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## Chamber board looks ahead to Jan. 31 banquet, new year

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is continuing to prepare for its annual banquet set for Jan. 31 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, while also planning for future activities in 1997.

During Wednesday's board of directors meeting, Treasurer David McKay reported the chamber finished 1996 with a revenue excess of about \$37,000.

Membership development is also off to a good start in 1997, according to Katie Grimes, membership development vice president.

"We have collected \$47,000 in 1997 dues, and the chamber's 448 members

represent \$100,971 in memberships," Grimes said.

According to Grimes, a membership drive will be conducted later this year. She also noted that a new welcoming committee will be formed by the chamber and Moore Development to help residents become more acquainted with the chamber.

Chuck Williams, governmental affairs vice president, told directors the chamber's relationships with State Rep. David Counts and Congressman Charles Stenholm are strong, and the issues for Big Spring to watch during the 75th legislative session are property taxes and water.

"It's a feather in David's (Counts') cap that he was asked to co-author Gov.

Bush's property tax bill," Williams said. "Where water is concerned, we want to be sure legislation does not undo what it has taken the Colorado River Municipal Water District years to build."

Williams provided a list of the top issues likely to be discussed and considered by the Legislature, adding that it's a good idea for directors to know what's going on and whether or not a particular issue will effect the Big Spring community.

Williams also mentioned some concerns about several of the items discussed by Planning Coordinator Tara Kersh at Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting, such as the community roundtable meetings and the John

Ben Sheppard Junior Leadership Forum.

Williams' concern is that the chamber became involved in these areas years ago, and with the city getting involved in these areas, there may be some overlapping or duplicating of ideas. The chamber, he explained, already has established a junior leadership program as a spinoff of Leadership Big Spring.

"It doesn't matter who does what, but I think there needs to be a little coordination in some places," Williams said.

The chamber's annual banquet is a little more than two weeks away and so far only 106 reservations have been made.

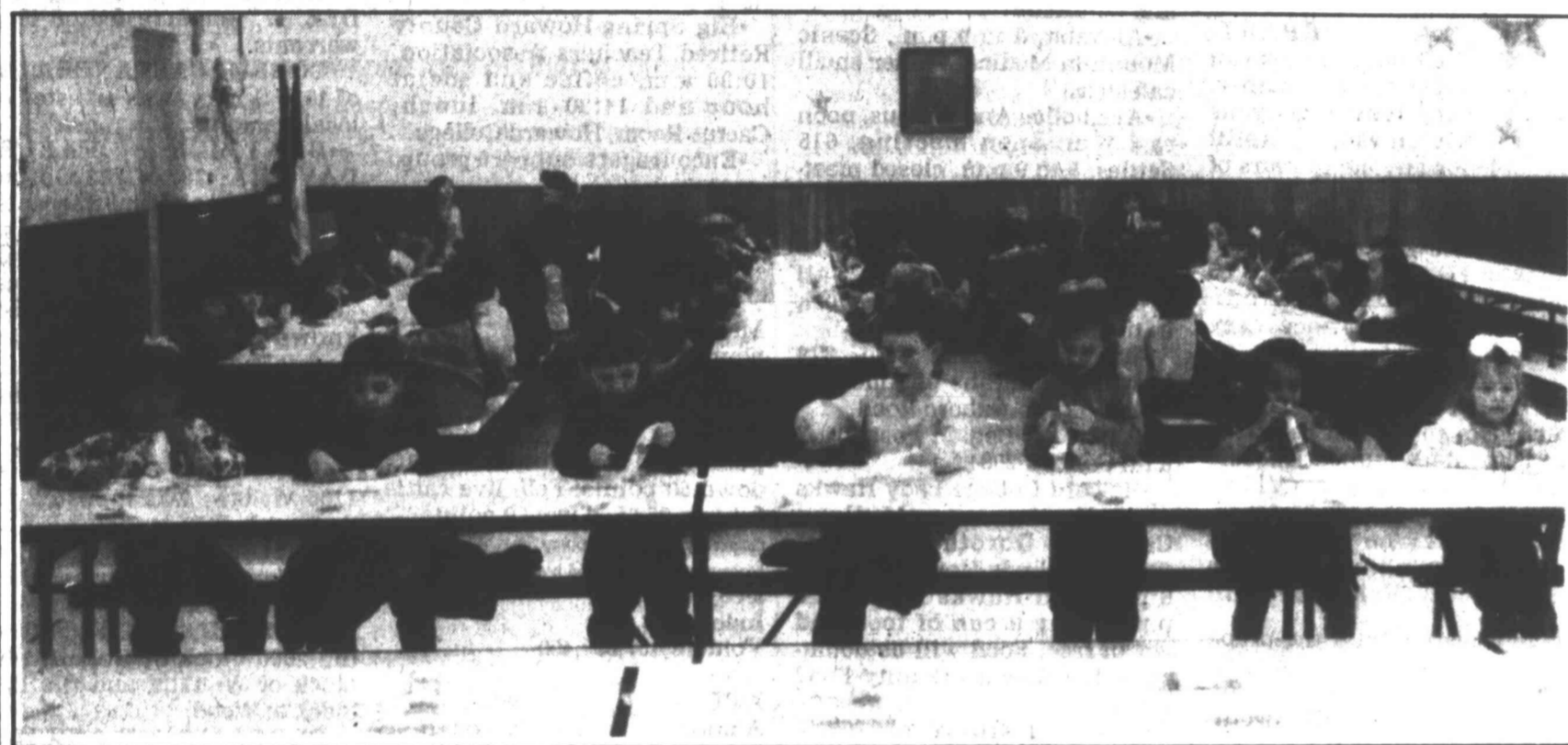
Chamber Executive Vice President Linda Walker said 106 reservations to this point is par for the course because most people usually wait until the last minute to purchase tickets.

"We usually have 500 people or so attend the banquet," she said.

The banquet has been set for a 7 p.m. Jan. 31. The master of ceremonies will be new chamber board member Terry McDaniel and guest speaker for the banquet will be former state senator and current Texas Tech University Chancellor John T. Montford.

Other events for the chamber in 1997, according to Walker, include community luncheons in March, May, August and December; the Ag Expo on March 27; and the Health Fair on April 19.

### PERFECTLY DELICIOUS



Students at the Anderson Kindergarten Center who achieved perfect attendance enjoy frozen treats during a special assembly. School officials staged the assembly Wednesday.

## Big Spring teen recants rape accusation Wednesday

### Police continuing search for suspect in December sexual assaults

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

A report of a rape to the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) Wednesday turned out to be false and not related to the December rapes still being investigated by police.

According to Sgt. Victor Brake, a 15-year-old girl accused her 16-year-old boyfriend of rape, but later recanted her accusation after being examined.

Police are still investigating the rapes of two Big Spring women in late December and as well as a sexual assault of a child reported Wednesday night.

Residents are still warned to exercise caution at night and during early morning hours, especially if out alone.

According to the BSPD no new developments have surfaced in the search for a man accused of the December rapes, but leads are still being investigated.

The two sexual assaults occurred on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28 in the east/southeast part of Big Spring.

Based on the description given of the attacker by the two Big Spring victims, which fits the same description given by an Odessa woman who was attacked on Dec. 14, Odessa authorities are also interested

in the Big Spring cases.

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

Also in late December, there was one report of a subject entering a residence that may be related to the two assault cases.

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

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

At the time of that report, the police department put out a directive to its patrol division and additional patrols were placed in the areas in which the suspect may have been seen.

The suspect wore women's clothing during both attacks, also a characteristic of the Dec. 14 assault in Odessa.

Anyone with information regarding these offenses or having information on who may be responsible for these assaults should contact the BSPD Criminal Investigation Division at 264-2548 or Big Spring Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS.

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

## Local VA officials waiting to see impact of formula change

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

How the Department of Veterans Affairs' decision to modify the way it distributes more than \$14 billion in medical care funding will impact the Big Spring VA Medical Center is uncertain at this time, according to VA Executive Director Carey Brown.

The VA will make shifts from Northeastern to Southern and Southwestern states.

According to the VA's Washington office, the new

funding method will correct historic geographic imbalances and will result in greater funding for 15 of the VA's 22 medical care networks.

The new method will be phased in over a three-year span and will result in decreased funding for seven networks.

"At this point we don't know what will happen," Brown said. "We have just received preliminary data and have not had time to draw any conclusions."

The new method distributes funds based on a national price for two types of patients —

those with routine healthcare needs and those with special, long-term problems such as spinal cord injury, chronic mental illness, nursing home care or end-stage AIDS.

According to the VA, the new method will also take into account that many veterans temporarily move to warmer climates during the winter.

"With the reorganization of the VA, money does not come directly to us from Washington," Brown said. "It comes through the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) or what you would call a

regional office."

"As far as we're concerned, all money for West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona goes to the regional office that serves us," Brown added. "That office then makes its reviews and decides where the money goes."

Areas expected to receive a decrease in budget are the Bronx borough of New York City; Chicago; Albany, N.Y.; Boston; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Pittsburgh; and Omaha.

Areas expected to see increased budgets include Phoenix; Portland, Ore.; Jackson, Miss.; and Dallas.

## Governor's tax plan likely to propose \$1 billion cut

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's tax plan is coming into sharper focus. Aides say he likely will propose a \$1 billion tax cut combined with new business and sales levies to replace some local school property taxes.

"We're working on it," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

She said Wednesday that the governor hopes to unveil his full proposal in the State of the State address, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 28.

According to Bush's staff, the

plan being discussed would have several elements:

— A \$1 billion tax cut, funded from the current budget surplus.

— An increase in the state sales tax by one-half or three-fourths of a cent per dollar. Currently 6.0 cents, the Texas sales tax rate is among the nation's highest, and local jurisdictions may add up to two cents to that.

— Replacing the business franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory with a new "business activity tax."

That new levy would tax a company's gross receipts, subtracting the cost of goods and materials, and also subtracting capital investments in equipment and the like. A standard business deduction of \$500,000 would be allowed.

"Gov. Bush has said from the beginning that it should be fair and broad-based and apply to active businesses," Ms. Hughes said. "The idea is to find a tax that more reflects economic growth, that is capable of growing with the economy."

One sticking point that

remains is how to make certain that local school property taxes would drop — and stay down — when new state money is pumped into schools, aides said.

Bush first raised the idea of property tax relief in 1995. He said rising school property taxes are jeopardizing the ability of young Texans and the elderly to own homes.

Property taxes make up the majority of public school funding in Texas. Those local levies now total about \$10 billion a

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

32 ▲ Highs 8  
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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 30s. Low in the upper teens.

Friday: Cloudy with a chance of snow. High around 30. Low around 20.

Extended outlook: Saturday through Monday, dry with a warming trend.

Low Saturday in the upper teens, warming to the lower 30s by Monday.

High Saturday will be in the 40s, arriving into the 60s by Monday.



OBITUARIES

Vera Mae Huitt

Vera Mae Huitt, 78, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at her residence.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on April 5, 1919, in Cooper, Texas, and married Jimmie Huitt on May 22, 1937, in Big Spring.

She came to Howard County in the early 1930's with her family. She was a homemaker and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmie Huitt of Big Spring; one daughter-in-law, Becky Huitt of Elbow; two grandsons, Quert Huitt and his wife Denise and Terry Huitt, all of Elbow; a great-grandson, Jeffery Michael Huitt of Spotsylvania, W.V.; one brother-in-law, Charlie Huitt of Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Ruby Nix of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Huitt on Jan. 13, 1982.

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

Hollis McCarty

Service for Hollis McCarty, 73, Tyler, will be 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 1997, in the Lloyd James Funeral Home Chapel, Tyler, with Walter Jones officiating. Interment will be in the Cathedral in the Pines.

Mr. McCarty died Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the Hospice Home Place.

He was born on May 30, 1923, in Cooper County. He had lived in Tyler for the past 20 years. Mr. McCarty was an Army veteran, serving in World War II. He retired as a drifter with Century Geophysical.

Survivors include his wife: Lella "Katherine" McCarty, Tyler; two sons: Louis Lawson, Denver, Colo., and Keith McCarty, Chandler; two daughters: Paula Hiebert, Atmore, Ala., and Samantha Tobias, Tyler; one sister: Helen Johnson, Big Spring; two brothers: Paul McCarty and Herbert McCarty, both of Llano; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home, Tyler.

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With the Legislature now in session, Bush says he is confident lawmakers will address the issue.

"I think there is enough money in the budget to have a tax cut," he said. That's a change from his initial idea of a dollar-for-dollar, state-for-local tax swap.

The Republican governor also said he worries that depending too heavily on property taxes threatens to throw the state's delicately-balanced school funding formula out of kilter.

The Texas Supreme Court in the late 1980s and early 1990s repeatedly threw out school finance formulas because of inequities between property-rich and property-poor districts.

"If we don't do something, we will be back in court again," Bush predicted. "More reliance upon property taxes means the system will be out of balance in quick order."

BRIEFS

THE HERALD IS CURRENTLY seeking submissions to its monthly Readers Corner that runs the last Wednesday of each month.

Stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what is in the picture and who took the photograph.

When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month. Photo suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things and five-generation family pictures.

The next Readers Corner is scheduled for Jan. 29 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Jan. 20. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

THE HERALD IS CURRENTLY seeking submissions to its monthly Recipe Corner that runs the second Wednesday of each month.

Please submit any recipes you would like to see published. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less as well as recipes that are low in fat and calories are needed also.

The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Feb. 5 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Jan. 27. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons will offer the 55 Alive/Mature Driving course at the Big Spring Mall Tuesday and Wednesday Jan. 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., which includes one half hour for lunch.

Enrollees must attend both sessions to receive a certificate and need not be a member of the AARP but must be at least 50 years of age. The certificate entitles the driver to up to 10 percent reduction in automobile insurance premiums for each of three years. There are no graded tests or exams.

Developed by AARP to improve driving safety for all senior drivers, each participant is issued a workbook which can be retained for future reference. Tuition is \$8.

Interested persons are requested to make reservations by calling the mail office during normal business hours at 267-7331.

