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Long-forecast snowfall arrives, creating hazardous conditions

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The much-ballyhooed snow that has been forecast for West Texas all week finally arrived in Big Spring late Tuesday.

A mixture of light sleet and snow began falling about 8 p.m., stopped about 30 minutes later and then began again about midnight with precipitation falling throughout the night.

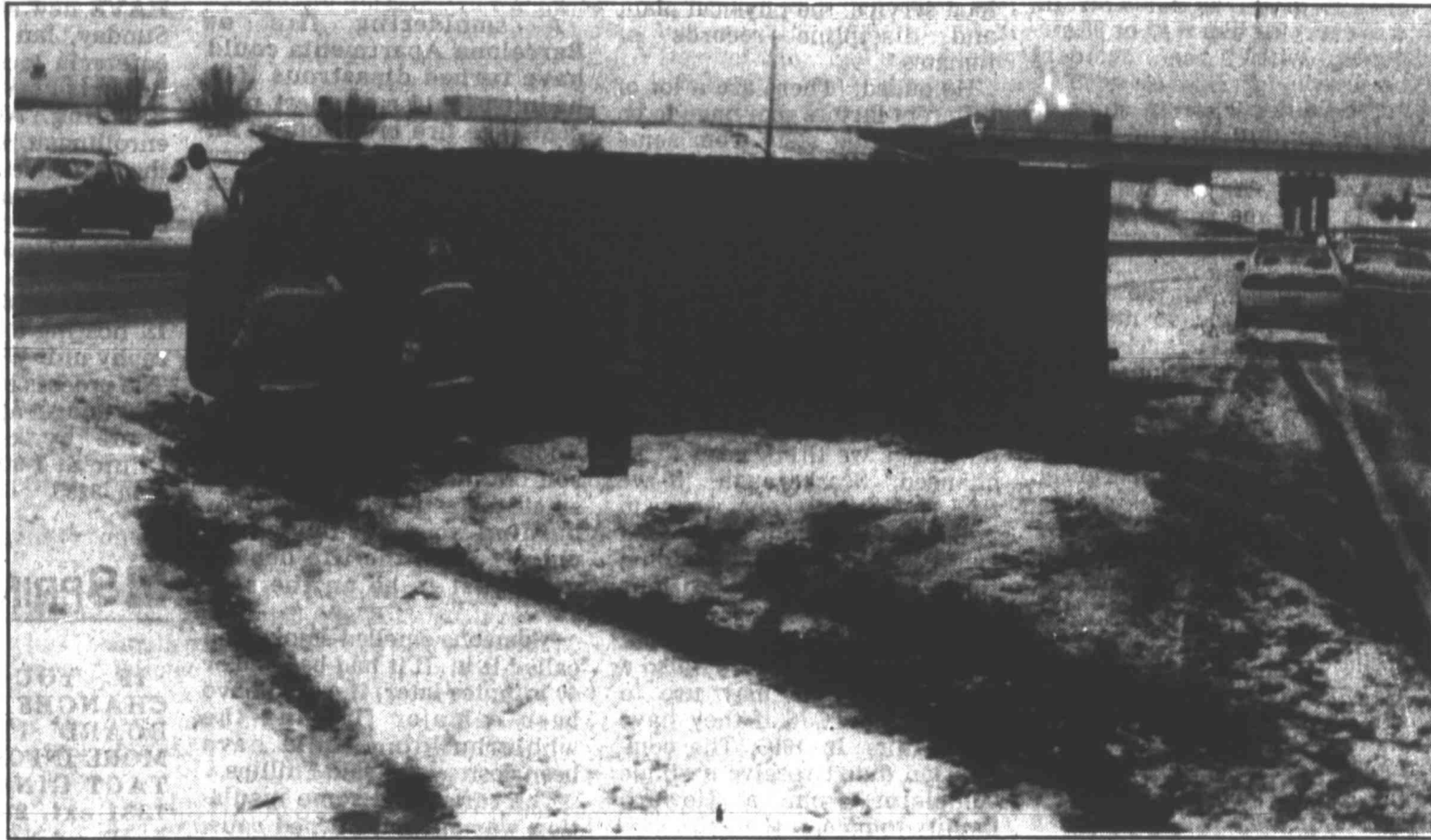
Overall accumulations in Big Spring and Howard County ranged from one to two inches, although Lamesa received five inches and areas around Andrews as much as eight inches.

Most schools in the area ran busses and started classes two hours late, although St. Mary's Episcopal School and Maranatha Baptist Academy both called off classes — as did administrators in Andrews, Greenwood and Lamesa.

Prior to Tuesday's local snowfall, as much as eight inches had been predicted for the Permian Basin. Instead, however, the northern Permian Basin, including the Lamesa area, received most of the precipitation.

The snowfall is the result of a system that brought in moist air from Mexico above the cold air centered over New Mexico and West Texas. The system has dumped as much as 25 inches of snow in the Albuquerque, N.M., area.

Forecasters are calling for a 30 percent chance of snow throughout the day and up until midnight. A forecast low tonight in the



Big Spring Fire Department personnel examine a Big Spring Independent School District school bus that overturned on an ice-slickened Interstate 20 this morning. The bus driver and five students were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Bus driver, five students transported in accident

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Five students and the driver of a Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) bus were transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center this morning after the bus overturned on an ice-slick I-20.

The one-vehicle crash, which occurred about 9:50 a.m., came in the westbound lane of I-20 at the 174 exit when the bus hit an icy patch on the roadway.

"It was a regular bus route," BSISD Superintendent Bill McQuary said.

McQuary said that beginning about 4:30 this morning, school

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Jail passes with flying colors

Jennings credits Yanez, deputies for certification

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After receiving a certificate of compliance, Sheriff Bill Jennings said the credit for the success of Tuesday's inspection of the Howard County Jail by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) rests squarely on the shoulders of jailer Pancho Yanez, and the rest of the Sheriff Department's staff.

Paul Scarborough, supervising inspector for TCJS, presented Jennings with the certificate of compliance Tuesday afternoon after both men sat down, along with Yanez and Chief Administrative Assistant Mike West, to discuss the inspection with County Judge Ben Lockhart.

"This is another good report," Scarborough said. "The jail looks good."

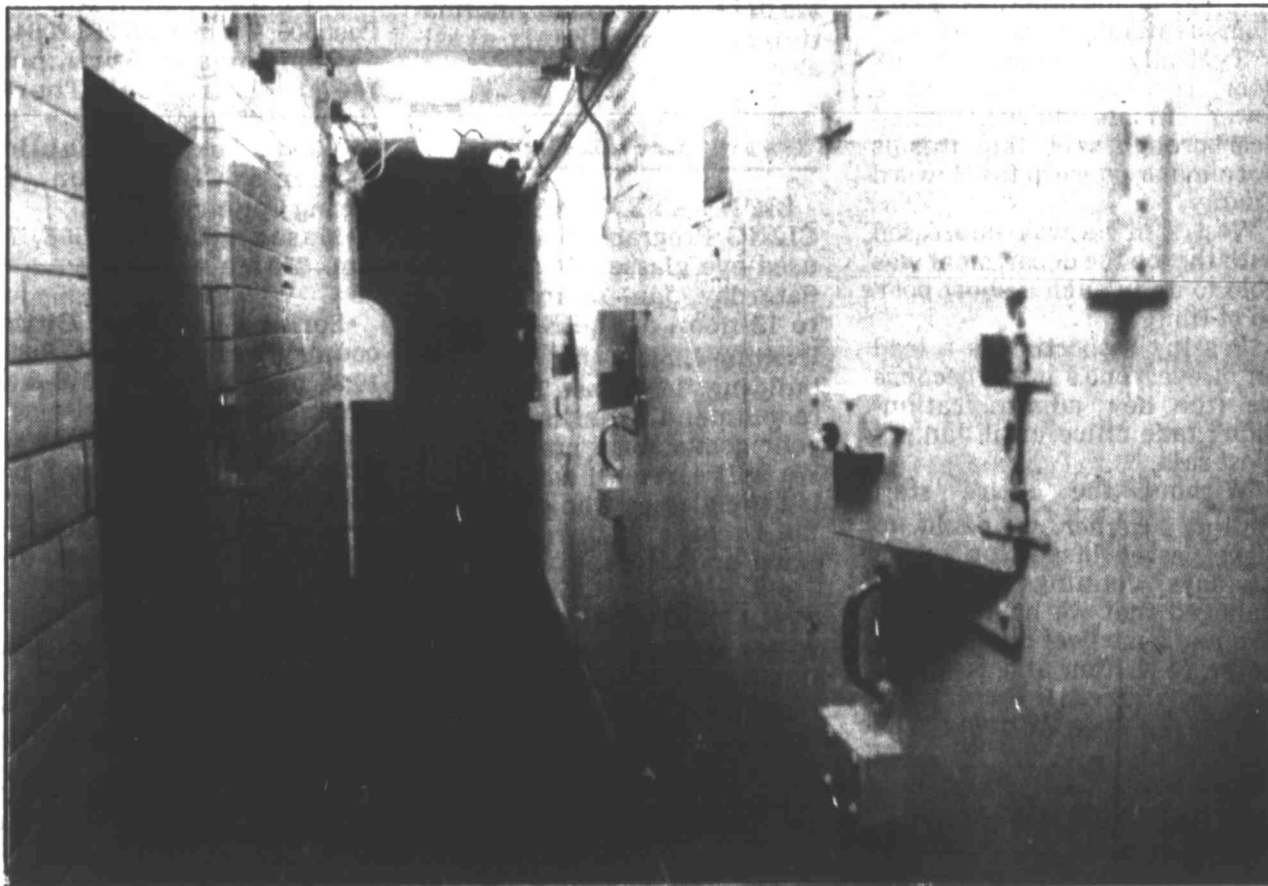
One of the few glitches in the inspection, according to Scarborough was that an indicator in the jail didn't go off when the fire detection system was tested, but that's a problem easily remedied.

Scarborough also recommends the county completely overhaul the intercom system in the jail.

The 49-bed jail had an average daily population of 23.8 inmates during 1996 and looks to be in relatively good physical condition with the recent renovations, including painting and new plumbing fixtures, according to Scarborough.

"Pancho (Yanez), a 16-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, is the main reason the jail is doing good," Jennings said. "He deserves the credit for this."

"We didn't have much time to



Sheriff Bill Jennings is presented with a certificate of compliance by Paul Scarborough, supervising inspector for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, as Jailer Pancho Yanez and County Judge Ben Lockhart look on. According to Scarborough, the Howard County Jail passed Tuesday's inspection with relative ease. One of the changes discussed after the inspection included slots being added to the doors of individual isolation cells.

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Fina, store chain teaming to create new joint venture

Move provides local refinery long-term outlet

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Fina Inc. and Southwest Convenience Stores announced Tuesday that the two companies have formed a new convenience store company — Southwest Convenience Stores LLC.

The venture is structured as a limited liability corporation with one-third ownership belonging to Fina and two-thirds ownership belonging to Southwest Convenience Stores, which is owned by Don and Jack Wood of Odessa.

According to Fina, the new company owns and operates 149 units in West Texas and New Mexico under an exclusive licensing arrangement using the 7-Eleven brand. Fina will supply fuel to all Southwest Convenience Stores through its Big Spring refinery and other supply arrangements.

Refinery Manager Phil Carruthers said the joint venture means no changes for the Big Spring plant in the short-term, but that benefits would be realized from a long-term standpoint.

"This means we will be supplying fuel to the new company as a long-term business venture rather than on a year-to-year contract basis," Carruthers said. "Fina plans to be a major player in the gasoline market in the Southwestern U.S."

"Production wise, the venture provides a long-term outlet for our products, meaning the new company is a stable outlet for what we produce," Carruthers added.

According to Jeff Morris, vice president for Fina's Southwestern Business Unit, the new company is an excellent idea.

"This is a powerful combination," Morris said. "Fina is one of the largest fuel suppliers in the West Texas/New Mexico region, and Southwest Convenience Stores is the largest 7-Eleven licensee in the U.S."

"The combination of Fina's brand and fuel supply capabilities, Southwest Convenience Stores' operating expertise, and the 7-Eleven brand and technology provide a sound platform for significant growth and performance."

In announcing the venture and the growth opportunities it presents, Don Wood, president of the corporation, said the combined capital and expertise of Fina and Southwest Convenience Stores will position the venture to meet the company's growth goals.

"Currently, Southwest Convenience Stores employs 1,300 people, a number that should grow significantly as we fully develop our core Texas markets of Big Spring, Odessa, Midland, Lubbock and El Paso, as well as Albuquerque and other areas," Wood said.

"This is an exciting relationship that will build strength for Southwest Convenience Stores and significantly increase the presence of 7-Eleven stores selling Fina gasoline," Wood added.

TxDOT crews working; Insurance group offers tips

HERALD Staff Report

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

The Texas Department of Transportation will continue to have crews available to sand highways such as Interstate 20, U.S. 87 and farm-to-market roads like FM700, as long as the threat of slick roads and icy conditions remain in the area.

During icy conditions,

motorists are especially warned to drive defensively, as automobile accidents almost always increase during icy weather, according to the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).

In the event of an accident, TDI says a little knowledge of what to do after an accident has occurred can be very helpful where automobile insurance is concerned.

What to do:
•Move your car, if possible, to avoid blocking traffic and to protect it from further loss or

damage.

•Call the police if somebody is killed or injured; a vehicle can't be moved; or the accident involved a hit-and-run driver. Uninsured motorist coverage pays for hit-and-run accidents only if reported to the police.

•Get the other driver's name, address, telephone number, license plate number, driver's license number and insurance information. Also, give the other driver the same information about yourself.

•Record the insurance company name and the policy

number exactly as shown on the other driver's proof-of-insurance card.

Similar company names can cause confusion. If you have the name of the other driver's company, call TDI at (800) 252-3439 to get its address and phone number.

•Get witnesses' names, addresses and telephone numbers.

•Notify your insurance company as soon as possible while details are fresh on your mind. Give names and addresses of witnesses and injured persons.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

30 ▲ Highs 17
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Today: Cloudy with a chance of snow through tonight. High near 30. Low in the upper teens.

Thursday: Partly cloudy and warmer. High around 40. Low in the lower 20s.

Extended outlook: Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the 40s, low in the 20s. Saturday, colder. High near 30. Low in the upper teens. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High in the 20s.

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Nalley

Jessie Nalley, 85, of Asheville, N.C., a former longtime resident of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, in Asheville. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Jan. 18, 1911, in Talpa, Texas and married Coy O. Nalley on Dec. 3, 1932, in Coleman, Texas. He preceded her in death on June 22, 1977.

In 1938 she and her late husband established the Nalley Funeral Home and continued to own and operate it until retiring in 1972.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring and was active in civic affairs for many years. She was a member of the Social Order of the Beauceant and was a charter member of the Big Spring Credit Club.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Russell Scott of Asheville, N.C.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Renee and Michael Moore of Harvey, La., and Sandy and Scot Keller of Belgium; three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to The Mountain Area Hospice, Solace Center; P.O. Box 16, Asheville, N.C.; 28802.

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

Paid obituary

Jacquelyn Tooley

Service for Jacquelyn Tooley, 74, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at her residence.

Mike Skalicky

Service for Mike Skalicky, 65, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at his home.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 35
Tuesday's low 25
Average high 52
Average low 27
Record high 79 in 1927
Record low 11 in 1967
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.02
Month's normal 0.16
Year to date 0.02
Normal for the year 0.16
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Humberto G. "Bert" Padilla, Sr., Services were 12 noon today at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial was in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Mike Skalicky, 65, died today. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Jessie Nalley, 85, died Monday. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Jacquelyn Tooley, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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district officials began conferring with district transportation personnel in regards to the conditions of the roadways in the district.

"We began driving those routes and had told our people they needed to drive with caution," he added. "We're very, very fortunate... I can tell you that we've gone out on routes in a lot worse conditions than these."

McQueary said it was thought the bus, driven by Robin Strain, was carrying about 25 or 30 students when the accident occurred.

"The other 20 or 25 students got on another bus and went to school," McQueary said.

According to officials at the scene, the bus was westbound when it hit a patch of ice on the road. The bus skidded toward the inside lane, hit the median and spun around as it turned over.

