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## Opening of Furr's Cafeteria just around the corner

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Hiring of employees continues, last minute details are being ironed out and construction crews are now working on the parking lot of the new Furr's Cafeteria. Company officials have scheduled a 10 a.m. Feb. 12 ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony.

Furr's marketing representative Donna Luna said Furr's will charter a bus for half of its corporate staff to come to Big Spring and have lunch at the new facility Feb. 7.

The other half of the corporate staff will travel to Big Spring for lunch at the cafeteria on Feb. 10," Luna said.

Luna added, "Big Spring residents will get a chance to see the cafeteria up close on Feb. 8 during an open house for the

public from noon until 3 p.m., and refreshments will be served."

At 6 p.m. Feb. 10, according to Luna, Furr's will have an invitation-only open house and dinner for Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials, members of the media and those in attendance at the Furr's ground-breaking ceremony last summer.

The new prototype cafeteria in Big Spring, which has been billed "the cafeteria of the 21st Century," is the first new cafeteria Furr's/Bishop's has built in 10 years.

Furr's/Bishop's has 100 cafeterias in 13 states with annual revenues of more than \$200 million, and the 325-seat, 9,000 square-foot Big Spring facility will represent a change in the way Furr's normally approaches the cafeteria business.

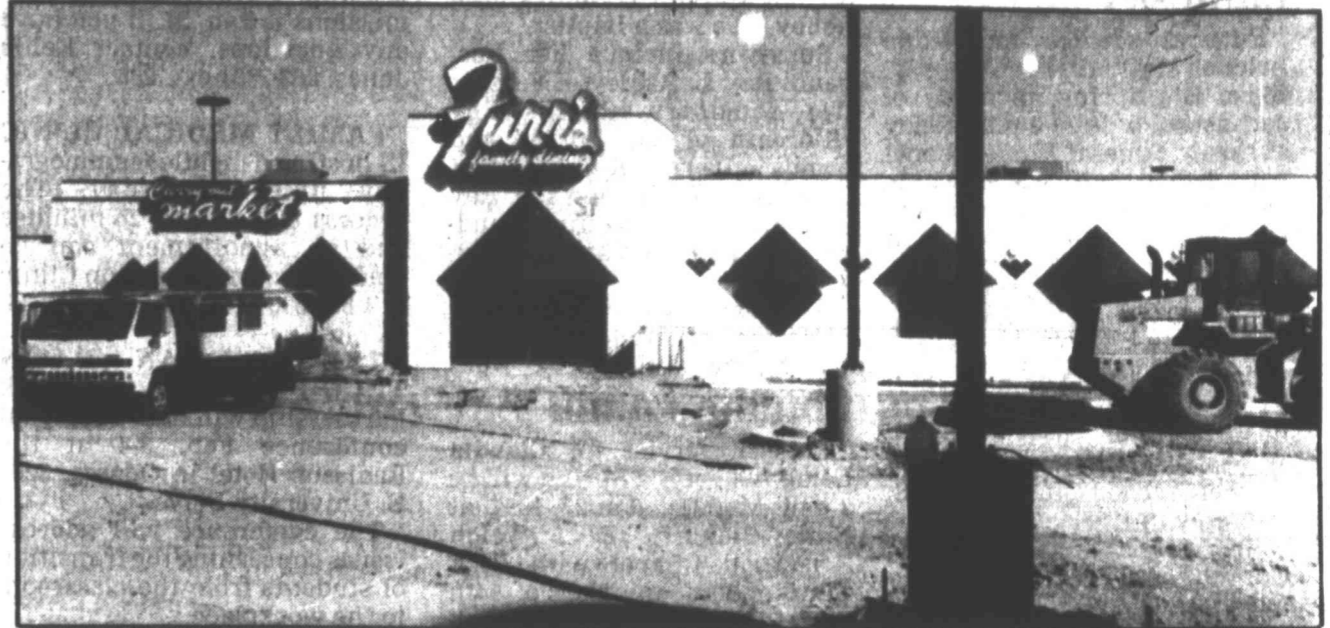
During its previous stay in Big Spring, local residents enjoyed the cafeteria atmosphere for 27 1/2 years. Furr's left the Big Spring area in February 1994, and will officially reopen almost three years to the day it left.

Two 60-foot signs 20 feet in diameter let local residents know they are approaching the facility. The signs are clearly visible up and down FM 700 as well as Gregg Street (U.S. Hwy. 87).

