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Reflecting A Proud Community

Bullock says analysis shows 'rich' school districts aren't wealthy

HERALD Staff Report

An analysis of nearly 100 school districts that are required by the "Robin Hood" law to share property tax money with Texas' poorer school districts shows more than half have per capita personal income below the state average, according to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. "This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people," Bullock said. He added 54 of the 91 school districts subject to the state's Robin Hood funding law have per capita income of less than \$19,716 based on the county census figures where the districts are located.

"Property wealth than can come from a major industry, a plant or oil wells does not always mean the people are rich," Bullock said. "That is as good a reason as any to re-examine the state's Robin Hood school funding law. It's good evidence that the system is not the fairest way to fund education."

As a part of the agenda for the 75th Texas Legislature, Bullock has urged lawmakers to take a look at the state's Robin Hood provisions that require 91 Texas school districts to send tax dollars to other schools districts.

"I have never been a fan of Robin Hood," Bullock said. "School property tax relief is high on the legislative agenda and that should go hand in

hand with a close review of school funding formulas. Our goal should be a formula that is fair equitable and effective."

Counties and school districts in West Texas required to share property tax wealth with other districts that have a per capita income below that state average of \$19,716 include Andrews County and the Andrews Independent School District (ISD), \$15,523; Pecos County and the Buena Vista ISD, \$12,611; Dawson County and the Dawson ISD, \$17,332; Yoakum County and the Denver City ISD, \$17,955; Pecos County and the Fort Stockton ISD, \$12,611; Glasscock County and the Glasscock ISD, \$18,535; Martin County

and the Grady ISD, \$15,474; Nolan County and the Highland ISD, \$15,888; Dawson County and the Klondike ISD, \$17,332; Yoakum County and the Plains ISD, \$17,955; and Gaines County and the Seminole ISD, \$15,469.

District 70 State Rep. David Counts plans to have a hand in property tax relief and re-working the Robin Hood.

"Gov. Bush has asked me to co-author his (property) tax relief bill," Counts said. "We will be trying to find alternatives to the current methods that include capital intents."

"Another big item will be tax relief for schools," Counts said. "We're going to see if we can find a funding method other than Robin Hood. This will be

done in conjunction with Gov. Bush's property tax program."

District 28 State Sen. Robert Duncan will also toss his hat into the property tax and Robin Hood debates.

According to a Duncan spokesperson, property tax reform will be a dominant item on Duncan's agenda during the 75th legislative session.

"When we say taxes, we mean we also want to look at sales taxes, and we hope to be involved in looking at the Robin Hood method of funding our public school system," Duncan's spokesperson said. "We want to maintain the state and be within the law, but we have to figure out how to re-fund Texas."

Search for golf pro has narrowed list to three candidates

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The process of finding a replacement for retiring Comanche Trail Park Golf Course pro Al Patterson has been narrowed by city officials and a list of finalists for the position has been established.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the city prioritized the list of applications submitted to fill the position and began interviewing the top three applicants last Friday.

Fuqua said the city was comfortable with the three applicants making the final list.

Two of the applicants were interviewed Friday and the third interview is being conducted today, according to

Fuqua.

"We've had some very qualified people apply for the position," Fuqua said. They have been people who seemed very knowledgeable and I hope we can get a new golf pro from the list of three finalists we have."

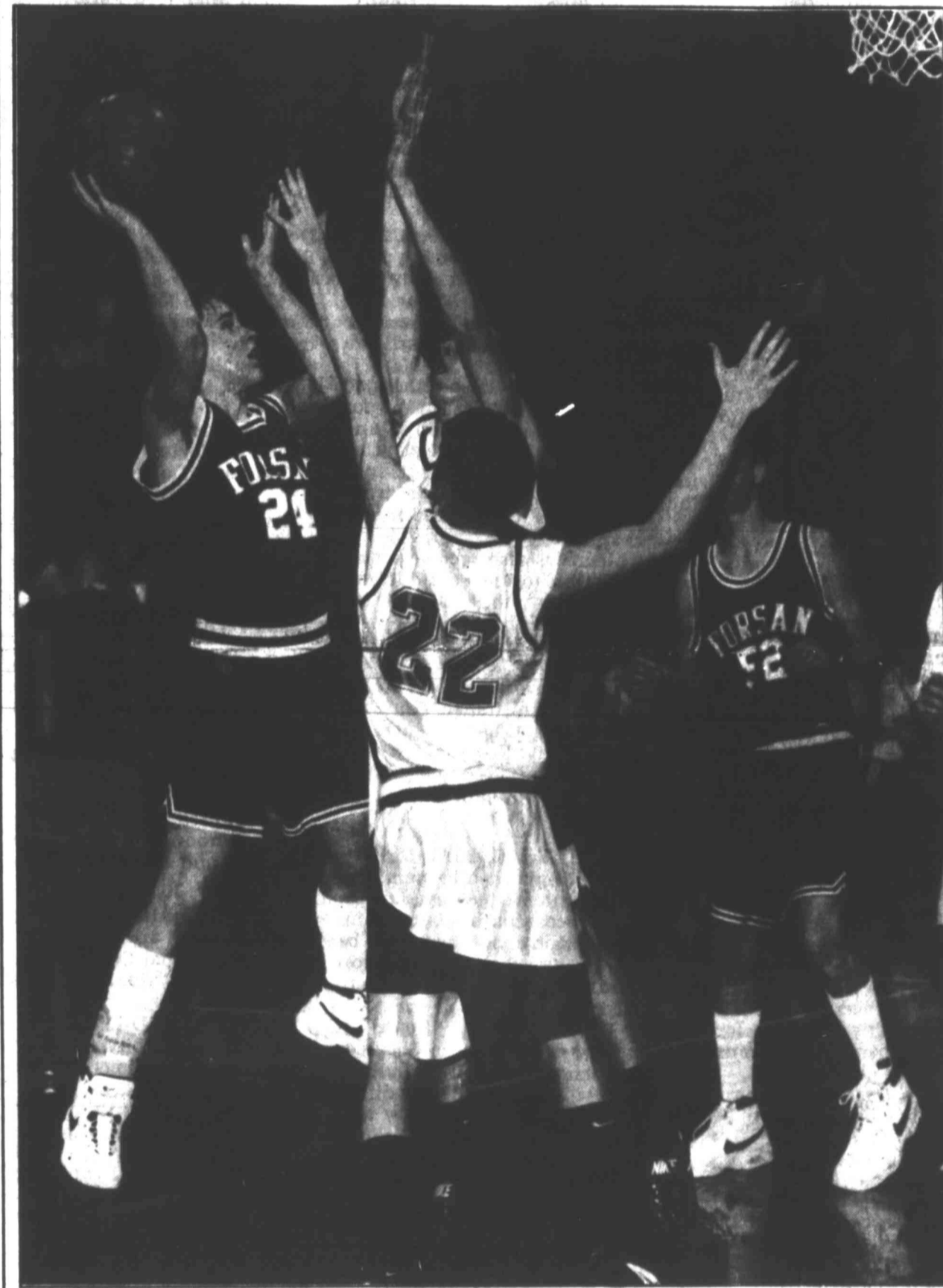
Patterson is retiring at the end of January and city officials would like to have the position filled by that time.

According to Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard, the city received nine applications by the Dec. 31 application deadline from people interested in filling the position.

"At this point," Bogard said, "the city is not sure what the position will be called, golf pro

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DISTRICT SHOWDOWN



HERALD photo/Jim Piarro

Forsan's Daniel Davis attempts to shoot over the defensive pressure applied by Coahoma's Matt Hamilton and Blake Nichols during Tuesday night's shootout between the two county rivals for leadership in the District 8-2A standings. Coahoma took a 52-46 win. Please see related story and photos, page 1B.

State, area's jobless rate drops again

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Unemployment in Texas last month dropped to its second lowest rate of 1996, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Tuesday the TWC reported unemployment in December dropped to 5 percent, down from the 5.3 percent rate in November.

Locally, TWC Representative Vickie Dittmore said the unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which includes the Howard County area, dropped by half a percentage point in December to 4.5 percent.

The decrease in the unemployment rate is due to the seasonal trend as the holiday season came to a close.

The number of unemployed residents dropped in December as the number of employed people increased, an indication that many holiday job seekers found jobs.

December's decrease in the state's unemployment rate means that the number of Texans with jobs increased by 30,000.

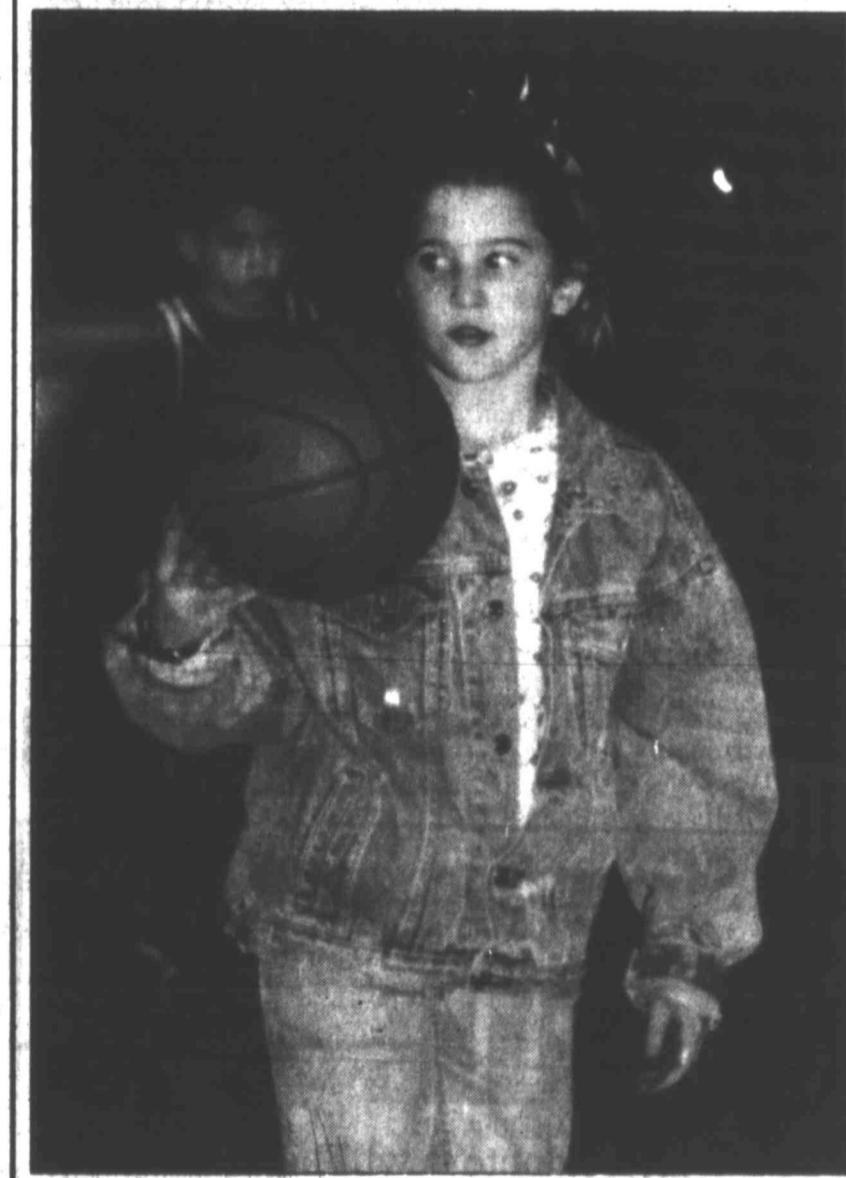
Permian Basin figures show the following county unemployment rates for December: Howard, 3.4 percent; Martin, 3.1 percent; Midland, 3.5 percent; Ector, 5.6 percent; Dawson, 5.7 percent; Borden, 1.5 percent; Andrews, 4.1 percent; and Glasscock, 1.8 percent.

The Odessa-Midland MSA, by city, reported the following December unemployment rates: Big Spring, 3.7 percent; Stanton, 3.6 percent; Midland, 3.5 percent; Odessa, 5.5 percent; Lamesa, 6.9 percent; and Andrews, 4.1 percent.

December was also the sixth consecutive month of increased jobs in construction for Texas,

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OUR TURN



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Raegan Ritchey gets a chance to play on the Steer Gym floor following Big Spring's games with Fort Stockton Tuesday night. Big Spring swept both the girls' and boys' games.

Gramm heads GOP task force to address health care issues

HERALD Staff Report

Texas' senior U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has been designated to head a task force of Republican senators to address the issue of health care in the 105th Congress.

Gramm was recently appointed

by Senate majority Trent Lott to head the group.

"This is a great responsibility and I look forward to the challenges facing us as we work to save the Medicare system," Gramm said.

Gramm, who is chairman of

the Senate's Health subcommittee for the 105th congress, has made preserving Medicare his top priority. The Medicare trust fund is projected to go bankrupt in the year 2001.

Other members of the health care task force are Senators

Wayne Allard of Colorado; Sam Brownback of Kansas; John Chafee of Rhode Island; Dan Coats of Indiana; Bill Frist of Tennessee; Jon Kyl of Arizona; Bill Roth of Delaware; Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania; and Craig Thomas of Wyoming.

