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## VA's new formula means more money for Big Spring hospital

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Big Spring's VA Medical Center (VAMC) will receive additional funds as a result of the Department of Veterans Affairs implementing a new resource budget allocation method.

This year alone, Big Spring, along with other VA hospitals in West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, will see a funding increase of 6.9 percent.

According to VAMC Community Relations Coordinator Fred Cox, shorter waits and easier access to care are in store at the Big Spring facility, thanks to a new resource budget called the Veterans Equitable Resource

Allocation (VERA). This means historic imbalances of Veterans Health Administration funding will be changed.

The total amount of the increase is not known at this point, but the Big Spring VA currently operated on an annual budget somewhere around \$30 million.

According to Tom Trujillo, director of the Southwest Network, there has been a phenomenal increase in the number of veterans in the region but funding has not kept up with them.

"This also means that for the first time in recent history, the funds will move with those veterans who travel to the southwestern U.S. for winter stays," Trujillo said. "So it's really good

news for the veterans of West Texas."

Trujillo oversees the operations of VA health care facilities in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas and said during the next three years, the region will see a 16.9 percent increase in funding.

"As a network director, I'm delighted with this new budget allocation method," Trujillo said. "Most importantly because it means we can enhance accessibility of care to veterans in the Big Spring area."

The new funding method distributes funds based on a national price for two types of patients — those with routine health care needs and those with special, long-term problems such as spinal cord injury, chronic mental illness,

nursing home care or end-stage AIDS.

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.

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

Two years ago, VA began transforming the veterans health care system by shifting from a system of individual medical centers and clinics, focused on inpatient care, to a fully integrated system of health care.

Today, 22 management centers covering defined geographical areas, like the Southwest Network, deliver the new patient-centered approach to VA

health care.

The changes in health care delivery, geographic movement of veterans and tighter budgets, meant VA needed to review its resource distribution, according to Cox, and VERA is the new way to distribute those funds.

According to Cox, VERA will help VA support its goals of treating the greatest number of veterans who have the highest priority for health care; allocating funds equitably based on the number of veterans having high priority care; creating an understandable resource allocation system; and aligning resource allocation policies to the best practices in health care.

The VERA method will begin in April.

## Randall Rich takes swine competition

Junior Livestock Show to continue through Saturday

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Randall Rich's white OPB (other pure bred) was named overall grand champion in the swine competition at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show opened Thursday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Jerod Johnston, also showing a white OPB, was named overall reserve grand champion.

Rich, the son of Glenn and Pam Rich of Coahoma, was representing the Coahoma FFA, while Johnston, son of Dusty and Judi Johnston of Big Spring, represented the Howard County 4H.

Breed champions and reserve champions included Terrell Bibb, and Tony Wyrick, both from the Howard County 4H, in Duroc; Lauren Ivey of Coahoma FFA and Jody Howard of Sands FFA in Hampshire; Mandi Hanslick and Tori Borchardt, both from Coahoma FFA, in crosses; Michael Cobb and Lauren Ivey, both of Coahoma FFA, in Black OPB and Rich and Johnston in White OPB.

A total of 169 entries were judged in the swine competi-



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

The rush is on to get this steer ready for judging at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Saturday. Stanley Knight and his daughter, Megan, are doing a little grooming in preparation for the event.

tion. The show continues today with the judging of capons at 10 a.m. and lambs at 1 p.m.

Activities resume on Saturday with the judging of cattle beginning at 8 a.m. The

buyer's barbecue will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the awards program and premium auction sale will get under way at 1:30.

Thursday's complete results include:  
Overall Grand Champion:

Randall Rich representing Coahoma FFA - son of Glenn and Pam Rich of Coahoma. He won with his Champion White OPB.

Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Jerod Johnston representing

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## BSISD trustees hear PAC praise, OK applications

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
News Editor

Successes experienced by Personalized Achievement Center (PAC) students have lowered the Big Spring Independent School District's dropout rate from almost 8 percent to 1 percent, trustees learned during Thursday's regular board meeting.

The board was informed that the PAC received an acceptable rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) during the 1995-96 school year based on the state's model for accountability.

Prior to the current school year, alternative campuses determined their own accountability indicators, according to Jackie Henry, the PAC's director. Beginning this year, however, the TEA requires all alternative campuses to meet academic indicators established by the state.

Henry provided trustees with copies of the PAC's alternative campus registration form and its alternative campus proposal application. Both were

approved for submission to the TEA by the board.

In discussing the PAC's successes, Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy encouraged trustees to visit and tour the alternative campus.

Big Spring High School Kent Bowerman told trustees that as far as he is concerned, there's simply not enough room to enroll all the students that could benefit from attending the PAC.

"From the high school's standpoint, it (PAC) is not big enough," Bowerman said. "We've got kids coming back and walking across the stage to get diplomas that wouldn't have if they hadn't been able to go to the PAC and work with Jackie."

"We've got a waiting list and get calls from parents every day wanting to know what they need to do to get their kids in the PAC."

In making his report, Superintendent W.A. McQueary, who would be given a one-year contract extension through the 1999-2000 school year later in the meeting. Please see BSISD, page 2A

## Junior Livestock Show, Kennel Club dog shows in spotlight

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send

### WEEKEND TICKET

it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.  
• Heritage Museum, today

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

• High school basketball, San Angelo Lake View at Big Spring and Wall at Forsan, tonight. Big Spring's games are slated for 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Steer Gym. Forsan's games are slated for 6:30 p.m. and 8

p.m. tipoffs.

• Big Spring Kennel Club's dog shows, Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. both days, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.

• Howard County Junior Livestock show, today and Saturday, Howard County Fairgrounds. Lamb judging slated for 1 p.m. today. Judging of cattle begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by the buyers' barbecue at 12:30 p.m. The show concludes with the awards program and premium auction starting at 1:30 p.m.

## Mitchell County Jail fails to pass certification inspection

HERALD Staff Report

COLORADO CITY — Inmate overcrowding and too few jailers have resulted in the Mitchell County Jail's not being certified following a Jan. 8 inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. According to the inspection

report, the jail's two jailers could not provide adequate supervision for the number of prisoners housed in the two-story structure.

The problem stems from the fact the jail is a two-story structure, which limits the effectiveness of jailers when the census is up, as it has been for the past

seven months.

Prior to last June, Sheriff Patrick Toombs said the average jail census was 13. Since then, that number has grown to an average ranging between 16 and 22 per day.

State guidelines allow a single jailer to supervise as many as 48 prisoners, if they are all on the

same floor. The Mitchell County Jail, which has a maximum capacity of 27 prisoners, was built in 1957, before standards restricted to jailers to the supervision of only floor floor.

Earlier this week, Mitchell County commissioners autho

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## Patrick Taylor named new Colorado City police chief

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COLORADO CITY — Patrick Taylor, a 15-year veteran of the Colorado City Police Department, has been named chief of the agency. Taylor will assume his new post on Jan. 31.

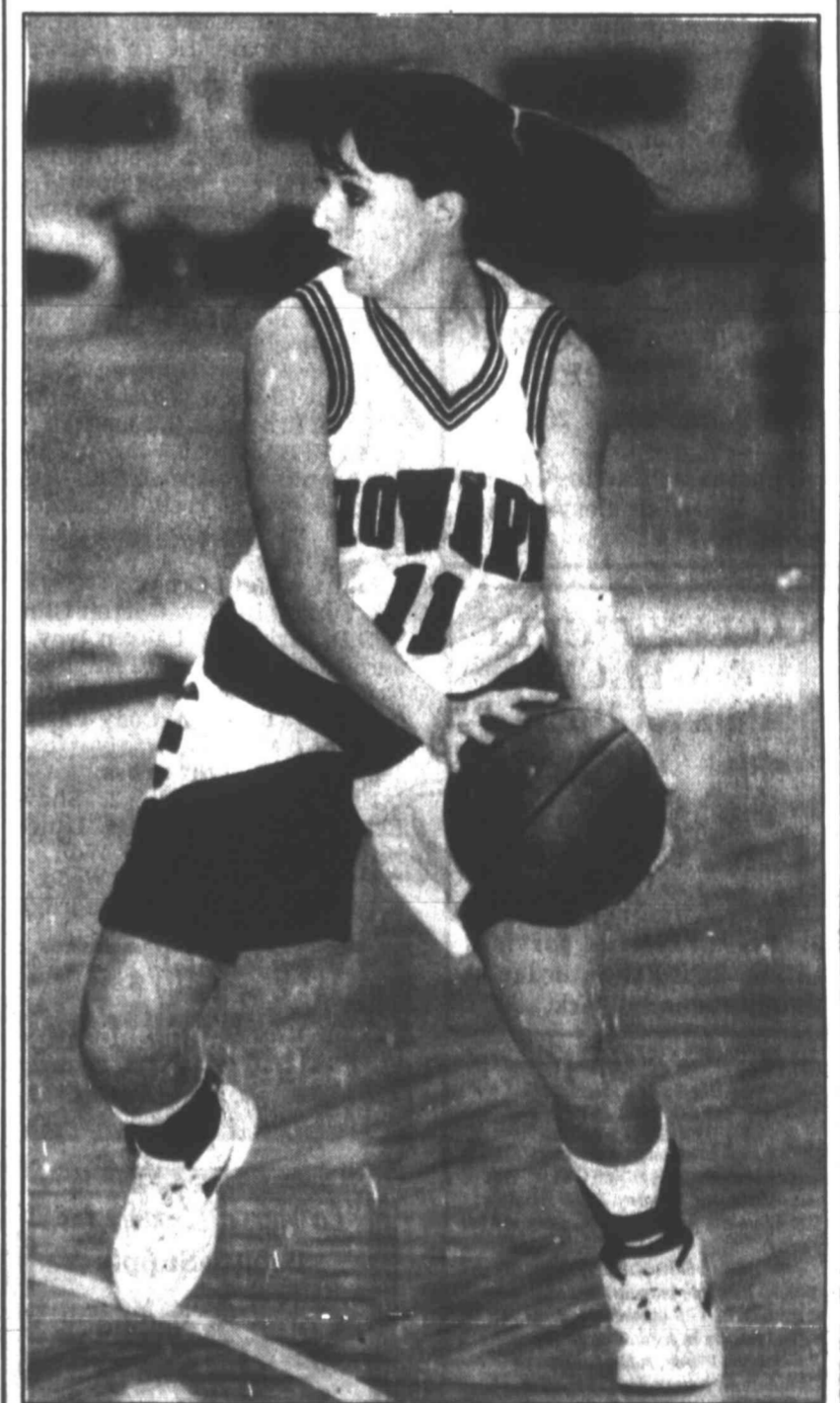
Taylor's appointment came on the heels of former chief David Montgomery's resignation to accept a similar post in Groesbeck, in Central Texas. Taylor joined the department

in July 1982 as a patrolman. He was promoted to sergeant in 1986 and was later promoted to lieutenant. He holds an Advanced Peace Officer's certificate.

A native of Colorado, Taylor graduated from the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy in Midland and has approximately 500 hours of in-service training.