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UNITED BLOOD SERVICES WILL have a blood drive in the Big Spring Mall Saturday, Jan. 25, from noon to 4 p.m.

Donors are asked to bring a form of identification, such as a driver's license or UBS blood donor card. Donors are also asked to know the name of any medication they are taking.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 79 and must be feeling well and healthy at the time of donation. For more information on donor eligibility or to make an appointment, contact Tyson at UBS at (800)756-0024. Appointments are not mandatory, but will be taken before walk-ins.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENINGS WILL BE conducted at the Medicine Shoppe, 1001 Gregg, Jan. 20 and Jan. 21. The cost is \$5 and will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, triglyceride testing and HDL "good cholesterol" testing will be available for an additional charge.

The test requires a 12-hour fast for triglycerides and the lipid profile, but no fasting is required for the regular cholesterol and HDL test. Call the Medicine Shoppe at 263-7316 for more information.

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 IRS WILL BE training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Jan. 13-17. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

THE HOWARD COUNTY SPELLING Bee will be March 4 at the Howard College Auditorium from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Books for the spelling bee will be available the week of Jan. 20-24 for 55 cents each. For more information, contact Katy McAteer at 263-7331.

THE 1996-97 SANDS PTO cook books are in "Cooking Country Style" contains 1,284 recipes from appetizers to main dishes and desserts. The cook book is dedicated to the students of Sands CISD and all proceeds from the book will be used to provide scholarships for the students.

In Big Spring, contact Connie Zant at Elrod's or Dorothy Ringner at Jiffy Car Wash for the cook books. You may call Sands School, Ze da Bilbo 353-4314, Sharon Hamrick 353-4744 or Alison Foster at 353-4574 for a copy of the cook book.

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

AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 236, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

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

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

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

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

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

-Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136, work in the EA Degree.

-Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

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

-Howard College Lady Hawks and Hawks vs. Midland College, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Lady Hawks begin at 6 p.m. and Hawks begin at 8 p.m. Bring a can of food and get in free. Food will be donated to the Howard County Food Bank.

FRIDAY  
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Must be CW & Co. Area seniors INVITED.

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

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

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

-Free used eye glasses for adults, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Big Spring Evening Lions Club, the bingo building. Call Squeaky Thompson, 267-5931, for more information.

-Big Spring Kennel Club's Dog Show, 9 a.m. to late afternoon, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Free admission.

-Pet Microchip Clinic, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., BSKC Dog Show, main concourse at the Northeast entry, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The cost is \$32 per pet for implantation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment.

SUNDAY  
-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Texas Lottery

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MONDAY  
-Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 8:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.  
-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.  
-TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-9633.  
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.  
-Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Cactus Room, Howard College.  
-Encouragers support group,

6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 7th & Runnels. There will be a covered dish and a book review by Lou Knight. Call 398-5522 or 269-4969.  
-The Medicine Shoppe, 1001 Gregg, will offer cholesterol screening from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for \$5. In addition, triglyceride testing and HDL "good cholesterol" testing will be available for an additional charge. For more information call 263-7316.  
-Retired Teachers Association meeting, 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room, Howard College.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:  
-ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 17, was arrested on local warrants.  
-CONNIE CASTANEDA, 35, of 1510 Scurry, was arrested on local warrants.  
-BEATRICE VALLES DAVILLA, 28, of 712 Goliad, was arrested on local warrants.  
-PHILLIP TRAMMELL, 49, of 3223 11th place, was arrested for assault and family violence.  
-ANTHONY MUNOZ, 38, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.  
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-BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1800 block of E. 4th.  
-THEFT in the 1200 block of 11th Place.  
-THEFT OF GAS in the 900 block of Willis; and the 400 block of Johnson.  
-TERRORISTIC THREAT in the 600 block of Holbert.

MARKETS

March cotton 74.30 cents a pound, down 25 points; Feb. crude oil 25.78, down 17 points; Cash hogs steady at 54.50; slaughter steers steady at 66; Feb. lean hog futures 77.10, down 50 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.65, down 20 points.  
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| Exxon              | 22 1/2          |
| Cabot              | 69 + 1/2        |
| Chevron            | 35 1/2          |
| Chrysler           | 129-133         |
| Citric             | 56 1/2          |
| Coca-Cola          | 29 - 1/2        |
| De Beers           | 109 1/2 + 2 1/2 |
| DuPont             | 29 + 1/2        |
| Excel Comin.       | 104 1/2 + 1/2   |
| Exxon              | 51 1/2          |
| Fina               | 33 1/2 nc       |
| Ford Motors        | 72 1/2 + 1      |
| Halliburton        | 165 1/2 + 1 1/2 |
| IBM                | 11 1/2          |
| Laser Indus LTD    | 11 1/2          |
| Medical Alliance   | 132 1/2 + 1     |
| Mobil              | 45 1/2          |
| Norwest            | 9 1/2 nc        |
| NUV                | 46 1/2 + 1/2    |
| Phillips Petroleum | 29 1/2 + 1/2    |
| Pepsi Cola         | 33 1/2 nc       |
| Polaris            | 49 + 1/2        |
| Rural/Metro        | 52 1/2          |
| Sears              | 24 1/2 + 1/2    |
| Southwestern Bell  | 105 1/2 nc      |
| Sun                | 67 1/2 + 1/2    |
| Texaco             | 41 1/2 + 1/2    |
| Texas Instruments  | 45 1/2          |
| Texas Utils. Co    | 23 1/2 nc       |
| Unocal Corp        | 14.35-15.23     |
| Wal-Mart           | 26.43-28.04     |
| Ancap              | 24.95-26.47     |
| Euro Pacific       | 17.30-18.36     |
| I.C.A.             | 18.59-19.72     |
| New Economy        | 14.41-15.13     |
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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:  
-ALEX CALVIN MARION, 24, of 411 N.E. 10th, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

WEATHER

Wednesday's high 54  
Wednesday's low 21  
Average high 57  
Average low 27  
Record high 77 in 1936  
Record low 6 in 1972  
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# Rodney finds respect in Daingerfield

**DAINGERFIELD (AP)** — Finally, after a career of bogus indignities, Rodney Dangerfield is getting some big-time, small-town, Hollywood-flavored respect.

The beefy, bug-eyed comedian is coming to East Texas Thursday for the world premiere of his latest movie, and the townspeople are going bonkers.

"It's getting kind of wild around here," smiled Debbie Poe, happily organizing a parade that will snake around town and down newly christened Rodney Dangerfield Boulevard.

"We're tickled about him coming," she said of the 2,655 residents of this tiny hamlet hidden in the hilly pine forests 130 miles east of Dallas.

"It's great for him. It's great for us."

Quipped City Manager Kevin Carruth: "Maybe we'll both get some respect."

Dangerfield, 75, "America's favorite big-screen boor," will serve as grand marshal of the parade, receive a key to the city and mingle with fans at the premiere of "Meet Wally Sparks."

Then he'll whoop it up at a black-tie reception.

That's not bad for a guy who claims he once got a form letter that began: "You may already be a loser!" A guy who says that "if it weren't for pickpockets, I'd have no sex life at all."

Besides Dangerfield, whose credits include "Caddyshack," "Easy Money" and "Back to School," the new film stars Debi Mazar, Burt Reynolds, David Ogden Stiers and Cindy Williams.

In the spirit of this outrageous if charitable undertaking, the

town is temporarily dropping an "I" in Daingerfield to match the spelling of Rodney's name.

Although not a big fan of Dangerfield's, teen-ager Sarah Baker branded the event a neat affair: "I think it's kind of cool that a movie star is coming here."

Kim Wallace, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was even more enthusiastic.

"My directors decided that it was too good an opportunity to pass up," she said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing for some of us. We'll probably never do this again."

Judging from the story line of the R-rated "Wally Sparks," Wallace may be profoundly prophetic.

"A fast-talking host of a tactless, uncouth TV tabloid show, Wally makes half of America laugh hysterically and the other

half cringe," says Trimark Pictures.

"Showcasing alien-lesbian-Elvis impersonators and men in love with their wives' dogs, Wally's show doesn't just push the envelope of decency — it obliterates it."

Right up front, Trimark asks: "Is America ready for Wally Sparks?" A better question: "Is Daingerfield ready for Dangerfield?"

Well, yes, says Don Cooper, editor and publisher of the Daingerfield Bee.

For someone who gets no respect, Rodney's come to the right place, Cooper joked.

"This is the city that can make the same claim," he said, recalling the economic misery and bruised psyche the city suffered with the collapse of Lone Star Steel in the oil bust of the 1980s.

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### Mother gets three life sentences for murders of children

**HOUSTON** — When she was only 14, she killed the first of her children, 25-year-old Claudette Kibble says.

By the time she was 18, three of her children were dead.

State District Judge Ted Poe sentenced her Tuesday to three life prison sentences.

The woman pleaded guilty last May to two murder charges and one charge of injury to a child, then waived her right to a trial by jury.

Poe, saying the children "had the right to live," sentenced her to life for the drowning death of 7-month-old Edward Kibble and the suffocation of 9-month-old Quentin Kibble.

Poe also gave her a life sentence for trying to smother her 16-month-old son, Calvin Wright, with a pillow.

Kibble also confessed to police that she drowned 17-month-old Joshua Kibble. But prosecutor Steve Baldassano said she was not tried for his 1986 death because the case is still in juvenile court, and it will be her one "free" murder.

### American withdraws offer to arbitrate with pilots

**DALLAS** — American Airlines and its pilots began a cooling-off period today, putting the nation's No. 2 carrier 30 days away from a possible strike.

If no contract settlement is reached during that time, the pilots would be allowed to strike on Feb. 15 and American would be free to impose the contract it wants.

American's parent company, AMR Corp., initially had agreed to binding arbitration, but added the caveat that pilots also make a decision by Wednesday. As the day wore on, the Allied Pilots Association remained quiet and the company played its own hand and moved the dispute one step closer to a possible strike.

The pilots' union has vowed to strike if the company does not come up with a better contract offer than the four-year deal that was rejected last week by 61 percent of its membership.

The vote put on hold American's plans to buy 103 new Boeing jets, worth \$6.6 billion.

### Funding probe goes on despite loss of driving force

**EL PASO** — A series of unusual state funding investigations begun on the border three years ago don't rattle cages the way they once did, and the judge that had been their driving force has since retired.

But the courts of inquiry that once drew legislators to El Paso to pursue allegations that the state shortchanges some citizens are still very much alive and now nearer to their conclusion than ever.

"We're optimistic," said state District Judge Peter Peca, who took over the probes when Judge Edward Marquez retired Dec. 31. "This matter is of great concern to the community and it is important that it be completed."

Marquez launched the inquiries, rare criminal probes usually used to ferret out public corruption, after alleging in 1994 that he had detected a pattern of discrimination in the state's funding of social services and highway projects in El Paso.

### Consultant testifies there was no intruder in Routier home

**KERRVILLE** — A crime-scene consultant who toured Darlie Routier's Dallas-area home after the murders of her two sons says he found no signs of the intruder she says committed the crime.

Routier, on trial for capital murder in her sons' stabbing deaths, says an intruder broke into the house, wounded her and killed 6-year-old Devon and 5-year-old Damon last June 6.

But prosecution witness James Cron, a 39-year-old law enforcement veteran, testified Wednesday that he saw no evidence of that.

Cron said he entered the Rowlett home with police officers on the morning of the murders to look for anything unusual, including pry marks on windows or blood on walls.

# Moses asks for information on voucher proposal

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A Central Texas school district has been asked for more information by state education officials mulling the district's bid to turn public money over to parents for their children's private education.

"It is obvious that you and the other trustees have done some creative thinking," Education Commissioner Mike Moses said in the letter requesting more information from Lake Travis Independent School District. The letter, dated Jan. 10, was released Wednesday by the Texas Education Agency.

The school district's board conditionally endorsed the proposal in November subject to a

number of factors, including action by TEA to ensure the district wouldn't be financially penalized.

Moses asked the school district to provide the following:

- A copy of a "waiver of important constitutional and statutory rights" discussed in the proposal, along with an explanation of which rights are required to be waived.
- An explanation of how the district will ensure students with disabilities are provided a free, appropriate education.
- Information on how the school district will ensure the state's ability to audit actual attendance to ensure the proper

computation of state funding.

People For the American Way has urged the TEA to reject the proposal. It calls the plan "a state-funded welfare program for the rich."

Richard Kouri, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, has said his group would sue to stop the proposal if TEA allows it to go forward.

The teacher group has long opposed sending public money to private schools, saying public education needs the funds.

Supporters of the proposal say it's meant to help the fast-growing district relieve crowding and to give parents more control over children's education.

Under the so-called Parents as Partners Scholarship Program, Lake Travis ISD would provide scholarships to students to attend public or accredited private schools that meet certain requirements.

The amount of the scholarship would be designated later. Among other requirements, scholarship students would have to take the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam.

The district has submitted the proposal to the TEA to see whether students participating in the scholarship program still would be included in the district's average daily attendance.

# Tejas Testing in court over failed emissions program

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A company that claims it is owed more than \$200 million by the state over a failed emissions testing program is trying to clear the air in court.

A trial began Wednesday before state District Judge Joseph Hart over a claim by Tejas Testing Technology that the state breached a contract with the company when a centralized emissions testing program for major metropolitan areas of the state was scrapped in 1995.

"It's a breach when the essen-

tial part of the contract is to send us cars and they stop sending us cars," Steve Ravel, an attorney for Tejas, said in opening statements.

Attorneys for the state say the law authorizing the emissions program was rewritten in 1995, thus triggering a provision of the contract that would nullify payment to Tejas Testing and leave any compensation up to state lawmakers.

"The contract called for their money to be refunded if the Legislature would go along with it," said Terry Thompson, an

assistant state attorney general. "Now, they (Tejas) don't like that deal and everything about this lawsuit is to try to scuttle it."

The trial, which is expected to last about a week, comes as lawmakers are discussing a proposed settlement with Tejas of roughly \$112 million.

The potential settlement, outlined in a letter from legislators to the company, would be one of the largest state awards to a company involving a canceled contract.