Martin County show announces special awards

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

STANTON — Several students who participated in the Martin County Junior Livestock Show in 1996 graduated and were not replaced with competitors for this year's show, which concluded last weekend, but the 1997 show did go on.

Martin County Extension Agent Stephen Zoeller said the number of units (animals) were down this year because some competitors were lost to graduation last year, but the show was still a hit.

"In general we had a really good show," Zoeller said. "We thought money would be tight

this year, but some generous people came through for us. We had more contributions this year than we have had in the past."

Zoeller said the generous donations to the livestock program was a real welcomed blessing.

"Several categories were down four to five animals, but with 160 animals, we still had a wonderful show," Zoeller said.

One area that is kept secret until after the sown is complete is the announcement of special awards.

Special awards were presented at last Saturday's banquet in addition to the champions in each division.

Special awards included:

Lamb Division:
Junior Herdsman — Lynsey Pinkerton
Senior Herdsman — Becki Sweeney

Goat Division:
Junior Herdsman — Laura McCampbell
Senior Herdsman — Larry McCampbell

Swine Division:
Junior Herdsman — Cole Romine
Senior Herdsman — Jimmy Matthes

Steer Division:
Junior Herdsman — Deana Sweeney
Senior Herdsman — Trey Harrell

Showmanship awards were also presented to the following participants:

Senior Lamb — Brian Tubb
Junior Lamb — Deana Sweeney
Senior Goat — Cody Wells
Junior Goat — Josh Linderman
Senior Swine — Cody Feugh
Junior Swine — A.J. Ireton
Senior Beef — Katie Yates
Junior Beef — Samantha Yates.

Scholarships were awarded as follows:

The Bob Salt/Zendall Newman Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Cody Feugh, and the Cap Rock Electric Coop Scholarship was awarded to Tarah Schuelke.

The Top Hand Award presented by Cap Rock Electric was given to Larry McCampbell.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

70 ▲ Highs 40

▲ Highs 40
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly sunny and windy. High near 70. Low around 40.
Thursday: Mostly sunny and breezy. High around 70. Low near 40.
Extended outlook: Friday fair and dry. High in the lower 70s. Low in the 30s. Saturday, fair with a high in the upper 60s. Low in the 30s. Sunday, continued fair and dry. High in the upper 60s. Low in the 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Vernon Townsend

Service for Vernon Townsend, 82, Garden City, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997, at his residence.

Marguerite Iokua

Private family services for Marguerite Iokua, 88, Big Spring, will be at a later date in Hawaii.

She died Monday, Jan. 20, 1997.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1908.

Survivors include one daughter: Nelly Munoz, Wahiawa, Hawaii; and three grandchildren.

Johnnie Faye "Granny" Isbell Maxwell

Johnnie Faye "Granny" Isbell Maxwell, 74, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997, in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ralph Coffey and Rev. Eldon Cook officiating.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 1997, at Archer City Cemetery in Archer City, Texas, with Rev. Robert Deerinwater officiating.

She was born on May 16, 1922, in Mountain Springs, Texas and married A.R. "Ray" Maxwell on Sept. 15, 1945, in Weatherford, Texas. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1985.

She moved to Archer City in 1961 from Fort Worth and then to Big Spring in 1986. She was a homemaker and was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Anne Nix of Big Spring; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Ora Mae Arterberry of Howe and Lena and Floyd Murphy of Othello, Wash.; a brother and sister-in-law, Boyd and Gladys Isbell of Krum; a brother-in-law, J.D. Pitts of Archer City; seven granddaughters;

Jeannie Rutledge and husband Russ, Shari Beall and husband Bobby, Shawna Garvin and Bo, Tina Earls and husband Eddie, Karla Nix and Stormee Nix all of Big Spring; and Teresa Brockman and husband Wayne of San Angelo; one grandson, Ray Nix of Big Spring; 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; several nieces and nephews; long time friends, Bill and Helen Altom of Springtown and a special friend, Mary Strain of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Garland Harrison Isbell and Lula Adellenn Isbell; a sister, Ruby Price; a brother, Dalton Isbell; and a son-in-law, L.G. Nix in 1994.

Honorary pallbearers will be great-grandchildren, Rusty and Ryan Rutledge, Leldon Jenkins, LaDonna Dennis, Cashea and Stetson Earls, Shari and Jerry Mintz, Colby, Laurel and Britnee Nix and Steven Croft and great-great-granddaughter, Selah Mintz.

The family suggests memorials to: Central Baptist Church; H.C. 63, Box 126; Big Spring, Texas; 79720 or to the American Heart Association; P.O. Box 1223; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-1223.

The family will be at 210 Nix Road located in the Tubbs Addition.

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

Alma Barron

Service for Alma Graumann Barron, 74, Lone Wolf, Okla., was Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, in St. John's Lutheran Church, One Wolf, Okla. Burial followed in the Lone Wolf Cemetery.

Mrs. Barron died Jan. 11, 1997, in Jackson County Memorial Hospital, Altus.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1922, to Otto and Pauline Irion Graumann in Granite. She married Gene Barron on Nov. 9, 1940, and they lived and farmed in the Lone Wolf community for many years.

Survivors include a daughter: Delores Alford, Richardson; two sons: Daniel Barron, Taloga, Okla., and Tommy Barron, Jefferson; a brother: August Graumann, Big Spring; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Peoples Funeral Home, Lone Wolf, Okla.

BRIEFS

BIRDWATCHERS WILL MEET SATURDAY at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Everyone interested in birdwatching is invited. There will be a slide presentation/discussion and a field trip. Bring binoculars. For more information call Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

THERE WILL BE A Financial Aid Workshop in the Big Spring High School cafeteria Thursday, from 7 to 8 p.m. with representatives from Howard College, Angelo State University and Texas Tech. All area seniors and parents are invited.

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

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

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

TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

This year is the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day, and the free flowering trees are part of The National Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign to plant 10 million trees in 1997.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day* and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees; National Arbor Day Foundation; 100 Arbor Ave.; Nebraska City, Neb.; 68410, by Jan. 31.

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

Rape Crisis/Victim Services is currently recruiting individuals who want to make a difference in the community and someone's life. The agency depends on volunteers to be the initial contact and support of victims of crime, such as assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Those interested must be at least 18 years old, complete an application, interview and 40-hour orientation, be willing to commit to a minimum of three "on call" 12-hour shifts per month and pass a criminal background check prior to becoming a volunteer.

Orientation for volunteer advocate trainees will be each Saturday in March from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ann Farley Addy, assistant director, by calling 263-3312.

THE PERMIAN BASIN TECH-PREP/School-to-Work Partnership will host a regional conference Feb. 3-4 at the Radisson Hotel in Odessa, 5200 E. University Drive.

The conference will address issues concerning the transition of students from the classroom to the workplace.

Registration will begin 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3. The conference will include breakout sessions, lunch and a tour of Ector County ISD Career Center on Monday, and will continue Tuesday with breakout sessions, culminating with a nationally well-known educational keynote speaker. Please call 685-6492.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

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

AARP 55+ Alive/Mature Driving course, Big Spring Mall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., which includes a one half hour lunch break. Tuition is \$8. Call during mall hours at 267-3853 or evenings at 267-2070.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial Aid Workshop, 7 to 8 p.m., BSHS cafeteria. All area seniors and parents are invited. Representatives from Howard College, ASU, and Texas Tech will be there.

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

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

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

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

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

Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA Sobriety yearly birthdays.

United Blood Services blood drive, noon to 4 p.m. Big Spring Mall. Bring a form of identification and name of any medication currently taking. Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 79. Call Tyson at UBS (800)756-0024 for more information or to make an appointment. Appointments not necessary.

Vertical Living On The Horizon, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. There will be a \$10 registration fee. This workshop is sponsored by Project Freedom Ministries, Most Excellent Way Ministries, and Howard College Continuing Education. Call Loretta Burns, 263-5140 or Leatrice Brown, 267-1424 for more information.

Texas Lottery

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HERALD Staff Report

Scenic Mountain Medical Center recently received the Special Delivery Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics/American Heart Association. The award is to recognize the hospital for their continuing efforts to provide the community with a high standard of newborn care, according to Amber Rich, director of business development for SMMC.

Rich said, "SMMC's Obstetrics unit has demonstrated its commitment to the Neonatal Resuscitation Program by providing newborn resuscitation education and training to personnel throughout the hospital. The efforts exceed the national recommendation of one person skilled in neonatal resuscitation to be in attendance in every delivery."

All 11 OB nurses are NRP certified, four of which are hospital-based instructors. This means two or three NRP-skilled nurses are available for each delivery of a newborn requiring life support in the delivery room or nursery.

MARKETS

March cotton 73.60 cents a pound, up 60 points; Feb. crude oil 24.37, up 15 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 51.50; slaughter steers steady at 66; Feb. lean hog futures 75.85, up 45 points; Feb. live cattle futures 65.65, down 20 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Atlantic Richfield	137 + 1/2
Atmos Energy	22 3/4 nc
Cabot	23 1/2 - 1/2
Chevron	67 1/2 + 1/2
Chrysler	36 nc
Cifra	1.37-1.41
Coca-Cola	59 1/2 - 1/2
De Beers	29 1/2 + 1/2
DuPont	109 1/2 - 1/2
Excel Comm.	17 1/2 + 1/2
Exxon	103 1/2 - 1/2
Fina	51 1/2 - 1/2
Ford Motors	34 1/2 + 1/2
Halliburton	70 1/2 - 1/2
IBM	158 1/2 - 9/2
Laser Indus LTD	11 1/2 - 1/2
Medical Alliance	11 1/2 nc
Mobil	130 1/2 + 1/2
Norwest	47 + 1/2
NUV	9 1/2 nc
Phillips Petroleum	46 1/2 - 1/2
Pepsi Cola	24 1/2 - 1/2
Polaris	24 1/2 - 1/2
Rural/Metro	33 1/2 nc
Sears	50 1/2 + 1/2
Southwestern Bell	52 1/2 + 1/2
Sun	26 1/2 + 1/2
Texasco	107 1/2 - 1/2
Texas Instruments	64 + 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	41 1/2 - 1/2

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

-GAREY LYN DEAN, 26, of HC 61 Box 472, was arrested on local warrants.

-RAMONDO HERNANDEZ, 34, of 603 State, was arrested on local warrants.

-BRIAN THOMAS SEALY, 22, of 3702 Dixon, was arrested for assault and family violence.

-CHRISTY REYES, 18, of 410 W. 6th, was arrested for not having a driver's license and insurance.

-LARRY J. PARKS, 37, of Lubbock, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

-THEFT in the 2500 block of Gregg; 3000 block of W. 60; 300 block of Tulane; and the 3300 block of E. FM700.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 400 block of N.W. Third; 1100 block of Gregg; and the 1200 block of Harding.

-BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 400 block of State.

-ASSAULT in the 700 block of E. 11th.

-HARASSMENT in the 2400 block of Alabama.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 2900 block of W. 80.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2900 block of W. 8th; and at 15th and Lincoln.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

-GORDON JOHN WILLIAMS, 34, of Sweetwater, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-RUBEN ROJAS JR., 22, of 406 State, was arrested on a Hale County motion to revoke probation warrant for driving while intoxicated and for possession of a controlled substance, pled guilty in court and was released on five years probation and fined \$1,000.

-PATRICK RIOS, 26, of 3206 8th, was arrested for driving with a suspended license, and was released on a personal recognition bond.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 73
Tuesday's low 34
Average high 54
Average low 26
Record high 83 in 1974
Record low 2 in 1918
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.16
Month's normal 0.41
Year to date 0.16
Normal for the year 0.41
**Statistics not available

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Austin J. Blackmon, 82, died Monday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM (MST) today at Lovington City Cemetery, Lovington, N.M.

Manuela Figueroa, 78, died Saturday. Services are 2:00 PM today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Marguerite Iokua, 88, died Monday. Private family services at a later date in Hawaii.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

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Texas to require Social Security number for driver licensing

PLANO (AP) — An upcoming change in the way Texans get their driver's licenses is expected to help the state track down deadbeat parents, but privacy experts say they're uncomfortable with the new plan.

Beginning Feb. 3, anyone applying for a Texas driver's license or renewal must show proof of a Social Security number. Only drivers renewing by mail will be exempt.

The requirement, approved by the legislature in 1995, is part of Texas Attorney General Dan Morales' effort to enforce court-ordered child support payments. By cross-referencing

Social Security numbers in driver records with the Social Security numbers of delinquent parents, Morales' office hopes to find valid addresses for people and make them pay.

"I think it will help immeasurably," said Alicia Terry, a spokesperson for Morales' office. "Nine times out of ten, people will put their right information down on their driver's license because they're literally dealing with someone that can arrest them. A lot of people that owe child support have a Texas driver's license."

Recent figures show that fewer than 180,000 people paid

child support in November out of some 400,000 who owed it, Terry said. Adding to the state's collection problems is that some parents evade the law by moving from town to town and work without paying taxes so their wages aren't garnished.

But not everyone is comfortable supplying the nine-digit federal retirement-system number to the state Department of Public Safety.

