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New Howard County Sheriff's Office employees introduced

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With his transition into office complete, Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings took part of Friday morning to introduce the newest members of the sheriff's office to Howard County Commissioners at a special called meeting.

The new faces commissioners were introduced to include Kerry Fritz, former chief deputy in Scurry County with 18 years experience; Randy Reavis, city police officer in Stanton with four years experience; Oscar Carrillo, former chief deputy in Culberson County with five years experience; Mike West Sr., formerly with the Big Spring Police Department, who will be Jennings' chief administrative assistant in charge of the identification department; and Prissy Stanley, who will be the department's booking officer as well as overseeing communi-

cations and the jail's commissary. Other faces in the sheriff's office, remaining from the pre-

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vious administration, include deputies 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 recently promoted to full deputy status by Jennings.

With his staff now in place, Jennings told commissioners the next matter of importance for the department is getting the jail through Tuesday's inspection by the Commission on Jail Standards.

Part of getting the jail ready for inspection included a shake-down Thursday night, from which Jennings said several

homemade weapons were found, a couple of tattoo machines found as well as a couple of packages of drugs, not approved by the department.

"We're working to get our jail approved for another year," Jennings said.

Jennings is already working on several of the items he said he would like to implement in the department when he campaigned.

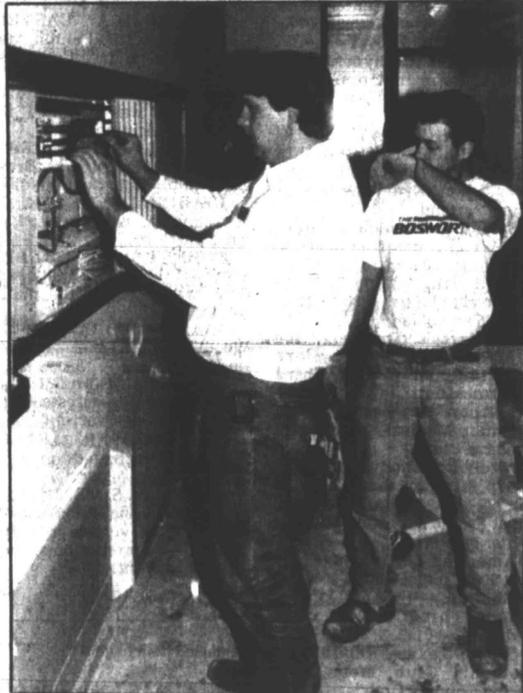
Some of those items include designing and implementing a prisoner volunteer workforce; establish an open relationship with local agencies and neighbors in the surrounding counties; providing active, in-depth, hand-on training for all personnel; encourage personal interaction with the people of Forsan, Coahoma and the outlying communities; continuing the drug education for the youth in our county; and remember that the people of the Howard County

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Pictured (left to right) are the new employees of the Howard County Sheriff's Department, including Mike West Sr., Oscar Carrillo, Prissy Stanley, Randy Reavis and Kerry Fritz. West is the chief administrative assistant, Carrillo, Reavis and Fritz are deputies, and Stanley is in charge of booking, communications and the jail's commissary.

TRYING TO MEET THE DEADLINE



Robert Underwood, on the right, and Gable Clark work late on the medical gas lines in the new OB ward at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in an attempt to reach the Jan. 13 deadline to complete the unit.

No new leads in sexual assault cases, search continues

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

No new developments have surfaced in the search for a man accused of raping two Big Spring women in late December, according to the Big Spring Police Department. However, BSPD officials are still warning residents to be cautious and lock all doors and windows.

Two sexual assaults on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28 prompted the BSPD to warn local residents to use caution if out after dark or during the early morning hours.

The two sexual assaults occurred in the east/southeast part of Big Spring.

Based on the description given of the attacker by the two Big Spring victims, which fits

the same description given by an Odessa woman who was attacked on Dec. 14, Odessa authorities are also interested in the Big Spring case.

Both Big Spring victims and the Odessa victim are described as white females in their early to mid 50s.

According to BSPD Det. Tony Hill, there has also been one report of a subject entering a residence that may be related to the two assault cases.

The BSPD is following up on several investigative leads and has not yet positively identified the suspect, but a composite drawing based on victims' descriptions has been released.

Hill said residents are being cautioned to remember to lock doors and windows and if possible use exterior lighting around their homes to deter crime.

The suspect in last month's

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

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

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

Additionally, the actor has worn female clothing during both assaults, also a characteristic of the Dec. 14 assault in Odessa.

Anyone with information regarding these offenses or having seen the suspect, please call the BSPD at 263-2548.



This is a composite sketch of the man suspected of raping three women in the West Texas area. If you have any information about the suspect's whereabouts, contact CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS or BSPD at 264-2548.

Reports say notebook paper came from family home

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The person who killed a 6-year-old beauty queen fractured her skull before strangling her and apparently got the paper for a ransom note from a pad inside the family's house, according to reports published Saturday.

Quoting anonymous sources, the Rocky Mountain News also said the alarm system at the expensive Boulder home where JonBenet Ramsey was found dead on Dec. 26 was not operating that night.

Although asphyxiation was the cause of death, JonBenet's skull was fractured before the killer used a cord tied to a stick to strangle her, turning the stick to tighten the cord until she died, sources said.

Police have refused to release many details of the slaying, saying the former Little Miss Colorado died by asphyxiation.

However, a police officer repeated assurances by city officials, including Mayor Leslie Durgin, the community does

not have to worry about a killer on the loose.

"Just from the interviews and the background information that we have, I believe that was a safe statement for the mayor to make," Sgt. Larry Mason said.

He refused to elaborate. Mason spoke at a news conference in Roswell, Ga., near the Ramsey family's former home in the Atlanta area. Boulder officers said they have interviewed about 30 relatives, including the little girl's grandparents, and past business associates in Georgia.

JonBenet's parents, John and Patricia Ramsey, went to Atlanta for her funeral and stayed with Mrs. Ramsey's parents in Roswell. They had not been interviewed by investigators.

The Denver Post said its sources reported the paper used for three-page ransom note appeared to have been torn from a pad that was already in

the Ramsey house.

The note promised the girl's safe return in exchange for \$118,000 in cash.

Reports have also said details of the slaying are similar to the Mel Gibson movie "Ransom," in which a wealthy man's son is kidnapped.

JonBenet was discovered missing before dawn Dec. 26 after her mother discovered a ransom note on the back stairs of their house. Eight hours later, as the family and police were trying to comply with the ransom note, Ramsey found his daughter's body in the basement, a cord around her neck and duct tape over her mouth.

Boulder police spokesperson Leslie Aaholm said the Ramseys had been in contact with police through their attorneys. "They're in the process of setting up an interview," Aaholm said.

The Rocky Mountain News source said the ransom note contained language warning

JonBenet's parents they should be prepared for a rigorous ordeal.

Gibson's character in the movie "Ransom" — who, like Ramsey, is a pilot and a successful businessman — is subjected to a physically exhausting scenario prescribed by his son's captor.

There are other parallels: Gibson's first glimpse of his kidnapped son shows the child with his mouth taped.

The ransom demand in the movie states "I have your son." Mrs. Ramsey said in a CNN interview that the note she found started with the phrase, "We have your daughter."

Boulder police chief Tom Koby said too much public disclosure of details could hinder his department's ability to catch and convict the child's killer.

"It's not O.J. and it's not L.A. Here in Boulder. Our guy won't walk," Koby said. "We are not going to be part of a media circus."

NBC paid Richard Jewell more than \$500,000

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC paid more than \$500,000 to Richard Jewell to avert a lawsuit over comments Tom Brokaw made about the one-time Olympic bombing suspect, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

The settlement was announced Dec. 9, but the amount was not disclosed at the time. NBC issued a statement saying it agreed to the settlement to protect confidential sources. It offered no apology or retraction.

The Journal, quoting unidentified sources, said Jewell settled for more than \$500,000.

NBC spokeswoman Beth Comstock refused to confirm the amount. Jewell's attorney,

Wayne Grant, said: "We did not disclose the terms of the settlement to The Wall Street Journal, and I can't comment on its report."

Jewell, a 34-year-old security guard, found the knapsack that contained the pipe bomb just before the July 27 blast that killed one person and injured more than 100. He was the only named suspect before he was cleared by the government in October.

Jewell's attorneys contended Brokaw last summer insinuated that Jewell committed the bombing. "The speculation is the FBI is close to making the

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Construction spending up, single-family housing in check

WASHINGTON (AP) — Builders increased spending on construction projects in November at the fastest pace since last March, although they held single-family housing outlays in check for a third straight month.

However, there have been signs recently that spending on single-family homes might be increasing. For instance, housing starts rebounded in November after two consecutive monthly declines. And new home sales shot up 14.2 percent, which analysts contend will further spur housing construction.

The Commerce Department reports overall spending on residential, nonresidential and government projects shot up 1.9 percent in November to \$592 billion. It was the third straight

increase and the biggest since a 2.3 percent gain in March.

Analysts had expected little change, contending recent sharp increases in nonresidential and public outlays could not be sustained.

Big gains in those areas in October had led overall spending to its third consecutive advance.

Some analysts said the continued strength in construction will boost economic growth during the final three months of 1996.

"We now believe GDP (gross domestic product) growth took place at a 3 percent rate during the final quarter of last year," said economist Marilyn Schaja of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp.

Growth in the GDP, the total

output of goods and services within the United States, slowed to 2.1 percent in the July-September quarter from 4.7 percent three months earlier.

Despite analysts' predictions, government outlays jumped 2.5 percent in November to a \$150.3 billion rate.

It was the third strong performance that included increases of 7.6 percent in school construction and 4.6 percent in spending on streets and highways.

And spending on private, non-residential buildings rose 1.5 percent to \$152.3 billion, the fourth consecutive gain including a 5.4 percent advance in October. Outlays for factories, office buildings, hotels and motels and the category that includes shopping centers all

rose. Residential spending also rose, up 1.2 percent to \$247.6 billion. But the increase was limited to condominiums and apartment projects, which jumped 5.6 percent.

Spending on single-family construction — more than 25 percent of total construction outlays — slipped 0.3 percent, the third straight decline.

Nevertheless, many analysts believe demand for housing will remain moderate this year, although not as strong as it was in 1996.

Economist David G. Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders predicts new home sales will total about 670,000 in 1997, down about 10 percent from last year, "but still a good year."

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TODAY'S WEATHER

▲ Highs
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Today: Partly cloudy and cooler. High near 55. Sunday night, turning colder. Lows in the 20s.
Monday: Chance of rain or freezing rain. Highs in the 30s.
Extended outlook: Tuesday, chance of rain or freezing rain with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s. Wednesday, continued chance of rain or freezing rain. Highs in the 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Juan "Johnny" Reyes

Memorial service for Juan "Johnny" Reyes, 23, of San Antonio, will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating. Burial was on Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in Mission Burial Park North in San Antonio.

Mr. Reyes died Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, in San Antonio.

He was born on Nov. 17, 1973, in Big Spring. He attended and graduated from Marshall High School in San Antonio and was attending Palo Alto College.

Mr. Reyes was employed as manager at the Grease Monkey in San Antonio.

He is survived by his son: Alejandro Reyes, San Antonio; his parents: Mario and Sylvia Reyes of San Antonio; his grandparents: Selma Delgado of Big Spring and Manuel and Rosa Reyes of El Paso; and several aunts and uncles.

Local arrangements were made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Geneva "Jay" Rogers

Geneva "Jay" Rogers, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, in Mesa, Ariz.



ROGERS Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1917, in Natick, Mass. and married Harold Rogers on Nov. 18, 1950.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Juan (Johnny) Reyes, 23, died Dec. 23, 1996. Services and burial were Dec. 27, 1996. A memorial service will be 7:00 PM, Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Bertie L. Black, 92, died Saturday. Body in state from 12 noon Sunday till Monday noon. Family will greet friends from 4-7 PM Sunday. Services 2 PM Tuesday, Guymon Oklahoma

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Elizabeth Meek, 82, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Monday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park

Dr. Akin M. Simpson, 74, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM, Monday at the First Baptist Church Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 PM, Sunday at the funeral home.

Geneva "Jay" Rogers, 79, died Thursday, in Mesa, Ariz. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with interment at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 PM, Monday, at the funeral home.

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in Tokyo, Japan. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1992.

Mrs. Rogers had been a resident of Big Spring since 1958. She worked in civil service at Webb A.F.B., retiring in 1977. She also did volunteer work at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and enjoyed traveling and visiting with friends.

She was a Baptist. Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law: Lee Natalie and Wayne Rosch of Mesa, Ariz., one brother, Thomas Halpin of Chicopee Falls, Mass., three sisters, Frances Sherman of Alameda, Calif., Marnie Florio of Ventura, Calif., and Mary Buccini of Natick, Mass.

The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2121.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Dr. Akin M. Simpson

Dr. Akin M. Simpson, 74, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at a local hospital.



SIMPSON He was born on Nov. 11, 1922, in Howard County, Texas and married Evelyn Artel on Sept. 16, 1983, in Big Spring, Texas.

He grew up in the Luther Community. He graduated from Texas A&M with his doctorate in veterinary medicine in January of 1945. He practiced for two years in Lamesa, two years in Garland, one year in Mexico City and 35 years in Big Spring, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the A&M Club of Big Spring, the Big Spring Rotary Club and was a life member of the American Veterinarian Association.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn J. Simpson of Big Spring; one son, David Sherman of Big Spring; one daughter, Melissa Simpson of San Juan, Puerto Rico; five grandchildren; two step-sons, Rex Foust of Littlefield and Dale Bullough of Dallas; one step-daughter, Debbie Bulber of Chico, Calif.; four brothers, Delbert Simpson of Odessa, Harold Simpsons of Southlake, Bob Simpson of Big Spring and Nolan Simpson of Stanton.

He was preceded in death by one son, Montaville Simpson, in 1954.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Meek

Elizabeth Meek, 82 of Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at her residence. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.



MEEK Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 14, 1915, in Denton County, Texas. She moved with her family to Martin County and married Cornelius Meek on June 12, 1933, in Carlsbad, N.M.

They spent almost all of their lives in Martin and Howard

Counties, where they had farming and cotton gin businesses. They had two sons, Danny Neil and Kelsay Ray. Cornelius Meek died Jan. 25, 1981, in Big Spring and Danny Neil Meek also preceded his mother in death.

She is survived by her other son, Kelsay Ray Meek of Washington, D.C.; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; three brothers, J. Alex Haggard and Buster Haggard, both of Stanton, and Tom Haggard of Tow; three sisters, Willie Mae Howell of Houston, Oma Clay Johnson of Stanton and Jean Kelley of Lubbock and 25 nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Norvell and Lillian D. Haggard, two brothers, Robert F. Haggard and James B. Haggard and one sister, Helene Langley.

Elizabeth was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring and had a great love for its Philathea Sunday School class. She was a licensed vocational nurse and worked as a nurse for 10 years. Much devoted to her family, she worked carefully to preserve its story of pioneer farming.

She loved to dance, but equally enjoyed quiet rides in the country. She actively managed her business interests until her final illness. A true West Texan, she lived in many places depending on the demands of farming operations or the chance of new opportunity; but except for a few years in the Hill Country, never left her home counties of Howard and Martin.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church; in honor of the Philathea Sunday School Class; P.O. Box Drawer 1229; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-1229.

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

Bertie L. Black

Funeral service for Bertie L. Black, 92, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Hensen-Novak Funeral Chapel in Guymon, Okla., with interment to follow at Elmhurst Cemetery.

Mrs. Black passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997, in a local hospital following a long illness.

She was born on April 10, 1904, in Kerby, Ark. She married Tom Black and he preceded her in death in 1975. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1977, moving here from Guymon. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist church.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Black is survived by one daughter: Ruby Taroni of Big Spring; one son: Thomas O. Black of Tulsa, Okla.; one brother: William E. Pounds of San Angelo; two sisters: Ara Snowden of Hot Springs, Ark. and Louise Kerr of Greenville, S.C.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from noon today until noon Monday.

The family will greet friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. today.

IN BRIEF

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

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17. Volunteers will begin

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assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

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

THE BIG-SPRING GOSPEL Opry is Friday, 7 p.m., at the Howard College Auditorium. Admission is free.

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

The Iwo Jima Survivors Association is searching for any Americans that served in Japanese P.O.W. camps during World War II to be special guests. Anyone fitting that description or interested in attending the Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion should contact Cy Young at 817/645-3261 or write to the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at Iwo.

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, Zeldia 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 administrators 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.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY - 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.

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

-Big Spring Outreach Aglow, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center. Tammy Woods will speak about "Can We Have a Davidic Relationship with the Lord?"

-Encourager's support group, 6 p.m., Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. Call 398-5523 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY -Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

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

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

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

-VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

-Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

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

THURSDAY -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.

-American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

-Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

-West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

-Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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.

-Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

-Big Spring Gospel Opry, Howard College Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free admission.

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

-Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast (\$4) served. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

-Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th.

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.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday:

-GAS THEFT in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 2900 block of E. Cherokee.

-THEFT at Comanche Trail Park.

-BRANDON McCALLAY, 21, of 1108 Scurry, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, no insurance and an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

-ISA MOJICA CASTELLANO, 24, of 1206 Benton, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.

-CLYDE FIELDS, 41, of 1204 Lindbergh, was arrested for public intoxication.

-CINDY LANELLE HEPNER, 40, of 433 Dallas, was arrested for public intoxication.

-JOAQUIN DUENEZ JR., 24, of Coahoma, was arrested on local warrants.

-ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 32, of Colorado City, was arrested for public intoxication.

-JOANNE CEDRA, 42, of 1518 Wood, was arrested for theft under \$50.

-JOHN BRUCE MCGILL, 49, of Midland, was arrested on a Midland County warrant.

-CRAIG COOPER, 34, of 1402 Wood, was arrested on local warrants.

-TERESA A. SIMS, 37, of 813 E. Third, was arrested for not having valid vehicle registration and on a promotion of prostitution warrant.

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case," Brokaw told sports commentator Bob Costas. "They probably have enough to arrest him right now, probably enough to prosecute him, but you always want to have enough to convict him as well. There are still some holes in this case."

Jewell's attorneys have asked The Atlanta Journal-Constitution to identify Jewell as a suspect, to retract the story. The newspaper has stood by its coverage.

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Features Editor

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Jail 'shakedown' reveals interesting contraband



This is some of the contraband seized from Howard County jail inmates during a "shakedown" Thursday. From left: a piece of metal was sharpened to make a knife, disposable razor blades, a portable radio was made into a tattoo machine, smokeless tobacco and an Ace bandage were also found in the inmates' quarters. Behind those items is the paper stick inmates used to reach the television so they could turn it on after hours.

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Sheriff Bill Jennings didn't waste any time putting his own style of law enforcement into the Howard County Sheriff's Office when, just one day after taking office, there was a "shakedown" in the jail.

The last time the cells and inmates were shaken down was about 10 months ago, according to Chief Jailer Pancho Yanez. Several deputies and jailers, along with four Big Spring police officers and two Department of Public Safety troopers, assisted in searching the living quarters of the inmates Thursday. The search was conducted, in part, to get the jail ready for inspection Tuesday from the state jail commission.