Back in 1994, some 30 people lost their jobs when Furr's announced it would close until a new building was constructed. Three years later, Furr's has a new building and will employ somewhere between 50 and 75 people.

According to Furr's

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The finishing touches are being put on the new Furr's Cafeteria including paving the parking lot. Furr's representatives will be interviewing people for kitchen help, line servers, wait staff, dish-room attendants and carry-out personnel at the cafeteria Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### GRASS FIRE DESTROYS 500 ACRES



A grass fire rages on the north service road of Interstate 20 Friday afternoon. The blaze burned more than 500 acres across the highway from Bowl-A-Rama and the westbound lanes of the interstate were closed while firefighters battled the flames. As shown above, the flames reached more than 20 feet high. Below, some of the firefighters got a little singed as the fire moved very quickly.



## Howard College trustees, city council members to meet Monday and Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard College Board of Trustees will meet at noon Monday in the board room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building at Howard College to discuss several items.

Items on the agenda include the Texas Association of Community Colleges mid-winter legislative conference, and an update from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Trustees will also consider changes in both the employee and board handbooks, and will discuss President Cheri Sparks evaluation and contract in exec-

The college's Budget and Audit Committee will also meet Monday at 10 a.m. in the president's conference room to dis-

**Howard College trustees meet at noon Monday  
Big Spring City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday**

cuss the college's 1996 audit; investment policy guidelines; and the scholarship program.

Meanwhile, the Big Spring City Council will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at City Hall to discuss and consider several items.

Consent items on the agenda include final reading of an ordi-

reinvestment zone; final reading of a resolution amending tax abatement guidelines and criteria; final reading of a reso-

lution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract for the Texas Department of Public Safety Failure to Appear Program.

Council members will also hear a quarterly update on Moore Development and consider, on first reading, a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an indemnity agreement with Cornell Corrections.

### Routine call nets seven pounds of marijuana

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

A routine response to a dog call to the Howard County Sheriff's Department resulted in the discovery of seven bags of marijuana in an abandoned trailer home in Sand Springs Saturday afternoon.

Deputy Ed Covington responded to the 100 block of Moore Road at about 12:30 p.m. in response to a call from a woman who reported her dog had been mauled by a Rottweiler.

According to Covington, while in the process of investigating the call, the woman told him she had been informed by a child in the neighborhood that there was marijuana in an abandoned trailer near her property.

"I decided to investigate because I considered the information to be reliable and the door to the abandoned trailer was open and the inside was



Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Covington poses with seven pounds of marijuana he found in an abandoned trailer home. The discovery came when Covington answered a routine dog call in Sand Springs.

exposed to public view," Covington said.

Of the seven bags of marijuana found, Covington said two were found under an old foot stool and two more were found in an old clothes dryer.

According to the Sheriff Bill Jennings, each bag weighs

approximately one pound and has a street value of about \$125 per ounce or \$2,000 a bag. The total estimated street value of the marijuana is about \$14,000.

Covington said arrests are pending as the investigation into who owns the marijuana continues.

## Counts named to NRC

HERALD Staff Report

District 70 State Rep. David Counts has been named chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee (NRC) by Texas House Speaker Pete Laney.

The NRC has oversight of the state's water resources, including water districts, river authorities, the Texas Natural Resources Commission and the Water Development board.

Counts was also named to the powerful State Affairs Committee, which has its perspective on matters of state policy, the administration, organization, and duties of state government, as well as the operation and regulation of public lands.

"My appointment to the State Affairs Committee will make it easier for me to ensure the views of folks here in West Texas are represented on the various issues before the legislature," Counts said.

According to Counts, a number of issues of importance to rural West Texas will likely dominate the 75th legislative session, including water rights, property tax reform and nursing home reform.

Counts, beginning his third term as chairman of the NRC, will oversee the legislation that will attempt to provide for a quality water supply for Texas, while preserving the water and property rights of Texans, as the state moves into the next century.

"With our state's recent economic growth and population increases, we need to clearly define a plan that will provide our state with the water resources our future will demand," Counts said. "But just

as important, we have to protect the water rights held by property owners."

According to Counts, reform of the state's property tax system will be another major item on the legislative agenda this session.

"As a property owner, I understand first-hand the burden our current system has placed on local property owners," Counts said. "During the past interim, I have spent a significant amount of my time working with Gov. Bush to look at ways to alleviate some of this burden, while continuing to provide the needed funding to our public schools."

