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TxDOT letting \$3.5 million in contracts

HERALD Staff Report

More than \$3.5 million in contracts for work on a six-mile stretch of U.S. 87 north of Big Spring will be let this month, according to a major projects report update provided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The project extends from seven miles north of I-20 to 13 miles north of I-20 and will include the addition of shoulders, rebuilding of the roadway pavement and widen bridges.

In all, five TxDOT projects, including the Hangar 25 restoration at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, will be let in

Howard County this year.

In April, a \$400,000 project to overlay FM 700 from Goliad east to I-20 will be let while in May, a \$674,000 project to widen the roadway, add shoulders and add safety upgrades will be let on FM 669 (Gall Highway) from FM 700 to a point three miles north.

In August, a \$574,000 restoration contract on Hangar 25 will be let, while in September, a \$140,000 contract to upgrade traffic signals on 3rd and 4th streets through Big Spring will be let.

In all, the five projects carry a price tag totaling \$5.4 million. TxDOT plans to spend \$4.373 million on

U.S. 87 following an August 1999 contract letting that will cover the cost of adding shoulders, re-building pavement and widening bridges on the highway from a point 13 miles north of I-20 through Martin County and on to the Dawson County line.

One project that has been discussed for a number of years, the upgrading of the 11th Place Extension to a farm-to-market roadway, is also on the major projects schedule, although not until October 2001.

The rebuilding of the roadway and conversion to FM status is expected to cost \$2.409 million when completed and will offer an alternative traffic route in the event of a plant disaster.

Authorities continuing search for escapee from prison camp

HERALD Staff Report

Law enforcement officials continue to search today for Angel Fayette, a prisoner who walked away from the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution on Saturday.

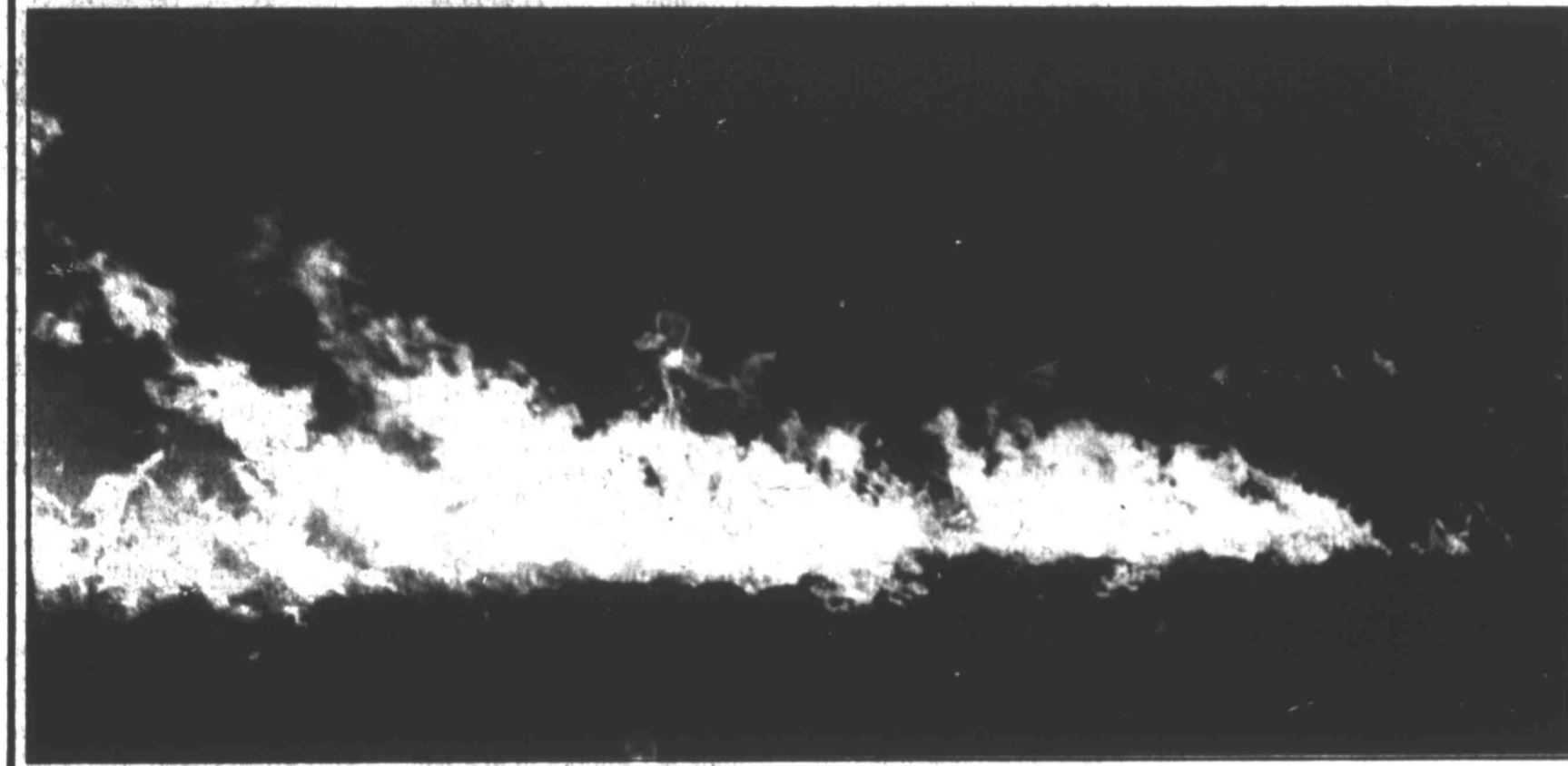
According to a press release issued by public information officer Brad Wiggins, Fayette was discovered missing during a 10:15 p.m. head count at the facility.

According to the release, an immediate search of the prison camp and the surrounding area was conducted after Fayette's absence was discovered.

Local law enforcement officials, as well as the FBI and the United States Marshals Service, were notified of the escape.

Fayette is described as a non-violent offender serving an 80-month sentence for distribution of cocaine.

CONTROLLED BURN



A field burns as a local farmer starts a controlled burn to act as a fire break which will help protect his home and land from wild fires that could be a problem later this winter.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Proposed smoking ban for county courthouse back on court's agenda

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners, minus a vacationing Bill Crooker, deadlocked 2-2 during a Dec. 26 meeting on the issue of banning smoking in county buildings, especially the Howard County Courthouse.

County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioner Jerry Kilgore voting in favor of the ban. Commissioners Sonny Choate and Emma Brown were opposed.

Crooker's absence means the court will again tackle the issue during its Jan. 13 meeting, at which time the outcome will probably be a lot different.

Crooker said the issue is very simple. He opposes smoking in the courthouse for health rea-

sons.

"I support the banning of smoking in the courthouse," Crooker said. "Second hand smoke is just as bad as smoking itself. If we have habits, sometimes we have to endure inconveniences to support those habits and this is one of them."

During the Dec. 26 meeting, local attorney R.H. Weaver addressed commissioners saying, "I personally think this is a tax supported institution and it's past time for the commissioners' court to pass a resolution that protects those of us who don't smoke from being exposed to it everytime we come into the courthouse."

"Those of us who don't smoke shouldn't have to put up with it," Weaver added. "Places like

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Deep freeze, snow in area's forecast

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

He didn't make to the Permian Basin in time for Christmas or New Year's, but Jack Frost blew into the area Sunday night and plans to stay for a while.

Temperatures across West Texas dipped into the mid to upper 20s this morning, with snow falling in Seminole and the western part of the Permian Basin. A band of sleet and snow stretched from Lamesa to Lovington, N.M., early this morning dropping temperatures below the freezing mark.

Residents in the Big Spring, Midland and Odessa area awoke to cloudy, cold conditions with temperatures ranging from 29 degrees to 31 degrees. Northeast winds blowing 21 miles per hour produced wind chill temperatures of 5 degrees.

National Weather Service

Meteorologist George Matthews said the cold blast is a continuation of the cold front that began moving last week.

"The cold front is an upper level disturbance from the Pacific Ocean, which is combining itself with cold Canadian air. The energy from the storm is causing the snow," Matthews said.

A winter storm watch is in effect for the Permian Basin today and through Tuesday, including a heavy snow warning this afternoon through Tuesday.

According to Matthews, the chance of snow for today and tonight stands at 90 percent, with a 70 percent chance on Tuesday.

Periods of heavy snow are expected later today and tonight, with temperatures dropping into the 20s. More snow is forecast for Tuesday

with accumulations of up to 8 inches possible, according to Matthews.

The high temperature for Tuesday is expected to be between 25 degrees and 30 degrees.

Tuesday night's forecast also calls for a chance of snow, with temperatures dropping into the low teens.

The extended forecast for the Permian Basin calls for a slight chance of rain or snow Wednesday with high temperatures in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Thursday's forecast calls for dry conditions with temperatures ranging from lows in the 20s to highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Friday will see temperatures turning colder again with lows in the upper teens to mid 20s and highs in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

Area residents planning to travel should also be aware of weather conditions in other areas of West Texas as well.

•South Plains/Low Rolling Plains - Winter storm watch for tonight through Tuesday, tonight, snow likely. Low around 20. Tuesday, snow likely. Total snow accumulations of 3 to 6 inches possible. High in the mid 20s. Tuesday night, chance of light snow.

•Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau - Heavy snow warning this afternoon through Tuesday northern sections. Winter storm watch southern areas tonight through Tuesday. Total accumulation of 3-6 inches possible.

•Far West Texas - Heavy snow warning this afternoon through Tuesday. Tonight, snow likely. Possibly heavy at times. Low 25-30. Total snow accumulations up to 6 inches possible. High 30-35.

Texas Instruments agrees to sell Raytheon for \$2.95 billion

DALLAS (AP) - Texas Instruments has agreed to sell its defense operations to Raytheon Co. for \$2.95 billion in cash in the latest marriage in the defense industry, the companies announced today.

Raytheon, based in Lexington, Mass., already produces missiles as well as aircraft training systems.

The companies have complementary units that produce sensors and seekers, aircraft and radars and secret "black" electronics systems for the

Pentagon.

The Wall Street Journal, which reported on the deal in today's editions in advance of its formal announcement, said Raytheon had beaten a competing bid by Northrop Grumman Corp. for the Texas Instruments operations.

The paper also said the move may be aimed at boosting Raytheon's chances of an even bigger acquisition as General Motors Corp.'s Hughes Electronics subsidiary begins to auction off its own defense hold-

ings.

Dennis J. Picard, Raytheon chairman and chief executive, said in announcing the deal that it "opens new defense markets worldwide" for his company.

He said it boosts Raytheon's defense electronics sales to \$8 billion a year and its defense electronics backlog to \$9.3 billion.

Texas Instruments employs about 12,000 people in its Defense Systems & Electronics group. It expected 1996 revenues

of about \$1.8 billion.

The division, based in suburban Lewisville, makes precision-guided weapons, anti-radiation and strike missiles, airborne radar, night vision systems and electronic warfare systems.

Its HARM and Paveway systems constituted 65 percent of the air-delivered weapons used by Persian Gulf War forces, the company said.

The deal is expected to close in the second quarter after federal antitrust scrutiny.

MECHANICAL PROBLEM



City of Big Spring employee Tony Bustamante encounters a rough time as he works on a sewer system problem on Birdwell Lane near Sixth St.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Cloudy with a heavy snow warning. High in the lower 30s. Low in the 20s.

