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Commissioners ban smoking in all county facilities

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Effective immediately, no one is allowed to smoke inside the Howard County Courthouse or any county building.

That decision was handed down by county commissioners Monday morning during their regular meeting. The measure passed by a 3-2 vote with Sonny Choate and Emma Brown voting against the ban.

County Judge Ben Lockhart said the ordinance went into effect immediately after the vote was taken. The proposal was first brought to the commissioners by local attorney R.H. Weaver and a tie vote was reached when Commissioner Bill Crooker was absent from a meeting earlier this month. It was brought up again at Monday's meeting so a second vote could be taken.

"I want people to know never have I taken a position that people can't smoke but just that they can't smoke in the courthouse," Weaver said.

Choate asked if this ban would

include the county fair barn and agricultural barn. Judge Lockhart said "Yes, if it belongs to the county, then the ban would be in place."

Brown was concerned about where the jurors would go to smoke when called to the courthouse to serve. "Are they going to be asked to go outside while on duty?"

Weaver explained that District Judge Robert Moore doesn't allow smoking in his courtroom. When there is a break, jurors had been going down to the landing between the second and third floor stairways to smoke.

Choate then proposed setting up a smoking area in a different area. He asked Weaver, "Would you object if we moved the smoking area to an isolated place like the basement? I understand right now the smoking area is right in the middle of the world."

Weaver responded, "It shouldn't be allowed in the courthouse at all. Most businesses have signs posted 'no smoking.'"

"So, if someone is serving on the jury and they want to smoke while here,

they have to go out in the 14 degree weather?" Choate asked, adding, "That's a little bit rude. Would you object to having a smoking area within the building?"

Weaver said he would object. Lockhart then noted county buildings in Midland, Odessa and Andrews are all non-smoking; prompting Choate to say, "that doesn't have anything to do with this."

Sheriff Bill Jennings told commissioners he had already banned smoking in the jail upstairs because it's in a closed environment. "I'm a smoker and I respect the rights of others and I don't smoke around them," he explained. "Can't people make a decision on their own (about smoking)? I hate to lose another right. I respect R.H. Weaver and I respect a smoker's right to smoke."

At that point, Lockhart asked for a motion to ban smoking in all county buildings and the vote was taken with Crooker, Lockhart and Commissioner Jerry Kilgore voting in favor of the motion.

Audit report includes praise for county officials and staff

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

County commissioners were presented the comprehensive annual financial report and audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1996. The report was given by Tracy Tarter, CPA, who said County Auditor Jackie Olson received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the 11th year she has received this award.

The expenditures for the county were down \$700,000. Tarter said everything was in order and there were no problems found. During the 1995-96 fiscal year, 97.4 percent of the delinquent taxes had been collected and Tarter said Kathy Sayles, tax assessor/collector, and the employees of the tax office are to be commended for this.

Tarter said, "The assessed value in the county continues to decline due to mineral losses. There are some new employers coming to the area so that might help some." For the fiscal year 1995, the total market value of property in the county was \$1.220 billion compared to \$1.259 billion in 1994; \$1.310 billion in 1993 and \$1.362 billion in 1992. After exemptions, the assessed values for those

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Brrrrr! It's still cold out there!

BSISD classes get late start, others closed

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring schools were in session today, but buses ran on a delayed schedule and classes didn't begin until 10 a.m. due to icy conditions.

Coahoma schools were scheduled to begin on a delayed schedule, but after taking a second look at conditions administrators decided to cancel classes.

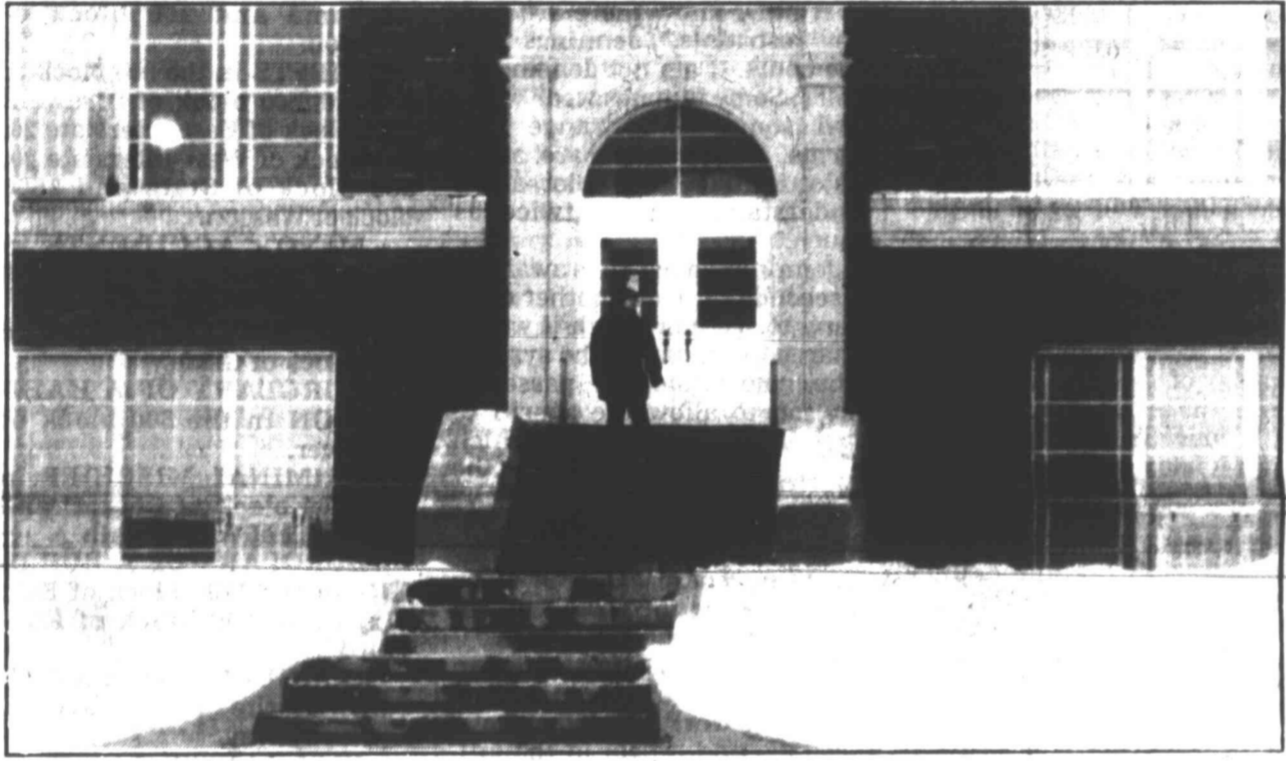
Other areas of the Permian Basin decided to cancel classes for the day.

The light snow that fell late Sunday and Monday froze overnight and created slick conditions, especially along sections of Interstate 20.

Local temperatures this morning were around 16 degrees and a winter weather advisory remained in effect through noon.

Forecasters continue to warn motorists to beware of "black ice," clear ice patches you can't see until you right upon it, if at all.

Today's forecast for the Permian Basin included cloudy conditions with snow flurries



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

School was again postponed two hours this morning, just as it was last Wednesday when Joann Hidrogo couldn't wait to get to school and be the first to make tracks in the white carpet surrounding Runnels Junior High. Big Spring schools were among the few that decided to hold classes as a result of hazardous travel conditions.

possible early. Temperatures were expected to be a bit warmer with highs around 35 degrees to 45 degrees, varying in some areas.

Ten- to 20-mile per hour winds, throughout the day, could create windchills that could keep temperatures feeling well below the freezing point.

As a result, the Howard County Mental Health Center has canceled tonight's Family Education and Support meeting and rescheduled it for next Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Tonight's forecast calls for decreasing clouds, with the low around 30 degrees.

Wednesday calls partly cloudy conditions with high

around 50 degrees to 55 degrees. Wednesday night, area residents can expect partly cloudy conditions with lows around 25 degrees.

The extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, calls for fair skies and dry conditions with low temperatures in the mid 20s and highs near 50 degrees to 55 degrees.

Sheriff's department will soon be getting new jail equipment

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The Howard County Sheriff's Department will soon have new closed-circuit monitoring of the jail.

Sheriff Bill Jennings addressed commissioners Monday morning and updated county officials on the status of the monitoring equipment. He said after the jail inspection last week, state officials left him with some suggestions of how to update and improve the existing jail including the monitoring system, an outside exercise facility and putting "bean holes" in the doors of the cells.

Jennings said current equipment is about four years old and it needs to be updated for the safety of the jailers and inmates. Joe Sanders with SysTech told commissioners the cameras now being used are obsolete and it would be very hard to find parts and tubes to replace them.

"These cameras have vacuum tubes for an eye," Sanders said. "They are worn out. It would

cost more to repair them than to buy new cameras. The new cameras have CCD chips and no tube with a lifespan of at least 10 years. The monitors being used now are not closed-circuit monitors but black and white televisions you can use at home."

Sanders added the monitors are not designed to use with a closed-circuit system and can't withstand being on 10,000 hours a year. "What you would need is the commercial-grade closed-circuit TV monitors that are made to work with the CCD cameras. The video switcher that allows someone to switch from one camera to the other is fine but it's in a pantry now. We propose the switcher be moved to the jailer's office so they can control what they watch."

Another part of the proposal would be to install the capability to record what the camera is seeing. Newer jail facilities have this capability and if there is an incident in the jail, it would be recorded and admissi-

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City reminding residents to catch water reserves

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring residents who live in areas prone to experience water leaks are being cautioned to catch a reserve water supply in jugs or bath tubs by City Engineer Ralph Truszkowski.

Truszkowski's warning came after the city experienced five leaks in a 2 1/2-hour period Monday morning.

He asked that if a water leak is observed, to call the city's 24-hour emergency number 264-2392.

He said the city's distribution and collection department is prioritizing leaks based on the size of the line and the numbers of customers affected by the leak.