"Any determination should be

made by the Legislature," Thompson said.

"Right now, we are in court and that's our focus," said Brad Laughlin, president of Tejas. "We are always open to discussion, but right now our focus is here."

The emissions-testing program had been required by federal lawmakers, who threatened the state with the loss of highway funds if it didn't take steps to monitor and reduce auto emissions in several metropolitan regions, including Houston, Dallas and El Paso.

## Man captured in Louisiana solon's death

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A fugitive wanted in the 1973 armed robbery and murder of former Louisiana Sen. H. Alva Brumfield has been arrested in Houston, where he had lived under an assumed identity, the FBI says.

Thomas Gordon Jones, 59, was charged Wednesday with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution in Brumfield's slaying 24 years ago in Baton Rouge, La., said FBI agent Alan Tribble.

Authorities received a tip that Jones was living and working in Houston under the name of Paul Joseph Banks, Tribble said. He did not know Jones' occupation.

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# Clinton ratings hit high mark; Gingrich standing deteriorates

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton enjoyed a record-high job approval rating in a new poll that found the public's view of Congress had improved even as embattled House Speaker Newt Gingrich's standing deteriorated.

The Pew Research Center survey, completed a week before Clinton's second inaugural, found that 59 percent approved of the way he was handling the presidency. Clinton's previous high in Pew surveys was 56 per-

cent in February 1993 — less than a month after he took office.

In the new survey, 31 percent disapproved of Clinton's performance as president; another 10 percent declined to offer an opinion.

Democrats overwhelmingly embraced their re-elected president — 86 percent approved of his job performance. A majority of independents also gave Clinton passing grades, and even three in 10 Republicans

approved of Clinton's job performance.

"Bill Clinton is indeed getting a bit of a second honeymoon," said Pew survey director Andrew Kohut.

Still, 70 percent said the controversy over Democratic National Committee fund raising in last year's elections was an important issue, and 63 percent said Congress should establish a special committee to investigate the matter.

Improved public standing for

politicians is not uncommon in the calmer period that follows elections, and, indeed, Clinton's better ratings were rivaled by better numbers for the Republican-controlled Congress.

Fifty-six percent of those surveyed said they had a favorable view of Congress, up from 45 percent in a Pew survey conducted last June. Forty percent of those surveyed last Thursday thought Sunday said they viewed Congress unfavorably — down 10 percentage points from

June.

The public image of Congress overall improved despite continued partisan division over the policies of the GOP congressional leadership — and despite a continued slide in Gingrich's public standing.

The speaker in late December admitted misleading a House ethics committee investigation into his political activities. Seventy-nine percent of those surveyed said the ethics case against Gingrich was an impor-

tant issue, and the data offered a snapshot of the political toll.

The Georgia Republican was viewed favorably by just 28 percent of respondents. Sixty-five percent said they had an unfavorable view of Gingrich, 5 percent had no opinion and 2 percent said they had never heard of him.

Kohut said Gingrich's unpopularity was taking a toll on the way the public views the GOP congressional leadership as a whole.

## Israeli troops begin dismantling bases in Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — In heavy rain and fog, Israeli soldiers loaded up dozens of trucks with boxes of equipment and lowered the Star of David flag today, preparing to end their 30-year rule in Hebron.

Army bulldozers dismantled cement barriers at the gate of Israel's main military headquarters on a hill above the city. Soldiers folded large olive drab tents and piled furniture, communications equipment and water tanks into the trucks.

signed by his predecessors.

That angered Labor Party lawmakers, who demanded that Netanyahu apologize to Yitzhak Rabin, the slain prime minister who led the peace efforts. Confronting the hecklers, Netanyahu said: "It's hard on you that we achieved all these things you were unable to achieve."

Approval is guaranteed because Labor supports the peace agreements. As many as a third of the legislators in Netanyahu's nationalist-religious coalition were expected to abstain or vote no.

The Israeli Cabinet voted 11-7 after a tumultuous 12-hour debate. Science Minister Benny Begin, son of the late Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, resigned in protest.

The Palestinian Cabinet and the PLO Executive Committee, in contrast, authorized the agreement with comfortable majorities.

The accord calls for Israeli troops to withdraw from most of Hebron within 10 days of the signing of the agreement.

Israeli and Palestinian security officials worked together to prepare the handover. At the Hebron military headquarters, agents of the Palestinians' Preventive Security met with Israeli army commanders.

Palestinians living near the military headquarters were euphoric as they watched the Israelis prepare to leave.

"It is one of the happiest days of my life," said Maher Dandi, a 25-year-old baker. "I never dreamt the army would leave."

The base will become the headquarters of Yasser Arafat's 400-member security force after Israel's parliament approves the handover of 80 percent of the city of 130,000 Palestinians and 500 Jews.

The Israeli parliament debate was expected to last late into the evening, with each of the 120 legislators given a chance to speak.

Both the Israeli and Palestinian Cabinets approved the accords on Hebron and a three-stage pullback from West Bank rural areas late Wednesday night.

But the handover was expected to be completed as early as Friday, since speed was important to keep extremists on both sides from carrying out attacks aimed at scuttling the agreement.

Ibrahim Ghosheh, spokesman for Hamas, noted that 20,000 Palestinians would remain in the Israeli-controlled center of the city "at the mercy of settlers and the Israeli army." Ghosheh pledged "continued resistance and jihad (holy war) against the Zionist occupation."

An army base in southern Hebron was empty by this morning, and the Israeli flag gone. Two soldiers stood guard on the roof. Dozens of Palestinians watched, waiting for the Israelis' departure.

In northern Hebron, Israeli soldiers dismantled a checkpoint and a nearby rooftop observation post.

The agreement was a political watershed for Netanyahu, who made a career out of eloquently arguing against the land-for-peace formula.

At the session today, Netanyahu defended the agreement as "better, safer and more responsible" than the one

## Clinton to honor Dole with Medal of Freedom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bowing to calls for more civility in politics, President Clinton is offering the nation's highest civilian award to Bob Dole.

Clinton plans to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to his vanquished GOP rival Friday at a ceremony unveiling the winning design for a World War II monument, according to a White House official who spoke on anonymity.

confirm that Dole would be offered the medal, but added: "That sounds like an excellent way to pay tribute to a person who has devoted a lifetime to public service."

Clinton's decision became public Wednesday on the publication date of "Behind the Oval

Office," an inside look at the White House by fallen political adviser Dick Morris.

In the book, Morris says Clinton once called Dole "an evil, evil man," an account that presidential spokesman Mike McCurry has said Clinton disputes.

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## What in the world can gardeners do when the chill of winter hits?

By SUSAN BANKS  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

People ask me what gardeners can possibly do in the winter. That's a nongardener's question. There's plenty to do in the cold months. So I just smile and say, "Lots of stuff," and leave it at that. As any gardener can attest, winter may keep us indoors, but there's plenty in the horticultural world to keep our synapses firing. Primarily, winter is a time for catalogs. Every year I get more catalogs than I did the year before. I get them at home and at work. (I even read them on company time, can life get any better?) I've spent many happy evenings

checking out the latest plants and seeds, compiling lists and sending orders. Catalogs dovetail right into rethinking areas of the garden or even the entire landscape. In the winter, you can draw plans at leisure, ponder the plants you're picking — and there's no need to rush. There are plenty of ways to design a home landscape — from using a paper and pencil, which I prefer, to buying a computer landscape design program. I own a landscaping program, and I dislike it intensely (because my grandma told me to never say "hate"). Others may love sitting in front of a computer. You won't know until you try. I also received a product called "The Garden Pack," which is touted as "the only three-dimensional planning kit

that allows you to create different designs for the ideal garden." Remember paper dolls? This is paper plants. I didn't find it exceptionally stimulating, but I didn't find cutouts interesting as a kid. If you did, maybe you'll like this idea. If none of the above thrills you, contact a landscape or garden designer. Winter is the time to take that step. By spring, most professionals are unreachable. If you get good bones in the garden, you'll never be sorry. Learn from my mistakes. My beds expanded as my interests did. So I'm always rethinking and redoing areas of the garden. This year, I'm planning on taking

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## Give a try to cool-season annuals

By Scripps Howard News Service

Annuals in January? Isn't that just a bit premature? Not really. In fact, it's just in the nick of time, for some of these cool-season blooms like to be sprouted by March and garden-bound by early May. So if these annual favorites are on your 1997 seed list, better lick the stamp or fax your order soon. Late winter is right around the corner and with it your best chance of keeping seedlings of these early annuals content.

Violas and pansies are the quintessential cool-season annuals. Garden centers in some parts of the country have started pushing pansy sales in autumn. They bloom in the fall, then, with a thick covering of mulch, some make it through the winter. Buds show color as the snow melts around them, and the survivors are in full bloom with the early bulbs and hellebores. For blooming-size pansies this spring, start seeds right away and push them hard. Lots of light, moderate temperatures, bottom heat and

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## It takes resolve to take off holiday weight

By CINDY STARR  
Scripps Howard News Service

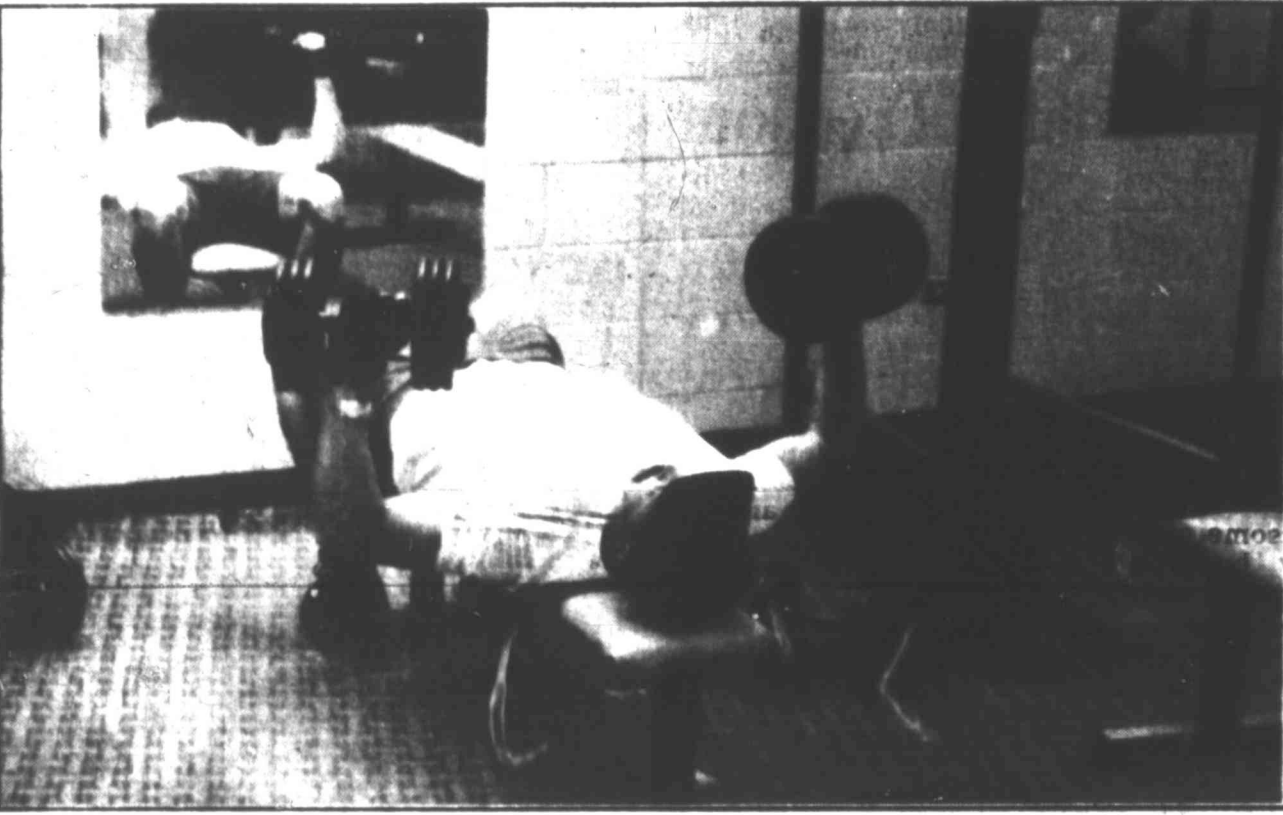
With past visions of sugar plums, stuffing and egg nog now firmly attached to our hips, we're chugging through the doors of sports clubs and fitness centers — armed with New Year's resolutions, or updated resolutions from years past. Now we are creating another noticeable post-holiday bulge — in the membership rolls of fitness clubs. Trainers and fitness directors are eagerly awaiting our arrival, primed to help new clients follow through on their resolutions. And because modern fitness comes with a price, many fitness centers are offering membership discounts. Fitness club managers hope to convert the perennial resolutions into lasting relationships. "We want people not only to come in and start an exercise program, but we also want to help them continue throughout the year," says Eric Mann, associate vice president of the Cincinnati YMCA. "We want this to be a lifestyle change, not just a New Year's resolution."



Rex Norton grimaces as he lifts the barbells at the YMCA.

### LOCAL FITNESS FACILITIES

- Big Spring YMCA, 801 Owens, 267-8234
- Dance Gallery & Fitness Center, 2303 Goliad, 267-3977
- Harold Davis Fitness Center, Howard College, 264-5108



Attorney Troyce Wolf works out with dumbbells at the Big Spring YMCA.

True health, fitness experts agree, is achieved through a long-term commitment to regular exercise, not a short burst designed to trim 5 or 10 pounds before the pool opens. This distinction will separate those who break the fat barrier from those who come limping back with their resolutions next year. "What is difficult, especially with New Year's resolutions, is that people tend to set a reward for the end of the road," says Thom Nickley, fitness director at the Cincinnati Sports Club. "Sometimes they'll work to that point and then they're done. They'll lose 10 pounds and then go on vacation. Or they'll go wear a bikini in May. "It is better for them to see this as a holistic change — a transition to health, moderation, rest and fitness — if they're really going to get the full effect of the exercise."

