any advice would help. — FRANTIC

DEAR FRANTIC: First, have a long talk with your husband. Show him this letter and tell him you wrote it.

Sally may or may not be a threat to your marriage. You and your husband should have counseling, because whatever is going on could not be happening without his willingness to tolerate it.

Years ago, I would have recommended you and your husband find this woman a job elsewhere. But in the '90s, a lawsuit for sexual discrimination or sexual harassment could be more expensive than a divorce, and turn your lives upside down.

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Some after-Christmas gift ideas for enthusiasts

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Didn't get what you wanted for Christmas? Still have some leftover dough? Try these items on for size.

Swiss-Tech Tough 5-in-1 Tool, LKL Innovations; Mentor, Ohio (\$19.95) - Folds to compact size with pliers, wire cutter, shear and two screwdrivers. One tough tool. In fact, five tough tools. Said to be the Midwest's hottest selling outdoors gadget.

The Flytrap, The Waterworks; Ketchum, Idaho (\$19.95) - Fly fishermen rejoice. No more fumbling to clip flies on your jacket. This contraption enables you to load a day's selection of flies with one hand.

Gallatin Classic Fleece Pullover; Orvis, Manchester, Vt. (\$62) stand-up collar; comes in nine colors, including moonlight blue, balsam, mulberry, melten red and charcoal.

Entomology Kit, JW Outfitters; San Marcos, Calif. (\$89.95) - This is a kit for catching insects for trout fishing. A sort of mini-medical kit for bugcatchers. Included are a seine to trap insects, a dish for critters and a stomach pump. Not sure if the stomach pump is for the bugs or fishermen.

Rancher's Fleece Hat, Orvis (\$34) - Forget how goofy this hat looks. It works. It's mid-weight fleece with a quilted lining. Warm and comfortable.

Gallatin Stretch Fleece Socks, Orvis (\$22) - Features flat seams for comfort (unless you've got rounded feet). Supposedly treated with an antibacterial agent to prevent odor retention. No more smelly feet.

Yukon Fleece Hood, Avery Outdoors, Memphis (\$29.95) - Constructed of 16-ounce fleece. A cold-weather camouflage face mask that could also be used as a neck cover.

Camo Field Camera,

OUTDOORS

TreVanis Camouflage Co., Pound Ridge, N.Y. (\$8.95) - A 35mm camouflaged camera made in the USA. Not sure if it uses camouflaged film.

Gun Boat, DriTite Technology, Birmingham (\$39.95) - Reportedly invented by an Alaskan guide, this unusual lightweight gun case is made of industrial PVC-coated nylon. It has no zippers and can accommodate a rifle up to 52 inches in length ... and it floats.

Solo Headlamp, Princeton Tec; Trenton, N.J., (\$31.95) - Waterproof to 2,000 feet, not that I'd be caught swimming at that depth.

Victorinox, Original Swiss Army Knife; Ibach, Switzerland (\$30 and \$84) - One knife is an illuminator model; the other has a watch.

Portable Line Spooling Station, Berkley; Spirit Lake, Iowa (\$24.95) - Built for spooling fishing line onto spinning, baitcasting and fly reels. Quick and easy, which line spooling usually isn't.

Full Strut Hunting Belt, Haas Outdoors, Inc.; West Point, Miss. (\$39.95) - The name alone makes this device worth owning. No more straining to reach game calls. An adjustable poly prop belt and one-inch thick seat make it a comfortable piece of hunting gear.

Highbrass Shooting Glasses, Backwater Corp.; Southaven (\$49.95) - Polycarbonate lenses can be swapped quickly to match lighting conditions. Wraparound styling that comes in five lense colors.

SealSkinz Waterproof MVT Socks, DuPont Co.; Old Hickory, Tenn. (\$25-\$32) - A high-tech version of waterproof socks that uses DuPont's moisture vapor transpiration (MVT) technology.

Young's ribs a worry for 49ers

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Steve Young still expects to start Saturday's NFC divisional playoff. The question is whether his bruised ribs will allow him to finish.

For the first time, San Francisco coach George Seifert brought up the possibility that backup Elvis Grbac could be pressed into duty in relief of the sore-ribbed Young.

Young received three shots Wednesday to block the pain from the aching ribs and got in only limited practice. It might be the only work he gets before the 49ers (13-4) play at Green Bay (13-3), the top seed in the NFC playoffs.

As he has all week, Grbac took the bulk of the practice snaps while Young trotted into the locker room three times to receive the pain-killing shots from team physician Dr. Bob Millard.

Young, officially listed as questionable, took a handful of snaps and threw a little on the side as the 49ers completed their last full practice before their rematch with Green Bay.

"He wasn't throwing 100 percent, that's for sure," Seifert said. "He threw some good balls. I don't know that he got as much work as I thought he would, but it wasn't dramatically less and our feeling is he'll still be the starting quarterback on game day."

The 49ers will have a light workout today at the Arizona Cardinals' training facilities, where they moved this week to escape stormy weather back home, and then leave tonight for Green Bay.

Seifert said Young probably wouldn't take part in today's workout, meaning Young has had virtually no practice since hurting his ribs while running for a touchdown in last Sunday's 14-0 wild-card win over Philadelphia.

"I don't know if it's a good idea to inject him again (just for practice). I'm going to visit with the doctor. I'm ready to have him just get the injections game day and play," Seifert said. "You'd like your quarterback to practice. At the same time, he's played a lot of football, watched practice, watched film, and if there's a problem, Elvis has had a lot of practice."

Young missed all or parts of eight games due to two concussions and a groin strain earlier this season. He said the three shots of novocaine were minimal treatment.

"We want to do the minimum right now. We're checking on the location so you get spots that are injured, so your throwing motion is uninhibited," said Young, who also wore a heavy flak jacket while on the practice field and will do so in the game. "Today was kind of the experimental day. Towards the end, I think we got most of it and I was able to throw decently."

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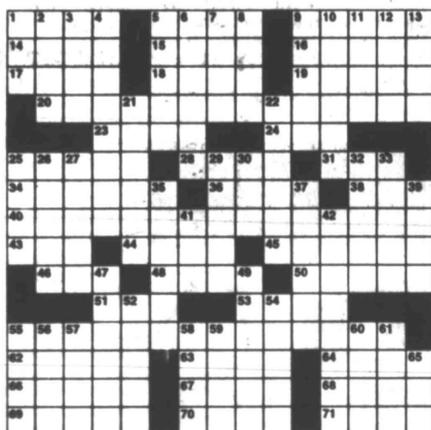
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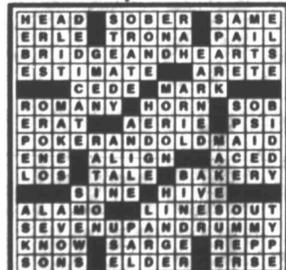
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Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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Isabella I. In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnaping and murdering the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported \$400,000.

In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph. (Federal speed limits were abolished in 1995).

In 1983, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, closed on Broadway after a run of 2,377 performances.

In 1991, Sharon Pratt Dixon was sworn in as mayor of Washington, D.C., becoming the first black woman to head a city of Washington's size and prominence.

Ten years ago: President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, headed back to Washington after a New Year's holiday in California. Responding to a reporter's shouted question, the president predicted that 1987 would be "better than '86."

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