With severe cold expected tonight and again later in the week, Truszkowski cautioned residents to wrap their water pipes, wrap exposed piping and water hydrants, stuff water meter boxes with newspaper or cloth for insulation, leave both hot and cold water dripping inside your residence or business and maintain a reserve water supply.

Temperatures today are expected to climb into the lower 30s and into the mid-50s on Wednesday. Another thrust of cold air is expected to drop the highs in to the lower 40s on Thursday and Friday.

Lows are forecast for the lower 20s tonight, lower 30s on Wednesday and upper 20s on both Thursday and Friday.

Junior livestock show set to begin Thursday

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show begins Thursday and continues through Saturday at the fairgrounds, and according to Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson, the show culminates a year of hard work for many area youngsters.

"For the last year many of this year's participants have spent countless hours selecting, and managing and training their animals," Richardson said.

All Junior Livestock Show Association members, which

includes all parents of 4-H and FFA members, and all other supporters will gather at the fairgrounds tonight to begin setting up for the event.

According to Richardson, swine projects will begin arriving for the show at 3 p.m. Wednesday, with weighing and classifying of these projects beginning at 6 p.m.

Judging of swine projects will be at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Lambs and cattle are scheduled to begin arriving at 8 a.m. Thursday. Lambs will be weighed and classified from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Weighing and classifying of steers will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, and heifers will have their registration papers checked following the weighing of the steers.

Capons will arrive at 8 a.m. Friday for weighing and sifting. Judging of capons will begin at 10 a.m. Friday. Lambs will be judged at 1 p.m. Friday.

Cattle judging will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by the annual buyers' barbecue at 12:30 p.m.

"The awards and scholarship presentations will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the Premium Auction will begin immediately afterwards," Richardson said.

One of the unique features of the show, according to

Richardson, is the auction, because it allows businesses and individuals to show their support of the vital agricultural industry in Howard County by awarding financial awards to area youngsters and the projects they have worked on.

"Animals are not sold as such but remain in the possession of the youngsters, who in many cases take these projects on to major stock shows throughout the state in the next few weeks," Richardson said.

Judges for this year's show include Hartley County Extension Agent Seth Ralston of

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Mostly cloudy and warmer. High around 35. Partly cloudy tonight with a low near 30.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high in the 50s. Low around 25.

Extended outlook: Thursday through Saturday, fair and dry with high temperatures in the lower to mid 50s. Nighttime lows expected to be in the 20s.

Ice storm or no, Legislature is going to convene today

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Constitution says the Legislature "shall meet every two years." It doesn't say anything about ice storms.

Bad weather notwithstanding, lawmakers planned to open their 1997 session on schedule today.

"There's no cancellation," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's press secretary, Mike Hailey, said Monday.

"They do plan to convene at noon," added Janet Warren, spokeswoman for House Speaker Pete Laney.

Ice turned most of Austin into

a skating rink Monday. Some roads were closed, as were many government offices, schools and businesses. Buses didn't run. Police urged motorists to stay home.

Many legislators had arrived in Austin early for the 140-day session.

Hailey and Ms. Warren said Senate and House officials were calling out-of-town lawmakers to see if they would be able to make it to the Capitol on opening day.

"We're checking with senators who aren't already in

Austin on whether they can get here," Hailey said.

Ms. Warren said 100 of the 150 House members are required to convene.

"They are fully expecting to have a quorum," she said. "If they don't have 100, they will go ahead and swear in the ones who are here and reconvene the next day."

The winter storm was just one more in a long list of problems facing lawmakers during their five-month stay — a session that made history even before it began.

For the first time in 125 years, the Republican Party controls one of the two legislative chambers.

The GOP won 16-14 control of the Senate in last year's elections. One more seat remains up for grabs in a Jan. 28 special election, but the outcome will make no difference in who has the majority. Democrats still control the House.

Heading the agenda of issues is Gov. George W. Bush's call for property tax relief.

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OBITUARIES

Nadine Jolly

Memorial service for Nadine Jolly, 66, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1997, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Jolly died Sunday, Jan. 12, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

JOLLY

She was born on Jan. 18, 1910, in Hamilton. She married John J. Jolly in Washington, D.C. He preceded her in death in 1975. Mrs. Jolly was employed by the Housing and Urban Development in Dallas as a loan specialist. She retired in 1970. She came to Big Spring in July of 1993 from Dallas, where she had lived for 50 years. She was a member of the Lakewood United Methodist Church in Dallas and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include one daughter: Pat Johnston, Big Spring; two grandchildren: Janet Renee Johnston, San Angelo, and Jeffery D. Johnston, Big Spring; one niece: Fernadine Luker, Amarillo; and one nephew: Tom Kornegay, Murietta, Calif.

The family suggests memorials to Family Hospice; P.O. 14710; Odessa, 79762.

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

Ramona Louise Mitchell

Service for Ramona Louise Mitchell, 82, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. today, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Crave, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mitchell died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997, in a local nursing home.

She was born on April 26, 1914, in Lamar County and married Leon Henry Mitchell on June 19, 1935, in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1996. She came to Howard County in 1937 and worked for the Coahoma Independent School District as a cook for 13 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include six sons: Ronnie Mitchell, Woodson, Donnie Mitchell, McAllister, Okla., Jackie Mitchell, Odessa, Terry Mitchell, New Braunfels, Bobby Williams, Midland, and Glenn Williams, Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters: Mary Matthews, Dallas, and Judy Mitchell, California; one brother: Joe Benfield, Mesquite; two sisters: Dean Walker, Glen Rose, and Gladys Gilbreath, Fort Worth; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Family Hospice; 3210 E. 11th Place; Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

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

MARKETS

March cotton 73.90 cents a pound, down 28 points; Feb. crude oil 25.10, down 9 points; Cash hogs down \$1 at 55; slaughter steers steady at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 77.07, down 7 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.05, down 52 points.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 6737.28 Volume 157,291,090

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years were \$1.044 billion, \$1.077 billion, \$1.132 billion and \$1.182 billion, respectively.

Some other items on the commissioners' agenda included:

• Approved the purchase of the right-of-way at the 11th Place Extension for \$32,500. This will involve expanding the 11th Place Extension from FM 700 to Midway Road where the road turns north to connect with Interstate 20.

The land will then be deeded over to the state. Next year, the Texas Department of Transportation will begin a \$2.5 million project to widen the road in the area. County Judge Ben Lockhart said the 1.75-mile project will involve not only widening and improving the road, but building a bridge over Beal's Creek. "The land acquisition is our incentive for the state to take over the project. The county couldn't afford to make those improvements. This is similar to the project south of town when Highway 87 was widened to four lanes." The county will be responsible for moving the utilities as well. No name for the new farm-to-market road has been announced yet.

• The purchase of two dump trucks from Pollard Chevrolet. Bids were solicited from the three car dealers in Big Spring with Pollard sending in the only one. Olson explained a representative from Bob Brock Ford said because of the holidays, the company was behind and didn't receive the bid specifications in time to submit one. Big Spring Chrysler didn't submit a bid. Commissioners unanimously approved the bid from Pollard to purchase a 1997 and a new 1996 model dump trucks for \$102,564.

• Renewed the agreement with Compliance Marketing, Inc. to continue as the company responsible for drug testing.

• Set the terms of Commissioners' Court for the year. The regular meetings will be on the second Monday and special meetings on the fourth Monday of the month.

• Set the terms of county court with court being held the second Monday of the month and special court dates on the fourth Monday.

• Librarian Loraine Redman was presented a Texas flag from State Rep. David Counts. Lockhart explained to the court that the flag had flown over the state capitol and Counts sent it to Redman since he couldn't be here in person at the library dedication Saturday. Redman then updated commissioners on the status of the library by saying someone with Contact Air told her the reason there wasn't a thermostat installed in the lounge area was because it had been taken out of the bid. The commissioners said that wasn't the case and they would check into the matter for her. They also told Redman they are still searching for a company to clean the library on a daily basis.

• Lee George, James Carrillo and Joe Torres were selected to be on the county grievance committee. County Clerk Margaret Ray said she would send a letter out to each one of them to see if they accept the offer to serve on the committee. If not, commissioners would draw additional names at the next meeting.

• Approved the purchase of a new chair for Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson as well as two pagers, a copier and shredder for the sheriff's department.

• Approved a measure to purchase a new camera at the cost of \$500 to be placed at the Big Spring Police Department to be used to record people arrested for driving while intoxicated. The recordings can then be used in court as evidence.

ON THE RUN

Show

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Channing judging swine; Chris Koontz, retired agricultural science instructor from Lubbock, judging capons; Clay Elliot of Lubbock, coach of the Texas Tech Livestock Judging Team, judging lambs; and Glasscock County Extension Agent David Kight of Garden City judging cattle.

Richardson says anyone wanting additional information about this year's show should contact his office at 264-2236.

Jail

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ble in court. Sanders provided bids for the new equipment to have either black and white monitors or color monitors. The advantage of color is so the jailers can distinguish between the inmates who wear different colored jumpsuits.

"Someone held up an intense light source in front of the camera," Sanders said of the current equipment. "I can't say what that light source was, but it burned the coating on the tubes. With CCD cameras, they won't burn. The cost to move the switching equipment is included in the bid."

The cost of a black and white monitoring system would be \$6,000 and \$12,000 for the color system.

"I would like to have the very best but I know there are budget restraints," Jennings told the court. "I am not demanding color. Some inmates wear white and some wear orange uniforms. If the funds are available, I would like color and I understand that is twice as much."

Jennings added he is awaiting a second bid from another company to see how much it would charge for updating the system. The commissioners passed a motion to allow the sheriff to make the decision about which company to go with once the second bid comes in.

Sanders said if the commissioner's court wanted, they could purchase cameras to be placed in the three day cells at the cost of about \$1,500 each.