Eric Hine, proprietor of Newbody's Personal Training Center in Cincinnati, estimates that as many as 80 percent of New Year's exercisers will fail in their resolve. "Many people have a misconception of what a real fitness program is," he says. "They want to see results in a short time and they want it to be easy. It doesn't work that way. Fitness is a life-long goal, not short-term. If you approach it from a short-term standpoint, you won't see results." Other exercise programs, Hine notes, fall victim to busy schedules. Competing commitments gradually push exercising down the list of priorities, and eventually the resolute exerciser discontinues the program altogether. Success, fitness experts agree, depends on many factors, including how much the client



George Herrera takes time out from his schedule to lift weights to help stay in shape.

likes the exercise he or she has chosen. Thus, the first goal for the Y's instructors is to get clients involved immediately in a program they like. Setting realistic goals is equally vital, according to Nancy Gaughan, health and wellness director for the YMCA. Exercising three days a week, with a day off in between workouts, is a good place to start. Vowing to exercise every day is not. "First, it's not necessary, and second, it can work against you," Gaughan says. "I see it so many times. People miss a few days and then say 'Forget it.' We as a society set ourselves up to fail in that way. We need to set realistic goals and not get down on ourselves. If one of your resolutions is to work out, to get in shape, to feel better, give yourself a break, too. If you miss a few days, or a week, it doesn't mean you have to quit totally. You can come back and get started again." Avoiding boredom — the kind that comes with sitting on an exercise bike for three hours every week — is another must. To get new exercisers off on the right foot, many health clubs are offering a series of instructional periods whose focus includes varied workouts. Nickley says this "gets them to take their blinders off and take a look at other equipment in the gym." Nickley says many people who already exercise would benefit from cross-training, the process of exercising in more than one way.

## After 44 years, masa grinder decides to call it quits and relax at home

By CINDY RAMIREZ  
El Paso Times

EL PASO — Eivira Vasquez has lived a run-of-the-mill life for the past 44 years: Every day she worked at the small masa-making business she learned from her husband in her youth. But Tuesday, her daily routine of grinding corn into masa and greeting her customers with a splendid smile will

come to a dramatic halt. The doors to Elminuto Molina will close forever at the end of business Tuesday. The modest but popular South El Paso specialty store has been selling masa for tamales and corn tortillas for more than 60 years — the majority of them under Vasquez. "I'll miss talking with the people, seeing my friends and just spending the day seeing

different people walk in and out of my store," the petite 65-year-old woman said. "But I'm just tired. There's no other reason. It's time for me to quit working and give my arms a rest." Mrs. Vasquez learned the business from her husband, who died 30 years ago. At age 21, Mrs. Vasquez married into the business run by her husband's family. At first, she hesitated to get anywhere

near the corn grinder or the messy masa. In one short year, however, she learned all there was to know about the business. Elminuto Molina produced about 150 to 200 pounds of masa daily. But business boomed during the holidays when families prepared to celebrate with the traditional tamales. Mrs. Vasquez sold anywhere from 500 to 800 pounds of masa daily

during the Christmas holiday. "We're going to miss her and the masa," said Carolina PaDen, a regular customer who travels from the East Side to buy her batch of masa every winter. "This is where you came if you wanted the best masa around. There's no substitute." Hundreds of customers like Ms. PaDen will have to scramble to find a replacement

because few stores sell the fresh-made masa anymore. Instead, many bakeries sell ready-made tamales. "Maybe somebody will take over that can keep the business going, but I don't think there's a big market anymore," Mrs. Vasquez said. Mrs. Vasquez plans to sell the store, but believes it won't be

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### TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

#### Eye exams:

(NAPS) - Some tips and trivia:

- One in four children has a vision problem that could lead to learning and behavioral difficulties.
- School-administered vision screening may detect only 20 to 30 percent of vision problems.
- Common signs that indicate vision problems:
  - Squinting, rubbing eyes or closing one eye
  - Turning or tilting the head to one side
  - Headaches, nausea, dizziness and/or excessive clumsiness
  - Placing the head close to a book while reading
  - Short attention span or avoidance of close up work.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Send in your recipes

The Herald is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Recipe Corner that runs the second Wednesday of each month. Please submit any recipes you would like to see published. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less as well as recipes that are low in fat and calories are needed also. The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Feb. 5 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Jan. 27. If you have any questions, contact Kelle Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

### THE LAST WORD

The best music should be played as the best men and women should be dressed — neither so well nor so ill as to attract attention to itself. —Samuel Butler

It is as absurd to pretend that one cannot love the same woman always, as to pretend that a good artist needs several violins to execute a piece of music. —Honore de Balzac

Familiarity breeds contempt — and children. —Mark Twain

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regular fertilizing will speed them up. Still, plants will be fairly small.

Next season, start seeds in summer or fall and carry seedlings through the winter in a cold frame. Pot them up in late winter, then harden them off a week or two outside the frame before moving them to the garden.

It's difficult to categorize all snapdragons as cool-season annuals, because the dwarfs react quite differently to temperature than the tall ones. In my garden, the giant "Rocket" snaps prefer it cool; the short bedding varieties seem to be more heat-tolerant.

During a mild winter under heavy mulch, tall snaps will occasionally survive, while the short ones never do. Those that come through winter bloom early in spring, providing evidence of their cool-season tendencies.

Sweetpeas are the most finicky of cool-season annuals. But the blossoms — and their exquisite fragrance — are worth any amount of effort.

The early-blooming "Winter Elegance" sweetpeas have performed better than other varieties in my western Pennsylvania garden, where the climate has an annoying habit of bypassing spring and jumping directly into summer.

Starting the seeds indoors in cell packs didn't make much difference. Seedlings from direct-sown seed caught up to

pre-germinated plants within a few weeks; blooming was simultaneous.

Larkspur is as suited to instant summers as sweetpeas, which just makes us want them more. Closely related to delphinium, larkspur is a true annual. It blooms with abandon during the cool sunny days of spring and for an extended period in regions where summer evenings remain cool.

Larkspur seedlings won't winter over this far north. But they will drop seed for next year's flowers if a few of the best blossoms are allowed to mature.

Dwarf blue lobelia would be the perfect container plant if it didn't faint with the first heat wave. Still, it's great for combining with bulbs and other cool-season annuals in beds, borders and pots.

Sow seeds soon. Blue lobelia is a slowpoke, needing about ten weeks to grow to transplant size.

Calendula, or pot marigold, provides a splash of mid-summer color in spring. Bright golds and vibrant oranges are rare in cool-season annuals; calendula steals the show. It's also a knockout with dwarf blue lobelia in window boxes.

Since calendula and the other flowers mentioned here may be hard to find at local greenhouses, gardeners may have to start their own plants from seed. Although very cold tolerant, be sure to harden them off carefully in a cold frame or other protected place to prevent tempera-

ture shock.

Two seldom-grown annuals are worth a look (and search) for stunning early-season color: monkey flower (*Mimulus*) and painted-tongue (*Salpiglossis*). Too bad that catalogs here rarely list them, for both are enchanting.

Flowers of painted-tongue are especially showy. Low sprawling plants are covered with two-inch jewel-toned blossoms, each with strong petal veining and a throat of contrasting hue.

The downside to this burst of spring color is evident come summer. Cool-season annuals usually despise hot weather and respond by fainting. Or they give up altogether. Snapdragon spikes get shorter, for instance, the buds at the base of the stem turning brown almost immediately. Larkspurs just shrivel up.

Some varieties can be revived by cutting them back hard; try it with snapdragons, calendula and lobelia. Water them during the summer and fertilize lightly as autumn approaches.

Plants will be shorter than they were earlier, the blossoms less impressive. But for the amount of work involved, the color is rewarding.

Don't bother trying to coax more life out of sweetpeas. Accept their resignation with regret and fill their spot with warm-season companions.

(Lindsay Bond Totten, a horticulturist, writes about gardening for Scripps Howard News Service.)

GARDENERS

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out another chunk of the diminishing lawn. I'd like to lay pavers in an informal manner and interplant the gaps with interesting ground covers. With more hardscape, I'll also be able to include more containers in my bursting lot.

More and more I find myself purchasing interesting containers and placing them throughout the garden. Unfortunately, while you can mail-order interesting containers any time of the year, most garden centers just stock plain terra cotta

Still, pavers are readily available all year, and I'm checking them out now.

Now is also a great time to read everything about gardening you can get your hands on. I inhale garden literature when I'm stuck in the house, and I know many of my compatriots do, too.

Visit the local newsstand and pick up a copy of the magazines *Organic Gardening*, *Horticulture*, *Garden Design* or *Water Gardening*. Then sit back and let your fantasies run wild.

Or check out some of the great specialty books by Timber Press. Their titles encompass many specialties, like "Crabapples," "Ivies" and "Siberian Iris." Whatever your interest, there's sure to be a book.

Then, start a list, and note the plants you've seen and plants you think could work in the garden. I have a "must have" list that I keep by the bed. These are plants like the variegated-leaf rose of Sharon and the dwarf Japanese maple *Shaina*, which I intend to get my hands on as quickly as possible come spring.

Now is also a great time to take a class or attend a garden lecture. Don't be shy because you think you don't know enough to attend a class. I go to classes all the time, and I've never yet seen anyone get laughed out of the classroom.

There's so much for gardeners to do in the winter. I'm tired just thinking about it, and we haven't even mentioned houseplants.

MAZA

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an easy task departing with it.

"Shiny silver and pale blue equipment — including the popular corn grinder — will likely be sold with the business.

A 1930's red Coca-Cola cooler, where generations of youngsters have reached in to grab a soda, likely will be among the items sold.

The walls are coated in a light blue paint — reminiscent of the neighborhood that Mrs.

Vasquez recalls as the heart of family-owned businesses in the city years back.

"Everybody here had their own little store, but they're all gone now," she said, pointing to the congested streets outside. "It used to be people came out in the afternoon and talked. Now we can hardly go outside with all the traffic and the noise."

The afternoon chats followed a good business day when the area homemakers would buy out pounds of maza to prepare homemade corn tortillas.

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# READ ALL ABOUT IT

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story then answering the questions that follow.

## 'Curious George' creator dies

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Ask any young fan of children's books and the child is likely to offer an opinion about Curious George.

"He's a little crazy," said 7-year-old Morgan Adams of Acton, Mass. "He's always doing things he's not supposed to do."

Fans were saddened to hear that George's co-creator, Margret E. Rey, died at age 90. But they agreed that the mischievous monkey, who scampered into the hearts of generations of children around the world, will live on.

Rey died Saturday at her Cambridge home three weeks after suffering a heart attack, her publisher said. She and her husband, the late H.A. Rey, created the irrepressible fictional monkey. The series has sold more than 20 million copies in 12 languages.

George's creators led an adventurous life, just like their monkey. The Reys escaped Paris on bicycles with the unsold manuscript in 1940 just before German troops occupied the city.

"Actually, it was fun," Margret Rey said of their journey in an interview with The Associated Press in April. "People always ask, 'Were you afraid?' You don't have time to be afraid."

Mrs. Rey was born in Hamburg, Germany, on May 16, 1906. She met Hans Augusto Rey as a girl and they married years later in Brazil, where he had gone in 1923 to escape Germany's post-World War I inflation.

After fleeing the invading Germans, the couple made their way to New York, and almost immediately sold "Curious George" to the Houghton Mifflin Company, which published it in 1941. The Reys wrote six more Curious George books over the next 25 years. Rey illustrated the books, while Mrs. Rey wrote all about the trouble-prone monkey who has to be rescued or forgiven — or saves the day.

"Every episode has him getting into trouble and then fixing it," said Ben Dussault, 11, of Clifton, Va. "It teaches you a moral, to find a solution to problems. Don't give up and walk away."

"He became very much a figure of his own," Mrs. Rey said. "He knew what he could do and couldn't do. He became a person."

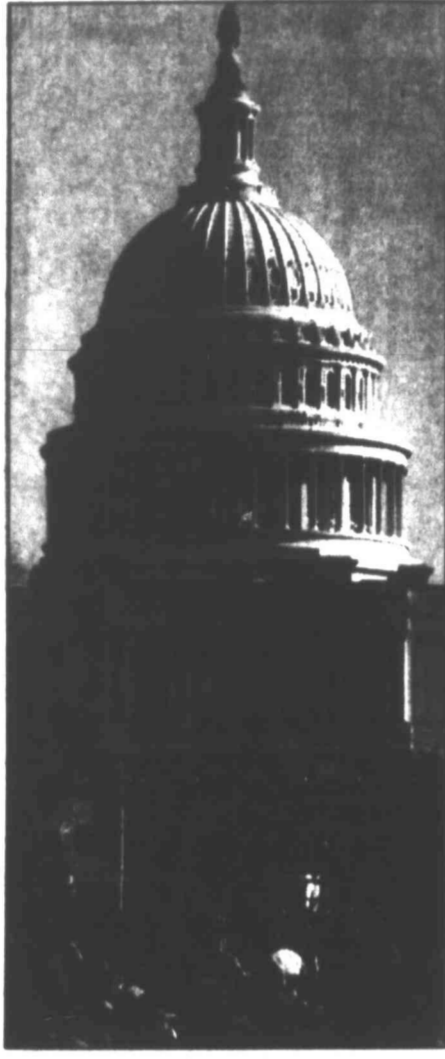
Use information from the story to answer the following questions:

- 1) Why is Margret E. Rey famous?
- 2) Where was Mrs. Rey born? How long did she live?
- 3) Why did Mrs. Rey and her husband leave Paris? How did they escape?
- 4) When was the first Curious George book published?
- 5) Who illustrated (made drawings for) the seven original Curious George books?
- 6) Do you think it was difficult for Mrs. Rey to come with story ideas for the Curious George series? Explain.
- 7) Why do you think that so many children enjoy reading stories about the mischievous little monkey?
- 8) How do you know people in countries around the world are able to read about the adventures of Curious George?