"I don't like the idea because it's more government intrusion," said Channing Corn, 26, a software engineer waiting in line at the Plano office Tuesday to renew his license. "I think

it's another excuse to get more numbers assigned to me.

"It's like giving your credit card number out over the phone. With that number you can get a lot of information about a person."

Dee O'Neil, Social Security's spokesman for the southwest region, said the agency shares those concerns but noted that Congress authorized states in 1976 to use Social Security numbers for driver's licenses.

Twenty-three other states currently require driver's license applicants to provide Social Security numbers.

"I think it's an unfortunate

trend," says Robert Ellis Smith, a privacy expert in Providence, R.I., who publishes the Privacy Journal newsletter. "We're in that twilight zone where (the Social Security number) is both widely used and widely regarded as a private identifier."

Some of those states use the Social Security number as the driver's license number, but that is not planned in Texas, said Lauren Chernow, a spokeswoman for the DPS.

Texas driver's licenses will not display the Social Security number at all. It will appear only in computerized records and given only to the Child

Support Division of the attorney general's office, Chernow said.

Computer tapes the state sells to banks, newspapers and other companies will not contain Social Security numbers.

The new requirement should have the added benefit of making it harder for criminals to obtain fraudulent driver's licenses, said DPS director Dudley M. Thomas.

"This will help reduce crimes that depend on fake identification, such as hot check cases, and will also make it more difficult for minors to obtain licenses with fraudulent birth dates," he said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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Residents of slain women's complex hold meeting

ARLINGTON — Residents of the apartment complex where two women were found murdered within four months say they're concerned that police haven't yet turned up a suspect.

Residents gathered Tuesday night to hear an update from investigators on the case.

It was the second crime watch meeting since the murder of Wendie Prescott, 22, a teacher's aide found dead in her bathtub on Christmas day. Christine Vu, 25, an Arlington teacher, was found dead in her bathtub on Sept. 17.

Both women lived in the Peartree Apartments.

Police have said they believe one killer strangled both women. There was no sign of forced entry into either woman's apartment.

"We want to know if (police) think the guy ... whoever it is, if they're still in the complex," said resident Lori McLaughlin. "Does it look like they're any closer to it?"

"When they've arrested the person who done this, then I'll rest easier," said another resident. "I don't sleep nights now."

More than 160 residents showed up to the first meeting after Prescott's murder. About a third as many people attended Tuesday's meeting.

Police listened to the concerns but declined comment for fear of jeopardizing their investigation.

Bill would ban electroshock treatment in Texas

AUSTIN — Electroconvulsive therapy for psychiatric patients would be banned in Texas and made into a misdemeanor offense under a bill filed in the Texas House.

"I have met with and heard from scores of human 'after shock' victims who were treated like lab rats and now suffer permanent new afflictions such as memory loss, learning loss, learning disabilities and seizure disorders," said Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, one of the bill's sponsors, said Tuesday.

"Few people are properly warned of the known dangers of shock treatment," she said.

Thompson said at least 10 deaths were associated with ECT in Texas in 1996. Her bill would make the treatment a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and a jail term of up to six months.

Ken Ortolon, spokesman for the Texas Medical Association, said, "The scientific evidence is overwhelming that ECT is a safe and effective treatment, and we believe it should remain legal."

Morales may issue legal opinion on affirmative action

AUSTIN — Pressed by higher education officials for a legal opinion on affirmative action, Attorney General Dan Morales says he may give one but suggested some administrators want "political cover" on the issue.

A legal opinion would carry the force of law, unlike guidelines Morales issued last year after an anti-affirmative action court ruling.

Morales has been hesitant to issue a formal opinion, but said Tuesday he is seriously considering doing so.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the University of Houston have asked for an opinion regarding race-related financial aid, which is provided for in state law.

The attorney general said such an opinion would be general and resemble his guidelines.

"A lot of time and a lot of thought and a lot of research went into the preparation of that document, and I would suspect that a formal opinion would not vary much at all from what we have already spelled out," Morales said.

Senators target 'crazy' early release program

AUSTIN — Prison inmates no longer would be released automatically before their full sentences are served under a bill introduced in the Texas Senate.

"That's nuts," Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said Tuesday of a mathematical formula that determines when some inmates will be released early. "It must be stopped this session."

"It takes a bizarre formula (and) releases violent offenders," added Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

The two have authored a bill to end the so-called "mandatory release" program the state started when prisons were bulging at the seams and no more cells were available.

According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the law requires that when an inmate's time served, added to his "good time" credit earned equals his total sentence, the prisoner is mandatorily released to supervision by a parole officer.

GOP leaders unveiling legislative agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans are rolling out a broad agenda focused on tax cuts and a balanced-budget constitutional amendment, while the House GOP's prime goal is to leave the Newt Gingrich ethics episode behind.

The two chambers of the new Congress continue to be a study in contrasts. Senate GOP leaders used Tuesday to unveil their top 11 legislative priorities and planned to keep lawmakers at work until Valentine's Day. Across the Capitol, the House climaxed months of partisan warfare by overwhelmingly voting to discipline their speaker for admittedly breaking House rules, then quickly adjourned until Feb. 4.

For now, the ethics violations by Gingrich, R-Ga., have been so distracting that House Republican leaders have yet to reveal precisely what legislation they will pursue this year. Not so in the Senate.

There, top Republicans introduced 11 measures Tuesday, headlined by their long-sought constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget by 2002. They would also cut taxes by \$193 billion over five years, create school vouchers for many families and boost federal anti-crime efforts.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the GOP goal is "to free the energy and genius of the American people so we can achieve a better quality of life."

Senate Democrats also revealed their top legislative priorities. Their list included measures overhauling campaign finance laws, creating tax breaks for college students and expanding health-insurance coverage for children.

While Senate Republicans revealed their agenda, they seemed to place themselves on a path for likely confrontations with President Clinton.

He opposes a balanced-budget amendment and wants smaller and different tax reductions from theirs. And he has already vetoed two bills on the GOP list: one revamping product liability laws, another forbidding a late-term abortion procedure.

The GOP tax bill is dominated by a \$500-per-child tax credit similar to the one Clinton vetoed 13 months ago. It would begin to phase out for individuals earning \$75,000 annually and at \$110,000 for couples, and people who owe no taxes would not receive the credit.

The measure would also slice the tax rate on capital gains from property sales, reduce inheritance taxes, and boost tax breaks for people holding assets more than three years and for people selling their homes at a loss. It would expand the use of individual retirement accounts, including permitting tax-free withdrawals for higher education, starting small businesses

and long-term unemployment.

GOP solidarity, however, was not automatic. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who two years ago fought to keep tax reductions secondary to deficit reduction, said of the figures, "Anybody throwing those around ought to wait a little bit."

The balanced-budget amendment died in the Senate by a single vote in 1995. This year it is considered likely to pass the Senate but faces a close call in the House, as the Republican majority has narrowed.

Missing from the GOP priorities list was a broad rewrite of campaign finance laws, an issue on which Republicans remain divided. The Democratic campaign finance bill would require reduced television costs for candidates who voluntarily limit their spending, and eliminate contributions by political action committees.

Clinton moves to restrict Medicare spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is offering to restrict Medicare spending over the next six years by \$138 billion, a move welcomed by congressional Republicans as a helpful first step.

On the first full day of his second term, Clinton also called Tuesday for campaign reforms he promised but failed to achieve in his first four years.

The administration also announced it would tighten up on access to the White House after last year's disclosure that at least one convicted felon and a Chinese arms dealer had attended campaign-related events there.

All White House guests will have to provide a Social Security number to obtain

entrance. Foreign nationals would have to obtain access through the National Security Council, and names of guests to social events must be received by the White House social secretary far enough in advance to allow adequate screening.

But spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton still will feel free to invite big-money contributors to sleep over in the White House in the Lincoln bedroom, as high rollers did in his first term. "He has a right as a human being and as president to say thank you."

The president said he was "meeting the Republicans halfway" by offering to scale down Medicare spending by \$100 billion over five years to balance the budget by 2002. "I

hope they'll meet me halfway."

The savings would be \$138 billion over six years. The savings are substantially more than Clinton proposed when budget talks collapsed last January.

Republicans, who had accused Clinton of demagoguery on Medicare during the campaign, spoke warmly about his proposal.

"The fact that he has unilaterally moved halfway in our direction is something that is very, very positive for us," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He called it a "tremendous move" but said Republicans would have to study the details.

Budget Committee chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said,

"This brightens the prospects to get a budget agreement."

Most of Clinton's savings would be achieved by reducing payments to doctors and hospitals. But a portion of it would come from recipients by increasing the premium they would pay for coverage beginning in 1999.

The president renewed his support of a bill co-sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., seeking to ban political action committee contributions to all federal candidates and end unlimited soft money donations. "Soft money" is a term for political donations that individuals and corporations can give to avoid limits on direct giving to candidates.

Astronaut heads home after four months in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Eager to reunite with his wife, astronaut John Blaha headed back to Earth today aboard the shuttle Atlantis after four months on the Russian space station Mir.

NASA passed on the first landing attempt at Kennedy Space Center just after sunrise because of clouds over the runway. The sky later cleared enough to allow Atlantis' pilots to fire the braking rockets and slip out of orbit for the final leg of Blaha's long journey.

Blaha left Earth aboard Atlantis on Sept. 16, 128 days ago. He was the third American to live on Mir and, after over-

coming depression early in his mission, said he adjusted well to isolated station life.

He circled Earth more than 2,000 times and traveled 49 million miles.

Atlantis and six astronauts lifted off Jan. 12 to pick up Blaha and drop off his replacement on Mir, Dr. Jerry Linenger. Two days later, Atlantis docked at the station for the fifth time in 13 years.

Over five days of joined flight, the seven Americans and two Russians moved nearly 4 tons of supplies and scientific samples between the spacecraft. The shuttle pulled away Sunday.

With his mission, Blaha

stretched the number of consecutive days Americans have spent in space to more than 300.

The 54-year-old retired Air Force colonel and former combat pilot maintained the U.S. presence aboard Mir in September when he swapped places with Shannon Lucid following her record six-month stay. The only other American to live on the station, Dr. Norman Thagard, completed a 115-day flight in 1995.

Linenger, a 42-year-old doctor with a toddler son and a pregnant wife, will conduct science experiments on Mir until late May, when Atlantis is scheduled to return for him and leave

yet another U.S. astronaut.

While Lucid said in space-to-ground interviews that she missed M&Ms, potato chips, the sun and the wind, Blaha consistently said the only thing he longed for was his wife, Brenda. They have been married for 30 years and have three grown children and a grandson.

"If they would have brought her up on (Atlantis) and she was over there now with me on the Mir, I'd be happy to still be there," Blaha said after the two spacecraft separated.

He said he became depressed after a month on the station and that having a fellow American on board would have helped.

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-Tallulah Bankhead

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OUR VIEWS

County's 'bosses' are getting money's worth

Howard County taxpayers have once again learned the value they are getting from their dollar when it comes to County Auditor Jackie Olson and Tax Assessor/Collector Kathy Sayles.

For the 11th time, Olson has been presented with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting while Sayles' office has collected 97.4 percent of delinquent taxes.

What does this mean to county taxpayers?

Well, in Olson's case, it means the job was done correctly the first time and that time was not wasted in having to do something a second time.

And in Sayles' case, it means that almost all of tax monies due and payable to the county are being collected.

Again, that translates to direct savings to you, the taxpayer, because you aren't being saddled with the additional burden of someone not responsible enough to pay their respective taxes.

On top of that, county expenditures were down \$700,000 for the year, which stretches every tax dollar a bit more.

With a county tax base that continues to decline — from \$1.362 billion in 1992 to a current \$1.22 billion — every penny, nickle and dime adds up to a corner that county commissioners won't have to cut.

We're proud of Olson's recognition and of the collection record of Sayles' department — and we're especially proud that county services were able to be provided at such a reduction in cost.

We believe the three items show that our tax dollars are being spent wisely and with regard for the hard working men and women of Howard County, Texas.

OTHER VIEWS

Former U.S. Sen. Paul E. Tsongas, a Massachusetts Democrat, just couldn't kick the habit. Even though it may have doomed some of his ambitions, such as getting elected president of the United States, he could not quit talking about crucial economic truths.

Tsongas, who died at age 55 this past week of pneumonia linked to cancer treatments, carried that habit into the 1992 presidential primaries. The special interests, including organized labor, are eating the country alive, he said. Our economy requires a reduction of the deficit, and that may mean painful sacrifices, he said. Democrats should quit attacking businesses, he said. He advocated a capital gains tax cut to stimulate capital formation.

Such words did not then customarily issue from the lips of Democrats, and the other candidates had at Tsongas, especially after he won the New Hampshire primary. According to Bill

Clinton, Tsongas was little more than an instrument of Wall Street. Tsongas struck back. He accused Clinton of pandering and occasionally held up a stuffed Panda bear that he called "Pander bear." Tsongas, however, could not keep up with Clinton's money and vote-getting prowess, and eventually dropped out of the race. But the self-deprecating, soft-spoken Tsongas, who started the Concord Coalition to argue for a balanced budget, had made a contribution to the national discussion, and in fact had been making such contributions for years through books, articles and speeches. His point of view now seems to have carried the day, at least with the president. The Bill Clinton who once opposed him is now talking the same language, the language of smaller government that aims to live within its means. In a sense, Tsongas has won, and so has the nation.