Several items that could have been used for weapons were confiscated including a piece of

metal sharpened like a knife and blades from disposable razors. Apparently some metal was left in the jail after workers had remodeled the area and inmates sharpened it by scraping the metal on the floor.

Jennings said, "We give the inmates a disposable razor each day and then the jailer is supposed to check the razor when he gets it back to make sure the blades are in it. Apparently the razors weren't checked closely."

Some illegal drugs or medicine was also found inside small plastic bags. The inmates are not allowed to store any medicine in their cells.

A "stick" made out of rolled newspapers and tied with shoelaces was found underneath one inmate's bunk. The stick was about three feet long and Jennings said it is used to reach the television and turn it on after hours. The TVs are located in the upper corners of the jail out of reach of the

inmates. Some gambling paraphernalia in the form of hand-made dice was also discovered. Jennings explained the inmates take some paper and crunch it down until it is in the form of a small square and is the same size as regular dice. They then used a pen to mark the dots on the gaming pieces.

An interesting item found was a homemade tattoo machine. The inmates had bought a small, portable radio at the jail's commissary, tore it apart and then made the machine. "It takes a lot of batteries to use the tattoo machine," Jennings added. From looking at the device, it appeared the wires were heated by the batteries and then used to make markings on the inmates' bodies.

Some sandpaper left by workers renovating the courthouse was found as well as an Ace bandage, a pencil with duct tape wrapped around it and smokeless tobacco.

"The jail is now non-smoking. We join other jails in West Texas as being non-smoking. The Howard County jail was one of the last to make the move," the sheriff explained.

The inmates will be allowed to smoke if they take part in the work detail project. The details of the project, coordinated by Bobby Henson, are still being ironed out.

Inmates convicted of misdemeanors only will be allowed outside the jail to work on county projects including washing the deputies vehicles or the dump trucks, working for the Road and Bridge Department or cleaning up around the library building.

Recently County Extension Agent Don Richardson was given a new pickup by commissioners and his old one will be used for transporting the inmates to and from their work detail.

ENJOYING THE NICE WEATHER



These rollerbladers take advantage of the last couple of days of warm weather before winter temperatures settle back in. Daniel Colens, Robert Colens, Charlie Harman (from left to right), and Brian Doll (not shown) look on as Richard Robertson makes his jump.

New

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Sheriff's Office work for the citizens of the county. Jennings has already opened the door of his office to the people of Big Spring and Howard County, and where a prisoner workforce is concerned, that project is still in the making, but only inmates who qualify for such a program (those with

misdemeanor offenses only) will be allowed to smoke and even that will only be allowed outside the courthouse.

Jennings told commissioners that as of Thursday the jail is now a smoke-free environment.

In other business, commissioners voted to award the pest control contract for the new library to Terminix for \$4,826; approved a part-time employee for the road and bridge depart-

ment for up to 30 hours; and confirmed the appointment of Marilyn Carson as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 2. Carson was appointed by the court Dec. 28 to fill the unexpired two years remaining in former Justice of the Peace Bill Shankles' term.

Commissioners also approved the official bonds for elected county officials and reserve deputies.

Suspect

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ing information on who may be responsible for these assaults should contact the BPSD Criminal Investigation Division at 264-2548, or Big Spring CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS.

Authorities with the Odessa Police Department and the Department of Public Safety are also working on the case.

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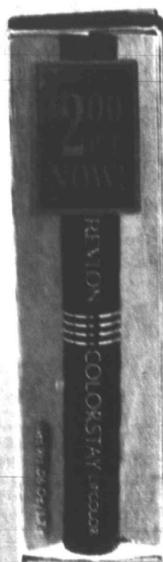
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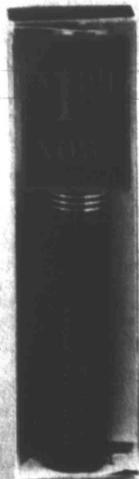


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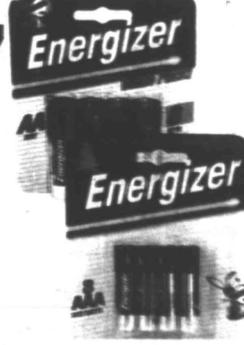
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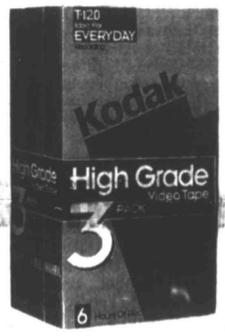
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- Thomas Jefferson

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OUR VIEWS

Remember to drive carefully near schools

The holiday season is winding down and students return to their classrooms Monday morning. As you drive to and from work tomorrow, please pay attention to the flashing yellow lights and speed zones around the schools. It seems like it's been almost a month since we've had to drive 20 miles an hour, so keep that in mind as you head out the door.

Be aware of the school buses that will be stopping along the road to pick up children. And if the red lights are flashing on the bus, make sure that you stop until the lights are turned off and the bus driver begins to drive on. It's also important to remember that even if you are driving in the opposite lanes of traffic, you are required to stop for the bus as it loads and unloads children. That's the case even if there is a median between the lanes of traffic. Why? Those students may live across the road and have to cross it to get home.

Big Spring and Howard County have been lucky. There were no fatal accidents in the area during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Let's not start off the new year with someone getting hurt, especially a child, by a careless driver who didn't take the extra five minutes to slow down in a school zone or stop for a school bus.

Leave home a little early tomorrow morning if you live near a school or have to drive through a school zone on your way to work. The extra time you take could mean the difference between life and death.

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YOUR VIEWS

Smoker contends he has rights, too

To the Editor:
I heard a story on the local news that I would like to comment on. It concerned the county commissioners holding a vote on whether or not to ban smoking in the courthouse and all county buildings. It went on to state that there was an area currently reserved in the courthouse for smoking.

What really surprised me is that this is on the county level. American tax payers are more than used to being shoved around and having their personal freedoms trampled on by a large federal government. They are also increasingly getting used to being dictated to by bureaucratic giants, and the county steps in.

Sir, I am a smoker, and will readily admit that I inhale. However, contrary to popular belief, I have rights too. I pay taxes in this county, am subject to jury duty, and on occasion I utilize county facilities.

Long gone are the days when my voice carried and weight in the higher governments, but a person still expects to be heard at the local level. This is home.

Why not leave things as they are. Each day it's little freedoms like this that are taken away thereby clipping away at peoples rights.

Another even better suggestion is let "we the people"

speak. Instead of a few commissioners legislating what we can or can't do, put it to a vote. Try some old-fashioned Americanism for a change and let the people speak. Thank you very much for listening.

SINCERELY,
TIM HATCHER
BIG SPRING

Reader questions why all must pay for course

To the Editor:
There have been recent items in the Herald regarding our Municipal Golf Course along with suggested plans for restoration; therefore, may I add to the confusion which may or may not exist?

First, I don't believe it to be in the best interest of the community to ask, expect or force 100 percent of the tax paying population to wholly or partially fund any project or facility where only a small percentage of this group actually uses said facility or participates in such activity.

We are providing pools for the swimmers, tennis courts for the tennis players, diamonds for the baseball players, parks for the picnickers, trails for the walkers and hikers, a golf course for the golfers and perhaps other things of which I am not even aware ... so ... why not a bowling alley for the bowlers and a billiard parlor for the pool shooters along with free transportation?



Sharp proposes 'career' students pay higher tuition

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp last week proposed that "career" students pay up to four times their current tuition.

"What we want to do is target those students who just can't seem to graduate," said Andy Welch, a spokesman for Sharp's office.

Sharp's proposal — aimed at culling our undergraduate students who have amassed at least 170 hours of credit — would increase those students' tuition from \$2,150 a year up to \$7,910 a year.

The proposal, if approved by the Legislature, could save the state about \$5 million a year, beginning in 1999.

Statistics maintained by the comptroller's office show that about 18 percent of students enrolled in state universities have more than 170 credits. Most majors need about 120 total credit hours to receive an undergraduate degree.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS
by
Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

log creates a dangerous situation for students and is unfair to school personnel who have to wait a long time for their cases to be resolved.

Allegations that indicate a potential danger for students — such as sexual misconduct — have the highest priority; allegations of violence are priority two; and drug violations are assigned priority three.

Nursing home administrators will be held accountable for all problems in nursing home, under a set of tough new standards adopted last week by the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators.

In adopting 25 standards of conduct that hold administrators accountable, the board sided with advocates for the more than 98,000 nursing home residents in Texas.

The vote came after a four-month study by the board to overcome public outrage generated by an *Austin American-Statesman* investigation that found none of the state's 2,700 administrators had been disciplined since 1993, despite questionable deaths, injuries and other problems in Texas nursing homes.

The new standards require administrators:
-To ensure that enough trained workers are on duty and that a nursing home has enough resources to provide adequate nutrition, medication and treatment programs;
-To prevent abuse and neglect of residents; and
-To refrain from misleading families about what services the home provides.

When the Legislature convenes later this month, state employees want pay raises, and they want their salaries to be a high priority with lawmakers.

State workers have not had an across-the-board pay raise since December 1992.

"Enough is enough. We're going to have to get tough about this," Lane Zivley, executive director of the 16,000-member Texas Public Employees Association, told the Associated Press. TPEA is seeking a \$250-a-month raise for 1998 and 1999.

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, said he thinks the raises are long overdue, but a raise would depend on whether the money is available.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat, also want to see whether money is available before making commitments to support a raise.

The House Appropriations Committee, headed by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, has been

studying state employee salaries.

"I would like to do a state employee pay raise," Junell said. "I'm not going to say it's going to happen, but I think there's a real desire to do something, at least the people I visit with who are decision-makers."

The state auditor has recommended a raise of 3.5 percent in 1998 and 1999. On the average state workers earned \$24,175 this year.

Other highlights:
-A toll-free College Information Hotline will open Jan. 18-19 to anyone in Texas wanting free information about colleges, universities, admissions, testing and financial aid. The hotline will be staffed by high school and university professionals from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. The number is (800) 347-3475.

-Texas' population increased to over 19 million in 1996, making it the fastest-growing state for the fourth consecutive year. A high birth rate and migration from other countries boosted the state's population by 326,900 people in the past year, according to an annual population estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau.

-Last year the Texas Department of Public Safety issued 114,655 handgun permits under the state's concealed handgun law. Before the law went into effect, it was projected that 80,000 of the permits would be issued the first year. Now, about 1 percent of the state's adults have a permit.

Nearly 1,100 complaints against teachers and school administrators are being investigated by the State Board of Educator Certification and the oldest cases date to 1989.

The board has the authority to revoke or suspend an individual's certification.

Board officials said the large number of cases is caused by limited resources — only three investigators are on the job — and the need to proceed carefully in cases that could damage reputations.

But educators say the back-

Tammy Denn, would have a warm and safe place to work on the float. They even told their employees to help, if they were needed.

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With help like that it really makes one proud to have people like the Feagins in our home town.

SINCERELY,
CLARA LEWIS
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Community center offers thanks for holiday help

To the Editor:
Please convey to our community, my deepest thanks for all the support the community has given to the Northside Community Center this holiday

Feagins' Implement gets thanks from DAV

To the Editor:
The members of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit 47, want to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Feagin, of Feagins' Implement, for all they did for us so that we could enter a float in the Christmas parade.

They made part of their shop available so that our two members, Bernice Gibbs and

Come On!!! Let's Go For It!!! Let's spend the money for fun things so that a few can enjoy life and just let the streets, the utilities and the buildings take care of themselves!!!

With respect for all concerned,

J.B. KEATON
BIG SPRING

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BRUCE TINSLEY

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Big Spring Herald Sunday, January 5, 1997

Hangar

SMITHTOWN, Cyndi Hurd was huge hangar seal the mystery of death in the destroyed TWA 1 She scanned the ken metal pulled bottom and v calmed her fear many families of of the July 17 d investigators ha the truth.

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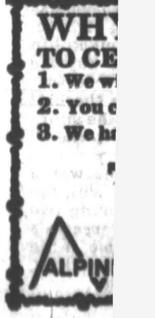
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Hangar activity passes inspection; Coroner releases autopsy reports

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Cyndi Hurd walked into the huge hangar seeking answers to the mystery of her brother's death in the explosion that destroyed TWA Flight 800.

She scanned the tons of broken metal pulled from the ocean bottom and what she saw calmed her fears — shared by many families of the 230 victims of the July 17 disaster — that investigators had been hiding the truth.

"You can't walk into that hangar without believing that the FBI is not hiding anything," said Hurd, 29, of Severn, Md., who lost her brother, Jamie, in the explosion.

"I saw it with my own eyes. That plane is broken into thousands of pieces. I don't know how they're going to put it back together again but I walked away with insight and trust."

bound jumbo jet. It has become a hub of activity as a detailed reconstruction of the plane begins, with investigators still unsure whether the explosion was caused by a bomb, a missile or mechanical malfunction.

A visitor to the cavernous hangar is struck by its size, big enough to house two football fields. Some 50,000 pieces of the Boeing 747 are laid out in sections, awaiting further scrutiny by investigators. Workers keep track of the parts by using taped grids and the serial numbers that were placed on each part by Boeing.

The massive wings, charred and bent, angle away from the reassembled main fuselage, which stretches across the center of the hangar.

One unrecognizable chunk of metal is identified as the cockpit, with its instrument gauges astonishingly unscathed. Strands of wire thousands of feet long lie in a pile.

Elsewhere, scores of small pieces await identification.

Hurd, who was accompanied by her father, said they went to the hangar to get a better understanding of how her brother died and to try to feel closer to him at the spot where he was last alive.

When she first saw the neat rows of seats in the passenger compartment, her knees buckled.

"I kept thinking what was going through those people's minds when all this happened," she said.

She saw the seat where her brother had sat. All that was left was the top metal frame and one arm rest.

"I had to walk out and get air," she said. "It was the same kind of feeling I had when I found out my brother was on that plane. It gave us more proof that he was really gone."

Hurd was given some of her brother's personal effects, including his suitcase, sandals and the cover of his passport.

Other passengers' personal effects were laid out on racks and in boxes: wallets, clothing, luggage, pocketbooks and a small baby doll.

"That really got me, the fact that some little girl probably had it on the plane," she said.

The Hurd family are the only family members who have seen the hangar besides Charles Christopher, an FBI agent whose wife, a flight attendant, died on the plane.

Christopher said he went there because "I owe it to my wife. I didn't abandon her because she got killed."

"I felt some comfort just being there," he added.

Meanwhile, responding to pressure from relatives of the victims, the coroner has begun releasing autopsy reports, although he doesn't understand why they would want the "chilling documents."

Suffolk County medical examiner Dr. Charles Wetli reluctantly began releasing the reports to family members seek-

ing details on how their loved ones died.

"I would not want to read the autopsy of my loved one," Wetli told The Associated Press. He added: "They are very cold, chilling documents."

So far, only a couple of families have actually received the reports. Wetli declined to give specifics.

Some wanted to learn whether their relatives had suffered; others sought information that might be useful in lawsuits against TWA and the Boeing Co., which made the 747.

The medical examiner said the conditions of the bodies were "horrendous."

Even so, "a lot of families want to know what happened to their loved ones," said John Seaman of Clifton Park, N.Y., who lost his niece, Michelle Becker, a University of Georgia student.

Wetli said he had delayed releasing the documents because the crash is potentially

a criminal case and he did not want to jeopardize the investigation.

Investigators have still not determined if the explosion was caused by a bomb, missile or mechanical malfunction.

But the head of the criminal probe, FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom, told the medical examiner last week he had no objection to the release of the autopsy reports to the next of kin.

In addition, at Wetli's request, state Attorney General Dennis Vacco issued an opinion saying the families were legally entitled to the documents.

The medical examiner said he still could not understand why passengers were not burned even though investigators have determined the center fuel tank somehow exploded, knocking the plane out of the sky.

"As far as I can tell, I don't believe anyone suffered," he said. "It's not impossible but it's highly unlikely."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Flooding continues on West Coast

LINCOLN, Calif. (AP) — About 112,000 Northern California residents are being kept away from their homes today, many stuck in shelters set up in schools, churches and Army bases as flooding continues to plague much of the West.

Helicopters rescued marooned motorists and plucked stranded farmers from rooftops, sometimes under harrowing conditions.

"There were wires at the tops of the trees when we rescued one man and an older woman from a car," said U.S. Coast Guard petty officer Dan Sweetser, who was in a helicopter that rescued five people in Olivehurst.

Clinton declared northern Nevada a major disaster area Friday following days of rain that sent rivers over their

banks in the Reno and Carson City area.

Helms says president is letting Cuba off hook

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms says President Clinton is letting Cuba off the hook by temporarily barring legal action against certain foreign investments on the island.

But the European allies and Canada argue the notion of lawsuits should be dropped altogether.

Clinton has suspended for an additional six months a law allowing Americans to sue foreigners who do business in Cuba on property confiscated from U.S. citizens.

Clinton said he took the action in order to "consolidate and build on the momentum" generated internationally for

democratic change in communist Cuba.

Investigators say followers mailed explosive cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators tracing the source of eight letter bombs are pursuing a theory followers of a radical Egyptian cleric mailed the explosive-laden greeting cards to a prison and a newspaper office.

Three of the followers of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, imprisoned in this country for terrorist conspiracy, are inmates at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., where two of the letter bombs were found this week. A third letter bomb — also addressed to the "parole officer" at the prison — was found Friday at the Leavenworth post office.

The possibility the blind cleric's followers in Egypt sent the

letter bombs is "an important lead we will look at closely," said Chris Murray, a spokesman for the FBI's Washington field office.

Drive-through Internet

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — People used to getting their burgers and fries on the quick can now hop on the Internet in a drive-through lane for the latest stock prices, forecasts and sports scores.

In a nation obsessed with convenience from coast to coast, a small online service company is offering the ultimate for computer junkies.

The company based in Lewisburg, a town of 3,500, has placed a 15-inch Macintosh monitor inside the drive-through window in its office, a former fast-food restaurant. There is a keyboard and glide pad outside for drivers to use in their cars.

'Soccer Mom' voted top word of 1996

CHICAGO (AP) — Politicians and pollsters liked it, and now the term "soccer mom" has the blessing of linguists, even though it's a jokey acceptance.

"Soccer mom" was voted Word of the Year for 1996 by the American Dialect Society. It beat out "alpha geek" in Friday's balloting at the group's annual meeting here.

"You'd have to ask Bill Clinton or Bob Dole why it is so important," said Allan Metcalf, the society's recording secretary and an English professor at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. "We are merely recognizing its importance."

"Soccer mom" was a political buzz-term during the presiden-

tial campaign, referring to the demographic group of suburban women seen as a key voting bloc.

"Alpha geek" refers to the person in any office who's known as a solver of computer problems.

The society has been choosing a word of the year since 1990. The idea is to recognize that new words and phrases are always creeping into the language, Metcalf said.

The group tries not to take itself too seriously, he said.

This year's choice as most useful new word was "dot," as in "dot-com," from the language of Internet addresses for e-mail and the World Wide Web.