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### LOOKING INSIDE



Jenny Bland, Howard College guard from Carthage, looks inside for a teammate during Thursday night's 96-73 rout of No. 3 ranked Midland College. For more details, see Page 1B.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Cloudy with little chance of precipitation. High in the lower 30s. Low in the upper teens.

Saturday: Sunny and warmer. High in the lower 50s. Low in the 30s.

Extended outlook: Sunday, fair. High in the 60s. Low in the 30s. Monday and Tuesday, continued fair. Highs to remain in the 60s with lows dropping into the 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Jimmy Gilmore

Graveside service for Jimmy Gilmore, 69, Big Spring, will be 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Gilmore died Friday, Jan. 17, in a local nursing home.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1928, in Atlanta, Texas, and married Mary Helen Brown on Jan. 25, 1962, in Big Spring. He worked as a taxi dispatcher here for a number of years. He worked for Truck Stops of America as a gate attendant for 27 years in Mesquite. He returned to Big Spring in 1995. Mr. Gilmore was a Baptist and had served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Helen Gilmore, Big Spring; one son: Dewayne Gilmore, Texarkana; two stepsons: Johnny Brown, Houston, and Kent Brown, Big Spring; three brothers: Bernard Gilmore, Houston, Gerald Gilmore, Austin, and Robert Gilmore, Texarkana; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

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

Thomas J. Harrington

Service for Thomas J. Harrington, 81, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997, in a local hospital.

J.W. Casey Jones

Service for J.W. Casey Jones, 87, Ballinger, and formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 1997, in the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Rev. Larry Smith, of San Antonio, officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Heritage Oaks Estate Nursing Home in Ballinger.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1909, in San Saba County. He married Delia Reese on Jan. 14, 1930, in Ballinger. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger. He was an aircraft mechanic in the Civil Service and worked at Webb Air Force Base from 1955 to 1973.

Survivors include his wife: Delia Jones, Ballinger; three sons: Jack Jones, Jim Jones, both of Ballinger, and David Jones, Austin; one sister: Eula Smith, San Antonio; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Ballinger Carnegie Library or a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Thomas J. Harrington, 81, died Thursday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6337  
Jimmy Gilmore, 69, died Friday. Graveside services will be 3:30 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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W.E. Phillips

There will be private family graveside service with Masonic Rites for W.E. Phillips, 84, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring. Mr. Phillips died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at his residence.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1912, in Greenwood. He married Mary Elizabeth Stephens on Sept. 16, 1938, in Decatur. He was member of Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 in Big Spring, and was a past district instructor. Mr. Phillips was also a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring. He retired as a brakeman from the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

Survivors include his wife: Mary E. Phillips, Fort Worth; one son: Randal Craig Phillips, Fort Worth; two brothers: Guinn Phillips, Hurst, and Harold Phillips, Wichita Falls; and one sister: Wilma Rodger, Fort Worth.

Arrangements under the direction of Coker Funeral Home, Decatur.

Show

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senting Howard County 4H son of Dr. Dusty Johnston and Judi Johnston of Big Spring.

Champion Duroc: Terrell Bibb (Howard County 4H)

Reserve Champion Duroc: Tony Wyrick (Howard County 4H)

Champion Hampshire: Lauren Ivey (Coahoma FFA)

Reserve Champion Hampshire: Jody Howard (Sands FFA)

Champion Cross: Mandi Hanslik (Coahoma FFA)

Reserve Champion Cross: Tori Borchardt (Coahoma FFA)

Champion Black OPB: Michael Cobb (Coahoma FFA)

Reserve Champion Black OPB: Lauren Ivey (Coahoma FFA)

Champion White OPB: Randall Rich (Coahoma FFA)

Reserve Champion White OPB: Jerod Johnston (Howard County 4H)

Light Weight Durocs:

1. Weylin Wolf, 2. Cristy Larue, 3. Casey Reid, 4. Raela James, 5. Ricky Crawford, 6. Blake Lansperg, 7. Jordan Rainey, 8. Jordan Rainey, 9. Jordan Rainey, 10. Rusty Crawford, 11. Jody Howard

Medium Weight Durocs:

1. Lorin Wolf, 2. Keith Rich, 3. Trevor Bibb, 4. Brandon Long, 5. John Reed, 6. Tuff Metcalf, 7. Krista Blagrove, 8. Heath Webb, 9. Alyssa Hodnett, 10. Krista Blagrove, 11. Lohsie Musgrove

Heavy Weight Durocs:

1. Terrell Bibb, 2. Tony Wyrick, 3. Michael Brooks, 4. Lorin Wolf, 5. Lindy Barr, 6. Audra Johnston, 7. Clay Hart, 8. Justin Born, 9. Katie Gaskins, 10. Jody Howard, 11. Lucas Hardgrave, 12. Matt Holt, 13. Alyssa Hodnett

Light Weight Hampers:

1. Terrell Bibb, 2. Jennifer Larue, 3. Krista Blagrove, 4. Crystal Atkinson, 5. Chad Born, 6. Angie Wood, 7. Chris Wanner, 8. Tuff Metcalf, 9. Shawn Reid, 10. Rebecca Choate, 11. Travis Hipp, 12. Riley Hipp, 13. Travis Hipp, 14. Heath Webb

Medium Weight Hampers:

1. Lauren Ivey, 2. Brett Bennett, 3. Clay Hart, 4. Cade Bowlin, 5. Jason Key, 6. Jennifer Thompson, 7. Chance O'Daniel, 8. Jeremy Coltr, 9. Cash Berry, 10. Cash Berry, 11. Brice Born, 12. Mandi Hanslik, 13. Jordana Hardgrave, 14. Whitney Henderson

Heavy Weight Hampers:

1. Jody Howard, 2. Casey Reid, 3. Michael Brooks, 4. Jordan Rainey, 5. Mandi Hanslik, 6. Garrett Cline, 7. Lochie Musgrove, 8. Kara Hughes, 9. Garrett Cline, 10. Porsha Yarbar, 11. Raela James, 12. Virgil Kays

Light Weight Cross:

1. Terrell Bibb, 2. Garrett Cline, 3. D.D. Wright, 4. Lauren Ivey, 5. Jerod Johnston, 6. Kara Hughes, 7. Crystal Atkinson, 8. Trevor Bibb, 9. Cristy Larue, 10. Cody Carlile, 11. Laci Webb

Medium Weight Cross:

1. Tori Borchardt, 2. Shawn Reid, 3. Tony Wyrick, 4. Lauren Middleton, 5. Lorin Wolf, 6. Weylin Wolf, 7. Angie Wood, 8. Virgil Kays, 9. Rusty Crawford, 10.

Heavy Weight Cross:

1. Mandi Hanslik, 2. Keith Rich, 3. Chad Bales, 4. Michael Brooks, 5. Katie Gaskins, 6. Angie Wood, 7. Courtney Brockman, 8. Luke King, 9. Traci Crawford, 10. Cash Berry

Light Weight BOPB:

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Heavy Weight BOPB:

1. Michael Cobb, 2. Daniel Holt, 3. Melissa Snell, 4. Dondi Brewer, 5. Jason Laster, 6. Clay Hart, 7. Katie Gaskins, 8. Jason Key

Light Weight WOPB:

1. Randall Rich, 2. Trevor Bibb, 3. Lauren Ivey, 4. Whitney Wells, 5. Shawn Reid, 6. Terrell Bibb, 7. Amy Ward, 8. Ginni Metcalf, 9. Whitney Wells, 10. Daniel Holt, 11. Tony Bingham, 12. Brandon Long

Medium Weight WOPB:

1. Brandi Kilpatrick, 2. Trevor Bibb, 3. Michael Cobb, 4. Ashlie New, 5. Kelli O'Daniel, 6. Cash Berry, 7. Keith Brockman, 8. Jason Key, 9. Riley Hipp

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Shelton, 82, was chairman of the Abilene Reporter-News and a director of Harte-Hanks Communications, Inc., which owned the Big Spring Herald for more than 40 years.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church.

Andrew B. Shelton drew the nickname "Stormy" from his Hardin-Simmons University classmates for his colorful tales of a hurricane in the Rio Grande Valley, where he was raised.

Once he moved to Abilene, he relished it.

"It was a great town," Shelton recalled in a 1986 interview. "There was a dance every Friday night at the Windsor or Wooten Hotel ... but no shows on Sunday."

Shelton began working part-time at the newspaper in 1935 for \$7.50 a week. He spent most of his career at the Reporter-News, becoming publisher in 1964, publisher and president in 1967 and board chairman in 1986.

Shelton played a key role in the Harte-Hanks decision to go public in 1972, its leveraged buyout in 1984, when the Herald and several other newspapers were sold, and its recent return as a public company.

The family requests memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville, Abilene, 79605, or Hospice of Abilene, 1682 Hickory, Abilene, 79601.

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

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

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

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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.

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

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Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1697 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

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Quote of the Day

"Greatness is a road leading towards the unknown." -Charles de Gaulle

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute:

The BIG SPRING CHAPTER OF THE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP for its sponsorship of the Eighth Annual Boss HOG Chili Cookoff. Some of the money raised during the bitterly cold event will go to the "Mount the Huey" Fund.

COAHOMA'S BULLDOGS and BULLDOGETTES in sweeping Winters. BLAKE NICHOLS' 21 points paced the Bulldogs to a 77-67 win that left the "Dogs unbeaten in District 8-2A play, while CASSIE TINDOL scored 26 points in pacing the Bulldogettes to a 67-54 victory.

FORSAN'S BUFFALOES on their 43-36 win over Roscoe in District 8-2A play. JOSH GASTON led the way with 16 points.

COUNTY AUDITOR JACKIE OLSON on receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for an 11th consecutive year.

TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR KATHY SAYLES AND HER STAFF on their efficient operation in collecting 97.4 percent of all delinquent taxes owed to Howard County last year.

HOWARD COLLEGE'S HAWKS on opening Western Junior College Athletic Conference play with a 104-87 win over New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. MARCUS REEDY and WILL JONES led the way with 20 points each. The LADY HAWKS made it a sweep, following the lead of LATONYA KINDEL'S 24 points and SHAUNTA JOHNSON'S 23 in taking a 78-65 win over the NMJC women.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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Worm finally turns ... Texans get weird, too

It was only a matter of time. For too long we've had fun in this space at the expense of Yankers, Californians, Okies and other assorted underlings. Now the worm has turned.

That's right, the strangest offering from The Associated Press were in some months was dandelion "KINGSVILLE, Texas" Wednesday morning.

The lead simply told us to say good-bye to hello.

With me, now, I told you it was going to get strange.

In a unanimous resolution Tuesday, Kibbey County commissioners made "heaven" their official courthouse greeting.

That was appears to be the culmination of a three-year campaign by 56-year-old Lesmo Canales, a flea market operator, who's made it his mission to take the "hell" out of "hello" and replace it with "heaven."

With his Canales, who's the brother-in-law of Kibbey County Sheriff Tony Gonzalez, has way too much time on his hands.

Canales says his crusade began because he saw "hello" as too negative. "I see hell in hello," he said. "It's disguised by the e, but once you see it, it will slip out of the box."

Says her somebody needs to slap him in the face.