Another major item on Count's legislative agenda includes the effort to bring about a high quality of care in all state licensed nursing homes.

"During the last session, the legislature passed legislation that sought to streamline many of the contradictions between state and federal regulations of

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### Tostitos commercial dropped from Super Bowl following death

NEW YORK (AP) — A Tostitos commercial featuring a bungee jump was pulled from Sunday's Super Bowl telecast after a woman practicing a similar leap for the halftime show hit her head and died.

"Under the circumstances, the only respectful and right thing to do is to run another commercial," Plano, Texas-based Frito-Lay Inc. spokeswoman Lynn Markley said.

The commercial appears to show comic actor Chris Elliott making a bungee leap from a blimp to dip a Tostitos tortilla chip into a jar of salsa placed in the middle of a football field. It has run frequently on TV before.

On Thursday, Laura Patterson, 43, of Sarasota, Fla., died after hitting her head on the Louisiana Superdome floor while rehearsing a stunt for the halftime show in New Orleans. The NFL canceled the bungee routine.

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#### TODAY'S WEATHER

70 ▲ Highs 40  
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs around 70. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows in upper 30s to lower 40s.

Monday: Partly cloudy with highs 70-75.

Extended outlook: Tuesday and Wednesday, slightly cooler. Highs in the 60s and lows 35-40.

OBITUARIES

Ramona Faye McCullough

Funeral service for Ramona Faye McCullough, 66, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, in a local hospital.

Wilda Arlene McQuatters Campsey

Funeral service for Wilda Arlene McQuatters Campsey, 86, of Big Spring, formerly of Jacksboro, will be 2 p.m. today at Coker Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksboro, with Joe Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Markley Cemetery in Jacksboro.

Mrs. Campsey died Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Jan. 17, 1911, in Farmer. She was preceded in death by her first husband, W.W. McQuatters in 1965 and by her second husband, S.S. Campsey in 1996.

Survivors include one daughter: Louise Havens of Big Spring, three sons: Frank McQuatters of Euless, Larry McQuatters of Dallas and Joe McQuatters of Artesia, N.M.; one brother: W.L. Hoffman of Carmel Valley, Calif.; two sisters: Josephine Smith of Wichita Falls and Margie R. Young of Benbrook; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Lucille Castrejon

Funeral service for Lucille Castrejon, 60, of Knott, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at Prairie Haven Chapel in Hobbs, N.M. Interment will follow in Prairie Haven Memorial Park in Hobbs, N.M.

Mrs. Castrejon died Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, in Midland.

She was born on March 28, 1936, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Courson.

Survivors include her husband: Enrique Castrejon of Knott; two sons: Stanley Burton of Odessa and Chester Pulliam of Odessa; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Virginia Ashley, 77, died Friday, January 24, 1997. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 26, 1997, at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Claudia Lamb, 100, died Wednesday, January 22, 1997. Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday, January 27, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Ramona Faye McCullough, 66, died Saturday, January 25, 1997. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Virginia Irene Ashley

Graveside service for Virginia Irene Ashley, 77, of Forsan, will be 2 p.m. today at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder. Mrs. Ashley died Friday, Jan. 24, 1997, in Stanton.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1920, in Haskell, Okla. and married Ray L. Ashley on May 25, 1939 in Oilton, Okla.

Mrs. Ashley was a homemaker and she did ceramics as a hobby. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband: Ray L. Ashley of Forsan; two daughters: Phyllis Ray Hildreath of Big Spring and Nancy Irene Richards of Pittsburg, Calif.; one son: Ray R. Ashley of Austin; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

Claudia Lamb

Funeral service for Claudia Lamb, 100, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Lamb died on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997, in a local nursing home.

She was born on June 3, 1896 in Walker County and married Fred Burton Lamb who preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 1948. She came to Big Spring in 1938 and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Lamb was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son: Dodson Lamb of Hugo, Okla.; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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

Laura Mae Shoemaker

Funeral service for Laura Mae shoemaker, 91, of Stanton, will be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Stanton, with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shoemaker died Friday, Jan. 24, 1997, in Colorado City.

She was born Dec. 7, 1905, in Hill County. She moved to Fisher County when she was four years old and attended school at Roby. She moved to Martin County in 1926 and married to Kyle Shoemaker on July 19, 1927.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 23, 1971; and by four brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include a son: L.R. Shoemaker of Stanton; two daughters: Clara Shoemaker Clements of Stanton and Shirley Shoemaker Connell of Houston; a brother: Mac Snodgrass Jr. of San Angelo; two sisters: Ruby Henry of Aberdeen, S.D., and Eva Linegar of San Angelo; nine grandchildren and 14-great grandchildren.