Coastal Bend officials expecting base closures in 1999

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A group that fought against recent military base closings along the Coastal Bend is rebuilding to do battle in what they expect to be another round of shutdowns during the next five years.

Military bases in Corpus Christi, Kingsville and Ingleside provide about \$353 million a year in payroll alone to the Coastal Bend area.

"All of our communities need to remain constantly vigilant," Loyd Neal, chairman of the South Texas Military Facilities Task Force, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "The one thing we learned is that you have to start early and you have to go often (to Washington, D.C.). If you wait until decision-makers announce what they're doing, it's way too late."

The group is waiting and watching for the Pentagon's Quadrennial Defense Review, due to congressional committees by May 15.

The review will signal where military services will be trying to strengthen themselves and where they will be recommending cutbacks because of tight budgets.

Neal said the group might have to start all over with its base-saving campaign because of recent changes in key decision-making positions, including secretary of defense and chief of naval operations.

"We're always concerned when we start all over with leadership. Invariably when you change the top, you often change people down the chain of command," Neal said.

The task force expects to have about \$30,000 this month to fund initial lobbying efforts this spring, far short of the task force's \$500,000 budget during the 1994-95 base closure process, Neal said. But fund-raising efforts will continue, he said.

The Pentagon this year could suggest another round of base closures this year, but Neal said he questions whether Congress would go along with another round of elections coming next year.

"I would be surprised if they voted in this session (for another round of base closures)," Neal said. "I would not be surprised if they voted in '98 after congressional elections are over to look at this again."

But that doesn't mean cuts aren't in the offing.

The area's largest installation is the Corpus Christi Army Depot, with 3,136 employees.

A decision is expected within the next two months on a possible reduction of 360 civilian workers at the depot, said Col. David Emling, deputy commander and executive director of industrial operations at the Illinois-based Industrial Operation Command, which oversees the depot.

"Logic tells you if you have less work to do, you need fewer workers," Emling said. "For the most part, with the Army downsizing, we would anticipate our workload to be lessened in years to come."

Also, Neal said the task force was alerted to a Navy decision to prepare the naval air station in Meridian, Miss., to receive T-45 training jets. Those training aircraft, of which there now are none at Meridian, are the same aircraft used at Naval Air Station Kingsville. That could place the two installations in competition for operations, Neal said.

U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz, a Corpus Christi Democrat and ranking Texan on the House National Security Committee, said there is cause for worry.

Backers of another base closure round will be working to gain a majority in Congress,

Ortiz said, and "when they have the votes, I think they're going to pop it in front of us for another base-closure commission. It's like the Boy Scouts. We've got to be prepared."

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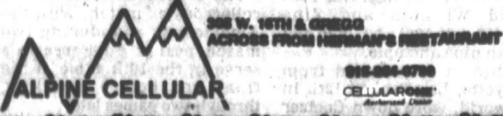
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C-City speedster, McCalister head All-Crossroads

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It's a good bet that Arian Emerson and Leo McCalister helped the stock of headache medicine companies soar this past football season, because causing headaches was their specialty.

Emerson, a junior tailback from Colorado City, and McCalister, a senior defensive back for the Stanton Buffaloes, are the headliners of this year's All-Crossroads 11-Man Football Team.

Both are repeat performers on the All-Crossroads team, and both had spectacular seasons in 1996.

Emerson (5-11, 170 pounds) was nearly impossible to stop for the Wolves. He gained more than 1,700 yards on 251 carries (a seven-yard per-carry average), scored 21 touchdowns and accounted for 128 points this past season.

In addition to being named all-district, he was also a first-team Class 3A all-state selection on the Associated Press Sports Editors dream team.

McCalister, meanwhile, was

just as hard to get past as Emerson was to stop. From his cornerback position, the 6-2, 170-pound senior accounted for 11 interceptions — two of which were returned for touchdowns — knocked down eight other pass attempts and was in on 66 tackles in 1996.

He was named District 6-2A's defensive MVP and was named to the first-team defense on the APSE's Class 2A squad.

Another Stantonite who earns superlatives on this year's All-Crossroads team is head coach Mark Cotton, who guided the Buffaloes to their second consecutive berth in the Class 2A playoffs. Under his direction, the Buffs finished the season with an 8-3 mark and a second-place finish behind state champion Iraan in District 6-2A.

A big reason for the Buffs' success was sophomore quarterback Kyle Herm, who accounted for almost 2,000 total yards in 1996. Herm (5-10, 160) completed 76 of 149 passes for 1,315 yards and 22 touchdowns against only five interceptions. In addition, he carried the ball 93 times for 518 yards and

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1996 All-Crossroads 11-Man Football Team

Superlatives

Offensive MVP — Arian Emerson, Colorado City
Defensive MVP — Leo McCalister, Stanton
Coach of the Year — Mark Cotton, Stanton

Offense

Quarterback — Kyle Herm, Stanton
Running back — Antwoyne Edwards, Big Spring
Running back — Marshall Wright, Coahoma
Wide receiver — Leo McCalister, Stanton
Wide receiver — Tyrone Davis, Stanton
Tight end — C.J. Ashley, Big Spring
Lineman — Zach Love, Colorado City
Lineman — Shawn Rye, Coahoma
Lineman — Kurt Miranda, Big Spring
Lineman — Jeremy Smith, Stanton
Lineman — Matt Moore, Stanton

Defense

Lineman — Jeff Denton, Big Spring
Lineman — Isaac Martinez, Coahoma
Lineman — Logan Gamble, Forsan
Lineman — Chad Smith, Forsan
Linebacker — T.J. Lipham, Forsan
Linebacker — Jody Louder, Stanton
Linebacker — Heath Blair, Coahoma
Secondary — Frankie Green, Big Spring
Secondary — Todd McAdams, Big Spring
Secondary — Mike McMillan, Coahoma
Secondary — Paul Kinsey, Forsan

'Team Turmoil' primed for Carolina Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A week ago, the Dallas Cowboys thought they had put turmoil behind them and were ready for a run to their fourth Super Bowl in five seasons.

But nothing comes easy for this team.

It had only three days to savor its 40-15 wild-card victory over Minnesota, by far its best game of an up-and-down season. Only three days to concentrate on this week's opponent, the upstart Carolina Panthers, conquerors of mighty San Francisco and champions of the NFC West.

Then a 23-year-old woman alleged that two of Dallas' best and most troubled players, Michael Irvin and Erik Williams, had held her at gunpoint and forced her to have sex.

Irvin and Williams have denied any wrongdoing, and a police investigation continues without any charges filed.

But the Cowboys were Team Turmoil again, a notion reinforced by the hordes of media descending on their headquarters at Valley Ranch. By Thursday, the investigation had slowed and the party line was that the Cowboys (with

Irvin and Williams) would be ready for the Panthers, who in only their second season went 12-4, beating San Francisco twice to win the division title.

The Cowboys said the trouble united them, although most of their barbs were toward the media, not the Panthers.

"The team is focused and doing what it has to do to win," said defensive tackle Tony Casillas, who is replacing another troubled teammate — Leon Lett, suspended for a year for substance-abuse violations.

"All the guys on this team are great guys and the bottom line is that we'll do our job. We can't get caught up in this tabloid journalism. We're not interested in all that sensational press."

Ignored in all this are the Panthers, the most successful expansion team in sports history — 19-13 in two years of existence.

They quietly went through preparations after a week off. Last time they had a bye week, they spent it preparing for the 49ers and shocked them 23-7.

But even the Panthers weren't immune from strife.

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Jacksonville claims second playoff upset; Packers punch 49ers

Upstart Jaguars down Denver; Green Bay ousts Frisco

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Jacksonville Jaguars, a second-year team, may have pulled off the biggest playoff upset in 28 years Saturday when they beat the Denver Broncos 30-27.

Green Bay, the other favorite, had few problems in the NFC game, routing San Francisco 35-21.

Jacksonville, which upset Buffalo last week and went into

the game at Mile High Stadium as a two-touchdown underdog, overcame a 12-0 first period deficit as Mark Brunell threw for two touchdowns and Natrone Means rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

Jacksonville's victory may have been the biggest upset since the New York Jets, 19-point underdogs, beat the Baltimore Colts 16-7 in the 1969 Super Bowl. Quarterback Joe Namath "guaranteed" a victory before the game and the Jets came through.

For Denver, it was a frustrating end to a season in which it lost only one game that meant anything. The final two losses in a 13-3 season came after the Broncos had clinched the home-field advantage throughout the

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playoffs. But home field turned out to mean nothing.

"It's a big disappointment. Any time you have home field, you expect to win," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said.

"But you have to give them all the credit. They deserve it." The Jaguars now move on to the AFC title game to play the winner of Sunday's game between Pittsburgh and New England at Foxboro, Mass. The other expansion team, the Carolina Panthers, also remain alive with the Panthers hosting the defending champion Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Green Bay's win was sparked by a Jacksonville castoff,

Desmond Howard, who gave the Packers a 14-0 first period lead by returning one punt 71 yards for a touchdown and another 46 to set up a second score.

The 49ers, who won last week at home in the mud, couldn't handle the slippery turf at Lambeau Field.

Their only scores came after special teams mistakes by the Packers within a 40-second span at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second.

But they never really recovered from Howard's returns on their first two punts, which put them down 14-0 before the Packers even had a first down.

And once they closed to 21-14, Green Bay grounded out yardage despite the bad footing. Wide receiver Antonio Freeman fell on Edgar Bennett's fumble in the end zone at the end of a 72-yard drive to make it 28-14 and the Packers forced four turnovers in the second half.

Sunday's Dallas-Carolina game has been overshadowed by a woman's allegations that Michael Irvin and Erik Williams of the Cowboys forced her to have sex at gunpoint.

But Williams and Irvin will play and Dom Capers, who earned coach of the year honors for leading the Panthers to the NFC West title in just their second season, thinks the continuing Dallas problems may

help them. "Sometimes things like that can unify a team for a common purpose," Capers says.

Pittsburgh, last year's AFC champion, will take a unique two-quarterback alignment into New England — using Kordell Stewart as an option-running changeup to the more traditional Mike Tomczak. The big question for the Steelers, who routed Indianapolis last week, is the groin injury that could slow down Jerome Bettis, their top rusher.

For New England, which has been in the league for 37 seasons, this is only the second home playoff game ever. But the Patriots made it to the Super Bowl in 1985 by winning three games on the road.

Oilers fire offensive coordinator; name replacement

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers coach Jeff Fisher fired offensive coordinator Jerry Rhome with one year remaining on his contract Friday and chose receivers coach Les Steckel as his replacement.

The Oilers ranked 18th in the NFL in total offense, 21st in passing and sixth in rushing this season under Rhome, who also had the job of tutoring former 1995 first-round draft pick Steve McNair.

"Over the last two seasons we've developed some philosophical differences with regards to our offensive system, and I have elected to go in another direction," Fisher said. "Jerry is a good coach and he will have no problem finding another position in the league."

The Oilers had one of the best

running attacks in the league, keyed by rookie of the year Eddie George. But the offense was criticized as being too predictable.

"(Jerry) came to us as a quarterback guru and leaves with that reputation intact," Fisher said. "He is very dedicated and has done a wonderful job with Steve McNair."

In an interview with Houston television station KRIV, Rhome said he doesn't believe he has been made a scapegoat.

"Jeff just wanted to go in a different direction. I certainly understand what he's saying. I don't think that's saying it's my fault or anybody's fault. That's just the way it is," Rhome said.

He added, "It did catch me a little bit off guard."

Rhyme didn't duck the blame for the Oilers' lack of success on offense.

"I'm the one responsible. That's the only way you can look at it. When we're successful, I get more credit than I should, and sometimes it works the other way," Rhome said.

The Oilers started the season 5-2 but finished the season out of the playoffs with an 8-8 record. Fisher declined to discuss his differences with Rhome in detail but he clearly wants more production from the Oilers' offensive talent.

"We have a lot of talent in our backfield," Fisher said. "Our job is to build our offense around our most talented people. I'm not saying Jerry wasn't capable of doing it. He did a lot in two years."

"But at times, we all face crossroads. It just felt like we were going in different directions."

Steckel has been with the Oilers for two years and was head coach of the Minnesota Vikings for one season.

"Les is an experienced, battle-tested coach who has been successful at all levels and will bring versatility to our offense," Fisher said.

The Oilers will begin a search for a new wide receivers coach to replace Steckel.

Fisher started realigning his staff on Wednesday when he promoted defensive coordinator Steve Sidwell to assistant head coach and moved linebacker coach Gregg Williams to defensive coordinator.

TAKING AIM



Howard College's Will Jones (40) fires a shot during a recent Hawks game. The Hawks defeated Glendale (Ariz.) Community College Friday night. For more details, see page 9A.

Late replacement helps U.S. team claim Hopman Cup

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Justin Gimelstob, a late replacement who had never played mixed doubles before this week, teamed with Chanda Rubin on Saturday to give the United States its first title in the Hopman Cup tennis championship.

Gimelstob and Rubin beat Wayne Ferreira and Amanda Coetzer 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the decisive mixed doubles match to earn a 2-1 victory over South Africa in the final at the Burswood Dome.

Rubin defeated Coetzer 7-5, 6-2 in the opening women's singles, before Ferreira tied the match with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) win over Gimelstob.

The unseeded Americans won the match when they broke

Coetzer's serve to love after 1 hour, 47 minutes, of mixed doubles action.

Gimelstob, ranked only 155th in the world, waved his Stars and Stripes cap in the air to celebrate the win, then threw it into the sellout crowd of 8,500.

"This wasn't bad for a last-minute effort," a beaming Rubin said.

The Americans began the tournament as 66-1 shots after the 19-year-old Gimelstob was called from a vacation in Miami Beach to replace Richey Reneberg, who withdrew when his wife was overdue with their first child.

Gimelstob played his first match within 12 hours of arriving and quickly forged a brilliant doubles partnership with

Rubin as the Americans swept past France, defending champion Croatia and Australia on their way to the final.

"It is a dream come true to be a part of this," Gimelstob said. "It is amazing."

"Chanda was just great. By winning all four of her singles matches, she made my job easy. I should give her some of my prize money just to make it fair."

The United States had reached the final twice previously, with John McEnroe and Pam Shriver in 1990 and with David Wheaton and Zina Garrison in 1991, but had not won in nine attempts.

Rubin, a 20-year-old from Lafayette, La., ranked 12th in the world, wore down Coetzer

with her powerful and persistent groundstrokes in the women's singles match.

Rubin forced Coetzer wide on her weaker backhand side and punished her opponent's second serves.

The match featured 13 breaks of serve — including eight on Coetzer's serve — but Rubin was pleased with the way she lifted herself in the second set.

"I started hitting the ball early and tried to be more aggressive and that worked," Rubin said.

The mixed doubles was a rollercoaster match, with the Americans squandering two match points on Ferreira's serve in the 10th game of the final set before breaking through two games later.

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Hawks down Glendale
GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Howard College Hawks showed little rust from their two-week holiday layoff, taking a 98-91 victory over Glendale Community College Friday night.
The Hawks trailed early, but built a 10-point first-half lead before Glendale rallied to within five points at intermission.
The second half was a back-and-forth affair until Will Jones nailed consecutive three-pointers with three minutes remaining to give the Hawks a nine-point lead.
Nathan Clover scored 30 points to lead the Hawks, who also got double-digit scoring from Jones (19 points), Marcus Reedy (16 points) and Clifton Cook (15 points).
Head coach Tommy Collins was pleased with the win, but added that the Hawks will have

to improve on defense.
"Considering we were coming off a two-week layoff, we did well offensively," Collins said. "Jones, Clover and Reedy really did a lot of outstanding things. Our overall team defense was not solid, and most of that was created by very poor defensive play by our point guards. We have to have much better play by Clifton (Cook) and Jack (Owens)."
Howard played Phoenix College in Phoenix, Ariz. Saturday night, and will return home to face Hill Junior College at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at Garrett Coliseum.

Doe named All-World
Bobby Doe was recently named to the North American Fast Pitch Softball Association All-World Team.
Doe, the baseball coach at Big Spring High School, recently

competed for the San Antonio Magic at the NAFPSA championship tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.
Doe won five games and lost one for the Magic, who finished third at the tournament.

Freshmen girls win
The Big Spring High School freshmen girls' basketball team improved to 6-4 for the season with a 40-15 victory over San Angelo Lake View Thursday in San Angelo.
Alexis Casillas had eight points and eight rebounds, while Monica Rubio, Heather Gibbs and Laura Johnson scored six points apiece.

Also playing well for Big Spring were Hedy Wigington, who had 11 rebounds, and Tara Cooper.
The freshmen Lady Steers played Fort Stockton Saturday in Fort Stockton.

TEAM

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seven TDs.
Joining Herm in the All-Crossroads backfield is Big Spring junior runner Antwoyne Edwards (5-9, 175). The first-team All-District 4-4-A selection gained 1,115 yards on 234 carries for a 4.8 average and scored eight touchdowns, even though injury held him to just one carry in the final game against Andrews.
Rounding out the backfield is Coahoma senior Marshall Wright (5-8, 170), who did a little bit of everything in the Bulldogs' single-wing attack.
McCallister was not only adept at catching the opposition's passes, he did a good job of snagging the team's attempts.
This past season, he caught 34 passes for 646 yards and 11 touchdowns, earning first-team all-district and honorable men-

tion all-state honors in the process.
His teammate, junior Tyrone Davis (6-1, 170) is the other wide-out. Davis snagged 23 passes for 403 yards and eight TDs in 1996.
At tight end is Big Spring junior C.J. Ashley (6-3, 190), a first-team all-district selection for the Steers.
The offensive line consists of Zach Love (sr., 6-3, 270), an all-state selection from Colorado City, Kurt Miranda (so., 5-10, 185) from Big Spring, junior Shawn Rye (6-2, 230) from Coahoma, and Jeremy Smith (so., 6-0, 200) and Matt Moore (sr., 6-2, 220) from Stanton.
The All-Crossroads defensive line starts with Big Spring senior Jeff Denton, a first-team all-district selection, and includes Coahoma senior Isaac Martinez (5-8, 205), Forsan

junior Logan Gamble (5-8, 160) and Stanton sophomore Chad Smith (6-3, 205).
Heading the linebacking corps on this year's team is Forsan junior T.J. Lipham, a 6-0, 185-pound junior who was the Buffaloes' leading tackler this season, accounting for 109 total stops. Also at linebacker are Stanton sophomore Jody Louder, who had 135 total tackles, and Coahoma senior Heath Blair, a first-team all-district selection.
Another All-Crossroads repeat performer is Big Spring senior defensive back Frankie Green, who earned his second straight All-District 4-4-A selection in 1996. Joining him in the defensive backfield are teammate Todd McAdams (sr., 5-11, 170), Coahoma's Mike McMillan (sr., 5-7, 150) and Forsan junior Paul Kinsey (5-9, 160).

Jaguar quarterback outshines Elway

DENVER (AP) — Move over, Marino. Make some elbow room, Elway. Mark Brunell might just be the next great quarterback.
With scrambling ability that has drawn comparisons to Steve Young and an arm to rival John Elway, Brunell is quickly becoming one of the league's most feared quarterbacks.
He strengthened his case Saturday in leading the Jacksonville Jaguars one step closer to the Super Bowl with a 30-27 upset over the Denver Broncos.