Following the accident, the bus was lying on its right side and facing to the east.

"There appeared to be only minor injuries. Apparently, there was nothing serious. Several students were transported to the hospital on backboards as a precautionary measure as much as anything else," according to one official at the scene.

The crash backed up traffic in the westbound lane for more than a mile while officials blocked the eastbound lane at the Business 20 exit, diverting traffic through Big Spring. The eastbound lane was reopened to traffic at 11:07 a.m.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department, Big Spring Fire Department and EMT and the Texas Department of Transportation responded to the crash scene.

The crash was still under investigation by the DPS at press time.

Snow

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upper teens means that any melting that takes place during the day will freeze and create an icy glaze on streets, roadways and especially bridges.
Highs Thursday are forecast between 35 and 40 degrees with lows between 20 and 25 degrees. Temperatures Friday are expected in the 40s, with another cold front forecast to pass through the area on Saturday.
Highs Saturday are forecast in the 30s, with Sunday highs expected in the mid-to-upper 20s.

MARKETS

March cotton 73.95 cents a pound, up 32 points; Feb. crude oil 26.14, down 9 points; Cash hogs steady at 52.50; slaughter steers steady at 66; February lean hog futures 78.40, down 27 points; February live cattle futures 64.42, up 10 points.
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Jail

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get things together, but this piece of paper (certificate of compliance) is what counts," Yanez said.

Scarborough told Lockhart and Jennings that he will come back at a later time to assist the department in some technical areas.

"The purpose of an inspection is for counties to meet a set of minimum standards," Scarborough said, "including sanitation, medical operations, food service, the physical plant and discipline records of inmates."

He added, "There are a lot of different factors that have to be included that stem from some 650 standards set by the TCJS. Another area we look at is inmate records, including property cards, classification, health records and the overall cost to operate the jail."

The purpose of the TCJS is to help counties comply, not to hinder them, according to Scarborough.

"We make recommendations on things we think need to be changed," Scarborough said. "If we find something wrong, we try to help fix it. The mark of a good county jail is that it's doing things that need to be done before it's told to do them, and Howard County was doing that."

He added that there is also a number of inmates who use to contact the TCJS if they have complaints. In 1996, The commission didn't receive a single complaint from a Howard County inmate.

"That speaks highly of the Howard County operation," Scarborough said.

One of the ideas Jennings had in mind when he took office is to form a volunteer inmate workforce, an idea that received praises from Scarborough.

"This is a good idea for morale and it also shows efficient use of tax dollars," Scarborough said. "It's also an excellent incentive for good behavior."

The county may also have one of its variances lifted by moving one bed from the four-bed cells to other areas where two-bed cells can be formed. According to Scarborough, this makes for more efficient use of space per inmate.

The county will also begin cutting slots in the doors of the individual separation cells (J-Cells) for passing food trays, a move that will limit jailer from having to enter the cells.

An issue that has been raised in the past, according to Jennings, that will be raised again in the future is an outdoor exercise area.

"To this point," Jennings said, "Pancho has made sure there has been weightlifting equipment, a library, ping pong equipment and other necessary items available to inmates."

"Typically, counties with outdoor recreation areas have fewer inmate doctor visits," Scarborough said, "but this is not a major concern for Howard County."

West said he was impressed with the job the department was able to do in such a short period of time.

"Passing inspection is a load off everyone's mind because we (the new administration) didn't take office until Jan. 1," West said.

"Without the entire staff pulling together, we could not have passed inspection in just six days," Jennings said. "I feel relieved that we have it done. We had a medical plan that has to be re-written and is due by March 1, but other than that we just have to keep doing what we're doing."

IN BRIEF

AREA MILITARY VETERANS CAN get flu vaccinations at no cost at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center. Inoculations will be given in the main lobby at the VA.
Veterans registered at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center will be required to show their blue or purple VA cards while any veteran not registered must do so prior to receiving a flu shot.

ON THE RUN

Apartment fire causes \$1,000 in damage

HERALD Staff Report

A smoldering fire at Barcelona Apartments could have turned disastrous if it hadn't been for an alert resident. The fire broke out at an apartment on the second story of building five at the complex on Westover Street.

The wooden rafter in the attic was too close to the heating unit and a fire began smoldering. Someone smelled the wood burning and called the fire department shortly after 6 p.m. Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Rodney Phillips said the person could have mistaken the smell for a fireplace that was burning wood but the person chose to call the fire department just to be on the safe side.

"Someone smelled smoke and called it in. If it had been 30 or 40 minutes later, it would have been a major fire and the whole building could have been destroyed," said Phillips. The rafter and some insulation was all that burned causing about \$1,000 in damage.

Man impersonates officer; reportedly rapes woman

HERALD Staff Report

A Stanton resident has been charged with aggravated sexual assault. Juan Carlos Valles, 31, reportedly impersonated a law enforcement officer or security officer when he came in contact with his victim.

Last Friday, Valles allegedly took the victim from a location in Big Spring to a place near Moss Creek Lake and raped the woman. He reportedly used a knife during the assault. The victim was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Victor Brake said, "He (Valles) was wearing a coat and badge with patches on the coat that gave the impression he was with law enforcement."

Valles is currently being held in the Midland County jail on a \$20,000 bond. No other information was immediately available.

IN BRIEF

LIONS EYE GLASS RECYCLING Program will have free used eye glasses for adults on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, the Bingo building, 1607 East Third. We recommend examinations by your doctor for a prescription. We will serve all adults needing eye glasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health reminds you because of the winter weather, now is a good time to get your flu shot. The flu vaccine is still available for anyone 18 years of age and older. Shots are administered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$5 and if on Medicare, TDH officials will file the necessary paperwork.

THE BIG SPRING GOSPEL Opry is Friday at 7 p.m. at the

TEXAS LOTTERY

CASH 5: 7, 9, 22, 26, 35
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Howard College Auditorium. Admission is free to this monthly event featuring musical entertainment.

HOWARD COLLEGE WILL HAVE new student orientation Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m., in the cafeteria located in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building. All new students enrolling at Howard College for the first time are encouraged to attend. For more information contact the Student Services Office at 264-5028.

FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC IS hosting a mobile mammography unit Wednesday, Jan. 29. The process takes about 25 minutes and an appointment can be made by calling Shannon Clinic at 1-800-530-4143, extension 3235.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-205.

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

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 65 and older.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•Big Spring Gospel Opry, Howard College Auditorium, 1001 Birdwell, 7 p.m. Free admission. 267-7214.

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

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge,

21st and Lancaster. Breakfast (\$4) served. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.
•Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th.

POLICE

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

•TRUDY ANN PAGE, 28, of HC 61 Box 453, was arrested on an outstanding Ector County warrant. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$500 bond.

•ERNESTO LEON CASTILLO, 22, of San Diego, Calif., was arrested for forgery and theft.

•MANUEL ROJO GONZALEZ, 38, of 1101 Grafa, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•BOYCE LEE HORTON, 38, of Rt. 2 Box 158, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•CHRISTY MORGAN RAINS, 19, of 1600 Harding, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for assault. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•VINCENT MARTINEZ, 25, of 817 W. Eighth, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•CAMILO NIETO, 22, of 1901 Morrison, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•CHARLIE VALVERDE, 18, of 4048 Vicky, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•HOLLY MICHELLE FERNANDEZ, 26, of 4057 Vicky, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•FABIAN CHAVERA, 17, of 1710 Johnson, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance and no valid vehicle registration.

•MARY SKALICKY, 65, of 2401 E. FM 700, was arrested for Class C assault.

•ANTHONY RAY GIPSON, 19, of 3309 Duke, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•ANGELA PATTERSON, 22, of 1804 Grafa, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 3300 block of Abilene, 600 and 900 blocks of Goliad, 1000 block of Lancaster and 500 block of Birdwell.

•DOG BITE in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

•THEFT in the 500 block of N. Aylesford. The complainant told officers \$1,200 was stolen from Sacred Heart Church.

•THEFT OF SERVICE in the 1400 block of Gregg.

•LOUD PARTY in the 2500 block of Chanute.

•GAS THEFTS in the 400 block of Gregg and 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

•THEFT OF VEHICLE in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1900 block of Runnels.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL)--A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new easy applicator liquid form. Arthur Itis, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democrat enters Senate election, says it's time for a woman

AUSTIN — Democrat Mary Moore formally entered the race for the state Senate on Tuesday, saying it is time to elect more women to public office in Texas.

"Women have been the swing vote in the last presidential election and in special elections, and now I think it's time for them to get elected. Only 19 percent of political offices in Texas are held by women," she said.

Moore, 48, of Bryan, is seeking the 5th District seat vacated by Democrat Jim Turner, who was elected to Congress. State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, earlier announced for the seat.

Gov. George W. Bush has set Jan. 28 as the date for the special Senate election.

Republicans control the Senate for the first time since Reconstruction with 16 of 31 seats. Democrats have 14 seats.

Although Ogden has served in the Legislature for several terms, Moore said she's confident about her chances.

Teacher acquitted of charges she had sex with two students

HOUSTON — A judge has acquitted a woman who was accused of having sex on numerous occasions with two teen-age boys who were her students in the Aldine school district.

Visiting state District Judge Jimmy James decided Tuesday the state failed to prove its case against Dorothea Eichman, 40, beyond a reasonable doubt.

The two boys claimed they had sex with Eichman over a period of two years, ending in the summer of 1995. One of the boys, now 15, said he and Eichman had sex at least 50 or 60 times.

She was charged with 14 counts of sexual assault. She said the boys coerced her into having sex by threatening to kill her and her young daughter.

Eichman had called the police on several occasions to complain that the two boys were harassing her at home.

New Year's baby wins college tuition from state

AUSTIN — A 6-day-old Bridgeport baby already has the money for his college education after a drawing designed to publicize Texas' prepaid tuition program.

With state Comptroller John Sharp supervising, the name of Daimeon Shawn Purgason was drawn Tuesday from approximately 250 names of babies born this New Year's Day.

Daimeon was entered by his grandmother. The win gives him an opportunity his teen-age parents might not be able to afford themselves.

"I never knew there was this program" before Daimeon's name was entered, said the infant's father, 16-year-old Shawn Purgason.

The teen-ager's own college plans are undetermined. "I don't know if I'll make it," Purgason said.

The drawing, the second for the year-old Texas Tomorrow Fund, was to call attention to the program.

Church: Priest indicted on sexual assault charge

HENDERSON — A Rusk County grand jury has indicted a 58-year-old priest accused of sexually assaulting a child last year, church officials said Tuesday.

The Rev. Octavio Suarez was indicted Tuesday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault, according to a statement issued by the Catholic Diocese of Tyler.

Rusk County District Attorney investigator William Brown said that an official report from the grand jury had not yet been released, but he refused to comment further.

Suarez, who maintains his innocence, was pastor of St. Jude's Parish in Henderson last October when he was arrested on the charge.

The arrest followed an investigation by the Texas Ranger's and the Rusk County District Attorney's office. Charges revolve around an incident last April, but officials have released no further details.

Texans take their place in 105th Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Family, friends and supporters in tow, Texas' nine newest House members officially joined the ranks of Congress on a festive day overshadowed by Newt Gingrich's ethical woes.

"It's very exciting," said freshman Kay Granger of Fort Worth, the first Republican woman elected to represent Texas in the House.

Although the day belonged equally in theory to the 100 senators and 435 House members, all sworn in Tuesday, the House was the place to be for both action and intrigue.

The typically routine election for House speaker became a messy snarl after Gingrich acknowledged violating House rules — throwing Republicans into a period of turmoil.

Senators themselves weren't immune to the House drama.

Shortly after being sworn in

for his third six-year term, Republican Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas sauntered over to the House floor to watch whether GOP leaders had corralled enough votes for Gingrich.

The full-court lobbying press to retain Gingrich was orchestrated in part by Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land.

After a lengthy roll call, Gingrich was re-elected by a narrow 216 votes to 205 for Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt. Nine Republicans, none from Texas, declined to support Gingrich.

The Texans refused to let the speaker flap cast a pall on the festivities.

"It's not been a big focus from a time standpoint," said Rep. Kevin Brady, a Republican from The Woodlands.

Twelve of the state's 13

Republicans voted to retain Gingrich. The 13th, Rep. Sam Johnson of Dallas, would have voted for Gingrich but failed to make the vote. Detained by "personal business," Johnson was late getting a flight.

Only one other Texan missed the swearing-in hoopla. Rep. Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio, remains hospitalized in Texas after fracturing a rib during a weekend fall at his home.

The House agreed to allow a separate swearing-in later this week in San Antonio for Tejeda, who is battling complications from a cancerous brain tumor.

The 16 Texas Democrats who were in attendance Tuesday all cast their support in the speaker's race to Gephardt. In the case of one Texan, however, that support may have been given grudgingly.

As Gephardt's name was placed in nomination, conserva-

tive Democratic Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall was one of the few Democrats who didn't applaud. Hall, who has had run-ins with a Democratic leadership he views as too liberal, missed the first round of balloting despite having been on the floor for much of the vote. It was only at the end of the vote that Hall voted for Gephardt.

The day wasn't all about business, though.

Friends, family and supporters of the newly-elected veered their way around the Capitol, ducking into receptions in lawmakers' offices.

For her part, Granger settled in to work quickly. Just moments after being sworn in, she joined conservative Democratic Rep. Gary Condit of California in introducing legislation mandating that the president and Congress submit balanced budgets.

Gingrich triumph tempered by continuing ethics case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich is rejoicing over his re-election as House speaker, but the victory will be tempered by a public airing of his ethical misdeeds and a likely House vote to rebuke his conduct.

Gingrich overcame a groundswell of opposition in his own party Tuesday to become the first re-elected Republican speaker in 88 years. Today, the House ethics committee was meeting privately, commencing procedures to punish Gingrich for bringing discredit upon the chamber.

Moments of high drama accented Tuesday's opening day of the 105th Congress: a climac-

tic, hour-long roll call vote; an acceptance speech punctuated with apologies; and a nasty partisan spat over when the ethics case against Gingrich would end.

Hours after his victory, Gingrich was asked whether he could be sure that no more damaging information would be revealed in his ethics case.

"Of course not," he told a reporter, adding "I can't predict" what the committee's outside counsel would do.

The partisan fight came over a request by the counsel, James M. Cole, for more time to complete his work. That would have necessitated an extension

beyond the Jan. 21 date the ethics committee has set for wrapping up the case.

Democrats on the ethics committee moved to change Republican-proposed rules to accommodate Cole, but Republicans refused.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., a member of the ethics investigative subcommittee, said, "I thought I would never see the day when the chairman of the ethics committee would come down to the floor and turn down the request of the special counsel ... for a couple of extra weeks to complete the case."

The subcommittee, two Republicans and two

Democrats, unanimously backed the extension. But ethics Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said the Republican leadership wanted no more changes in the schedule. She did say a vote on penalties, the final action in the case, likely would be held Jan. 21.

Committee Democrats accused Republicans of seeking a vote on Jan. 20, when President Clinton will be inaugurated on the West steps of the Capitol.

Cole will make a report at a still-unscheduled public hearing on sanctions. The committee then will recommend a punishment to the House.

Linares out, but contending she's done nothing wrong

AUSTIN (AP) — Nora Linares is out as executive director of the Texas Lottery, but she says it's not because of her job performance.

The three-member Texas Lottery Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to fire the only executive director to serve at the 4 1/2-year-old, \$3 billion agency. Linares was an at-will employee, meaning she could be fired without a reason.

Commission members said it was time for the agency to move forward, adding that the commission could best do that with

a new director. They named deputy executive director Zoann Attwood acting executive director.

Attwood, 52, formerly worked as director for the Montana Lottery.

Linares had been at the center of controversies starting with reports last November that close friend Mike Moeller was given a \$30,000 job with the lottery's main contractor just after the company, GTECH Holding Corp., won the 1992 contract to run the state's numbers game.

Moeller, in prison on an unre-

lated charge, worked for GTECH for five months between 1992 and 1993. The company has said he was hired by former national salesman J. David Smith. He's been convicted of d-frauding the company.

GTECH said Moeller did little, if any, work for the company. Linares has said she was unaware of Moeller's contract with GTECH until just before it was made public. She said she didn't know why GTECH or Smith had hired Moeller, adding that neither the company nor Moeller tried to use the

relationship to gain favor with her office.