Of course, with the commissioners' vote, it's clear Canales isn't the only one down there who's gone round the bend. County Judge Pete De La Garza said he has started using "heaveno," and expects it to catch on with his fellow county workers.

"Sometimes when someone calls and says, 'hello,' I'll respond 'heaveno,'" De La Garza said. "That's my opinion. Some people do and some don't. It's still kind of new."

Apparently, I just thought it couldn't get too weird for me.

The folks in Berles, Ohio, came in a close second this week.

Seems the townspeople there tried to stop a neighborhood porn shop from becoming something even worse and lost the battle.

The ludicrous alternative? A McDonald's.

Neighbors to the Berles Art Theater felt that when it came to quality of life, flappy wheels posed a greater danger than fluster centerfolds. The affluent suburb, home to the governor's mansion, fretted that McDonald's would increase traffic and lower property values.

But the landlord pushed the McDonald's plan despite the opposition and recently received permission to tear down the theater. The porn shop, perhaps sensing trouble, had already moved out.

Speaking of blind luck, Bob Ives of Litchfield, Conn., knows all about it, having had the winning guess on the number of peanuts in a big glass jar. Ives said 603 nuts — and was just one shy.

But what makes this feat even more amazing is the fact that Ives is blind.

"I could just feel how many were in there," he said.

Ives won a turkey with his guess at the Christmas fundraiser at American Legion Post 27.

He also got to keep the jar with the peanuts.

Lions and tigers and potato chip trucks, Oh my! Joshua Saul Weinstein wants Pomona, Calif., authorities to return the 350-pound male African lion and the 300-pound male Bengal tiger they took from him and impounded.

"These cats are my life," Weinstein said. "They are my children."

Authorities impounded Asian and Japaneese, citing Weinstein for the illegal transportation and showing of exotic animals.

For two years, Weinstein, 26, has kept the cats in a converted Pinto-Lay truck. Both animals were born and raised in captivity and appeared in good condition.

But Marsha Wyatt, a field supervisor for the Pomona Valley Humane Society, said the animals will be returned if Weinstein can demonstrate that he has a federally approved permanent facility for them.

But there were other animal offerings. Like the story of Sam, the cigarette-smoking, beer-swilling chimp, has left his favorite watering hole.

A longtime resident of a concrete cage next to the Train Stop Inn in Foster, Ohio, Sam was forced out because the town plans to use his former home as a site for public restrooms.

Kenny Harris, who owns Sam and the tavern, would not say where he sent the 4-foot, 140-pound chimp.

"He's in good hands," Harris said.

Sam, 25, spent his youth in a traveling side show. He eventually found a home with Harris outside the inn, where customers marveled at his ability to drink beer and smoke cigarettes.

Larry Cornett, a longtime neighbor, said she would miss Sam.

"Everybody loves Sam," she said, recalling his fondness for peanut butter sandwiches, apples and watermelon. "He ate everything."

However, this final offering out of Northfield, N.H., gave New Englanders the preponderance of the week's oddities.

Northfield's favorite flamingos have disappeared, and police are positive they did not fly south for the winter.

Two plastic pink flamingos that for the past three years have appeared in the spring on a small bit of wetland, only to disappear when winter arrived, left a little early last year.

"I have an idea of who has one of them," Police Chief Scott Willard said. "We're keeping a close eye to see if it turns up in someone's lawn."

(John A. Moseley is news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.)

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To the Editor: We were recently credited with being the very best "20 words or less" library which is not the case. We may have been the most successful, maintaining having supervised the base-gar-chase in the first library opening meeting which brought in money regularly for 10 days straight. We were not in the top 100 and only 75 when we spent some book reviews with local and national review as frequently with Reviewer Mary Lynn Jones, Mary Stipp and Anne Wolf. Anne was among those who volunteered to help in this area.

There have been friends of the library ever since there was a library, maybe not shown as such, but not and women who offered that support through the years.

Thank you for the "treasures" This was the best night we've ever had for getting such a diverse number of "treasures" that came back to the youth room and I had to figure out what to do with again, as best as I know how. Thank You.

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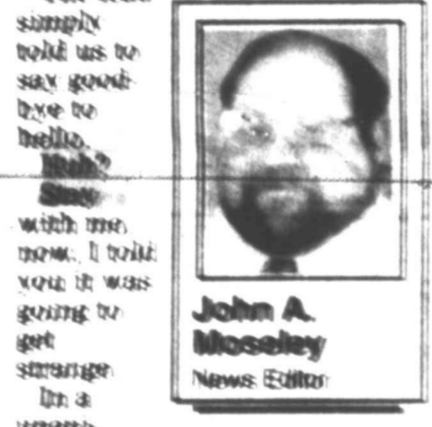
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John A. Moseley News Editor

Clinton's plan for taking over the District of Columbia

By JAC AMBROSE Scripts - Howard News Service

The capital of the world's greatest and richest power itself falls short of greatness. Despite the elegance of much of its architecture and landscaped Washington, D.C. is a nearly run city whose services are inadequate and whose disrepair is inescapable.

Now the Clinton administration has stepped forward with an innovative plan that would seek an annual federal payment and instead have the federal government take over maintenance of roads and bridges, operate the District's courts and prisons, take responsibility for unfunded police and fire-fighter pensions, collect District income taxes, help move with Medicaid and help finance the city deficit.

The federal government's intervention would almost certainly bring more administrative competence and efficiency to these operations, and with out-landing home rule. The city would no longer need congressional approval of its annual budget under the Clinton plan, and many of its other prerogatives would be preserved.

Indeed, some critics would like the feds to intervene still more in a searchibus school system and in reducing the city's high crime rates.

But because it would be relieved of some of its overhead — the District has had to take on the ordinary duties of a city, a county and a state government — it should be able to concentrate more effectively on its remaining functions, and officials would mind having a substitute for the federal payment, which was meant partly to make up for property taxes lost because of so many U.S.-owned buildings in the city.

Disputes were endless about its sufficiency, and its amount was unpredictable.

Some congressional Republicans are grumbling that the Clinton plan would boost federal expenditures. The amount, however, is not significant relative to the total budget or to the disgrace of the District's continued decline.

The White House, it seems to us, has come up with a compromise that preserves democratic institutions in Washington while holding out hope for the city's resurrection. That's no small achievement.

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Budget office claiming lower Medicare growth aids balancing efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Balancing the federal budget just got easier because the Congressional Budget Office said Medicare and Medicaid will grow more slowly than expected.

The Congressional Budget Office sent lawmakers updated figures Thursday showing that over the next five years, projected spending for Medicare will be \$56 billion less than CBO estimated a year ago.

More dramatically, Medicaid spending will be nearly \$80 billion lower than projected, the budget office said.

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee, said he was disappointed that Medicare projections were not rosier.

Only about \$16 billion of the savings is expected to come from the trust fund that finances hospital care, which is still projected to go bankrupt by 2001, Thomas noted.

"It underscores the need for Congress and the president to forge a bipartisan agreement to save Medicare, without resorting to accounting gimmicks or

tax increases," he said in a statement.

The budget office now expects Medicare spending from 1998 through 2002 to total \$1.35 trillion, compared with \$1.4 trillion last May. The new five-year projection for Medicaid is \$618 billion, down from \$697 billion in May.

The Clinton administration plans to offer Medicare savings of \$100 billion over five years, most of it from cutting fees paid to hospitals, doctors and health maintenance organizations.

About \$20 billion of savings in Medicare would come from cutting payments to HMOs. The federal government now pays HMOs 95 percent of the cost of treating an average beneficiary. The administration plans to cut that to 90 percent, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

But the Clinton administration also plans to offer Medicare recipients new benefits, including free mammograms, respite care for Alzheimer's patients and screenings for diabetes and colon cancer, the official said.

## Ethics panel ready for public hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special counsel's report on House Speaker Newt Gingrich's ethical lapses recommends a stiff fine, reprimand, and possible Justice Department investigation. The New York Times reported today.

The newspaper, citing Democratic congressional aides, said the report from the House ethics committee's special counsel called for a large fine and for sending the evidence he uncovered to the Justice Department. The amount of the fine was not specified in the Times' report.

The House is set to vote Tuesday on a punishment for Gingrich. A reprimand for bringing discredit upon the House would allow the Georgia Republican to retain his powerful post. A more serious censure would make him ineligible to serve as speaker under Republican caucus rules.

The House ethics committee planned a public proceeding today to hear from special counsel James M. Cole and a lawyer for Gingrich. The panel also planned to make public Cole's report, which the Times said was believed to be 200 to 300 pages, after a closed meeting.

The committee first had to accept the final language of Cole's report at its private session this morning. Because members of the equally divided committee have waged constant partisan warfare, there was no

guarantee the acceptance would be a formality.

"Nancy's goal is to provide full public disclosure of every aspect of this case," said an aide to committee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. The committee will meet (in closed session) ... At that point it will resolve details regarding a public hearing." The aide asked not to be identified.

Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin, D-Md., adding a touch of uncertainty, said, "We don't know what's going to happen" at the public session.

Sometime after these sessions, the committee would deliberate on punishment for the speaker and make a recommendation to the House.

Gingrich was not expected to testify at the televised public hearing — and has not decided whether to address the House on Tuesday, said a Republican, who commented only on condition of anonymity.

"We're going to do whatever we're asked to do and we are going to try to be helpful," Gingrich said when asked by reporters if he would appear at the hearing.

Throughout the evening, Cole worked on his report as lawmakers on the eight-member committee met with him and read draft language.

The counsel has gathered information about Gingrich's use of tax-exempt activities to further political goals and about

misleading statements given the committee.

Gingrich confessed Dec. 21 to violating the rules, admitting he should have sought specific legal advice about financing his college course and a town hall television project with tax-exempt donations. He took responsibility for inaccurate assertions that his former political organization — GOPAC — had no role in the college course.

Just a week ago it appeared that the ethics committee would be engaged this week in dramatic televised hearings, during which Cole would air his findings before the panel made its recommendations on punishment to the House.

## After 30 years, Israelis leave Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — A young Palestinian climbed up a tall antenna on Israel's former military headquarters at dawn today, his national flag on a stick tucked in the back of his pants. At the top, he planted the banner, then raised a hand in triumph.

The moment ushered in a new era in Hebron, the city that had become a symbol of bitter strife. After 30 years of Israeli military rule and three months of tortuous negotiations, Palestinian police took control of 80 percent of the city.

The handover, the first tangible step by Benjamin Netanyahu's government in making peace with the Palestinians, was remarkably brief and calm.

Tensions rose hours later as Palestinians scuffled with Israeli troops patrolling a downtown square adjacent to Jewish settler enclaves.

At one point, Palestinians threw rocks, bottles and potatoes at Israeli troops. Police in riot gear charged through a Palestinian vegetable market next to the square.

After the confrontation, the army declared the square off-limits to Palestinians.

The new arrangement for Hebron will leave Israeli troops downtown to protect the 500 Jewish settlers. Up to 20,000 Palestinians live in the area that remains under Israeli control.

Outside one enclave, a group of settlers chanted in Arabic, "Kill the Arabs" and waved Israeli flags. They faced a crowd of Palestinians who hoisted their flags, but were held back by Palestinian police.