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We shouldn't accept illegal acts as OK by politicians

Should someone disciplined for ethical misconduct be allowed to preside as the speaker of the House of Representatives?

I don't think so.

While Tuesday was described by Associated Press as a day of dishonor for Newt Gingrich, it should have been described as a day of disgrace for all Americans — Democrats, Republicans, Perotophiles, Independents and otherwise.

There should be no joy by anyone that the House, for the first time in its history, voted to discipline its speaker for ethical misconduct. And despite months and months of

partisan rhetoric, the vote was far from being close when it came down ... a lopsided 395-28 to reprimand Gingrich and impose a \$300,000 penalty.

A vote to reprimand a member is reserved for "serious violations" of the rules. The financial penalty, never before imposed, was to reimburse the ethics panel for costs associated with expanding the investigation after Gingrich submitted his misleading statements.

There were 196 Republicans, 198 Democrats and 1 Independent who supported the penalty. Twenty-six Republicans and two Democrats were opposed and five members merely voted "present."

The saddest part of this whole scenario is that for the third speaker in a row — Jim Wright, Tom Foley and now, Gingrich — there have been serious questions regarding the ethical behavior of the leader of the party in power in Washington.

Texas Wright resigned in

1989 after he was accused of ethical violations. Between Wright and Gingrich, Foley, of Washington state, was defeated in his quest for re-election as ethical questions swirled around him.

And now, Gingrich. This should be an issue that goes far beyond party politics. This is an issue that reflects poorly on all Americans.

How serious was Gingrich's actions? So much so that, on the average, more than eight out of 10 of his own party voted to impose the penalty.

The shame of what has happened now through three speakers is that our system of government has been consistently weakened ... undermined by the individual greed of people in power.

What reason to participate in the Democratic process can we give to those who feel disenfranchised when they see the abuse of power?

What can we tell our youth that would help them look past

the wrongdoings of those in political office and help them feel that their participation would make a difference?

As citizens of the greatest country in the world, it is up to us to not accept mediocre leadership ... it is up to us to not allow the flippant dismissal of serious questions and it is up to us to hold those who seek and hold political office accountable for their actions.

The shame of it all is that with elected officials, just like any other group of people, one bad apple gives the whole group a bad name.

The question is whether or not we, as Americans and not as a member of any particular party, are willing to accept less than the best.

If we are in the case of our elected officials, then we might as well lower our standards across the board.

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

Clinton's speech: Democratic with Republican rhymes

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

The poetry was Democratic with Republican rhymes, as President Clinton spoke his themes for a second term, pledging to balance ingrained political and philosophical rivalries.

Indeed, he claimed — surely prematurely — to be burying a central point of dispute, over the role of the federal government. He said that debate has been resolved in favor of limits, neither conservative nor liberal, but both.

His keynote at Monday's inauguration was a promise of humbled federal government, strong enough that it can act where need is real, living within the means of a balanced budget, doing more with less.

Those inaugural words could just as well have begun a Republican administration, but they reflect the promises that won re-election for the Democratic president.

Clinton said the future he envisions will require alliances outside the barriers that normally govern political lives.

It is, he said, a bipartisan common task, and work on it starts today. And in earnest two weeks from tonight, with

his State of the Union address, followed on Feb. 6 by the budget that will set out the fine print of his New Promise proposals.

They will be modest, minimal by traditional Democratic standards. He is committed to a balanced budget in six years, a goal adopted from the GOP.

But Clinton also wants measures the Republicans won't buy — additional money to ease the most stringent measures of the welfare law he accepted as a candidate, broader health care coverage for the needy, an expanded family leave law.

And he vows to fight, as bad policy, the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, a first priority on the Republican agenda. There will have to be mutually accepted settlements on contentious questions about Medicare and Medicaid financing. Clinton is committed to modest tax cuts, Republicans to broader and deeper reductions.

The elegant promises that celebrated the 53rd presidential inauguration on Monday must now be translated into the plain language of governing. When last a president of one party was inaugurated to face a Congress run by the other, George Bush reached out his

hand in a symbolic gesture of bipartisanship to Democratic leaders.

Before his one term was done, it was clenched in gridlock.

Four years ago, Clinton was inaugurated to his first term with Democrats in congressional charge, calling for bold experimentation. But those ventures, notably into national health insurance, failed in the big government backlash that awarded Congress to the Republicans in 1994.

So on this Inauguration Day, this president echoed his GOP predecessor.

"The American people returned to office a president of one party and a Congress of another," Clinton said. "Surely they did not do this to advance the politics of petty bickering and extreme partisanship they plainly deplore.

"No, they call on us instead to repair the breach, and to move on with America's eternal mission."

All the differences will not be partisan. All the liberals haven't gone and Clinton will have to deal with those factions within his own party. They will, for example, demand the changes in the welfare overhaul he has promised and Republicans reject.

Clinton's political revival was built around his reach to the center, marked by his State of the Union declaration a year ago that "the era of big government is over."

Republicans said that was campaign-year cover, that once past his last election, Clinton would revert to the ways of big government Democrats. They remain suspicious, although he promised otherwise.

He did so again with a series of rhetorical compromises, rejecting Ronald Reagan ideology on one hand, activist government on the other.

"Government is not the problem; government is not the solution," he said. "We, the American people are the solution...."

"We need a new government for a new century, a government humble enough not to try to solve all our problems for us, but strong enough to give us the tools to solve our problems for ourselves."

The debate is, and will be, over what that means in practical terms.

Balancing words is simpler than governing by them.

Walter R. Mears has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.



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New technology, competitive prices help increase demand for plastic surgery

By BILL MINTZ

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Humberto Zamora is a self-made man — a 49-year-old entrepreneur from Corpus Christi who works with hospitals to help fund government programs that help patients pay their bills. He's branched out into managing nursing homes, developing real estate projects and building an industrial air cargo park.

As he built his business empire, he worked about 60 hours a week, mostly anchored to a desk. He says he was always stocky, but the weight he carried on his 5-foot, 10-inch frame blossomed from about 200 pounds to about 280 pounds. "After all those years, I was secure financially," he says. "What I wanted to do is start taking care of myself." Through diet and exercise, Zamora got his weight down to about 240. Still, he

wanted to finish the job. It was time for the self-made man to secure outside assistance. He turned to Franklin Rose, a Houston plastic surgeon, for a process called body contouring. In a day surgery center near the Texas Medical Center, Rose removed another 10 pounds through a liposuction, which uses See SURGERY, Page 6A

Watch out for the kids!

Parents are constantly on the lookout for potential dangers to their children. However, many parents may not realize the danger associated with common household items such as cleaners and



Dana Tarter Extension Agent

medicines. These tips from Scott & White Clinic can help prevent accidental poisonings: •Request "safety-lock" tops on all prescription drugs. •Keep household cleaners, bug sprays, medicine and garage products out of reach and out of sight of children. Lock up these products whenever possible. •Never store food and household cleaners together. •When throwing away a

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SWINGING TOGETHER AT KIDS' ZONE



Matqorzata Maclor Headrick took advantage of the spring-like weather by taking Stefanie to Kid's' Zone.

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50s furniture and design back in style

By GEOFF EDGERS
Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — About a year ago, six used wooden chairs with blonde wood and rounded backs were placed in the window of a downtown antique store. Instead of languishing, as old furniture sometimes does, these chairs sold almost immediately for over \$950. The chairs were Heyward Wakefields. Then there were a chrome coffeepot, creamer and sugar bowl sold more recently to a dealer from out of town. While wrapping it, co-owner Travis Matthews turned over the pot and saw the word: Chase. He had a hunch it was worth more than the \$25 he was charging. Sure enough, when the buyer returned a few days later, she casually mentioned she'd seen it priced on an Internet antiques site for \$500. "She told me they were probably going to put it around \$300 when they go up to New York, so it'll sell," said Matthews. He says this without even a hint of displeasure. "This is an internet business, where a bargain today can become a big sale tomorrow, or more often, nothing at all. Generational kitsch springs up all the time, giving new significance to cheesy techno tunes, lava lamps, 'Welcome Back, Kotter' lunch boxes and even zoot suits. But the '50s have a stronger record of revival, starting only a decade after they were gone with Shal-Na-Na and the rock 'n' roll oldies boom. We've been given regular reminders of the chrome and cheeseburger days in the movies, too, from 'American Graffiti' (1973) to 'Diner' (1982) to 'Ed Wood' (1994). And one key to the current boom is that it's not being spurred by the trend-surfing college crowd. The movers in this resurgence have cash. In the winter issue of Echoes, the 'Magazine of Classic Modern Style & Design,' an advertisement for an auction company shows a sofa that looks more like a cigar than a seat. This 'Cloud Form' design was auctioned for \$31,050 in October. Elsewhere in Echoes, the classifieds list a conference table at \$3,500 and an ottoman — a mere footstool — for \$375. Herman Miller for the Home, a Michigan company, realized this three years ago, according to sales manager Ray Kennedy. It reintroduced 10 of the company's classic designs from the '40s and '50s, including the Eames aluminum group lounge chair and the Nelson sling sofa. Sales were so strong the compa-

ny put out a special, limited-edition reproduction of the Eames molded rosewood chair in October. When he designed it half a century ago, Charles Eames described it as "a chair on which mass production would not have anything but a positive influence." And it did. The reproductions cost \$1,400 each; they sold out in two months. The search for genuine '50s articles takes place far from Sotheby's. On a recent afternoon, he has to pick up a three-legged chair and maple bureau from a woman in Chapel Hill and a stuffed bear head in Burlington. He'll hit every Salvation Army along the way, ambling up to the counter and, after a couple of pleasantries, asking, "You know anywhere I could find myself a couch?" "Most people start buying kitschy pieces — two-tiered lampshades, poodle skirts — and from there get to the serious designers — Paul McCobb, Harry Bertola, Eero Saarinen," he said. "Those guys had some incredible designs. Again, a lot of it with an eye toward the future, space age things like what you'd see on 'The Jetsons.'" Don't worry if you've never heard those names. Most people hadn't until they started reading Echoes magazine, published by a Massachusetts couple. What started five years ago as a newsletter has turned into an 80-page, glossy magazine. To an outsider, Echoes might seem obscure. To the dealers, though, Echoes is their bible. It has made Frankl, Deskey and, of course, Heyward Wakefield, if not household, at least industry names. And if anyone realizes the value of a moniker, it's Leonard Riforgiato, who opened an antiques store in Miami's South Beach in the mid-'80s. "I noticed anytime I got any Heywood Wakefield, it would just fly out," he said. So in 1992, Riforgiato purchased the name of the defunct company from a bankruptcy court and began reproducing its classic '50s streamline designs. Like most of his colleagues, he theorizes that the reason for the resurgence is partly philosophical, partly practical. "The things that emerged after World War II were manifestations of a booming economy driven by victorious, optimistic people," Riforgiato said. "The country had just won a war, people were in a good mood, and to the extent that you had a happy childhood, you're going to want what reminds you of it."

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as

guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
•Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South, Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
•Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support

group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
THURSDAY
•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
•A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Go to the matte:

(NAPS) - Tips for smoother skin:
•Avoid the sun - sun bathing dries your skin dangerously; besides the increased risk of skin cancer it won't help get rid of the oil. In fact, frying your face in the hope of drying it out is actually counterproductive. When oil glands are over stimulated, they produce more oil. As a result, the shine you've been trying to get rid of may be even worse.
•Moisturize for a matte finish - oily skin has dry patches too, so it's important to keep it hydrated. Also, drying out glands actually triggers them to produce more oil. Moisturizing correctly helps stabilize the oil flow, absorbing the excess to restore skin equilibrium.
•Make up oil free - If you use make-up, choose a water-based oil-free foundation and apply it with a cosmetic sponge applicator. Using a sponge keeps your fingers off your face (more sanitary) and foundation goes on more smoothly and lasts longer.
•Use powder - Choose a loose talc powder and apply it with a puff. Dusting powder on with a brush isn't the best tool for the shine-busting. Brushed on powder fades faster. Better: firmly press powder on with a puff. Using powder to "set" the foundation gives a long lasting matte finish.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Get your flu shots

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

Mobile mammography unit

Family Medical Clinic is hosting a mobile mammography unit Wednesday, Jan. 29. This process takes about 25 minutes and an appointment can be made by calling Shannon Clinic at 1-800-530-4143, extension 3235.

THE LAST WORD

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones, alas! are left on long leases.

—William Sharp

I believe that man will not merely endure: he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Ask Betty

Dear Betty,

My kids love hot chocolate after playing outside in the cold. What can be added to it besides marshmallows to make it more fun for them? Do you have other warming drink recipes for young ones? — Waterville, Maine



Snip the marshmallows in half and pop them on top of the hot chocolate with the sticky cut sides up. Then top them with a sprinkling of candy sprinkles or colored sugar just before serving. Miniature marshmallows now come in a variety of shapes, from little brown marshmallow bears to red marshmallow hearts, found in the candy section of the supermarket.