Buck Wood, one of Ms. Linares' attorneys, said his client was fired over politics.

Linares is a Democrat first hired by Democratic Comptroller John Sharp to run the lottery division in his office. She was rehired by the Lottery Commission to run the free-standing agency.

Harriett Miers, chairwoman of the commission, is a Republican appointed by Republican Gov. George W. Bush.

Supreme Court weighs right to doctor-assisted suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is confronting profound issues of life and death in deciding whether terminally ill people have the constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide.

In today's oral argument, the justices were being asked to weigh states' efforts to prevent intentional killing against patients' right to avoid intolerable pain.

"The state has an interest of the highest order in prohibiting its physicians from assisting in the purposeful taking of another person's life," the Clinton administration said in court papers supporting state laws in New York and Washington that banned assisted suicide.

But doctors who persuaded lower courts to invalidate those laws insist that mentally competent, terminally ill patients must be allowed to decide for

themselves when to die.

"The person who is dying in intolerable pain or torment faces suffering that is too intimate and personal for the state to insist that she must bear it," Harvard law Professor Laurence Tribe wrote in court papers in the New York case.

Most states have bans on assisted suicide similar to those in New York and Washington. By July, the justices will decide whether to uphold such laws or declare doctor-assisted suicide a constitutional right.

By sunrise today, scores of people braved frigid weather to claim a place in line for admittance to the argument session. Supreme Court arguments are not open to television and radio coverage.

"These cases could really change the face of the doctor-patient relationship," said Seattle anesthesiologist Gail

Van Norman.

Bob Castagna, executive director of the Oregon Catholic Conference, arrived five hours later to become second in line. "This is an issue of critical importance to our country and, I think, to the world because of the United States' leadership in law and medicine," he said.

Four University of Pittsburgh students lined up behind Castagna. One of them, Melissa Hancock, said the court had not handled a case so important to the nation since it legalized

abortion in 1973.

The two appeals are perhaps the most closely watched Supreme Court cases since 1992, when the court reaffirmed the constitutional right to abortion. They raise similar questions about an individual's right to control his or her own body.

Terminal illness is an issue that potentially affects every one. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist confronted it himself when his wife, Natalie, died in 1991 after a long battle with ovarian cancer.

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"The hole and the patch should be commensurate."
-Thomas Jefferson

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OUR VIEWS

New library adds to the community

This Saturday, our community takes one more step forward with the 3 p.m. dedication of the Dora Roberts Howard County Library.

While a number of persons made significant donations to this long overdue project, it was the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation, more than any other group or individual, that made it possible.

We believe it significant to note this project not only allows our library to move into a larger, more modern building but also that the new library allows for the occupancy of a building that was formerly empty.

There has been a great deal of remodeling to the former Big Spring Savings building and we believe Big Spring and Howard County residents and taxpayers will be pleased with what they discover inside the facility.

New tables, new shelving, new chairs, a children's reading area — and last, but certainly not least — a new atmosphere, highlight the facility.

We salute librarian Lorraine Redman and Howard County commissioners for working to ensure that both donors and taxpayers got the most for their money in the new facility.

This is a facility for the entire community, as evidenced by the 150 or so volunteers who worked to pack and move the books, culminating in the Friends of the Library/Herald-sponsored book brigade a couple of weeks ago.

We hope you will take the time to attend the dedication. If you are unable, however, we do encourage you to be an active patron of our new Dora Roberts Howard County Library.

OTHER VIEWS

The re-election of the Speaker of the House is supposed to be automatic and, among his fellow party members, unanimous.

Newt Gingrich's was neither. Preceding Tuesday's vote there was much discussion about postponing the election or having Gingrich temporarily step aside as speaker until the full ethics committee could report on how badly he had misled it about the possible misuse of tax-exempt donations for political aims.

The vote among his GOP colleagues was 216-4, but even four votes in what is typically a rubber stamp procedure is a jarring number. Six more Republicans voted "present." The four dissenters were hardy maverick firebrands and probably represented a great many more who swallowed their objections out of party unity.

Gingrich might not now be speaker if the Republicans had any agreeable alternatives to choose from. It says something about the state of the House GOP that there were none.

Assuming the ethics committee finds nothing fatal and his only punishment is a reprimand, Gingrich will still be a weakened speaker. The immediate beneficiary of his diminished status will be his Senate counterpart, GOP Leader Trent Lott, who now becomes the Hill's go-to powerbroker.

Within his own House ranks, he will find it difficult to stop power flowing from the speaker's office to the committee chairmen, who want the same

baronial perks as their Democratic predecessors.

Sensing blood in the water, the House Democrats will be more aggressive, partisan and intractable in dealing with the speaker. He will not be able to roll over them as he did in the last Congress.

Clinton, too, will be a different proposition from the stunned president of 1995 pleading relevance. He is brimming with self-confidence from his re-election.

And one final drawback: The Democrats will spin Gingrich's ethical problems as offsetting the Clintons'. They are not an ethical wash; Filegate, Travelgate, Fundgate and Whitewater are all much more serious, but the proposition is a salable one to a public not preoccupied with politics.

That said, Gingrich has brought to an institution grown stale a zesty intellectual enthusiasm and a robust love of politics. Whatever his sins, dullness is not among them.

Gingrich began his new term as speaker with an apology — for being too pushy, too controversial, for drawing inappropriate attention to the House — in a speech that was gracious, informed and conciliatory. He radiated an almost Reaganesque optimism that may yet redeem him with his colleagues.

Let us hope that he is not compelled to end his tenure as speaker with another kind of apology.

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'Kidnapped' baby in Killeen wasn't even a baby

Around the horn in West Texas ...

On a mid-week "mini-vacation" to Del Rio last week, we noticed a new Holiday Inn Express in the final stages of construction there. Ever wonder what's happened to our planned Holiday Inn Express — other than the pile of rubble created at the site of the former Broughton Implement building when it was torn down.

Over in Snyder, the folks haven't been as lucky with their United Way campaign as we were here in Howard County. According to Monday's Snyder Daily News, the campaign stands at 66 percent — or \$48,230.18 — of its \$73,000 goal as "organizers are considering ending the current drive soon."

If you'll recall, the local campaign exceeded its goal even before the deadline was reached. Townes Van Zandt, who wrote songs for the likes of Willie Nelson, Don Williams, Merle Haggard, Hoyt Axton, Bobby Bare and others, died New Year's night in Nashville. Some of his better known songs included "Poncho and Lefty" for Nelson and Haggard, "If I Needed You" for Williams and Emmy Lou Harris and the "Cowboy Junkies Lament."

Has anyone else noted the recent flurry of arrests in Big Spring for prostitution or the promotion of prostitution? Two arrests were in Tuesday's paper and a couple of others have occurred over the past couple of weeks.

You don't see it much anymore, but a recent obituary reminded me that we're still not that far removed from the frontier when it noted that the deceased had been born in the Oklahoma Indian Territory.

Have you seen the movie "Jerry McGuire?" If so, please let me know where it was supposed to go. I'm amazed that the reviewer at Scripps Howard gave it three stars ... the night four of us went to see it, the

highlight was getting up to go get popcorn!

One I'd recommend you not miss is "Preacher's Wife." It was totally enjoyable.

I still want to see "Lone Star," which was filmed in Eagle Pass and released about mid-summer.

Oil field activity seems to be on the increase, with Marathon Oil drilling four wells in the Howard-Glasscock Field and re-entering another, also in Howard-Glasscock.

In addition, Lakewood Operating is drilling a well in the Gunn Field, 20 miles northeast of Big Spring.

Most of the Marathon activity is planned for the 4,000-foot range while one, the re-entry on the No. 2-B Wallace, is set for 7,000 feet. The Lakewood effort, No. 1 Pequin Chile, is planned for a depth of 7,800 feet.

What about the Georgetown woman who reported to police that her five-week-old baby had been kidnapped in a Killeen mall?

Turns out it was a ruse ... not just the kidnapping, but the entire story of her being pregnant and having a baby. Michelle Ernst had gone so

far as to fake her pregnancy, padding herself to look pregnant, buying a car seat and baby bottles and even showing photos of her own nephew as her child.

Ernst ran into problems, however, when the supposed father of the kiddo wanted to help out and send her money — after seeing the baby. She agreed to let him see the baby, but it was "kidnapped" before that happened.

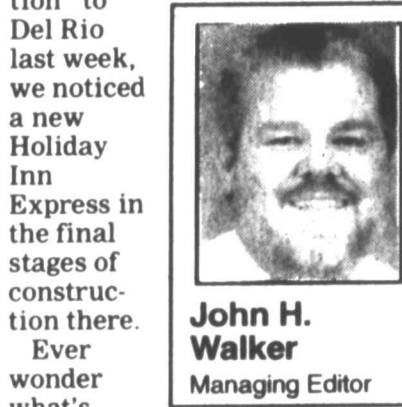
Yep. She's in trouble with the law, but she's obviously got other problems as well.

I sure am glad the weather forecasters got their forecast of snow right, because we certainly need moisture. We sure need a wet winter to give our farmers and ranchers a shot this year.

The problem is that too many folks remember our wet August and think we're in great shape for the spring. Heck, we're not even in good shape!

Remember, conserve water and pray for moisture.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.)



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Managing Editor

Repayment of \$10 loan renews a friendship

By BILL MAXWELL
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

CHASE CITY, Va. — How do you figure the interest on a \$10 loan that is nearly three decades old?

In his case, Berry Stalcup of Florence, Ala., consulted his credit union, where he was told that 7 percent interest would be a fair amount.

Satisfied, Stalcup, a 53-year-old biologist with the Tennessee Valley Authority, purchased a cashier's check for the right amount. He then wrote a letter to accompany the check and mailed them to his patient lender.

For Stalcup, this was one of the most important debts he had ever repaid. It certainly was the most personally satisfying.

Here is an excerpt from Stalcup's letter, dated Dec. 12, 1996:

"I have started this letter a couple of times but something always interrupts me. Anyway, here I go again. I talked to your dad back a couple of months ago and he gave me your address. My wife found his

phone number on the Internet at work.

"I have been trying to locate you for years. If you remember, we left Vietnam the same day and I was flat broke. You loaned me \$10, knowing you would never see that money again. Well, I have not forgotten and I am paying you back — plus interest for the past 27 years. It came out to \$58.06, so I am sending you a check for \$60

"I really do appreciate you loaning me the money that day. I still live in Alabama and would like to hear from you sometime. If you are ever in this neck of the woods, look me up. Write and let me know what you have been doing for the last 27 years.

"Well, have a merry Christmas and a happy new year."

Stalcup's lender, 48-year-old Sampson McCargo Jr., did have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year — thanks in large part to Stalcup's letter.

Sure, the unexpected boon of \$60 was great at Christmastime. But reading the words of his old Army buddy was "like a miracle," McCargo said, as

memories returned. "When I saw Berry's name on the letter and the check, I was touched," he said. "It almost brought tears to my eyes."

When the men met for the first time, the year was 1969. They were reporting for duty in Vietnam as soldiers in the 101st Airborne Division. McCargo worked in supplies, and Stalcup was the company clerk.

Living in the same barracks and working together each day, they became instant friends. This relationship — which lasted for more than 12 war-torn months — carried both men over an important threshold.

For McCargo, who is black, Stalcup was the first white person he could consider a real friend. He had known other white boys, the sons of the farmer for whom his father sharecropped, but his relationship with Stalcup was different, more mature.

For Stalcup, McCargo was the first African-American he had thought of as a friend. His tiny hometown in Alabama had no blacks, and no blacks attended his public schools. A few blacks did attend college with him, but he cannot recall ever speaking

to them.

"When I met Berry, I was about 19, a boy, really, just out of high school," McCargo said. "The schools here in Virginia were segregated and the KKK was active back then. But Berry was a nice white fellow. We got to know each other very well.

"When I needed something, I went to him, and when he needed something, he came to me. Berry was an unusual white guy for those days, especially when you knew that he was from Alabama. He treated me like a fellow human being."

McCargo, an industrial mechanic living in Chase City, remembered that final day at the airport in Vietnam, when he waved farewell to his best friend at that time.

"We had our plane tickets, but Berry didn't have money to pay a cab to take him home after that," McCargo said.

"Berry said, 'I wish I had some money to get home.' I said, 'Hey, I'll loan you 10 bucks.' I didn't expect to hear from him.

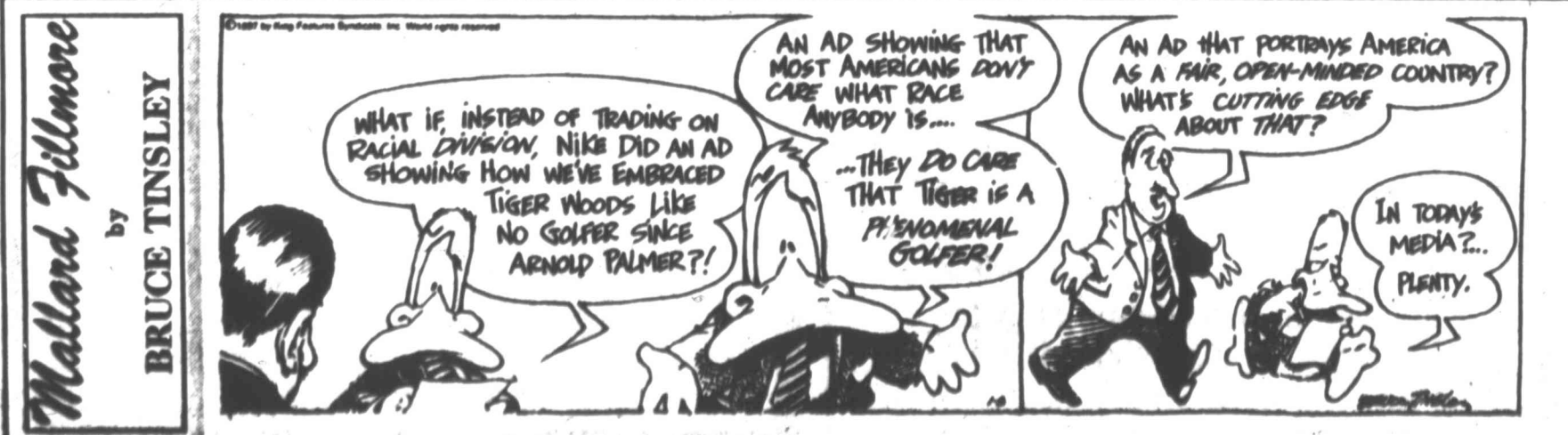
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Resolve to get your finances in order in the new year

Scrrips Howard News Service

Editor's Note: This is the second in a four-part series about resolutions for the new year. Today's topic deals with getting finances in order. Other topics to follow Thursday and Friday are pampering yourself and improving family relationships.

Ten years ago, Dave Ramsey possessed all the trappings of immense success. He tool around Nashville, Tenn., in a Jaguar. He and his wife Sharon wore designer suits, owned a boat and vacationed in Hawaii. At 26 years old, the Maryville native and University of

Tennessee graduate wheeled and dealt in real estate. He had \$4 million in holdings until the bank, under new ownership, called in \$1.2 million in short-term loans. A second bank followed suit, calling in an additional \$800,000.

Overnight Ramsey was broke. By 1988, he was bankrupt. "I built a house of cards and I built it poorly," Ramsey reflects. "I brought myself down by not knowing how to handle money. I didn't control it; it controlled me."

But from the ashes of his own financial disaster rose an opportunity to help other cou-

ples deal with overspending, with buying on credit, with establishing a spending plan and sticking to it.

The same year he declared bankruptcy he established a consulting firm to help people stop foreclosures on their property. He began counseling couples in need of financial help at his church.

Soon he was conducting financial seminars for churches and businesses; next he put his advice in a self-published book called "Financial Peace."

Last year, thanks in part to promotion from his Nashville radio show "The Money

Game," Ramsey's book was a top seller in Tennessee. Since then, Viking Penguin publishers picked "Financial Peace" up for national distribution and "The Money Game" began radio syndication.