During the meeting, those in attendance could hear the plumbers working on the shower stalls and toilets in the jail. Jennings said a Jan. 2 shake-down revealed a piece of metal left by the plumbers, he is now requiring the workers to count their tools when they leave to make sure nothing gets left behind.

The sheriff also requested "bean holes" be made in the doors of the cells so food can be passed in and out of the holes without risking the safety of the jailers.

There will be a new female jailer hired to work part-time to ride along when a female prisoner is transferred to Mitchell County or another jail.

Currently, the county has to hire someone to ride with a deputy each time a transfer has to be made. Women can't be held in the Howard County Jail because it's not equipped to house them.

Jennings said the female jailer will also be used as a "floater" in the jail rotation to relieve other jailers on their days off. He also requested permission to hire a part-time dispatcher to work two nights a week so the police department dispatchers don't have to dispatch for the sheriff's department.

"I'm not here asking for an increase in my budget," Jennings said, "but when I came into office, I only had eight months of it to work with

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when I came into office. The budget was used vigorously for four months prior. I'm just wanting permission to better manage the budget and move things around to get what I need."

Commissioners approved all of the sheriff's requests.

Another item discussed, but not approved, was building an outside exercise facility for inmates.

One idea is to build a walking area on the roof of the courthouse that would include putting up a cyclone fence around the perimeter and enclosing it on top. Commissioner Sonny Choate and Jennings will work together to see how much it would cost and to ensure the roof could withstand the weight of the facility.

POLICE

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

• WELFARE CONCERN in the 1600 block of Kentucky Way.

• INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1400 block of State, Hangar 18, 400 block of Edwards, 2500 block of Albrook, 1300 block of E. 11th Place, 1300 block of Mulberry, 1700 block of Alabama and 200 block of Johnson.

• THEFTS in the 300 block of Tulane, 500 block of Birdwell, 2900 block of East Interstate 20, 800 block of West Interstate 20, 500 block of State and 2500 block of Wason.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 2400 block of Merrilly and 200 block of W. Marcy.

• CIVIL STANDBY in the 1100 block of Graf.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 500 block of Westover.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2500 block of Central and 1600 block of West Eighth.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1100 block of East Sixth and 600 block of East Third.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1700 block of Kentucky Way.

• WALKAWAY from state hospital in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

• JUVENILE ARRESTED in the 2000 block of Goliad for possession of marijuana.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 900 block of Goliad.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 2 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• MINERVA JIMINEZ, 31, of 501 Johnson, arrested on an outstanding warrant from Lynn County on a motion to revoke probation and later released on a \$3,000 bond.

• EDWIN E. LAWSON, 71, of HC 76 Box 1367, was arrested on a warrant for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$1,800 bond.

• JAMES TAYLOR JR., 19, of HC 76 Box 94A, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and later released on a \$2,000 bond.

• JAMES CORBET ABBOTT, 46, of San Antonio, was arrested for public intoxication.

• MICHAEL EDWARD BAKER, 30, of 206 Galveston,

was arrested on an outstanding warrant for evading detention and later released on a \$10,000 bond.

• CAROLYN SUE HALE, 29, of HC 77 Box 60B, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JEREMY MILLER, 19, of 1702 E. 15th, was arrested on a warrant to revoke his probation and later released on a \$1,500 bond. He had been on probation for driving while intoxicated.

• ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 38, a transient, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for criminal trespassing. He was later released on a \$500 bond.

• OSCAR VALENCIA SR., 41, of 507 N.W. 11th, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$1,000 bond.

• SHERRI CHELETTE ADAMS, 31, of 1807 Johnson, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

• JOHN LARKIN DAVIS, 43, of Odessa, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving while license invalid. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

• ARTHUR LEON LEWIS, 73, of 2304 Grace, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving while intoxicated, making an improper turn and no insurance. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

• RICHARD RAY SANCHEZ, 32, of Arlington, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on a \$2,000 bond.

• BARBARA LYNN SPURGIN, 38, of Route 1 Box 401, was arrested for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$200 bond.

• BEVERLY HALL, 42, of 704 Purdue, was arrested for issuance of a bad check and later released after giving the court a money order for \$992.62.

• BENJAMIN DEANDA JR., 32, of 704 E. 15th, was transferred from the police department after being arrested for driving while license invalid and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

• ROBERT QUANA BUCK, no address or age listed, turned himself in on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$1,000 bond.

• ALANIZ ELENA LUZ, no address or age listed, turned herself in on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$600 bond.

• CAROLYN RODRIGUEZ VALENCIA, no address or age listed, turned herself in on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check and later released on a \$1,000 bond.

• STRANDED MOTORIST in the 2500 block of E. 25th.

• LIVESTOCK LOOSE at mile marker 177 on south service road of Interstate 20.

• POSSIBLE PROWLER at residence in the 5100 block of Nichols Rd.

• FIRE in the 3000 block of Glona.

• CIVIL DISTURBANCE in the 5200 block of Staling Road.

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Salvadoran pleads guilty to smuggling immigrants

McALLEN — A Salvadoran man pleaded guilty Monday to his role in a scheme that had immigrants from China, Pakistan, India and other nations paying up to \$25,000 for passage into the United States.

Carlos Martinez pleaded guilty to conspiracy to smuggle illegal aliens. He'll be sentenced Feb. 24 by U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa.

Federal authorities said the case originated from an earlier investigation of a South Texas immigrant smuggling ring.

Martinez, who was indicted last November, acknowledged in his plea agreement that he arranged transportation for six undocumented immigrants from Nicaragua into Mexico, where other smugglers helped them cross into the United States.

His attorney dismissed Martinez's participation in the smuggling scheme as negligible.

Last August, 51-year-old Houston resident Gladys Board and five others pleaded guilty to conspiracy to smuggle illegal aliens.

At the time, federal officials called the case one of the largest and most complex of its kind.

Miers' law firm had lottery contractor as client

DALLAS — Texas Lottery Commission chairwoman Harriet Miers confirmed Monday that a major lottery contractor, Austin advertising firm GSD&M, is a client of her law firm.

An attorney for lottery director Nora Linares, fired by the commission last week amid questions about her dealings with lottery contractors, said the arrangement between GSD&M and Miers' firm is a conflict of interest.

Miers is "clearly violating the law," said attorney Buck Wood. Miers told The Dallas Morning News for Tuesday editions that her law firm, Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, billed GSD&M about \$38,500 during the past two years.

That is a fraction of the law firm's \$112 million in billings during that period.

However, Wood said it is enough to demonstrate that Miers has been serving on the commission in violation of state law.

The commission voted 3-0 to fire Linares last week, less than two months after disclosure that GTECH Holdings Corp., the prime contractor for the Texas Lottery, paid a close Linares friend \$30,000 to do work in New Mexico four years ago.

Judge notes missing records were part of court record

HOUSTON — A state judge is acknowledging that a missing box of financial files for slain Tejano star Selena was indeed admitted into the court record during the trial of Yolanda Saldívar.

Beyond that, state District Judge Mike Westergren had little to say Monday about the sealed box whose disappearance could undo the state's successful prosecution of Saldívar, convicted in Selena Quintanilla's 1995 killing.

"The fact is there was a box. I had the box in my possession," Westergren said during an evidentiary hearing requested by the 14th Court of Appeals, which is reviewing Saldívar's conviction and life sentence.

"There was a Quintanilla record. It was in a box. The court directed the clerk or court personnel to put it in the record and that's all I have to say on the subject."

The files, which belonged to Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., were ordered withheld from evidence by Westergren before the October 1995 trial. Westergren also ordered the documents sealed as part of the court record.

The files were brought to Houston when Westergren granted a change of venue for the murder trial, moving it from Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi to Harris County.

Tape of Gingrich sent to criminal investigators

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's criminal division now has the potentially illegal recording of a telephone conversation between House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other Republican leaders.

The tape was given to the department Monday by the House ethics committee's chief counsel, Theodore J. Van Der Meid, who said the criminal investigators "were interested" in obtaining the recording.

The recording was sent to the committee Monday by Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., the Democratic lawmaker and ethics committee member who received it from a Florida couple that taped the call. But, in the latest unusual twist in the case, Van Der Meid wouldn't

accept it. Instead, Van Der Meid conferred with ethics committee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., and Justice Department attorneys. He then wrote McDermott.

"By direction of the chair and after consultation with the chief of the criminal division of the Department of Justice, the contents of the envelope including the audio cassette tape and the cover letter were hand-delivered to the Department of Justice early this evening."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, had written Attorney General Janet Reno seeking an investigation. But until Monday, there was no

indication the department was actively investigating.

House Democratic leaders on Monday discussed whether McDermott should continue serving on the ethics committee. Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., talked with McDermott on Monday, according to House sources.

The letter has become a sideshow in the investigation, while the committee's outside counsel, James M. Cole, prepares his final report, due Thursday. Johnson said she would like to begin public hearings on the case Friday or Saturday, with the House set to vote on Gingrich's punishment on Tuesday.

McDermott told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in today's edi-

tions that he would not discuss claims he provided the tape to The New York Times and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, saying only he had been "tenacious" in following the committee's rules.

"The discussion of substance is absolutely prohibited and I have never discussed substance," he said.

But he dismissed demands by House Republican leaders for a criminal investigation of the taping and said he was surprised the tape was sent to the Justice Department without consultation with the full committee or House approval.

"I don't know whether they followed the rules or not," McDermott told the Seattle paper.

Netanyahu, Arafat to meet, Hebron deal near

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat were prepared today to close a deal withdrawing Israeli troops from most of the West Bank city of Hebron.

U.S. Consul General Edward G. Abington said Arafat, the Palestinian leader, and Netanyahu would meet tonight. "I think it's the finish," he said.

Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abourdeineh, said the two leaders would meet at midnight at the Erez crossing between Israel and the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip.

A senior Israeli official said the summit could end with

agreement, but not a signing. He said a few points remain to be worked out.