BRIEFS

THE HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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 held

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each Saturday in March from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ann Farley Addy, assistant director, by calling 263-8312.

THE HERALD IS CURRENTLY seeking submissions to its monthly Recipe Corner that runs the second Wednesday of each month. Please submit any recipes you would like to see published. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less as well as recipes that are low in fat and calories are needed also.

The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Feb. 3 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Jan. 27. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC IS hosting a mobile mammography unit Wednesday. The process takes about 25 minutes and an appointment can be made by calling Shannon Clinic at 1-800-630-4143, extension 3235.

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.

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

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4076 before 3 p.m.

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 post-paid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. 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.

THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS AT Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

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

In Big Spring, contact Connie Zant at Elrod's or Dorothy

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Ringner at Jiffy Car Wash for the cook books. You may call Sands School, Zaida Bilbo 353-4314, Sharon Hambrick 353-4744 or Alison Foster at 353-4574 for a copy of the cook book.

AREA MILITARY VETERANS CAN get flu vaccinations at no cost at the Big Spring Veterans' Administration Medical Center. Inoculations will be given in the main lobby at the VA.

Veterans registered at the Big Spring Veterans' Administration Medical Center will be required to show their blue or purple VA cards while any veteran not registered must do so prior to receiving a flu shot.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 235, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 3 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

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

MONDAY - Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

TUESDAY - Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

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

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CASH 3-1-5-2 Texas Lottery LOTTO: 14, 19, 22, 29, 37, 42

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.

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

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

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

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

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Counts

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care homes, but ended up relaxing standards too much," Counts said.

He added, "My hope is to pass a measure that gets rid of the contradictions in state and federal law, while maintaining a high quality of care for nursing home residents. The agenda before us will be of tremendous importance for years to come."

Counts is planning a series of town hall meetings throughout District 70 to provide information on these and other issues and seek information from local citizens.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

GARY LEONARD NEWTON, 32, of 510 E. 13th, was arrested on local warrants.

TRACY NEWELL JOHNSTON, 36, of Eastland, was arrested for fraudulent removal of writing.

JOHN ANTHONY GALAVIZ, 17, of 2109 Main, was arrested on local warrants.

FRANCISCO DEJESUS NIETO, 18, of 709 Johnson, was arrested on local warrants.

VALARIE ANN QUINTERO, 18, of 2707 Carol, was arrested on local warrants.

KELLY DEAN ALLEN, 38, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication and failure to control speed.

GAS THEFT in the 2300 block of Wesson.

THEFT in the 300 block of Gregg; and 2000 block of Gregg.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1100 block of Wood; and the 2900 block of W. Eighth.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1000 block of Wood.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1900 block of Wesson.

ASSAULT in the 2000 block of Goliad.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1600 block of E. Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENBAZ, 31, of 300 Bell, was arrested on a bondsmen off bond warrant for driving with a suspended license, and was released on a \$5,500 bond.

ALONSO CARRILLO MORA, 25, of Midland, was arrested for public intoxication.

CECIL LEE SHERMAN, 30, of HC 69 Box 154, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

PAMMY SUE PUGA, 31, of 1508 Kentucky Way, was arrested for serving beer to intoxicated persons, and released on a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

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# Texas Legislature, 'Republic' on a collision course

AUSTIN (AP) — It's a tale of two places called Texas.

One has an ornate 100-year-old Capitol, dozens of stately offices and billions of dollars.

The other claims it. But now, the state of Texas Legislature is firing new legal volleys at the Republic of Texas' claims.

Lawmakers propose — and Gov. George W. Bush declared it an emergency — new penalties for filing false court judgments and bogus liens.

"It is time for the state of Texas to shut down the paper terrorism activities of the self-styled Republic of Texas," said Rep. Will Hartnett, R-Dallas, in introducing one bill.

Hartnett said the fraudulent paperwork has cost taxpayers, courts and the state hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Members of the Republic movement contend that then-independent Texas was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845 and should be its own country again.

"What we want to do is wake the people up and educate the people that Texas lawfully stands as a nation," Archie Lowe, the Republic's president, said in an interview.