Tuesday: Snow likely. Highs in the upper 20s. Low in the teens.

Extended outlook: Wednesday, slight chance of snow. High in the upper 30s. Low in the 20s. Thursday, dry. High in the mid 40s. Low in the 20s. Friday, turning colder. High in the 30s.

Reno says tough policies paid off in reduced crime rate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno credits a "tough, smart crime-fighting strategy" for reducing the nation's serious crime rate for the fifth straight year.

FBI figures released over the weekend showed a 3 percent decrease in serious crimes reported to police during the first six months of 1996 compared with a year earlier. Murders led the list with a 7 percent drop, while robbery and aggravated assault fell by 5 percent.

Reno said the nation is in the

longest period of declining crime rates since 1969.

"Our tough, smart crime-fighting strategy is making a difference, with more police on the streets, fewer guns in the wrong hands, more prosecutors and more jail cells to keep criminals behind bars. We have made progress, but we have much more to do," she said in a statement.

Crime specialists said greater community awareness, a relatively small population in the crime-prone teen-age years and changes in the drug market also

figured in the crime reductions.

"We are making a difference," said President Clinton, who made crime-fighting a bedrock issue of his first term. "Today our neighborhoods are safer, and we are restoring the American people's confidence that crime can be reduced."

Clinton said he has placed curbing juvenile violence at the top of his anti-crime agenda in the new year. "We must continue to move in the right direction by adding more police officers, cracking down on gangs and reducing gun and drug vio-

lence," he said in a statement.

Among property crimes, reported burglaries fell by 5 percent between the first half of 1995 and the period of 1996, motor vehicle theft declined by 4 percent and larceny-theft dipped by 1 percent. Arson was the only property offense to show an increase, 2 percent.

Eight cities with populations of more than a million boasted an average 6 percent drop in serious crimes over the same period in 1995. There was no change for cities of a half-million to one million population.

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OBITUARIES

Geneva "Jay" Rogers

Geneva "Jay" Rogers, 70, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, in Mesa, Ariz. Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Monroe Teeters, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



ROGERS

She was born on Aug. 21, 1917, in Natick, Mass. and married Harold Rogers on Nov. 18, 1950, in Tokyo, Japan. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1982.

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.

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 Bucchi 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.

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

Hubert W. Clawson

Hubert W. Clawson, 87, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in a local hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Stephen Grace, pastor of the First Assembly of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



CLAWSON

He was born on June 4, 1909, in Lohn, Texas and married Goldie Fields on Dec. 16, 1938, in Stanton, Texas.

Mr. Clawson came to Big Spring as a small child, was a lifetime resident and had worked for the Big Spring Fire Department for 31 1/2 years before retiring. Hubert also worked as a car salesman and car dealer for many years.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church and had served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie Clawson of Big Spring, two daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Bill Phipps and Shirley and Jim Ryals all of Big Spring, three grandchildren, Amanda Ryals, Tony Phipps and Kim Phipps all of Big Spring and two great-grandchildren.

Hubert was preceded in death by twin infant sons in 1891, his parents, one brother, and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Walt Lee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow in the Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1915, in Rotan, Texas and married Donald Lamar Lay on March 18, 1937, in Coahoma. He preceded her in death on May 19, 1981.

Amanda Carnelia Lay

Amanda Carnelia Lay, 81, Coahoma, died on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in Mitchell County Hospital. Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Walt Lee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow in the Coahoma Cemetery.

Mrs. Lay was the third daughter born to Cary and Laura Arthur. She attended schools in Desdemona in Eastland County. Mrs. Lay came to Coahoma in 1935 with her family from Desdemona. She was a homemaker and her family and her friends were very important to her.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include one daughter, Donnell Luce of Coahoma, three grandchildren, D Dee Morris of Coahoma City, Donald Johnson of Bridgeport and Brandon Luce of Coahoma, three sisters, Dorothy Crossland of Wichita Falls, Thomas Baker of The Woodlands and Helen Brundick of Comroe and one brother, Roy Arthur of Coahoma.

Mrs. Lay was also preceded

in death by her parents, one brother, N.W. Arthur and one sister, Myrl Robinson. Pallbearers will be Brandon Luce, Donald Johnson, Paiko Morris, Ryan Johnson, Donnie Reid, Rex Shive and Tommy Morris.

The family suggests memorials to the Building Fund of First Presbyterian Church; 209 N. 1st; Coahoma, Texas; 79511 or the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; 306 W. Third; Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Humberto G. Padilla, Sr.

Rosary for Humberto G. "Bert" Padilla, Sr., 66, Big Spring, will be at 8 p.m. tonight and Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 12 noon Wednesday, Jan. 8, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scamlian officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.



PADILLA

Mr. Padilla died Sunday, Jan. 5, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1930, in Charlotte, Texas. He married Patsy Cantu on Jan. 13, 1956, in Charlotte. Mr. Padilla came to Big Spring in January of 1967 from Odessa. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus, and he was a Cursillista since 1966.

Mr. Padilla had worked for the Colorado Municipal Water District for 43 years, retiring on Nov. 1, 1995 as the district's electronics superintendent.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Padilla, Big Spring; three sons, Humberto Padilla, Jr., Abilene, Gilbert Padilla, Waco, and George Padilla, Big Spring; three daughters, Adela Rudd, Big Spring, Josie Parras, Dallas, and Sylvia Guzman, Yuma, Ariz.; one brother, Joe Padilla, Midland; two sisters, Solema Gonzalez, Midland, and Dominga Maldonado, San Antonio; 18 grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Marion Thomas Mitchell

Service for Marion "Tom" Thomas Mitchell, 83, Andrews, was at 4 p.m. today, in the McKinney Acres Baptist Church, Andrews, with Rev. Ted Short, of Greenfield Acres Baptist Church, Odessa, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Dale Dozier, of McKinney Acres Baptist Church, Andrews. Burial followed in Andrews West Cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell died Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997, in Permian General Hospital, Andrews.

He was born on March 8, 1913, in Stearnville, Okla. He was a member of McKinney Acres Baptist Church. He married Lillian Lorene Jefferson on April 7, 1938, in Ackerly. They moved to Andrews in 1948 from Ackerly. He was a self-employed farmer and carpenter and was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Mitchell, Andrews; one son, Roy Mitchell, Andrews;

one daughter, Brenda Gray, Andrews; three sisters: Jane Beckmyer, Lorene Cave, and Imogene Hammond, all of Ackerly; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Inc., Andrews.

Ione (Granny) Adams

Service for Ione (Granny) Adams, 91, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, in Merkel.

Jessie Nalley

Service for Jessie Nalley, 85, Ashville, N.C., formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, in Ashville.

County

Continued from page 1. Wal-Mart, H-E-B and the post office have signs prohibiting smoking in their buildings and besides, scientists have told us that second-hand smoke is just as bad as first-hand smoke.

Choate objected to a ban saying he didn't think people should be sent outside like kindergarten students to smoke. "We have a large number of people, even employees, who come to the courthouse and they do smoke. Imposing such a ban is an infringement on their rights. We would be taking away their freedom to live in the manner they've chosen," Choate said.

Crooker added, "There are all kinds of argument against a ban, but where health is concerned, most of those arguments are besides the point." Weaver added that on any given occasion, he can come into the courthouse and the landings on all three floors are full of smokers.

Weaver also requested to be on the Jan. 13 agenda when all five commissioners will vote on the issue.

Pending the outcome of the commissioners' court, the courthouse could become totally off limits to smokers who want to light up because of the recent ban on smoking in the county jail put in place by Sheriff Bill Jennings.

One of the projects Jennings would like to establish is a prisoner workforce. The project is still in the making, but it will be within this program that inmates will be allowed to smoke, and then it will have to be outside of the courthouse. However, inmates will have to qualify for such a program (those with misdemeanor offenses only).

MARKETS

March cotton 74.80 cents a pound, up 22 points; Feb. crude oil 26.26, up 67 points; Cash hogs steady at 54; slaughter steers steady at 65.50; February lean hog futures 78.60, up 15 points; February live cattle futures 65.12, up 10 points.

Courtesy: Delta Computation. Note: quotes provided by Edward J. Jones & Co. Index 4594.89 Volume 157,042,860

ATT 28 1/2
Amoco 82 1/2
Atlantic Richfield 130 1/2
Ames Energy 25 1/2
Cabot 25 1/2
Chevron 66 1/2
Chrysler 35 1/2
Ciba 1.18-1.22
Coca-Cola 52 1/2

ON THE RUN

Table listing various items and prices such as De Beers 27 1/2, DuPont 99 1/2, Excol Comm. 21 1/2, etc.

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

-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 #2018, 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.

POLICE REPORT

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

-ROBERT EDWARD BAKER JR., 23, of 407 Donley, was arrested on local warrants.

-PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ, 18, of 607 E. 13th, was arrested on local warrants and for having no driver's license and an expired motor vehicle registration.

-MONICA GOSSETT, 22, of 2911 W. Hwy 80 No. 22, failure to identify.

-JOSE FELIPE DOMINGUEZ, 57, of 3002 Parkway, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-ALFREDO RIOS, 42, of 607 W. 6th, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with an invalid license.

-FRANCISCO LUJAN GALAVIO, 28, of 1604 Lincoln, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

-CHRISTOPHER ROBERT CARTER, 24, of 501 E. 13th, was arrested on local warrants.

-ROBERT HOUSTON, 44, of 705 Cherry, was arrested for public intoxication.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3100 block of W. Hwy 80; 700 block of Nolan; 1500 block of Lincoln; 1500 block of Mesa College and Monticello; and the 700 block of Andrea.

-CRIMINAL TRESPASS in the 700 block of N. Lancaster.

-THEFT OF GAS in the 2300 block of Wasson.

-THEFT in the 2100 block of Rummels; 400 block of Johnson; 1800 block of Gregg; 1100 block of N. Lamesa; 1200 block of E. 11th; and the 1200 block of E. 16th.

-BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 700 block of Lancaster; and in the 200 block of E. 23rd.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 200 block of N. Johnson; 1200 block of E. 11th; 100 block of Washington; 200 block of N.W. 4th; 400 block of E. 11th; 1500 block of Lexington; and 100 block of N. Goland.

-ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 100 block of Washington.

-ASSAULT in the 500 block of Westover; and the 600 block of Goland.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2900 block of W. 80.

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

Bertie L. Black, 92, died Saturday. Services 2 PM Tuesday. Henson-Novak Chapel, Guymon, Oklahoma. Inez Massey, 86, died Sunday. Services pending. Humberto G. "Bert" Padilla, 66, died Sunday. Rosary will be at 8 PM tonight & Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

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Lottery showdown: Chairwoman faces Linares

HOUSTON (AP) — Nora Linares and Harriet Miers this week might have the showdown that has been building since questions surrounding Linares' handling of the Texas Lottery first surfaced last November.

Linares' future as the lottery's \$84,500-a-year executive director is scheduled to be discussed when the Texas Lottery Commission meets Tuesday.

"She certainly has a battle on her hands," an unidentified friend told the Houston Chronicle. "She's there to either vindicate herself or be fired."

Presiding over the discussion will be Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers, who has been vocal in her suspicion of how Linares and her staff have handled ethical questions.