U.S.-brokered negotiations on the 10-month-overdue Israeli withdrawal from 80 percent of Hebron, the last West Bank city under Israeli control, have been going on since October. About 130,000 Palestinians and 500 Jewish settlers live in Hebron.

A signed deal would boost the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, troubled since Netanyahu took office in May. The two sides have been stuck arguing over the wording of a U.S. document of guarantees that would list commitments by both sides.

The document is to refer to Israel's pledge to release Palestinian prisoners and the Palestinians' promise to hand over suspects wanted for killing Israelis.

Monday's talks on the U.S. guarantees were reportedly so heated that Israeli and Palestinian negotiators and U.S. mediator Dennis Ross yelled at each other at times.

Negotiators have also agreed to a timetable for a three-stage Israeli troop withdrawal from West Bank rural areas. Under a compromise brokered earlier this week by Jordan's King Hussein, Arafat agreed to allow Israel to complete the with-

drawal by August 1998, rather than by September 1997, the deadline set in the accords.

Because of the deep distrust between the Palestinians and Israel's hard-line government, the United States has agreed to attach so-called "notes for the record" to the accord.

The document lists the remaining obligations of the two sides under the interim peace agreement signed in 1995.

The list is expected to mention Israel's pledge to release Palestinian prisoners, to open a "safe passage" between the West Bank and Gaza Strip and allow operation of a Palestinian airport.

Clinton budget to include \$100 billion in Medicare savings

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton in his new budget will propose reductions in payments to health maintenance organizations, doctors and hospitals to save about \$100 billion from the giant Medicare program over the next five years, administration and congressional sources say.

These officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the administration's aim was to trim payments to health care providers while avoiding cutbacks in services or higher insurance premiums on the 37

million older Americans covered by Medicare.

Sources said about \$20 billion of the \$100 billion would come from reducing payments to HMOs. The administration argues that the current fee schedule overcompensates HMOs when compared to doctors paid under Medicare's traditional structure.

The administration says the fee structure doesn't take into account the fact that HMOs treat a larger share of healthy senior citizens as compared to the regular Medicare program.

which deals with a greater percentage of older, sicker Medicare recipients.

HMO officials, however, contend that this assertion is based on outdated studies. They argue that cuts in their payments would force them to curtail incentives such as free prescription drugs and dental services that they are using to lure Medicare patients into HMOs.

More than 4 million Medicare recipients are in HMOs at an annual cost of \$24 billion. The total Medicare program cost \$191 billion last year.

At a White House briefing, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry refused to discuss details of the HMO reductions, but he called the increases in Medicare reimbursements to HMOs "excessive" and said, "There is a strong argument for reducing some of the payments that are made."

Administration sources said the president's budget would also include a controversial proposal to extend the life of the Medicare hospital trust fund, which is expected to go broke in 2001.

State agency announces new smoking restrictions

AUSTIN (AP) — People who work in and visit the Texas Capitol can breathe a little easier, effective immediately: The State Preservation Board has imposed new smoking restrictions.

Under restrictions announced Monday, to take effect right away, smoking will be prohibited in all public areas of the Capitol.

The ban follows concerns by disabled rights advocates who argued that smoking made the building inaccessible to people with breathing disorders.

They said that violated the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act and asked the

U.S. Department of Justice to investigate.

Their complaint prompted an evaluation of smoking within the Capitol by the Preservation Board staff, said Rick Crawford, board executive director.

"The self-evaluation was undertaken specifically because of that complaint... The decision was made just because we think it's the right thing to do," Crawford said.

"It was important to do it now because the (legislative) session starts tomorrow (Tuesday)," he said. Lawmakers convene their regular session at noon.

The board oversees preservation, maintenance and restoration

of the grounds and contents of the Capitol and 1067 General Land Office Building.

Under the new restrictions, smoking is banned in public areas including the rotunda, public corridors, hallways, stairwells, elevators, committee meeting rooms and Capitol cafeteria.

Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney, lawmakers and the heads of agencies housed in the buildings will determine the smoking policies for their private offices.

The House and Senate will decide the smoking policy in each chamber.

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The stamp set was issued in a strictly Limited Edition at the suggestion of The Walt Disney Company. "This is the first stamp set ever issued in the history of the post office which bears the actual inscription 'Limited Edition' right on the stamps," added Van Emden.
Collectors are already predicting that in the very near future these stamps will be far more sought after and be more desirable than the U.S. Elvis stamp, the most popular stamp of all time.
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Quote of the Day

"Success doesn't come to you ... you go to it." -Marva Collins

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OUR VIEWS

Kennel Club show a big draw

The annual Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show is set for this weekend at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The show is an excellent chance for people to have their pets microchipped. Microchipping involves a veterinarian implanting a rice grain-sized chip between the shoulder blades of the animal.

The show itself is a chance for you to see more than 750 dogs participating in the show. One of the popular attractions is the obedience competition in the East Room.

If you have been thinking about buying a pure bred dog, this is a chance to meet responsible breeders. You can also learn more about the various breeds and find out if the one you are interested in meets your personality and lifestyle.

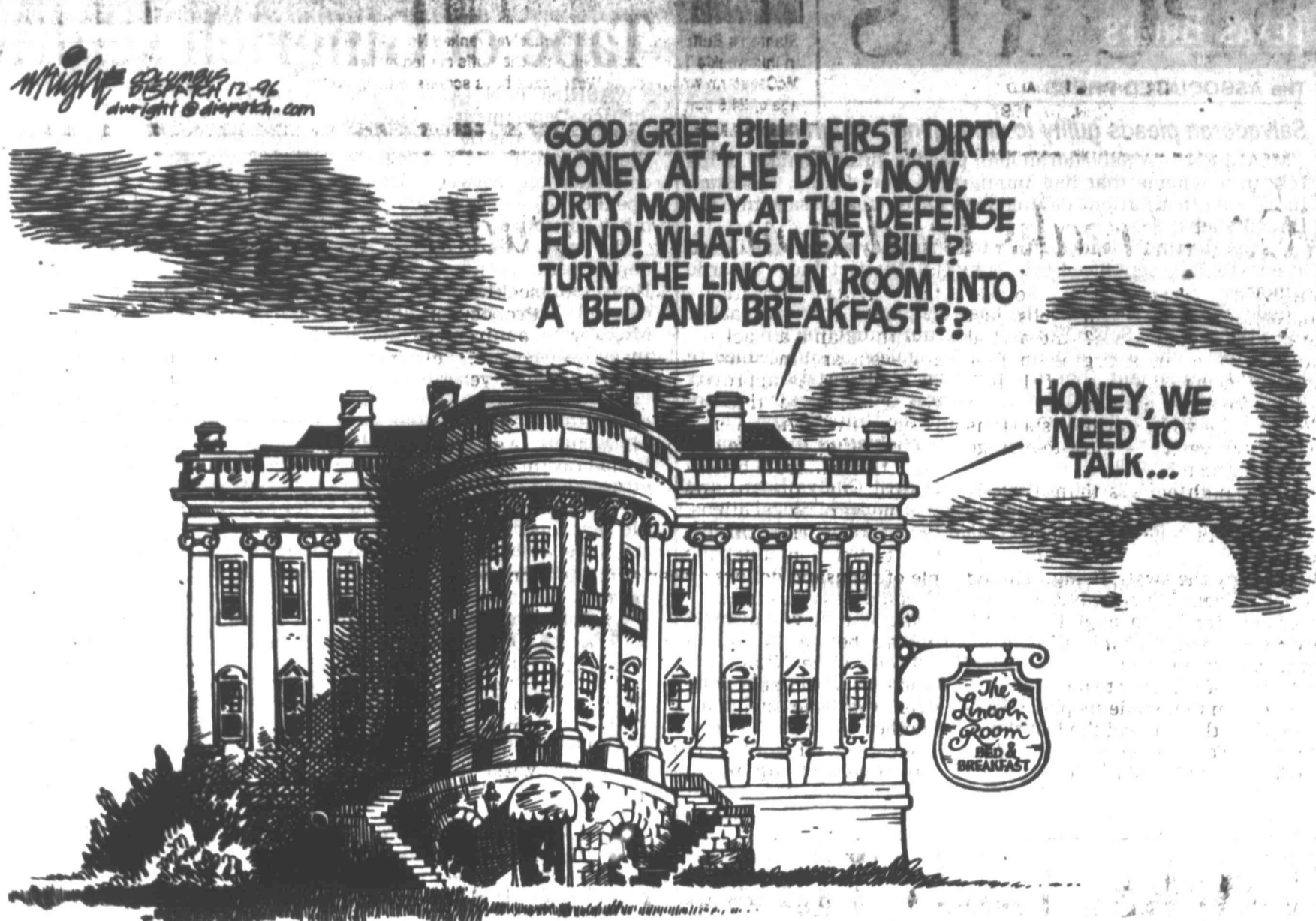
People from all over the United States bring their dogs to Big Spring once a year to participate in this show. The size of the show alone is a testament to the hard work of the Big Spring Kennel Club.

Take some time this weekend to have your dog microchipped, buy the canine some toys, have its picture taken or just come out and enjoy the show!

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Poisonous partisan politics and sexual harassment

By LEONARD LARSEN Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — A Supreme Court pre-trial hearing of a civil suit charging President Clinton with sexual harassment is prompting the replay of another sexual harassment case in Washington.

It becomes simple. If, for example, you're inclined to believe Paula Jones' story about a shocking hotel encounter in 1991 with then-Gov. Bill Clinton, then you're likely to be dismissed as a right wing Republican conservative, a Clinton-hater hungry for gossip and lies to discredit the president and his presidency.

And if, for another example, you were inclined in 1991 — and are still inclined — to believe Anita Hill's story that she was sexually harassed by her boss, an official in the Bush administration, then you can be tarred as a knee-jerk leftist still driven by feminists whose real mission was to block the seating on the Supreme Court of a politically conservative black man.