Lots of Americans share the bad habits that got Ramsey into financial trouble. According to statistics compiled for "Financial Peace:"

• The average American has less than \$1,000 in the bank and is more than \$38,000 in debt.

• Mortgage debt has increased 300 percent since 1975 and foreclosures are up 25 percent in three years.

Total consumer debt was \$1.3 trillion in 1980; it is more than \$3.3 trillion now.

• American will charge \$10 billion worth of groceries to their credit cards this year.

"Our grandparents thought debt was bad; our great-grandparents thought it was a sin," Ramsey says of Americans' changing attitudes.

"Our parents began using debt pretty heavily with mortgages and car payments; Baby Boomers will use credit for \$1.57 at the Rocky Top.

"We (Ramsey's financial consulting group) have been real successful at shaking people

out of that mindset."

Ramsey advises people to get a grip on overspending, starting by cutting up their credit cards.

He suggests taking "baby steps" toward financial peace, which he precedes with one caveat:

"Start with giving (money to the needy or your church); it's essential to emotional and spiritual health.

"People who don't give don't prosper. Their creativity and productivity are stopped up. Healthy people are more unselfish."

IN THE BAG

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Promotion Council. For a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Easy and Elegant Maine Lobster Recipes; Maine Lobster Promotion Council; 382 Harlow St.; Bangor, Maine; 04401.

Coming up this week, the start of Ramadan, the Islamic month of fasting. It begins Friday. If you're looking for ways to get healthier and thinner, you might want to know more about this religious holiday, even if you are not a Muslim.

PAAS, the maker of sunny-colored Easter products, is sponsoring a contest with a grand prize of a \$500 savings bond. The object: Describe in 100 words or less how you — an individual, family or organization — shared the Easter experience in a positive way. Pictures may be sent with the entry but they won't be

returned. Any age may enter. Send written entries to: 1997 PAAS Share the Easter Experience Contest; 411 Park St.; Upper Montclair, N.J.; 07043. Deadline: April 15.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine rates United Airlines No. 1 in offering low-fat and vegetarian foods. The top seven are rounded out in this order: Continental, second; followed by TWA, American, USAir, Northwest and Delta.

Tightwad Living magazine offers a recipe brochure for pecan lovers. Recipes include pecan pie, pecan brittle, honey pecan butter, shaker snow drop cookies and more. For a free copy, send a self-addressed business envelope with two stamps to: Tightwad Living, Pecan Recipe Booklet; P.O. Box 818; Palm Harbor Fla.; 34682.

Know the dangers of air bags

The air bag in your car that is there to save your life could kill a young child. Air bags have saved hundreds of lives



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

and prevented thousands of serious injuries in motor vehicle crashes. Yet they can also be deadly if the front seat occupants are not restrained correctly. An average size adult who is correctly belted is not likely to come in contact with the air bag until it is fully inflated. A fully inflated air bag spreads the force of the crash across a wide area of the body. For greatest protection with driver side and passenger side air bags, both the drive and front passengers should be correctly belted and the seats moved back as far as practically allow ample space for the air bag to expand.

Janie Harris, Extension Specialist in passenger safety with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service recommends that all vehicle occupants wear the shoulder belt snugly across

the chest and the lab belt tight and low over the pelvic area. All too often people wear the shoulder belt too loose or under their arm. The shoulder belt must be snug and across the chest/shoulder area to restrain the upper torso when it is being thrust forward in the frontal crash. The lap belt hold the lower torso in position in the seat.

Unbelted or improperly belted children can easily slide off the seat during pre-crash braking, throwing them against the dashboard where the air bag can strike them on the head or neck with tremendous force before it is fully inflated. This force can be deadly. Therefore, for safety's sake, the back seat is the best seat for young children.

The correct way for young children to ride is in the back seat. Children under age one should ride in a rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat.

Children over age one and 20 pounds, should ride in a convertible child safety seat. Forward facing/upright in the back seat, Children over 40 pounds should ride in a lap/shoulder belt positioning booster, in the back seat. Children should begin wearing a lap/shoulder belt only when

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ON THE MENU

Editor's Note: The menus for Coahoma ISD were inadvertently left out of Sunday's edition.

BREAKFAST
THURSDAY - Texas toast, sausage, juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal choice, toast, fruit, milk.

LUNCH
THURSDAY - Pizza, French fries, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding, milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and milk.

LIFE! IN BRIEF

Here is a list of upcoming events in Big Spring:

• Big Spring Gospel Opry, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium. Admission is free.

• Howard College new student orientation Sunday, Jan. 12/ 2 p.m. in the cafeteria located in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building.

• Family Medical Clinic is hosting a mobile mammography unit Wednesday, Jan. 29. Appointments can be made by calling Shannon Clinic at 1-800-530-4143, extension: 3235.

Cats are now the favorite pet in the country

Scrrips Howard News Service

Cats have surpassed dogs as the nation's favorite pet.

According to the Pet Food Institute, the dog population has grown only slightly in recent years, rising from 54.6 million in 1987 to 54.9 million in 1995.

Over the same period, the

number of pet cats rose from 57.3 million to 65.8 million.

• 1987 - Cats: 57,304,000; Dogs: 54,644,000

• 1988 - Cats: 59,649,000; Dogs: 54,707,000

• 1989 - Cats: 61,710,000; Dogs: 54,574,000

• 1990 - Cats: 60,212,000; Dogs: 52,477,000

• 1991 - Cats: 62,434,000; Dogs: 53,272,000

• 1992 - Cats: 62,974,000; Dogs: 52,275,000

• 1993 - Cats: 64,030,000; Dogs: 53,086,000

• 1994 - Cats: 63,821,000; Dogs: 54,999,000

• 1995 - Cats: 65,765,000; Dogs: 54,863,000

Source: Pet Food Institute, "Pet Incidence Trend Report," Sept. 18, 1996.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

• Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

• TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1370 or 263-8633.

• Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month.

First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities,

TUESDAY

• Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

• Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

• Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

• Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

• Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

• "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living

Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

• Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

• Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

• Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam.

Beam is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues.

She is available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY

• Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia.

Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

• Grief Support related to the death of a loved one.

Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

• Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month.

They meet at Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

• Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

• Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

• Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

• "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

• West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month. Meeting place is HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

• West Texas Gluten Free Awareness Support Group, 1-3 p.m., First Baptist Church in Midland, gluten free traditional Thanksgiving meal. For more information call (915) 520-2119, or 684-4671 or write: Gluten-Free Awareness; HC 513 46; Midland; 79707.

SUNDAY

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

SLICE OF LIFE!

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- (NAPS) - Uses for scanners:
- Compile a family tree album by scanning favorite old photos.
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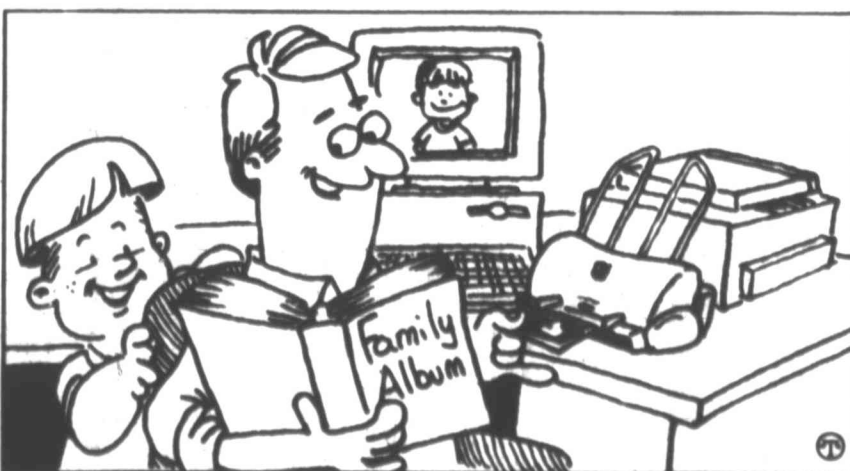


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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eyeglass Clinic Jan. 18

Lions Club Eyeglass Program will have free used eye glasses for adults on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, the Bingo building, 1607 East Third. We recommend examinations by your doctor for a prescription. We will serve all adults needing eye glasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses. Please bring proof of income, social security income, etc. For additional information contact Squeaky Thompson, 267-5931.

Pick up your photographs

All photos left for Sunday publication for weddings, anniversaries and engagements must be picked up within 30 days or they will be discarded.

THE LAST WORD

We are never present with, but always beyond ourselves: fear, desire, hope, still push us on towards the future. —Montaigne

Were it not for bunglers in the manner of doing it, hardly any man would ever find out he was laughed at. —Lord Halifax

No disguise can long conceal love where it exists, or long feign it where it is lacking. —La Rochefoucauld

A man is rich in proportion to the things he can afford to let alone. —Henry David Thoreau

Tuna Risotto with Mushrooms

1 (12 oz.) can Bumble Bee Solid White Tuna in Water, drained*
1 tsp. Olive oil spray
1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
1/2 cup red onion, diced
1/2 cup carrots, diced
2 tsp. minced garlic
1 1/2 cups Arborio (Italian) medium-grain rice
2 cups clam juice
3 cups water
1/2 cup frozen green peas, thawed
2 T shredded Parmesan cheese
2 T minced parsley

recipe.
Heat olive oil spray in heavy sauce pan. Saute' mushrooms, onion, carrots, and garlic.
Add rice, saute' until lightly brown. Add 1 cup clam juice. Stir often, simmer 3 to 4 minutes or, until liquid is absorbed.
Repeat the above process, adding 1 cup of clam juice and water at a time.
Add tuna, peas, cheese, and parsley with the last cup of water. Stir and simmer 3 to 5 minutes. Garnish with minced parsley.



TUNA RISOTTO WITH MUSHROOMS

Calories: 290 per serving
Fat: 3 gms per serving.

By: Bumble Bee Tuna

*Bumble Bee Chunk White or Chunk Light Tuna in Water may be substituted for Solid White Tuna in Water in this

Makes 4 to 6 servings
Preparation time: 35 minutes
Nutritional information:
Cost: \$1.70 per serving

Baked Potato Soup

1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of potato soup
3/4 cup water
1/2 cup dairy sour cream
1/2 large baked potato with skin, cubed (about 1 cup)
1 Bays English Muffin, split
4 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled, divided
4 T shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
1 T thinly sliced green onion tops

In a medium saucepan, combine soup, water and sour cream. Stir in baked potato. Heat over medium heat, stirring gently occasionally, until just boiling.

Meanwhile, toast muffin halves; sprinkle with 2 T each of bacon and cheese. Broil until melted. Cut each muffin half into 4-5 strips. Ladle soup into two bowls and sprinkle with green onion tops, remaining cheese and crumbled bacon. Season with freshly ground black pepper and seasoned salt to taste. Serve with muffin strips. Serves two.

By: Bays Foodwriter News

Cookie Mix

You can bake a batch of cookies in just 30 minutes with this already prepared cookie mix year round.

12 cups all-purpose flour
6 cups sugar
2 T baking powder
1 T salt
4 cups shortening

In a very large bowl, combine the first four ingredients. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Spoon into large air tight container. Seal and store at room temperature up to 6 weeks. Makes 23 cups of cookie mix. Recipe can be cut in half if needed for storage purposes. Do not add flavoring until ready to make cookies.

Cut-outs: Combine 2 cups of the ready made cookie mix, 1 egg and 1/2 tsp. of vanilla flavoring. (you can use flavoring of your choice) Roll dough to desired thickness. Cut with desired cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees (about 8 minutes) or until light brown. Cool on wire rack. Decorate with icing and candies if desired. Makes about 36 cookies. You can also add to dough, chopped pecans, walnuts or Maraschino cherries.

By: Fran Jansch

Peanut Butter Pie

1 unbaked pie shell (9-inch)
1 cup Karo
1 cup sugar
3 eggs lightly beaten
1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Blend all ingredients well. Pour in pie shell. Bake for 15 minutes at 400 degrees. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for 35 to 40 minutes longer or until set.

By: Alysne Dodd

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Chocolate Fudge Crunch

3 T crunchy peanut butter
3 tsp. honey
2/3 cup powered milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1-1/2 oz. crunchy nutty-type cereal
2 packets reduced calorie, chocolate dairy shake
4 T water

Optional additions:
2 tsp. coconut (shredded)
1 T white raisins or 1 chopped date

Mix all ingredients together (except cereal and optional ingredients) with water. Consistency should be a little firm, yet a little runny. Add rest of ingredients and place in a small pie pan on a plastic bag (for easy cutting and removing later). Then cover with foil. Freeze until nearly set. Cut into squares. Refreeze.

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Mexican Dish with Chicken

Boil and debone whole chicken. Cut into bit sized pieces. Place in large skillet.

Add:
1 jar mild taco sauce
1 can nacho cheese soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 pkg. dry taco seasoning (optional)
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 can tomato sauce
1/2 package of Doritos
dash of salt

Cook on low for about 30 minutes. Pour into baking dish and top with remaining crushed Doritos and about half cup shredded cheese. Bake until cheese is melted.

By: Jewel Stovall

Ask Betty

Dear Betty,
Main dish recipes found in magazines and cookbooks frequently use olive oil. How is it different from vegetable oil? Can I use it in muffins or my favorite carrot cake? — Larkspur, Calif.



Uncap your olive oil! It's wonderful stuff, and you can substitute olive oil for vegetable oil in any recipe in equal proportion. But note: it's better to use light olive oils for baking. Every olive oil has a definite character, ranging in taste from light to lush, very much like the distinctions among wines. The finest quality, with the most complex flavor, is called extra virgin and is made from the first pressing of the olives.

Olive oil called virgin is made from the second pressing or is a blend of several oils and has higher acidity and a more bland flavor. "Light" olive oil is closest to vegetable oil in flavor and color. (By the way, light as used here does not mean lower in fat.)

The filtration process for this light oil also gives it a higher smoke point than the other types, so it's better for higher-heat frying. Use extra-virgin olive oil for cooking over low and medium heat and in salad dressing and marinades or simply to drizzle over a finished dish. Although no lower in fat than other types of oil, olive oil is high in monounsaturated fat and is often recommended over saturated fat.

Dear Betty,

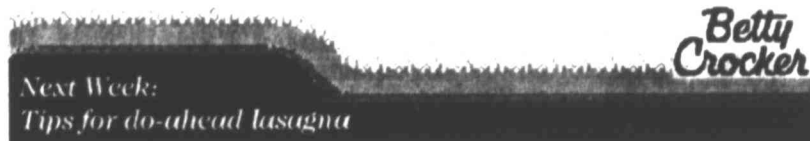
I want to have a Martin Luther King Day celebration next Wednesday. Do you have any suggestions? — Tallahassee, Fla.

In his stirring "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. King that we all sit down together at the "table of brotherhood" to learn to better understand one another. So what better way to observe Martin Luther King Day than with a special meal to which everyone contributes—in other words, an extra-special potluck. Once full plates and good friends are gathered together, go around the table and ask guests to share their feelings about the fellowship and brotherhood represented by Dr. King.

Size-Wise: Have you ever stared dumbfounded at an empty casserole dish you've owned for years because you have no earthly idea what size it is? To measure the size of your casserole dish, simply fill it with water. If it takes 4 cups of water, it's a 1-quart dish; 8 cups, 2-quart dish; 12 cups, 3-quart dish; and 13 cups, time to buy a new dish.

Write Betty at "Ask Betty Crocker," One General Mills Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn.; 55426, or call toll free 1-888-ask-betty.

Next Week: Tips for do-ahead lasagna.



Air

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The shoulder belt fits correctly across the chest and does not hit across the child's neck or face.

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College basketball
Texas A&M at Baylor, 6 p.m., ch. 29
Maryland at North Carolina, 6 p.m., ch. 30
Wake Forest at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m., ch. 30
NBA
Seattle at Denver, 7 p.m., ch. 11.

Got a story idea or a sports news tip?

Call Sports, 263-7331
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Lady Steers shut down Sweetwater; Steers fall

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Defensive purists would have approached nirvana if they had watched the Big Spring-Sweetwater girls game Tuesday in Steer Gym.

The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs succeeded in slowing the pace of the game to their liking, but it was Big Spring's defense that keyed a 46-38 Lady Steers' victory.

In the boys' game, Sweetwater looked every bit the preseason district favorite, running to a 74-42 victory over Big Spring in the District 4-4A opener for both teams.