Linares, 41, is a Democratic activist who helped put Ann Richards in the Governor's Mansion six years ago. She was given the lottery job five years ago by state Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat expected to challenge Republican Gov. George W. Bush for the governorship in 1998.

Miers is a Dallas lawyer and personal attorney to Bush, who appointed her in 1995.

Miers is known for a reserved, soft-spoken demeanor coupled with a tenacity so fierce that Bush recently characterized her as a "pit bull in size 6 shoes."

"I'm sure what the governor meant was that I am determined and tenacious to do what is set before me," said Miers, president of the large Dallas law

firm, Locke Purnell Rain Harrell. "To that extent, I certainly hope (the characterization) is accurate."

Recently listed as one of the state's high-impact attorneys for 1996 by the weekly newspaper Texas Lawyer, Miers is a former Dallas City Council member and a past president of both the Dallas Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association.

Now she must elicit answers to questions surrounding lottery operations, from missing investigative documents to a secret \$30,000 contract Linares' friend won from lottery operator GTECH Corp.

Linares has said she knew nothing about the contract at the time, although she admits she did supply the friend, Mike Moeller, with a New Mexico

mailing address where he collected his GTECH money.

Linares has sued all three commissioners, saying that they imposed a gag order on her. She has not spoken to reporters about ongoing lottery investigations since the third week of November.

Friends and acquaintances describe Linares as fun, gregarious and hard-working.

"She's a good person. I think her integrity is unimpeachable," said Terry Toler, a friend of Linares. "At best, I hope she's exonerated. At worst, I hope she made a mistake and it's not something that ruins her."

Others aren't persuaded, including former Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer of Dallas.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 7:

Pressure is intense to perform optimally. Because of your own nature, you push very hard. Bosses and career matters are demanding. If you aren't happy with work, take a hard look at what you can do to change the situation. You might even want to consider going back to school. Home life commands much attention. On some level, you feel you are doing a juggling act. If you are single, this is a high-anxiety year. But you might still be interested in meeting other people and developing a relationship, if this is one of your objectives. If attached, be more open about the stress you are under. **SAGITTARIUS** helps you relax.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use your creative ideas to handle a problem at work, before it veers out of control. There will be a change in plans. Gain insight into what is motivating a pushy partner. Use care when making a demand. **Tonight:** Stay in the limelight. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be more in touch with your feelings. Investigate a money matter. Examine your long-term interests before distancing yourself from a work situation. Clarity is important, as you decide what to do. Opt for the big picture. Stay upbeat. **Tonight:** Go to the movies. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let others call the shots, but maintain a high profile. Things easily spin out of control in a friendship. You need to intervene. Zero in on what is important here. You will get what you want, if you acknowledge desires. **Tonight:** Meet with your favorite person. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't worry about pressure on the home front. Someone is giving you a hard time, but not intentionally. There is more going on here than meets the eye. Get work done before your more social side breaks out. **Tonight:** Take an early night break. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are challenged by today's events. You feel pushed to the max by an associate or a work-related situation. If you let a problem go too long, you might have a hard time resolving it. Make an adjustment, and find a solution. **Tonight:** Work long and hard. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay centered, while everyone else loses it over money and resources. You are faced with a problem. The available options all seem to involve risk.

Maintain your traditional stance, if you know what is good for you. **Tonight:** Brainstorm to find solutions. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You try to resolve a situation, and are baffled by what is going on. Do not be surprised if the fur flies. You could lose your composure. Face yourself. Try normal means to find answers. Another may not appreciate your extraordinary effort to work things out. **Tonight:** Coosoo! ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Finances are at hand. Yet, it is clear that someone needs your immediate attention. You are in a negative cycle. Find your stride, and be moderate. Otherwise, temper will take over. Behave as reasonably as possible. **Tonight:** Chat up a storm. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You feel good as the day begins. But there could be unusual financial stress. Make important decisions involving a friend, goals and a loved one. You might feel you are in a pressure cooker. You are. **Tonight:** Think, don't react! ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What was strange becomes more clear — and more difficult. Much is going on behind the scenes. When you find out what it is, you'll need to take a stand. Juggle home and work. Allow some time for yourself. **Tonight:** Keep plugging along. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have your hands full dealing with a friend. It becomes apparent that what you hoped could be may never happen. You feel depressed by events. Pull back, and take stock. You are pushing very hard. A discussion is stilted. **Tonight:** Take a night off. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Work demands your complete attention. Someone is bearing down on you. Question alternatives. Remain confident of your abilities. What is happening may be hard on your budget. Remember the goals and promises you made to yourself recently. **Tonight:** Join friends. ****

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Gingrich back in spotlight on eve of speakership election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emerging from weeks of self-imposed silence, House Speaker Newt Gingrich addressed a hometown audience today before heading to Washington and a politically charged vote on his re-election to the House's top post.

The speaker declined to discuss the ethics case in a morning speech in Marietta, Ga., before the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm not going to talk about the whole ethics case today because we have an agreement

not to talk about it until it's done," Gingrich said. "But I will give a speech about that later on after that process is over."

Gingrich joins his GOP colleagues tonight at a Capitol Hill rally where the majority party is expected to endorse his return to the speakership despite concerns over a still-unfinished ethics investigation.

Republican leaders made clear Sunday that Gingrich was their man and there was no question that they had the votes to re-elect him. But several GOP

rank-and-file members said they remained troubled by the rush to reseat the Georgian and suggested he step aside, at least until the issue is resolved.

Gingrich has avoided public comment while actively joining other GOP leaders in lobbying for his re-election.

Tonight, on the eve of the convening of the 105th Congress, he was to explain to his Republican colleagues why they should back him on Tuesday.

Last month, Gingrich said he unintentionally misled the House ethics committee, which

is investigating possible tax law violations in the use of charitable contributions to finance a college course he taught. The panel is to decide in about two weeks whether to recommend sanctions against Gingrich.

With that cloud hanging over him, several GOP lawmakers have urged Gingrich to step down temporarily. One, Rep. Matt Salmon of Arizona, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that Gingrich, in a telephone conversation Friday, told him he was considering that possibility.

Oil industry hit hard by high-profile race, sex bias cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Something pretty crude is oozing from the nation's oil industry, critics say.

From Texaco's agreement to pay a record \$176 million to settle racial discrimination complaints to a \$100 million racial bias complaint pending against Shell, the nation's largest oil companies are on the defensive these days, battling growing allegations of intolerance and insensitivity.

"Oil companies and their collective image is in crisis now," said Gail Baker Woods, chair-

man of the University of Florida's Department of Public Relations. "It used to be restaurants a few years back, when Denny's and Shoney's were having problems. Now it's the oil companies."

The problems at Texaco and Shell, along with Chevron — which has paid millions to settle sexual discrimination complaints — are not isolated cases in the oil industry, according to the head of a consulting firm that tracks minority performance in business.

"It's an industrywide prob-

lem," said Lawrence Otis Graham, president of Progressive Management Associates Inc. in White Plains, N.Y. The petroleum group is always among the bottom three industries when it comes to minorities and women in senior management, recruitment and entry-level positions, he said.

Industry officials deny any intentional discrimination.

While some corporate leaders such as Paul Allaire, chairman and chief executive officer of Xerox Corp., have made names as champions of diversity in the

workplace, no one in big oil has taken it on, Graham said.

"I can't think of one oil executive who has been outspoken on the issue of bias in the workplace. That tells you something," Graham said.

Texaco agreed to the record settlement payment after a disgruntled former executive released a tape in which top company officials were heard using racial slurs, mocking the black cultural festival Kwanzaa and plotting to hide or shred documents sought by the plaintiffs.

Mom's boyfriend may cause downsized family reunion

DEAR ABBY: My mother married when she was 15. She had six children. When she was 36, she got a divorce and announced it was time she lived her life as she saw fit.

Mom always kept herself in great physical condition. For the last two years she has been dating a man who is 33 years her junior. Mom's son is four years younger than her boyfriend! This repulses me. I do not want my younger children around such craziness.

This part I can handle, but my siblings are planning a family reunion this summer. I have not seen some of my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews for six years. My mother plans to attend this reunion with her young lover. I believe it is totally inappropriate to flaunt her carefree lifestyle in the presence of these young people.

I don't know how to handle this. If Mom insists on bringing her boyfriend, my husband refuses to go. Please help me. — ASHAMED AND HEART-BROKEN

DEAR ASHAMED: If your husband refuses to attend the family reunion because your mother and her young boyfriend will be there, tell him you'll miss him.

As adults, your mother and her boyfriend are entitled to make their own decisions. "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

DEAR ABBY: In reference to an article titled "Lawyer's Courtroom Goofs Are Good for a Laugh," which recently appeared in your column, I was reminded of a church bulletin that had our congregation in stitches one Sunday morning. I'm not sure where it originated. Our pastor announced at the beginning of the service to be sure to read the back of the bulletin before he began his sermon so that he would not think our laughter was directed at the sermon itself. —LISA SPADLING, FULTONVILLE.

ALA. DEAR LISA: Thank you for the day-brightener. It's certainly worth sharing.

"Most people don't realize how much editing goes into producing a church bulletin or newsletter. Some announcements have to be completely rewritten because if they appeared the way they were submitted, it would lead to total confusion. Below are some examples:

- Don't let worry kill you — let the church help.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Martin to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet may come forward and do so.

• A 'Bean Supper' will be held next Sunday evening in the fellowship hall. Special music will follow.

- At the evening service tonight, the topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The flower on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Hunter, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hunter.
- The United Methodist Women have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church basement this Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair."

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OUR VIEWS

Become active in government

The 75th session of the Texas Legislature is set to get under way and there is promise that Texas property owners may get some relief from their ever-increasing burden.

Property tax reform will be the key issue of the 75th session, as defined by Gov. George W. Bush, and we have no problem with that.

There are certainly other issues of importance that will face our elected officials in Austin, whose decisions will have a direct impact on the lives of every man, woman and child in the state of Texas.

We encourage you to be — or become, if you haven't been — an active participant in the legislative process by maintaining contact with our elected officials and giving them feedback.

Take the time to ask questions ... and then demand honest, concise answers that are provided in layman's terms and not legalese.

We believe that Big Spring has gained between the 74th and 75th sessions, even though long-standing State Senator John T. Montford resigned and favorite son Scott McLaughlin was defeated.

We feel that way because we believe Robert Duncan will be a fair and effective senator for us, that we gained an additional voice with the election of Troy Fraser as State Senator, District 24, and that State Rep. David Counts will work harder than ever on our behalf in the House.

It is important, however, that our elected officials receive feedback from their constituents. Take the time to write or call ... we regularly publish the addresses and phone numbers on this page ... and be active in your state government.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton may get to wield a new weapon in the budget wars this year, a weapon that presidents have long coveted and, until now, Congress has always denied them the line-item veto.

The line-item veto allows the president to veto individual spending and tax proposals, so-called "line items," in any bill that crosses his desk. Until now, presidents had to veto entire bills to attack single items they opposed. Since a single spending bill might cover a couple of Cabinet departments, several independent agencies and multiple billions of dollars, the veto was performed sparingly.

With the line-item, the president can rifle-shot proposals he dislikes rather than dynamiting the entire package.

Even though the GOP has long endorsed the line-item veto, the fact that President Clinton has that weapon is the result of a Republican political miscalculation. When the Republicans took control of Congress, they passed the line-item veto but ruled that it not take effect until Jan. 1, 1997, by which time, they confidently assumed, a fellow Republican would be in the White House.