Hebron is a magnet for militants from both sides. The Muslim militant group Hamas has threatened to carry out attacks, and Netanyahu has said he reserved the right to revoke Israeli commitments to the Palestinians — such as the three-stage troop withdrawal from West Bank rural areas — in the event of violence.

Today, both Palestinians and Jewish settlers in Hebron were trying to adapt to the new reality.

At dawn, the Israeli and Palestinian commanders shook hands, a long convoy of Israeli jeeps pulled out of the military headquarters, and Palestinian police drove into the compound.

"This is the happiest day of

my life," a Palestinian police officer shouted, leaning from a window in the headquarters and flashing a victory sign.

In the downtown Bab Izzawiya district, Palestinian police directed traffic, standing where Israeli troops had manned a checkpoint only days earlier.

Shopkeepers hung Palestinian flags in their windows. A 15-foot sign declared: "The Hebron municipality welcomes our leader, Abu Ammar," using Yasser Arafat's nickname.

In one incident, 10 Palestinian policemen jumped off a truck and snatched a middle-aged Palestinian man entering a taxi. The officers dragged the man away and threatened an Associated Press photographer taking pictures of the incident.

It was not clear why the officers were grabbing the man. It was expected that Palestinians who had cooperated with Israel would now be targeted by Arafat's security forces.

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◆ Instead of being paid a salary, Jack Nicholson chose to receive a percentage of the profits made by the Warner Brothers film *Batman*. By 1994, Nicholson, who played the Joker in the film, was laughing all the way to the bank with earnings of more than \$60 million.

Do you have a good story idea for the *Life!* section? Call 293-7331, Ext. 235.

## Married late in life ... penned in ... kudos — all workplace problems

By PAULA BERN  
Scripps Howard News Service

Q: I got married over the holidays and what a thrill to be the newest "Missus" in our department! Especially because I just turned 42 and never expected to say, "I do," at my age. My question may sound ridiculous, but now I'm not quite sure of the proper way to introduce myself to a new client. Shall I say "Hello, I'm Mrs. Johnson," or "Hello, I'm Sara Johnson?" I do believe it's important that a new client know where I'm coming from and that I'm not a single woman seeking a partner. What do you say? — Mrs. in Richmond, Va.

A: I say you have a problem! If you're so concerned that a client will think that you're a single and "on the make" I suggest that you wear

orange blossoms in your hair. In a true business situation, you don't have to announce your married status, which means you don't have to wear a bridal veil, carry a bouquet or even wear a wedding ring. All you have to say to a new client or customer is "Hello, I'm Sara Johnson."

Q: The president of our company decided (so he explained, in a memo) that there was "far too much wasted space" on the four floors we occupy. Therefore, he had the brilliant idea of putting us into movable cubicles — small boxes that can be reshuffled if an old employee dies on the job and two new ones are hired to replace him. I'm one of two recent hires who was unlucky enough to be assigned a redesigned cubicle. In other words, an "office" space split in two; not even large enough for a pregnant pig. Aside from having claustrophobia in my

miniature pen, I feel humiliated. Surely, the management must realize what they're doing. — Don, Rockville, Md.

Q: Who says so? When you're a lowly non-management employee, higher-ups generally aren't concerned about your morale. In order to escape your pen, you either have to prove that your particular skills merit more office space or that your health is suffering from the terrible conditions. But if you're going to blame the cubicle for your ill health, make sure you get a physician's letter to back you up. Good luck! I spent 14 months in a windowless office pen, so I know how you feel.

Q: While visiting my parents in Florida over the holidays I became a fan of your column. My mom and I read your column regularly and tried guessing the answers. Not only did we agree

with you 100 percent of the time, but we enjoyed your quick wit and droll humor. Keep it up and have a wonderful 1997. How about getting your column in our hometown newspaper? — Judy from Ga.

A: Thanks for the pat on my head! Now, go and tell the editor or managing editor at your newspaper that they're missing a fantastic chance.

(Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss", has taught executive seminars at Carnegie-Mellon University's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs. Questions may be mailed to Dr. Bern in care of Scripps Howard News Service at 1040 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20005, or e-mailed to: prbernaol.com.)

## Dog show to feature 101 AKC breeds, varieties

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Kennel Club's dog shows will feature 101 AKC breeds and breed varieties Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.

Seventeen vendors from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and California will have many usual dog supplies and collectibles for sale at the shows. They are: Showdog Courtney's, Fraser Pet Supply, Le Beau Chien, Solid Gold Dog Food, Martira, Double "J" Engravers, Headlines Portraits, Gifts Unique, Ad Art, Mag Rags, Creative Memories, Rain-Wood, Touch of Mink, Southwest Connections, Gone to the Dogs, Sculptured Cottages & Gifts, and PuPs Tent.

Dr. Debra Hill, Western Hills Animal Clinic; and Dr. Scott Burt, Highland Animal Clinic; will conduct BSKC's Microchip Clinic at the shows. Area pets are invited to participate in microchipping. Pets need not be AKC registered or even purebred. Cost is \$32 per dog for implantation of the HomeAgain Microchip and its enrollment in AKC's Companion Animal Recovery program.

Microchipping will be 9 a.m. to noon; and 1 to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday at the northeast corner of the coliseum's main concourse. Participants should enter and exit with pets at the coliseum's northeast door. Owners are asked to return their dogs home before watching show competition.

For information, call show



Doug Johnson is shown with Sterling, an Old English Sheepdog, in this file photo from the January 1995 Big Spring Kennel Club show.

chairman Carole Owen, 263-3404.

**Saturday's Show Schedule:**  
9 a.m. — Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers, Schipperkes, Belgian Sheepdogs, Border Collies, Shiba Inu, French Bulldogs, Bulldog, Silky Terriers, Pekingese, Longhaired Dachshunds, Basenjis, Pomeranians, 13-inch Beagles,

Basset Hounds, 15-inch Beagles, Golden Retrievers, Utility A and B obedience competition.

9:15 a.m. — Boxers, Great Danes  
10 a.m. — Belgian Tervuren, Bearded Collies, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, German Shepherd Dogs, Smooth Fox Terriers, Boston Terriers, Standard Manchester Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Chinese

Shar-Pei, Smooth Dachshunds, Pugs, Afghan Hounds, Doberman Pinschers, Bullmastiffs

10:30 a.m. — Brittany, Vizslas, Weimaraners

11 a.m. — Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, Rough Collies, Scottish Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Welsh Terriers, Dalmatians, Standard Poodles, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Chinese Cresteds, Wirehaired Dachshunds, Alaskan Malamutes, Akitas

11:30 a.m. — Smooth Coat Chihuahuas, Open B obedience

12:45 p.m. — Smooth Collies, Pulik, Shetland Sheepdogs, Junior Showmanship, Tibetan Terriers, Bichons Frises, West Highland White Terriers, Toy Poodles, Shih Tzu, Yorkshire Terriers, Affenpinschers, Japanese Chin, Papillons, Maltese, Giant Schnauzers, Mastiffs, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Long Coat Chihuahuas, Parti-Color Cocker Spaniels, German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Ascob Cocker Spaniels, English Cocker Spaniels.

1:15 p.m. — 24 Novice B obedience

1:45 p.m. — Airedale Terriers, Cairn Terriers, American Eskimo Dogs, Chow Chows, Finnish Spitz, Keeshonden, Lhasa Apso, Miniature Poodles, Great Pyrenees, Kuvaszok, Newfoundlanders, Rottweilers, Black Cocker Spaniels, English Setters, English Springer Spaniels, Irish Setters, Labrador Retrievers, Irish Wolfhounds, Whippets, Salukis, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, American Foxhounds, Borzois, Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds

2:45 p.m. — Variety group judging followed by Best in Show (group judging takes 2 to 2 1/2 hours)

4:15 p.m. — Open A obedience  
5:50 p.m. — Veterans obedience  
Sunday's Show Schedule:  
9 a.m. — Basenjis, Cardigan See SHOW, Page 7A

## Home is the best place for new start

By BERNIE DONATO  
Guest Columnist

Many of us look forward to January with anticipation. This is because with it comes the making of "new beginnings." This is true in our physical life, as well as in the spiritual.

Talking about new beginnings, the best place to start is right in our homes. Indeed, our first and foremost concern is to keep our family units intact. And this can be done, not by providing material things alone, which has not proven effective, but by building up the moral and spiritual fiber of the family members.

The ancient patriarchs understood this concept very clearly. Going back to biblical records, we read that when Abraham answered God's call to go to the land of Canaan, the first thing he did in every place where he sojourned was to "build an altar unto the Lord." (Genesis 12: 7, 8; 13: 18) This he did in acknowledgement of God's goodness to him and the members of his household. His son, Isaac, and grandson, Jacob, followed his example and in turn passed the same practice to the generations that came after them.

"Building an altar unto the Lord" today means giving homage to the Author and Sustainer of life. It means having family worship in the home with father or mother leading. The act of worship, during which God's word, the Bible, is read and Jesus Christ is lifted up, gives the worshiper an understanding that there is an authority above which expects

obedience and right-doing in one's relationship with God and his fellow human beings. Children raised up in this kind of home develop deep respect for their parents, older brothers and sisters, and those in authority, religious or civil.

In our country's history, we know that during the period when families revered God and accepted His authority, homes were intact, and fewer crimes were committed. But when atheistic and agnostic teachings became widespread, denying the existence of God and His concern in human affairs, the floodgates of evil were thrown open, and children grew up without much respect for any kind of authority. The harvest is rampant crimes taking place daily and portrayed glaringly through newspapers and television sets.

For the continued prosperity of society and our country, let the moral and spiritual foundations of the home be strengthened. This can come about as parents and children acknowledge God in their lives, and live according to His precepts, or commandments. For when homes and families breakdown, so also will society.

As the old saying goes, "By the loss of a nail, the shoe was lost. By the loss of a shoe, the horse was lost. By the loss of the horse, the rider was lost. By the loss of the rider, the battle was lost. By the loss of the battle, the war was lost. And by the loss of the war, the country was lost."

Bernie Donato is an associate pastor at Seventh-Day Adventist Church

## CLUB NEWS

### West Texas

#### Republican Women

The West Texas Republican Women's Club met Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Big Spring Country Club with 26 members present. Scott McLaughlin presided over the installation of officers and then gave some entertaining anecdotes and quotes from politicians of the past.

Three wives of newly elected Republican officials were present, those being: Mary Jennings, wife of Republican County Sheriff Bill Jennings; Terri Thomas, wife of Republican County Attorney Mike Thomas; Stephanie Wilkerson, wife of Republican District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. Also present was Daria Kilgore, wife of County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

Dene Sheppard, newly elected president, welcomed everyone present and urged them to be faithful in attendance this year even though it isn't an election year. She said the club needed to be very well organized and ready to help in the next election. Frances Wheat, newly elected vice president, will have the program in February and asked that everyone bring guests.

The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Big Spring Country Club.