"Mark Brunell will be a household name," Jacksonville receiver Jimmy Smith said. "He remained poised the entire game, and he got the ball to our receivers."
Brunell picked Denver apart with 245 yards passing and two touchdowns, but he also broke down the defense with subtle head fake.
In the second quarter, Denver linebacker Bill Romanowski charged untouched up the middle, but fell for a Brunell shoulder fake and fell flat on his face. Brunell completed a 19-yard pass to Willie Jackson.

In the game-clinching, fourth-quarter drive, Brunell dodged several tacklers on the right side of the field and then cut back to the left sideline for a 29-yard gain that actually covered about 60.
Brunell hit Smith on a timing pattern for the clinching score three plays later.
"He's a great athlete, a great competitor," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "He showed a lot of poise. He avoided a lot of tackles and threw some pinpoint passes. To me, he's the reason they're having the success that they are."

San Diego coach resigns; cites philosophical differences

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers are now a one-Bobby team.
Coach Bobby Ross resigned Friday because he couldn't settle his philosophical differences with general manager Bobby Beathard. The departure, coming just two seasons after Ross led the Chargers to their only Super Bowl, was mutually agreed upon.
"This is hard. We're all very fond of Bobby and I think everybody wishes this could have been worked out," Beathard said. "This was not a power struggle, this wasn't a struggle of egos, it was just differences. I guess you can compare it to a marriage where both people didn't see eye to eye on things."
Beathard will retain custody of the Chargers, who never had a losing season under Ross. The popular coach, known for his Southern mannerisms, leaves with a five-year record of 47-33, plus a 3-3 mark in three playoff appearances. The team was 8-8

this season.
Ross took no questions during a news conference, choosing to read from a statement.
"I did not want this to come about, but it was apparent at the onset of our end-of-the-season discussions that Bobby Beathard felt that our philosophical differences could not be overcome," said Ross, who at times sounded angry. "I was surprised by that, but as time continued it appeared that was the case."
The Atlanta Falcons and the St. Louis Rams have expressed interest in Ross. The Falcons' job would be a perfect fit for Ross, who spent five years in Atlanta reviving the Georgia Tech program before he was hired by the Chargers on Jan. 2, 1992.
"I've been through tougher things than this," said Ross, 60, who was an Army lieutenant during the Berlin blockade in the 1950s. "I think I'll survive."
The differences between Ross and Beathard apparently

included Beathard's displeasure with offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen and defensive coordinator Dave Adolph, and the way the coaching staff was using — or not using — young players.
Ross is extremely loyal to his assistants, having fired only one in 20 years. Friedgen has been with Ross throughout those 20 years.
Neither Ross nor Beathard would be specific about their disagreements. Same with club president Dean Spanos.
"It's a difficult and delicate thing to explain," said Spanos, son of owner Alex Spanos.
Dean Spanos said he and his father have "the utmost respect" for Ross and his staff. But, he said, "Bobby Beathard is our guy and will be our guy in the future."
Ross and his assistants reached financial settlements of their contracts and will get paid until they find new jobs. Ross' contract was to pay him about \$1 million a year through

BOWLING

Local leagues
RESULTS - White Motor Co. Stanton over Vogue Beauty Salon, 6-2; Fred's Contracting over The Four of Us, 6-2; Up & Down over Patis Agency, Inc., 6-2; Strife Force over Double R Cotte, 6-2; The Bold & The Beautiful over Neal's Sporting Goods, 6-2; Federal Oil over KC Steakhouse, 6-2; Cowboy's Restaurants over Big Spring Restaurants, 5-3; A Timeless Design over Big Spring Mobile HomePark, 4-4; Hi sc. game and series (men) Don Ewing, 231 and Pat Carter, 688; Hi sc. game and series (men) Robert Cress, 255 and Pat Carter, 678; Hi sc. game and series (women) Janet Carter, 231 and Evelyn Vansteenberg, 827; Hi sc. game and series (women) Janet Carter, 287a and Evelyn Vansteenberg, 674; Hi sc. team game and series, Fred's Contracting, 76.5 and 2053; Hi sc. team game and series, Fred's Contracting, 923 and Strike Force Four, 2563.
STANDINGS - Parks Agency, Inc., 84-52; Double R Cotte, 84-52; Fred's Contracting, 84-52; White Motor Co. Stanton, 82-54; Up & Down, 78-58; KC Steakhouse, 77-59; A Timeless Design, 72-64; Cowboy's Steakhouse, 69-67; Strike Force Four, 68-68; The Bold & The Beautiful, 67-69; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 62-74; The Four of Us, 61-75; Federal Oil, 59-77; Neal's Sporting Goods, 58-78; Big Spring Instrument, 47-89; Vogue Beauty Salon, 36-100.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING
RESULTS - Tank Sally Gauge & Inc., 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, 2-6; Day & Day Builders, 8-0; Norwest Bank Team, 0-8; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 2-6; Adventures by Gail, 6-2; Here Comes Trouble, 8-0; Gene's Dream, 0-8; Unameed Points, 2-6; Pack-N-Senders, 6-2; Max-L. Times, 2-6; 4 Amigos, 6-2; Rocky's, 2-6; Pin Blasters, 6-2; Green House Photography, 2-6; Toy's, 6-2; Neighbors Auto Sales, 0-6; Campbell Cement Construction, 8-0; KC Kids, 2-6; E.P. Driver Insurance, 0-8; Big Spring Music, 8-0; Just Us "4", 2-6; Federal Oil, 6-2; Hi sc. team game and series, Big Spring Music, 770 and 2288; Hi sc. team game and series, Federal Oil, 969 and Big Spring Music, 2792; Hi sc. game and series, Joyce Davis, 280 and 781; Hi sc. game and series, Joyce Davis, 302 and 827.
STANDINGS - Pin Blasters, 90-38; Pack-N-Senders, 90-38; Big Spring Music, 84-44; Tank Sally Gauge, 77-51; Campbell Cement Cons., 75-53; Adventures by Gail, 75-53; Gene's Dream, 72-56; Barber Glass & Mirror,

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Seattle 96, Philadelphia 82
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Phoenix at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs
Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
Dallas 40, Minnesota 15
Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14
Jacksonville 30, Denver 27
Sunday, Jan. 5
Pittsburgh at New England, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Dallas at Carolina, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
Dallas-Carolina winner at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh-New England winner, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
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At New Orleans
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Pro Bowl

Tech downs Baylor

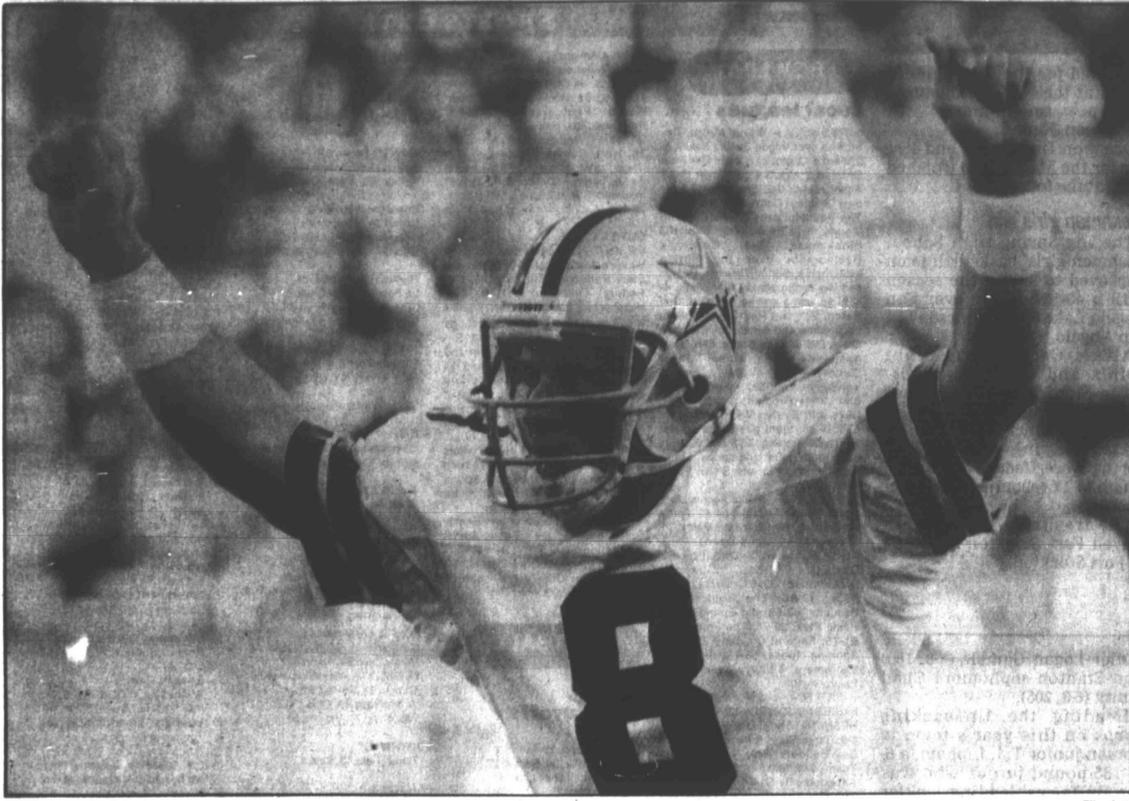
LUBBOCK (AP) — Cory Carr scored 25 points and Tony Battie had 24 as No. 23 Texas Tech battled through a late cold spell Saturday to beat Baylor 86-75 in their inaugural Big 12 game.
The Red Raiders (9-2) led 70-56 with 9:39 left in the game after running off a 21-9 streak in which they appeared to race up and down the court at will.
The Bears (11-2), off to their best start in 51 years, clawed back. After Diamond Mannon sank an acrobatic layup with 2:41 left, the score remained stuck at 78-72 for nearly two minutes.

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Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman excels in the playoffs, as evidenced by his 11-1 record as a starter during the postseason. The Cowboys play Carolina today at 3 p.m.

Playoff time is Aikman's time

Cowboy quarterback has 11-1 record in the postseason

IRVING (AP) — Crowd noise and the Carolina blitz package will be making life miserable for Troy Aikman Sunday, but the Dallas Cowboys quarterback has proved nobody handles playoff pressure better than he does.

Except Bart Starr. Aikman ranks second in all-time quarterback playoff ratings behind the former Green Bay star who twice beat the Cowboys in NFL title games and owns an incredible 11-1 record in post-season games he has started.

What makes him so good in big pressure-cooker games? Not even Aikman himself is sure.

"That's just the way it has come out," said Aikman, who led Dallas to a 40-15 wild-card win over the Minnesota Vikings last week. "I just seem

to always play well in playoff games. My game seems to come off at a higher level. I can't put my finger on why I enjoy play-off success."

One good reason might be that Aikman relishes the pressure, particularly in a hostile arena. He endures the regular season with all the circus that swirls around a team with image problems. In prime play-off time his confidence and concentration reach amazing levels, as his three Super Bowl rings will attest.

Aikman got the Cowboys to a fifth consecutive NFC East title with a 10-6 record and now he's ready to really have some fun.

"I like the playoffs and what it represents," Aikman said. "There's no problem that this team is going to overlook anybody. There are no excuses in

the playoffs. If you don't play you go home. I like that sudden death quality about it."

Actually, Aikman said, the game is "going to be a big relief. This organization draws a lot of attention. Some of it is because of its rich history and some of it is self-inflicted because of off-field activities. At least on Sunday, we'll have three hours to enjoy the game."

He said the distraction of the Michael Irvin and Erik Williams police sexual assault investigation "is just another thing we're forced to overcome. We've done it in the past."

Fullback Daryl Johnston said there is no player he would rather go into a playoff game with than Aikman.

"His 11-1 record speaks for itself," Johnston said. "That says it all right there. He

always rises to the occasion in the playoffs. When the heat is on, he has his best games. He's at his best in the big games."

Running back Emmitt Smith said Aikman is very poised on game day in the playoffs. "In big games he is as calm as calm can be," Smith said. "Our major task on Sunday is to keep the rush pressure off of him and let him perform like we know he can."

In his 12 playoff games as a starter, Aikman has passed for over 3,000 yards and thrown 21 touchdown passes to just 10 interceptions.

"Troy has proved he's the best when the playoffs roll around," said coach Barry Switzer. "He plays at a level reached by very few quarterbacks."

Only Bart Starr.

Carolina's greybeards having fun on defense

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — They're going bald or gray. Many of them wear glasses and most of their contemporaries are retired. So what are all these thirtysomething guys still doing playing defense for the Carolina Panthers?

"We're having the time of our lives," nose tackle Greg Kragen said.

They're not likely to get much argument from the teams the Panthers defeated on the way to winning the NFC West championship and setting up their second-round playoff meeting with the Dallas Cowboys.

Simply put, Carolina went shopping on the NFL's open market and made quality experience a priority over youth in seeking to build a defense. The result is one of the best units in the league and the main reason Carolina (12-4) finished the regular season with a seven-game winning streak.

The Panthers led the NFL in sacks, were second in points allowed and gave up just 13 second-half points all season at Ericsson Stadium, site of Sunday's game against the Cowboys.

"They may have old-man age," Dallas running back Emmitt Smith said, "but they're playing like young men in the heart, and that's all that counts."

Carolina's 11 defensive

starters have an average age of 31 and a combined 97 years of experience in the league. They have played in a total of 79 playoff games.

Six are 32 or older. Only one is younger than 28 — Tyrone Poole, a 24-year-old cornerback whom the Panthers made a first-round draft choice last year.

The Panthers' age was a concern over the summer to coach Dom Capers, who limited the practice repetitions of his oldest players in training camp out of fear they might develop fatigue late in the season. Capers continues the practice to this day, but he leaves it up to individual players to make the call.

"When they need a break, they tell me," he said. "I respect that."

The unquestioned leader of the defense is 37-year-old inside linebacker Sam Mills, who has led Carolina in tackles in each

of the franchise's first two seasons.

Mills, one of seven Panthers voted to the Pro Bowl this season, is the oldest player ever to earn a starting berth for the contest.

The bespectacled Mills typifies the soft-spoken, matter-of-fact nature of many of Carolina's defenders. He has an 18-year-old son and likes to listen to Nat King Cole. Asked what Christmas meant to him and he paused and frowned.

"We'll have lots of relatives coming," he said, "so I won't be able to walk around the house in my underwear."

Kragen, 34, played in three Super Bowls with Denver and had to be talked out of retirement last year after Carolina took him in the expansion draft. This season he led the Panthers' linemen with 77 tackles.

"I'm in a real comfort zone

COWBOYS

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On Wednesday, coach Dom Capers suspended defensive end Shawn King for repeatedly showing up late for meetings. Offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer, meanwhile, publicly vented his frustration over being kept on the bench while his broken thumb healed.

That had Capers, who won coach-of-the-year honors, sounding suspiciously like Dallas' Barry Switzer has sounded all season.

"There's always some things on the outside that can become peripheral distractions if you let them," Capers said. "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 winner Sunday goes to the NFC championship game, the first ever for the Panthers and a potential fifth straight for Dallas.

That contrast makes Dallas the favorite, even though the Cowboys were only 10-6 during the regular season, have spent the past week talking about everything but football and are on the road against a team that's 8-0 in its new home, Ericsson Stadium.

And Carolina hardly has a roster filled with neophytes.

The Panthers have six defensive starters over 31, seven Pro Bowlers, and a group that has 118 games of playoff experience. Twelve have been in Super Bowls and six have played on teams that have won Super Bowls.

"Sam Mills; that golden-haired guy, I can't think of his name; Lamar Lathon, Eric Davis. They've got some veterans," guard Nate Newton said. The one he couldn't remember was Kevin Greene, the NFL's sack leader.

All those players are on defense, which along with special teams, is the Panthers' strength. The offense is greener, led by quarterback Kerry Collins, Carolina's first-ever draft pick in April 1995, and tight end Wesley Walls, one of

the many free agents who have made the team more than respectable.

But even Carolina's offense was slightly better than Dallas' for most of the season — the Panthers ranked 23rd in the league in yardage, the Cowboys ranked 24th and were held without a touchdown in three of their last five regular-season games. Some of that can be attributed to Irvin's suspension for the first five games after pleading no contest to cocaine possession and receiving a suspended sentence. Dallas was 2-3 while he was out and was carried all season by the defense and kicker Chris Boniol.

But the offense seemed energized in the rout of the Vikings.

Emmitt Smith, who played all season on a sprained ankle, took off the final game in Washington and was rejuvenated against the Vikings, rushing for 116 yards on 17 carries.

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Sunday, January 5, 1997

97 New Year's resolutions for a healthier 1997 you

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Editor's Note: Today begins "I Resolve," a four-part look at New Year's resolutions people commonly make. Today offers tips for weight loss. Topics to follow include getting finances in order, pampering yourself and improving family relationships. The next three parts will run Wednesday-Friday in the *Life!* section.

The holidays are barely over, and we're feeling like fat little pigs.

We've gulped the eggnog, wolfed the cookies, heaped the ham and scooped sweet potato casserole onto our plates. Nuts 'n' bolts, Swedish meatballs, cream cheese stuff on crackers — we've eaten every bite.

And now most of us are thinking about the new year and making plans to rid our hips and thighs of our overindulgences. Question is, how to do it in a way we can stick to long enough to make a difference.

Gwen Roddys, director of Weight Watchers for East Tennessee, advises her clients to take it slow, making permanent changes in their diet and exercise programs.

To lose 10 pounds, for instance, requires you consume 35,000 fewer calories than you have been eating — or that you burn them off with exercise, or, preferably, both.

Spread that 35,000-calorie figure over the course of a year, and you have about 100 calories a day to rid yourself of.

Following are some simple ways Roddys and Margy Wirtz, fitness director for the Knoxville Downtown YMCA, suggest for creating that 100-calorie deficit. There are 97 of them, in honor of the new year. Pick and choose the ones that work best for you:

1. Switch from the giant-size burger to the junior size at your favorite fast-food restaurant. Though the savings vary, the difference will likely be hundreds of calories.
2. Replace a 12-ounce cola with a 12-ounce diet cola or, better yet, water, and save 149 calories.
3. Use a tablespoon of jelly instead of a tablespoon of butter on your toast in the morning and save 50 calories.
4. Instead of an over-sized 4-ounce bagel, have a 2-ounce one and save 160 calories.
5. Instead of whole milk (150 calories per cup), have 2 percent (120 calories per cup), 1 percent (100 calories per cup), or skim (85 calories per cup).
6. Select a 6-ounce roast beef sub with mayonnaise instead of a 6-ounce sub with tuna salad and save 175 calories.
7. Have a small taco instead of a large one and save 200 calories.
8. Substitute 1/2 cup non-fat ice cream for 1/2 cup premium ice cream and save 175 calories.