Girls game

The Lady Steers (11-9 overall, 3-0 in District 4-4A) struggled in the first half against Sweetwater's slow-down game plan, but finally solved the riddle in the third quarter.

Leading 17-16 after intermission, Big Spring turned up the offensive heat with a 17-point third quarter keyed by the inside play of reserve post Nadia Cole.

Sweetwater had taken a 22-21 lead on a Brooke Swindle field goal with 5:40 remaining in the quarter when Cole went to work, scoring six unanswered points to give the advantage back to Big Spring.

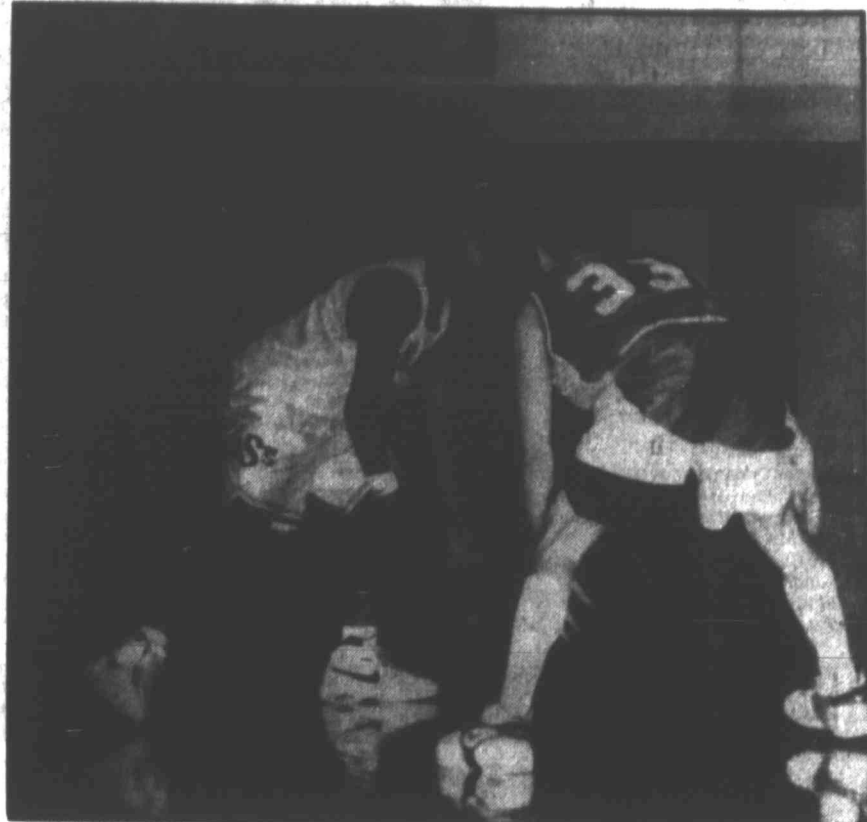
Sweetwater closed to within

two points before another Big Spring run widened its lead to 34-26 going into the fourth quarter. The Lady Steers then expanded their lead to 12 points before cruising to the win.

As valuable as Cole's offense was in the second half, however, it was Big Spring's defense, especially in the first half, that probably saved the Lady Steers' bacon.

Big Spring's defensive pressure kept the game close in first half, allowing Sweetwater only eight shots. Leading the defensive charge was senior point guard Brandi Purcell, who had five steals and contributed to numerous other

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Big Spring point guard John Smith, left, brings the ball upcourt against Sweetwater's Brad Barnes (33) during their game at Steer Gym Tuesday.

Forsan notches 1st league victory

HERALD Staff Report

WINTERS — The Forsan Buffaloes claimed their first District 8-2A victory of the season with a 66-58 overtime victory against Winters Tuesday night.

The Buffs (15-6 overall) rallied from a first-half deficit to take a 42-38 lead into the final quarter, then pounded Winters 11-3 in the overtime period to grab their first league win of the season.

Robert Hillger led a balanced Forsan scoring attack with 17 points. Other Buffs in double figures included Daniel Davis with 14 points and Wes Osburn with 12 points.

"We kind of let one get away from us last week against Ozona," head coach Terry McDonald said, "so it was kind of nice to jump-start things."

The Buffs return to action Friday at home against Eldorado. Game time is 8 p.m.

Winters 54 Queens 28

WINTERS — The Forsan Queens fell to 0-4 in the District 8-2A race by dropping a 54-28 decision to the Winters Lady Blizzards Tuesday night.

Winters forged an 11-point lead at halftime, then broke open the game with a 13-point third quarter.

Nicole Johnson led the Queens with 11 points.

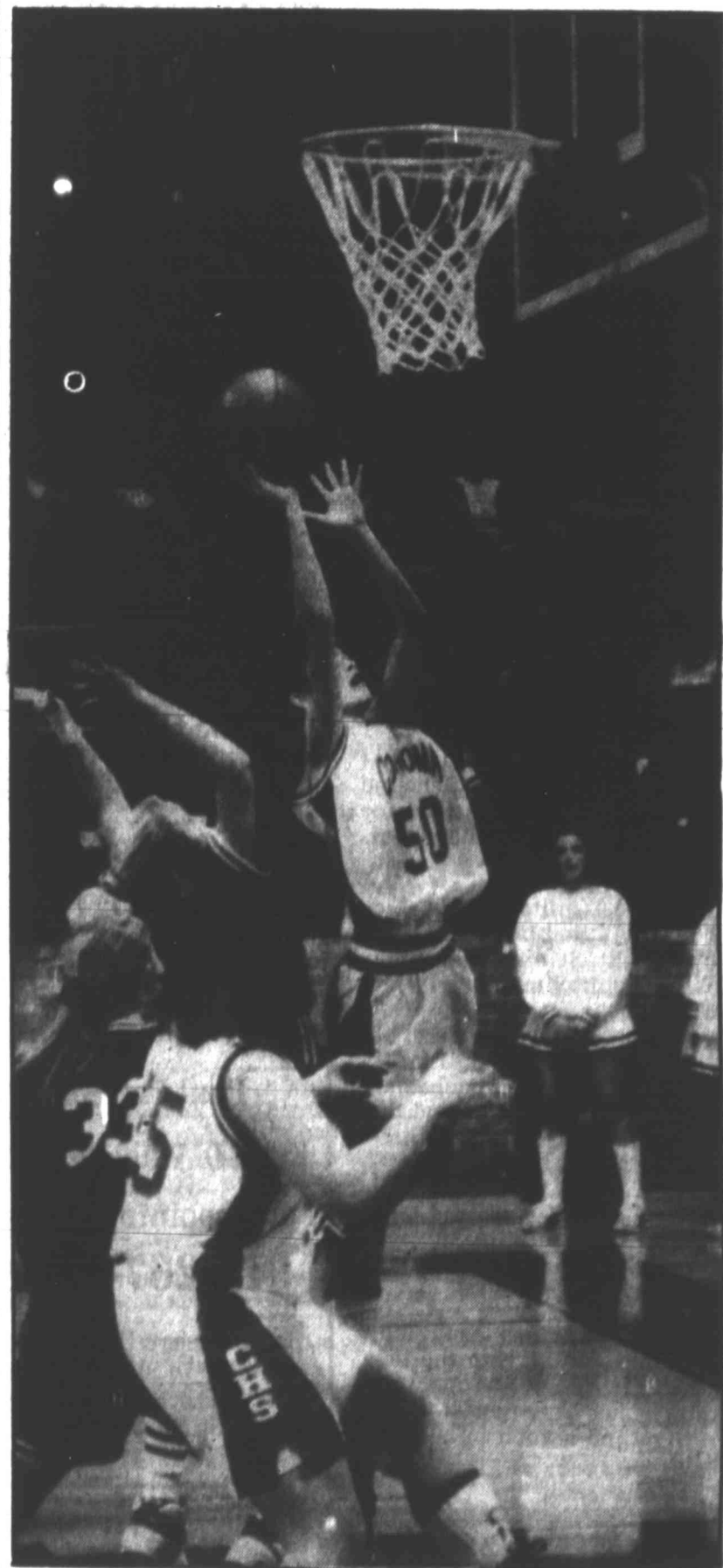
Forsan returns to action Friday at home against Coahoma. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Bulldogs 47 Roscoe 31

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs overcame a sluggish first half and a stingy Roscoe defense to post a 47-31 victory over the Plowboys here

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EYEING A BASKET



Coahoma's Krista Stanislaus attempts a shot during the Bulldogettes' game with Roscoe Tuesday in Coahoma.

Woman: Irvin, Williams both used cocaine on night of rape

DALLAS (AP) — The woman who accuses Dallas Cowboys star Erik Williams of sexually assaulting her while teammate Michael Irvin videotaped the scene told police the players called the next day to apologize.

The 23-year-old woman also said in an affidavit released Tuesday that the players used cocaine the night of the alleged incident.

In the affidavit, released by state District Judge John Roach, the woman told police that Irvin, Williams and a third man "had been using cocaine that night."

Detectives, who used the affidavit to obtain a search warrant, have said they had found no evidence of drug use in their search of Williams' North Dallas home.

Irvin and Williams have denied the assault accusations, and no one has been charged with a crime stemming from the alleged Dec. 29 attack. Police have not identified the third man said to have been

involved.

The next day, the woman said Irvin told her, "Nothing happened; you will be OK."

She said Williams told her, "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to hurt you. Next time, if there is a next time, I'll be more gentle."

At one point during the alleged incident, Williams "began snorting powder cocaine off the bar in the room" before forcing the woman to perform a sexual act, the affidavit said.

Williams' lawyer, Peter Ginsberg, said, "What's important is the evidence gathered by the police, and I've been informed of no evidence which is consistent with the allegations of unlawful activities."

Irvin's lawyers did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press. The former All-Pro receiver has said he hasn't been to Williams' home in more than a year; Williams' lawyer supported that claim.

Irvin is on four years' proba-

tion for felony drug charges. During sentencing last summer, state District Judge Manny Alvarez told Irvin he'd be "looking at 20 years in the penitentiary" if he reappeared in court.

Roach's court also released an inventory of items seized from Williams' house on Dec. 31. The list included a loaded revolver, two loaded semi-automatic pistols, a video camera, more than two dozen video tapes, sexual paraphernalia and "one small package of aluminum foil containing unknown type residue."

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram quoted an anonymous source on Tuesday as saying no evidence links Irvin to the alleged assault.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that Irvin didn't appear on a seized videotape that allegedly shows Williams and the woman having sex. Police sources told the paper the voices on the tape would be analyzed.

Packers say: Bring on the 'frozen tundra'

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — After watching Carolina beat Dallas on a 65-degree night, Gilbert Brown, Green Bay's 325-pound nose tackle, was glad he doesn't have to leave frigid Lambeau Field for Sunday's NFC title game.

Brown is one of the few Packers on record as actually liking cold weather. He figures the fatigue factor is less.

But what about things like frostbite?

"You can deal with that," Brown insisted. "But you can't turn the heat down."

More important, tight end Mark Chmura said, it's hard for opponents to simulate Wisconsin's icy weather.

"You can prepare for warm

weather, you go inside and crank up the heat," he said. "When it's cold, you can't find a meat locker big enough to prepare."

Coach Mike Holmgren, who is holding practices at the team's indoor facility this week, just as he has every day since Nov. 1, agreed there's really no way for opponents to prepare for the chill that greets them in Green Bay.

"There is no way to simulate that sensation," he said.

And there's not many ways to deal with it, either, defensive end Sean Jones said. Sit by the heaters, gulp hot liquids, wear special clothing, it doesn't matter.

"Cold is cold," Jones said.

"You can't escape it, no matter what anyone tells you. People do all this stuff, come out there with no sleeves on and all this other macho stuff."

"But I think mentally, people handle it differently," Jones added. "And I just believe it's just three hours out of your life and if wearing that gold on your finger is real important to you, then I can handle it for three hours."

Center Frank Winters couldn't believe it when he watched the Panthers (13-4) beat Dallas in short sleeves and sunshine on Sunday.

"It was 65 degrees," Winters said. "And they were sitting on heated benches!"

Which explains some of the

wicked chortles in the Packers' locker room.

"I want cold Sunday," split end Antonio Freeman said. "I want chest-burning type of cold Sunday."

Coming right up. The long range forecast for Sunday's NFC championship at Lambeau Field calls for a temperature of 10 degrees at kickoff, with a wind-chill below zero and a 30-percent chance of snow.

The Packers (14-3) have won all 10 of their home playoff games in franchise history, including the fabled "Ice Bowl," against the Dallas Cowboys on Dec. 31, 1967, con-

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Hardaway, Smits return to save the day for struggling teams

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NBA

Penny Hardaway returned to the Orlando lineup, and Rik Smits was back on the court for Indiana. Neither had a great game, but both helped their struggling teams win.

Hardaway, sidelined most of the season because of knee problems, had 15 points, seven assists and six turnovers as the Magic beat Philadelphia 109-88 Tuesday night.

"I was never nervous, just anxious to get out there on the floor and run up and down," Hardaway said. "I wasn't really worried about my knee. It was just a matter of how I was going to play. I see I had six turnovers, so I'm a little rusty."

Smits, playing his first game of the season following surgery on both feet, had two points and five rebounds in Indiana's 95-90 victory over Cleveland.

"I was pleased, but not with my shooting," said Smits, who

was 1-for-8 from the field. "I was just happy to come back to a win. That's all that matters in the end."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was the Los Angeles Clippers 87, Toronto 80; New York 102, Dallas 72; New Jersey 90, San Antonio 74; Atlanta 105, Phoenix 103 in overtime; Milwaukee 86, Detroit 76; Houston 104, Minnesota 95; Seattle 94, Miami 85; and Denver 109, Sacramento 96.

In addition to getting Hardaway back, Orlando got a boost from the return of Horace Grant and Nick Anderson, who also had been sidelined with injuries.

Grant scored 20 points and Anderson had 12 points, eight rebounds and five assists for the Magic, who lost 13 of their previous 16 games.

"That was fun for a change,"

said coach Brian Hill, who has used 11 starting lineups in 29 games. "But just as we expected, it's going to take us a little bit of time. We've got to get a little bit of the rust off."

Smits was rusty in his season debut, but the 7-foot-4 center helped the Pacers by just being on the court. Indiana struggled to a 14-16 record without Smits.

"He was a big factor," said coach Larry Brown, who got his 600th NBA victory. "Him being there meant a lot to this team."

The Pacers won without star Reggie Miller, who was sidelined by the flu. Filling the offensive void were Dale Davis (9-for-9 from the field, 21 points), Travis Best (19 points) and Jalen Rose, who scored 16 as Miller's replacement.

Hawks 105, Suns 103

Henry James hit a 3-pointer with one second left in overtime to give Atlanta its 12th

straight home victory. Christian Laettner scored 30 points for the Hawks, while Dikembe Mutombo had 22 points and 21 rebounds.

Clippers 87, Raptors 80

At Toronto, Loy Vaught had 21 points and 14 rebounds as the Clippers rallied to win their fourth straight. Damon Stoudamire scored 25 points for the Raptors, who have lost four in a row.

Knicks 102, Mavericks 72

At New York, Dallas barely avoided its lowest point total ever. The Mavs were on pace to break their franchise low of 68 before backup center Greg Dreiling scored five points in the final 32 seconds. Patrick Ewing had 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks for New York, which played without ailing starters Chris Childs and Larry Johnson.

Nets 90, Spurs 74

At East Rutherford, Jayson Williams had 19 points and 16 rebounds in his return after missing 10 games with injuries. Williams, who was sidelined with torn ligaments in his right thumb and a strained right knee, helped the Nets snap a three-game losing streak.

Bucks 86, Pistons 76

Vin Baker had 25 points and 12 rebounds, and Milwaukee held Detroit to 28 points in the second half to win at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Bucks snapped a five-game losing streak and ended Detroit's four-game winning streak. Grant Hill led the Pistons with 24 points, nine assists and eight rebounds.

SuperSonics 94, Heat 85

Gary Payton scored 30 points and Sam Perkins had 13 in the fourth quarter, including four 3-pointers. The Sonics improved to 16-3 over Miami,

including 10-0 at Seattle. Tim Hardaway scored 28 points for the Heat, who lost their second straight on a West Coast trip after winning 14 in a row on the road.