The line-item veto may make for more efficient budgeting, but it will do little to reduce the deficit — the largest portion of the budget, entitlement programs like Social Security, are off-limits. The line-item, however, does have the potential for endless political mischief. Republican lawmakers, those once fearless budget cutters, are now nervously urging Clinton to show the utmost restraint in his use of the line-item veto.

Under line-item, technically called "enhanced rescission," Congress votes ye or nay as a package on the items the president has vetoed from a bill. A simple majority sends those items back to the president. If he vetoes that bill, then Congress must muster the traditional two-thirds majority to override.

The fun and games may have to wait while the final disposition of the line-item veto is resolved in that arena where so many of our disputes wind up, the Supreme Court. Some lawmakers think the line-item veto is unconstitutional, and six of them have filed a fast-track suit asking the high court to declare it so.

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

This letter is directed to the miserable wretch who, in total disrespect for my family and the memory of our loved one, stole the flowers from my father's grave at Trinity Memorial Park. How insensitive a person you must be to stoop to something so low. You do disrespect to your departed, also, by becoming a grave robber. How degrading for your family's gravesite to have stolen flowers for adornment. If you don't have the time or resources to purchase flowers for your site, don't attempt to honor your family's memory by stealing flowers from someone else's grave.

You should be happy your loved one is no longer around because, I am sure, they would be embarrassed to know that you think so little of them. If you had any sense of decency at all, which you obviously don't, you would respect the memory of my father and the others at Trinity Memorial Park whose graves you've stolen from. Please stop. You are giving people a false impression of yourself. One who loves and cares for a loved one. In actuality, this deplorable act is an outward expression of your true self. A foolish and insensitive ass.

BARRY H. STAFFORD
WICHITA FALLS



The real reason for a cost of living adjustment

By JOHN BUELL
Scripps Howard News Service

An expert commission on cost-of-living adjustments recently concluded that government statistics exaggerate increases in consumer prices.

The commission wants to change the way the government measures inflation. This change could have drastic implications for government pensioners and those who receive Social Security benefits, which are pegged to the Consumer Price Index.

The government measures the Consumer Price Index by assembling a shopping cart of items the "typical" American buys. It averages their prices at retail outlets.

The commission argues that the current method overstates inflation. They claim it fails to assess improvements in the quality of standard goods, it doesn't account for the increased role of discount stores, and it doesn't acknowledge that many goods have

acceptable substitutes when their prices become too high.

But the real reason for revising the index is that the bean counters in Washington have been looking for a way to slow the growth of pensions and trim the deficit without having to advocate obvious cuts in benefits. What better way to solve the problem than by finding a different way to undermeasure increases in the cost-of-living?

There are three related issues wrapped up in this one controversy. First, what is an adequate minimum level of income protection for pensioners? Second, who should be taxed to pay for that adequate minimum level. And finally, how do we measure cost of living?

Defenders of the commission would respond that the first two questions are political, whereas the CPI is simply a scientific issue.

This posture is disingenuous. How we measure consumer prices has an enormous effect

on the most vulnerable members of our population. In our current political climate, there is no way to assure citizens that if the index is lowered, the government will take care of the needy by ensuring a minimum level of support.

CPI calculations are not a neat scientific process. They are based on a hypothetical that misrepresents the consumption patterns of much of the population.

I would argue that the CPI actually understates increases in the cost of living for most of us. Over the last generation, many middle- and working-class families have added technology to their homes that previous generations lacked, such as electronic security alarms, specially coded garage door openers, and water filtration systems.

Many of these purchases are forms of defensive consumption required by many kinds of economic deterioration. Security systems proliferate when crime increases. Water

and air purification systems become popular as the quality of these formerly free goods starts to deteriorate.

To maintain a family's earning level, even in absolute dollar terms, both parents now frequently hold full-time jobs, often necessitating significant child-care expenses.

The cost of living is best defined as the amount of income required to maintain typical family, cultural, and recreational activities. When many changes in the contemporary political economy are properly assessed, this cost has gone up far faster than government figures suggest.

Determining the cost of living should not simply be the prerogative of expert commissions. All of us have the right to draw on our own life experiences in assessing just how adequately the government measures our well being.

(John Buell lives in Southwest Harbor, Maine, and writes about labor and environmental issues.)

In Turkey, never the twain shall meet

By HOLGER JENSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

Sitting at the crossroads of Asia and Europe, Turkey has always been torn between East and West.

The western part, fronting the Mediterranean, is filled with cosmopolitan businessmen and professionals who see their prosperity linked to the European Union and their security to continued membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But travel eastward, away from the glitter of Istanbul and the new industrial cities that have sprung up to accommodate Turkey's astonishing urban migration, and you will find another country of crumbling infrastructure and poorer people, deeply rooted in Islam and more closely linked to the Turkic-speaking tribes of the southern Caucasus and Central Asia.

That is where Kurdish separatists and the Turkish army brutalize each other in a war that has killed 21,000 people over the past 12 years. It is also where NATO's southeastern flank meets the borders of Iraq and Iran, making Turkey

pivotal to American efforts to contain those two "terrorist" states.

Unfortunately, Turkey is beset by political instability and, as a consequence, a shaky economy. No single party ever wins an absolute majority in a Turkish election and the coalition governments they produce borrow heavily to fund costly vote-catching programs that put the country deeper in debt.

Thus Turkey is still recovering from the disastrous crash of 1994, when its economy shrank by 6.5 percent. Also, the coalitions make for a bumpy ride with NATO, some being more pro-American than others.

Turkey's current government, which emerged last June, is headed by Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan's Islamic Welfare Party but allied with former prime minister Tansu Ciller's secular True Path Party. She is now his foreign minister.

The Welfare Party has, in the past, proposed a military alliance among Muslim countries, and Erbakan's overtures to Islamic regimes have alarmed the West. Washington is particularly upset by several trade agreements he signed

with Iran, his courting of Sudan and his portrayal of Libya as a victim of terrorism rather than a sponsor.

However, Erbakan's first visit to Libya last year was a disaster. Col. Muammar Qaddafi, the country's erratic leader, publicly condemned Turkey for belonging to NATO and allowing its air bases to be used by American planes. He also expressed support for the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), whose separatist guerrillas are waging war in Turkey's southeastern provinces.

Since then Erbakan has made some effort to appease Washington, persuading Turkey's parliament to grant another six-month extension for the U.S.-led air mission that is supposed to protect Kurds in northern Iraq from the army of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

More than 50 British, French and U.S. warplanes take off daily from Incirlik air base in southern Turkey for reconnaissance flights over the Kurdish zone. But approval for such flights is becoming more difficult to renew because the Turks complain that Operation Provide Comfort also provides a haven for their enemies in

the PKK, who use northern Iraq as a base for attacks on Turkish soil.

Other issues have added to the souring of U.S.-Turkish relations. Turkey has long-running territorial disputes with fellow NATO member Greece which, along with Turkey's abysmal human rights record, prompted Washington to hold up delivery of Super Cobra attack helicopters and navy frigates ordered by the Turkish military.

Complaining that "the United States supports the fight against terrorism, yet does not give us the weapons to fight terrorism," Erbakan vowed to seek other suppliers. But he later relented, saying he would send two of his top cabinet ministers to "develop cooperation between Turkey and the United States."

No date has been set for their visit. But Erbakan would do well to come himself if he hopes to persuade President Clinton that Turkey is still a reliable ally.

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BRUCE TINSLEY

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Sweetwater at Big Spring playoffs, 6:30 p.m.
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Forum playoffs at Wall, 6:30 p.m.

College basketball
Villanova at Providence, 6:30 p.m., ch. 30
S.E. Louisiana at Centenary, 7 p.m., ch. 29
Texas at Kansas, 8:30 p.m., ch. 30
UNLV at Texas Christian, 11 p.m., ch. 30

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Defending Super Bowl participants take a hike

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remember back in August when everyone was picking the four favorites for the NFL's conference championships? Most people picked the Green Bay Packers, and they got that one right. Some took Dallas or San Francisco as the other NFC finalist. Sorry. How about Detroit, or Philadelphia or Minnesota? Wrong. Carolina? Not many, if any, went that route. In the AFC, Pittsburgh, Denver, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Buffalo and even Jimmy Johnson's Miami Dolphins all got support. New England and Jacksonville? Probably no one but the hardest of die-hards chose those two teams, neither

of whom won even half of their games in 1995. But when you check your TV listings next Sunday, there they'll be: Green Bay, Carolina, Jacksonville and New England. The Patriots and Panthers put the final touches on the conference championship contenders Sunday, knocking out last year's Super Bowl finalists — Pittsburgh and Dallas. New England romped past the Steelers 28-3, taking a 21-point lead at halftime and easily holding on to grab the host spot in the AFC title game against the Jaguars next Sunday. The Cowboys, winners of three of the last four Super Bowls, including last year, were beaten 26-17 by the second-year Panthers. Carolina is headed to Green Bay for the NFC Championship game next Sunday. On Saturday, Green Bay beat

San Francisco 35-21 and Jacksonville advanced to the AFC final by winning in Denver 30-27. Carolina's victory improved the Panthers to 9-0 at home this season. "You come in here, you're going to lose," said Pat Terrell, whose interception and 49-yard return set up John Kasay's fourth field goal. "We have a group of guys that has been committed, and they believed in each other and that they would get the job done," coach Dom Capers added. Dallas wasn't able to overcome the losses of stars Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders to injuries. It was left to quarterback Troy Aikman to carry them, and he just didn't have enough help, getting intercepted three times. Kerry Collins threw for two

touchdowns and Anthony Johnson rushed for 104 yards for the Panthers. Emmitt Smith rushed for 80 yards for the Cowboys, who had to settle for three field goals after driving inside the Carolina 5. "The same old story we had all year long finally caught up with us," said coach Barry Switzer, whose team twice won games without scoring a touchdown — 21-6 over Green Bay and 12-6 over New England. "You've got to get the ball in the end zone. Simple as that." Irvin went out with a broken collarbone after Dallas' second offensive play. Sanders, replacing Irvin at wide receiver, was hurt in the second half when he was tackled after making a first down on a reverse. Results of a CAT scan on Sanders were negative, but he was kept overnight at Carolinas Medical Center for observation.

Interceptions by Sam Mills, Chad Coca and Terrell keyed Carolina's superb defensive effort. The Panthers allowed just one second-half touchdown and 19 points at home all season, including Sunday. "Everyone in this locker room believed that this is where we were going to be at the end of the season," Terrell said. "That's not arrogance. It's just that we have a bunch of believers on this team." Patriots 28, Steelers 3 After taking a 21-0 lead in heavy fog at Foxboro Stadium, New England turned the game over to its defense, rated 19th in the league. With either Mike Tomczak or Kordell Stewart at quarterback and an ailing Jerome Bettis at halfback, the Steelers couldn't do anything. Stewart, a multi-threat talent, misfired on all 10 passes he

threw. Terry Glenn caught a 53-yard pass from Drew Bledsoe on the Patriots' first offensive play, setting up Curtis Martin's short TD run. Keith Byars rambled 34 yards with a screen pass to make it 14-0, and Martin burst free for a 78-yard TD run early in the second quarter on the first play after Pittsburgh punned after its best drive of the day. Martin finished with 166 yards rushing and has 109 yards at halftime, was already more than the team's playoff record of 196 set by Craig James in New England's drive to the Super Bowl in 1996. "During the whole week, I was so hyped up the coaches were worried about me whether I'd be able to focus on the game," said Martin, who scored three times.