Answer Key: (Wording may vary)  
1) Margret Rey is well-known because she is the co-creator of Curious George books.  
2) Mrs. Rey was born in Hamburg, Germany. She lived for 90 years.  
3) The Reys left Paris because German troops were about to take control of the city. They fled on bicycles.  
4) The Houghton Mifflin Company published the first "Curious George" in 1941.  
5) Mrs. Rey's husband, Hans Augusto Rey, illustrated the books.  
6) Answers will vary.  
7) Answers will vary.  
8) Children around the world can enjoy Curious George stories because the books are published in 12 languages.

# The Mini Page

## Bill Clinton Begins His Second Term The Inauguration



At President Clinton's first inauguration in 1993, more than 500,000 people crowded into the area in front of the Capitol to witness the swearing-in and listen to the speech he gave.

At noon on Jan. 20, on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., Bill Clinton will begin his second term as the 42nd president of the United States. For more than 200 years, this swearing-in ceremony has served as an example of the peaceful transfer of power.



At the inauguration of 1993, Bill Clinton raises his right hand and repeats the oath of office. Daughter Chelsea looks on. Chief Justice William Rehnquist is blocking our view of Hillary Clinton, who holds a Bible.

- The three branches of government take part.
1. **Executive:** The president takes over as our country's leader.
  2. **Judicial:** The chief justice of the United States directs the taking of the oath.
  3. **Legislative:** Members of Congress are in charge of the ceremony. Numbered above is former Speaker of the House Thomas Foley.



Each president says a 35-word oath of office when taking over. An oath is a promise.

The swearing-in ceremony is called an inauguration. (in-ah-gyoor-RAY-shun).

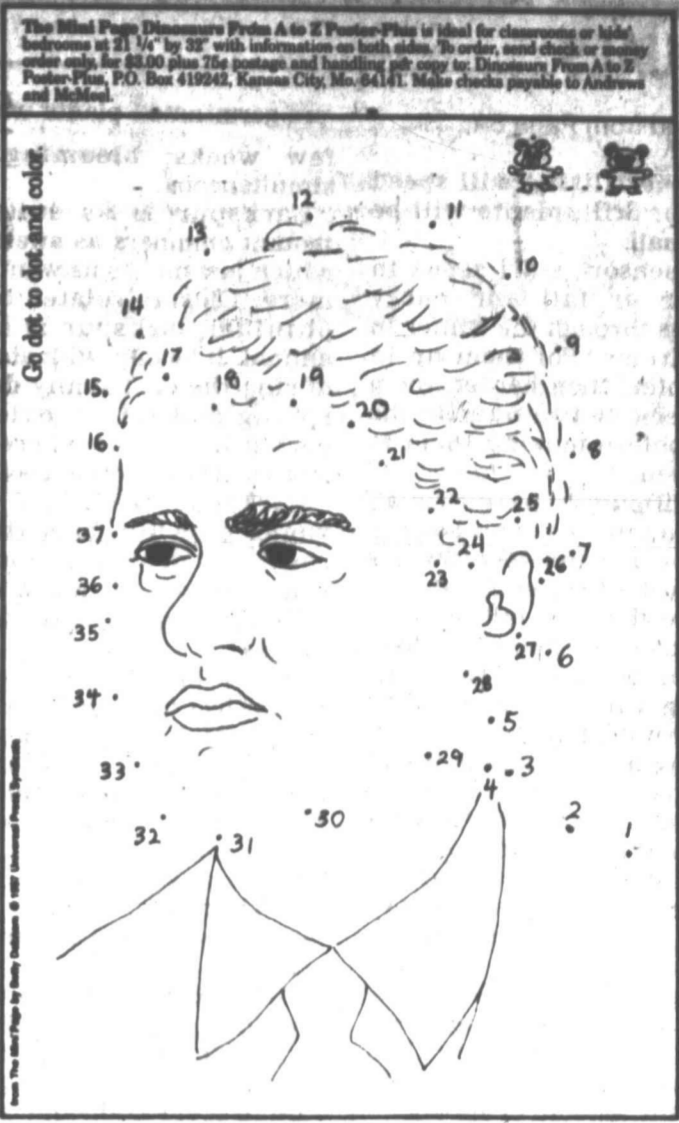
The oath of office and certain requirements are listed in Article II of the Constitution.



**Oath**  
"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

**Requirements**  
To be president, a person must:

- be at least 35 years old.
- have lived in the United States a total of 14 years.
- be a native-born citizen.



**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

WHAT'S THE LOWEST WORD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE?  
"SMILES." THERE'S A MILE BETWEEN EACH S!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: A skunk, a frog and a duck went to the movies. The admission was a dollar. Which one couldn't get in?  
A: The skunk. The frog had a greenback, the duck had a bill, and the skunk had a scent — and it was a very bad one!  
(sent in by Tiffany Demark)

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**

**Tasty Broccoli Taters**

You'll need:

- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 10-ounce box frozen chopped broccoli

**What to do:**

1. Make instant mashed potatoes, following box instructions for 4 servings.
2. While mixture is still warm, stir in cheese.
3. Cook broccoli following directions on box.
4. Top each serving of potatoes with equal amounts of broccoli. Serves 4.

**TRY 'N FIND**

**INAUGURATION**

Words that remind us of the Inauguration are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: PARADE, OATH, SPEECH, OFFICE, PRESIDENT, BAND, FLOATS, MARCH, MUSIC, CROWD, CAPITOL, WHITE HOUSE, WAVE, PENNSYLVANIA, OUTDOOR, BIBLE, JANUARY.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are watching the Inauguration parade. See if you can find:

- muffin
- big musical note
- word MINI
- bird
- sailboat
- bell
- comb
- safety pin
- acorn
- pumpkin

• elephant's head • quarter moon

## Inauguration Highlights

**Sworn in more times than any president**  
Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated more times than any other president. He was elected to four terms. A law passed in 1951 limited the amount of time a president could serve.

**Different places**  
Vice President Chester Arthur was sworn in as president at his home in New York City in 1881. He was visiting there when he learned of the death of President James Garfield.

**First to use two Bibles**  
Mrs. Nixon held two family Bibles when President Nixon was sworn in in 1969.

**The first to walk**  
President Jimmy Carter and his family walk down Pennsylvania Avenue. Carter was the first president to walk from the Capitol to the White House.

**The first ball**  
This year there will be several gala balls. In 1808, Dolley Madison, the wife of President James Madison, planned the first official one.

**The first Inauguration**  
George Washington took the oath on April 20, 1789. He put his left hand on an open Bible. After taking the oath, he kissed it and added the words, "So help me God."

That night, fireworks were a part of the celebration.

Members of the Continental Army escorted the president to and from the ceremony. From that time on, the military has played an important role.

Washington was sworn in in New York City.

New term: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Today, each president can serve two terms (periods of time) of four years each. (A president can serve as many as 10 years if he takes over the unfinished term of another president.)

The Mini Page thanks Lt. Mike Schneider, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, and Lee Ann Potter, educational specialist, National Archives.

Next week read about the presidents as children.

Watch your local paper for news of the Inauguration.

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| <p>Today<br/>Pony of Big Spring (9:30 p.m., boys 9 p.m.)<br/>Midland College of Central College (9 p.m., boys 9 p.m.)<br/>Pony<br/>San Angelo Little West of Big Spring (9:30 p.m., boys 7:30 p.m.)<br/>Wall of Pecos (9:30 p.m., boys 9 p.m.)</p> | <p>College basketball<br/>Tulane at Xavier, 9 p.m., ch. 35.<br/>Temple at Cincinnati, 9 p.m., ch. 30.<br/>Eastern Michigan at Boise State, 11 p.m., ch. 35.</p> |
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## Lady Hawks hope to make up ground in conference race

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Matt Corkery is hesitant to use the phrase, "must-win game," but tonight's Howard College-Midland College women's contest is about as close to such a situation as you'd want.

Howard's women attempt to gain some ground in the conference standings when they face league-leader Midland at 6 p.m. tonight in Garrett Coliseum. The Howard and Midland men, both undefeated after Monday's league openers, face off at 8 p.m.

If the Lady Hawks (16-3 overall, 5-2 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings) win tonight, they're right back in the thick of the league race. If, however, they don't win tonight, they'll fall three games back of Midland in the WJCAC standings.

So, is this a must-win game, coach?

"Well, you never know what the future will bring," Corkery said. "I never use the word 'must,' but they're the No. 1 team in the conference, and we're right behind them, so it's obviously an important game in the standings."

The Lady Chaparrals already

**Howard vs. Midland**  
Tonight, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

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| <p>Lady Hawks (16-3, 5-2) vs. Lady Chaparrals (16-2, 6-0) — 6 p.m. (KBYG 1400-AM)</p> | <p><b>SPECIAL ADMISSION</b><br/>There will be free admission for anyone bringing a can of food to the game. All donations will benefit the Big Spring Food Bank.</p> |
| <p>Hawks (13-5, 1-0) vs. Chaparrals (12-6, 1-0) — 8 p.m. (KBST 1400-AM)</p>           |  |

own one conference win over Howard this season — a 98-95 overtime victory last month in Midland. Corkery would not be surprised to see another run-and-gun game tonight.

"That's just the kind of style both teams play," Corkery said.

"So I really don't expect either team to change their game plans. It's just going to come down to which team executes better."

Howard currently leads the league in team offense, averag-

ing 87.9 points a game, while Midland is second in that category with a 78.7 per-game average. Defensively, the Lady Hawks surrender 59.2 points a game while Midland allows 68.1 points per outing.

Individually, the Lady Hawks have the top two scorers in the conference in guards Kyna Cosby and LaTonya Kindle, who average 17.8 and 17.2 points per game, respectively. Midland's leading scorer, post player Ndiassa Ndiaye, averages slightly more than 13 points a contest and leads the conference in field goal percentage, sinking 60.8 percent of her

shots. The men's game could be just as explosive as the women's contest, as both Howard and Midland have shown the knack for putting on offensive shows.

Going into Monday's league openers, Howard (13-5 overall, 1-0 in the WJCAC) averaged more than 85 points a game, while Midland (12-6, 1-0) was scoring 76.7 points a game.

Howard's Will Jones and Clifton Cook are among the league leaders in scoring, both averaging more than 14 points a game. The Chaparrals counter with Cedric Goodwyn (16.8 points a game).

## Bulldogs remain perfect in district Coahoma teams sweep Winters

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — By late Wednesday afternoon, Winters basketball fans probably wished that Coahoma's teams had taken advantage of the nice weather and gone outside to play.

But the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes played inside.

Against Winters.

And were rude hosts to boot.

Coahoma swept its double-header with Winters Wednesday — the Bulldogettes stayed in the District 8-2A play-off race with a 67-54 win over the Lady Blizzards, while Coahoma's boys stayed undefeated in district play with a 77-67 victory.

### Boys game

Coahoma coach Kim Nichols has been preaching all season that the district race was the most wide-open he's ever seen, so he must be doubly surprised to see his team atop the leaderboard almost halfway through the schedule.

But if Coach Nichols is surprised, his players aren't.

"We knew we could play like this," point guard Josh Collum said. "Everybody in the district was surprised with the way we beat Ozona (a 30-point victory a week ago), but we knew we

could play like this every night."

Winters stayed close to Coahoma through the first half, but Collum's three-pointer with 1:33 left in the third fueled a late run that gave the Bulldogs a 12-point lead going into the final quarter.

The Blizzards twice made a run at the lead in the fourth. guard Kenny Whitenburg, who led all scorers with 28 points, canned a three-pointer to cut the Bulldogs' lead to nine points midway through the quarter, but Aaron Barr responded with a basket off a nifty feed from Blake Nichols. Nichols added a two-pointer of his own, and the lead was safely in double digits again.

Nichols scored 21 points to lead the Bulldogs, who also got double-digit scoring from Robert Lain (18 points), Collins (12 points) and Adam Batson and Barr (10 each).

Blake Nichols said part of the reason for the Bulldogs' undefeated run through district can be attributed to a tough early season schedule.

"I just think we got hold of some good, tough teams early on," Nichols said. "And we had a bunch of new guys who were trying to mesh with each other. But we're playing good now, and that's all that counts."

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Aaron Barr (23) of the Coahoma Bulldogs attempts a shot during his team's game with Winters Wednesday in Coahoma. The Bulldogs won to remain undefeated in District 8-2A.

## 'Retread' Patriots tickled with turn of events

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) —

Three months ago, Otis Smith was with the New York Jets, who were headed for the worst season in their history. Now he's headed for the Super Bowl.

Three months ago, Keith Byars was in the middle of Jimmy Johnson's rebuilding program in Miami. Now he's preparing for the Super Bowl.

Smith and Byars are just two of the New England Patriots who probably give thanks every day for their good fortune. Instead of dealing with loss after loss in the Jets' 1-15 season, Smith is making travel and ticket arrangements for New Orleans. Instead of wondering what Johnson's plans are for him, Byars is studying the game plan for the Super Bowl.

So are Willie Clay, Michael McGruder, Mark Wheeler, Pio Sagapolutele, Tom Tupa and Shawn Jefferson. All were signed as free agents in the off-season and got away from teams that didn't win in 1996.

"Sometimes you wonder," said Smith, a cornerback who scored the clinching touchdown of the AFC Championship game when he grabbed James Stewart's fumble and ran 47 yards in the final minutes. "You're playing for a team that can't win a game, and then you're with a team that is going to the Super Bowl."

It seems odd that the Patriots have so many players from losing programs because coach Bill Parcells is as forthright as can be about not accepting defeatism.

"If they accept losing, get rid of them," he said. "Fortunately, I don't have many of them on this team."

The retreads who joined the Patriots this season have, in some ways, been as important as the stars. While Terry Glenn

### SUPER BOWL

was setting a rookie record for receptions, his partner at wide-out, Jefferson, was averaging 15.4 yards on 50 catches.

Smith and Clay (an interception in the end zone) made some of the biggest plays in the title game. Wheeler and Sagapolutele have crowded the inside at defensive tackle, allowing Willie McGinest and Chris Slade to roam on the outside.

Middle linebacker Ted Johnson called Clay, signed away from Detroit as a free agent, "the backbone of the whole defense. He's so stable, he never lets us get too up or down. He's the emotional leader of the defense."