9. Have a hot dog on a bun instead of a corndog and save 220 calories.
10. An hour of ballroom dancing burns 200 calories.
11. Instead of two eggs scrambled the old-fashioned way, prepare 1/2 cup egg substitute in a non-stick skillet using vegetable oil spray for a 150-calorie savings.
12. An English muffin with butter is 195 calories lighter than an English muffin with cheese, egg and bacon at the fast-food restaurant.
13. Have a ham sandwich with mayonnaise instead of a reuben and save 120 calories.
14. Have one cup of air-popped popcorn instead of a cup of caramel popcorn to save 115 calories.
15. Replace a Pina Colada with a 4-ounce glass of wine and save 150 calories.
16. One slice of garlic bread is 100 calories lighter than three hushpuppies.
17. Have pancakes without butter to save 100 calories. And instead of saturating them with 1/4 cup syrup, pour a tablespoon on your plate and dip each bite just to get a taste. You'll save another 150 calories.
18. Use light syrup instead of regular on those pancakes and save 100 more calories.
19. A slice of banana nut bread is 150 calories less than a 2 1/2-ounce wedge of coffee cake.
20. Opt for bread instead of a croissant and save 135 calories.
21. Use three tablespoons of light ranch dressing instead of regular and save 150 calories.
22. Remove the skin from a quarter roasted chicken before you eat it and save 150 calories.
23. Use 1/4 cup salsa instead of cheese dip with your chips and save 100 calories.
24. Eat vegetable strips instead of one ounce of chips and save another 160 calories.
25. Two ounces of pretzels have 100 fewer calories than two ounces of chips.
26. Trim the fat from a four-ounce steak and save 100 or more calories.
27. Choose a regular size order of French fries instead of "super-sizing" and save 250 calories.
28. Save 165 calories when you order a grilled chicken sandwich instead of a fried chicken patty sandwich.
29. Have two slices of cheese pizza instead of the supreme deluxe and save 150 or more calories.
30. Instead of cutting the chocolate cream pie into six slices, cut it into eight. Each slice will have 150 fewer calories.
31. Eat the pie filling and leave the crust and save another 100 calories.
32. Have two tablespoons of sour cream instead of chili and cheese on your baked potato and save 350 calories.
33. Choose a fat-free apple bran muffin instead of a bacon, egg and cheese biscuit and save 250 calories.
34. Eat an apple rather than those peanut butter crackers

from the vending machine and save 100 calories.

35. Have tomato sauce instead of meat sauce on your pasta and save 100 or more calories.
36. Walk a mile in 20 minutes and burn between 120 and 200 calories, depending on what

workouts.

47. Thirty minutes of snow shoveling burns 250 calories.
48. Two slices of regular French toast with butter are 120 calories lighter than five French toast sticks.
49. Deliver messages in person instead of by phone or

workouts.

60. Buy yourself a few sessions with a certified, friendly personal trainer and express to him or her that you're there to learn so you can do it by yourself.
61. Keep a food and activity journal and track everything you do.
62. Forget the old saying, "no pain, no gain." It doesn't apply to exercise.
63. If you're over 40 and just getting back to exercise, have a physical first.
64. Don't ignore aches and pains. They could be your body signaling a problem.
65. Exercise at the time of day that feels good to you. Midday workouts can help fight the "afternoon slump."
66. Be kind to yourself. You will feel better if you give yourself a break instead of berating yourself for occasional slip-ups.
67. Reward yourself with non-food items: CD's, clothes, etc.
68. Don't grocery shop when you're hungry.
69. Don't watch TV or read while you eat, and limit your eating to the kitchen or dining room table.
70. Keep tempting food out of sight, hard to reach and bothersome to prepare.
71. Keep low-calorie food accessible, visible and ready to eat.
72. Give other family members their own places to store snack foods.
73. Don't keep tempting foods at your desk or near your workplace.
74. Carry no change for the vending machines.
75. Remove leftovers from sight immediately and store them in opaque containers. Better yet, ask another family member to put them away.
76. Put the fork, sandwich or

much you eat.

80. Learn to tune in to hunger pangs, and wait to truly feel hungry before eating.
81. Use smaller plates, serving spoons, bowls and glasses.
82. Avoid buying large sizes of foods you find irresistible.
83. When traveling, choose a hotel with an exercise facility. Then use it every day.
84. Stand or walk while talking on the phone. A cordless phone is great for walking around the house or yard. You can also be putting up the groceries or picking up the dirty laundry around the house while talking on the phone, thus burning calories and using good time management.
85. Substitute bowling, miniature golf or a stroll in the park for a movie.
86. The next time you walk the dog, walk a little faster or a little longer.
87. If you don't have a dog, get one.
88. Throw away your remote control. Get up and get your own drink. Focus on moving instead of not moving.
89. If your diet makes you feel constantly hungry and deprived, you probably need to eat more. You may need to supplement with low-calorie choices.
90. Don't use the amount of food on your plate as the standard for how much to eat. Pay attention to the signals your body gives you about being hungry or full and respond to those.
91. It's fine to include an occasional high-fat food or dessert; just balance it with lower-calorie choices that day or over the next few days.
92. Drink plenty of water. It keeps you feeling full and helps your body work most efficiently. Also, many people confuse feelings of thirst with hunger.
93. Be aware that fat-free does not mean the same as low-calorie. A fat-free cookie may have as many calories as a regular cookie. It also doesn't mean you can eat more of them, either.
94. Make changes gradually so they become built-in habits.
95. Eat breakfast. Allowing yourself to get too hungry leads to overeating later.
96. Take the focus off numbers. It's what you do, not what you weigh, that makes you a success.
97. Separate the goal of good health from the goal of meeting society's standards for thinness; a 10-pound loss may not give you the perfect body but it will improve your health.



you weigh.

37. Thirty minutes of moderate cycling burns between 150 and 250 calories.
38. You'll burn between 200 and 300 calories if you swim slowly for 30 minutes.
39. Playing singles tennis burns between 150 and 250 calories in 30 minutes.

voice mail.

50. Use a handbasket at the grocery instead of a cart. You'll give your arms a workout and cut down on how much you buy.
51. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. It may be faster and burns one calorie for every five steps.
52. Play golf for an hour (no cart, of course) and burn 300 calories.



40. You'll burn between 240 and 400 calories if you jump rope for 30 minutes.
41. Jog at 5 1/2 miles an hour and burn between 200 and 350 calories in 30 minutes.
42. Mow grass for half an hour (pushing, not riding) and burn between 160 and 300 calories.



53. Exercise while you watch TV: Do leg lifts, abdominal crunches, pushups and bicep curls with soup cans.
54. You'll burn 200 calories or more if you clean house for an hour.



55. Though the following tips aren't as specific as those above, they will help your weight loss efforts to be successful:
55. Be creative with exercise. Put on a CD and dance, go for a hike, park at a central location at the shopping center and walk.
56. Find someone who's interested in exercising with you. It helps keep you motivated.
57. Shop around for a workout facility that feels comfortable and appeals to you in its staff and clientele.
58. Vary your workouts.
59. Don't forget to work on your flexibility by stretching before and after your aerobic



drink down between bites.

77. Swallow what's in your mouth before preparing to take another bite.
78. Cut food as it is needed rather than all at once.
79. Stop eating a few times during the meal to control your eating rhythm and limit how



Time management is the resolution for 1997

It's a few days into the new year, how are you doing on your resolutions? Like last year, I picked just one resolution and hopefully I will stick to it. Last year's was to be more outspoken and not taking any "heat" from anyone.



Kellie Jones
Features Editor

This year, I have vowed to learn what time management is. You will recall several months ago I wrote about my "lifestyle change" and how I was eating better and all that. Well, I'll admit it hasn't been

easy finding time (or should I say, wanting to find the time) to go to the gym.

However, since I am wanting to have better management of my time and be more organized, I have no more excuses. Plus I have given myself a deadline of Valentine's Day to lose the weight. Oh boy!

The best way I can think of to get everything in within the allotted time I'm not asleep is to get up early and go to the gym first thing.

It's been a while since I've gotten dressed in a locker room, but I'm going to do it. That way, I'm not too tired after work or running errands or picking up cat hair off the sofa or whatever to go work out. This way, it's done and over with by the time I get to the office.

Hopefully by working out, I

will in turn feel better and have more energy in the evenings and on weekends to get the rest of my life organized.

That includes organizing the closets and cleaning the house more often and not waiting until I can write my name in the dust on the furniture. OK, so it's not that bad, but when you grow up in a home where the house was cleaned on a regular basis, you get to feeling bad when the house doesn't look perfect every day.

Back in November, I had a little get-together at the house with my co-workers and I started in October cleaning house. I moved furniture, dusted baseboards, scrubbed tile with a toothbrush, the whole nine yards. I even took everything off the kitchen cabinets and bleached the whole kitchen. Whew! That was a workout in

itself. I did feel better after I was through. In talking with other women, I'm not the only one who's spirits are lifted after cleaning house.

One thing that will help me with the cleaning is a wonderful gift I received for Christmas from my better half. Don't laugh — it's called a ScumBuster. Yes, that's right. It's from Black & Decker and is this cordless thing with three different attachments on it to use while cleaning the bathroom or kitchen.

It's battery-operated with those Versa Pack things and your arms don't get tired from scrubbing and it's light weight so it's easy to use. That was one of the main things I had put on my wish list.

My friends were like, "You want a what for Christmas?" They said they didn't want any

thing for the house as a gift. Me, I was glad to get something that makes my housecleaning job that much easier.

With the start of a new year, some changes have been made in today's *Life!* section. We now offer book reviews by Tricia Lee. Tumbleweed Smith will no longer be featured in the *Herald* in order to allow more columns from a variety of writers throughout the week. The fonts of the regular Sunday features such as weddings, birth announcements and the like have changed slightly.

Some other changes in the *Life!* section during the week include a new column from Betty Crocker where readers write in and ask for advice on numerous subjects from how to cook low fat meals to feeding a crowd.

Articles by local ministers are still featured on Fridays with a slight change. Bernie Donato, associated pastor at Seventh-Day Adventist Church, will now have an article on the third Friday of each month.

The Recipe Corner will still be featured on the second Wednesday of the month and Readers Corner on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Please send in your recipes, poems and pictures. As January progresses, there will be some other adjustments in the *Life!* section as the details are ironed out.

Let me know if you have any ideas, suggestions or complaints about the changes.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. May you have a happy and prosperous new year.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fisher

Erven and Dean Fisher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 20, 1996, with a dinner party in Midland and a gathering of family and friends in the home of their daughter, Diane Deramus for a time of caring and sharing. This event was hosted by their children and grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. ERVEN FISHER

are affiliated with the First Baptist Church.

Here is their comment about their marriage, "It was love at first sight and that feeling has never changed! We are also grateful for a loving and caring church family."

When the couple met, in Goldthwaite, it was love at first sight. They were married on Dec. 21, 1946, in Goldthwaite. They have four children, Erven III, Suzanne, David and Diane, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have lived in Big Spring since 1954, except for a brief stay in Victoria, and 12 years in Midland.

Dean started and operated the Western Welcome Service, and Erven retired as district manager for the Social Security Administration in 1985. They

Etchison

Wanda and Bill Etchison, Ackerly, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at K-Bob's Steak House on Dec. 28, 1996.

Etchison and the former Wanda Ingram were married on Dec. 23, 1946, in Ackerly with Rev. W.F. Poole officiat-

ing. They have lived on their farm all 50 years of their marriage. He retired from farming in 1987.

They have one child, Lanelle and husband Chris Boyd of Waco, and two granddaughters, Cristin and Courtney.

Carr

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1, 1997, with a dinner at the Brandin Iron.



MR. AND MRS. DALTON CARR

They were both born in Big Spring, and Emma Carr was born as Emma Rose Weir.

They have lived most of their married life in Big Spring.

The couple has four children, Randy Carr, who died Jan. 24, 1995; Rodney Carr, Richard Carr, both of Big Spring, and Rhonda Harding and son-in-law Joe, Vincent.

They have four grandchildren, Emily Carr, John, Sarah and Clay Harding.

All photos must be picked up within 30 days of publication or they will be discarded.

STORK CLUB

Michaela Susanne Foy, girl, 7 lbs. 6 ounces and 21 inches long, Dec. 19, 1996, 11:01 a.m.; parents are Blake and Susan Foy.
Grandparents are Mike and Sondra Foy, Odessa, and Karen Pace, Plano.

Laura Nichole Raines, girl, 6 lbs. 11 ounces and 19 inches long, Dec. 19, 1996, 5:42 p.m.; parents are Michael and Sue Raines.
Grandparents are Billy and Gloria Sanders, Coahoma, and Jerry and Priscilla Raines, Pampa.

Tabytha Ann Mendoza, girl, Jan. 1, 1997, 2:44 p.m.; parents are Michael and Consuella Mendoza.
Grandparents are Sally Ponder, Ohio; Jim Ponder, Arkansas; Viola Mendoza and Robert Mendoza, both of Big Spring.

Stephanie Leeann Lola, girl, Dec. 30, 1996, 10:22 p.m.; parents are Kirk and Rhonda Lola.

Marl Kaelynn Castellano, girl, Dec. 28, 1996, 9:42 a.m.; parents are Christina Nieto and Isaac Castellano.
Grandparents are Marcelino Nieto, Mary Castellano, both of Big Spring, Josie Kohorst, Lubbock, and Isaac Castellano, Sand Springs.

Lucero De Paz, 6 lbs. 6 ounces and 20 inches long, Dec. 26, 1996, 6:45 a.m.; parents are German A. De Paz and Norma De Paz, Snyder.
Grandparents are Jose De Paz and Gloria De Paz, BeJucos, Mexico, Raul Sanchez and Guadalupe Sanchez, Abernathy.

CharLisa J. Claudrick, girl, 7 lbs. 1 ounce and 20 inches long, Dec. 30, 1996, 1:38 p.m.; parents are Charles and Lisa Claudrick.
Grandmother is Dee Ann Ialor, Amarillo.

NEW IN TOWN

James Clark and brother Randy, Hamlin. He works for Dairy Queen.

Carlos Mercado and wife Mara De La Vega and daughter Paola, New York City, N.Y. They are both M.D.'s at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
Mickey Thorne, Portland, Ore.

Beth Birkner, Galveston. She is employed by Malone & Hogan Clinic.

life! Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, who's who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.
Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.
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ON THE MENU

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken; rice; broccoli; peach halves; milk/rolls; brownies.
TUESDAY - Steak; potatoes; green beans; tossed salad; milk/rolls; cake.
WEDNESDAY - Beef stew; green beans; pear/cottage cheese; cornbread; milk; pudding.
THURSDAY - Hamburger; onion rings; bake beans; carrot/raisin salad; milk/bun; cobbler.
FRIDAY - Roast beef; potatoes; carrots; vegetable salad; milk/roll; cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

(Elementary and Secondary)
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; chilled fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake on stick or breakfast bagel; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; chilled fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast pocket or breakfast pizza; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Pop-tart or cereal bar; sausage; chilled fruit; milk.

LUNCH

(Elementary and Secondary First Choice)
MONDAY - Corn dog; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Chili mac; vegetable dippers; English peas; applesauce; hot roll; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken spaghetti; carrot sticks; corn on cob; apple; hot roll; milk.
THURSDAY - Nacho grande; pinto beans; Spanish rice; strawberry yogurt cup; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; French fries; pork and beans; chocolate cake and milk.

(Secondary Second Choice)

MONDAY - Fried chicken; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.
TUESDAY - Deli sandwich; vegetable dippers; English peas; applesauce; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Stromboli; potato wedges; pinto beans; Spanish rice; strawberry yogurt cup; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger steak; salad; French fries; pork and beans; chocolate cake; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; graham crackers; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Eggs; biscuit; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancake; sausage; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Oatmeal; toast; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Cowboy stew; carrots; pear half; corn bread; milk.
TUESDAY - Nachos; pinto beans; corn; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef pot pie; corn; broccoli; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Sloppy joes; French fries; fruit; pickle spear; milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes; English peas; hot roll; fruit; milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Tater tots; biscuits; jelly/butter; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Ham/eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Waffle sticks; bacon; syrup/butter; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Ravioli; green beans; salad; peanut butter cookies; pears; milk.
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; cookies/creme; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers; French fries; salad; pickles/onions; fruit pies; milk.
THURSDAY - Fish sandwich; potato chips; slaw; pudding; vanilla wafers; milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets; gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli/cheese; hot rolls/ butter; Jell-o fruit salad; milk.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake pups; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Waffles; little smokies; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - No school - teacher in-service.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pepperoni pizza; corn; English peas; peaches; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; black-eyed peas; pineapple tidbits; hot rolls; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Beefy macaroni; green beans; carrots; mixed fruit; sliced bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Tacos; taco sauce; pinto beans; lettuce; tomato; cheese; cornbread; pears; milk.
FRIDAY - No school - teacher-in-service.

SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Donuts; milk; juice.
TUESDAY - French toast; juice; milk; sausage.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; juice; milk; fruit and toast.
THURSDAY - Scrambled eggs; juice; toast; sausages; milk.
FRIDAY - Butter steam rice; toast; milk; juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Corn dogs with mustard; macaroni and cheese; pork and beans; cake; milk.
TUESDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; salad; corn bread; pinto beans; cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY - Bake ham; sweet potatoes; fruit; hot rolls; milk.
FRIDAY - Fiestadas; salad; corn on cob; fruit; cookies; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY - No School - staff development
TUESDAY - Waffles or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Scrambled eggs; biscuit/bacon or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon roll or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - No School - staff development
TUESDAY - Pizza or hot pocket/cheese; green beans; chilled pears; pudding/wafers; milk or fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY - Country steak or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes/gravy; peas and carrots; peaches; hot roll; milk or fruit drink.
THURSDAY - Nacho grande or baked potato; refried beans; lettuce/tomato; pineapple cup; cornbread; milk or fruit drink.

FRIDAY - Hot dog/chili or grill cheese; French fries; carrot/celery sticks; apple wedges; brownies; milk or fruit drink.

The top 10 national best sellers

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- FICTION**
1. Airframe, Michael Crichton.
 2. Executive Orders, Tom Clancy.
 3. The Christmas Box, Richard Paul Evans.
 4. Silent Honor, Danielle Steel.
 5. The Notebook, Nicholas Sparks.
 6. The Deep End of the Ocean, Jacquelyn Mitchard.
 7. The Fallen Man, Tony Hillerman.
 8. The Laws of Our Fathers, Scott Turow.
 9. Desperation, Stephen King.
 10. My Gal Sunday, Mary Higgins Clark.
- NON-FICTION**
1. A Reporter's Life, Walter Cronkite.
 2. My Sergei: A Love Story, Ekaterina Gordeeva with E.M. Swift.
 3. Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook, Scott Adams.

4. Simple Abundance, Sarah Ban Breathnach.
5. Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt.
6. Everyone Is Entitled to My Opinion, David Brinkley.
7. Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus, John Gray.
8. The Dilbert Principle, Scott Adams.

9. Make the Connection, Bob Greene and Oprah Winfrey.
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Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Mama Kitty" long haired black spayed female. Needs someone to love.
"Sally" beautiful grey and white medium length coat. Would make an excellent family pet.

"Pumpkin" large orange and white neutered male. Wants to be held. About 2-years-old.

"Gordy" 3-month-old orange tabby. Still behaves like a kitten.