Lady Steers run down Prowlers

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Lady Steers set the stage for the first of several District 4-4A showdowns this basketball season with a 69-38 thrashing of Fort Stockton Saturday. The Lady Steers, who improved to 10-9 overall and 2-0 in district play, were led by Kara Hughes with 17 points and Maggie Haddad with 13. Keesha Lott and Kim Robertson scored 10 points apiece for Big Spring. "We just carried over from Thursday night," BSHS assistant coach Traci Pierce said, referring to the Lady Steers' one-sided win over San Angelo Lake View Thursday. "We took advantage of the situations they gave us. It was a great team effort." Big Spring returns to action Tuesday at home against Sweetwater, one game back of the Lady Steers in the district standings. Game time is 6 p.m., followed by the Big Spring-Sweetwater boys' contest at 7:30 p.m. In junior varsity action Saturday, Big Spring's girls took a 67-32 victory over Fort Stockton to improve to 10-5 for the season. Nina Evans scored 26 points and Marissa Smith 18 to lead the Lady Steers. Big Spring also won the freshman contest by a 40-35 score and improved to 9-4 for the season. Also Saturday, the Coahoma Bulldogs improved to 3-0 in the District 8-2A basketball standings with a 60-30 victory over Wall.

Sutton, Niekro hope Hall quits pitching them shutouts

NEW YORK (AP) — As pitchers, Don Sutton and Phil Niekro loved shutouts. As Hall of Fame candidates, it's a different story. Sutton and Niekro, both members of the exclusive 300-win club, hoped to join another elite group today — the Hall of Fame. Former slugger Tony Perez and eight first-time candidates, including Dave Parker and Dwight Evans, were to learn the results at 6 p.m. EST. All 30 players on the ballot were looking for something different than last year when, for the first time since 1971, the voters of the Baseball Writers' Association of America did not elect anyone. Last March, the Veterans Committee selected Earl Weaver, Jim Bunning and two

other new members. The panel is expected to elect the late Nellie Fox when it meets in early March. Niekro, among others, does not want to see the BBWAA toss another shutout. "My stats are my stats," Niekro said. "Maybe some day they will be good enough." Niekro came the closest last year. There were 470 votes cast and 75 percent (353) were needed for election. Niekro got 321, Perez got 309 and Sutton 300. Niekro, on the ballot for the fifth time this year, was 318-274 lifetime with a 3.35 ERA. The knuckleballer is eighth with 3,342 strikeouts and pitched 24 seasons, most with the Atlanta Braves. Sutton was 324-256 with a 3.26 ERA, and is tied for 12th on the career victory list. His 3,574

strikeouts put him fifth on the lifetime list, and he was a four-time All-Star during his 23 seasons, most of them with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "I may never get in," admitted Sutton, on the ballot for the fourth time. While they compiled big numbers, some contend that neither Niekro nor Sutton was ever a dominant pitcher. Neither won a Cy Young Award, and Niekro had just three 20-win seasons while Sutton had only one. Niekro also had the misfortune of playing on a lot of bad teams, part of the reason he ranks fifth in career losses. Perez, on the ballot for the sixth time, ranks 16th on the career RBIs list with 1,652. He hit 379 home runs and played in five World Series during his 23 seasons, mostly for the

Cincinnati Reds. "Everybody who has more RBIs than Tony is in, and there are a lot of guys behind him on the list who made it. It disappoints me every year when I see the voting and see he didn't get in," former Big Red Machine teammate Pete Rose said. "Same goes for Sutton and Niekro. They should be in." Rose, whose 4,256 hits are the most in history, remains ineligible for the Hall as long as he is on baseball's banned list. Parker and Evans likely will do the best among the first-timers. Parker hit .290 with 339 home runs and 1,493 RBIs in 19 seasons. He was a seven-time All-Star, a three-time Gold Glove winner and the NL MVP in 1978 for Pittsburgh. Evans, like Parker, combined

a powerful bat and strong arm in right field. He hit 385 homers and 272. won eight Gold Gloves and was a three-time All-Star for Boston. The other first-time candidates are Ken Griffey (.296), Rick Reuschel (214 wins), Mike Scott (1986 Cy Young), Garry Templeton, Terry Kennedy and Terry Puhl. Players listed on at least 5 percent of the ballots remain eligible. A player can stay on the ballot for 15 years, provided he continues to receive 5 percent. Joe Torre and Dick Allen are on the ballot for the 15th and final time this year. Torre, who managed the New York Yankees to the World Series championship in October, hit .297 with 252 home runs. Allen hit .292 with 351 homers.

Norman eases aching back with win in World Championship

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — When he starts playing tournaments again in March, Greg Norman will already be on a roll. The \$1 million first prize in golf's richest event will help with therapy for his sore back. Before the finals of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf, the 41-year-old Aussie questioned whether he should have interrupted his winter layoff to rest his back. Those thoughts were erased Sunday, when he rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 36th hole to beat Scott Hoch 1-up. "I'll start the year with a lot of confidence," Norman said. "There are some things I want to go back and take a look at, see what the situation was. There were four or five holes I

was a bullseye." Hoch, who never led, made up four strokes from the 15th through the 21st holes, but wasn't able to take advantage of Norman's lapses. His closest previous link with Norman was losing Masters titles to Nick Faldo — Hoch in 1989 by missing a final-hole putt that threw him into a playoff, and Norman with his spectacular flameout last year. "I definitely need to get over the hump, one way or another, in a big tournament, and this was a chance to do it, and I just didn't play well enough," Hoch said. "I had my chance on the last hole, but that's the difference. I didn't convert, and Greg had an opportunity and converted. That's what the great players do."

Norman earned \$325,000 while reaching the finals and another \$675,000 for beating Hoch, who won a total of \$500,000, including \$175,000 in the finals. Hisayuki Sasaki of Japan beat Scotland's Sam Torrance 2 and 1, finishing with a six-foot par putt on the 17th hole, for third place and a total of \$350,000. Hoch, whose unadjusted stroke scoring average was fifth on the PGA Tour last year, was uncharacteristically wild early on. He bogeyed the first hole while Norman parred, and also bogeyed Nos. 9, 10 and 18 to offset his four birdies for even par. But Norman three-putted the first two greens in the afternoon for bogeys, then picked up

a third straight bogey on No. 3 when his second shot landed in rocks and he had to take a drop and a one-stroke penalty. Hoch parred all three holes and caught up. "The hardest thing to do is to explain how difficult match play really is in your head," Norman said. "It truly plays with you, the different permutations and combinations about how you play the shot." Hoch and Norman halved seven straight holes from No. 4 through No. 11, but that ended at No. 12, where both players chipped on, but only Norman made par. Hoch caught up again on No. 15 with a 6-foot par for par while Norman two-putted for a bogey-5. The match was squared from then until the final hole.

Resurgent Clippers bounce San Antonio

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The Los Angeles Clippers are getting better as quickly as the Milwaukee Bucks are getting worse. The Clippers and Bucks, two of the NBA's worst teams for the past several seasons, continued their journeys in opposite directions Sunday night. Los Angeles won its third straight game by beating the San Antonio Spurs 93-84, and Milwaukee lost its fifth in a row, 97-92 to the New York Knicks, to drop below .500 for the first time this season. The disparate states of the two teams were best summed up by their coaches. "We need to get a little time off to rest," Clippers coach Bill Fitch said after his team had its third straight victory — all of them surprising ones. The first two in the streak came against Midwest Division leaders Utah and Houston. "They're frustrated," Milwaukee coach Chris Ford said of his team. "We've been in every game all season long. We're not getting blown out, but we're not winning the close ones lately." In other games Sunday night,

NBA

the Los Angeles Lakers beat Vancouver 95-82, Boston defeated Phoenix 109-102 and Sacramento edged Philadelphia 107-106. Against San Antonio, it was the Clippers' 3-point shooting in the fourth quarter that made the difference. Los Angeles was 0-for-9 from behind the arc entering the period, then made six treys to pull away from the injury-ravaged Spurs. The Clippers were led by Lorenzen Wright with 16 points, while Malik Sealy added 15 and Loy Vaught 14. Knicks 97, Bucks 92 At New York, the Bucks were held to 12-for-35 shooting and 41 points over the final two quarters after shooting 63 percent in the first half. Patrick Ewing had 32 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks, Allan Houston added 15 points, Larry Johnson had 14 and Charlie Ward, starting in place of Chris Childs (back spasms), had 10 points and nine assists. "We've lost by 12 or 14 points only two times this season, so we have to convert these close games into victories or it will hurt us at the end of the year,"

Glenn Robinson said. Vin Baker scored 25 points and Robinson had 22, but they were a combined 6-for-16 over the final two periods. Lakers 95, Grizzlies 82 At Vancouver, Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, and Nick Van Exel had a career-high 23 assists. Eddie Jones added 21 points and Kobe Bryant 16 for the Lakers, who improved their Pacific Division lead to two games over the idle Seattle SuperSonics. The former Lakers tandem of Anthony Peeler and George Lynch led the Grizzlies — Peeler with 17 points and Lynch with 12 points and a season-high 16 rebounds. It was the sixth straight victory for the Lakers, who blew a 14-point fourth quarter lead but closed the game with a 20-7 run after the Grizzlies had rallied to tie it at 75. Celtics 109, Suns 102 At Boston, forward Robert Horry was involved in a near-altercation with his coach, Danny Ainge, after being removed from the game in the fourth quarter.

Kansas, Cyclones dodge bullets in openers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Top-ranked Kansas and No. 4 Iowa State are used to the dog-fights of the old Big Eight.

BIG 12

Brewer had 17 points and 10 rebounds as Oklahoma beat Texas A&M 78-59. If Kansas manages to go undefeated this season, the game in Manhattan will be remembered as one the Jayhawks got away with. "We stunk it up and we were very lucky to come away with a win," Williams said. "I feel bad for Kansas State — they deserved it." Jacques Vaughn made two free throws with 13.5 seconds left to save the game for Kansas (13-0 overall, 1-0 Big 12). The free throws came after Billy Thomas tipped a missed free throw out to center court into Vaughn's hands. B.J. Williams had missed both free throws for Kansas after Shawn Rhodes, a freshman thrust into action at center because of starter Gerald Eaker's foul trouble, had missed a 3-pointer and Williams was fouled getting the rebound. Rhodes scored 15 points for Kansas State (7-4, 0-1). "I am disappointed and that is all that matters," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said.

"We could have won that game. I don't care how damn good they are, and they are damn good. We could have won that game." Iowa State's Kenny Pratt put aside his off-court problems to help the Cyclones beat Missouri in Columbia. Pratt was academically ineligible the first semester, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct charges in November and then was charged with drunken driving after a Dec. 28 traffic accident. Pratt reportedly kicked at officers as they placed him in a squad car. Coach Tim Floyd suspended Pratt, but the decision was overturned by a school athletic committee pending completion of the legal process. Pratt scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half as the Cyclones (10-0, 1-0) won their fifth straight over Missouri (8-5, 0-1). "I've been sitting out a lot of games," Pratt said. "Now the guys are expecting me to come out and work hard. Do I feel fortunate? You answered your own question." Jacy Holloway clinched it with two 3-pointers in the final 2:40 for Iowa State.

EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair."

-George Washington

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OUR VIEWS

Become active in government

The 75th session of the Texas Legislature is set to get under way and there is promise that Texas property owners may get some relief from their ever-increasing burden.

Property tax reform will be the key issue of the 75th session, as defined by Gov. George W. Bush, and we have no problem with that.

There are certainly other issues of importance that will face our elected officials in Austin, whose decisions will have a direct impact on the lives of every man, woman and child in the state of Texas.

We encourage you to be — or become, if you haven't been — an active participant in the legislative process by maintaining contact with our elected officials and giving them feedback.

Take the time to ask questions ... and then demand honest, concise answers that are provided in layman's terms and not legalese.

We believe that Big Spring has gained between the 74th and 75th sessions, even though long-standing State Senator John T. Montford resigned and favorite son Scott McLaughlin was defeated.

We feel that way because we believe Robert Duncan will be a fair and effective senator for us, that we gained an additional voice with the election of Troy Fraser as State Senator, District 24, and that State Rep. David Counts will work harder than ever on our behalf in the House.

It is important, however, that our elected officials receive feedback from their constituents. Take the time to write or call ... we regularly publish the addresses and phone numbers on this page ... and be active in your state government.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton may get to wield a new weapon in the budget wars this year, a weapon that presidents have long coveted and, until now, Congress has always denied them: the line-item veto.

The line-item vetoes the president to veto individual spending and tax proposals, so-called "line items," in any bill that crosses his desk. Until now, presidents had to veto entire bills to attack single items they opposed. Since a single spending bill might cover a couple of Cabinet departments, several independent agencies and multiple billions of dollars, the veto was performed sparingly.

With the line-item, the president can rifle-shot proposals he dislikes rather than dynamiting the entire package.

Even though the GOP has long endorsed the line-item veto, the fact that President Clinton has that weapon is the result of a Republican political miscalculation. When the Republicans took control of Congress, they passed the line-item veto but ruled that it not take effect until Jan. 1, 1997, by which time, they confidently assumed, a fellow Republican would be in the White House.

The line-item veto may make for more efficient budgeting, but it will do little to reduce the deficit — the largest portion of the budget, entitlement programs like Social Security, are off-limits. The line-item, however, does have the potential for endless political mischief. Republican lawmakers, those once fearless budget cutters, are now nervously urging Clinton to show the utmost restraint in his use of the line-item veto.

Under line-item, technically called "enhanced rescission," Congress votes yea or nay as a package on the items the president has vetoed from a bill. A simple majority sends those items back to the president. If he vetoes that bill, then Congress must muster the traditional two-thirds majority to override.

The fun and games may have to wait while the final disposition of the line-item veto is resolved in that arena where so many of our disputes wind up, the Supreme Court. Some lawmakers think the line-item veto is unconstitutional, and six of them have filed a fast-track suit asking the high court to declare it so.

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YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

This letter is directed to the miserable wretch who, in total disrespect for my family and the memory of my loved one, stole the flowers from my father's grave at Trinity Memorial Park. How asinine and insensitive a person you must be to stoop to something so low. You do disrespect to your departed, also, by becoming a grave robber. How degrading for your family's gravesite to have stolen flowers for adornment. If you don't have the time or resources to purchase flowers for your site, don't attempt to honor your family's memory by stealing flowers from someone else's grave.

You should be happy your loved one is no longer around because, I am sure, they would be embarrassed to know that you think so little of them. If you had any sense of decency at all, which you obviously don't, you would respect the memory of my father and the others at Trinity Memorial Park whose graves you've stolen from. Please stop. You are giving people a false impression of yourself. One who loves and cares for a loved one. In actuality, this deplorable act is an outward expression of your true self: A foolish and insensitive ass.

BARRY H. STAFFORD
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The real reason for a cost of living adjustment

By JOHN BUELL
Scripps Howard News Service

An expert commission on cost-of-living adjustments recently concluded that government statistics exaggerate increases in consumer prices.

The commission wants to change to way the government measures inflation. This change could have drastic implications for government pensioners and those who receive Social Security benefits, which are pegged to the Consumer Price Index.

The government measures the Consumer Price Index by assembling a shopping cart of items the "typical" American buys. It averages their prices at retail outlets.

The commission argues that the current method overstates inflation. They claim it fails to assess improvements in the quality of standard goods, it doesn't account for the increased role of discount stores, and it doesn't acknowledge that many goods have

acceptable substitutes when their prices become too high.

But the real reason for revising the index is that the bean counters in Washington have been looking for a way to slow the growth of pensions and trim the deficit without having to advocate obvious cuts in benefits. What better way to solve the problem than by finding a different way to undermeasure increases in the cost-of-living?

There are three related issues wrapped up in this one controversy. First, what is an adequate minimum level of income protection for pensioners? Second, who should be taxed to pay for that adequate minimum level. And finally, how do we measure cost of living?

Defenders of the commission would respond that the first two questions are political, whereas the CPI is simply a scientific issue.

This posture is disingenuous. How we measure consumer prices has an enormous effect

on the most vulnerable members of our population. In our current political climate, there is no way to assure citizens that if the index is lowered, the government will take care of the needy by ensuring a minimum level of support.

CPI calculations are not a neat scientific process. They are based on a hypothetical that misrepresents the consumption patterns of much of the population.

I would argue that the CPI actually understates increases in the cost of living for most of us. Over the last generation, many middle- and working-class families have added technology to their homes that previous generations lacked, such as electronic security alarms, specially coded garage door openers, and water filtration systems.

Many of these purchases are forms of defensive consumption required by many kinds of economic deterioration. Security systems proliferate when crime increases. Water

and air purification systems become popular as the quality of these formerly free goods starts to deteriorate.

To maintain a family's earning level, even in absolute dollar terms, both parents now frequently hold full-time jobs, often necessitating significant child-care expenses.

The cost of living is best defined as the amount of income required to maintain typical family, cultural, and recreational activities. When many changes in the contemporary political economy are properly assessed, this cost has gone up far faster than government figures suggest.

Determining the cost of living should not simply be the prerogative of expert commissions. All of us have the right to draw on our own life experiences in assessing just how adequately the government measures our well being.

(John Buell lives in Southwest Harbor, Maine, and writes about labor and environmental issues.)

In Turkey, never the twain shall meet

By HOLGER JENSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

Sitting at the crossroads of Asia and Europe, Turkey has always been torn between East and West.

The western part, fronting the Mediterranean, is filled with cosmopolitan businessmen and professionals who see their prosperity linked to the European Union and their security to continued membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But travel eastward, away from the glitter of Istanbul and the new industrial cities that have sprung up to accommodate Turkey's astonishing urban migration, and you will find another country of crumbling infrastructure and poorer people, deeply rooted in Islam and more closely linked to the Turkic-speaking tribes of the southern Caucasus and Central Asia.

That is where Kurdish separatists and the Turkish army brutalize each other in a war that has killed 21,000 people over the past 12 years. It is also where NATO's southeastern flank meets the borders of Iraq and Iran, making Turkey

pivotal to American efforts to contain those two "terrorist" states.

Unfortunately, Turkey is beset by political instability and, as a consequence, a shaky economy. No single party ever wins an absolute majority in a Turkish election and the coalition governments they produce borrow heavily to fund costly vote-catching programs that put the country deeper in debt.

Thus Turkey is still recovering from the disastrous crash of 1994, when its economy shrank by 6.5 percent. Also, the coalitions make for a bumpy ride with NATO, some being more pro-American than others.

Turkey's current government, which emerged last June, is headed by Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan's Islamic Welfare Party but allied with former prime minister Tansu Ciller's secular True Path Party. She is now his foreign minister.

The Welfare Party has, in the past, proposed a military alliance among Muslim countries, and Erbakan's overtures to Islamic regimes have alarmed the West. Washington is particularly upset by several trade agreements he signed

with Iran, his courting of Sudan and his portrayal of Libya as a victim of terrorism rather than a sponsor.

However, Erbakan's first visit to Libya last year was a disaster. Col. Muammar Qaddafi, the country's erratic leader, publicly condemned Turkey for belonging to NATO and allowing its air bases to be used by American planes. He also expressed support for the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), whose separatist guerrillas are waging war in Turkey's south-east provinces.

Since then Erbakan has made some effort to appease Washington, persuading Turkey's parliament to grant another six-month extension for the U.S.-led air mission that is supposed to protect Kurds in northern Iraq from the army of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

More than 50 British, French and U.S. warplanes take off daily from Incirlik air base in southern Turkey for reconnaissance flights over the Kurdish zone. But approval for such flights is becoming more difficult to renew because the Turks complain that Operation Provide Comfort also provides a haven for their enemies in

the PKK, who use northern Iraq as a base for attacks on Turkish soil.

Other issues have added to the souring of U.S.-Turkish relations. Turkey has long-running territorial disputes with fellow NATO member Greece which, along with Turkey's abysmal human rights record, prompted Washington to hold up delivery of Super Cobra attack helicopters and navy frigates ordered by the Turkish military.

Complaining that "the United States supports the fight against terrorism, yet does not give us the weapons to fight terrorism," Erbakan vowed to seek other suppliers. But he later relented, saying he would send two of his top cabinet ministers to "develop cooperation between Turkey and the United States."

No date has been set for their visit. But Erbakan would do well to come himself if he hopes to persuade President Clinton that Turkey is still a reliable ally.

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Defending Super Bowl participants take a hike

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Remember back in August when everyone was picking the four favorites for the NFL's conference championships?

Most people picked the Green Bay Packers, and they got that one right.

Some took Dallas or San Francisco as the other NFC finalist.

Sorry.
How about Detroit, or Philadelphia or Minnesota? Wrong.

Carolina? Not many, if any, went that route.

In the AFC, Pittsburgh, Denver, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Buffalo and even Jimmy Johnson's Miami Dolphins all got support.

New England and Jacksonville? Probably no one but the hardest of die-hards chose those two teams, neither

of whom won even half of their games in 1995.

But when you check your TV listings next Sunday, there they'll be: Green Bay, Carolina, Jacksonville and New England.

The Patriots and Panthers put the final touches on the conference championship contenders Sunday, knocking out last year's Super Bowl finalists — Pittsburgh and Dallas.

New England romped past the Steelers 28-3, taking a 21-point lead at halftime and easily holding on to grab the host spot in the AFC title game against the Jaguars next Sunday.

The Cowboys, winners of three of the last four Super Bowls, including last year, were beaten 26-17 by the second-year Panthers. Carolina is headed to Green Bay for the NFC Championship game next Sunday.

On Saturday, Green Bay beat

San Francisco 35-21 and Jacksonville advanced to the AFC final by winning in Denver 30-27.

Carolina's victory improved the Panthers to 9-0 at home this season.

"You come in here, you're going to lose," said Pat Terrell, whose interception and 49-yard return set up John Kasay's fourth field goal.

"We have a group of guys that has been committed, and they believed in each other and that they would get the job done," coach Dom Capers added.

Dallas wasn't able to overcome the losses of stars Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders to injuries. It was left to quarterback Troy Aikman to carry them, and he just didn't have enough help, getting intercepted three times.