Clarence Thomas. Strangely — or, perhaps, typically — the Washington political culture doesn't seem to permit belief that both Jones and Hill have told the truth, that Jones was subject to an indecent proposition while alone in a hotel room with Clinton and that Hill endured foul language and suggestive talk from Thomas in a federal workplace.

The suggestion that both women were victimized and probably are telling what actually happened is rarely heard. It's as if no one with political savvy in Washington is permitted to believe both women and each of their stories must be gauged by the politics of their supporters and their opponents.

With the Jones suit against President Clinton now reaching the Supreme Court, the argument pitting the two women and their stories against each other has broken out again, still in the Washington political culture that requires choosing sides and allows no possibility that both might both be telling the truth.

Politicians and other performers, most of them hired leftists and rightists with views tailored for the talk shows, are

yammering full-steam at each other, defining the truth not actually by what either Jones or Hill has said but by the political company each is accused of keeping.

Thomas, despite Hill's testimony against him, was confirmed by the Senate after a highly publicized hearing in which he emerged in the eyes of his backers as more the victim than Hill. She found herself accused variously of lying, of making a big deal out of nothing and — toward the end of the hearing — of being crazy.

President Clinton is clearly in a tighter box than Thomas occupied, with a court trial or other public airing of Jones' charges against him seeming certain. Remaining questions might be when that will happen and whether the president will settle out of court.

There's a similarity in the stories told publicly first by Hill and then by Jones. Both said they complained privately to friends about what had happened to them in their brushes with powerful and politically connected men. Both hesitated to "go public" for their own good reasons, and both eventually made public statements at the urging of individuals with

undisguised political agendas.

And both Jones and Hill were then swept into the poisonous partisanship which requires that serious criticism of a powerful political figure must be answered by counter-attack, the more personal the more effective. It's in this area that Hill, well educated and well-spoken, got beaten up but survived with her respectability intact.

The vicious counterattack by the Clinton White House against Jones, helped immensely by an elitist, class-conscious media, has left what will likely be lifelong damage, even if eventually she prevails in the lawsuit against Clinton.

In the partisan quarrel that requires that only one — not both Jones and Hill together — can be believed, the reports of complaints of sexual harassment, old and new, are the odd and seemingly hypocritical fact that Jones was so quickly abandoned by organized and individual feminists, most all of whom rushed immediately to Hill's side when her complaint against Thomas became known.

Is sexual harassment their issue? Or isn't it? And when? (Leonard E. Larsen writes this column twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

How to improve 'yelling' political tv shows

By CHARLES McDOWELL Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — CNN's Sunday talk show "Crossfire" is the one with two hosts who don't agree about anything going after two politicians who don't agree about anything except that yelling is a form of self-defense.

The alternating conservative hosts are John Sununu, former Republican governor of New Hampshire and White House chief of staff, and Robert Novak, the columnist. The alternating liberals are Geraldine Ferraro, former Democratic member of the House and candidate for vice president in 1984, and Bill Press, a California Democrat. All of them are good interviewers in the aggressively partisan, grumpy style of the day.

Recently, for the best "Crossfire" I ever saw, the prosecutors were Sununu and a Democratic substitute, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who, as a show of his own on CNN and is comfortable filling in on this one. The guests were Jesse Jackson

Jr., a second-term Democratic congressman from Illinois, and John E. Sununu, a freshman Republican from New Hampshire.

Well, the Rev. Jackson began the questioning by beaming at young Sununu and saying, "I get a chance tonight to see if John E. Sununu is an improvement over his father. How far did the acorn fall from the tree?"

So Jackson, very much aware of his own son, mildly asked his House colleague a reasonable question about Speaker Newt Gingrich. Young Sununu replied politely that he wanted to get past Gingrich to problems of critical concern "to the young people ... the working families of this country."

"You are your daddy's son," said Jackson, telling us something about the elder Sununu's reasonableness we didn't necessarily know.

Young Sununu had something to say, too, with a smile: "But I'm also my mother's son."

Jackson and Sununu — the elders — beamed at each other

and shook their heads, and the audience had to begin to understand that these two adversaries were friends, of all things.

Host Sununu asked Rep. Jackson if he would go along with radical reductions in the size of government. The reply was: not if it comes at the expense of the poor. Sununu accepted the answer and asked if the congressman thought Congress ought to create incentives for private business to help the poor. The young Democrat replied that he had consulted a Republican leader on that very thing just the day before.

Sununu wondered if Jesse Jr. thought a capital-gains tax cut would help.

Rev. Jackson interrupted: "Jesse, he's trying to set you up."

The son winked at the obvious and said, "I got that impression." A few minutes later, Rev. Jackson was asking Rep. Sununu what he disagreed with his father about, and he was grinning and replying, "I

just think I have far better taste than him."

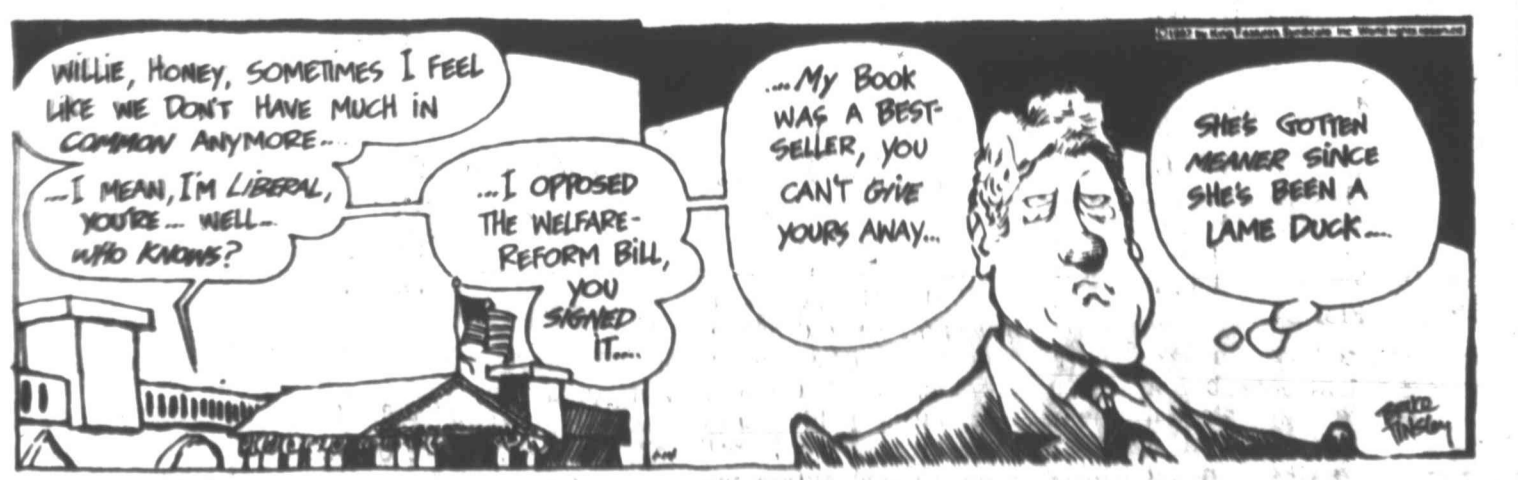
So by the end of the half-hour, the sons were setting the tone of the show — and the fathers were growing up before our eyes.

After watching an admirable, civilized half-hour like that, the danger is that an impressionable viewer like me will over-react wildly (as TV teaches us to do). That is, I will denounce the usual political talk shows of the "Crossfire" kind for simultaneously sensationalizing and trivializing politics. My inclination is to go on and say that those outrageous yelling contests are trivializing the discourse, even the very values, of the nation.

So I will restrain myself. I will simply suggest that the regulars on these shows be required every three months to appear with their children (or at least members of the children's generation) as guests on camera. Just watch the older folks grow up and behave.

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Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



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Stanton's Buffaloes, 20-1, find themselves ranked No. 5 in the state in this week's TABC baseball poll. The Bulls are led by Leo McCullism who leads all West Texas boys scorers with an average of 24.5 points per game.

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NCAA breaks tradition, says student athletes can hold part-time positions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — So now athletes can have part-time jobs, just like any other college kid? And partial qualifiers who get a degree in four years can have four seasons of eligibility, just like any other athlete?

What in the wide world of sports is the conservative, slow-to-change NCAA coming to?

Possibly nothing less than a whole new relationship between athletic administrators and the athletes they govern.

Judging by the swath Bridgit Niland and her student-athlete advisory committee cut Monday through the NCAA convention, you'd think they were staging an armed coup.

"The NCAA is trying to move toward a recognition that students play a larger role than they've had the last several years," Washington State president Sam Smith said Monday at the end of a

truly historic day during the NCAA convention.

With Niland, a track athlete answering every argument on the convention floor, delegates approved two revolutionary measures that were repeatedly rejected in previous conventions.

First, after a debate of more than an hour that ran from bitter to comical to absurd, Division I narrowly approved the measure to let athletes have part-time jobs during the school year. It won't earn them much money — a couple of thousand dollars a year at most. It could be a first step, and it's something that never even came close to passage before.

Then, while Niland and her fellow students were still quietly exulting over that victory, they pulled off another.

Some partial qualifiers can have that fourth year of eligibility they've been

seeking ever since 1986 when Proposition 48 freshman academic requirements first took effect. Of course, they have to get their degree in four years, something which most students, including non-athletes, don't do. But again, it's a step.

And while convention-goers may argue over which was the more significant, they represent, taken together, one of the best days athletes ever had in an NCAA convention.

"The students need to be applauded for the influence that they had," said Smith, chairman of the President Commission. "They were listened to."

Without the student-advisory committee, a non-voting group that was formed in 1989, there would have been no changes of the part-time job rule, Smith said.

"I don't think it would've occurred without them being present. They

played a big role for being so persuasive," Smith said.

"The partial qualifier has been one of our goals of this committee ever since I came on," said Niland, a second-year law student. "A lot of us have had friends that were partial qualifiers. I had a friend who was a partial qualifier who came in with me at the University of Buffalo. He didn't get the opportunity to play his fifth year and I did. I never really understood why."