#### Howard County FCE Council

Howard County FCE Council met at Jowill Etchison's for their regular meeting with the new 1997 officers presiding. New officers include: Chairman - Jowill Etchison; Vice Chairman - Myrl Soles; Treasurer - Frances Zant and

Secretary - Olnee Menges.

Frances Zant gave the devotion entitled "Good Morning God." In the business meeting the treasurer's report was given. Kristie Moates and Ryan Wright were each awarded a 4-H Scholarship from the FCE Council. Club president's reports, TAFE business and the Agent's agenda was given.

There will be a FCE Training meeting Jan. 15 in Midland and Dana Tarter, FCE Agent, and four club members plan to attend.

The Council meeting will be Feb. 3, at Myrl Soles.

#### City FCE Club

The City FCE Club met at the home of Jowill Etchison for their first meeting of the year. The devotion was Philippians 2: 4-5. Roll call was "A birthday party I remember."

After a brief business meet-

ing, year books were filled out. Refreshments were served and a period of visiting was enjoyed. The next meeting will be Jan. 24 with Frances Mason as hostess.

#### Big Spring-Howard Co. Retired Teachers Assn.

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Jan. 20. Coffee and fellowship hour at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Jan Norwood, principal of Coahoma Elementary, who will report on elements being initiated in the elementary grades there.

During the business meeting, chaired by Billye Grisham - president, the Nominating Committee will give its report. All members of the local

Retired Teachers Association will turn in their volunteer hours for 1996-97. In 1995-96, more than 12,000 volunteer hours were turned in to the state RTA. Local retirees hope to beat that number this year.

All retired teachers and school personnel are invited to attend this meeting.

#### Howard County NAACP Chapter 6251

The Howard County NAACP, Chapter 6251, held its monthly meeting on Jan. 13. This was the first meeting with the newly elected president Stephanie Horton and the 1997 officers. This new year brings many changes and opportunities for the Howard County chapter. The main topics were the development of goals and a vision for the upcoming year. The goals and mission as discussed thus far are:

1. Refocus on and reemphasize the purpose of the NAACP
2. Reinstate newsletter
3. Preparation for a candle light march in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. This is tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 20. The march is to begin at the corner of Gregg and Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
4. Preparation for Black History Month. Tentative plans are to have a speaker and various choirs for the end of February. Various members also offered to conduct presentations in the community and to provide input for a display at the library. (If your group is looking for a speaker or Black History Month resources contact either 264-0306 or 267-1806).
5. Re-establish various committees and have them active and productive.

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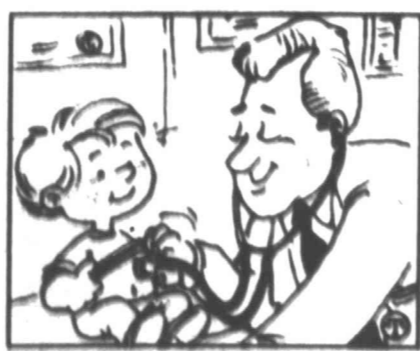
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### TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

#### Cold season:

(NAPS) - Some tips and precautions:

- Wash your hands often with anti-bacterial liquid soap. Bacteria and viruses can linger on bar soap.
- Avoid shaking hands with someone who has a cold.
- Use paper cups in the bathroom and kitchen to eliminate sharing drinking glasses.
- Frequently clean/disinfect "high touch" surfaces like doorknobs and phones.
- Clean kitchen utensils and counters with warm, soapy water and let them air dry.
- Use disposable tissues. Handkerchiefs collect viruses.
- Ventilate rooms well.
- Eat properly and get plenty of sleep.
- Avoid smoking in your home. Smoke is a respiratory irritant that will increase your susceptibility to colds and flu.
- Avoid exposing infants to people with colds and crowded public areas, as they are more likely to experience complications than older children and adults.
- Wash your children's toys often in warm, soapy water.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Send in your poems

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. 20 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Jan. 20. If you have any questions, contact Kellis Jones, 263-7331 ext. 836.

### THE LAST WORD

The best definition of humor I know is: humor may be defined as the kindly contemplation of the incongruities of life, and the artistic expression thereof. I think this is the best I know because I wrote it myself.

—Stephen Leacock

Science is built up with facts, as a house is with stones. But a collection of facts is no more a science than a heap of stones is a house.

—Julia Henri Poincare

People are always good company when they are doing what they really enjoy.

—Samuel Butler

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6. Re-emphasize membership and level of involvement of members.  
 tional committee with focus on a tutoring program  
 The Howard County Chapter is also embarking on a membership campaign. The meet-

ings are held the second Monday of the month at 7 pm. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce building. Membership dues are only \$10 a year. If you are interested in knowing more about your local NAACP, please call Horton at 264-0308 or attend the next meeting as our guest.

**O'Neal-Kunkle DAVA Unit No. 47**  
 O'Neal-Kunkle DAVA Unit No. 47 will meet 9:30 p.m., Monday, at the VAMC room 234.  
**Big Spring Art Association**  
 The Big Spring Art

Association will meet Jan. 21 at the West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College.  
 Sherree Moates will give the program. She will discuss and demonstrate information from her workshop with Dalhart Windberg.  
 Estelle Howard is having a workshop in oils, Jan. 25, 9:30

a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Texas Center for the Arts. The fee is \$35. Call Estelle at 263-1134 for more information.  
 Several members attended a watercolor workshop in Odessa last week. Those attending were Linda Rupard, Estelle Howard, Madeen Blair and Betty Conley. The instructor

was Naomi Brotherton of Dallas.  
 Betty Conley had one painting accepted in the Odessa Area Art Show. The show is open to the public until Feb. 4.  
 Carol Berry is teaching a mat cutting class at Howard College. Call Carol at 267-5623.

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Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers, Irish Wolfhounds, Longhaired Dachshunds, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Doberman Pinschers, Mastiffs,

Newfoundlands, Alaskan Malamutes, Dalmatians, Bulldogs, 13-inch Beagles, Bassett Hounds, American Foxhounds, 15-inch Beagles, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Utility A and B obedience.  
 9 a.m. — Rough Collies, Smooth Collies, German Shepherd Dogs,

Fulki, Belgian Tervuren, Bearded Collies, Japanese Chin, Toy Poodles, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels,

Pekingese, Wirehaired Dachshunds, Black Cocker Spaniels, Akitas, Ascob Cocker Spaniels, American Eskimo Dogs, Boston Terriers, Chinese Shar-Pei, Whippets, Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis, Borzois, English Springer Spaniels  
 10 a.m. — Australian Cattle Dogs,

Australian Shepherds, Belgian Sheepdogs, Shetland Sheepdogs, Brisards, Papillons, Maltese, Afghan Shorthaired Pointers, Golden Retrievers

10:40 a.m. — Open B obedience  
 11 a.m. — Great Danes, Rottweilers, Airedale Terriers,

Hounds, Fugs, Smooth Dachshunds, Pomeranians, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Parti-Color Cocker Spaniels, Great Pyrenees, Giant Terriers, Welsh Terriers, Standard Manchester Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Brittany, German

Miniature Schnauzers, Chow Chows, Bichons Frises, French Bulldogs

11:05 a.m. — Smooth Coat Chihuahuas, Yorkshire Terriers, Long Coat Chihuahuas

11:15 a.m. — English Setters, Vizslas, Irish Setters  
 11:20 a.m. — Novice B obedience  
 12:45 p.m. — Miniature Poodles, Smooth Fox Terriers, Finnish Spitz,

Keeshonden, Lhasa Apso, Schipperkes, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Terriers, Standard Poodles, English Cocker Spaniels, German Wirehaired Pointers, Weimaraners, Labrador Retrievers, Junior Showmanship

12:50 p.m. — Affenpinschers, Chinese Cresteds, Silky Terriers, Shih Tzu

1:45 p.m. — Variety Group Judging followed by Best in Show (group judging takes 2 to 2 1/2 hours)

3:15 p.m. — Open A and Novice A obedience

**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — John F. Kennedy Jr. apparently is hedging his bets on this year's mayoral race.

Financial disclosure reports released Wednesday showed he donated \$2,000 to Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and \$1,000 to Democrat Ruth Messinger, a probable challenger.

Kennedy, a registered Democrat and co-founder of the political magazine George, supported Giuliani's Democratic opponent, Mayor David Dinkins, in the 1993 race.

NEW YORK — Woke up, it was a Hall of Fame morning — for Joni Mitchell and four others elected Thursday to the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

The folk singer and famed record producer Phil Spector will be joined by Harlan Howard, Ernesto Lecuona and Jimmy Kennedy at the 28th annual induction ceremonies June 10, the National Academy of Popular Music announced.

Mitchell is best known for writing "Chelsea Morning," "Both Sides Now" and "Woodstock."

Spector's writing credits include "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Chapel of Love" and "River Deep, Mountain High."

Howard is best known for "I Fall to Pieces," "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail" and "Heartaches by the Number." Lecuona wrote "Malaguena," "Sibony" and "The Breeze and I."

Kennedy wrote "Harbor Lights," "The Isle of Capri" and "My Prayer."

LOS ANGELES — Inspired by a hit movie, Grammy-winning composer Michael Kamen has established the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to make musical instruments available to children.

"Our goal is simple. We plan to make the joys and benefits of active music-making accessible to our nation's young people," said Kamen, who composed the score for "Mr. Holland's Opus."

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CHURCH NEWS

**Baptist Men's Rally**  
Baptist Men's Rally, Circle 6 Ranch, Jan. 28, Meal, 5 p.m. Program, 7 p.m. Speaker, Bill Tisdale, music, Singing Men of West Texas. Cost \$6.

**Baker's Chapel**  
Baker's Chapel AME Church will have barbecue dinners for sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Dinner will consist of choice of meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans and dessert. Dinner will be served at the church cafeteria, 911 N. Lancaster, or you can have dinners delivered by calling, 267-7158. Dinner donation..\$5 for one meat, \$6 for two meats.

**First United Methodist Church**  
"Jesus: The Hour to Strike Begins" (Luke 3: 21-22) will be Dr. Ed. Williamson's message this Sunday, at the First United Methodist Church. The message will be about the start of Jesus' ministry. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We're the "Church With A Heart" in the "Heart of The City."

The First United Methodist Church has several friendly Sunday School classes for adults, youth, and children. If you or your family members or a friend would profit from wholesome friendship and learning the good life God offers to us, come and be with one of our classes next Sunday. We're not "clannish." Just show up and we'll gladly assist you in finding a friendly group for you or your family members. The First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry and all visitors and new residents of Big Spring are welcome. On Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be an "Evening Star Worship Service" in the Partee Building. This will be a contemporary service and everyone is invited for the songs and praise.

**Church of the Harvest**  
Church of the Harvest will host Ron Stewart from Ann Arbor, Mich. to minister on Saturday during a special Praise, Worship & Word service beginning at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Ron Stewart is the father of Tony Stewart, pastor of the Church of the Harvest. Ron Stewart was the former pastor of the College Park Church in Big Spring. He has traveled throughout the United States and other countries ministering the Word of God. An invitation extends to the city to experience a time of renewal and refreshment of the Holy Spirit at these services. The Harvest Praise Team will minister in song as well as special music by Tony and Patsy Butler, Kristie West, Kandi Cline, Kim Ward, Mark Barber and Kami Taylor. Church of the Harvest is located at 14th and Gollad.