Kerry Collins threw for two

touchdowns and Anthony Johnson rushed for 104 yards for the Panthers. Emmitt Smith rushed for 80 yards for the Cowboys, who had to settle for three field goals after driving inside the Carolina 5.

"The same old story we had all year long finally caught up with us," said coach Barry Switzer, whose team twice won games without scoring a touchdown — 21-6 over Green Bay and 12-6 over New England.

"You've got to get the ball in the end zone. Simple as that."

Irvin went out with a broken collarbone after Dallas' second offensive play. Sanders, replacing Irvin at wide receiver, was hurt in the second half when he was tackled after making a first down on a reverse.

Results of a CAT scan on Sanders were negative, but he was kept overnight at Carolinas Medical Center for observation.

Interceptions by Sam Mills, Chad Cota and Terrell keyed Carolina's superb defensive effort. The Panthers allowed just one second-half touchdown and 19 points at home all season, including Sunday.

"Everyone in this locker room believed that this is where we were going to be at the end of the season," Terrell said. "That's not arrogance. It's just that we have a bunch of believers on this team."

Patriots 28, Steelers 3

After taking a 21-0 lead in heavy fog at Foxboro Stadium, New England turned the game over to its defense, rated 19th in the league. With either Mike Tomczak or Kordell Stewart at quarterback and an ailing Jerome Bettis at halfback, the Steelers couldn't do anything.

Stewart, a multi-threat talent, misfired on all 10 passes he

threw.
Terry Glenn caught a 53-yard pass from Drew Bledsoe on the Patriots' first offensive play, setting up Curtis Martin's short TD run. Keith Byars rambled 34 yards with a screen pass to make it 14-0, and Martin burst free for a 78-yard TD run early in the second quarter on the first play after Pittsburgh punted after its best drive of the day.

Martin finished with 166 yards rushing, and his 109 yards at halftime was already more than the team's playoff record of 105 set by Craig James in New England's drive to the Super Bowl in 1986.

"During the whole week, I was so hyped up the coaches were worried about me, whether I'd be able to focus on the game," said Martin, who scored three times.

Lady Steers run down Prowlers

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Lady Steers set the stage for the first of several District 4-4A showdowns this basketball season with a 69-38 thrashing of Fort Stockton Saturday.

The Lady Steers, who improved to 10-9 overall and 2-0 in district play, were led by Kara Hughes with 17 points and Maggie Haddad with 13. Keesha Lott and Kim Robertson scored 10 points apiece for Big Spring.

"We just carried over from Thursday night," BSHS assistant coach Traci Pierce said, referring to the Lady Steers' one-sided win over San Angelo Lake View Thursday. "We took advantage of the situations they gave us. It was a great team effort."

Big Spring returns to action Tuesday at home against Sweetwater, one game back of the Lady Steers in the district standings. Game time is 6 p.m., followed by the Big Spring-Sweetwater boys' contest at 7:30 p.m.

In junior varsity action Saturday, Big Spring's girls took a 67-32 victory over Fort Stockton to improve to 10-5 for the season. Nina Evans scored 26 points and Marissa Smith 18 to lead the Lady Steers.

Big Spring also won the freshman contest by a 40-35 score and improved to 9-4 for the season.

Also Saturday, the Coahoma Bulldogs improved to 3-0 in the District 8-2A basketball standings with a 60-30 victory over Wall.

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Rose, whose 4,256 hits are the most in history, remains ineligible for the Hall as long as he is on baseball's banned list.

Parker and Evans likely will do the best among the first-timers.

Parker hit .290 with 339 home runs and 1,493 RBIs in 19 seasons. He was a seven-time All-Star, a three-time Gold Glove winner and the NL MVP in 1978 for Pittsburgh.

Evans, like Parker, combined

a powerful bat and strong arm in right field. He hit 385 homers and .272, won eight Gold Gloves and was a three-time All-Star for Boston.

The other first-time candidates are Ken Griffey (.296), Rick Reuschel (214 wins), Mike Scott (1986 Cy Young), Garry Templeton, Terry Kennedy and Terry Puhl.

Players listed on at least 5 percent of the ballots remain eligible. A player can stay on the ballot for 15 years, provided he continues to receive 5 percent.

Joe Torre and Dick Allen are on the ballot for the 15th and final time this year. Torre, who managed the New York Yankees to the World Series championship in October, hit .297 with 252 home runs. Allen hit .292 with 351 homers.

Norman eases aching back with win in World Championship

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — When he starts playing tournaments again in March, Greg Norman will already be on a roll.

The \$1 million first prize in golf's richest event will help with therapy for his sore back.

Before the finals of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf, the 41-year-old Aussie questioned whether he should have interrupted his winter layoff to rest his back.

Those thoughts were erased Sunday, when he rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 36th hole to beat Scott Hoch 1-up.

"I'll start the year with a lot of confidence," Norman said. "There are some things I want to go back and take a look at, see what the situation was. There were four or five holes I

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was a bullseye." Hoch, who never led, made up four strokes from the 15th through the 21st holes, but wasn't able to take advantage of Norman's lapses.

His closest previous link with Norman was losing Masters titles to Nick Faldo — Hoch in 1989 by missing a final-hole putt that threw him into a play-off, and Norman with his spectacular flameout last year.

"I definitely need to get over the hump, one way or another, in a big tournament, and this was a chance to do it, and I just didn't play well enough," Hoch said. "I had my chance on the last hole, but that's the difference. I didn't convert, and Greg had an opportunity and converted. That's what the great players do."

Seconds earlier, Hoch missed a 16-footer that could have kept the demanding match going.

"It was just dead-center perfect," Norman said. "That one

Resurgent Clippers bounce San Antonio

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The Los Angeles Clippers are getting better as quickly as the Milwaukee Bucks are getting worse.

The Clippers and Bucks, two of the NBA's worst teams for the past several seasons, continued their journeys in opposite directions Sunday night.

Los Angeles won its third straight game by beating the San Antonio Spurs 83-84, and Milwaukee lost its fifth in a row, 97-92 to the New York Knicks, to drop below .500 for the first time this season.

The disparate states of the two teams were best summed up by their coaches.

"We need to get a little time off to rest," Clippers coach Bill Fitch said after his team had its third straight victory — all of them surprising ones. The first two in the streak came against Midwest Division leaders Utah and Houston.

"They're frustrated," Milwaukee coach Chris Ford said of his team. "We've been in every game all season long. We're not getting blown out, but we're not winning the close ones lately."

In other games Sunday night,

NBA

The Los Angeles Lakers beat Vancouver 95-82, Boston defeated Phoenix 109-102 and Sacramento edged Philadelphia 107-106.

Against San Antonio, it was the Clippers' 3-point shooting in the fourth quarter that made the difference. Los Angeles was 0-for-9 from behind the arc entering the period, then made six treys to pull away from the injury-ravaged Spurs.

The Clippers were led by Lorenzen Wright with 16 points, while Malik Sealy added 15 and Loy Vaught 14. Knicks 97, Bucks 92

At New York, the Bucks were held to 12-for-35 shooting and 41 points over the final two quarters after shooting 63 percent in the first half.

Patrick Ewing had 32 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks. Allan Houston added 15 points, Larry Johnson had 14 and Charlie Ward, starting in place of Chris Childs (back spasms) had 10 points and nine assists.

"We've lost by 12 or 14 points only two times this season, so we have to convert these close games into victories or it will hurt us at the end of the year,"

Glenn Robinson said. Vin Baker scored 25 points and Robinson had 22, but they were a combined 6-for-16 over the final two periods.

Lakers 95, Grizzlies 82

At Vancouver, Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, and Nick Van Exel had a career-high 23 assists.

Eddie Jones added 21 points and Kobe Bryant 16 for the Lakers, who improved their Pacific Division lead to two games over the idle Seattle SuperSonics.

The former Lakers tandem of Anthony Peeler and George Lynch led the Grizzlies — Peeler with 17 points and Lynch with 12 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

It was the sixth straight victory for the Lakers, who blew a 14-point fourth quarter lead but closed the game with a 20-7 run after the Grizzlies had rallied to tie it at 75.

Celtics 109, Suns 102

At Boston, forward Robert Horry was involved in a near-altercation with his coach, Danny Ainge, after being removed from the game in the fourth quarter.

Kansas, Cyclones dodge bullets in openers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Top-ranked Kansas and No. 4 Iowa State are used to the dog-fights of the old Big Eight.

The Jayhawks and Cyclones found out Saturday, in the first weekend of Big 12 play, that nothing has changed going from eight to 12. Each struggled to win on the road in the first weekend of basketball in the new conference.

Kansas held on against rival Kansas State 62-59 in Manhattan and the Cyclones stopped Missouri 68-65 in Columbia.

Kansas turned in its worst effort of the year, shooting just 28 percent and grateful for some powerful inside play by center Scot Pollard, who blocked a career-high seven shots while scoring 17 points.

"You can write anything negative about our play and our coaching and I'll agree with you," a fuming Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "We can't feel fat and happy coming into a game again."

In other Big 12 openers, No. 18 Texas beat Oklahoma State 92-58, No. 23 Texas Tech defeated Baylor 86-75 and Colorado downed Nebraska 79-73.

On Sunday afternoon, Corey

BIG 12

Brewer had 17 points and 10 rebounds as Oklahoma beat Texas A&M 78-59.

If Kansas manages to go undefeated this season, the game in Manhattan will be remembered as one the Jayhawks got away with.

"We stunk it up and we were very lucky to come away with a win," Williams said. "I feel bad for Kansas State — they deserved it."

Jacque Vaughn made two free throws with 13.5 seconds left to save the game for Kansas (13-0 overall, 1-0 Big 12).

The free throws came after Billy Thomas tipped a missed free throw out to center court into Vaughn's hands.

B.J. Williams had missed both free throws for Kansas after Shawn Rhodes, a freshman thrust into action at center because of starter Gerald Eaker's foul trouble, had missed a 3-pointer and Williams was fouled getting the rebound. Rhodes scored 15 points for Kansas State (7-4, 0-1).

"I am disappointed and that is all that matters," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said.

"We could have won that game. I don't care how damn good they are, and they are damn good. We could have won that game."

Iowa State's Kenny Pratt put aside his off-court problems to help the Cyclones beat Missouri in Columbia.

Pratt was academically ineligible the first semester, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct charges in November and then was charged with drunken driving after a Dec. 28 traffic accident. Pratt reportedly kicked at officers as they placed him in a squad car.

Coach Tim Floyd suspended Pratt, but the decision was overturned by a school athletic committee pending completion of the legal process.

Pratt scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half as the Cyclones (10-0, 1-0) won their fifth straight over Missouri (8-5, 0-1).

"I've been sitting out a lot of games," Pratt said. "Now the guys are expecting me to come out and work hard. Do I feel fortunate? You answered your own question."

Jacy Holloway clinched it with two 3-pointers in the final 2:40 for Iowa State.