Byars might carry the same title on offense.

"He's a guy who has seen a lot in this league and he's just as happy as any of us to be getting the chance to be on a winner," star running back Curtis Martin said. "I can always turn to Keith to ask him things and get good advice."

Parcells isn't about to overlook their contributions, which include four interceptions, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and 92 tackles by Clay; two interceptions and a sack, plus 31 fumbles for Smith in 10 games; 62 tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery by Wheeler; solid punting from Tupa, who also is the backup quarterback.

"They paid the same price and spilled the same blood and had the same turned ankles and heartache and IVs on airplanes in the summer when we were coming home," Parcells said. "This has been a great team to coach. It's been fun. I enjoy going to practice and I said in the summer I would coach them the best I can and enjoy it."

Retreads and all

## Patience pays off for Forsan against Plowboys

HERALD Staff Report

ROSCOE — The Forsan Buffaloes learned the value of patience Wednesday night.

Forced out of their up-tempo style of play, the Buffaloes used a late rash of free throws to down the Roscoe Plowboys 43-36 in District 8-2A action Wednesday afternoon in Roscoe.

The game was a make-up of Tuesday's contest which was postponed because of icy roads.

Forsan coach Terry McDonald said the combination of an early game and the slow-down tempo made for an almost surreal atmosphere.

"It was unusual playing a game in the middle of the afternoon," McDonald said. "Roscoe just plays good defense. They play a steady pace and they're a real disciplined team."

The Buffaloes (17-6 overall, 3-1 in district play) and Roscoe were tied at halftime and at the end of the third quarter, but

Forsan outscored the Plowboys 12-5 in the final eight minutes to take the victory.

Josh Gaston scored 16 points and Steve Osburn added 13 points to lead Forsan, which returns to action Friday at home against Wall. Game time is 8 p.m.

### Roscoe girls

down Queens

The Roscoe Plowgirls, playing their first game since the death

of team member Shasta Stovall, held off a second-half charge to take a 34-30 victory over the Forsan Queens Wednesday afternoon.

The Queens, who remained winless in District 8-2A action, rallied from a cold first half in which they scored only seven points and closed to within 24-23 entering the final quarter. But the Plowgirls outscored Forsan 10-7 in the final quarter

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## Rodman strikes again, may face second suspension from league

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NBA

Even for Dennis Rodman, this was hitting a new low.

Rodman kicked a cameraman in the groin during the third quarter of the Chicago Bulls' 112-102 victory at Minnesota on Wednesday night — then made light of the incident by claiming the cameraman overdramatized his injury.

"It's one thing to be hurt, but don't pretend you're more seriously hurt than you are," Rodman said. "He got carried off on a stretcher? It was a little bit dramatic to me. Maybe I'll send him some roses on the floor — Love, Dennis."

Maybe the NBA will send something to Rodman, too. Namely a suspension.

It would be the second of the season for the league's resident bad boy, whose delinquent resume also includes head-butting a referee, throwing ice at his coach, refusing to wear his shoes on the bench, flagrant

fouls, verbal abuse incidents and other myriad acts of insubordination.

"I think I'll get some lawsuit papers next time I come up to Minnesota," Rodman joked afterward.

In other NBA games, Seattle clobbered Toronto 122-78, Orlando defeated Dallas 78-66, Detroit beat Vancouver 103-79, New York downed San Antonio 94-77, Golden State beat Philadelphia 128-111, Charlotte topped New Jersey 116-104 and Indiana defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 108-93.

The Chicago-Minnesota game was tied 71-71 when Rodman stumbled out of bounds along the baseline while struggling with Kevin Garnett for a rebound. Rodman fell over a still photographer, and cameraman Eugene Amos, sitting nearby, turned his camera on Rodman.

Still sitting on the floor, Rodman kicked out with the bottom of his foot and caught Amos very high on the inside of his left thigh. Amos slumped over for about seven minutes before he was carried off.

Rodman was among several Bulls who believed Amos was feigning his injury, although Wolves physician Sheldon Burns said Amos was kicked in the groin.

"It looked like he kicked him in the knee, and all of a sudden he came up with that falsetto," coach Phil Jackson said.

Police officers went to the hospital to interview Amos, but the department would not immediately say whether a complaint was filed. Reached at home early today, Amos said he "most definitely" would file charges against Rodman.

Scottie Pippen finished with 29 points, 17 of them coming in a 38-10 run in 9 minutes after Minnesota led 75-74. Michael Jordan had 25 points, Jason

Caffey scored 20 and Rodman had 15 rebounds. It was Chicago's eighth straight win. SuperSonics 122, Raptors 78

At Seattle, the SuperSonics set an NBA record with 27 steals and Sam Perkins tied the record for most 3-pointers without a miss by going 8-for-8.

Perkins made his eighth with 5:21 left and stayed on the court until 46 seconds remained, but did not take another shot.

"I saw them and heard them coming out of a timeout saying, 'Don't let him get it,'" Perkins said of the Raptors. "Their defense really changed after that eighth one."

The Sonics connected on 15 of 26 3-pointers to break the club mark of 14. Toronto set a franchise record with 32 turnovers. Magic 78, Mavericks 66

At Dallas, a national cable audience got to see how bad things have gotten for the Mavericks.

Dallas was held to the lowest point total in franchise history

as it lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Penny Hardaway, in his fourth game back from his latest stay on the injured list, scored 26 points.

"It was a breakthrough game for me," Hardaway said. "It was something I needed and something the team needed. But I feel like I won't be back to 100 percent for about two more weeks."

Pistons 103, Grizzlies 79

At Vancouver, Grant Hill fell one assist short of a triple-double for the second straight night.

Hill finished with 31 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists before going to the bench for good with 5:23 left.

"I've had a couple of times where I was one or two short," Hill said. "Sometimes it's better to do that, just flirt with it, then actually get it."

Knicks 94, Spurs 77

At San Antonio, the Knicks bounced back from a 20-point

loss to Houston the previous night.

Allan Houston scored 20 points, including 13 in the third quarter when the Knicks started to pull away. Patrick Ewing had 18 points and 11 rebounds and John Starks added 15 points.

"I think we just wanted to come out and win," Houston said. "It's a matter of pride. Last night we got embarrassed."

Warriors 128, Pacers 111

At Philadelphia, Latrell Sprewell scored 38 points and Golden State held off a late rally to send the Bulls to their 10th straight loss and 30th in 31 games.

Hornets 116, Nets 104

At Charlotte, Grant Hill scored 13 of his 35 points in the final 10 minutes. Vince Carter added 35 points and 10 rebounds and Anthony Mason had 20 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets, who won their third in a row.



SPORTS EXTRA

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 26, Dallas 17

**Conference Championships**  
 Sunday, Jan. 12  
 Green Bay 30, Carolina 13  
 New England 20, Jacksonville 6

**Super Bowl**  
 Sunday, Jan. 26  
 At New Orleans  
 Green Bay vs. New England, 5:18 p.m. (FOX)

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|-------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| New York          | 27 | 10 | .730 | —      |
| Miami             | 26 | 10 | .722 | 1/2    |
| Washington        | 19 | 17 | .528 | 7 1/2  |
| Orlando           | 15 | 18 | .454 | 10     |
| Boston            | 9  | 25 | .265 | 16 1/2 |
| New Jersey        | 9  | 25 | .265 | 16 1/2 |
| Philadelphia      | 8  | 28 | .222 | 18 1/2 |

| Central Division | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Chicago          | 33 | 4  | .892 | —      |
| Detroit          | 27 | 9  | .750 | 5 1/2  |
| Atlanta          | 23 | 11 | .676 | 8 1/2  |
| Cleveland        | 21 | 14 | .600 | 11     |
| Charlotte        | 21 | 16 | .568 | 12     |
| Milwaukee        | 18 | 17 | .514 | 14     |
| Indiana          | 17 | 18 | .486 | 15     |
| Toronto          | 12 | 24 | .333 | 20 1/2 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Midwest Division | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Houston          | 28 | 9  | .757 | —      |
| Utah             | 24 | 12 | .667 | 3 1/2  |
| Minnesota        | 18 | 21 | .462 | 12     |
| Dallas           | 12 | 22 | .353 | 14 1/2 |
| San Antonio      | 9  | 26 | .257 | 18     |
| Denver           | 9  | 26 | .243 | 19     |
| Vancouver        | 7  | 31 | .184 | 21 1/2 |

| Pacific Division | W  | L  | Pct  | GB     |
|------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| L.A. Lakers      | 28 | 10 | .737 | —      |
| Seattle          | 27 | 11 | .711 | 1      |
| Portland         | 20 | 16 | .556 | 7      |
| Portland         | 16 | 22 | .421 | 12     |
| Golden State     | 14 | 22 | .389 | 13     |
| L.A. Clippers    | 14 | 22 | .389 | 13     |
| Phoenix          | 13 | 24 | .351 | 14 1/2 |

| Tuesday's Games                | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Boston 116, Golden State 108   |   |   |     |    |
| Atlanta 95, Minnesota 93       |   |   |     |    |
| Houston 106, New York 86       |   |   |     |    |
| Chicago 108, Washington 107    |   |   |     |    |
| Phoenix 110, Denver 101        |   |   |     |    |
| Portland 95, Detroit 86        |   |   |     |    |
| L.A. Lakers 91, Vancouver 81   |   |   |     |    |
| Sacramento 105, Indiana 98, OT |   |   |     |    |

| Wednesday's Games                  | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Golden State 128, Philadelphia 111 |   |   |     |    |
| Charlotte 116, New Jersey 104      |   |   |     |    |
| Chicago 112, Minnesota 102         |   |   |     |    |
| Orlando 78, Dallas 66              |   |   |     |    |
| New York 94, San Antonio 77        |   |   |     |    |
| Seattle 122, Toronto 78            |   |   |     |    |
| Detroit 103, Vancouver 79          |   |   |     |    |
| Indiana 108, L.A. Clippers 93      |   |   |     |    |

| Thursday's Games                   | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Miami at Boston, 6 p.m.            |   |   |     |    |
| Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.      |   |   |     |    |
| Sacramento at Houston, 7:30 p.m.   |   |   |     |    |
| Cleveland at Denver, 8 p.m.        |   |   |     |    |
| Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.            |   |   |     |    |
| Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m. |   |   |     |    |

| Friday's Games                               | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--|---|---|-----|----|
| New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.        |   |   |     |    |
| Miami vs. Washington at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m. |   |   |     |    |
| Golden State at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.           |   |   |     |    |
| Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.              |   |   |     |    |
| Houston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.                 |   |   |     |    |
| Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.         |   |   |     |    |

| Saturday's Games             | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Utah at Vancouver, 8 p.m.    |   |   |     |    |
| Toronto at Portland, 9 p.m.  |   |   |     |    |
| Cleveland at Seattle, 9 p.m. |   |   |     |    |

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**AL**—Elected Derek Iruin vice president of finance.  
**BOSTON RED SOX**—Placed LHP Chris Hammond on the 40-man roster. Designated RHP Joe Hudson for assignment.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Named Tom Burgmeier batting practice pitcher. Named Rick Keaton pitching coach for Wilmington of the Carolina League.  
**TEXAS RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with INF Domingo Cedeno and INF Tom O'Malley on minor-league contracts. Named Bob Miskac minor-league field instructor and Julio Cruz manager for Pulaski of the Appalachian League.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Wohlers on a three-year contract with an option year.  
**CINCINNATI REDS**—Named Derrel Thomas manager for Billings of the Pioneer League.  
**NEW YORK METS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Rudy Seanez on a one-year contract.  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Named Mark Grater pitching coach for New Jersey of the New York Penn League.  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Agreed to terms with INF Bill Mueller and RHP Dan Carlson on one-year contracts.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**PHILADELPHIA 76ERS**—Signed F-C Adrian Caldwell to a 10-day contract.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**DETROIT LIONS**—Named Sylvester Croom offensive coordinator. Larry Pecorello defensive coordinator. Brian Barker defensive line coach. Derrel Murphy quality-control defensive coach. Frank Falks running

backups coach; Jerry Sullivan wide receivers coach; John Misolagna quality control-offensive coach and administrative assistant and Chuck Prieler special teams coach.

**NEW YORK GIANTS**—Named Jim Fassel coach.  
**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**—Announced the resignation of George Selfer, coach.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**FLORIDA PANTHERS**—Recalled G Todd MacDonald from Cincinnati of the AHL.  
**HARTFORD WHALERS**—Loaned C Brian Secord to Hamilton of the AHL.

FISHING

West Texas

**WEST**  
**ARROWHEAD**: Water fairly clear; very low fisherman out.  
**KEMP**: Water fairly clear to stained; lake level 1140.; very few fishermen out.  
**OAK CREEK**: Water clear; 51 degrees; very low fisherman out.  
**O.H.V.I.E.**: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; lake level 1541.56; 49 degrees; very few fishermen out.  
**POSSUM KINGDOM**: Water clear; lake level 999.01; very few fishermen out.  
**SPENCE**: Water clear; very low; blue and channel catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shad and prepared bait; very few fishermen out.  
**WHITE RIVER**: Water clear; low; very few fishermen out.  
**AMISTAD**: Water clear; very low; 59 degrees; very few fishermen out.  
**RAYBURN**: Water clear; lake level 155.67; 55 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on Culprit worms and spinners; crappie are good on shiners; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait fished in the deep channels.

BULLDOGS

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Girls game

Just when the Winters Lady Blizzards threatened to make a game of things, the Coahoma Bulldogettes decided to play ball-hog.  
 Heading into the third quarter, Winters had cut a double-digit Coahoma lead down to 37-31, and appeared to be stealing precious momentum.  
 But the Bulldogettes put an end to such hopes early in the third, holding the Lady Blizzards scoreless for a four-minute stretch at the start of the second half.  
 Coahoma's defense was seemingly everywhere during that time. It's not that Winters shot poorly — the Lady Blizzards just weren't able to shoot at all. In its first eight possessions of

the second half, Winters managed only two shots.

"We had some good luck in the third quarter, both offensively and defensively," coach David Cox said. "And the girls really hustled out there in the second half."