Rockets 104, Timberwolves 95

Clyde Drexler scored a season-high 37 points and Hakeem Olajuwon shook off a poor shooting performance with 14 fourth-quarter points. The loss snapped Minnesota's home winning streak at four games and improved Houston's road record to 13-2, best in the Western Conference.

Nuggets 109, Kings 96

LaPhonso Ellis scored 13 of his career-high 33 points in the third quarter as Denver won at Sacramento. Ellis, whose previous high was 30 against San Antonio in the Nuggets' last game, connected on 14 of 21 shots from the field as Denver snapped a four-game losing streak.

STEERS

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Sweetwater turnovers.

"Brandi's done a good job for us all year," BSBS coach Ron Taylor said. "Defensively, she's taller than she looks, and she's just playing great basketball for us right now."

Purcell deflected any credit, spreading it instead to her teammates.

"Defense is the key to the game," she said. "If you can play defense, you can play with anybody... Once we start clicking, you can't stop us. We just had to start playing as a team."

Kim Robertson and Cole led the Lady Steers offensively with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Swindle and Vanessa Lehrman led the Lady Mustangs (1-2 in district) with 11 points each.

Big Spring also won the girls' junior varsity game, 43-30. Jaclyn Owusu scored 16 points and Marisa Smith added 9 for Big Spring, which improved to 11-5.

The Lady Steers face another key 4-4A showdown Friday when they travel to Andrews to face-district co-leader Andrews. Game time is 6 p.m.

Boys game

If Tuesday's game is any indication, the District 4-4A race is on — for second place.

Preseason favorite Sweetwater had two advantages over Big Spring — size and speed — and exploited those factors to full advantage.

Big Spring was able to stay close for most of the first half, and when John Smith canned consecutive three-pointers midway through the second quarter to pull the Steers within five points, it appeared an upset might be brewing.

No such luck.

The Mustangs (13-9 overall) responded to the Steers' run with one of their own, outscoring Big Spring 15-5 for the rest of the half. After that, the Steers were doomed.

"This was by far the best game we've played this year," Sweetwater coach Kenny Chandler said. "We knew Big Spring could play well, so we came out prepared. We've been on and off a lot this season, but now it's time to play."

BSBS coach Gary Tipton conceded that just about everything went wrong for his team.

"In the first half, we were playing right with them... and we get zero breaks, while they get them all," Tipton said. "The next thing we know, we're down by 15, and that's a bad place to be against Sweetwater."

Smith and Justin Myers led the Steers with 12 and 11 points, respectively. The Mustangs were led by Sherrick Williams, who scored 23 points.

In junior varsity action, Big Spring edged Sweetwater 41-39. Travis Womack led the Steers (12-4) with 14 points.

The Steers (7-12 overall) return to action Friday at Andrews. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

AREA

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Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs, who improved to 12-7 overall and 3-0 in district play, were held to only 19 first-half points, but turned the defensive tables in the second half, limiting Roscoe to 17 points in the final two quarters.

Blake Nichols and Robert Lain scored 10 points apiece to lead Coahoma, which returns to action at 8 p.m. Friday at Ozona.

Roscoe 40

Bulldogettes 28

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes were dealt their first District 8-2A loss of the season Tuesday, coming up on the short end of a 40-28 score against Roscoe.

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FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
Dallas 40, Minnesota 15
Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday's Games
Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14
Jacksonville 30, Denver 27
Sunday's Games
New England 28, Pittsburgh 3
Carolina 28, Dallas 17
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
Carolina at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at New England, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
Carolina-Green Bay winner vs. Jacksonville-New England winner, 5:18 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (ABC)

College scores

EAST
Boston College 84, Syracuse 83
Drexel 102, Towson 52, 72
Georgetown 70, Notre Dame 57
Hartford 78, Maine 53
Hofstra 81, Delaware 70
Rhode Island 79, Temple 72, OT
Vermont 77, New Hampshire 65
SOUTH
Clemson 86, Duke 82, OT
Dakota St. 67, Md.-E. Shore 60
Hampton U. 78, S. Carolina SC 59
Kentucky 90, Mississippi St. 61
Liberty 80, Montreat-Anderson 52
Memphis 80, South Florida 59
N. Carolina St. 75, Texas-Pan
American 25
MIDWEST
Colorado 87, Missouri 78
Dayton 98, Xavier, Ohio 91
Evansville 80, S. Illinois 75
Iowa 59, Purdue 56
Marquette 67, Iowa St. 64
Wichita St. 64, Bradley 59, OT
FAIR WEST
Sacramento St. 69, Portland St. 61

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
New York 24, 9, 727
Miami 24, 9, 727
Washington 16, 15, 516
Orlando 12, 17, 414
New Jersey 9, 21, 300
Philadelphia 8, 24, 250
Boston 7, 23, 235
Central Division
Chicago 29, 4, 878
Detroit 24, 8, 750
Cleveland 21, 11, 656
Atlanta 19, 11, 633
Charlotte 18, 14, 563
Milwaukee 18, 16, 400
Indiana 15, 16, 484
Toronto 10, 22, 313
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Houston 25, 8, 758
Utah 23, 7, 719
Minnesota 14, 19, 424
Dallas 10, 20, 333
San Antonio 9, 22, 290
Denver 9, 23, 281
Vancouver 6, 27, 182
Pacific Division
L.A. Lakers 25, 10, 714
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TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday
American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Alex Smith player development assistant, and Dave Birecki, Joel Gramptier, Doug Harris and Greg Whitworth territorial scouts.

PACKERS

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sidered the coldest game ever played in the NFL.
Packers quarterback Brett Favre has added to the Lambeau lore.

He's 18-0 at home when the temperature at kickoff is 35 or below, including Saturday's 35-14 rout of San Francisco in a rare January rainstorm that chewed up the field and forced groundskeepers to try to replace the sod this week.

Although some Panthers played in cold conditions before joining the team, Carolina has played just twice with temperatures 35 or below in its two seasons of existence.

The Panthers played San Francisco on Dec. 10, 1995, at Clemson (S.C.) Memorial Stadium in 34-degree temperatures and a wind-chill of 15. They lost 31-10.

They played at Washington's RFK Stadium two weeks later, when it was 35 degrees and they lost 20-17.

Packers receiver Don Beebe, who played for the Panthers last year after several seasons in Buffalo, said those two games were relatively balmy.

"It really wasn't that bad, believe me," Beebe said. "Saturday here made that look like Palm Beach. And it's going to be worse this week. None of those players this year or last

Relaxed Sampras wins at Colonial

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Mentally and physically refreshed after a five-week break, Pete Sampras defeated Michael Stich 6-4, 7-5 today in the Colonial Classic.

Sampras, the world's top-ranked player, said he is in the right frame of mind to mount a serious bid to win his second Australian Open title later this month.

Sampras, who won the Australian Open in 1994, lost to Mark Philippoussis in the third round at the National Tennis Center. He believes he will be better prepared this time.

The eight-man Colonial Classic is the final warm-up tournament before starts Monday.

The Colonial is played at Kooyong on identical Rebound Ace courts to those used for the opening Grand Slam tournament of the year.

"It's been quite a while since I played," Sampras said after downing Stich, a former Wimbledon champion, in just 68 minutes.

"It was a little bit breezy, but I thought I hit the ball pretty well, served well. Matches are something that I need and this week certainly provides that," Sampras said.

"It is a good start and hopefully I'll be playing my best tennis come Monday or Tuesday."

The 25-year-old American said he is going into the new season more relaxed mentally than he has been in past years. "I've had a good break," he said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Hawks win
BORGER — The Howard College Lady Hawks cured their road blues in a big way Tuesday, pounding Frank Phillips 87-51 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

The game was close for most of the first half before the Lady Hawks went into intermission with a 38-30 lead.

LaTonya Kindle led the Lady Hawks (3-2 in WJAC play)

with 22 points, while Kyna Cosby scored 21 points and Paige Mitchell added 12.

The Lady Hawks return to action Saturday at home against Western Texas College. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Hawks game moved

Howard College's men's game with Hill Junior College, originally scheduled for Tuesday, will be played at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Garrett Coliseum.

McKimmey wins tourney
Drew McKimmey, a sophomore at Big Spring High School, won the Arlington Northwest Zone Tennis Tournament last weekend.

McKimmey won the tournament with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Douglas Eckstein of Abilene Cooper. The win qualifies McKimmey for Championship Boys 18 competition in U.S. Tennis Association play.
Big Spring's Zach Smiley also competed in the event.

Rutgers-Camden finally snaps all-time futility streak with win

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It wasn't a good night for unbeatens. It was a great night for the all-time non-winner.

Fourth-ranked Iowa State and No. 12 Xavier dropped from the ranks of the unbeatens Tuesday night, leaving Kansas, Wake Forest and Oregon with that distinction.

Meanwhile, Rutgers-Camden, which took losing to a level no other team ever approached, finally left the court a winner for the first time in almost five years, a span of 117 games.

Marquette beat Iowa State 67-64 and Dayton downed Xavier, Ohio 98-91, leaving them 116 games from tying Division III Rutgers-Camden's record streak that ended with a 77-72 victory over Bloomfield College.

"We're on a one-game winning streak," freshman Dawan Boxley said after the Pioneers (1-9) won for the first time since beating Ramapo College on Jan. 18, 1992.

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, it was No. 3 Kentucky 90, Mississippi State 61; No. 5 Clemson 86, No. 10 Duke 82 in overtime; and No. 23 Boston College 94, Syracuse 83.

Senior Craig Bell, who had 14 points, was optimistic Rutgers-Camden's winning streak would continue.

"This is not it. We hope to keep this going," he said. "I want to tell the guys not to think this is all we need to win."

The previous record for a losing streak was 47 games by another branch of New Jersey's state university, Rutgers-Newark, from 1983 to 1985. The Division I record of 37 straight losses was set by The Citadel from January 1954 to December 1955.

When the game with Bloomfield (5-11) ended, about

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100 fans rushed the court to celebrate with the players.

Bloomfield coach Mike Mancino told his players: "If this is the worst thing that happens to you in your life, you've got a pretty good life. It's only basketball."

No. 3 Kentucky 90, Mississippi St. 61

Derek Anderson scored 10 of his 26 points during a 12-2 second-half run that led the Wildcats (13-1, 2-0 SEC) to their 13th straight victory. Horatio Webster had 17 points to lead the Bulldogs (7-8, 1-1), who committed a season-high 31 turnovers. Mississippi State was the last team to beat Kentucky in Rupp Arena (Feb. 14, 1994).

Marquette 67, No. 4 Iowa St. 64

Aaron Hutchins scored 20 points to lead the visiting Golden Eagles (10-2), who held Iowa State (10-1) without a field goal for 8 minutes during a 12-2 run that gave them a 62-54 lead.

Kenny Pratt, who scored nine of Iowa State's final 10 points, pulled the Cyclones within one with 1:16 remaining. Marquette missed a shot on its next possession, but Mike Bargan and Anthony Pieper double-teamed Dedic Willoughby and Pieper knocked the ball loose, was fouled and made both free throws with 6.7 seconds left. Willoughby, who finished with 23 points, missed a hurried 3-point shot just before the buzzer.

No. 5 Clemson 86, No. 10 Duke 82

The Tigers (13-1, 2-0 ACC) set a school record by making 22 of 23 free throws. Terrell McIntyre of Clemson made two

free throws to tie the game 76-76 with eight seconds left in regulation. Greg Newton of the visiting Blue Devils (11-3, 2-1) was left alone under the basket, but fumbled away a pass from Steve Wojciechowski with 2.8 seconds to go.

Wojciechowski opened the overtime with a 3-pointer, but the Tigers went on an 8-0 run for their ninth straight victory while ending Duke's six-game winning streak. McIntyre finished with 17 points and Trajan Langdon had a career-high 25 for Duke, but he scored only one point over the final 10 minutes of the game and missed three 3-pointers in the overtime.

Dayton 98, No. 12 Xavier, Ohio 91

Darnell Hoskins scored a career-high 30 points and Mark Ashman and Rodney Horton each had 20 points for the Flyers (6-4, 1-1 Atlantic 10). Lenny Brown had 29 points for Xavier (10-1, 1-1), which was off to the best start in school history and moved this week to its highest ranking in 38 years. The Musketeers pulled within five points with 33 seconds remaining, but Gary Lumpkin missed a 3-point attempt, and Hoskins made two free throws to seal it.

No. 23 Boston College 94, Syracuse 83

Danya Abrams had 28 points and 16 rebounds as the Eagles (9-2, 4-1 Big East) held off a late rally after leading by 18 points in the second half. Jason Cipolla had a career-high 28 points for Syracuse (8-6, 0-4), including a layup that made it 85-81 with 1:59 to go. But Abrams made four free throws and Andy Bedard converted two more to seal it. The 0-4 Big East start is a first for the Orangemen, who lost at home for the third time this season.

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HELP WANTED

System Support Specialist #
Position #
\$1,898/Month

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 8:

Enjoy your unusual vitality and effervescent personality this year. You make a big difference wherever you apply yourself. You exude energy, creativity and dynamic ideas, all rolled up in one. You feel the need to make an adjustment on the home front. Be honest with yourself. You pull the financial wild card; remember, this can swing either way! If you are single, romance certainly will knock on your door. On some level, euphoria is present. If attached, your significant sweetie continues to be there for you. Share your dreams. AQUARIUS joins you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You successfully handle a long overdue problem. Compile a list, and clear it out. Your imagination helps you find the right answer. Brainstorm, and go for what you want. Emphasize networking and expanding your horizons. Tonight: Consider taking a week off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) HHHHHH Get past a liability, making inquiries. You make waves with innovative thinking. Willingness to seek out answers where there seems to be none makes you a winner. Touch base with what you need. Tonight: Be willing to put in extra hours at work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your ability to see the big picture helps you get past roadblocks. Understanding is key. Make a positive change within a partnership. An associate goes out of his way to be agreeable to your terms. It's time to pounce! Tonight: Consider a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Understand more of what is going on with others. To be sure, they are going to tell you, in no uncertain terms. You find it very easy to respond to others. Demonstrate your goodwill and positive nature. Tonight: Get to the bottom line in a discussion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Work is high-profile, and you shine. Be positive about what is happening. Be aware of the alternatives. A decision is needed. Trust your energy and wisdom. Others seek you out, and want to pitch in. Tonight: Take a night off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)

A loved one is touched by what you do. You are inspired. It is as if you have your own personal muse. Let creativity and imagination roam freely. Charge some of it into your work. Expect the unexpected. Tonight: Try to get all your errands done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You want to crow, you are so proud of a loved one. Others come to you, in the mood for celebration. You have good news as well. A loved one could throw you a loop. Know that you can deal with it. Tonight: Go where the wildness is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have much ground to cover, and you do it with ease. Trust your instincts with a special someone, who is full of news and excitement. Follow your inner voice if it leads you in an unusual direction. A child demonstrates a lot of caring. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A money offer seems too good to be true. Check it out, utilizing all your resources. If you need to, reach out for others who have more perspective on matters like this. Be conservative, yet keep communications open. Unexpected news comes your way. Tonight: Visit a favorite nightspot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are a force to be dealt with. You cannot be stopped, you are so focused. You pull the financial wild card. You move in unexpected ways. Make fewer judgments, and flow with the moment. What seemed like a dream could easily become a reality. Tonight: Say "yes".

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep a lid on a secret. Changes are exciting. You have reason to celebrate. Intuition provides a strong backboard for you to rely on. Be more direct with an inquiry in the later part of the day. This isn't time to mince words. Tonight: Do whatever pleases you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Let nothing dissuade you. Remain focused on goals. You can be unusually successful. Concentrate on the long term. A friendship is expanding, and could become a lot more. Be receptive to an opportunity that comes out of the blue. Tonight: Spend time with a significant other.

Another tear in the fabric of baseball

Peter O'Malley puts the Los Angeles Dodgers on the auction block, and it puts another small tear in the fabric of baseball. The last family in the game is headed for the exits.

"My first reaction was surprise," interim commissioner Bud Selig said, "and then sadness."