Here's a recipe worth warming up to. Heat a half-gallon of apple cider, a quart of orange juice, 1/3 cup red cinnamon candies (kids love to add these) and a tablespoon of whole allspice to boiling. Then reduce the heat, cover, and simmer five minutes. Cool slightly. Next, remove the allspice, stir in some honey and call the snow-covered brood into the spice-scented kitchen. Twelve frosty children can partake of this offering served hot.

Dear Betty,

We're avid football fans who host a Super Bowl party every January. Any new ideas for appetizers and snacks that I can make ahead? — Manhattan, Kan.

One of the home economists here in the Betty Crocker Kitchens who has a terrific eye for items to use for any occasion's theme has produced some of the most interesting platters ever. Because she too is a football-party hostess, during the off-season she keeps an eye open for football ware adaptable to the tabletop.

She has found black-and-white-striped cocktail napkins; created a buffet table covered with artificial turf, and filled a plastic-lined football helmet with crackers, pretzels and chips. She also makes sure paper goods are true to the teams' colors. The Saturday before, she rushes the supermarket aisle like a running back, picking off hard and spreadable cheeses and dips. With a layer of pesto and pine nuts on a brick of cream cheese, this snack converts third and long into a first down.

Slice and cut vegetables the night before the big game, and refrigerate in plastic-storage bags. Decorate any empty table space with confetti, streamers, pom-poms, football trading cards and even clipping from the sports pages. No matter who wins the game, you'll be voted MVP (most valuable party giver).

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

Next Week
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SUPPORT

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Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

open meetings, 615 Settles.

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

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

West Texas Gluten Free Awareness Support Group, 1-3 p.m., First Baptist Church in Midland, gluten free traditional Thanksgiving meal. For more information call (915) 520-2119 or 684-4671 or write: Gluten-Free Awareness; HC 51S 46; Midland; 79707.

SUNDAY

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



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SURGERY

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suction to remove fat cells.

Zamora and other members of the baby boom generation — people between 35 and 50 years old — are fueling a new business boom for Rose and other plastic surgeons.

People in the baby boom generation now account for more than 40 percent of the 400,000 cosmetic surgery procedures performed in the United States each year.

Women are still more likely to have cosmetic surgery, but 15 percent of the procedures are performed on male patients, according to the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

"Whether we admit it or not, everything in America today is geared toward youth," said Jerry Macki, 48, who took a day off from his job in commercial real estate to have a "mid-face lift" to remove the tired, wrinkled look from his cheeks and eyes.

"It was a very minor change in my appearance," he said.

"But it gives me more confidence. I just feel good about myself."

Neal R. Reisman, Macki's surgeon, said baby boomers are more willing than others to do things to improve their chances of getting ahead — and improve their self-esteem.

While the baby boomers' pursuit of endless youth is providing the demand for plastic surgeons' services, the trend is being supported by changes in technology, technique and health care economics.

In years past, cosmetic surgery was viewed as an alternative mainly for wealthy women seeking to regain their lost youth.

They would disappear for weeks so their friends would not see them during the post-operative stage, when swelling and bruising were common.

Now, with improved surgical techniques, people like Macki can go back to work a day after surgery.

"People used to really wait to get their money's worth," Reisman said.

Lively ties catch on for new designer

By LAMONT JONES
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

From magazines and murals to Pepsi cans and Perrier bottles, the colorful art of Burton Morris can be seen around the world.

Born and based in Pittsburgh, the 32-year-old designer and illustrator has spent the 1990s building a reputation as a talented artist, a savvy businessman and a generous supporter of charities.

Now, busier than ever, with lines of silk neckties that bear his distinctive style, he's carved out another niche for himself in the fashion world.

Sophisticated and fun, the ties are available at the tony Knot Shop tie stores across the nation, and on a select basis at new Bloomingdale's stores in California. Prices range from \$50 to \$60.

The first line — 15 designs, each with four color combinations — was introduced last summer with great success, "even in January, which is a difficult month," says Joe Farinella, owner of Zanzara International Ltd. in Chicago, which manufactures Morris' ties as well as neckwear lines by Jhane Barnes and others.

As he rifles through a box of his designer ties with childlike enthusiasm at his townhouse one recent evening, Morris says he tries to make each one "exciting and conversational, not your same old boring tie."

Fluid lines and bold colors characterize the ties, with a Jacquard pattern giving the printed design added dimension. Each is named to describe the illustration it bears: "Criminals," "Atlas" and "Message in a Bottle," to name a few.

The second collection, 18 new designs, will be in stores in

February and March.

Morris says his first big "national break" came in 1993 when he was selected from among hundreds of artists in Pennsylvania for a design for the Absolut vodka bottle. His winning illustration was published in Time magazine and USA Today, giving him priceless national exposure.

Last year, he was hired to create colorful signature designs for Perrier bottles.

Then came Morris' greatest coup. Last year, he received several phone calls from friends after one of his T-shirts showed up on the popular NBC sitcom "Friends." Morris contacted the program's producers and arranged to fly out to California to meet with them. As a result, his neckties and framed art are seen regularly on the show by millions of viewers.

Although Morris' style is unmistakable, he admires and has been influenced by numerous artists, ranging from Michelangelo and Norman Rockwell to Andy Warhol and Keith Haring.

"I try to take in everything," he says, looking strangely like the nondescript faces he draws as he rakes his fingers through his wavy brown hair.

His sources of inspiration are just as wide-ranging, including conversations, books, movies, his wife and people in general.

In fact, his wife, Julie, provides more than inspiration. As his business partner and a designer, she uses a computer to help transform his sketches into fluid necktie designs with attractive, often unpredictable color combinations.

She is, he boasts, his "best critic."

Morris, who has trademarked his name, plans to venture further into fashion, possibly boxer shorts, shirts and vests.

"Now, with more minimal surgery available, people are trying to stay looking the same," he said. "Instead of coming in every five or 10 years for a major overhaul, they may come in every year or so."

"I'm not saying a patient will need something every year, but I'll check every year or two, to see what's changed."

Lasers and microsurgery diminish the scarring, bruising and swelling.

"Lasers have been around for a long 'time," said Charles Park, professor of plastic surgery at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.

"Now the equipment is more sophisticated and easier to use," he said. "New applications have been developed, particularly in the use of lasers in resurfacing wrinkles."

Smaller incisions and better understanding of the anatomy of the face make it possible for surgeons to perform the newer, less radical "baby boomer" procedures, Stal said.

The newest technological advance is ultrasonic liposuction, which emulsifies fat cells and makes them easier to suction, Rose said.

Columbia Bellaire Medical Center, where Rose and Reisman both perform surgery, is buying one of the new ultrasonic machines.

"It is interesting psychologically," Reisman said. "People don't see the area that has been suctioned or recontoured, but the patient clearly knows, and their self-esteem goes up."

Although most health insurance plans don't cover cosmetic surgery, managed care is having an indirect impact on the plastic surgery market.

Physicians like to perform the procedures because they don't have to deal with insurance companies' lower reimbursements and review of their practices.

Some physicians who did not complete formal training in plastic surgery, including nose and throat specialists and some general surgeons, have expanded into plastic surgery because of growing demand.

TARTER

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Fourth-quarter fireworks again propel Big Spring Steers rally to down Fort Stockton

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For the Fort Stockton Panthers, it was a chance to stay in the playoff hunt, but for the Big Spring Steers, it was a battle for survival.

Never discount self-preservation as a motivational factor.

Faced with the possibility of dropping into the middle of the District 4-4A pack — and out of playoff contention — the Steers responded with a 71-68 victory over Fort Stockton Tuesday night in Steer Gym.

The win moved Big Spring into a tie with Fort Stockton for the second and final playoff spot from the district. Both teams sport identical 3-2 league marks (Big Spring is 10-13 overall). The Steers could have fallen into fourth place in district if they had lost.

As they had for the two previous games, the Steers came alive in the game's closing moments — but, then again, so did Fort Stockton.

The last four minutes of the game have recently served as a wake-up call of sorts for Big Spring, and Tuesday's game was no different.

Just as in the last two games, the Steers became downright deadly from the field in the game's last few minutes, hitting 5-6 from the field and all seven of their free throws.

The Steers needed every one of those shots, however, as the Panthers did not exactly curl up their toes and die. In fact, Fort Stockton came very close to taking the game away from Big Spring.

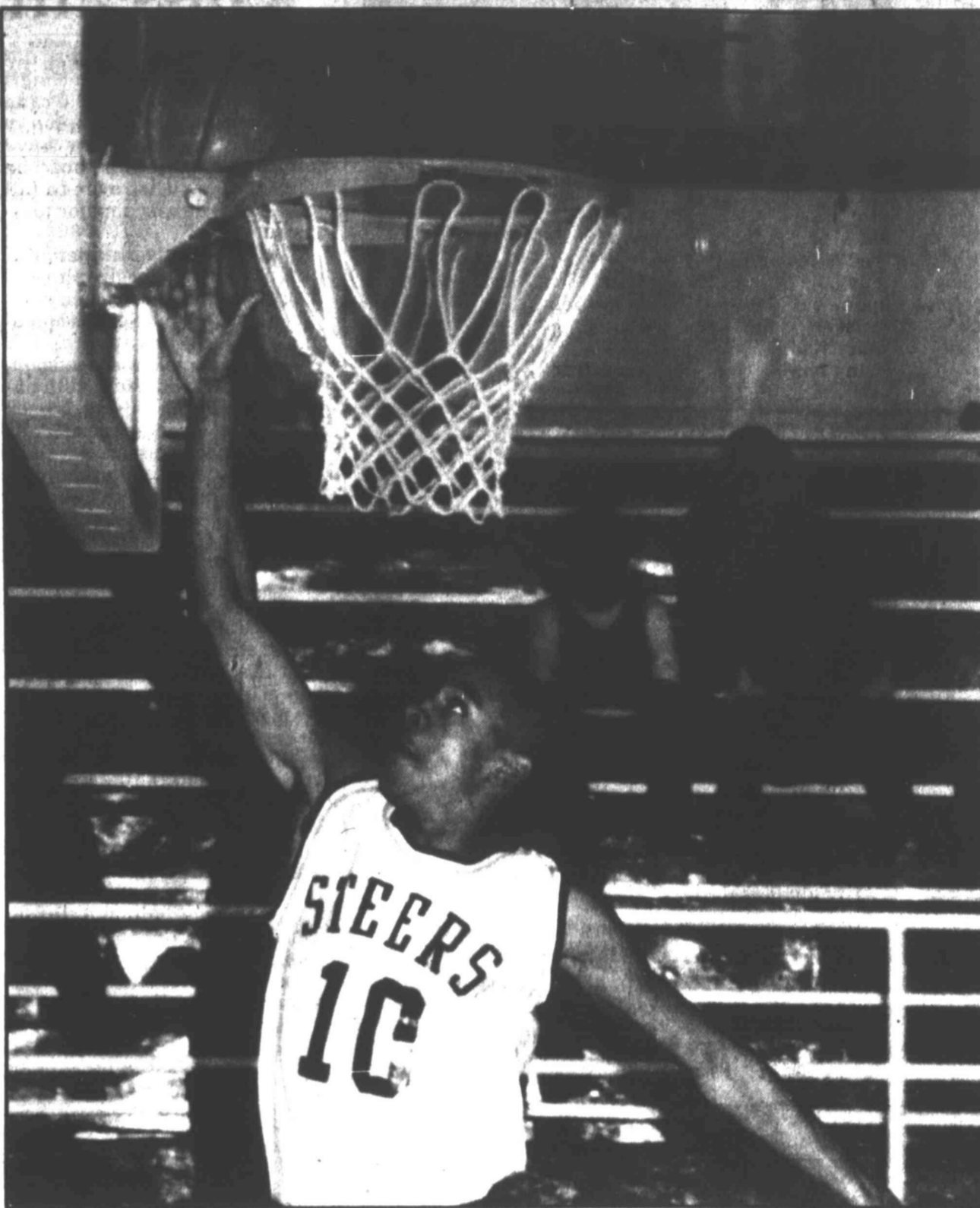
Over the last four minutes, the lead changed hands three times, but the Steers launched an eight-point run late to gain control, and led by as many as six points with less than 90 seconds remaining.

But Stockton's Emilio Perales went on a three-point binge in the closing seconds, converting a three-point play (a basket and a free throw), two three-point shots and three free throws to keep the Panthers close.

It was up to Justin Myers to finally nail the game shut, and the senior guard responded with six straight free throws down the stretch to do just that.

"I think the kids responded well and with a lot of heart," BSHS coach Gary Tipton said. "A lot of those youngsters who play out there began their careers on the low end of the totem pole. They're used to battling. Kids like (reserves) Aaron Bristow and Paul

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Big Spring's John Smith lays the ball off the glass for two points during the Steers' 71-68 victory over Fort Stockton Tuesday night in Steer Gym.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Duo leads Lady Steers past FSHS

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The "Kim and Krissi Show" was a rousing success for the Big Spring Lady Steers.

Senior post Kim Robertson and reserve forward Krissi McWherter took turns playing toss and shoot Tuesday night, and they did it so well they knocked the Fort Stockton Prowlers right out of Steer Gym.