While Coahoma was shutting the door on Winters' attack, the Bulldogettes' offense was going to full throttle. Sophomore guard Cassie Tindol, who ended the game with 26 points, started things off with a three-pointer, and less than two minutes later Coahoma's lead had ballooned to 48-31.

The Lady Blizzards never recovered. Following a disappointing loss to Roscoe, followed by a blowout loss to defending Class 2A state champion Ozona, it was imperative that the

Bulldogettes get back on the winning track if they wanted to repeat last year's playoff run. So far, so good.

"We didn't play very well vs. Ozona or Roscoe," Cox said. "We can't afford to pick up another loss. We've put ourselves in the position of having to work very hard to make the playoffs again."

Joining Tindol in double figures for Coahoma were guard Tara Sterling and post Krista Stanislaus, who scored 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Christine Corley led Winters with 24 points.

Coahoma returns to action Tuesday at home against Forsan.

Will the Dodgers go public?

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Hoping to keep the Los Angeles Dodgers under local ownership, the City Council is urging Peter O'Malley to take his team public.  
 Wednesday's unanimous vote came nine days after O'Malley's surprising announcement that he had put the team his family has controlled since 1950 up for sale. Suitors of all types have been lining up for the team that is expected to fetch upwards of \$300 million.

Chick held up the NFL's Green Bay Packers as a model of such an arrangement.

More than 4,600 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.

FORSAN

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to hold on to the victory. Hindering Forsan's efforts was a cold performance from the free throw line — the Queens made only one of seven charity attempts.

Marlena Light scored 11 points and Nicole Johnson 9 to lead the Queens, who return to action Friday at home against Wall. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

OUTTA MY WAY!



Coahoma's Kelli Breyman, left, dribbles past a pair of Winters defenders during the Bulldogettes' 67-54 victory at Coahoma Wednesday afternoon.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bass touney scheduled

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first tournament of the year Jan. 25 at Twin Buttes Reservoir in San Angelo.

The tournament will be held from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Entry fee is \$10, with an additional \$5 going into the big bass pot. Cash prizes will be given for the top three places and top two in big bass.

For more information, contact Todd Tubb at 267-3310 or Randy Klaus at 267-4984.

Forsan JV sweeps touney

Forsan's junior varsity boys and girls basketball teams both won the recent Water Valley JV Basketball Tournament.

Forsan's boys defeated Iron County 69-60, Water Valley 55-47 and Miles 61-43 to take the championship in their division. Team members are Cade park, Cory Walker, Jay Kuskendall, Matt Gamble, Joey Jackson, Ferrol Voight, Daniel Whetzel, Logan Stanley and David Stone.

Forsan's girls won the title with victories over Iron County (28-23), Water Valley (40-15) and Miles (31-18). Team

members are Tonnie Loera, Connie Rios, Jamie Gunter, Jessica Paradez, Stacey Anderson, Ashley Alexander, Wendie Wallace, Callie Burt, LaDonna Dennis, Dawn Parker, Kristen Thixton, Tiffany Sayles, Jancy Crow, Leslie Patterson, Jessica Hogg, Jackie Brown and Tonya Tabor.

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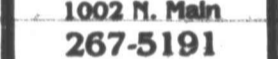
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Follow your inspiration and you will succeed professionally. Consider the opportunities that arise during the day. A boss is favorably disposed to you. Now is the time to ask. Work with your intuition. You could be more right on than you realize. Tonight: Celebrate! \*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Good things come from your spirited approach. You are finally able to schedule a trip. A long-desired venture could increase your knowledge in your chosen field. Your humor delights others, and helps them see all perspectives. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy. \*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Tap into your imagination. Make a decision that involves an important partnership. You feel others are not as directed as you, especially about money and emotions. Adopt a laissez-faire attitude with others. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite person! \*\*\*\*

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Spread your good news. You are in a great frame of mind. Others appreciate all the sharing. Friends are amused. Your willingness to brainstorm breeds unexpected developments. Your mood intensifies romance. You meet people with ease. Tonight: Dance up a storm! \*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Creativity is sky high. Establish a better sense of direction, with the aid of a friend. You get feedback that is important to your security. Check out an investment with care. Mull over an idea. Utilize your intuition to determine the best course of action. Tonight: Entertain at home. \*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Reach out for another. Ask an important question, or share some special news. Call this an early day; you are in the mood to celebrate. Clear your desk quickly. Make phone calls. With this kind of happiness, how you can lose? Tonight: Break out the bubbly! \*\*\*\*

Eating habits deeply rooted in wild and domestic pigs

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "Petunia the Pig," apologizing for her wild streak, I had to write. You've been snookered again!



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

Wild (feral) domestic pigs in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are responsible for a tremendous amount of damage to vegetation because of their rooting up and eating roots, plants, etc. (Check it out with the National Park Service.) I suspect that, given the opportunity, Petunia's feeding habits are little different from feral pigs. I guess it's a sad day for Petunia, because pigs do love many roots as well as vegetables.

Armadillos (on whom Petunia tried earnestly to lay the blame) do NOT normally eat vegetation. They may cause some minimal damage to vegetation because of rooting or digging in open areas, rather than under plants. I quote from "The Mammals of Texas" by William B. Davis, page 268:

"A study of their food habits by examination of more than 800 stomachs revealed that no fewer than 488 different foods are eaten. Ninety-three percent (by volume) of their food is animal matter, chiefly insects and other invertebrates."

From the above, it is apparent that armadillos are very unlikely to be the cause of the neighborhood plant damage and the pig was most likely the cause.

Petunia owes the Dasypus novemcinctus Linnaeus (nine-banded armadillo) an apology for false accusations. — JAY EMRIE, SAN ANTONIO  
DEAR JAY: You may be the first person to have squealed on a pig, but rest assured — if Petunia weren't still incarcerated, I'm sure I'd have had another

letter from the neighbors. Since I first heard about Petunia, I have learned more about potbellied pigs than I ever wanted to know. According to an article written for the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the original pigs, brought in through Canada in 1985, matured at more than 200 pounds. Today, the majority of adults average 125 pounds. They shed at least once — and often twice — a year and, because of their inborn herd mentality, can become belligerent, aggressive and territorial as they mature.

Originally praised for being small, docile and virtually maintenance-free by promoters of the species, it turns out that many disappointed potbellied pig owners turn to humane societies when they find their pet charges at guests, and at about two years of age, starts challenging the people by whom it was raised to see who will be "top pig."

Rooting is also a natural instinct for pigs. Not only do they root in order to eat acorns, truffles, worms and grubs, they do it to obtain necessary vitamins and minerals from the ground. Because pigs do not sweat, they require a pool or puddle to regulate their temperature in hot weather. And in winter they must have a heated sleeping area.

These insights were generously provided to me by Dale Riffe, director of PIGS, a sanctuary, P.O. Box 629, Charles Town, W.Va. 26414, which currently provides a safe haven for more than 200 potbellied pigs. The sanctuary works with shelter employees and has a guide available to aid shelters should they have to deal with homeless pigs. For cities considering zoning to permit potbellied pigs as pets, Mr. Riffe advises they have a plan in place for dealing with homeless pigs before permitting them in their cities. That sounds like good advice to me.

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Several Cowboys go under the knife

IRVING (AP) — A year ago, the Dallas Cowboys were getting ready for the Super Bowl. This year many of the Cowboys' stars are preparing for or undergoing surgery.

Emmitt Smith underwent surgery Wednesday for removal of bone spurs from his right ankle.

Today it was cornerback Deion Sanders' turn, as a surgeon repairs the damage to his right orbital bone which occurred when he was tackled during the Cowboys playoff loss to the Carolina Panthers.

Offensive tackle M. T. Tuinei underwent successful surgery last week to repair a torn ligament in his left knee which had

hampered him most of the season. Tuinei was expected to be ready by training camp in July. Defensive end Chad Hennings had both elbows scoped for bone fragments last Friday and should be ready for the regular season.

Defensive tackle Charles Haley, who had his second back surgery in 13 months last November, met with Dr. Robert Watkins in California to discuss his situation. Later in February, tight end Jay Novacek, who missed the season with back problems, will seek Watkins' counsel.

Rookie cornerback Wendell Davis had arthroscopic surgery Friday on his right knee to

repair torn cartilage.

Defensive lineman Hurvin McCormack is expected to have rotator cuff surgery on his right shoulder on Feb. 23.

Smith, who underwent his surgery at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, gained only 3.7 yards per carry this season, rushing for 1,204 yards on 327 carries and 12 touchdowns.

Trainer Jim Maurer said Dr. Bill Hamilton removed three bone fragments which Smith had played with during the season.

Smith will remain in New York until Friday and will rest for two weeks before he starts his rehabilitation work.

"We're shooting for trying to get him back for training camp right now," Maurer said. "It's a wonder he played as well as he did this year with the bone fragments in his ankle."

The ankle problem made Smith a half-step slow and negated his usual explosive bursts into the line. The Cowboys offense slumped to 24th in the NFL and was ineffective inside the 20-yard line and on short yardage plays.

Sanders got hurt while running a reverse in the second-half of the 26-17 loss to the Panthers. He was kept overnight in a Charlotte hospital for observation before being flown back to Texas.

Nebraska, Tech, Longhorns win in overtime

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Tyrone Lue hit a 3-pointer with 37 seconds left to go into overtime as Nebraska overcame an 18-point halftime deficit to down Kansas State 87-77 in Big 12 Conference basketball.

In other Big 12 games Wednesday, No. 25 Texas Tech beat Oklahoma 67-62; Colorado defeated Oklahoma State 78-74 in overtime; and Texas beat Texas A&M 86-76, also in overtime.

Nebraska (10-5, 2-1) struggled in the first half Wednesday night, hitting just 33 percent of its shots as Kansas State (7-6, 0-3) outshouted the Huskers and steadily built a lead through the first 20 minutes to lead 48-30 at halftime.

But Nebraska turned up the defensive heat in the second

half to power a 22-5 run that cut the Kansas State lead to 53-52 on Alvin Mitchell's free throw with 12:08 left.

The Wildcats then outscored Nebraska 9-2 to take a 62-54 lead, but the Huskers came back to within 1 point with 4:43 left.

Kansas State was up 71-66 after Mark Young's breakout dunk with 1:06 remaining.

Nebraska forward Bernard Garner hit a 3-pointer seconds later and Kansas State's Marcus McCollough made one of two freethrows, setting the stage for Lue's 3-pointer that tied the game at 72.

Lue was fouled as he caught the opening tip of the extra period and made one of two free throws. His steal on Kansas State's next possession sent him back to the line where

he hit both shots to put Nebraska up 75-72.

Lue hit a 3-pointer on Nebraska's next possession and Kansas State hit just five free throws the rest of the way as the Huskers pulled away.

Lue scored 29 points to lead the Huskers. Larry Florence added 12 points, Hamilton had 10 and a game high 12 rebounds and Garner added 10.

Young had 20 to lead Kansas State. Swartzendruber added 18 and Ayome May had 13.

For Colorado, Chauncey Billups scored the last nine points in overtime as Colorado defeated Oklahoma State 78-74.

Colorado (13-3 overall, 4-0 conference) now has won six in a row and with the decision, ended a nine-game winning streak that Oklahoma State (8-6, 1-3) had over the Buffaloes.

Maurice Robinson led Oklahoma State with 24.

In Norman, Okla., Cory Carr had 26 points to lead No. 25 Texas Tech a 67-62 victory over Oklahoma (9-4, 1-2)

Tony Battle had 16 points for the Red Raiders (11-3, 3-1).

At College Station, Texas, Al Coleman's 3-pointer and Kris Clack's two free throws gave No. 23 Texas a lead in the first 45 seconds of overtime and the Longhorns went on to defeat Texas A&M 86-76.

Reggie Freeman scored 30 points, half from the free throw line, to lead Texas (9-4, 3-1 Big 12), which beat Texas A&M for the seventh straight time.

Shanne Jones had 16 points for the Aggies (6-8, 0-4).

Brandy Perryman had 15 points for Texas and Clack added 14.

Realignment hits snag with baseball owners

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona and Tampa Bay still don't know if they finally will be assigned to leagues by today.

The plan to put Arizona in the National League and Tampa Bay in the American hit a bump Wednesday night when AL owners rejected it during a straw vote.

Owners voted 8-6 against the plan during the AL meeting, a management source said on the condition he not be identified. Still, baseball officials remained confident the plan would be approved today, when the formal vote was scheduled to be taken during a joint meeting of both leagues. The proposal needs approval from 11 of 14 teams in each league.

"I'm disappointed," Arizona Diamondbacks CEO Jerry Colangelo said. "I was a little taken aback."

Under the proposal approved a night earlier by the ruling executive council, one expansion team would be assigned to

each league in 1998, creating two 15-team circuits. However, the AL's first preference would be to get both teams and its second preference would be to get Arizona rather than Tampa Bay.

Because Tampa Bay probably would be assigned to the AL East, one team would have to shift from East to Central, and one from Central to West. Kansas City, the team most likely to join the West, objected to the plan, as did Texas, which doesn't like being in a division whose three other teams are in the Pacific time zone.

The entire AL West voted against the plan during the AL meeting, the source said, along with Kansas City, the New York Yankees, the Chicago White Sox and Toronto.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf voted in favor during the council meeting Tuesday night, the source said.

Seifert stepping down as San Francisco coach

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — George Seifert is walking away from his job as coach of the San Francisco 49ers, a startling departure signaling the overhaul of a team that won five Super Bowls and was known for its continuity.

California coach Steve Mariucci, a newcomer to the 49ers organization, but not their offensive system, is expected to be named as Seifert's successor and become just the third 49ers coach in 18 years.

The formal announcement could come sometime today.

Seifert, with the 49ers organization for 17 years, including the last eight as head coach, led San Francisco to two of its Super Bowl victories and had the highest winning percentage by a coach in NFL history.

Sounding very much like Lou Holtz, Seifert on Wednesday said leaving was the right thing for him to do, a decision he arrived at in part during his just-concluded fishing trip to Mexico.