For people of a certain age, the names of teams, especially baseball teams, are forever linked with the names of the families that owned them. The Yawkeys in Boston, the Wrigleys in Chicago, the Carpenters in Philadelphia, and the O'Malleys in Brooklyn and then Los Angeles.

Whatever you thought of a team, knowing who stood behind it suggested a kind of accountability that was in keeping with the way business was done. It might have been just a quaint notion. Either way it's gone. Most people could also name the owner of the stores where they bought everything from groceries to furniture back then. That's gone too.

Times change. Partnerships and corporations are the shopkeepers now. So it is with baseball. That message was at the heart of what O'Malley said Monday when he tried to explain why he was stepping out from behind the counter of one of the most celebrated and successful sports franchises ever.

"If you look at all sports, it's a high-risk business," he said.

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"Professional sports is as high risk as the oil business. You need a broader base than an individual family to carry you through the storm."

No one should worry about the family's ability to weather any future tempests. Not when the bidding for the Dodgers package — which includes a ballpark, Chavez Ravine, a spring training complex in Vero Beach, Fla., and another baseball facility in the Dominican Republic — is expected to begin at \$300 million.

Instead, we should worry about the future of baseball — again. O'Malley treated the Dodgers like the civic trust they were. His teams won. They played to big crowds. They kept ticket prices low. They made money. When running a team that is a model citizen in both the community and the competitive sports world begins to feel too risky for experienced hands like O'Malley's, look out.

It means the gyrations are becoming wilder and wilder. It means more owners with other sources of income, people for whom a baseball team is not only not the principal business, but not even the biggest money-maker. It less loyalty all the way around — to ballparks, to ballplayers, to people in the front office, even to the city that houses them.

"I suppose it's kind of a recognition that things have changed, that the faces of ownership will continue to evolve," Cubs president Andy MacPhail said.

"The one thing that's worrisome, no matter who runs the operation, is that it's difficult to see how anybody could have run an operation better or more efficiently than the O'Malleys did."



Jim Iltke Associated Press

Ueberroth interested in purchasing Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth says he and a group of investors would consider buying the Los Angeles Dodgers if the price was right.

And what might be right? The Baltimore Orioles sold for a record \$175 million to a group headed by Peter Angelos. That was in 1993.

"The Dodgers baseball franchise is, in my view, the most valuable franchise in baseball," Ueberroth said Tuesday, a day after owner Peter O'Malley announced that the team was up for sale.

"We would have a strong interest, but I don't think we'd be a very likely winning bidder because of the franchise nature of the Dodgers franchise," said Ueberroth, whose group's bid for the California Angels last year was outdone by the Walt Disney Co.

The Los Angeles Times reported today that other prospective bidders include O.J. Simpson's criminal trial lawyer Robert Shapiro and Robert Daly, the co-chairman of the music and film divisions of Time Warner. Each told the paper he would consider bidding as part of a group of wealthy investors.

The paper also reported that numerous insiders in the sports and telecommunications industries are speculating about a bid from Los Angeles-based Fox Television, a unit of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

Observers said the acquisition would make sense for the network, which will broadcast Dodger games this season, and for Murdoch, who could then profit from Dodger telecasts on his other communications holdings.

"If buying the Dodgers became part of the sports plan of Fox," Ueberroth told the Times, "Rupert Murdoch would more than likely be the successful bidder, in my view."

Fox executives could not be reached by the paper for comment. Industry experts speculated that the Dodgers' starting price would be \$200 million, but the closing would be closer to \$300 million. O'Malley, whose fami-

ly has controlled the franchise since 1950, said he would take his time.

"Results are more important than timing," he said Monday. "We've probably received one offer a year for 25 years. I may be here for a long time. It will not be a circus."

Politicians did get into the act, however. In New York, Brooklyn borough President Howard Golden sent letters to Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani asking for a commission to look for ways to bring the team "home."

Walter O'Malley moved the Brooklyn Dodgers west after the 1957 season, a move still regarded as betrayal by many in Flatbush.

Broadway producer Manny Kladitt said his investors, including Japanese backers, were interested in bringing the Dodgers back to New York, too, and he planned to talk to the mayor.

"It is crucial that the future ownership be more than a faceless corporate entity or another agricultural sports owner," Los Angeles Councilwoman Laura Chick said in a resolution she introduced Tuesday.

Chick figures the Dodgers are already home, and her resolution urges O'Malley to explore public ownership of the team. She held up the NFL's Green Bay Packers as a model for the nation's second-largest city.

Over 4,500 shares of Packers stock are owned by 1,898 people, with no more than 200 shares owned individually. When shares are sold, which seldom happens, no profits are allowed. The team turned a \$5.4 million profit last year.

If the 9.2 million people in Los Angeles County bought a \$30 share apiece, they would be in speculative range of \$300 million. And the county has about 9.1 million more people than Green Bay.

"In a city this size, I think it would work even easier," because there would be more investors, Chick said. When she emphasized to colleagues that the idea didn't involve tax money, "they got excited," she said.

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Being a 20 acre tract of land out of Section 18, Block 22, Township 1-South, T.3P. Rly. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and being the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 18, described by the plat on record in the public records of said County, Texas, as follows: BEGINNING at a 1/4 inch I.P., in the East line of said Section 18, which bears S. 14 deg. 10' 37" E. 329.82 feet to the NE corner of said Section 18, a 1/4 inch I.P. to a rock mound, 26.8 feet West of a fence corner. The coordinates of said NE corner of Section 18 are a southeasterly 77,289.49 and y equals 293,205.28. Said 1/4 inch I.P. being the NE corner of this tract.

THENCE South 14 deg. 10' 37" East, along the East line of said Section 18, 609.19 feet to a 1/4 inch I.P. at the SE corner of this tract, for which the coordinates are a southeasterly 77,850.80 and y equals 214,268.82. THENCE South 74 deg. 56' 12" West 1919.64 feet to a 1/4 inch I.P. at the SE corner of this tract, for which the coordinates are a southeasterly 77,850.80 and y equals 214,268.82. THENCE North 14 deg. 22' 22" West, along the East line of said Section 18, 609.19 feet to a 1/4 inch I.P. at the NW corner of this tract.

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Charming single aunt is regularly uncoupled

DEAR ABBY: I have always been close to my aunt. She's my father's sister and is in her early 40s. She's a perky, gregarious, charming and very pretty. She's single and insists she is happy that way. I'm not convinced.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

In the last two years, she has dated three men — one was married, one engaged and one was recently divorced. Initially, all three seemed to genuinely care for her, but after a few weeks, they reunited with their former mates.

It would be one thing if Aunt could say, "Good riddance," and get on with her life, but this is not the case. She visits the workplaces of their former mates, hoping for an opportunity to drop the bomb the guys are philandering. She also calls and pages these men at work, then makes excuses to us why they never call her back. Abby, she even drives by their homes and businesses repeatedly.

I'm beginning to dread her visits, and the tales of her activities embarrass me. There is no reason for a woman with her looks and personality to get mixed up with attached men, and carry on like this when they no longer want to see her. When family members comment on her behavior, she gets defensive and angry, but nothing changes.

Abby, is there any way to get her out of this vicious cycle? I would like to see her settled and happy with one man instead of wasting her time on men who are not available.

EMBARRASSED NIECE

DEAR NIECE: Aunt, with all her charm and beauty, may unconsciously not really want a permanent commitment. She needs to find out why she chooses only men who are not available. I recommend counseling for Aunt.

DEAR ABBY: Help! I have just returned from the walk from hell — one of many. All because my neighbor talks non-stop about herself. She goes on and on about her past: how wonderful she is, how wonderful her son is. (She's certain he will be the mayor of this little town one day.)

She never asks anything about me or members of my family. Abby, I try my best to be courteous and appear interested, but inside, I am ready to scream. If you have any suggestions short of running in the other direction when I see her, I will be very grateful.

I am signing my real name, but please don't use it because this is a small town, and I don't want to publicly embarrass her. — BORED TO TEARS

DEAR BORED: Look at it this way. This pathetic woman desperately needs someone to listen to her. She has probably worn out her welcome with her other neighbors. It would be an act of charity to give her an audience, but in order to preserve your own sanity, let her talk for as long as you can tolerate it; then tell her you have things to do, give her a hug and say, "We'll talk again when I have more time."

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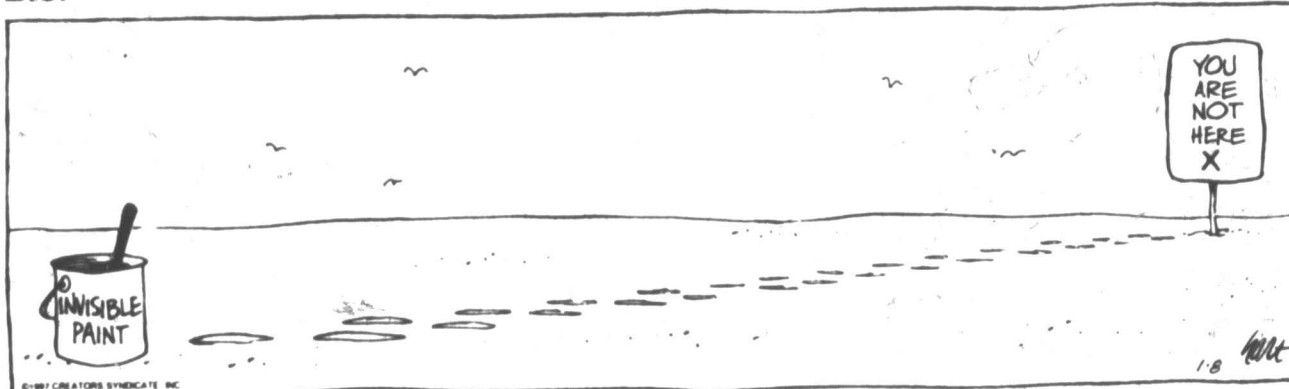
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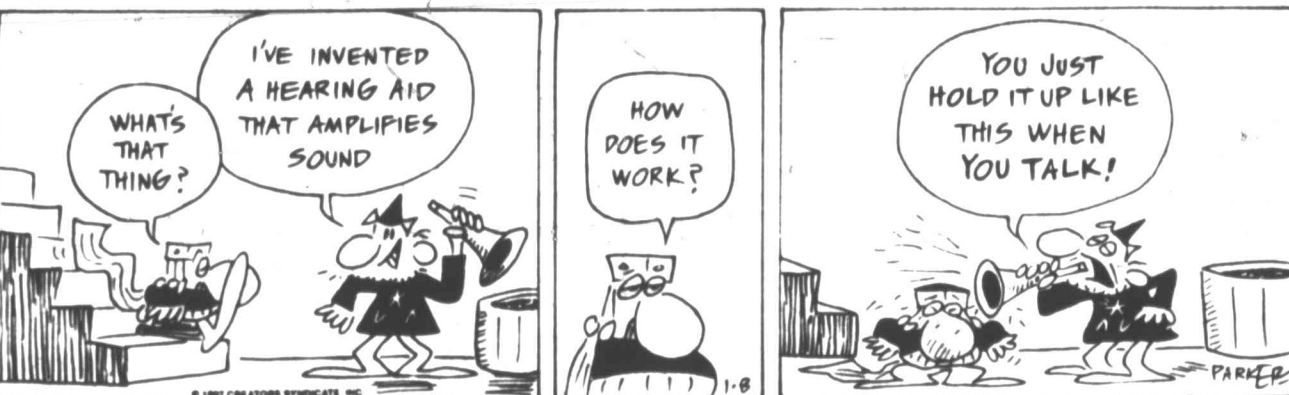
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"I'm mailing this letter to St. Paul." "Where did you get his address?"

"How come you're mad at me? I'm not the one who lost your temper!"

WIZARD OF ID



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 1997. There

are 357 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss. On this date: In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy. In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the

British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812. In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I. In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic. In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New York. In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris. In 1975, Judge John J. Sirica ordered the release of Watergate figures John W. Dean III, Herbert W. Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder from prison. In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing at age 78. In 1982, American Telephone & Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

Ten years ago: For the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25. President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he'd undergone prostate surgery. Kay Orr was sworn in as the first female governor of Nebraska.

HI AND LOIS



THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

GASOLINE ALLEY



Tuesday's Puzzle solved: A grid with words like SIMP, MRED, CAROL, KNEE, AONE, ALIBI, etc.

SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILEY



Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

RITZ advertisement for movies like Scream and Jerry Maguire.

CINEMA 1 advertisement for movies like Michael and Jerry Maguire.

CROSSROADS COUNTRY ADVERTISER

January 8, 1997

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VEHICLES

Autos for Sale 016

1994 LINCOLN Mark VIII. 22K, like brand new. \$21,750. 267-6845. '97 Mercury Sable. \$200. Needs TR work. 263-0428. 1988 GRAND PRIX LE. Hill damaged, runs well, a/c & new tires. Best Offer. Call 263-0160. SEIZED CARS from \$175. Pontiac, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's Corvettes. Also jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. A-2113 for current listings.

Boats 020

16FT. Fiberglass bass boat with depth finder, trolling motor & 115 horsepower Mercury motor, skis, extras. 264-9017.

Jeeps 023

1971 Jeep Wrangler. New tires, wheels, interior & top. Automatic. \$3750 a possible owner finance. 2906 Parkway. 263-8229.

Pickups 027

FOR SALE: 1985 Ford P/U Super cab, 1/2 Ton, 351-V8. 267-5300.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements 036

\$75.00 REWARD for return of THREE 6 ft. metal candy canes taken from the court house around Dec. 25th. Call 263-0088 or 263-8204.

CONCEALED HANDGUN CLASS Sat. Jan. 11. One Day Class. Contact Tommy Scott 394-4981.

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Personal 039

WHY WAIT? Start meeting Texas Singles tonight. 1-800-766-2623, ext. 4930.

BUSINESS

Business Opp. 050

Dist. Hershey/Mars Local Rte. established just for you! \$100K 1st yr/ min. Invest. under \$5,000. 800-486-1912 24 Hrs.

GUARANTEED \$500 per day helping the US government process HUD/FHA refunds, local area. Call 1-210-697-3208.

PEPSI/HERSHEY 27 locations, going fast. Earn \$2200 weekly. Must Sell. 1-800-211-8363 24 hrs.

Instruction 060

START YOUR NEW CAREER TODAY!! ACT Truck Driving School JTA Approved/VA approved 1-800-282-8658 273 CR 287, Merkel, TX 79536

REGISTERED NOW FOR PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS. BEGINNING JAN. 1ST

Beginners through advance. Years of teaching experience. 2607 Rebecca. Call 263-3367 or 398-5447.

Oil & Gas 070

BUYING Producing and non producing Royalty and Minerals. Write Cook Oil Properties, Box 1829, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (915) 267-2529.

Adult Care 075

"A PLACE THAT FEELS LIKE HOME" HOME SWEET HOME -Elderly Foster Care, Richard and Carolina Dimes (operators), 1411 North Bryan, Lamesa, TX 79331. Bus: 806-872-8266, Home: 806-872-5509

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted 085

AB'S, ENGINEERS, Mates, Capts, Officers, Rig Cooks, OS w/z-card. Legend Marine Personnel Service, 6694 Bissonnet #660, Houston, Texas 6713-776-1008. GILL'S FRIED Chicken is now hiring for day shift. Must be able to work weekends. 1101 Gregg.

GUARANTEED Full-time for Pusher on non-stab truck. Vacation & paid holidays. Call Cat Construction at 267-8429 for appointment.

Help Wanted 085

FULL OR PART TIME help needed for delivery, assembling, and clean up. Apply at Branham Furniture 2004 W. 4th.

EVENING COOK needed. Mon-Sat. Will train. Must be able to work weekends. At FILLED...ese Grill, 2401 Gregg.

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. TX-2174.

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN with Residential and Commercial experience. Salary depending on experience & dependability. NOLAN ELECTRIC, 1010 25th St Snyder, Tx. 79549. 915-573-6117.

NEEDED FRONT desk personnel. Will train. Will pay Top dollar for right person. 263-7621.

NEED DRIVERS for our Lamesa & Ackery yard. Must have Class A-CDL License. Day/night shifts, good benefits, furnish insurance. 800-522-0474.

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NOW HIRING: Front counter help. Must be willing to work mornings/evening shift. Apply at Jumburrito, 2200 Gregg St.