The Church of the Harvest youth ministries is hosting a Mexican Feast on Saturday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dinners include the Church of the Harvest "secret" Mexican casserole, taco, beans, rice, tortilla and dessert. The dinners are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and can be either delivered (free) or picked up at the church. If you would like to order, call the church office at 267-6747 on Saturday afternoon.

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## Chaparrals crumble under Howard's defensive pressure

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Tommy Collins turned loose his wolves Thursday night. After preaching the virtues of a tough defense, Collins watched as his Howard College Hawks turned in one of their best defensive efforts of the season en route to a 92-80 victory over Midland College at Garrett Coliseum.

The victory helped the Hawks maintain a hold on the Western Junior College Athletic Conference lead with a 2-0 league mark. Overall, Howard improved to 14-5, while Midland fell to 1-1 in the WJAC standings.

The Hawks' defense, particularly in the first half, was

ferce. Howard more than made up for its size deficit with a quick, aggressive defense that seemed to knock the Chaparrals out of their game plan.

"Coach Collins is always telling us to play tough defense," said guard Will Jones. "He said that if we pressured their guards tonight, we'd get some turnovers."

Collins was right. Employing a full-court trapping defense for much of the night, Howard forced the taller Chaps into 22 turnovers, including 12 in the pivotal first half.

"We played really hard tonight," Collins said. "I can't ask for any more in the way of effort — I was really pleased with the effort ... They're a

power-oriented club, so we had to attack them so they couldn't get in it."

The Hawks began exerting control over matters about four minutes deep into the game. With the game tied at 10-10, Jones got the Hawks going with a three-pointer and Chris Martinez followed with a basket and a pair of free throws to give Howard a seven point lead with 14:08 remaining in the half.

With the defense constantly harrasing Midland into turnovers, and with Jones and his fellow guards bombing away from outside — the Hawks were 8-for-15 from three-point range in the first half —

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## Lady Hawks demolish No. 3 Midland

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

You'd think the No. 3 women's junior college basketball team in the nation would automatically demand respect from a team they had already beaten earlier in the season.

Think again.

Howard College's Lady Hawks, with five players in double figures, broke open a close game with a 25-4 second-half run en route to a 96-73 Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) win over Midland College Thursday night.

The win, garnered before a small but rowdy crowd at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, pulled the Lady Hawks to with-

in a half-game of Midland in the WJAC. Howard improved to 17-3 overall and 6-2 in conference play while Midland, ranked No. 3 in the latest national juco poll, dropped to 16-3 and 6-1.

Howard started slowly, trailing by as many as 11 points near the midway point of the first half before going on an 18-6 run to take their first lead, 26-25 with 6:51 on the clock, since jumping out to a 4-2 advantage at the start of the game.

"I think perhaps they (Lady Hawks) were a little tight and apprehensive," Howard head coach Matt Corkery opined. "After they loosened up, they did much better."

Indeed.

After closing the first half with Howard holding a 38-36

advantage, Midland hit two quick baskets to take a 40-38 lead with 18:52 left in the game.

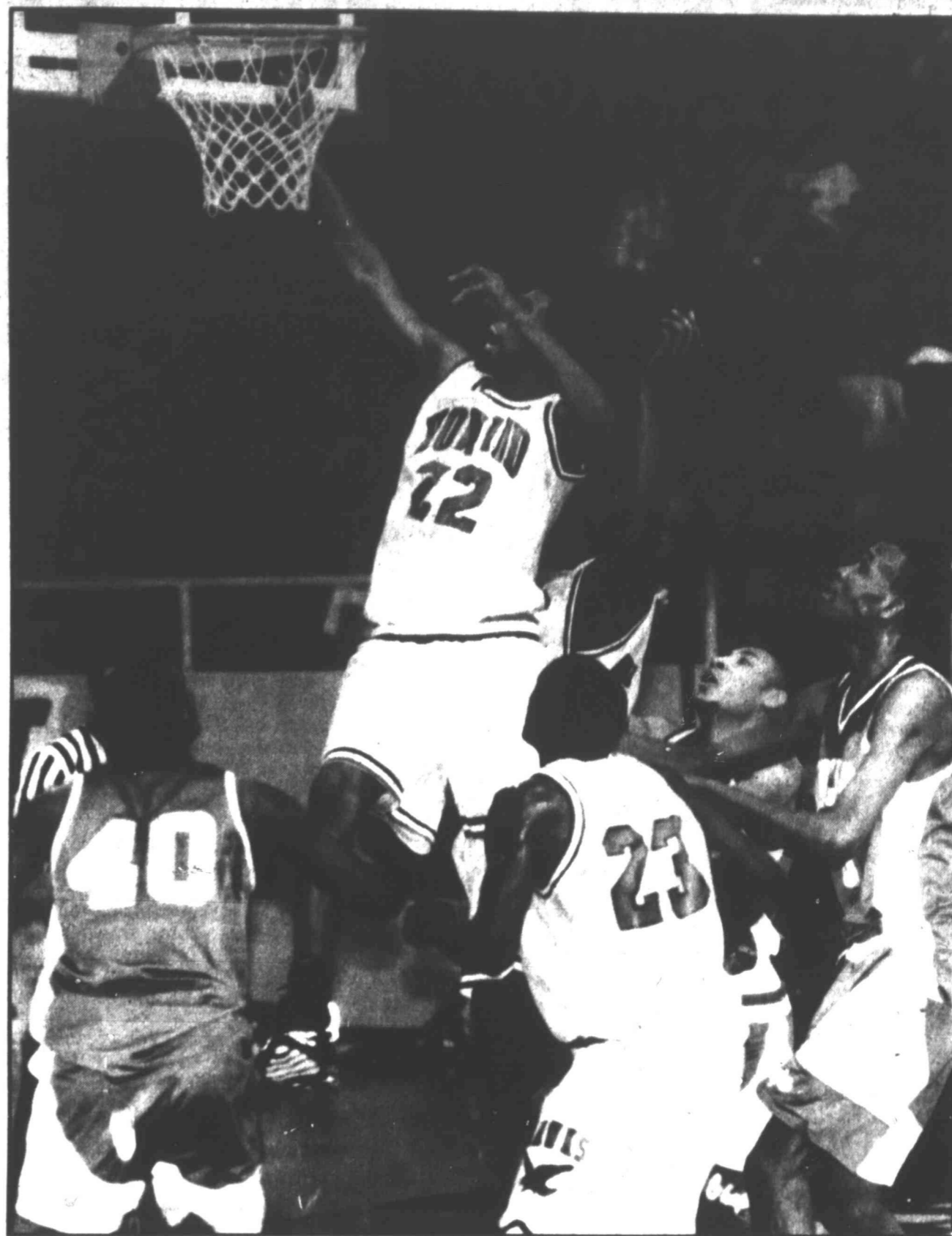
Corkery, after watching the Lady Chaps hit two easy backdoor-type baskets, quickly called a time-out to regroup the troops.

It worked.

LaTonya Kindle hit the first of two free throws to pull Howard to within one at 40-39, then Latraica Spencer scored on a backdoor following a Midland turnover to give the Lady Hawks the lead, 41-40, with 17:58 left.

Spencer, however, committed a quick foul that sent Fatou Cisse' to the free throw line, where she hit the first shot to tie the game, but missed the

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Howard's Elmer Brown rises above a group of players as he attempts a shot during the first half of the Hawks' game with Midland Thursday in Garrett Coliseum.



Big Spring's John Smith (10) brings the ball upcourt against Pecos' Eric Abila Thursday in Steer Gym.

## Steers steamroll Pecos; Lady Steers stroll to win

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Whatever Gary Tipton said to his team Thursday night, he should copyright it, patent it, bottle it or do whatever it takes to preserve it.

A few reassuring words from Tipton launched the Big Spring Steers on a fourth-quarter scoring explosion that carried them past the Pecos Eagles 71-58 Thursday night in Steer Gym.

For the first 25 minutes of the game, the Steers had struggled mightily from the field, missing innumerable shots from point-blank range. That scoring futility allowed the Eagle to stay close and even grab a 42-38 lead with 6:45 remaining in the game.

Tipton, having seen enough, called for a 20-second time out.

"He just told us to take our time and start hitting our shots," guard Justin Myers said.

The words may have been simple, but the results were impressive. The Steers came out of the huddle and almost equaled their output for the game at that point, scoring 33 points in a seven-minute span to put the game away.

Following the time out, Big Spring was an unconscious 13-for-15 from the field and 6-for-8 from the free throw line. The Eagles, who just moments before had been prime candidates for an upset victory, suddenly became innocent bystanders.

The guard duo of John Smith and Myers again led the Steers with 23 and 12 points, respectively. Gary Wollenzien added 11 for Big Spring, which

improved to 9-12 overall and maintained a tie for second place in District 4-4A with a 2-1 league mark.

"(Big Spring) overcame a night when they didn't shoot very well and win," Tipton said. "I'm tickled to death with the win, but we need to come out ready to play (today)."

The Steers return to action tonight against San Angelo Lake View. Game time is 7:30 in Steer Gym.

**Girls game**

The Big Spring Lady Steers, playing perhaps their best basketball of the season, faced a young, struggling group of Pecos Lady Eagles Thursday night — and the results were not as bad as one might think.

It was worse.

Far, far worse.

The Lady Steers stormed out

to a 25-2 first-quarter lead and never looked back, steamrolling Pecos by an 89-31 score Thursday afternoon in Steer Gym.

Big Spring, on pace for its sixth straight District 4-4A girls' title, thoroughly dominated the game on both ends of the floor and placed four players in double figures. Maggie Haddad led the way with 17 points, followed by Krissi McWherter with 14 points, Keesha Lott and Nadia Cole with 12 each and Traci Bellinghausen with 10 points.

While some observers might have begun feeling pity for Pecos, don't count the Lady Steers in that group.

"It was fun," post player Kim Robertson said. "Everybody got to play ... and it's always fun to

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## Cincinnati's demise led to Packers' ascent

By MIKE BASS  
Scripps Howard News Service

The Cincinnati Bengals can easily recount the game that began the Green Bay Packers' ascent to Super Bowl XXXI under quarterback Brett Favre. It's the same game that began Cincinnati's descent into the abyss under coach Dave Shula.

On Sept. 20, 1992, the Packers beat the Bengals, 24-23, at Lambeau Field on Favre's 35-yard touchdown pass with 13 seconds left. Neither franchise would be the same after that.

"It affected us big-time," said Bengals offensive tackle Joe Walter. "Look at the record since. We never knew how to come back from losing a game like that."

The Bengals entered the game 2-0 under their first-year coach. Said linebacker James Francis: "When we started 2-0, I'm thinking we're going to get this thing rolling."

The Packers entered the game 0-2 under first-year coach Mike Holmgren.

Don Majkowski was the Green Bay quarterback, the so-called Majik Man, who had passed for more than 4,000 yards in 1989 but then struggled with injuries. Midway through a scoreless first quarter, Majkowski went out again,

hurting his ankle on a sack by tackle Tim Krumrie.