"Fluffy Tail" 4-month-old female. Loving and friendly.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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Volunteers and employees helped to make Christmas bright for patients

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every day was like Christmas? What would that be? What would be the greatest gift? In a stress-filled world for employees and sometimes sad and lonely world for patients, laughter and hope are sometimes lacking.



Kathy Higgins BSSH

Knowing that someone cares enough to give of themselves to make a happier Christmas is a wonderful gift to our patients. For this, our community should be thanked as 1996 ends and we move into a New Year.

As always, you joined together to make Christmas a success. Some of you came in groups, some alone, some brought gifts, and some sent

them. In whatever way you were involved, it made a difference. Terry McDaniel began Christmas week activities by leading the "Carol of Lights," assisted by our newest volunteer, Alex Edgemon. Even with a sore throat, Terry was the best. The next night, the Covis Williams family from Ackerly, gathered members from Lamesa, Lubbock and O'Donnell to play for the Christmas dance, while Bob Noyes and Squeaky Thompson brought the Lions Club to serve refreshments. Community churches and clubs brought hundreds of sandwiches and desserts, and for the 10th year, Mert Remley played Santa Claus.

The party started out a little slow, but quickly came to life when Superintendent Ed Moughon arrived. Along with the ability to direct the state hospital, Ed, with a quick smile and twinkle in his eye, immediately sends out the message, "we are not working now, let's

have fun." And we did. As he moved through the crowds of patients, they loosened up and the magic of Christmas began to permeate throughout the hospital. He shared the microphone with patients singing Christmas carols, and we all danced to the music of the Williams family. It was probably the happiest night of year at BSSH.

Throughout Christmas week, Santa's elves, who always magically appear, were busy working in the volunteer office. Special thanks to Sam Woodruff, Lupe Barraza, Betty Miller, Ruth Stephenson, and Penny Hill for shopping for 250 jogging suits. Once purchased volunteers Hazel Duggan, Sandy Cox, Shirley Bodin, Joyce Russell, Debra Lancaster, Pat Rutledge, Betty Lee, Evelyn Burchett, and Gypsy Gully, boxed and wrapped the jogging suits and 250 individual gift boxes.

Because you all came and shared with those less fortunate,

it was a good Christmas for BSSH. It has been a good year for our hospital, but it's been a hard and exhausting year. So, after the flurry of Christmas activities, all staff that could be off, took a little time for their own lives, and retreated to the refuge of their homes and families.

Home is a gift that should never be taken lightly, and as I snuggled into mine, I could not help but be thoughtful of the patients who remain at the hospital during the holidays. Home to them was a bed, a small private area, and the tender touch of whoever remains on duty to care for them. It could break your heart, or you could fill your heart to know that this is the best many of them have even known.

Many lives in a world of loneliness and rejection, and they are not blessed with the coping skills to survive that world, without becoming ill. And then the holidays come, and rather than happiness, all the sadness

we have ever known, seems to return, and it can be a very sad and tough time.

So, how lucky we are, to somewhere in the midst of reality, see smiling, happy face who takes the time to care that we are a fellow human being, in need. I again share stories of our superintendent, Ed. He possesses that wonderful quality of being able to make people feel comfortable, and accepted, which makes them feel good about themselves. Something most of our patients lack.

I have seen him get up from an executive meeting and go outside to speak with a distraught patient, and spend whatever time it took to calm him.

A few weeks ago, I stood aside and watched as we all left a meeting, in a hurry to get to lunch, and he had spotted a patient wandering around in the Administration building. She was lost, afraid and near tears. Ed sat her down, knelt in front of her and tied her shoe-

strings, and talked gently to her until an aide arrived to return her to her unit. As did the man he left the meeting to attend to, she too, left him with a smile on her face, and feeling special. Neither of these patients knew that this man was the CEO. He was simply a kind, caring human being who offered them a human touch.

More than anything money can buy, they yearn in their hearts for that caring and acceptance of them for who they really are. It is amazing to watch this man.

On Patient Fun Day, the volunteers gave each patient a cap, t-shirt and sunglasses bought with funds from the annual fund raiser. Ed took charge of passing out sunglasses, but he did not just give them a pair. He found a mirror in my office, and personally helped each patient select and fit a pair of glasses of choice. Not something every CEO would take the time to do.

First book in Nora Roberts trilogy is a must-read

By TRICIA LEE
Book Reviewer

Editor's Note: This column is new to the Sunday Life! section and will be featured each Sunday. Tricia Lee reviews books currently available in paperback.

Daring to Dream by Nora Roberts. August 1996. Jove Books (The Berkley Publishing Group), 373 pages, \$6.50.

Nora Roberts is one of the most prolific writers in today's popular markets. Her books, as with most romance novels, have fairly predictable outcomes. However, her characters have genuineness that comes through the written word, and allows the reader to identify with commonly-felt feelings and emotions.

As Roberts chronicles the life of Margo Sullivan, the focus is on her youthful dream of success and the maturation and wisdom she gains when she

must use her own resources and energy to rebuild her life. All her life, Margo has been obsessed to be recognized as a beauty and to be able to make enormous sums of money using her incredible looks. Pursuing these self-indulgent ideas, she becomes a successful model and spokesperson for a cosmetics company. As she signs her latest contract, it seems as if her dreams suddenly become a nightmare; her manager is discovered to be a major player in a drug ring and is found to have used Margo's money to finance his lifestyle and illegal business. Margo manages to escape any criminal charges but her name and reputation in the fashion world are damaged and she finds herself without a way to continue earning a living.

Margo returns to Templeton House, the only home she had known. The Templetons are owners and operators of a

chain of successful hotels and resorts. In addition to the adult Templeton couple, the family includes their son and heir, Josh; daughter Laura and an adopted niece, Kate. Even though Margo is the housekeeper's daughter, the entire Templeton family loves and treats her as if she were their own. Throughout school years, the girls are inseparable; at graduation time, Laura is married, Kate leaves for college and a career and Margo runs to Los Angeles to seek her fortune.

When news of Margo's crisis reaches Templeton House, Josh works efficiently and anonymously with the power inherent in his name to ease Margo from any financial grasp her manager has over her. At this same time, Laura's marriage begins to crumble and Kate is exhibiting the physical symptoms of stress. As the three girls join together to support each other, Margo begins to

rebuild her life by starting a business based on her past lifestyle. This experience and the unconditional love she experiences from her family group allow Margo to develop a realistic view of her own needs and talents. As her business flourishes, so does pride in herself. She finds true happiness with her mother and extended family and an opportunity for romance which exceeds her wildest dreams.

Most romance readers will enjoy this novel; it might well be categorized as a "woman's book." It is pleasant escapism and fast reading. *Daring to Dream* is introduced as the first in Roberts' new trilogy and this plot provides the background for the next story about Kate. Roberts' fans, as well as those who like to read stories with continuing characters, will want to begin with this one. Rating: *** (Good for discussion at a party)

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What it costs to own various kinds of pets

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If cost is a consideration in choosing a pet, you may want to think twice before getting a dog.

Breeders, who supply about a third of the pet dogs in the United States, charge anywhere from \$100 for a pet-quality animal to \$1,000 or more for a show-quality female; females often cost more than males because of their breeding potential.

Even if your dog is a gift from a friend or relative, or you adopt a shelter animal or a stray, the cost of dog ownership is high. Unless you qualify for services at one of the low-income veterinary clinics that are beginning to appear in some large cities, spaying or neutering will run \$200 to \$300. The cost of basic obedience training, a key investment, can range from a nominal fee for a local-government-sponsored

course to hundreds of dollars for one-on-one professional training.

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Fisher

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MR. AND MRS. ERVEN FISHER

are affiliated with the First Baptist Church.

Here is their comment about their marriage. "It was love at first sight and that feeling has never changed! We are also grateful for a loving and caring church family."

When the couple met, in Goldthwaite, it was love at first sight. They were married on Dec. 21, 1946, in Goldthwaite. They have four children, Erven III, Suzanne, David and Diane, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have lived in Big Spring since 1954, except for a brief stay in Victoria, and 12 years in Midland.

Dean started and operated the Western Welcome Service, and Erven retired as district manager for the Social Security Administration in 1985. They

Etchison

Wanda and Bill Etchison, Ackerly, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at K-Bob's Steak House on Dec. 28, 1996.

Etchison and the former Wanda Ingram were married on Dec. 23, 1946, in Ackerly with Rev. W.F. Poole officiat-

ing. They have lived on their farm all 50 years of their marriage. He retired from farming in 1987.

They have one child, Lanelle and husband Chris Boyd of Waco, and two granddaughters, Cristin and Courtney.

Carr

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1, 1997, with a dinner at the Brandin Iron.



MR. AND MRS. DALTON CARR

They were both born in Big Spring, and Emma Carr was born as Emma Rose Weir.

They have lived most of their married life in Big Spring.

The couple has four children, Randy Carr, who died Jan. 24, 1995; Rodney Carr, Richard Carr, both of Big Spring, and Rhonda Harding and son-in-law Joe, Vincent.

They have four grandchildren, Emily Carr, John, Sarah and Clay Harding.

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STORK CLUB

Michaela Susanne Foy, girl, 7 lbs. 6 ounces and 21 inches long, Dec. 19, 1996, 11:01 a.m.; parents are Blake and Susan Foy.

Grandparents are Mike and Sondra Foy, Odessa, and Karen Pace, Plano.

Laura Nichole Raines, girl, 6 lbs. 11 ounces and 19 inches long, Dec. 19, 1996, 5:42 p.m.; parents are Michael and Sue Raines.

Grandparents are Billy and Gloria Sanders, Coahoma, and Jerry and Priscilla Raines, Pampa.

Tabytha Ann Mendoza, girl, Jan. 1, 1997, 2:44 p.m.; parents are Michael and Consuella Mendoza.

Grandparents are Sally Ponder, Ohio; Jim Ponder, Arkansas; Viola Mendoza and Robert Mendoza, both of Big Spring.

Stephanie Leeann Lola, girl, Dec. 30, 1996, 10:22 p.m.; parents are Kirk and Rhonda Lola.

Mari Kaelynn Castellano, girl, Dec. 28, 1996, 9:42 a.m.; parents are Christina Nieto and Isaac Castellano.

Grandparents are Marcelino Nieto, Mary Castellano, both of Big Spring, Josie Kohorst, Lubbock, and Isaac Castellano, Sand Springs.

Lucero De Paz, 6 lbs. 6 ounces and 20 inches long, Dec. 26, 1996, 6:45 a.m.; parents are German A. De Paz and Norma De Paz, Snyder.

Grandparents are Jose De Paz and Gloria De Paz, BeJucos, Mexico, Raul Sanchez and Guadalupe Sanchez, Abernathy.

CharLisa J. Claudrick, girl, 7 lbs. 1 ounce and 20 inches long, Dec. 30, 1996, 1:38 p.m.; parents are Charles and Lisa Claudrick.

Grandmother is Dee Ann Iallor, Amarillo.

NEW IN TOWN

James Clark and brother Randy, Hamlin. He works for Dairy Queen.

Carlos Mercado and wife Mara De La Vega and daughter Paola, New York City, N.Y. They are both M.D.'s at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Mickey Thorne, Portland, Ore.

Beth Birkner, Galveston. She is employed by Malone & Hogan Clinic.

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ON THE MENU

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken; rice; broccoli; peach halves; milk/rolls; brownies.

TUESDAY - Steak; potatoes; green beans; tossed salad; milk/rolls; cake.

WEDNESDAY - Beef stew; green beans; pear/cottage cheese; cornbread; milk; pudding.

THURSDAY - Hamburger; onion rings; bake beans; carrot/raisin salad; milk/bun; cobbler.

FRIDAY - Roast beef; potatoes; carrots; vegetable salad; milk/roll; cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST (Elementary and Secondary)

MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; chilled fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake on stick or breakfast bagel; fruit juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; chilled fruit; milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast pocket or breakfast pizza; fruit juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Pop-tart or cereal bar; sausage; chilled fruit; milk.

LUNCH (Elementary and Secondary First Choice)

MONDAY - Corn dog; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Chili mac; vegetable dippers; English peas; applesauce; hot roll; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken spaghetti; carrot sticks; corn on cob; apple; hot roll; milk.

THURSDAY - Nacho grande; pinto beans; Spanish rice; strawberry yogurt cup; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; French fries; pork and beans; chocolate cake and milk.

(Secondary Second Choice)

MONDAY - Fried chicken; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.

TUESDAY - Deli sandwich; vegetable dippers; English peas; applesauce; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; apple; milk.

THURSDAY - Stromboli; potato wedges; pinto beans; Spanish rice; strawberry yogurt cup; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger steak; salad; French fries; pork and beans; chocolate cake; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; graham crackers; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Eggs; biscuit; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancake; sausage; juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Oatmeal; toast; juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter; juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Cowboy stew; carrots; pear half; corn bread; milk.

TUESDAY - Nachos; pinto beans; corn; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Beef pot pie; corn; broccoli; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY - Sloppy joes; French fries; fruit; pickle spear; milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes; English peas; hot roll; fruit; milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Tater tots; biscuits; jelly/butter; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Ham/eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast; juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Waffle sticks; bacon; syrup/butter; juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Ravioli; green beans; salad; peanut butter cookies; pears; milk.

TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; cookies/creme; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers; French fries; salad; pickles/onions; fruit pies; milk.

THURSDAY - Fish sandwich; potato chips; slaw; pudding; vanilla wafers; milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets; gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli/cheese; hot rolls/ butter; Jell-o fruit salad; milk.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake pups; fruit juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; fruit juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles; little smokies; fruit juice; milk.

FRIDAY - No school - teacher in-service.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Pepperoni pizza; corn; English peas; peaches; milk.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; black-eyed peas; pineapple tidbits; hot rolls; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Beefy macaroni; green beans; carrots; mixed fruit; sliced bread; milk.

THURSDAY - Tacos; taco sauce; pinto beans; lettuce; tomato; cheese; cornbread; pears; milk.

FRIDAY - No school - teacher-in-service.

SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Donuts; milk; juice.

TUESDAY - French toast; juice; milk; sausage.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal; juice; milk; fruit and toast.

THURSDAY - Scrambled eggs; juice; toast; sausage; milk.

FRIDAY - Butter steam rice; toast; milk; juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Corn dogs with mustard; macaroni and cheese; pork and beans; cake; milk.

TUESDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; salad; corn bread; pinto beans; cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY - Bake ham; sweet potatoes; fruit; hot rolls; milk.

FRIDAY - Flestadas; salad; corn on cob; fruit; cookies; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY - No School - staff development

TUESDAY - Waffles or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Scrambled eggs; biscuit/bacon or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Cinnamon roll or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - No School - staff development

TUESDAY - Pizza or hot pocket/cheese; green beans; chilled pears; pudding/wafers; milk or fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY - Country steak or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes/gravy; peas and carrots; peaches; hot roll; milk or fruit drink.

THURSDAY - Nacho grande or baked potato; refried beans; lettuce/tomato; pineapple cup; cornbread; milk or fruit drink.

FRIDAY - Hot dog/chili or grill cheese; French fries; carrot/celery sticks; apple wedges; brownies; milk or fruit drink.

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Pictured: "Yahtzee" seven-month-old orange tabby. Loves to play and likes a lot of love and sunshine.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Mama Kitty" long haired black spayed female. Needs someone to love. "Sally" beautiful grey and white medium length coat. Would make an excellent family pet.

"Pumpkin" large orange and white neutered male. Wants to be held. About 2-years-old.

"Gordy" 3-month-old orange tabby. Still behaves like a kitten.

"Fluffy Tail" 4-month-old female. Loving and friendly.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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 5. The Notebook, Nicholas Sparks.
 6. The Deep End of the Ocean, Jacquelyn Mitchard.
 7. The Fallen Man, Tony Hillerman.
 8. The Laws of Our Fathers, Scott Turow.
 9. Desperation, Stephen King.
 10. My Gal Sunday, Mary Higgins Clark.
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 2. My Sergei: A Love Story, Ekaterina Gordeeva with E.M. Swift.
 3. Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook, Scott Adams

4. Simple Abundance, Sarah Ban Breathnach.
5. Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt.
6. Everyone Is Entitled to My Opinion, David Brinkley.
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Volunteers and employees helped to make Christmas bright for patients

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every day was like Christmas? What would that be? What would be the greatest gift? In a stress-filled world for employees and sometimes sad and lonely world for patients, laughter and hope are sometimes lacking. Knowing that someone cares enough to give of themselves to make a happier Christmas is a wonderful gift to our patients. For this, our community should be thanked as 1996 ends and we move into a New Year.



Kathy Higgins
BSSH

As always, you joined together to make Christmas a success. Some of you came in groups, some alone, some brought gifts, and some sent

them. In whatever way you were involved, it made a difference. Terry McDaniel began Christmas week activities by leading the "Carol of Lights," assisted by our newest volunteer, Alex Edgemon. Even with a sore throat, Terry was the best. The next night, the Covie Williams family from Ackerly, gathered members from Lamesa, Lubbock and O'Donnell to play for the Christmas dance, while Bob Noyes and Squeaky Thompson brought the Lions Club to serve refreshments. Community churches and clubs brought hundreds of sandwiches and desserts, and for the 10th year, Mert Remley played Santa Claus.

The party started out a little slow, but quickly came to life when Superintendent Ed Moughan arrived. Along with the ability to direct the state hospital, Ed, with a quick smile and twinkle in his eye, immediately sends out the message, "we are not working now, let's

have fun." And we did. As he moved through the crowds of patients, they loosened up and the magic of Christmas began to permeate throughout the hospital. He shared the microphone with patients singing Christmas carols, and we all danced to the music of the Williams family. It was probably the happiest night of year at BSSH.

Throughout Christmas week, Santa's elves, who always magically appear, were busy working in the volunteer office. Special thanks to Sam Woodruff, Lupe Barraza, Betty Miller, Ruth Stephenson, and Penny Hill for shopping for 250 jogging suits. Once purchased volunteers Hazel Duggan, Sandy Cox, Shirley Bodin, Joyce Russell, Debra Lancaster, Pat Rutledge, Betty Lee, Evelyn Burchett, and Gypsy Gulley, boxed and wrapped the jogging suits and 250 individual gift boxes.

Because you all came and shared with those less fortunate, it was a good Christmas for BSSH. It has been a good year for our hospital, but it's been a hard and exhausting year. So, after the flurry of Christmas activities, all staff that could be off, took a little time for their own lives, and retreated to the refuge of their homes and families.

Home is a gift that should never be taken lightly, and as I snuggled into mine, I could not help but be thoughtful of the patients who remain at the hospital during the holidays. Home to them was a bed, a small private area, and the tender touch of whoever remains on duty to care for them. It could break your heart, or you could fill your heart to know that this is the best many of them have even known.

Many lives in a world of loneliness and rejection, and they are not blessed with the coping skills to survive that world, without becoming ill. And then the holidays come, and rather than happiness, all the sadness

we have ever known, seems to return, and it can be a very sad and tough time.