OUTSIDE SALES. Self-starter, salary plus commission. Send resume to P.O. Box 1043, Big Spring, Tx 79720.

RELIABLE, EXPERIENCED Farmhand only, around Stanton area. Call after 7:00pm 684-5418.

TEAM & SINGLE DRIVERS WANTED We offer an excellent benefit package: Sign-on-bonus, competitive wage package, 401k with company contribution, retention bonus, Health/Dental/Life insurance, and uniforms.

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WEST TEXAS CENTER FOR MMHR ACCOUNTING CLERKS \$1261 AND \$1421 PER MONTH (DOE&Q) Performs routine bookkeeping and clerical work in fiscal record keeping, but not responsible for maintaining a complete set of books. Works under moderate supervision. High school graduation or GED required plus a minimum of one year of accounting experience. Two positions available in Big Spring, Texas.

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Computer Users Needed. Work Own Hours. 20k to \$50k/yr. 1-800-346-7186 X 976

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Loans 095

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\$100.00 to \$435.00

Call or come by Security Finance

204 S. Goliad 267-4591 Phone applications welcome. Se Habla Espanol

FARMERS COLUMN

Grain Hay Feed 220

HAY: Large round bales. \$20-\$30 bales. 806-689-2227.

ROUND BALES OF RED TOP CANE HAY. Johnny Middleton, 267-7625.

MISCELLANEOUS

Antiques 290

ANTIQUES & FINE FURNITURE, over 450 clocks, lamps, old phonograph players, and telephones. We also repair & refinish all of the above. Call or bring to House of Antiques, 4008 College, Snyder, Texas. 915-573-4422. 9am-6:30pm.

Appliances 299

GUARANTEED USED WASHERS, DRYERS, REFRIGERATORS, AND STOVES. BRANHAM FURNITURE, 2004 W. 4th., 263-3066.

RENT-TO-OWN REBUILT APPLIANCES Easy terms, guaranteed, delivery and connect. will buy Kenmore, Whirlpool & GE washers. We have evaporative and refrigerated air conditioners for sale 264-0510 and/or 1811 Scurry.

Building Materials 349

3 Steel arch buildings, new 40x30 was \$6,200, now \$2,990. 40x56 was \$10,840 now \$5,990. 50x120 was \$20,450 now \$11,990. Endwalls available. 1-800-745-2685.

Two steel buildings, public liquidation, 40x27 was \$6450 now \$3250. 40x60 was \$8690 now \$5980. Must sell, can deliver, blueprints included. 1-800-292-0111.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE: Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

Firewood 378

BEST MESQUITE IN THE COUNTRY! Firewood for sale. Call 915-695-5638 or 673-2060.

Furniture 390

SUPER SINGLE Waterbed, 6-drawers, rail pads. 263-4522.

Lost & Found Misc. 393

LOST!! Wedding-Birthstone & Gold band rings, possibly at KC's. Reward Offered!! Call 394-4764.

Miscellaneous 395

BASEBALL cards, football cards for sale or trade. Packs, sets, commons, stars, and lots more. Call 264-6225 or 267-0304.

CHIMNEY CLEANING BY ERIC Cleaning, repairs, & caps. FREE ESTIMATES. Call 263-7015.

FOR SALE, "Little Rascal" 3-wheeler electric wheel-chair. Trunk lift included used only 3 months, was bought new. Call 263-7278.

FREE pallets may be picked up at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry.

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ALL CHIMNEYS NEED A SWEEP! CLEANING, REPAIRS, SMOKING CORRECTED. PROMPT DEPENDABLE SERVICE!!!! FERRELL'S 267-6504.

NICE maternity clothes for sale, size 12 & 14. Call 267-7139.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Miscellaneous 395

WEDDINGS, CAKES, ETC.

CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS

ATTENTION BRIDES OF 1997.

10% discount on wedding cakes; 15% discount on cakes plus silk flowers when you plan and commit during January for '97. We rent florals for our a-bras and arches for the church. Call now to get your date. Hours: 9:00am-12:00noon 3:00pm-6:00pm Later appointments if needed

The Grisham's 267-8191

Portable Building 422

A FULL LINE OF STORAGE BUILDINGS!! 8x8 to 16x60 Custom orders welcome!! Sierra Mercantile 263-1460 1-20 East S. Service Road

SPAS 431

TRADE IN spa/hot tub - must sell this week. 563-3108.

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REAL ESTATE

Buildings for Sale 506

12 X 24 Garage/shop - overhead door - heavy duty floor - deliver and financing available. 563-3108.

Commercial Real Estate 511

FOR LEASE, 2 fenced 1 acre yards with small building. Call 263-5000. Westex Auto Parts, Inc.

Houses for Sale 513

5 to 10, 2 or 3 bedroom houses. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

Want To Buy

808 BAYLOR Blvd., 3/bedroom, 2/baths, Moss Elem ISD. Storage building; sprinkler system; and many extras; \$75,000., for information call 264-0420.

BEST LOCATION in town! 3,800 sq. ft. 3 or 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 car garage. Beautiful 1-1/2 acre yard. \$225,000. 263-2382, 263-4697.

BRAND NEW in Coronado Hills, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge living room with built in entertainment center, lawn, sprinkler, mini blinds, and large country kitchen. Open house Saturday and Sunday. Call 1-915-520-9848 for showing.

FOR SALE: 3212 Drexel, 3/bedroom, 1/bath, single garage, fenced backyard, new heater and A/C. Call 263-7825 and ask for Jim.

FOR SALE: 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, laundry room, swimming pool, basketball court, central vacuum, water softener, built in book shelves, desks, china cabinet, & wet bar. (Highland South). \$109,950. BEST OFFER. Call 267-1648.

2 BEDROOM Brick home on ten acres south of town. Fireplace, storage buildings, fruit trees, satellite system, good water. Also have 32ft. Prowler 5th travel trailer, complete with generator and satellite, used two times. 263-4803.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 4/bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2/car garage, 2/living areas, laundry room, patio, cinderblock fence on large corner lot in Highland South. 263-1246/263-1126.

NICE 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick home. \$4,000/down, \$265.63/per month. 7 years. Call 268-9954.

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THROW AWAY YOUR PAINTBRUSH! Maintenance free vinyl siding on the HUGE 28' X 64', 4 bedroom home never needs paint. As low as \$323 per month, 10% down, 8.5% APR, 360 mos. Buy down financing. USA HOMES, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 520-2177, 1-915-520-2177. Se habla Espanol With approved credit

* The Credit Professionals! Call today for pre-approval on your mobile home. We have the highest approval rating in West Texas. 1-915-363-0881 / 1-915-800-725-0881.

RENT-TO-OWN-HOMES 4 BEDROOM, 2-BATH, garage, barn, fenced, \$350.00/mo, 15yrs. Real need 2-bedroom, fenced, \$250/mo. 1-bedroom, garage, nice house, nice yard, \$200.00/mo. 264-0510.

WAS 27, NOW 16 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front. Call Key Homes Inc. 1-915-520-9848

COUNTRY LIVING

1010 Derrick Road, Coahoma ISD, 3/2/2 brick, 1 1/2 acres, shop, corral, barn, hot tub, fenced. Call 263-7924 after 6:30pm.

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Mobile Homes 517

TICK TOCK... Tick Tock... Tick Tock. The clock is ticking down on 1996 and we need to reduce our inventory before year end. Every home in Clearlake Sale priced with a Red Tag so hurry to today and pick out YOUR DREAM HOME. USA Homes 4808 W. Wall, Midland 820-2177, 1-800-820-2177, So hablo Espanol

Lake Property 519

2 BEDROOM mobile home on shaded Colorado City lake lot. \$21,000. Owner Finance. Soacia Weaver Real Estate, 263-3089.

RENTALS

Business Buildings 520

FOR RENT: small building or car lot. 810 E. 4th. \$150/monthly. \$100/deposit. Call 263-6000.

RETAIL STORE for lease, approximately 2000 sq. ft. located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514. Owner/Broker.

Furnished Apts. 521

998. Move in Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer. 263-7811.

FULLY FURNISHED 1 bedroom apartment. \$175/month, \$150/deposit. No bills paid. Call 267-4000.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only. No pets. 263-6644-263-2341.

SMALL EFFICIENCY apartment. Prefer mature elder, male. \$275/month, \$50/deposit. Bills paid 1606 Main (near). Call 267-2238.

Furnished Houses 522

CLEAN 1 bedroom, 204 E 22nd. \$265/monthly, \$100/deposit. Sorry no pets. Call 263-4822.

Roommate Wanted 530

SENIOR CITIZEN wanted to rent room, bill paid. Meals and personal care available, smoking permitted. Eve. 264-6888, keep trying.

Unfurnished Apts. 532

1 BEDROOM Duplex with stove & refrigerator. No bills paid. Deposit, references. 267-3271.

FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent, all utilities paid, single occupancy. \$100/deposit, \$300/monthly, 267-1782.

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

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ALL BILLS PAID Section 8 Available RENT BASED ON INCOME 3 Bedroom Apartments NORTHCREST VILLAGE 1002 N. Main 267-5191 or

BEAUTIFUL GARDEN COURTYARD SWIMMING POOL * PRIVATE PATIOS CARPETS * APPLIANCES * MOST UTILITIES * POND * SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT * ON PREMISE MANAGER * 1 & 2 BEDROOMS UNFURNISHED

PARKHILL TERRACE APARTMENTS 800 WEST MARCY DRIVE 263-5555 263-5000

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LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX SWIMMING POOL * CARPETS * MOST UTILITIES * POND * SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT * ON PREMISE MANAGER * 1 & 2 BEDROOMS 1 OR 2 BATHS * UNFURNISHED

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS 1904 EAST 25TH STREET 267-5444 263-5000

BARCELONA APARTMENT HOMES \$99 Move in Special w/6 month lease • 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments • Lighted Tennis Courts • Pool • Sauna 538 Westover 263-1252

Unfurnished Houses 533

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH & 2 bedroom. 1 bath, good location, clean, REFERENCES, MATURE ADULTS, NO PETS. Call 269-1888 or 267-4923.

2 BEDROOM unfurnished trailer, central heating and air, 7308 Walter Rd. Call 264-9931 or 634-3651.

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

3/1, NEW PAINT & Carpet. Good neighborhood, \$676 month plus deposit. One year lease. 267-2296.

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

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

CARPENTER, Carpenters helper, Painter, Painter's helper. Must have experience, own transportation. 267-2296.

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, new carpet, 1509 Vines. \$325./month, \$100.00/deposit. 263-6202.

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

What it costs to own various kinds of pets

Scriptts Howard News Service

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

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

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

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

Even after puppyhood, dogs tend to be expensive pets, costing owners on average between \$500 and \$840 a year, depending on the animal's size. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, the biggest outlays are for non-surgical veterinary expenses (about \$140 a year on average), food (\$200) and grooming (\$100). Flea and tick products, toys and other supplies run about \$50 a year.

Cats typically are much less expensive than dogs. The vast majority of cat-owners get their pets free of charge, as kittens from household litters, as strays or from friends. It costs about \$390 a year to care for a cat. The biggest expense is food (\$165 a year on average), followed by veterinary bills (\$87) and supplies such as kitty litter (\$48).

Smaller mammals are not necessarily a bargain compared with Fido and Fluffy. A pet chinchilla runs about \$390 to buy and \$200 a year to keep. Ferrets, where they are permitted, cost \$120 each and over \$200 to care for. The real bargains among so-called "shelf pets" — at least the warm-blooded variety — are mice and rats, which can be had for less than \$5 each and cost about \$60 a year to keep.

The cost of keeping other types of animals varies widely. People who own saltwater fish, such as angel and butterfly fish, spend about twice as much each year (\$180) as owners of freshwater fish, which include tropical fish such as neons and cardinals as well as goldfish. The biggest items in all fish owners' budgets are equipment and lighting. Birds, which sell on average for \$120 at pet stores, cost about \$130 a year to care for.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We can learn from what peo-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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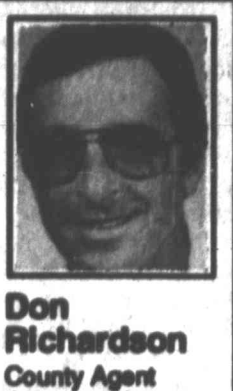
Prevention and early treatment key to survival of young foals

It's hard to believe that 1997 is here! With the new year comes new exciting expectations for all of us. Those of us with horses are getting especially anxious as foaling season approaches. Plans for 1997 foals actually were made in 1995 when the selection of a stallion to be the sire of a new foal began.

There are a lot of choices out there and the selection of the right stallion for your mare starts the excitement and anticipation that lasts for at least the next 12 months.

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

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



Don Richardson
County Agent

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

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

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

Foals succumb to disease very rapidly so it is imperative that treatment of foals with neonatal disease or dysfunction begin early after detection of a problem.

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

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

Although most foals are born healthy and continue to do well as they adapt to their new environment, it is important that they are carefully observed so that early treatment can be utilized if a neonatal illness is detected.

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

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

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

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

"Mama Kitty" long haired black spayed female. Needs someone to love.

"Sally" beautiful grey and white medium length coat. Would make an excellent family pet.

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

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

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

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

Merger creates First Texas Federal Land Bank Association

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

northern Louisiana.

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

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

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

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

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

Based upon documentation provided to the Farm Credit

Administration, the regulatory arm of the farm credit system, First Texas FLBA will have impressive financial credentials with a total capacity of approximately \$50 million, projected gross income in the range of \$7 to \$9 million annually and a capital adequacy ratio in excess of 27 percent of permanent capital to risk adjusted assets.

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

Jones ranked first in survey of top financial-service firms

Herald Staff Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BDC's first 1997 gathering set for noon Wednesday

Herald Staff Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Low unemployment means temporary help needed

DALLAS (AP) — Unemployment recently dipped to its lowest rate in 16 years in Texas, a situation that could mean companies will have to scramble to find good help.

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

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

Joel Wagher, labor market

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

That's already begun to happen in the temporary help business. Personnel agencies report that many agencies have had to boost wages and sweeten their benefits packages to attract workers.

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STORK CLUB

- Michaela Susanne Foy, girl, 7 lbs. 6 ounces and 21 inches long, Dec. 19, 1996, 11:01 a.m.; parents are Blake and Susan Foy.
Grandparents are Mike and Sandra Foy, Odessa, and Karen Pace, Plano.
- Laura Nichole Raines, girl, 6 lbs. 11 ounces and 19 inches long, Dec. 19, 1996, 5:42 p.m.; parents are Michael and Sue Raines.
Grandparents are Billy and Gloria Sanders, Coahoma, and Jerry and Priscilla Raines, Pampa.
- Tabytha Ann Mendoza, girl, Jan. 1, 1997, 2:44 p.m.; parents are Michael and Consuelia Mendoza.
Grandparents are Sally Ponder, Ohio; Jim Ponder, Arkansas; Viola Mendoza and Robert Mendoza, both of Big Spring.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Volunteers and employees helped to make Christmas bright for patients

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because you all came and shared with those less fortunate,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The top 10 national best sellers

Scripps Howard News Service

FICTION

1. Airframe, Michael Crichton.
2. Executive Orders, Tom Clancy.
3. The Christmas Box, Richard Paul Evans.
4. Silent Honor, Danielle Steel.
5. The Notebook, Nicholas Sparks.
6. The Deep End of the Ocean, Jacquelyn Mitchard.

7. The Fallen Man, Tony Hillerman.
 8. The Laws of Our Fathers, Scott Turow.
 9. Desperation, Stephen King.
 10. My Gal Sunday, Mary Higgins Clark.
- #### NON-FICTION
1. A Reporter's Life, Walter Cronkite.
 2. My Sergel: A Love Story, Ekaterina Gordeeva with E.M. Swift.
 3. Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook, Scott Adams.

4. Simple Abundance, Sarah Ban Breathnach.
5. Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt.
6. Everyone Is Entitled to My Opinion, David Brinkley.
7. Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus, John Gray.
8. The Dilbert Principle, Scott Adams.
9. Make the Connection, Bob Greene and Oprah Winfrey.
10. Living Faith, Jimmy Carter.

NEW IN TOWN

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

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

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