Robertson scored 17 points and McWherter 15 to lead the District 4-4A leading Lady Steers to a 72-48 victory Tuesday. The victory allowed Big Spring to remain perfect in league play with a 7-0 record, while Fort Stockton fell to 1-6 in district action.

Robertson and McWherter formed a mutual admiration society during the game, taking turns with assists or shots. It seemed that McWherter was constantly passing the ball inside to Robertson for an easy basket, and Robertson was doing the same for McWherter.

McWherter, who finished with nine assists, was pressed into starting service because of an ankle injury to Maggie Haddad, admitted battling a slight case of nerves at the start of the game.

"I was nervous, because I hadn't started all year, but I knew Maggie couldn't come in, so I had to step it up," McWherter said. "(Robertson

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Fans pleased with Rangers' free spending

ARLINGTON (AP) — Whether the Texas Rangers' new open-wallet policy or their first division pennant is to credit, team officials say they've never seen more pre-season fan support for the club.

General manager Doug Melvin and several players have been traveling the state the last few days as part of an annual caravan aimed at boosting goodwill and selling some tickets.

This is Melvin's third such trip with the team and never before has he been received so warmly.

"The fans are very optimistic and enthusiastic," Melvin said Tuesday afternoon in a telephone interview from Bryan after having spent the morning in Austin.

"(Radio announcer) Eric Nadel said in Waco that he'd never seen so many Texas Rangers caps as he's seen on this caravan. Getting into the postseason last year was obviously huge. It got the monkey off our back."

Winning the AL West was a nice start. Spending about \$50 million to try making next year's team even better is another positive step.

The Rangers wrapped up their latest spending spree of the winter Tuesday by signing All-Star pitcher Roger Pavlik to a \$2.95 million contract.

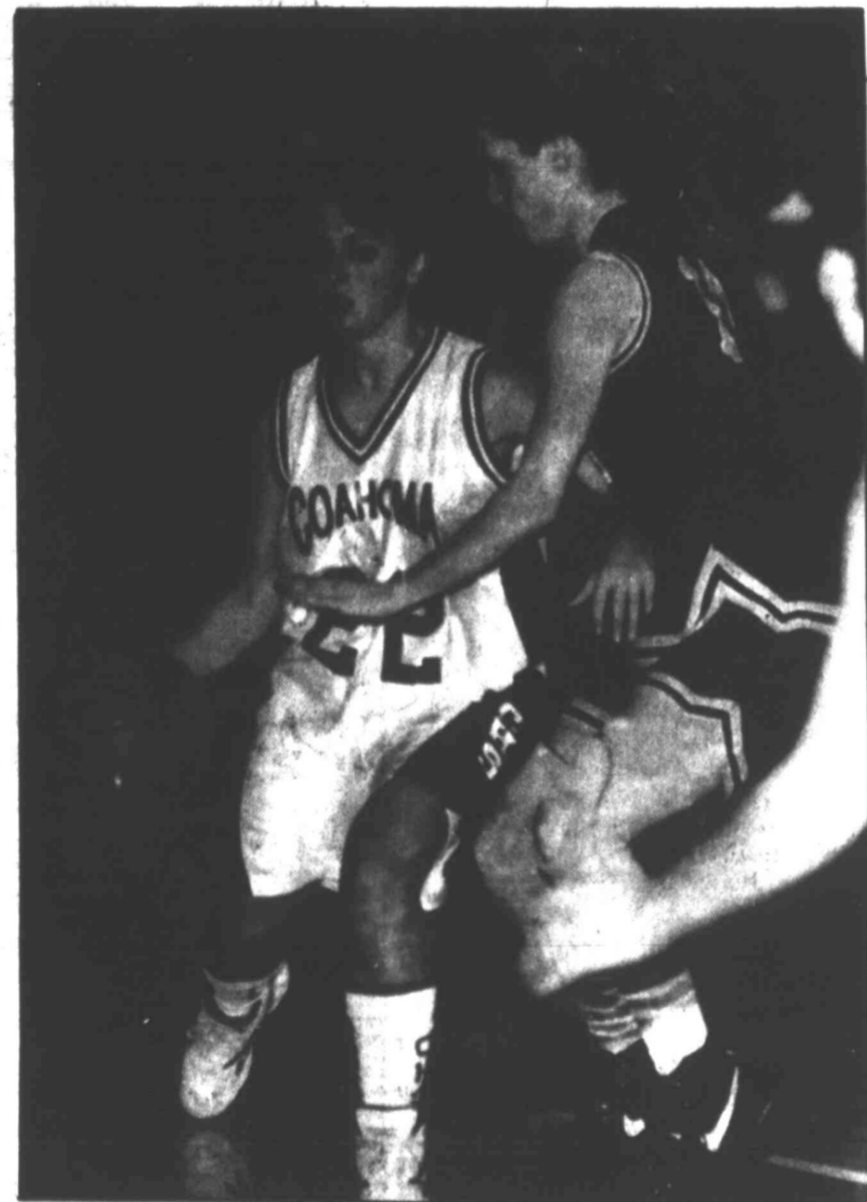
Pavlik was the third arbitration-eligible Ranger in as many days to sign a one-year deal. All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez got a single-season record deal of \$6.65 million on Sunday and third baseman Dean Palmer got a 149 percent raise Monday by signing for \$4.8 million.

"It's good to get it out of the way so our energy can be spent on getting ready for spring training," Melvin said.

Texas' payroll last year was between \$37 million and \$38 million. Management had hoped to keep this year's payroll around \$44 million.

Instead, the Rangers already have committed more than \$51 million to the 24 signed players on their major league roster. Another 15 players on the roster have not signed.

Before this latest binge of signings, the biggest move was signing World Series MVP John Wetteland.



Coahoma's Tonya Sparks (22) dribbles past a Forsan defender during their game in Coahoma Tuesday night.

HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Collum's rainbows help CHS take county battle over Buffs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

COAHOMA — As might have been expected, Monday's District 8-2A showdown between Forsan's Buffaloes and Coahoma's Bulldogs was a tit for tat affair.

In the end, when a capacity crowd had drifted out of the Bulldog gym, the difference in Coahoma's 52-46 win was a couple of three-point field goals.

But what three-pointers they were!

Bulldog guard Josh Collum's ability to strike from beyond the NBA arch literally punctuated the game. He drained two of his field goals from what seemed at least 30 feet, that on both occasions seemed to set the Buffs back on their heels and ignite Coahoma runs.

As a result, the Buffaloes were forced to spend most of the second half in a fruitless effort to come from behind.

Collum's bombs were a difference that Forsan coach Terry McDonald conceded. "He (Collum) hit a couple of those from so far out that most of the

time you're almost wishing he'd try," McDonald said. "Both times he did that it kind of took us out of our rhythm for a minute or two and allowed them to get on a little bit of a roll."

The Buffs did make it interesting, though, rallying from 17 points down with 3:12 to play and trimming Coahoma's lead to just five before they ran out of time.

Forsan's harried comeback bid left Bulldog coach Kim Nichols heaving a sigh of relief at the buzzer.

"Just about the time you think you've got things under control, they'd get a little boost and be right back in it," Nichols said of what almost became a four-minute nightmare. "We knew they were going to make a run at us. The kids on both of these teams have been playing against one another all their lives."

"They're a well-coached team and we knew they were going to get something going," Nichols added.

McDonald, however, believed a first quarter that saw both

teams struggle was perhaps the most damaging aspect of the game.

"We just missed too many easy ones there early," he said, noting that neither team was able to score or eliminate turnovers in the first eight minutes of play. "We weren't able to take advantage of some chances we had there in the first quarter, and then we let them have a big run right before the half and another one to open the third quarter."

The Buffs managed to take a 7-5 lead at the close of the first period, but were outscored 15-10 in the next eight minutes, as Coahoma took a 25-17 halftime lead.

Blake Nichols, the Bulldog coach's son, did some damage of his own from three-point range, opening and closing the second frame with long jumpers and scored eight of his 14 points in spearheading Coahoma's surge.

Collum, who would pace the Bulldogs with 15 points, hit back-to-back threes early in the

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NFL miffed over agent's comments; Parcels mum on future

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Maybe it was the timing, just a few days before the Super Bowl in a city known for revelry. After all, this is the place where the most famous thoroughfare is named after a whiskey.

Whatever the case, the NFL sounded none too pleased when Brett Favre's agent revealed the Green Bay Packers quarterback has been given the go-ahead by the league to resume drinking alcohol.

The agent, James "Bus" Cook, stressed that the two-time MVP doesn't plan to spend the days leading up to Sunday's game against the New England Patriots partying away the nights on Bourbon Street.

"He's got one thing on his mind and that's to win the Super Bowl," Cook said Wednesday from his office in Hattiesburg, Miss. "Brett's not expressed to me that he wants to go out and drink. It's not a matter of drinking; it's a matter

of choice." Favre admitted being addicted to a pain-killing drug, and he spent 46 days in a Kansas treatment facility last summer. He protested when the league also banned him from drinking alcohol for two years and subjected him to random testing.

Cook said Favre told him last week that league officials agreed to change the quarterback's status in its substance-abuse program and that he'll no longer face random testing for alcohol use.

Favre could not be reached for comment until early today, when he said, simply: "I can't drink until the season's over. I don't want to get into trouble now because we've got a game this week."

Packers coach Mike Holmgren said he understands the NFL is not planning to address the issue further until after the Super Bowl.

The NFL wouldn't comment because of the confidentiality of

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its substance abuse policy. It was clear that the league wanted all parties to keep their silence on the matter, at least until after the season was over.

"We don't plan to make any further comment this week nor at the time the final report is delivered," league spokesman Greg Aiello said. "Due to the policy's confidentiality provisions, we would hope that the Packers and Brett's agent would take the same position."

Earlier, Favre talked about his maturity over the past year.

"I'm married, for one," said the quarterback, who now takes non-narcotic medicine to deal with his aches and pains. "I enjoy playing football, but I treat it a bit differently because I know it won't be there forever. So every game that I play, every practice that I go through, I treat it as though it may be my last and try to do

the best I possibly can."

Bill Parcels might be coaching his last game for the Patriots, but he maintained a vow of silence Tuesday on his future. During the media gathering, however, his demeanor was more upbeat than a day earlier, when he reacted testily to a report that he plans to leave the team after Sunday's game.

Parcels leaned casually on the podium, his head cocked confidently, his remarks accompanied by toothy grins as he discussed his supposedly rocky relationship with Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

"When we see each other, we talk," Parcels insisted. "You guys (the media) are thinking, we are from some foreign countries or something. It's ridiculous. It's funny. I get a kick out of this ... because it's so ludicrous."

Kraft wants to revel in only the second Super Bowl in Patriots history before he turns

his focus to keeping Parcels in New England.

"We get along fine from my point of view," Kraft said. "It's a cordial relationship. I want him to stay, but if he doesn't stay, we'll still be friends."

Parcels, who guided the New York Giants to a pair of Super Bowl titles, hopes to turn on the conference that once fed him. The powerful Packers, eager to reclaim the legacy of the Lombardi era, are a two-touchdown favorite.

"I think we're the underdog," Parcels said. "We're going to have to play well to beat them. So if being an underdog insures that knowledge to (his own players), then I think that's a plus."

While the NFC team is favored to win again, at least there are two new teams in the Super Bowl. This is the first time since 1986 that a group of four perennial powers — San Francisco, Dallas, Denver and Buffalo — won't be represented.

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Foresyth, the only thing they know how to do is battle."
Forward Chad Warren led the Steers with 21 points, while John Smith added 13 points and Greg Wollenzien and Myers added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Perales scored 19 points to lead Fort Stockton.
In junior varsity action, Fort Stockton took a 51-47 victory over Big Spring, which was led by Chauncey Ford and Travis Womack, who each scored 16 points. Big Spring fell to 15-5 overall.

The Steers take on district leader Sweetwater Friday in Sweetwater. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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and I) just know what each other's going to do. She knows when to pass it to me, and I know when to look for the pass."
Despite their cellar-dwelling record, the Prowlers opened the game primed to upset the Lady Steers, and led by 19-18 when BSHS coach Ron Taylor called a time out with 5:08 remaining in the first half.

"You'll probably be surprised, but all I told them was to calm down. They were too excited," Taylor said. "I guess they thought they were about to get it from me."

Returning from that time out, the Lady Steers proceeded to put the game in a head lock. Robertson scored two straight baskets (off assists from McWhorter, of course). McWhorter popped a short jumper, then point guard Brandi Purcell drove the lane for a basket that gave Big Spring a 26-19 lead with 3:10 remaining in the half.

But the Lady Steers weren't finished just yet. Robertson scored off yet another McWhorter assist to launch a 10-4 run to give Big Spring a 36-23 lead at intermission. After that, the Prowlers were finished.

Joining Robertson and McWhorter in double figures were guard Kara Hughes, who scored all her 12 points on three-point shots, and Purcell and Traci Bellinghausen, who each scored 10 points.

Yvonne Valeriano and Angela Granado led Fort Stockton with 14 points each.

In junior varsity action, Big Spring took a 56-27 victory over Fort Stockton. Jarlyn Owens scored 16 points and Nina Evans 5 to lead Big Spring, which improved to 14-5 overall.

The Lady Steers can clinch a playoff spot Friday when they travel to Sweetwater. Game time is 8 p.m.