So, how lucky we are, to somewhere in the midst of reality, see smiling, happy face who takes the time to care that we are a fellow human being, in need. I again share stories of our superintendent, Ed. He poses that wonderful quality of being able to make people feel comfortable, and accepted, which makes them feel good about themselves. Something most of our patients lack.

I have seen him get up from an executive meeting and go outside to speak with a distraught patient, and spend whatever time it took to calm him.

A few weeks ago, I stood aside and watched as we all left a meeting, in a hurry to get to lunch, and he had spotted a patient wandering around in the Administration building. She was lost, afraid and near tears. Ed sat her down, knelt in front of her and tied her shoe

strings, and talked gently to her until an aide arrived to return her to safely to her unit. As did the man he left the meeting to attend to, she too, left him with a smile on her face, and feeling special. Neither of these patients knew that this man was the CEO. He was simply a kind, caring human being who offered them a human touch.

More than anything money can buy, they yearn in their hearts for that caring and acceptance of them for who they really are. It is amazing to watch this man.

On Patient Fun Day, the volunteers gave each patient a cap, t-shirt and sunglasses bought with funds from the annual fund raiser. Ed took charge of passing out sunglasses, but he did not just give them a pair. He found a mirror in my office, and personally helped each patient select and fit a pair of glasses of choice. Not something every CEO would take the time to do.

First book in Nora Roberts trilogy is a must-read

By TRICIA LEE
Book Reviewer

Editor's Note: This column is new to the Sunday Life! section and will be featured each Sunday. Tricia Lee reviews books currently available in paperback.

Daring to Dream by Nora Roberts. August 1996. Jove Books (The Berkley Publishing Group), 373 pages, \$6.50.

Nora Roberts is one of the most prolific writers in today's popular markets. Her books, as with most romance novels, have fairly predictable outcomes. However, her characters have genuineness that comes through the written word, and allows the reader to identify with commonly-felt feelings and emotions.

As Roberts chronicles the life of Margo Sullivan, the focus is on her youthful dream of success and the maturation and wisdom she gains when she

must use her own resources and energy to rebuild her life. All her life, Margo has been obsessed to be recognized as a beauty and to be able to make enormous sums of money using her incredible looks. Pursuing these self-indulgent ideas, she becomes a successful model and spokesperson for a cosmetics company. As she signs her latest contract, it seems as if her dreams suddenly become a nightmare; her manager is discovered to be a major player in a drug ring and is found to have used Margo's money to finance his lifestyle and illegal business. Margo manages to escape any criminal charges but her name and reputation in the fashion world are damaged and she finds herself without a way to continue earning a living.

Margo returns to Templeton House, the only home she had known. The Templetons are owners and operators of a

chain of successful hotels and resorts. In addition to the adult Templeton couple, the family includes their son and heir, Josh; daughter Laura and an adopted niece, Kate. Even though Margo is the housekeeper's daughter, the entire Templeton family loves and treats her as if she were their own. Throughout school years, the girls are inseparable; at graduation time, Laura is married, Kate leaves for college and a career and Margo runs to Los Angeles to seek her fortune.

When news of Margo's crisis reaches Templeton House, Josh works efficiently and anonymously with the power inherent in his name to ease Margo from any financial grasp her manager has over her. At this same time, Laura's marriage begins to crumble and Kate is exhibiting the physical symptoms of stress. As the three girls join together to support each other, Margo begins to

rebuild her life by starting a business based on her past lifestyle. This experience and the unconditional love she experiences from her family group allow Margo to develop a realistic view of her own needs and talents. As her business flourishes, so does pride in herself. She finds true happiness with her mother and extended family and an opportunity for romance which exceeds her wildest dreams.

Most romance readers will enjoy this novel; it might well be categorized as a "woman's book." It is pleasant escapism and fast reading. *Daring to Dream* is introduced as the first in Roberts' new trilogy and this plot provides the background for the next story about Kate. Roberts' fans, as well as those who like to read stories with continuing characters, will want to begin with this one. Rating: *** (Good for discussion at a party)

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What it costs to own various kinds of pets

Scrrips Howard News Service

If cost is a consideration in choosing a pet, you may want to think twice before getting a dog.

Breeders, who supply about a third of the pet dogs in the United States, charge anywhere from \$100 for a pet-quality animal to \$1,000 or more for a show-quality female; females often cost more than males because of their breeding potential.

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Merger creates First Texas Federal Land Bank Association

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As of Jan. 1, the First Texas Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) became a reality for Panhandle, South Plains and West Texas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses across a 40-county region.

First Texas is the result of a merger between the Federal Land Bank Association's of Childress, Dalhart, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Spur and the Westex Land Bank Association of Dimmitt.

First Texas FLBA will make and service long-term real estate credit through local, full service credit offices in the following locations where existing

Land Bank Association offices are maintained: Childress, Dalhart, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Spur, Crosbyton, Dimmitt, Hereford and Tulia.

The Lubbock credit office is at 2708 82nd St., and the current office for the Lubbock Association will become the corporate headquarters for the First Texas FLBA.

With a loan volume near \$325 million on approximately 5,000 loans, this long-term lending association will be the largest farm credit system association in the Tenth Farm Credit District, which includes long-term portfolios in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and short and intermediate term lending in Texas, New Mexico and a portion of

northern Louisiana.

First Texas FLBA will serve agriculture across much of the Texas Panhandle, most of the South Plains, and a significant portion of West Texas. The territory will stretch generally from the Dallam and Sherman County lines of the northern Texas Panhandle to Crane and Upton Counties of West Texas along the south, and after skipping some of the central Texas Panhandle, will reach an eastern boundary on a line from Wheeler County, along the Oklahoma border, to Stonewall County in the rolling plains.

John E. Morris, former chief executive officer of the Westex FLBA of Dimmitt, will serve as chief executive officer of the First Texas FLBA, and Randy

C. Breitting, former chief executive officer of the FLBA of Dalhart, will join First Texas as executive vice president.

Carol Kitchens, formerly with the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, will serve as assistant vice president and administrative officer. Dave Peterson will continue to serve customers in Andrews, Borden (part), Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, Upton and Winkler counties as president of the Lamesa credit office.

Stockholders of each of the former associations overwhelmingly approved the merger in early November and final regulatory approval was received in December.

Based upon documentation provided to the Farm Credit

Administration, the regulatory arm of the farm credit system, First Texas FLBA will have impressive financial credentials with a total capacity of approximately \$50 million, projected gross income in the range of \$7 to \$8 million annually and a capital adequacy ratio in excess of 27 percent of permanent capital to risk adjusted assets.

First Texas FLBA will be governed by a 19-member board of directors, 18 of which are stockholders of the association who will be elected by the members/borrowers of the system. As required by regulation, the nineteenth member will be an outside director elected by the 18 stockholder elected directors.

Jones ranked first in survey of top financial-service firms

Herald Staff Report

The investment firm of Edward Jones was ranked first in Registered Representative magazine's 1996 survey of the nation's top eight financial-services firms and made its third appearance on the Forbes 500 list of largest private companies in the country, based on revenues.

This is the fourth consecutive year Jones has taken first place in Registered Representative's survey, which polls 400 brokers who grade their firms on 19 different categories. Jones scored higher than any firm in 15 of those categories.

"Year after year, our investment representatives tell Registered Representative the same thing — this firm puts the needs of our customers and their brokers ahead of everything else," Dan Wilkins, the local Edward Jones investment representative, said. "We're known for personal attention and outstanding customer service."

In the Registered Representative survey, brokers gave Edward Jones an A+, the highest grade possible, in the overall categories of work environment and management, and an A in support and product. The firm's ranking in quality of research improved from seventh out of eight firms last year to third this year.

Investment representatives gave Edward Jones nearly perfect scores of 9.9 out of 10 in the areas of freedom from pressure to sell certain products and overall ethics of the firm. Other categories that resulted in scores of 9.0 include sales support, ongoing training, quote and information system, quality of operations, quality of products offered, strategic focus, image with the public, realistic sales quotas and pay-out.

Edward Jones' 270th place ranking in Forbes magazine's "Forbes 500" is up 16 places from its 1995 ranking. The ranking is based on the company's 1996 reported revenues of \$720 million with operating profits of \$104 million and net profits of \$58 million. In terms of estimated income, however, the company ranks 64th on the list.

For the purpose of the Forbes ranking, a private company is defined as one that "doesn't have enough common shareholders to be forced to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or if it has a lot of shareholders but they are limited to a select group, such as employees. Edward Jones is owned exclusively by its employees.

Edward Jones has 3,300 offices in 50 states serving more than two million customers, and has plans to expand to 10,000 offices in the next decade.

BDC's first 1997 gathering set for noon Wednesday

Herald Staff Report

Howard College's Business Development Center Coordinator Delia Barraza has announced that the first small and minority business gathering of 1997 is scheduled for noon Wednesday at the Spanish Inn.

Barraza is encouraging local small and minority businesses to start the new year by learning about available contracts and by networking with other businesses.

In addition to the networking opportunities, Shirley Shroyer, who works with the BDC, will lead a panel discussion on how businesses can effectively market their products.

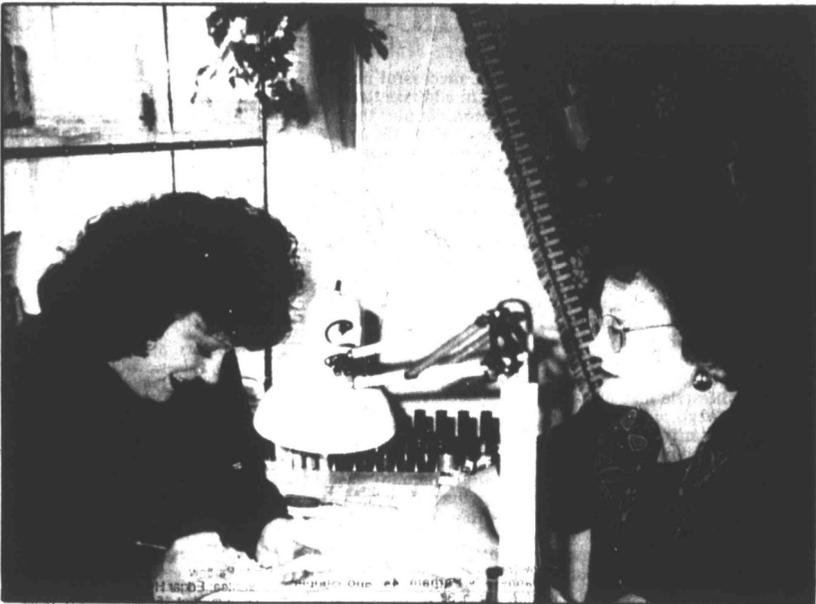
Representatives from local media businesses will address questions about the marketing avenues available in Howard County and what businesses should ask their media account representatives.

Representatives will also address questions about businesses' marketing plans and how rate structures work.

"These gatherings give businesses a chance to network, learn how they can do more business and get information about marketing their products," Shroyer said.

To RSVP for the gathering and for more information, contact Barraza at the BDC by calling 264-5164.

ONE NAIL AT A TIME...



Shellie Grantham of Shea's Gifts, Nails and Tanning, is enjoying every minute of the time it takes to work on a customer's nails. Shea's is one of a handful of new businesses welcomed to Big Spring's business community in 1996 by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Expert: Visionaries in the dairy industry that adapt to change will prosper

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A leading California cheese manufacturer sees a bright future for dairy industry visionaries evolving out of the current period of "massive, unprecedented change."

The state's dairy producers have been coping with changes in the federal Farm Bill and with more price volatility than they have encountered in the past.

But John J. Jeter, president of Hilmar Cheese Co., is confident that people with new ideas about how to process and market milk will prosper.

"People who will be good in dairies' future will be people who do not just look at milk as milk," Jeter explains. "Milk has everything in it, and we need to look at it as an everything kind of food and not just milk."

Jeter feels the dairy industry should study processors of other crops who have developed new uses over the years.

"We can learn from what peo-

ple have done with soybeans and corn, the new things that have come out of them," he said at an Agribusiness Management Conference sponsored by California State University-Fresno and Bank of America.

"We need to be more innovative with this very complex food," Jeter adds. "It's unbelievable what can be done with milk."

Success in the 21st century will require a commitment to "customer-focused thinking that begins with the consumer and goes backward to the producer," he says. "Those dedicated to serving customers and understanding customers will be successful."

Jeter realizes these changes won't be easy for an industry whose members don't cooperate readily.

"Dairy is known for being divisive and being tough," says Jeter, pointing to divisions during the Farm Bill debate last spring.

"The Farm Bill was a mess royal," he says. "There still are wounds on everybody having gone through that."

Jeter feels the Farm Bill's language ending price supports by 1999 will be good for the industry and will help move dairying into the next century.

"Resources will be more appropriately allocated, and there will be more innovation," he says. "There will be more appropriate supplies for the market situation."

The Farm Bill's reform of the federal milk pricing system will be the second big change, particularly in California, Jeter feels. A major question to be resolved will be "whether California should join the federal system at a time the federal system is undergoing major changes."

In the past, California has had a separate pricing system from milk producers in other states but now has the option of joining the federal marketing order.

Prevention and early treatment key to survival of young foals

It's hard to believe that 1997 is here! With the new year comes new exciting expectations for all of us. Those of us with horses are getting especially anxious as foaling season approaches. Plans for 1997 foals actually were made in 1996 when the selection of a stallion to be the sire of a new foal began.



Don Richardson
County Agent

There are a lot of choices out there and the selection of the right stallion for your mare starts the entire

ment and anticipation that lasts for at least the next 12 months.

After all that anticipation and anxious waiting for that potential all-around young champion to finally arrive, a broodmare owner needs to immediately be on top of the situation in taking care of that newborn foal.

Up to 25 percent of the wastage in the horse industry has been attributed to or related to neonatal disease. Because signs of this disease are often subtle and non-specific, it is important for the owner to pay very close attention to the foal in the first few days after its birth. Diseases of the newborn foal do not always present the same series of symptoms and progress in the same manner as they do in the adult horse.

Disease of the young foal can develop during gestation, at parturition, or after the foal had been born. Early treatment is the key to success in the survival of the new foal.

Treat the naval stump at birth and administer anti-toxin as a preventative to infection and make sure the newborn receives the all-important colostrum from its mother.

If there is reason to believe that the foal may be suffering from the initial onset of neonatal disease, an experienced veterinarian should be contacted to perform other diagnostic procedures that can identify the presence of infection.

Foals succumb to disease very rapidly so it is imperative that treatment of foals with neonatal disease or dysfunc-

tions begin early after detection of a problem.

The following list provides a guideline to follow in caring for sick foals:

- Keep the foal warm, dry and clean.
- Provide adequate nutrition either orally or parenterally.
- Position in sternal recumbency to maximize ventilation.
- Prevent self-trauma such as corneal ulcers.
- Maintain cleanliness and integrity of intravenous catheters.
- Provide sufficient exercise (active or passive) to prevent limb deformities.

Although most foals are born healthy and continue to do well as they adapt to their new environment, it is important that they are carefully observed so that early treatment can be uti-

lized if a neonatal illness is detected.

It is hoped that this week's article will help you and your horse program. It comes from personal experience and not just some "canned tips from A&M." We very nearly lost a beautiful foal last year because I was too sick myself to take care of business! I normally take the precautions of preventive medication and treatment but did not. Thanks to Dr. Hank Thompson, my wife and some good friends he pulled through.

I vowed to never fail to take these precautions again and have put the anticipated birth dates on our 1997 calendar and ordered all the medications I plan to need to arrive in time for use.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

CONFIDENCE UP

NEW YORK (AP) — Boding well for the economy in 1997, two reports showed consumer confidence at a seven-year high and new home sales up dramatically.

The Conference Board, a business research group, said Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index for December rose 4.3 points from November to 113.8, its highest level since November 1989, when it reached 115.1.

Separately, the Commerce Department reported new home sales surged 14.3 percent in November, the steepest advance in 5 years. Both reports were well above economists' expectations.

LABEL WATCHING

WASHINGTON (AP) — Resolving to lose weight in 1997? Setting out snacks for the big game? The government has good news — or perhaps not-so-good news for some: Those labels that list how much fat and calories are in every food item on grocery shelves usually don't lie.

But Tuesday's report from the Food and Drug Administration's shopping spree did uncover a few problems: accurately measuring Vitamin A and iron proved tricky and a cluster of frozen seafood products underestimated cholesterol.

NEW HEARINGS

MIAMI (AP) — SabreTech, the aircraft maintenance company that worked on the doomed ValuJet airliner, may face new hearings into the crash and closure of its Orlando facility amid new claims of shoddy work.

The head of the ValuJet crash inquiry said Tuesday he is considering reopening the public hearings.

Meanwhile, sources close to the ValuJet investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that regional and national Federal Aviation Administration officials are reviewing a recommendation from the Orlando office that the SabreTech facility in Orlando be closed because of safety concerns.

SabreTech attorney Ken Quinn said he didn't know if such a recommendation had been made, but "This is the lowest level of the FAA. There's a lot of other places it has to go before anything official is taken."

TV FLAGGED

WASHINGTON (AP) — To help parents find educational TV shows for their kids, broadcasters beginning this week must flag shows they classify as educational and promote them in TV listings.

The onscreen symbols or on-air announcements — required beginning Thursday — are different from TV ratings, designed to alert parents to a show's sexual and violent content. Some broadcasters already have begun to air the onscreen ratings tags.

PLAN ILLEGAL

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — In a ruling that could have national implications for the future of Blue Cross health plans, a judge ruled that the state's plan broke the law when it shifted most assets to a for-profit company.

The decision late Monday by state Judge Thomas Brown III — if it is upheld on appeal — could hinder efforts by other Blue Cross plans around the country to convert to for-profit companies.

NU MISMANAGED

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Led by a board of directors with little knowledge of the nuclear industry, Northeast Utilities has mismanaged Connecticut's four nuclear plants for the last decade, says a state report.

The report released Tuesday by independent auditors warned the company may not survive if it can't turn its nuclear operations around in the next year.

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Communication key to handling a heavy load

HOUSTON (AP) — What do you do when your boss piles you up with so much work that you know, just know, that there's no way you can do it all by the deadline?

"Do you tear your hair out? Sometimes I just sit down and look at all the projects and veg out," said one banker who faces a particularly bad crunch time at the beginning of each year when the books are audited.

When it all looks impossible, he goes to his boss and asks what should be the top priorities. And then he takes a deep breath and does them.

Talking to your boss about priorities is critical, said Frances Gladish, senior vice president and chief administrative officer for retail banking at Texas Commerce Bank. One of the first things Gladish said she does each week is talk to her boss about what she's working on and which has top priority.

Of course, you can tell yourself that it's critical to tell the boss when you're overworked because folks who try to do it all tend to have trouble doing anything all that well.

But telling the boss that you just can't do it all is daunting for many people, said Kathleen Kelley, president of the Houston Human Resource Management Association.

Some workers worry that if they approach their supervisor with work overload the boss will think the employee isn't capable of doing the job, said Kelley, who is the manager of employee training at one of Houston's fastest growing companies. Nor do they want to admit to themselves that they can't do it all, she said.