"Basically, there was a sense and a feel that there needs to be some changes made. I came back with the feeling that this was best for myself and for the 49ers," Seifert said Wednesday.

"This thing eventually had to come to an end. It's been a great eight years in a tough position," Seifert said. He added he'll fulfill the final year of his contract with the 49ers as a consultant to the team. Team officials did not immediately

announce a replacement, but all signs point to Mariucci as the next 49ers coach.

Team president Carmen Policy said no one currently on the 49ers coaching staff was considered for the job.

Mariucci also served notice to Cal officials that he was leaving, a school source said, and he spent much of Wednesday huddled with his players and coaches to let them know about his decision.

"He kind of told them the situation came up real abruptly," Cal running backs coach Wayne Moses said.

Policy had dinner with Mariucci on Sunday night, and wanted him to become 49ers offensive coordinator, with assurances he would become the head coach in a year or two. Mariucci declined that offer, but apparently received a call from Policy on Tuesday night after the head coaching job after Seifert informed him he was quitting.

"Before George's decision, all offers were related to the coordinating job. After Tuesday, we changed directions," Policy said.

Policy said the team had only one candidate in mind for the job. He declined to identify Mariucci as that individual, but did say the replacement was coming from outside the organization.

He said one reason the team was bringing in a newcomer was to lessen the pressure and

defuse the "Super Bowl or die" mentality that has become associated with the 49ers.

"You have to understand he needs some time to establish his roots," Policy said. "I think you've got to give him a couple of years to really find himself in the framework of the NFL and more specifically in the framework of the 49ers."

Policy insisted he and 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo were surprised by the decision by Seifert, whom they had expected to be the team's coach in 1997.

Coaching changes have been rampant around the NFL. Seifert becomes the 10th coach to leave a team since the start of the 1996 season, meaning one-third of the teams have made changes.

Seifert, 57 next week, won Super Bowls in 1989 and 1994. With a record of 108-35, Seifert is the franchise's winningest coach and has a winning percentage of .755. He reached 100 victories faster than any NFL coach.

Mariucci was schooled in the 49ers system while working for Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, a former offensive coordinator for San Francisco. He was an assistant for four years with the Packers, getting much of the credit for turning quarterback Brett Favre into a two-time NFL MVP.

Mariucci, 41, has been coaching for 18 years. His Cal team began the 1996 season with a 5-0 record, but lost six of its last

will be the search committee, and Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris is likely to head the search, although a final decision may not be made today.

Because of expansion teams, owners will have to come up with a new schedule formula. Boston Red Sox CEO John Harrington, head of the schedule format committee, said he would develop a 1998 schedule that calls for 15 interleague games per team (three against each team in one division of the other league), 50 intradivision games (12 or 13 against each rival) and 97 interdivision games.

He also will investigate a schedule calling for 30 interleague games per team and a reduction of interdivision games to 82. Under that format, each team would play six games against each team in a division of the other league, one three-game series at home and one on the road.

Seven games — including a defeat by Navy in the Aloha Bowl.

Under Mariucci, Favre became the youngest quarterback in NFL history to play in the Pro Bowl.

"There's no doubt the bulk of my success in the NFL has been due to Steve Mariucci," Favre has said. "I wouldn't be where I am today without his coaching."

Word of Seifert's departure stunned 49ers players.

"It's a big surprise, a shock," cornerback Tyrone Drakeford said. "I don't know if it was something planned or a spur of the moment thing."

"From what I understand, Seifert is always under pressure to win the Super Bowl. It keeps mounting each year he doesn't win it. That's part of the business. You take it as it comes."

Certainly, Seifert's departure signals wide-ranging changes for the 49ers, whose season ended in a 35-14 playoff loss at Green Bay two weeks ago.

Defensive coordinator Pete Carroll, a candidate for the St. Louis Rams job, was passed over, and the move appears to seal the fate of offensive coordinator Marc Trestman, whose departure has been rumored after players grumbled about his play calls.

Defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield said the team expected changes after the loss to Green Bay.



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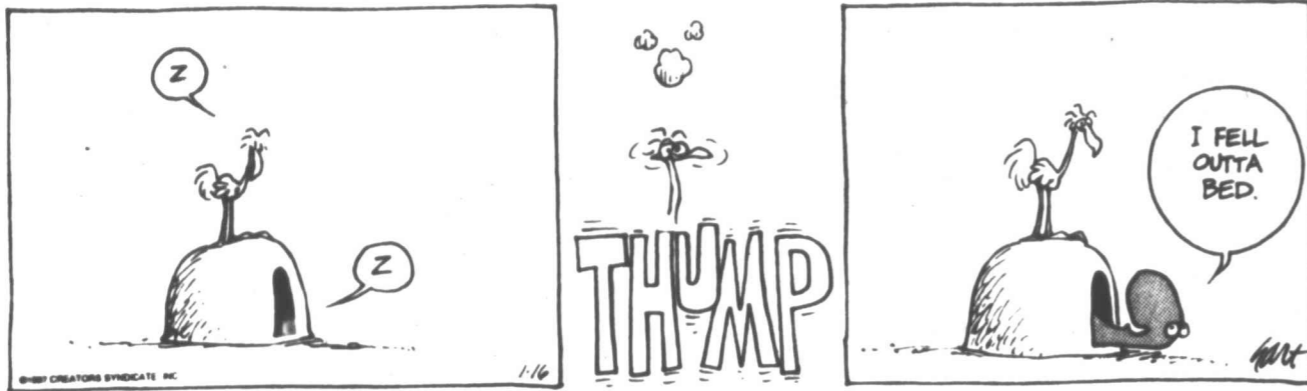
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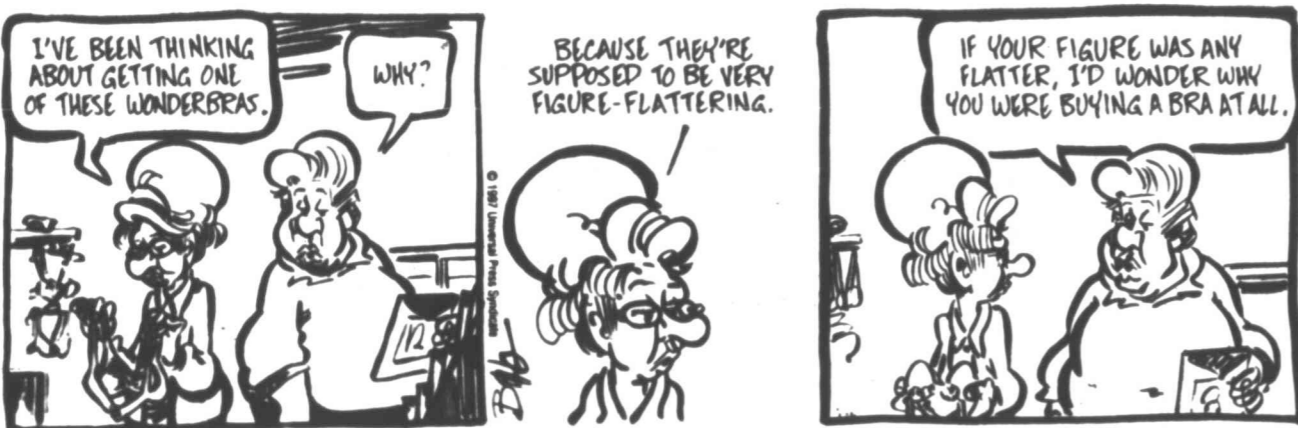
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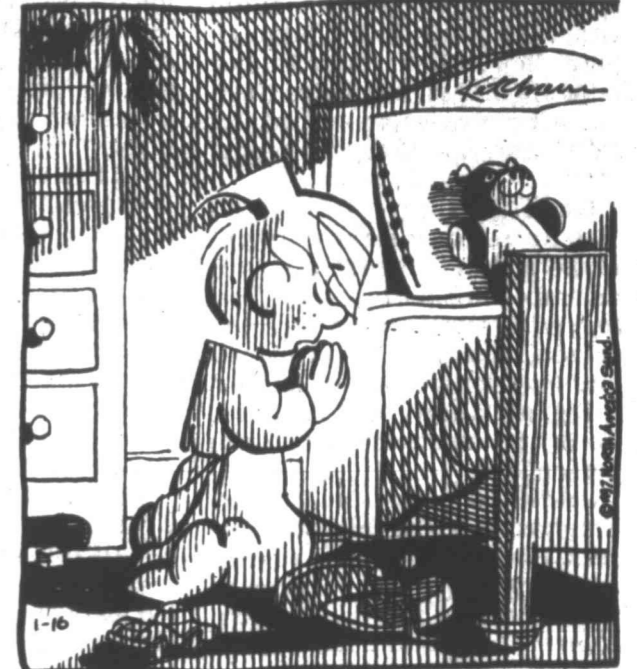
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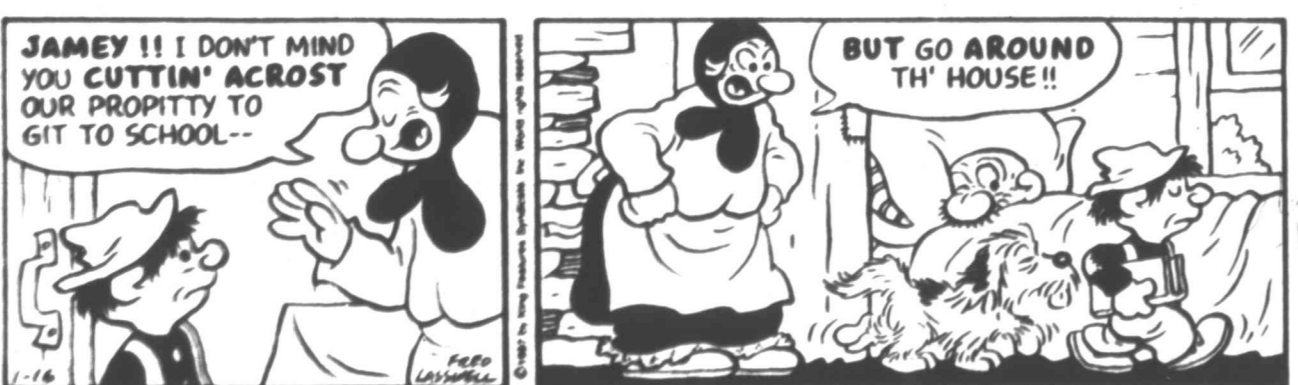
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 1997. There are

349 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.) On this date: In 1547, Ivan the Terrible was crowned Czar of Russia.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established. In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri became the 36th, 37th and 38th states to ratify Prohibition, which went into effect a year later.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, her mother and about 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas while returning from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Invasion Force in London.

In 1957, three B-52's took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first nonstop, round-the-world flight by jet planes. The trip lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes.

In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!" starring Carol Channing, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first secretary of transportation.

In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. (Because of the time difference, it was early January 17th in the Persian Gulf when the attack began.)

Ten years ago: Hu Yaobang resigned as head of China's Communist Party, declaring he'd made mistakes in dealing with student turmoil and intellectual challenges to the system. Broadway columnist Earl Wilson died in Yonkers, N.Y., at age 79.

Five years ago: Officials of the government of El Salvador and rebel leaders signed a pact in Mexico City ending 12 years of civil war that had left at least 75,000 people dead. Four days of Middle East peace talks recessed in Washington.

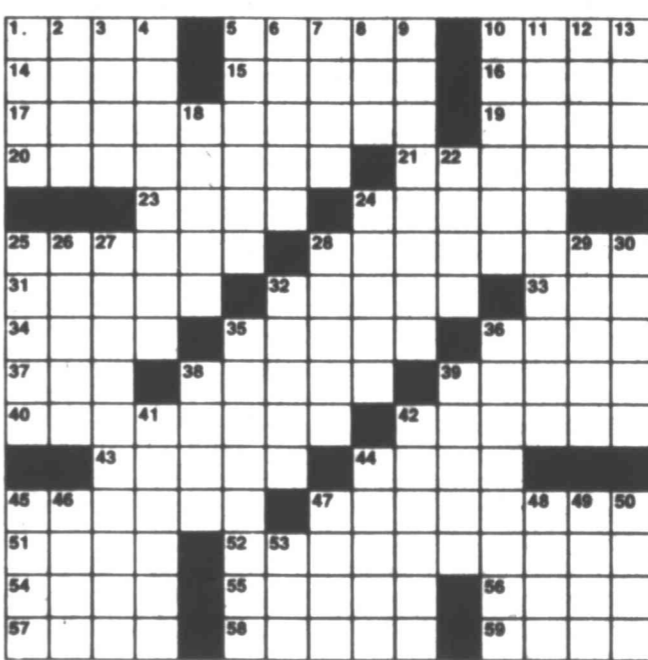
One year ago: Gunmen in Trabzon, Turkey, hijacked a Black Sea ferry with more than 200 people on board, and demanded that Russian troops stop fighting Chechen rebels in Pervomayskaya. (The hostages were released three days later).

Today's Birthdays: Author William Kennedy is 69. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 67. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 63. Auto racer A.J. Foyt is 62. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 53. Country singer Jim Stafford is 53. Movie director John Carpenter is 49. Actress-dancer-choreographer Debbie Allen is 47. Singer Sade is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxine Jones (En Vogue) is 31. Model Kate Moss is 23. Singer Aaliyah is 18.

Thought for Today: "There is only one success -- to be able to spend your life in your own way." -- Christopher Morley, American Journalist (1890-1967).

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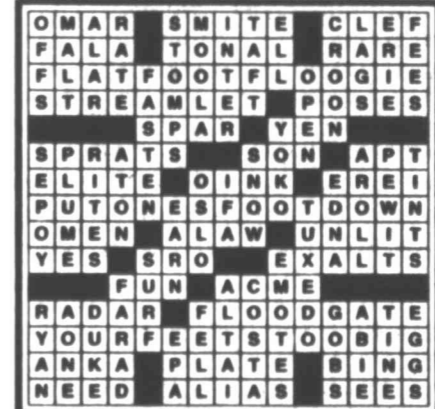
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Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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