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third period to give Chisholm a 34-17 lead. And after Kurnay had gone on an 11-4 run and trimmed the deficit to just nine, he hit from the key to make it 39-28 going into the final quarter.

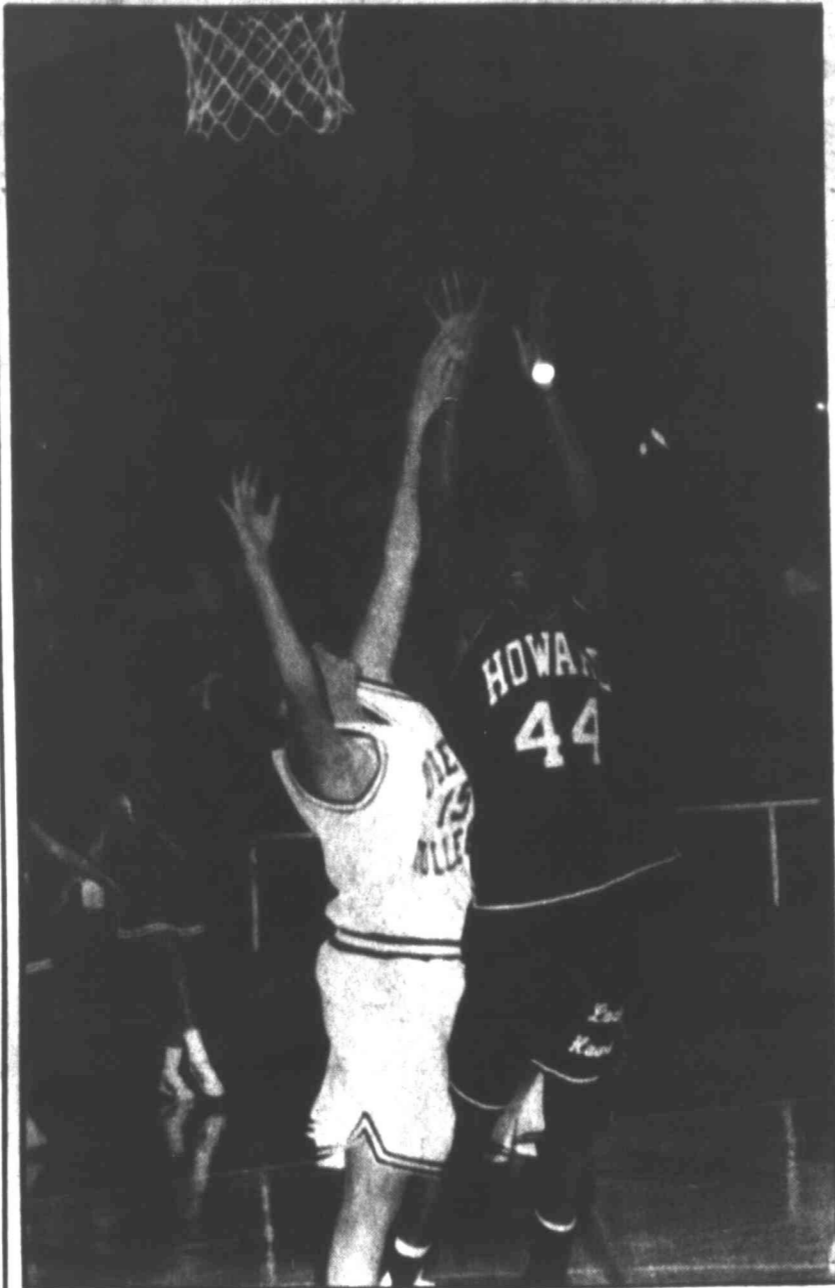
But Bull guards Robert Ganten and Robert Hilder sparked a furious rally, flashing into the lane to get second half.

Hilder, who led all scorers with 17 points on the night, added eight points during the rally and Hilder added four more.

In Tuesday's opener, Ganten's Bulldogettes got another great outing from Coach Finkel, Tara Sterling and Mike Woods in cutting to a 67-56 win over Permian's Queens.

Finkel led all scorers with 18 points, while Sterling and Woods scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

BACK IN ACTION



Howard's Nesha Gamble (44) scores a basket during the Lady Hawks' win over Odessa Monday night. The Lady Hawks play South Plains at 6 p.m. Thursday in Garrett Coliseum. The men's game follow at 8 p.m.

Hingis advances to Australian semis after falling off a horse

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — If 16-year-old Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Grand Slam tournament champion of this century, she may have another distinction too: The only tennis titlist ever to fall off a horse during a major tournament.

The fall during an attempted jump on Tuesday didn't stop her from continuing her ride. Then today, Irina Spirlea couldn't stop the advance of the Swiss miss into her second consecutive Grand Slam tournament semifinal, falling 7-5, 6-2 to Hingis' precise, confident strokes under pressure.

Hingis made only one unforced error in the second set.

In the first semifinal of Hingis' young Grand Slam tournament career, at the U.S. Open last summer, top-ranked Steffi Graf proved too formidable an obstacle.

At this Australian Open, the top three seeds — Graf, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez — all lost before the quarterfinals. Defending champion Monica Seles stayed away with a broken finger.

For a place in the final, the fourth-seeded Hingis next faces No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez, a 7-5, 4-0 winner when Belgian giant-killer Dominique Van Roost quit in tears and pain from an abdominal muscle injury.

"Her game suits me," Hingis

said of Fernandez.
The other semifinal pits No. 12 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, Graf's conqueror here, against 1995 champion Mary Pierce, unseeded after a dismal 1996.

The men's semifinal lineup also includes some unfamiliar faces for such a late stage in a hardcourt Grand Slam tournament.

No. 5 Thomas Muster, an undisputed master on clay but playing only his second Grand Slam semifinal on any other surface, reached that stage by capitalizing on the errors of No. 3 Goran Ivanisevic for a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 victory.

Ivanisevic hit 16 aces, but won only 28 percent of his second-serve points as he tried desperately for winners and sprayed 54 unforced errors to Muster's 14.

Also in the semifinals, facing No. 2 Michael Chang, is No. 25-ranked Carlos Moya of Spain, whose first year of Grand Slam tournaments in 1996 produced two first- and two second-round losses.

Hingis said she won't do any more riding during the Open — there isn't time.

The fall, she said, "wasn't dangerous at all. My mom was there and she was laughing. Everybody was laughing."

"Mentally, it just helps you sometimes if you do something else and not just tennis all the time."

Past gymnastics experience

helped her fall safely on the grass after she went flying over the horse's head. Then she climbed back on and continued her ride.

"I was jumping and the horse didn't jump, and I jumped by myself," Hingis said, explaining her faulty timing.

There were no such mistakes on key points in Wednesday's match as Hingis rebounded from early service breaks by the eighth-seeded Spirlea in both sets. Her Romanian opponent hit some impressive winners, but in the second set had 13 unforced errors to Hingis' one.

Keeping up such mastery could make Hingis the youngest winner at any Grand Slam tournament since Charlotte "Lottie" Dod captured Wimbledon at the age of 15 in 1887.

Van Roost was trying to become the first Belgian woman to reach a Grand Slam tournament semifinal in the open era, after upsetting No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and No. 15 Chanda Rubin, a semifinalist here last year.

But at 5-5 in the first set, an abdominal muscle injury that had bothered her for a week, along with back and forearm pains, flared up strongly.

With her serve and overhead shots fading, Van Roost fell behind 7-5, 1-0. She had the trainer rewrap her abdomen, but the pain still worsened and she quit.

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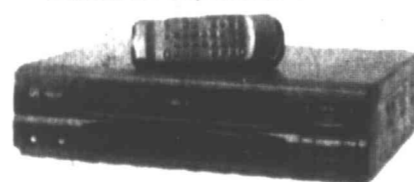


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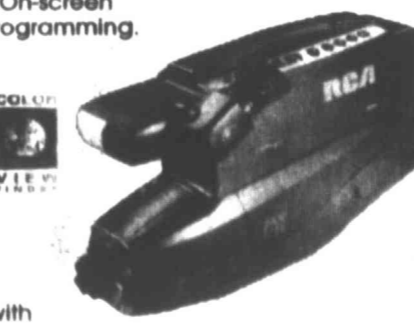
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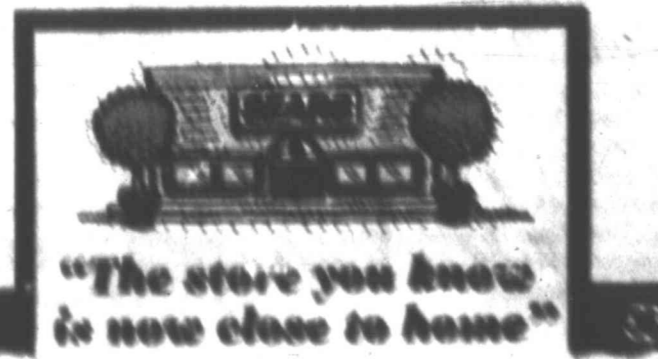
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1180 January 5, 15, 22, 1997

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Success; 1-Difficult.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have your hands full. Choices seem to come to you from different directions. Delve into your bag of creativity, to find out the solutions you need. Laughter, the unpredictable and strong egos play a role in what goes on. Tonight: Play the night away.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Family matters need to take priority, whether you like it or not. Bosses may be contrary and demand your attention. The juggling act you need to do

could be challenging. Listen to a partner who gives you powerful feedback. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Communications force you to constantly readjust your plans. There may be unexpected news. Work with surprises. Remain in good humor, and ease others through changes. Your sunny manner makes a big difference. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Money matters run askew. You try to make up the difference for what another used to pitch in. The pressure is intense. Make a decision, and break new ground. Your ability at work will help you; be willing to learn a new skill or technique. Tonight: Pay bills first.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others challenge and disagree with you, but they do care. Ask them to work with you on a common goal; they will come through. The unexpected plays a major role in what occurs. Your sense of humor will make what could be difficult, easy. Tonight: Laugh the night away.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your nerves are shot. You have a clear way of telling others you are out of sync. You just need to stop and think. Awareness is important in making the right decision. Your best bet could be taking a personal day and laying low. Tonight: Vanish, fast.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Focus on the positive. In the midst of upheaval, choose to go in another direction altogether. Stay even and level, while others come unglued. Run, and pick up the pieces as the unexpected does its magic. Tonight: Go where the crowds are.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Think through a decision that is important to you. The prevailing madness takes a toll on you. Pressure between work and home may have you over-

whelmed. This, too will pass. Step back, and reflect on what is truly important. Tonight: Be willing to work late.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You become inspired on days like this; the unusual piques your interest. Run with innovative ideas and risks. Stay open to what is possible, and break past self-imposed restrictions. Your plate is full. Tonight: Go wherever excitement lies.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You feel you have lost control of your finances. Stay in tune with possibilities. You don't want to say no to someone, yet you might have to. Decide what feels right. A partner has wild ideas. Use your instincts; you won't go wrong. Tonight: Enjoy another's persuasive tactics.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You don't agree with what is going on. Yet, it is up to you to explain where you feel resistance. You are in tune with what is right for you. Keep your eye on the big picture, not the details. Associates are lively and enjoyable. Tonight: Call your own shots.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your nerves are frayed, which is obvious to everyone else. Understand your limitations with others. Consider going home early. Listen to a boss; he may have a great idea to bypass chaos. Tonight: Do stress-reduction exercises.
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Jordan scores 51 to pace Chicago

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NBA

Leave it to Michael Jordan to outdo everyone else in the NBA — even on a night when several players had games that Jordan would be proud of. Jordan's 51 points in the Chicago Bulls' 88-87 victory over the New York Knicks were the most scored Tuesday night as big individual performances were all the rage. Latrell Sprewell had 46 points, Glen Rice scored 42, Clyde Drexler had 39 and Walt Williams totaled 32. But the biggest story was Jordan accounting for 58 percent of his team's points — and the motivation behind it — as the Bulls handed the Knicks yet another loss on Chicago's home court.

and Chris Childs, but it wasn't enough to get them their first road victory against a Jordan-led Bulls team since 1992. "It was probably a tactical mistake by the coach of the Knicks to attack Michael in the press. I thought he went out and played with a vendetta, a score to settle," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. Jordan's 51 points were the most scored in an NBA game this season. He set the old mark of 50 on Nov. 6. Warriors 105, Mavericks 93

In other games, Golden State beat Dallas 105-93, Charlotte downed Houston 114-108, Toronto defeated Minnesota 116-108, Orlando topped Washington 93-88, Miami edged Atlanta 94-91, Indiana beat Milwaukee 92-89 and Portland defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 105-83. On Tuesday morning, the Chicago Tribune ran a story quoting Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy as saying Jordan was using his charm to con players from other teams into thinking he is their friend. "His way is to befriend them, soften them up, try to make them feel he cares about them," Van Gundy said. "Then he goes out there and tries to destroy them. The first step as a player is to realize that and don't go for it."

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Jordan read the story, then took out his anger on the Bulls' archrivals. "I was prepared to do whatever it took to win," said Jordan, who reached the 50-point mark for the 36th time in his career. "There were times where things were going so well everything seemed to be in slow motion. I didn't rush. I just relaxed and played."