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7:30 PM Dangerous Minds	Melrose Place (CC) (22235)	National Geographic	Highway to Heaven	Cosby Ink	Dangerous Minds	Jeff Foxworthy Mr. Rhodes	(05) Movie: Malice	Malin la del Barrio (575598)	Today's Country	the Cadillac Jay Selkowitz	Movie: The Net (CC) (912419)	(745709)	Benny Hill (19709)	Wild Discovery	Crash of TWA Flight 800	UFO: Down to Earth	Thunder in Paradise	College Basketball	Sideways at Villanova	Those Daring Young Men in	Unlabeled (727691)
8:30 PM Movie: Badge of Betrayal (CC) (4457)	Ned-Stage Married... With	Masterpiece Theatre (CC) (62877)	Rescue 911	Murphy Brown Cybill	Movie: Badge of Betrayal (CC) (18047)	Movie: The Secret (CC) (88273)	(20) Movie: Cristina Ed. (66151728) Avonlea (CC)	Short Circuit (CC)	Prime Time Country	Movie: Easy Rider (180684) Lanigrad	A Girl for a Girl (19709)	Prizes the Lord (12886)	Law & Order	Wild Discovery	Crash of TWA Flight 800	UFO: Down to Earth	Thunder in Paradise	FOX Sports News	(448167) Sportscenter	Evening (603670) Deran	Comicbook (66187)
9:30 PM News Cheers	Mad Abc. You In the Heat of	News-Lahver	Carson Carson	News Late Show	News Nightline	News (60780) Tonight Show	Blow Out (8678709)	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni. (114544) The Anderson	Dallas (571254)	Cowboys Go America	Movie: Blue Thunder (309815)	Sabrina (CC) (378651)	Schombach Pensant	Biography (378651)	Crash of TWA Flight 800	UFO: Down to Earth	Movie: Patch (900755)	FOX Sports News	College Basketball	Those Daring Young Men in Their	Real City (23050)
10:30 PM Roseanne Nightline	the Night Martin	Nova (CC) (33525)	Three Stooges	Married... With	Ent. Tonight (36) Polonda	Late Night	Colorado	La Toocad (210099)	Tapes (3363728)	Dukes of Hazzard	Cyberzone	Movie: Blue Thunder (309815)	Sabrina (CC) (378651)	Crash of TWA Flight 800	UFO: Down to Earth	Movie: Patch (900755)	FOX Sports News	College Basketball	Those Daring Young Men in Their	Real City (23050)	
11:30 AM Inside Edition Bible Lesson	Universe H. Patrol	Special Presentation	Paid Program	Late Late Show	Politically Inc.	Cops	River Playing the	Jurios-No	Not Quite Human	Prime Time Country	(12:15) Secret Games 3	(3728419)	(40) Movie:	UFO: Down to Earth	UFO: Down to Earth	Movie: Patch (900755)	Billy Tubbs	UNLV at YCU	Young Men in Their	Real City (23050)	

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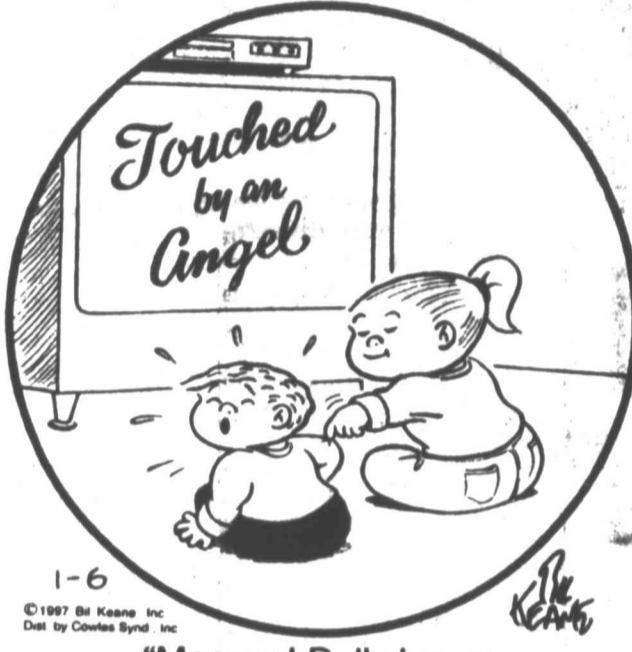
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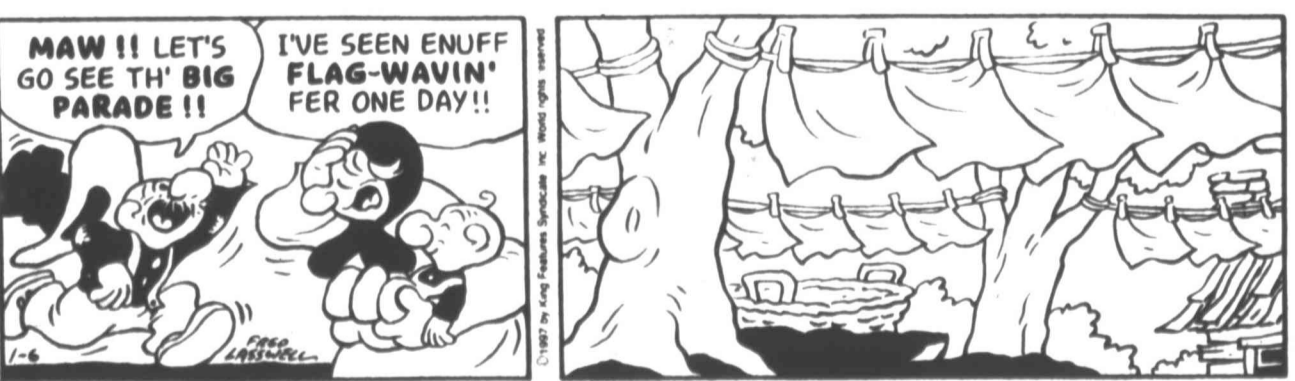
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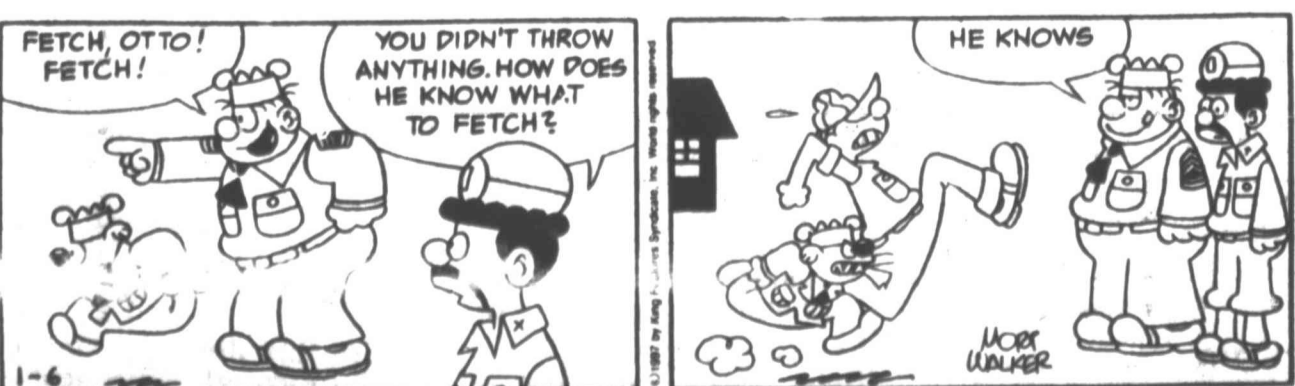
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Jan. 6, the

sixth day of 1997. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 6, 1412, according to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy.

On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage

lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.

In 1838, Samuel Morse first publicly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.

In 1942, the Pan American Airways Pacific Clipper arrived in New York after making the first round-the-world trip by a commercial airplane.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce in Rye, N.Y.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Deckhouse V, an offensive in the Mekong River delta.

In 1982, truck driver William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles of being the "freeway killer" who had murdered 14 young men and boys.

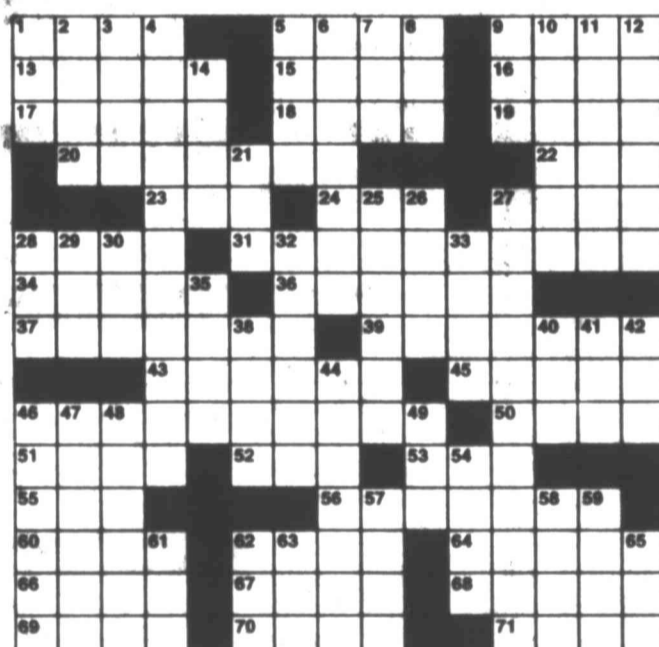
In 1993, ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in Paris at age 54; jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie died in Englewood, N.J., at age 75.

Ten years ago: Members of the U.S. Senate voted 89-4 to establish an 11-member panel to hold public hearings on the Iran-Contra affair.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Joey Adams is 86. Actress Loretta Young is 84. Pollster Louis Harris is 76. Bluegrass performer Earl Scruggs is 73. Former automaker John Z. DeLorean is 72.

THE Daily Crossword

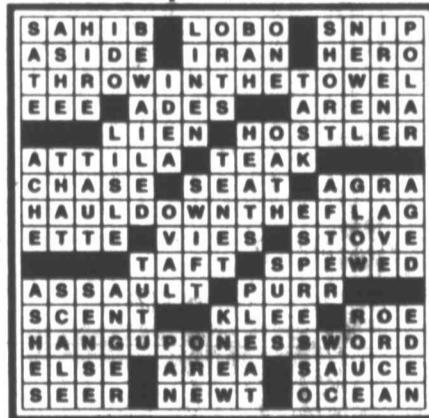
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- 39 Cloaks
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- 70 Honcho
- 71 Connery



by James Barrick

01/06/97

Saturday's Puzzle solved:



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- 1 Bandido
- 2 Nonpareil
- 3 Monster
- 4 Things bought and sold
- 5 N.Z. bird
- 6 Copy
- 7 Tit for —
- 8 River to the North Sea
- 9 Rotating piece
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- 12 Dog
- 14 Pasternak character
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- 25 Boil gently
- 26 Greek promenade
- 27 Acts of war
- 28 Likely
- 29 Go, team!
- 30 Sheep
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- 36 Church section
- 40 Durocher
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491 E. Main

4:30-7:00

SCREEN R

BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD PG-13

MY FELLOW AMERICANS PG-13

All shows subject to change

Tuesday Night All Shows R

CINEMA 1

BIG SPRING, TX

4801 E. FM 704 @ SPRING HALL 263-3475

SHOW ALL SHOWS BEFORE 8 PM

STEREO SURROUND & CINEMA 140 AMP ANALOG STEREO SURROUND SOUND IN ALL AUDITORIUMS

MICHAEL (PG)

4:30-7:00

JERRY MAGUIRE (R)

4:30-7:10

101 DALMATIANS (G)

4:10-7:00

ONE FINE DAY (PG)

4:00-7:20