"When Majkowski went down, the first thing you thought was, Ooh, great," said Bengals broadcaster Dave Lapham. "You thought that with an inexperienced guy coming in, it would be in the Bengals' favor."

The Packers turned to Favre, a second-year quarterback and a controversial off-season acquisition. General manager Ron Wolf had traded a No. 1 draft choice to the Atlanta Falcons to get Favre, who had thrown five passes as a rookie.

"When Majkowski was hurt," said former Bengals offensive tackle Anthony Munoz, "everyone was wondering, Brett Favre? Who's Brett Favre?"

Favre had made his Packers' debut the previous week against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, completing eight of 14 passes for 73 yards with one interception in relief of Majkowski. But this would be different.

"It was Brett's coming-out party," said Walter.

It didn't seem that way at halftime. Green Bay trailed 10-3, and Favre was 7-for-17 for 62 yards. He blew an opportunity in the first quarter. Linebacker Johnny Holland gave him the ball at the Bengals' 22-yard line

after intercepting a Boomer Esiason pass, but Favre threw two incompletions, then fumbled it away.

The Bengals extended the lead to 17-3 three plays after Favre fumbled again, this time at Green Bay's 37 on a sack by safety Darryl Williams.

Until the fourth quarter, Terrell Buckley began the Green Bay comeback, returning a punt 58 yards for a TD. The Bengals responded with a 34-yard Jim Breech field goal to take a 20-10 lead. Then came Favre.

With 8:05 left and the ball at Green Bay's 12, Favre's first pass was incomplete, but then he went 5-for-5 for 66 yards on the rest of the drive — and ran once for 19 yards — the final pass a five-yarder to Sterling Sharpe for the TD with 4:11 left.

The Bengals drove again, from their 21 to a first down at Green Bay's 24. A TD would have secured the win, but a 41-yard field goal brought a 23-17 lead.

Robert Brooks ran the kickoff out of bounds at Green Bay's 8, meaning Favre had to go 92 yards with 1:07 left.

"We had dominated that whole game," said Francis. "The defense had played very well. We knew we had the game won."

Favre threw a four-yard pass to running back Harry Sydney, then hit Sharpe for 46 yards and running back Vince Workman for 11 yards to the Bengals 34 before spiking the ball to stop the clock with 19 seconds left.

Favre then completed the improbable by hitting backup receiver Kitrick Taylor for a 35-yard touchdown pass.

The NFL has not stopped singing his praises since. This season, Favre won the NFL's Most Valuable Player Award for the second straight year and has the team in the Super Bowl.

"The guy's a superstar," said Munoz. "You need some games to build your confidence, and that one certainly did that."

Favre finished 22-of-39 for 289 yards and two TDs against Cincinnati. The Bengals were just finished. They lost their next five games and ended up 5-11.

"That was the beginning of the demise for us," said Walter. Said Francis: "We were a very young team and didn't handle it very well. It knocked something out of us."

Shula never could pull the team together. After starting 2-0, he lost 51 of 68 games before he was replaced seven games into 1996 by Bruce Coslet.

## Lawyer revives claims of Cowboys' accuser

DALLAS (AP) — Despite police findings that the allegation was a lie, the woman who accused Dallas Cowboys stars Michael Irvin and Erik Williams of sexual assault has revived her claim, according to her lawyer.

Nina Shahravan, 23, who later recanted her original claim, was free on \$500 bond on a misdemeanor perjury charge after she surrendered to authorities at the Dallas County jail Thursday.

She would not respond to reporters' questions as deputies ushered her in the jail's back door. However, attorney G. David Smith of Dallas said, "The original statement given by my client to the Dallas police is true. ... I represent the victim of a rape."

The perjury charge against Shahravan carries a penalty of up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

The Class B charge that police originally sought carries a penalty of up to six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Shahravan filed a police report Dec. 30 after first going to a television report with her accusations that Irvin held

a gun to her head while Williams and a third man, who was never identified, raped her in Williams' home. She also accused Irvin of videotaping the attack.

Both Irvin and Williams denied the claim from the start. They were never charged.

Police said Shahravan recanted the allegations last Friday after she was confronted with evidence that Irvin couldn't have been at Williams' house on the night of the alleged attack.

Dallas County prosecutor Mike Gillett declined comment on Smith's remarks, but he confirmed that Shahravan signed a statement recanting her allegations.

Smith said the alleged recantation was "a matter of perception. You can write one thing down and I can write down another and we both interpret it differently."

Shahravan was called to police headquarters Jan. 10 and told "they had proof that the facts were not as she stated them."

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Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Orlando at Miami, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 1:30 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 1:30 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 2 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with Ed Vosberg, INF Mike Bell and OF Marc Sognores to one-year contracts. Promoted Monty Clegg to assistant director of professional and international scouting.

Base tourney 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 tourney

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 Kuykendall, Matt Gamble, Joey Jackson, Ferrol Voight, Daniel Whetsel, Logan Stanley and David Stone.

Forsan's girls won the title with victories over Iron County (28-23), Water Valley (40-15) and Miles (31-19). Team members are Tonnie Loera, Corie 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.

Sidewinders host meet

The YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team will host a Prep and Level 8 District Qualifier meet Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA. The meet also is open to Level 9 and Level 10 competi-

Holyfield eyes big payday

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evander Holyfield will get the biggest payday ever in sports, at least \$35 million, and maybe as much as \$40 million, for a May 8 rematch with Mike Tyson at the MGM Grand hotel. Showtime's Jay Larkin said Holyfield's fee will be "the biggest purse, not only in sports history, but for any one performance." The contract sets the fight on the same day as the Kentucky Derby.

HAWKS

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Howard built a 49-31 halftime lead and was never seriously threatened after that. Midland eventually regained its offensive touch, but could never mount a serious run at the Hawks. The main reason for that is that Howard had more than enough offensive punch of its own. Five Hawks finished the

night in double figures, led by Elmer Brown with 22 points. Others in double digits included Clifton Cook (17), Jack Owens and Jones (16 apiece) and Martinez (14). Collins credits the team's offensive punch as the main reason for the team's current win streak. Thursday's victory was the team's 12th in its past 13 games.

"We have been able to score ... and we have a number of players who can score quickly," Collins said. "Even when we have some lapses ... it's saved us in some games. We are so small and so quick that it causes problems for some people." The Hawks return to action Monday at Odessa College. Game time is 8 p.m.

LADIES

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second. It would be Midland's last shot at the win column. Over the next 3:45 of the game, the Lady Hawks would throw every punch they had at Midland, with most of them landing. Kyna Cosby and Spencer hit baskets within 16 seconds of each other to open a quick, four-point lead at 4-11 before Cisse connected on the first of two free throws once again. Then, over the next 57 seconds, Kindle hit a three pointer, Cosby a driving, spinning lay up and Ellen Rice a 15-foot jumper to put Howard up by 10-52-42. The rout, as they say, was

Over the next 3:47 of the game Howard would outscore Midland 11-3 to complete a 25-4 run and put the game away for keeps, leading 66-45 with 12:04 left. Cosby was the architect of the run, scoring nine points and forcing four Midland turnovers. Howard's biggest lead was 29 points, 90-61, when a Kindle fast break lay up capped a 17-1 run at the 3:45 mark. Corkery tried to play the win down, just as he had tried to play the game down. "I told our kids it was just one game in the (win) column," he said. "We have to keep it in perspective ... we're not even at the half way point in the sea-

son and we still have to play them over there." Cosby, the 5-foot, 9-inch sophomore from Sundown, finished the game with 32 points and 14 rebounds. MIDLAND (73) Kellina Bradshaw 2-3 4-6, Judy Finley 1-2 1-2, Jarrell Bennett 0-1 0-0-3, Felcy Cisse 1-1 5-10, Marie Ndiaye 5-2 1-4, 15, Jill Davis 1-1 4-6, Candy McPherson 10-23 4, Marsha Hill 6-10 0-0-4, Holly Turnbough 0-0 0-0-0, Nichae Nkpan 5-12 2-15. TOTALS 16-9 14-26 79-100. HOWARD (96) Jenny Bland 1-0 4-4 6, Shawnta Johnson 5-0 1-2 11, LaTonya Kindle 3-2 2-8 14, Kyna Cosby 8-3 7-32, Jeanne Horton 3-0 0-0 6, Ellen Rice 7-0 1-2 15, Nisha Gamble 0-0 0-0 0, Latricia Spencer 5-0 0-0 10, Niki Sherlock 0-0 2-2 2. TOTALS 32-5 17-25 96. HALFTIME SCORE — Howard 36, Midland 36. 3-POINT GOALS — Howard 5 (Cosby 3, Kindle 2), Midland 9 (Finley 3, Bradshaw, Bennett, Cisse, Ndiaye, Davis and Ndiaye one each). REBOUNDS — Howard 14, Midland 19. TURNOVERS — Howard 12, Midland 21. TOTAL FOULS — Howard 20, Midland 17. FOULED OUT — None. TECHNICAL FOULS — None. ATTENTION — DANCE 500 (last).

STEERS

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win. "What I was pleased with is that the girls came out ready to play at 4:30 on a Thursday afternoon," head coach Ron Taylor said of the unique starting time, caused by the game being rescheduled from Tuesday. "We kind of struggled early in the season, but I think the great thing right now is that we seem to be getting better every game we play ... and we haven't peaked yet." Everything just started clicking, Robertson said. "When district started, we decided we didn't want to lose anymore. It's not over yet, but things are starting to click for us." The Lady Steers (5-0 in district) return to action tonight at 8 p.m. against San Angelo Lake View in Steer Gym.

COWBOYS

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"She signed a statement, but to me it's not a confession of anything," he said. He declined to release the statement or discuss what is in it. The attorney blamed his client's situation on "a tragedy of errors that has occurred." Police accused her earlier this week of filing a false police report, a Class B misdemeanor. Prosecutors upgraded the charge to Class A misdemeanor perjury, which carries a stiffer penalty. "After reviewing it, we exercised our discretion to file a perjury case simply because it's a more serious offense and carries a higher degree of punishment," Gallett said. Irvin's attorney, Royce West, said he and his client stand by

their previous assertions of innocence. "We believe that the outcome of the investigation was the correct one," West, a Democratic state senator from Dallas, said Thursday night. He expressed confidence that the police conclusions will be upheld. Peter Ginsberg, the Washington, D.C., attorney representing Williams, declined comment on Smith's allegation. "This woman has already done significant damage by her lies," he said. "I am not going to legitimize this most recent absurdity with any more comment."