"I see the old Spre, like when he was a rookie," said Dallas' Chris Gatling, a former Warrior. "He looks like he is on his way to being like he was when he went on that first-year tear, an All-Star. He has proven that, and he did tonight."

His crowning moment came when he buried a 20-foot fall-away to give the Bulls an 88-81 lead with 26.7 seconds left. He turned to the Knicks bench and said something to Van Gundy. "Some choice words," Jordan said. "I guess I didn't make any friends out there tonight."

Hornets 114, Rockets 108 At Charlotte, it was practically a one-on-one battle between Rice and Drexler as the Hornets snapped the Rockets' four-game winning streak. Rice shot 13-of-25 from the floor and 14-of-16 from the free throw line. Drexler was 13-for-19 and 9-for-9. Rice's season-high point total included 19 fourth-quarter points.

After that, the Knicks got 3-pointers from Allan Houston unruly children. They didn't come that way, but their parents took the shortcut. Training both children and pets takes time, but the benefits are beyond measure. Before I married, I took my dog to obedience class. The first thing I was told was it takes patience to teach a new behavior, consistency in what is expected, and most important — reward the dog with praise, praise, praise for correct behavior. Either ignore the bad behavior or do a quick correction and then stop nagging. Dog training also taught me how to raise my children. While a child or pet is learning a new behavior or task, we repeat it many times. We never attempt to make corrections when we are stressed or short-tempered. Most children, pets, husbands and wives hear only what they are doing wrong. In our house, if someone makes a mistake, there is a quick correction followed by praise for what they are doing right. No nagging, no reliving it over and over.

Dell Curry finished with 23 points and Anthony Mason added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Hornets. Rebounds Olajuwon scored 26 for Houston, which played without Charles Barkley (sprained ankle). Raptors 116, Timberwolves 108. At Toronto, Williams tied a club record with six 3-pointers and shot 12-of-20 from the field. The Raptors shot a season-high 55.7 percent from the field and made 12 of 20 3-point attempts.

It's important, Abby, to save the pets and children that are running wild, not just dispose of the pets and give up on the children. — PATIENCE, CONSISTENCY AND PRAISE IN MINNEAPOLIS

Carlos Rogers scored 24 points off the bench on 9-of-13 shooting. Marcus Camby chipped in 23 points, Damon Stoudamire had a season-high 17 assists and 12 points and Doug Christie had 17 points.

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Father should be exception to sons' silent punishment

DEAR ABBY: I am the divorced father of two sons, ages 8 and 11. My ex-wife and I are both remarried and I get to see the boys quite often, as their mother and I maintain a fairly civil relationship. The boys live with their mother and her new husband. Quite often when I call to speak to one (or both) of my sons, I am told they are being punished for some infraction, so they are not allowed to speak to anyone on the phone during this period. Abby, I contend I am not just "anyone" — I am their father. I do not call often, and I like to keep up with their activities. And if they are having some problem, I would like to speak with them about it. I might add that I have no problem with disciplining the boys. They are normally well-mannered. I feel I am being used as part of their punishment, which is unfair and I resent it. Am I wrong? I will abide by whatever you think. — A LOVING FATHER

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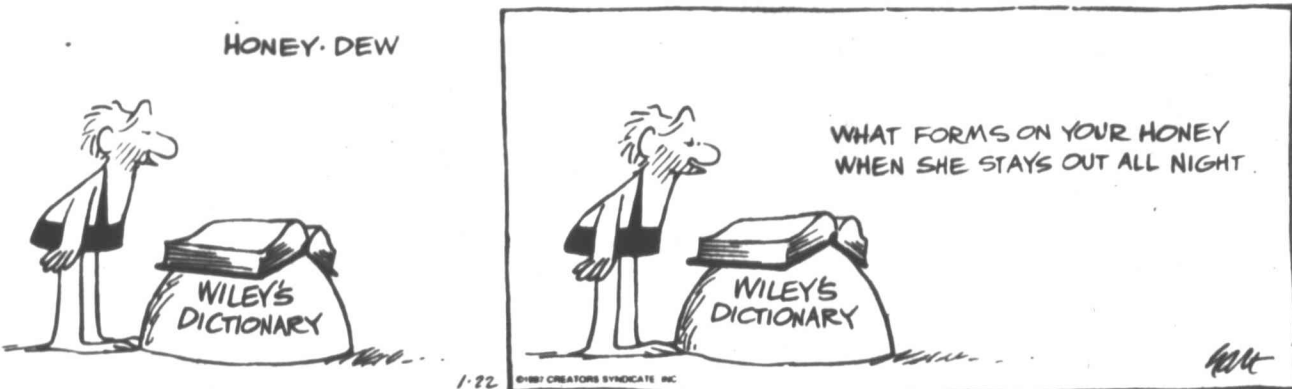
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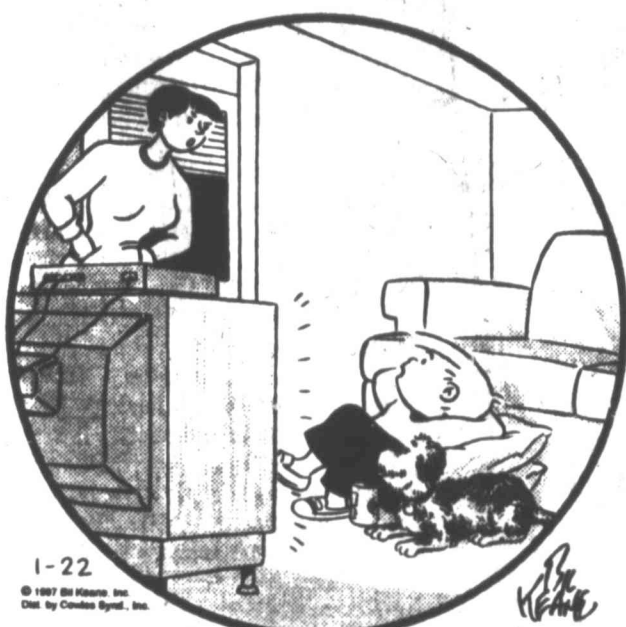
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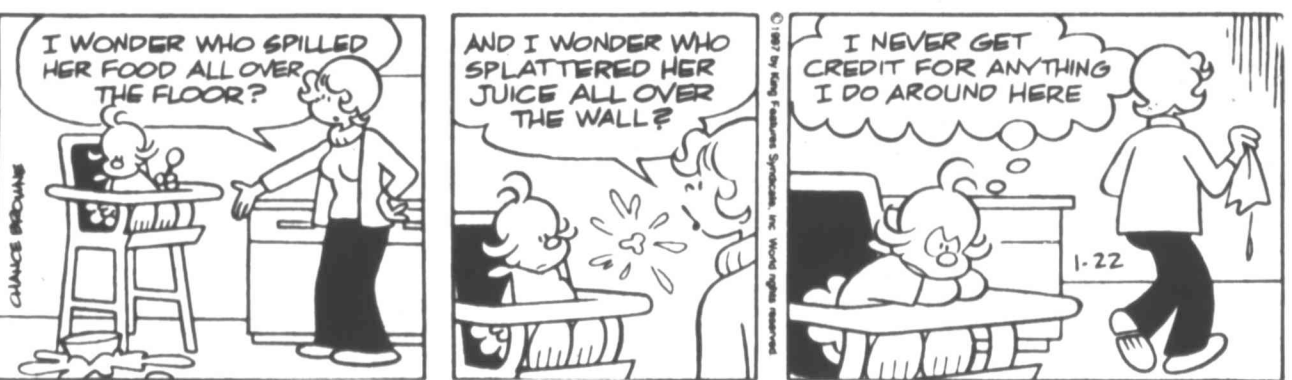
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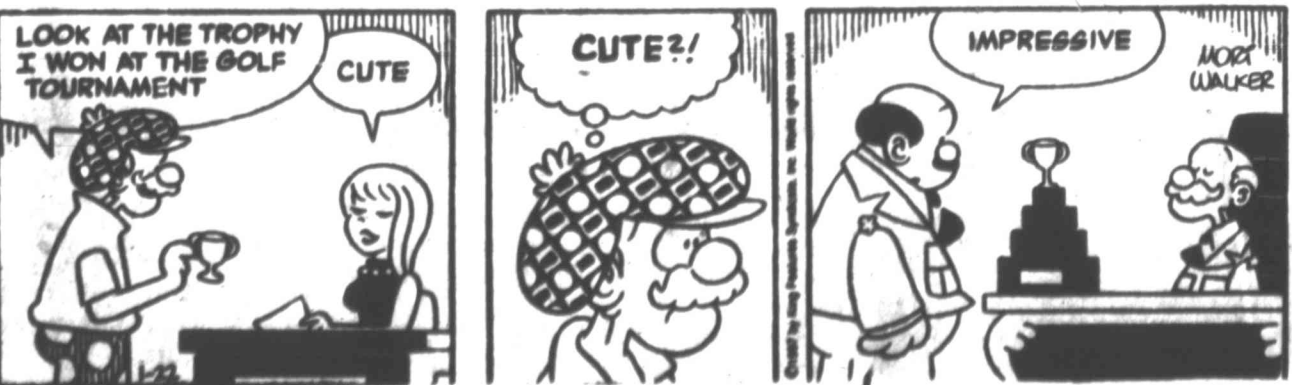
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Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 22, 1917, President Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." By April, however, the United States also was at war.

On this date: In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 82.

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died. He was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time, in Princeton, N.J.

In 1963, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible" opened on Broadway.

In 1957, suspected "Mad Bomber" George P. Metesky, accused of planting more than 30 explosive devices in the New York City area, was arrested in Waterbury, Conn.

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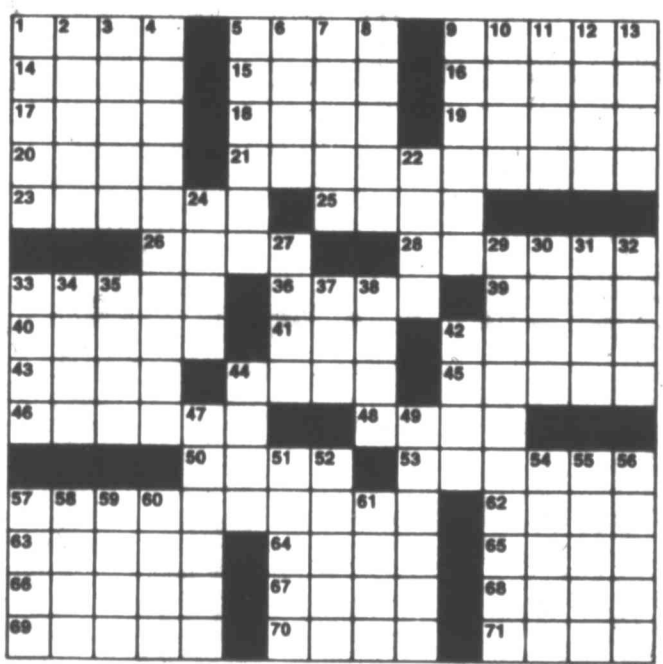
In 1973, in its Roe vs. Wade decision, the Supreme Court legalized abortions, using a trimester approach.

In 1973, former President Johnson died at age 64.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the family compound in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104.

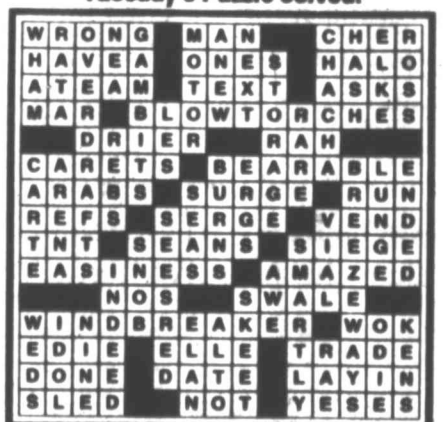
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- 9 Viewpoint
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- 19 -- nous (confidentially)
- 20 List ender
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- 25 Merit
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Ten years ago: Pennsylvania treasurer R. Budd Dwyer, convicted of defrauding the state, proclaimed his innocence at a news conference before shooting himself to death in front of horrified spectators.

Five years ago: President Bush named Andrew H. Card Jr. to be transportation secretary. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with seven astronauts.

One year ago: The White House announced that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had been subpoenaed by the Whitewater special prosecutor to testify before a grand jury investigating the mysterious discovery of her law firm billing records in the White House residence. O.J. Simpson testified for the first time since the killings of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend, Ronald Goldman, as he gave a videotaped deposition for a wrongful death lawsuit.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Sothern is 88. Former Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., is 69. Actress Piper Laurie is 66. Former Delaware Gov. Pierre S. du Pont IV is 62. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 60. Actor John Hurt is 57. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 45. Rock singer Steve Perry is 44. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is 40. Actress Linda Blair is 38. Rock singer Michael Hutchence (INXS) is 37. Actress Diane Lane is 34. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 32. Actress Olivia d'Abo is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gay (Shal) is 28. Actor Balthazar Getty is 22.

Thought for Today: "Advertising has done more to cause the social unrest of the 20th century than any other single factor." — Clare Boothe Luce, American author, politician and diplomat (1903-1987).