Letting athletes work part-time is the most revolutionary legislation the NCAA has adopted in years.

"This is a major shift in concept for this organization," Smith said. "For years we've said we will not provide any additional funding in any way from any source."

It was Niland who kept jumping to the microphone to address the enormous convention hall every time some-

body mounted the old arguments against the work rule.

"Consider the welfare of the student-athlete. Look at this legislation on the principle of honesty and trust, not fear of abuse," Niland said. "Give us the opportunity to work."

In other actions Monday, after giving almost unanimous approval to the finishing touches of a sweeping new governing structure, delegates approved a measure letting athletes do such things as appear in films or write for publication. They can't yet get paid for such activity. But again, it's a first step.

"Please keep in mind, the NCAA is a very conservative organization," Niland said. "We took a major step today. Whether we'll be ready for another major step tomorrow, I don't know. For the NCAA to make the changes it did today, I think the NCAA also needs to be applauded."

Hawks, Lady Hawks go on road to take pair from NMJC

Howard blows big leads twice but wins WJCAC opener, 104-97

By JON PETTY
Herald Correspondent

HOBBS, N.M. — Can't touch this.

That was the tune running through the minds of the referees as they stopped play 53 times during Monday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener between the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds and the Howard College Hawks.

Howard (13-5, 1-0) narrowly escaped Caster Activity Center with a 104-97 win in a game that saw the Hawks blow two big leads.

"We were as bad defensively as we were offensively," said Howard coach Tommy Collins. "I thought that we were just terrible."

Howard was whistled for 27 fouls while NMJC collected 26. Both coaches said the close officiating affected their team's play, taking them out of rhythm.

Collins said his team's defense is designed to make its opponents do what it wants them to do. The Thunderbirds (5-13, 0-1) wouldn't fall into that trap as they battled to the end, putting a scare into the Howard bench.

It looked like it would be a long night for the Thunderbirds

as the game opened with a steel by Micah Reed who was unable to convert on the dunk attempt at the offensive end. Reed redeemed himself just second later as Ronald Hughes connected with him for an alley oop.

The fight was on as the teams exchanged the lead several times in the early going. Howard took command midway through the half on a 12-2 run to take a 44-32 lead.

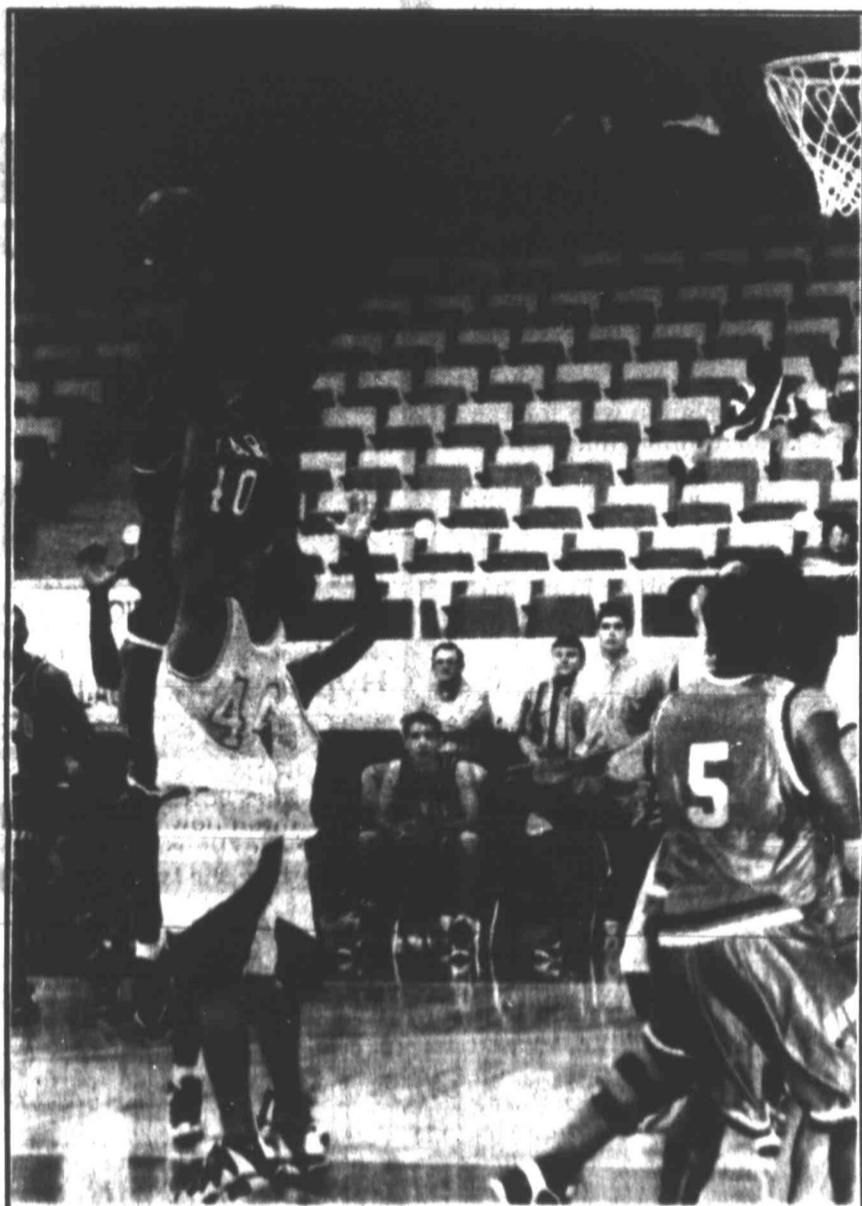
The T-birds came right back with an 8-0 run spurred by a 3-pointer from Rupert McClendon and a three-point play from Larren Silver. Silver missed a lay-in but grabbed the offensive board and put it back up for the hoop and the foul. Silver connected on the foul shot and the T-birds were down by only four, 44-40.

NMJC closed to within two, 51-53, on a dunk by McClendon, but Howard responded with a 6-0 run to go into intermission up 58-51.

Howard opened the second half with a 4-0 run increasing to an 11-point advantage. The Hawks then went ice cold from the field, allowing NMJC to chip away the lead.

"We were playing very passive and trying to react and,

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Will Jones hits a jumper earlier in the season while Clifton Cook looks on. Jones had 20 and Cook 19 points each, respectively, in Howard's win over NMJC Monday night.

Kindle, Johnson pace the way for 74-65 Lady Hawks road win

By DARREN DILLMAN
Herald Correspondent

HOBBS, N.M. — Turnovers. It's the one word that haunts the New Mexico Junior College women's basketball team. It's also the word that summarizes Howard College's 74-65 win in Caster Activity Center Monday night.

How to avoid the turnovers? That's even a more surreal problem that rather looks down upon the Lady Thunderbirds like a defied algebraic equation.

Bad passing led to four NMJC turnovers on the first five possessions and Howard jumped out to a quick 12-3 lead on layup by flashy guard Latonya Kindle.

NMJC post Mandy Pyle would spark the Lady Thunderbirds on the next play with a 3-pointer, and Martina Tadic came to life, first stealing the ball, then dishing off to Bryant, only to receive it back from Bryant and finish with a layup. That brought the Lady T-birds within 2 points with 9:00 left in the half.

"The first five minutes of the game are very important when you're playing on the road," said Howard College coach Matt Corkery. "Right from the beginning of the first quarter, we

executed our offense like we needed and we played hard defensively. We stepped into the passing lanes, got a few steals, and converted some turnovers into baskets when we had to."

NMJC freshman guard Shondra Daughtery drove the baseline and kicked the ball out to a wide-open Erika Leatherwood, who nailed the 3-pointer, narrowing the lead to 21-18. But Lady Hawk sensation Shawnta Johnson would power her way to the hoop for back-to-back baskets with 4:07 left in the half, and she was fouled on the second shot. Her free throw made it 26-20, Howard.

Things got better for the Lady Hawks, as their lead grew into double digits just before halftime. Kindle hit a high-arching 3-pointer, then stole the ball and laid it in as the Lady Hawks took a 31-20 lead with over a minute remaining, and the lade remained in Halftime stasis at 11.

In the second half, Kindle erupted like glowing piece of kindling.

First, Kindle hit a sugary-sweet bank shot to put Howard up 39-30. Then Kindle went for some hang-time off a missed free throw by her own team.

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Arizona, Tampa Bay to learn baseball divisions this week

NEW YORK (AP) — This week, the Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays will find out for sure where they'll be once they start playing in 1998.

It seems almost certain that the Diamondbacks will be put in the NL West and that Tampa Bay will join the AL East. The only trouble, it seems, is that such a shift will force some realignment in the AL, which could cause problems.

The assigning of the expansion teams, plus appointing a search committee for a permanent commissioner, are the big items on the agenda for the owners' meeting that starts today in Scottsdale, Ariz.

When owners approved the expansion on March 9, 1995, they set a deadline of January 1997 for the league assignments.

"My position has always been that in the best interests in baseball, we belong in the National League," Diamondbacks CEO Jerry Colangelo said. "We're in a market that's been outspoken, where 65 percent of its fans are in the National League."

The Devil Rays appear happy that they're going to the AL and already are planning a celebration Friday in Florida.

"We're going to have a breakfast for a significant number of people in our area, both elected officials and prominent sponsors," Devil Rays CEO Vincent Natoli said.

While the Diamondbacks are a natural fit in the NL West, placing the Devil Rays in the AL East may force Detroit to shift to the Central and Kansas City to move to the West — a switch the Royals do not favor.

AL owners are expected to appoint a committee to study the matter. With 15-team leagues, owners also must come up with a new schedule format for 1998.

As for a commissioner, some owners are again pressing acting commissioner Bud Selig to accept the job permanently. Selig, however, keeps telling them he's not interested.