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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You feel self-confident as a result of recent events. Consider a change in your style or appearance. Purchase a new item or two. Be honest with yourself about what is happening. A friend might give you feedback that displeases you. Tonight: Do something different. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The action revolves around you. You accomplish a lot with ease. Remain secure with a testy friend. Stop, and consider his point of view. Charisma and good times mix. Others want to be with you. Tonight: Zero in on what you want. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do some soul-searching. You have strong views about how life is supposed to be. Pull back. Ponder what you would like to change. Bring greater meaning into your life, perhaps a more spiritual orientation. Tonight: Initiate intimate chats. \*\*\*\*\*  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Join friends. Go where there are a lot of people. You are happiest where the throngs are. Be direct with a partner. Share what is inspiring you. Popularity peaks. You beam in whatever you want. A loved one could be jealous. Give him extra time. Tonight: Sparkle and shine. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You are in the limelight. Others come to you for help, leadership and ideas. You are on top of it all, but you feel burdened. Others dump their responsibilities on you. Recognize that you

choose to accept this situation. Likewise, you can elect to change it! Tonight: Stay out late! \*\*\*\*\*  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** A trip is right up your alley. A loved one has a surprising idea, which you are willing to indulge. A change of pace is great for both of you; it helps you relate on a different plane. Work with an obstacle — don't resist. Tonight: Go on an adventure. \*\*\*\*\*  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Make time for a dear friend. Take time to reconnect. Let each other know how much you care. You could decide on a big purchase. Be aware of the implications before spending large amounts of cash. Remember, you are not Daddy Warbucks! Tonight: Enjoy. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Others offer a lot in exchange for your company. You might not be able to

refuse, and may not want to. A surprise is in the offing. Return calls. Someone who isn't aware of how much you have changed has inadvertently triggered your emotions. Tonight: It's party time. \*\*\*\*\*  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You need a day off from the grind. Others have expectations that you feel are hard to maintain. Schedule time for yourself. Run some errands. Handle a personal project or two. Think through a recent problem. You might be blocking yourself. Tonight: It's all yours! \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You wake up mischievous, in the mood to let the child in you play. Call a special friend. Make plans for what the two of you would consider an adventure. Be discreet, though. Someone could become uptight and jealous. Tonight: You are

the action. \*\*\*\*\*  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Make plans for an easy day at home. You have pushed hard recently, and need a timeout. Catch up on mail. Watch a favorite movie, and invite a friend over. Avoid answering your phone. Otherwise, someone may pass the proverbial buck. Tonight: Order in. \*\*\*\*\*

**BORN TODAY**  
Filmmaker John Boorman (1933), actor Kevin Costner (1955), inventor Ray Dolby (1933)  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
OIL AND GAS DIVISION  
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN TEXAS  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: December 16, 1996  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Exxon Corp., Attn: Regulatory Affairs, 614, P.O. Box 1800, Midland, Texas 79702, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statute Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the Distance Between Wells requirement to Amend Well No. 69, East Vestmor Unit, 3553.34 Acres, Sec. 20, Blk. 27, H & T RW CO. UNIT, Rutledge Survey, A-1351, Vestmor, East Field, Howard County, being 10 miles in a NE direction from Big Spring, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:  
2671' from the south line and 4664' from the east line of the 2231' from the south line and 2273' from the east line of survey.  
Field rules for the Vestmor, East field are 467/1200, 40 acres.  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7800 feet.  
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(16) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is notified to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a district court. The rules of evidence are applicable to the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Stephen Johnson, Regulatory Specialist, at (916) 888-7875. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-0716.  
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED ON THE SAME DATE TO APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY JANUARY 31, 1997. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.  
1153 December 27, 1996 &  
January 3, 10, 17, 1997

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 69, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3914 E. FM 700 BIG SPRING, TEX. 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1997 AT AMERICAN SELF STORAGE, 3914 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TEX. PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. BELLER RESERVES RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO WITHDRAW PROPERTY FROM SALE. PROPERTY TO EACH SPACE MAY BE SOLD ITEM-BY-ITEM, IN Batches, OR BY THE SPACE. ALL SALES ARE SUBJECT TO TEXAS STATE SALES TAX. SALE IS ON THE CONTENTS OF:

TE-NANT: MARIA CAYAZO  
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TE-NANT: LINDA BLACK  
CONSISTING OF: SOFA, MICROWAVE, DESK, CAR SEAT, BOXES & MISC. HHG.  
TE-NANT: DELORES HELARIO  
CONSISTING OF: STOVE, MISC. FURNITURE & HHG.  
TE-NANT: JUAN MONTELONGO  
CONSISTING OF: GAS COOK STOVE & MISC. HHG.  
TE-NANT: FLOYDE CLEMONS  
CONSISTING OF: COMPLETE HHG.  
TE-NANT: GUY BITTON  
CONSISTING OF: FURNITURE, BOXES & MISC. HHG.  
TE-NANT: JOSEPH D. LATTIMORE  
CONSISTING OF: TV, SPEAKERS, LAMP, KING BED, PICTURES, BOXES & MISC. HHG.  
TE-NANT: LYNN LAIR  
CONSISTING OF: COMPLETE HHG.  
TE-NANT: MARY ZAPATA  
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TE-NANT: DARYL COATES  
CONSISTING OF: FILE CAB. & MISC. HHG.  
1161 January 10 & 17, 1997

**Abigail Van Buren**  
Columnist  
DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I have had an experience that has annoyed me greatly. My son recently got married. It was a lovely wedding at an exclusive club. There was a sumptuous meal and unlimited beverages of every kind. No expense was spared. One of the wedding gifts was a box containing two towels and a toothbrush holder. Included with it was a card signed by 12 of my daughter-in-law's co-workers. Abby, I know the thought is what's supposed to count and not the gift, but it cost over \$500 to entertain those 12 people. Considering they all earn more money than my daughter-in-law and son, I think a gift that cost \$55 (collectively) was miserly. We are all upset because we don't know if the gift was given in a mean-spirited manner or because they are "etiquette-challenged." Should we approach them on the subject or forget it? We are split on the decision. Sign me ... CANNOT BELIEVE IT IN FLORIDA  
DEAR CANNOT BELIEVE IT: Do not approach them about

the cost of the gift. It would be worse manners to call them on it. Wedding gifts are not the "price of admission" to a party. People should give what they can afford.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Come Up Clean in Los Angeles," who heard from an old pen pal who was a police dispatcher who ran her name through a police computer and sent her the printout of her driver's license personal information. In California, where the pen pal worked, police dispatchers routinely access information from the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) as part of their everyday job. We ARE authorized users of this system. However, the use of any CLETS information for other than official business may be in violation of the California Penal Code. Additionally, the use of CLETS for other than official law enforcement purposes may result in the employing agency seeking dismissal and/or prosecution of the employee. I have no doubt that other states have similar laws. I, too, am a police dispatcher and am proud of what I do. I was surprised that a fellow dispatcher would obtain such personal information and then send the information to that person, regardless of their relationship. We use this criteria in the workplace: the need to know and the right to know. If you have neither, you have no


business running the person or vehicle.


Perhaps the agency for which the pen pal works needs to re-educate its employees on the consequences of such actions. — LAURA ABSHER-PERRY, POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCHER  
DEAR LAURA: With so much confidential information being stored in data banks, and a growing number of individuals able to access it, periodic reminders about the importance of confidentiality (and the penalties for breaching it) may curb potential abuses. Thank you for your intelligent suggestion.

**CONFIDENTIAL TO "NO FRIENDS IN NEW JERSEY":** There are two kinds of people in the world: those who walk into a room and say, "Here I am!" and those who walk into a room and say, "There you are!" Which kind are you? Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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"How am I s'posed to get dressed when the zipper is in the back and I'm in the front?"

"BUT I LIKE LEAVING EVERYTHING OUT IN THE OPEN...IT SHOWS THAT I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

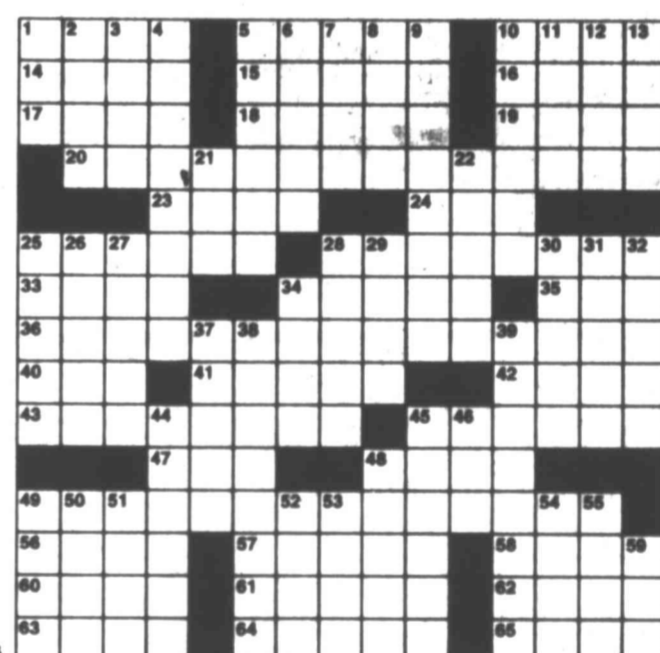
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Today is Friday, Jan. 17, the

17th day of 1997. There are 348 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 17, 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II. The same day, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while

in Soviet custody.  
On this date:  
In 1562, French Protestants were recognized under the Edict of St. Germain.  
In 1706, Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.  
In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS  
1 Jumble  
5 Strikebreakers  
10 Unadorned  
14 Off-shore  
15 French landscape painter  
16 Nichols' hero  
17 Prenuptial party  
18 - acid  
19 Horse color  
20 Star of 49A  
23 Spike and Bruce  
24 Shoe width  
25 Mushrooms  
28 Deadlock  
33 Copycat  
34 NY county  
35 TV actor, Gulager  
36 Resident of Cabot Cove  
40 Cinnabar, e.g.  
41 Vanna of TV  
42 Film spool  
43 Unfair treatments  
45 Turns inside out  
47 Swiss canton  
48 First man  
49 Long-running TV series  
56 Leaf-stem angle  
57 Shearer, dancing actress  
58 Blue color  
60 Easy gait  
61 Up and about  
62 Inter -  
63 Low card  
64 - out (barely beat)  
65 Gown material



by Bernice Gordon 01/17/97

- DOWN  
1 Possesses  
2 The Charles' dog  
3 Conroy  
4 They seek bargains  
5 Climbs  
6 States of unconsciousness  
7 Seed cover  
8 - fide  
9 Very long time ago  
10 Type of wire  
11 Leigh Hunt character  
12 Ananias  
13 Gainsay  
21 Conger  
22 French lawmakers  
25 Army officer  
26 "Wozzack," e.g.  
27 Baste again  
28 Examines carefully  
29 Enameled metalware  
30 Yellow pigment  
31 Armada  
32 Rolls up  
34 Follow  
37 "If - King" (old film)  
38 Board V.I.P.  
39 Old violins  
44 A Moore  
45 Name of many English kings  
46 Different spelling: abbr.  
48 High nest  
49 Lager ingredient  
50 Caesar's wife  
51 Ready for the plucking  
52 Fair  
53 Successes  
54 Bones of the ankle  
55 Maleficent  
59 Talk persistently

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.  
In 1946, the United Nations Security Council held its first meeting.  
In 1961, President Eisenhower warned in his farewell address of "the military-industrial complex."  
In 1966, an Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't found until the following April.)  
In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 61 people and causing \$20 billion worth of damage.

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"BEVERLY HILLS NINJA PG-13  
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MICHAEL (PG)  
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