Employees also assume that the boss knows everything that they have to do, Kelley said. However, bosses are often focused on other things.

But running work priorities by your boss so you can get the most important jobs done helps you focus on what you're doing rather than what you're not doing, she said. And that helps you be more efficient.

But some of those worries about heading to the boss' office are justified.

Betsy Johnson, vice president of organizational services at the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Co., said it bothers her when her subordinates tell her they can't get the work done on time — especially if

she gets the news at the 11th hour.

When she gives an assignment, Johnson expects an employee to point out initially that it can't be done in a day or two because it's not three simple steps.

But if the deadline appears reasonable and the job was properly explained yet the employee announces he's going to be late, Johnson wonders whether the employee is just having a stress reaction or maybe just can't do the job.

If you're overwhelmed by work at work, you've got to set your own internal boundaries, said Cathie Weiss, president of CMSolutions, which runs corporate wellness programs.

"Ninety percent of people will (gripe) first — gripe and go home in a bad mood," said Weiss, who teaches workers how to cope with stress. But workers have to put their foot down.

If you're at your desk 10 hours a day and not getting overtime and you're not doing anything about it, the company will never hire someone else to lighten the load.

"Why should they hire someone else — they don't need to," Weiss said.

And you're not going to get anywhere by yelling and crying either, she said. Instead, start out by taking a stand on something insignificant.

Weiss has a client who is overworked with payroll and other administrative duties, so Weiss suggested she quietly stop refilling the soda machine and changing the air filter — duties that aren't officially hers but fell to the one woman in the office.

One of the men in the office remarked that the air filter needed changing and Weiss' client agreed that it was time and suggested he do it.

It worked but she was terrified, Weiss said. You get more work dumped on you if you don't object because people take the path of least resistance, she said.

If one employee says he or his employees can't do a project by a particular deadline, the boss will go to the worker who always agrees to do it and then stays all night at work to get it done. But it's the worker who sets boundaries — and has the time to do the work well — that gets the promotion, Weiss said.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace
China Long
Precinct 1, Phase 1
Red Check/Warrants Issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2225.

- Arroyo, Deborah, P.O. Box 1196, Stanton.
- Castillo, Richard, 1507 Stadium, Big Spring.
- Connally, Wendy, 3623 Connally, Big Spring.
- Cross, Larcarmy, 1101 Soury, Big Spring.
- Davis, Betty, 705 Lolla, Big Spring.
- Esparrza, Joanna, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour.
- Esparrza, Victoriano, P.O. Box 482, Stanton.
- Gardner, Kattie, 205 N.W. 12th, Big Spring.
- Glinkinger, Judy Lynn, 1418 Cr. 248, Colorado City.
- Gomez, Elizabeth, 509 Raleigh, St. Plaines.
- Gruben, Jan, P.O. Box 2807, Big Spring.
- Guerrero, Edgard Luis, Jr., 807 N. Nolan, Big Spring.
- Gutierrez, Brenda, 1101 E. 15th, Big Spring.
- Harley, Michelle, 1107 Johnson (rear), Big Spring.
- Johnson, Misty, HC 75, Box 2220-11, Andrews.
- Johnson, Ralph, P.O. Box 3585, Big Spring.
- Lama, Cyndi, Box 486, Stanton.
- Lopez, Maria, P.O. Box 295, Big Spring.
- Meyer, Barry P., 906 Aylesford, Big Spring.
- Morris, Cory, 1108 Nicolosa, Big Spring.
- Nix, Tonna Willborn, 3901 Dixon, Big Spring.
- Noble, Darrian, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring.
- Owby, Emily Brooke, 2713 N. Tom Green, Odessa.
- Privett, Dawn M., 7305 E. Cr. 90, Midland.
- Pauls, Johnnie Lee, 1313 Ddie or 1321 Elm, Big Spring.
- Rienfels, Nancy L., 206 Circle, Big Spring.
- Smith, Kathy, 701 E. 14th, Big Spring.
- Spurgin, Barbara, HC 69 box 116, Big Spring.
- Taylor, Rick, Rt. 3, Box 132 or HC 76 box 9, Big Spring.
- Torres, Alvin, P.O. Box 779, Snyder.
- Valencia, Carolyn, 507 N.W. 11th, Big Spring.
- Valencia, Oscar, 507 N.W. 11th, Big Spring.

- County Clerk's office
- Marriage Licenses
Clifford Raymond Stinson, 27, and Jennifer Marie Wells, 21
Stephen Edward Lovelace, 25, Martha Equibel Sanchez, 34
George Perez Uribe, 53, and Erlinda Garza, 41
Travis Clint Hull, 23, Jeannie Marie Crowder, 21
James Wilson Hobdy, 23, and Mandy Dianne Gamble, 18
Paul Bernard Hildrich, 27, and Kimberly Cole, 27
Danny Ray Parham, 44, and Bobbie Kicholp Silen, 38
Kevin Wayne Ward, 26, and Beverly Denise Grogue, 23
James Daniel Stehl, 19, and Rona Nikole Osborn, 19
Elbert Ernest Turner, 48, and Rebecca Lynn Cross, 45.

- County Court records
- Deed filings
- Warranty deed
grantor: Dwayne Elmo Lovell and Patricia Ann Lovell
grantee: Jack Bible
property: Lot 6, blk. 3, Capehart Addition.
filed: Dec. 16, 1996
- grantor: Jade Development, LLC
grantee: Dale and Judy Walker
property: Lot 9, blk. 1, Jordan Park Estate #1.
filed: Dec. 16, 1996
- grantor: Leland A. and Jane E. Younklin
grantee: Russell J. and Helen L. Walters
property: 1.57 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Tract No. 25, Silver Heels Subdivision of section no. 18, blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Dec. 17, 1996
- grantor: Barbara Brown
grantee: Robert A. and Connie S. Chase
property: Lot 5, blk. 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition.
filed: Dec. 17, 1996
- grantor: Joe and Patricia Ditto
grantee: Marc Luttrell
property: South 13', lots 10-12, blk. 1, Furr Addition, Comhoma.
filed: Dec. 17, 1996

- grantor: Marvin and Lynn Martin
grantee: Robert G. and Cheryl L. Lepard
property: North 100' of the northwest 1/4, blk. 26, College Heights Addition.
filed: Dec. 18, 1996
- grantor: A.R. and Wilma L. Pritchard
grantee: Frank and Tara Truss
property: 0.83 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of section 19, blk. 32, T-1-S T&P RR Co.
filed: Dec. 18, 1996
- grantor: Joe A. Lopez
grantee: Andy and Armit A. Lopez
property: Lots 11 & 12, blk. 10, Baur Addition.
filed: Dec. 18, 1996
- grantor: Charles and Sherry Kinard
grantee: G.C. Broughton, Jr.
property: A tract of land in section 23, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 18, 1996
- grantor: G.C. Broughton, Jr.
grantee: Archie B. Kinard and Charles Ray Kinard
property: Surface estate only in a tract of land containing 318.98 acres out of section 28, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 18, 1996
- grantor: Lydia G. Lopez
grantee: Jose R. and Rhonda Davila
property: Section 22, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 18, 1996
- grantor: Jimmy A. and Joann Leverett
grantee: Curtis W. and Denise A. White
property: Lot 17, blk. 6, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 1)
filed: Dec. 19, 1996
- grantor: Robert E. and Dorothy F. Wheeler
grantee: Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens
property: Lots 7-10, blk. 6, Boydston Addition.
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: Key Homes, Inc.
grantee: Jose L. and Ellen M. Valencia
property: Lot 23, blk. A, Campestre Estates
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: Diane M. Garnett, Helen Jane Rogers and Beverly Foster
grantee: J. L. and Joan Stevens
property: Lot 4, blk. 7, Earles Addition.
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: Carolyn N. Hornell-Smith
grantee: William R. and Karla D. Lepard
property: Lot 3, blk. 7, Monticello Addition
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Walter Andrew Wilson, Jr.
grantee: William R. and Karla D. Lepard
property: Lot 3, blk. 7, Monticello Addition.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Christopher P. and Tracy D. Roper
grantee: Donald F. and Carol L. Peterson
property: 1.6310 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Alma Lee Partlow a/k/a Alma Smith Partlow
grantee: Edgar H. Partlow
property: Lot 16, blk. 34, W.R. Sentes Subdivision.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Henry G. Cienaros

- grantor: Gregory L. Moore
property: Lot 17, blk. 1, Hillcrest Terrace
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Blusbonnet Savings Bank FSB
grantee: Jerry Lee Turney
property: West 1/2 of lots 3 & 4, blk. 3, Sunset Place Addition.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Paul R. Dollika
grantee: Texas Water Perfection, Inc.
property: South 1/2 of lot 1, blk. 87, Original Town of Big Spring.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Ellen and Jimmy Sherrod
grantee: Joe Don and Tammye Lynn Chaney
property: Lot 9, blk. 19, and the south 24.15' of lot 10, blk. 19, College Park Estates.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Mattie Jackson Boling
grantee: A.E. and Verline Kelley
property: Lot 1, blk. 32, Cole & Strayhorn Addition.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Joe Mac and LaVerne Gaskins
grantee: Joe Mac and LaVerne Gaskins Gaskins Family Trust
property: Tract of land being out of and a part of section 18, blk. 34, Tap. 2-North, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Joe Mac and LaVerne Gaskins
grantee: Joe Mac and LaVerne Gaskins Family Trust
property: Southwest 1/4 of section 14, blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P RY. CO.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: Eric A. and Tracy Nelson
grantee: Quad A, Inc.
property: lots 6 & 7 and the west 1/2 of lot eight, blk. 2, Settles Heights Addition.
filed: Dec. 27, 1996
- Warranty deed with vendor's lien
grantor: Charles E. and Joan Ball
grantee: Paul R. Dollika
property: South lot 1, blk. 87, Original Town of Big Spring.
filed: Dec. 16, 1996
- grantor: Earl J. and Sonia Lusk
grantee: Terry and Kay McDaniel
property: Lots 3-5, blk. 9, Parkhill Addition.
filed: Dec. 19, 1996
- grantor: Carolyn McMunn
grantee: Jason Lee and Tiffany Deean
Colliver
property: Lot 8 and south 1/2 of lot 9, blk. 33, Original Town of Big Spring.
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: Larry Allan and Terri Jo Newton
grantee: David B. and Rose A. Perrin
property: North 1/2 of lot 2, blk. 1, Canton Subdivision.
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: James Robert Hoard
grantee: Ollen and Virginia Mayo
property: 1.0 acre tract of land out of and part of section 14, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: Betty Lou Price
grantee: Bobby Wayne and Sandra Rae Price
property: Surface Estate only in and to three tracts of land out of section no. 30, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 20, 1996
- grantor: Donald E. Hankins
grantee: David A. and Charla K. Scott
property: Lot 3, blk. 4, Sunset Place Addition.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996

- grantor: H.E. Tubb
grantee: Ross and Christine Marie White
property: 4.84 acres of land out of the east part of section 36, blk. 33, T-1-S T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: A.E. Kelley
grantee: John T. and Eva Lewis
property: Lot 14, blk. 2-B, Belvue Addition.
filed: Dec. 26, 1996
- grantor: H.E. Tubb
grantee: Terry Croft
property: 9.85 acres out of a 19.72 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 40, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Dec. 27, 1996
- grantor: James Douglas Eastham and Ellen Hill
grantee: Harry Evans and Yong Suk Evans
property: Lot 11, blk. 11, 'entwood' Addition (Unit No. 1).
filed: Dec. 27, 1996
- Quitclaim deed
transferor: William K. Halpeny and Orva Jean Halpeny
transferee: Karen S. Edwards, William O. Halpeny II and Michael R. Halpeny
property: West 1/2 and southeast 1/4 of section 135, blk. 29 west and northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of section 135, blk. 29 west and northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of section 135, blk. 29 of the west and northwest Railroad Co.
filed: Dec. 16, 1996
- transferor: William K. Halpeny and Orva Jean Halpeny
transferee: Karen S. Edwards, William O. Halpeny II and Michael R. Halpeny
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- Sheriff's Tax Deed
- District Court filings
- Divorce:
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Jacquelyn J. Mauch vs. Robert T. Mauch
Benjamin T. Lane vs. Tonya Lane
John Patrick Chance vs. Estelita Carillo Chance
Debra Stuteville Salezar vs. Marcus Anthony Salezar
Family:
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Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Smythia Hillario vs. Bailey Anderson
Andria Long Acuff and Johnny Acuff vs. James Roger Avant
Rudy Hillario vs. Rolando Castillo and Ignacio Castillo
Accounts, note & contracts:
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Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Russell K. Davis and Deanna Davis
Injuries & damages:
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DALLAS (AP) — Unemployment recently dipped to its lowest rate in 16 years in Texas, a situation that could mean companies will have to scramble to find good help.

The Texas Workforce Commission reported in November that unemployment decreased in October for the fourth straight month. State and local governments added 29,500 jobs.

Economists say if the unemployment rate keeps falling, and the labor pool continues to shrink, businesses will be unable to expand or relocate to Texas.

Joel Wagner, labor market analyst for the Workforce Commission in Houston, said tight labor markets could also lead to higher wages as employees are able to demand more pay.

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pen in the temporary help business. Personnel agencies report that many agencies have had to boost wages and sweeten their benefits packages to attract workers.

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2 BEDROOM mobile home on deeded Colorado City lake lot. \$21,000. Owner Finance. Boobie Weaver Real Estate, 263-3093.

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PARKHILL TERRACE APARTMENTS 800 WEST MARCY DRIVE 763-5555 763-5000

Unfurnished Houses 533 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH & 2 bedroom, 1 bath, good location, clean, REFERENCES, MATURE ADULTS, NO PETS. Call 268-1888 or 267-4923.

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2 bedroom house & 1 bedroom house. Call 264-6155.

3/1 NEW PAINT & Carpet. Good neighborhood. \$575 month plus deposit. One year lease. 267-2298.

3 BEDROOM, washer and dryer connection, fenced yard, 1311 Mt. Vernon. Call for appointment, 263-3182.

3 bedrooms, garage, \$415.00, 3 bedrooms, den, fireplace, \$450. No pets. 267-2070.

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Business Buildings 520

FOR RENT: small building or car lot, 810 E. 4th. \$150/monthly, \$100/deposit. Call 263-5000.

RETAIL STORE for lease, approximately 3000 sq.ft. located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514. Owner/Broker.

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FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent, all utilities paid, single occupancy, \$100/deposit, \$300/monthly, 267-1752.

NOW AVAILABLE... Largest, nicest two bedroom apartment in town, 1300 square feet, FREE gas heat and water, two car attached carport, washer-dryer connections, private patio, beautiful courtyard with pool and party room, furnished or unfurnished and "REMEMBER... YOU DESERVE THE BEST", Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 W. Marcy, 267-6500.

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Two bedroom, Two bath, carport, laundry room, fireplace, \$400/rent, \$200/deposit. Call 263-6932.

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2 Commercial buildings for lease. 119 E. 3rd & 125 E. 3rd. 263-6514. Owner/Broker.

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Stay at home mom will babysit your child. Newborn up to 3 years. Kentwood area. Please call 263-1681.

System Support Specialist II Position # \$1,836/Month

Texas Dept. MHMR has two (2) immediate openings for experienced LAN support consultants. These positions will serve as technical consultants in the Statewide Information Services Department in the LAN Support Group assigned to the Big Spring State Hospital. Will perform routine to complicated personal computer and local area network maintenance and repair. Works with user to identify and report system problems, and assists network engineering in performing more complex activities.

Requires: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in business, computer science, secretarial sciences, communications, or related field, plus one (1) year of experience with manual or automated data systems. One (1) year of experience may be substituted for each year (30 semester hours) of college. Maximum substitution, four (4) years.

Preferred qualifications include: Experience troubleshooting and maintaining personal computer hardware (IBM compatible) and software, troubleshooting and maintaining Ethernet LANs. Knowledge of Novell NOS, TCP/IP and open systems standards. Experience in use of sophisticated LAN and WAN diagnostic equipment.

If qualified, submit completed State of Texas application to: Texas Department MHMR Big Spring State Hospital Human Resources Services 119 N. Hwy 87 Big Spring, TX 79720 Veterans Preference/Drug Free Environment

Zenith 20" Stereo Color TV; 4" Shredder and electric range for sale. Call 267-7913.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Big Spring

The City of Big Spring City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas to receive public input concerning the adoption of an ordinance designating a Downtown Revitalization Zone and amending the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria to provide for tax incentives in the proposed zone. The proposed zone area is as follows: beginning at the intersection of West First Street and Gregg Street east along First Street to the intersection of Johnson Street south along Johnson Street to the intersection of Fourth Street west along Fourth Street to the intersection of Gregg Street north along Gregg Street to West First Street. An incentive program to be offered within the zone will be discussed at the hearing. All interested parties, including residents of the proposed zone, are encouraged to attend and present their views. 1170 January 5, 1997

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Queen, San Andres and Goliad formations in the Price South lease wells numbers 4, 6, 14 and 16. The proposed injection wells are located 10 miles northeast of Foran, Texas in the Howard-Glasscock Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1100 to 2050 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Popularity is increased. You amass many new friends. Remain sure of yourself, and make solid choices. Shocks are likely in discussions with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Run errands early in the day. The pace becomes hectic, forcing your hand. Accent efficiency. Instincts are right on about a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Family needs to take a higher priority. Actually, you might be tickled by events brought on by helping another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be more in control of your finances. An element of confusion runs riot. Your checking account is especially vulnerable.

later in the afternoon to get together with a friend. If single, an encounter could be interesting! Tonight: Head out and about. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your smile goes a long way. Rule of thumb is, ask for what you want.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are in the limelight, having a ball. Your instincts are right about a special and important person in your life.

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Ten Commandments provide powerful words to live by

DEAR ABBY: I read in a newspaper that a poll was taken in which 1,500 people were asked if they could quote the Ten Commandments.

Abby, will you please print the Ten Commandments? You may use my name. LINDEL SEXTON, OCEANSIDE, CALIF.

DEAR LINDEL: According to the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments were given to the Israelite leader Moses on Mount Sinai.

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain. 4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. 5. Honor thy father and thy mother.

6. Thou shalt not kill. 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. 8. Thou shalt not steal. 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maldservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

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must for anyone who touches others, especially in a hospital or other health-care facility, but to forgo all contact of skin with skin is not conducive to the healing of the spirit, which is vital to overall good health.

So let's continue touching as appropriate, and practice good hand-washing techniques. CHAPLAIN BOB BURNS, FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATER-MAN, EUSTIS, FLA.

DEAR CHAPLAIN BURNS: I was touched by the number of health-care professionals who wrote to defend the practice of gently holding the hand of a person in a health-care facility.

DEAR ABBY: While it may be true that inadequate hand-washing is a common cause of spreading infection, this should not prevent visitors or doctors from shaking or holding a patient's hand.

Most patients feel isolated, and denying them what little physical contact they receive is not the answer. A far better solution would be to touch the patient, then wash your hands before touching your face, or another patient.

Patients would rather see you wash your hands after a visit than be treated as an untouchable. A HEALTH-CARE WORKER IN COLUMBIA, S.C.

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