It appeared that the executive council might be appointed as the search committee, but Selig won't be the head of the search.

"I've done that too many times already, and I already have too many other things to do," said Selig, who headed the searches that recommended Peter Ueberroth and A. Bartlett Giamatti. "It is a full-time job; it is a huge job."

After Selig was voted acting commissioner in September 1992, Atlanta Braves chairman Bill Bartholomay was picked to head the search committee. He narrowed the field to Harvey Schiller of the U.S. Olympic Committee and Arnold Weber of Northwestern, and neither garnered much support among owners. In January 1994, they decided to stop the search until after a new labor agreement was reached with the players.

TONIGHT'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Big Spring — The Steers and Lady Steers host Pecca at Steel Gym. Game times are 6 p.m. for the girls and 7:30 p.m. for the boys.

Coahoma — Coahoma hosts Winters at the elementary school gym. Game times are 8:30 p.m. for the girls and 9 p.m. for the boys.

Forsan — The Queens and Buffaloes travel to Roocco. Game times are 8:30 p.m. for the girls and 9 p.m. for the boys.

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Stanton — The Buffaloes and Lady Buffs host McCamey at the high school gym. Times are 8:30 p.m. for the girls and 9 p.m. for the boys.

Note: These times are subject to change because of weather conditions

Beebe, McMahon giving Super Bowl advice to Green Bay on eve of game

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre doesn't plan on mooning any helicopters and his NFL-imposed alcohol ban means he won't be tearing up Bourbon Street like Jim McMahon did a decade ago.

But Favre and the rest of the NFC champion Green Bay Packers will get some advice this week from McMahon, their backup quarterback who owns what the rest of them so dearly desire: a Super Bowl ring.

Coach Mike Holmgren is turning to McMahon and receiver Don Beebe, his only other player with Super Bowl experience, to help prepare the Packers (15-3) for the Super Bowl against New England (13-5) on Jan. 26 at the Louisiana Superdome.

McMahon was the starter for Chicago in the 1986 Super Bowl, when he took New Orleans by storm, mooning a helicopter, saying unsavory things about the local populace, parading through the French Quarter in the wee hours, feuding with Bears management over his use of an acupuncturist, and finally leading his team to a 46-10 rout of the Patriots.

"He's kind of filled me in on how to moon helicopters, talk about the women down there and all that stuff," Favre said.

McMahon, 37, who might retire after the Super Bowl, has brought up the similarities between Favre's big moment and his own 10 years ago.

"He's said how it's Jan. 26, at

New Orleans, playing New England, everything he went through, the year after he lost the championship game, all these coincidences," Favre said.

Like McMahon, Beebe is a part of Super Bowl lore. The Packers' third wide receiver was with the Buffalo Bills teams that lost four straight Super Bowls from 1990-93.

His big moment came late in the Bills' 52-17 loss to Dallas after the 1992 season, when he chased down Leon Lett and punched the ball out of his hands at the goal line to prevent another Cowboys score.

Beebe has been waiting all year to serve as a Super Bowl consultant, and he's already talking to his teammates about dealing with all the distractions.

"It's good we have two weeks. This week, you get all the garbage taken care of. Then we go down there to play a football game," Beebe said. "We don't go down there to have fun. You can enjoy yourself, but keep it to a limit because you're down there to play a football game."

"And after the football game, you can spend as much time as you want enjoying yourself."

Holmgren loves listening to the articulate Beebe, and he doesn't mind hearing out the irreverent McMahon, either.

"It's like the little bad angel, and the little good one," Holmgren said, patting each shoulder. "I've got Beebe on one

side and McMahon on the other. That should cover most things now."

Beebe said he's happy to help out, but he's going to have to leave some things to McMahon.

"Jim knows how to go to the Super Bowl and win. I don't," Beebe said.

Holmgren won two Super Bowls as a San Francisco 49ers assistant. His offensive coordinator, Sherman Lewis, owns three title rings, one of which he wore Sunday when the Packers routed Carolina 30-13.

Holmgren said he wanted to get things like securing tickets for friends to lining up travel arrangements for family done by Wednesday.

Each player gets two tickets and can buy up to 28 more at \$275 a pop.

"I'm sure some new relatives will be calling and some old friends from back when I was a nobody," Favre said. "They'll be calling and saying we were best friends."

Favre and his teammates were still rejoicing 24 hours after the Packers secured their first Super Bowl trip since Vince Lombardi won the last of his five NFL titles and two Super Bowls in 1968.

Favre sang the entire "Star Spangled Banner" while in the training room — and not a bad rendition, either — and later he gave the same progress report on his contract situation that's he's been giving all season.

Heat turns back Howard, Bullets by 3

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

As each of his first six shots dropped through, Juwan Howard gave Miami Heat fans a painful reminder of what could have been.

But by game's end, it was Howard and the Washington Bullets who were wondering the same thing.

Alonzo Mourning scored 32 points Monday night and the Heat withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally to beat the Washington Bullets 98-95.

It was the first South Florida appearance this season for the Bullets and Howard, who spurned the Heat last summer.

Booted throughout the game, Howard scored 23 points and helped the Bullets rally from a 22-point deficit with 9 minutes left. But they failed to catch Miami, with Chris Webber and Tracy Murray missing 3-point attempts in the final 10 seconds.

"We stayed strong," Howard said. "Even though we lost, it feels like a win."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Charlotte 102, Denver 100 in overtime; Phoenix 105, Dallas 98; Atlanta 93, Cleveland 79; Utah 97, Philadelphia 96 in overtime; and Orlando 114, New Jersey 111.

Howard's appearance was his first at Miami Arena since July 17, when he attended a news conference to announce his signing with the Heat. Less than three weeks later, the NBA voided the seven-year, \$101 million deal. Rather than joining the Heat to appeal the league ruling, Howard then re-signed with the Bullets.

"That's history. Let's just put it to bed," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "He's a great player, and we all know he's a great player."

Howard was booed every time he touched the ball, but the jeers didn't faze him as he made his first six shots. When he finally missed, the crowd hardly noticed.

"I wish they had kept booing," Webber said. "He proba-

bly would have scored more." "I don't have to prove myself to anyone," Howard said. "I'm not one of those guys who starts folding up through pressure and a hostile crowd. Some guys fade away. I'm not going to do that."

Howard scored seven points during Washington's fourth-quarter comeback. His final basket trimmed Miami's lead to 95-92 with 1:17 to go, and Webber's 3-pointer made it 97-95 with 36 seconds left.

Mourning missed a shot, giving Washington possession with 10 seconds to go. But Webber badly missed a 3-point try over Mourning, who grabbed the rebound and was fouled with one second left.

Hornets 102

Nuggets 100 (OT)

At Denver, Tony Smith's jumper with 1:29 left in overtime was the only basket scored in the extra session.

By scoring only two points in overtime, the clubs set an NBA record for the fewest points combined in an overtime. The previous record of four points was accomplished twice, most recently by San Antonio and New York on Dec. 10, 1995.

Charlotte made only 1-of-9 shots in overtime while Denver missed all 10 of its attempts.

Glen Rice led the Charlotte with 25 points.

LaPhonso Ellis scored 19 of his 23 points in the third quarter for the Nuggets, who have lost six straight at home.

Suns 105

Mavericks 98

At Dallas, Cedric Ceballos scored 26 points in his first game back with Phoenix.

The Suns blew a 26-point third-quarter lead but recovered to beat the Mavericks for the ninth straight time at Reunion Arena.

Ceballos, who began his NBA career in Phoenix, was traded back to the Suns last week by the Los Angeles Lakers.

After Dallas rallied to tie it 95-95 on former Sun Michael Finley's free throw with 2:06

left, the Suns closed the game with a 10-3 run.

Kevin Johnson and Danny Manning scored 22 points apiece for the Suns.

Chris Gatling scored 22 to pace the Mavs.

Hawks 93

Cavaliers 79

At Cleveland, Christian Laettner scored 25 points as Atlanta won its sixth straight.

Laettner's high-arching 3-pointer ignited an 11-2 run at the beginning of the fourth quarter that sent the Cavaliers to their fourth straight loss.

The Hawks have won 12 of 15 and were coming off three straight overtime wins.

Terrell Brandon led Cleveland with 21 points.

Jazz 97

76ers 96 (OT)

At Philadelphia, Utah made just one field goal in overtime but ended an eight-game road losing streak.

John Stockton and John Hornacek each scored three points in overtime for the Jazz, who were just 1-for-7 from the floor in OT.

Karl Malone had 28 points and nine rebounds to help Utah end its four-game losing streak.

Mark Davis set a career-high with 24 points for the 76ers, who have lost nine straight and 19 of 20.

Magic 114

Nets 111

At East Rutherford, N.J., Rony Seikaly scored 8 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter when Orlando wiped out a 10-point deficit.

Dennis Scott matched his season-high with 27 points and Horace Grant added a season-high 26 as Orlando won for the third time in four games since Penny Hardaway and Nick Anderson returned from injuries.

Kendall Gill had a career-high 41 points and Robert Pack had 33 and 18 assists for New Jersey.

BASEBALL

American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike James on a three-year contract and RHP Travis Buckley on a minor league contract.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed RHP Shawn Boskie, RHP Giovanni Carrara, RHP Chris Fussell, RHP Sidney Ponson, RHP Alvie Shepherd, LHP Brian Shouse, RHP Matt Snyder, RHP Billy Perchal, C Ryan Luzzinski, C Melvin Rosario, C Lenny Webster, 1B Drew Benson, SS Kelly Gruber, 2B Francisco Matos, SS Augie Ojeda and OF Jerome Walton to minor league contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bobby Ayala and RHP Scott Sanders on one-year contracts.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Ron Blazer, RHP Wayne Gomes, RHP Larry Mitchell, INF Dave Deater, INF Kevin Seifis and C Bobby Baranilla on one-year contracts.

WASHINGTON—Signed RHP Tim Lincecum to a one-year contract.

WESTERN LEAGUE—Signed RHP Tim Lincecum to a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Placed C-P Scott Williams on the injured list. Activated F Mark Hendrickson from the injured list.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Signed F Terry Cummings to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL—Signed RHP Ron Blazer, RHP Wayne Gomes, RHP Larry Mitchell, INF Dave Deater, INF Kevin Seifis and C Bobby Baranilla on one-year contracts.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Signed RHP Ron Blazer, RHP Wayne Gomes, RHP Larry Mitchell, INF Dave Deater, INF Kevin Seifis and C Bobby Baranilla on one-year contracts.

DETROIT LIONS—Named Bobby Ross coach.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE—Suspended New York Islanders D Rich Pilon for two games (one already served) without pay, and fined him \$1,000.

Lions hope Ross continues to win

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Bobby Ross calls himself a communicator. He's also a disciplinarian.

Ross will bring both attributes to his new job as Detroit Lions coach. Still, it may take a while to turn around the 5-11 team that caused Wayne Fontest to be fired last month.

On the plus side, Ross inherits offensive stars like Barry Sanders and Herman Moore. Free agent quarterback Scott Mitchell also is likely to return.

But three players can't carry an offense, and the Lions' defense was among the worst in the NFL last season.

"You have to build your system around your players," Ross said during a news conference at the Silverdome announcing him as the 18th coach in Lions history. "I'm not locked into anything. My first year in pro football we ran the wing-T. We're not going to do that here, I guarantee you."

Ross was an assistant to

Marv Levy at Kansas City in those days. He has put a lot of miles and some impressive numbers on his resume since then.

"I'd say this: Let's sit back and watch and see," Ross said. "But we're looking for balance and spreading the field. End to end, sideline to sideline. And I don't believe in waiting. I like to make things happen."

Ross, 60, who resigned Jan. 3 after five years as coach of the San Diego Chargers, appears to be everything Fontes was not.

Fontes was a jovial, charismatic coach who seemed to go from one crisis to another.

There will be no hugs from Ross, who got his start as a three-sport player at Virginia Military Institute.

"I want perfect practices," Ross said. "Perfect practices make for perfect games."

To that end, Ross frequently hires officials to referee the hard practice sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. When players make mistakes,

flags are thrown. "If you're repeating the same mistake over and over again, I'm going to get a little perturbed," Ross said.

It was that conservative, no-nonsense attitude that endeared Ross to Lions owner William Clay Ford. It was a big reason why initial plans to interview a wide variety of prospects were scrapped.

"When Bobby became available, our wide angle changed to a very narrow-focused lens," Ford said. "We got Bobby in the cross-hairs and he was our target. He looked like he was exactly the person that we were trying to get, and luckily we got him."

Among other candidates the Lions reportedly were considering were Northwestern coach Gary Barnett and defensive coordinators Pete Carroll of the San Francisco 49ers and Emmitt Thomas of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Ross plans to bring some of his staff from San Diego.

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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	26	9	.743	—
Miami	25	10	.714	1
Washington	19	15	.559	8 1/2
Orlando	13	18	.419	11
New Jersey	9	23	.281	15 1/2
Boston	8	25	.242	17
Philadelphia	8	26	.235	17 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	31	4	.886	—
Detroit	26	8	.766	4 1/2
Atlanta	21	11	.656	8 1/2
Cleveland	21	13	.618	9 1/2
Charlotte	19	16	.543	12
Milwaukee	18	17	.514	13
Indiana	16	17	.485	14
Toronto	12	23	.343	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	9	.750	—
Utah	23	12	.657	3 1/2
Minnesota	16	19	.457	10 1/2
Dallas	12	20	.375	13
San Antonio	9	25	.266	17
Denver	9	26	.257	17 1/2
Vancouver	7	29	.194	20
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	27	10	.730	—
Seattle	26	11	.706	1
Portland	19	16	.543	12
Sacramento	15	22	.406	15
L.A. Clippers	14	21	.398	16
Golden State	13	21	.382	16 1/2
Phoenix 11	24	314	.15	—

Today's Games					
Time	Home	Visitor	Time	Home	
7:00 p.m.	Golden State	at Boston	6:00 p.m.	Philadelphia	at Charlotte
7:00 p.m.	Minnesota	at Atlanta	6:30 p.m.	New Jersey	at Charlotte
7:00 p.m.	New York	at Houston	7:00 p.m.	Chicago	at Minnesota
7:00 p.m.	Washington	at Chicago	7:30 p.m.	Orlando	at Dallas
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9:30 p.m.	Indiana	at Sacramento	9:30 p.m.	Indiana	at L.A. Clippers
10:00 p.m.	Phoenix 11	at Sacramento	9:30 p.m.	Phoenix 11	at L.A. Clippers

Wednesday's Games					
Time	Home	Visitor	Time	Home	
6:00 p.m.	Philadelphia	at Charlotte	6:30 p.m.	New Jersey	at Charlotte
6:30 p.m.	Chicago	at Minnesota	7:00 p.m.	Orlando	at Dallas
7:00 p.m.	New York	at San Antonio	7:30 p.m.	Toronto	at Seattle
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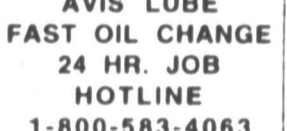
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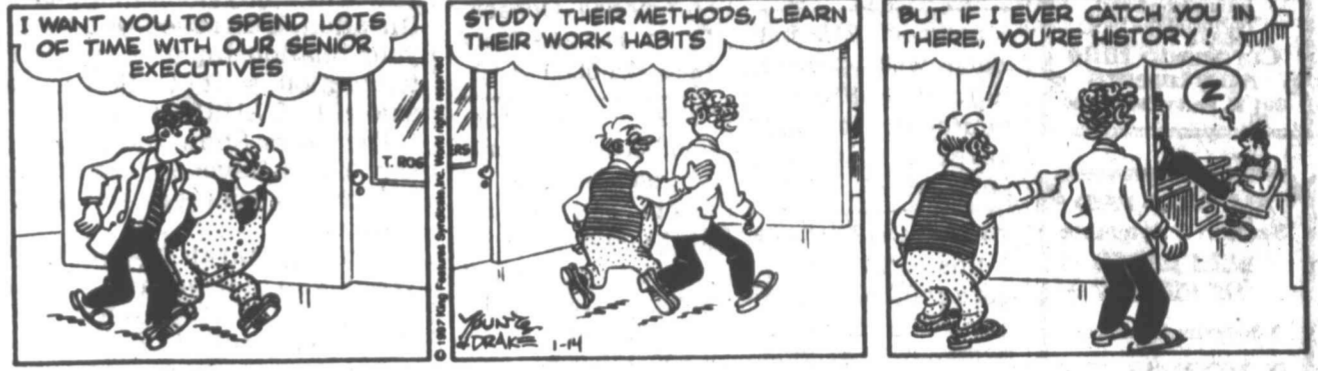
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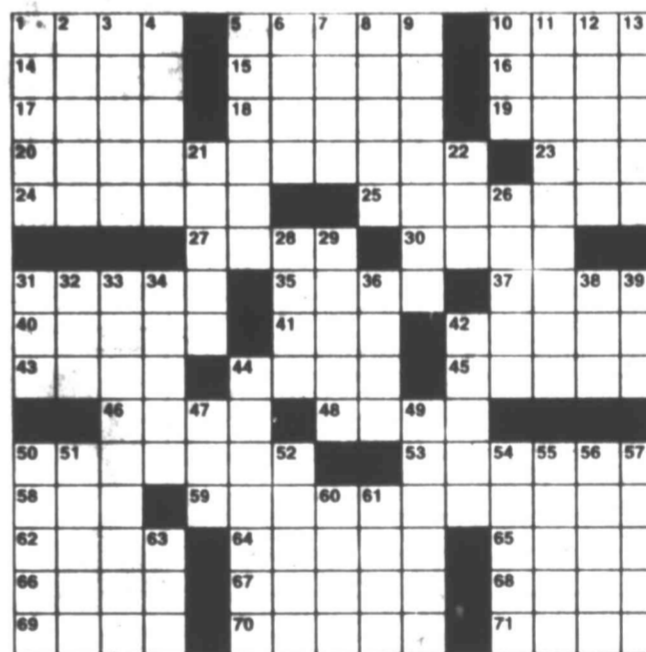
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 1997. There are 351

days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified the peace treaty with England that ended the Revolutionary War.
On this date:
In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the "Fundamental Orders" — was

adopted.
In 1742, English astronomer Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85.
In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.
In 1900, the Puccini opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its Rome world premiere.
In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.
In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, featuring Dave Garroway as host.
In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.
In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation now; segregation tomorrow; segregation forever!"
In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed when an explosion ripped through the ship off Hawaii.
Ten years ago: Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance called the Reagan administration's decision to secretly sell arms to Iran an expensive blunder.
Five years ago: Historic Mideast peace talks continued in Washington, with Israel and Jordan holding their first-ever formal negotiations, and the Israelis continuing exchanges with Palestinian representatives.
One year ago: Several thousand government, Serb and Croat troops withdrew from their front-line trenches and bunkers across central and northeastern Bosnia, beating a deadline to create buffer zones.

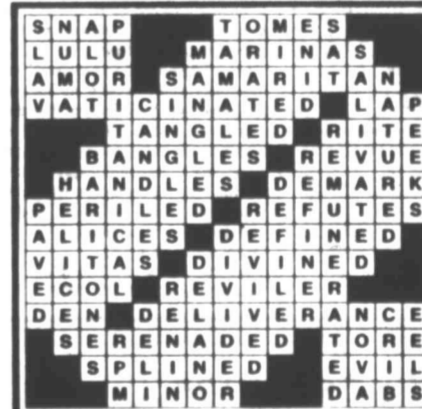
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by Alan Olschwang

Monday's Puzzle solved:



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