Gerald Treese, a professor at the South Texas College of Law in Houston, said that regardless of any arguments about the 1845 annexation, there's no question that Texas is one of the 50 United States.

"The problem with their argument is that there was something called the Civil War. Whatever we were — a territory, an island, a state — we agreed to readmittance to the

Union as a state. That's not argument. That's just a fact," Treese said.

"That we were at one time a country is unique, is remarkable, is entertaining — but it simply doesn't lead anywhere."

Since 1986, officials say, the Republic has ordered Bush to leave office; asked county sheriffs to go to work for them; told the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies to leave the state; and used its own "courts" to issue liens.

Lowe denies that the group is waging a paper war. He said the Republic's only lien was filed against the state seeking "to return to the people of Texas their property."

Asked whether members of the group had filed liens, he replied, "I couldn't say. There are a lot of patriots out there

who are pretty fed up with the way things are going."

The state and federal governments have responded in court.

Attorney General Dan Morales won contempt-of-court citations against the Republic and its officials in October after a state district judge had ordered the group to stop filing fraudulent documents.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton III ordered the arrest of Republic "ambassador" Richard McLaren after McLaren failed to appear in Bunton's Pecos courtroom. Bunton had warned the Republic and its representatives to quit filing bogus liens.

Morales has said that "hundreds if not thousands" of bogus liens are choking the state's property records systems.

Property liens, legal or not, can cause financial and legal

difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets in other financial deals. Even if bogus, it generally takes court action to remove them.

"It's clogged up county clerks' offices and lots of the courts. It's been used as a form of harassment and intimidation against anyone with whom they have a disagreement," said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Morales.

Morales last year told county and district clerks not to accept or file property liens issued by any courts not established by the constitution or state law. But Tisdale said it still leaves clerks trying to determine whether liens are valid.

"The problem is, some of these look official. You are just doing your normal business as

a clerk and you might think it was a lien," he said.

Hartnett's bill would make distribution, use and filing of fraudulent court papers a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$4,000 fine and a year in jail. The lawmaker said the current state law prohibiting such filings isn't strong enough to prosecute anyone for violating it.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, also filed legislation to make presenting a false court record a crime. The bill is being sought by county clerks in his district "who were telling me about the problem they're having with people filing bogus liens." After a request from Morales, Gov. Bush declared the issue an "emergency," lifting constitutional time limits so lawmakers can give it quick attention.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

### Officer says 75 burglaries bought 'high life'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A group of upper-middle-class thieves who targeted affluent families stole about \$4 million in property and cash in more than 75 burglaries before their arrests, authorities said.

The San Antonio men — named in an 11-count federal indictment made public Friday — used mobile telephones, beepers and stolen vehicles to carry out daring break-ins that netted guns, jewelry, electronic equipment and Persian rugs.

Before the men were arrested, federal agents learned through tips the group might be planning to hit expensive homes nationwide.

Six of the seven defendants named in the indictment that capped a yearlong investigation were behind bars Saturday, while an arrest warrant was in effect for the seventh man, officials said.

The indictment alleges the group conspired between September 1994 and June 1996 to burglarize seven homes in San Antonio and the surrounding area. But according to authorities, the men are responsible for more than 75 break-ins in Bexar and Comal counties.

### Tenet Corp. expresses interest in buying Baylor hospitals

DALLAS (AP) — Tenet Healthcare Corp., the nation's

second-largest hospital chain, is considering buying Baylor Health Care System for about \$1.2 billion, according to Baylor hospital executives and others involved in the matter.

A consultant told the Baylor University Board of Regents Jan. 17 in Waco he had discussed the possibility of a sale with Tenet officials and they were interested in buying Baylor. Officials of Tenet, a for-profit company based in Santa Barbara, Calif., were also in Waco that day, but did not address the board.

The consultant, Josh Nemzoff of Nashville, Tenn., has been hired by the Board of Regents to study whether Baylor Health Care System — one of Dallas' largest hospital networks — should be sold or consolidated with another nonprofit system. Last Friday, the Baylor board called a news conference to announce that it was launching such a study.

### Former prosecutor agrees to pay \$5,000 in settlement

BEAUMONT (AP) — An ex-prosecutor who invested in a device that claims to detect items from illicit drugs to lost golf balls has settled a civil complaint alleging he improperly used his office by being involved with the makers of Quadro Tracker.

Guy Lee Womack invested in distribution rights for the device while serving as an assistant U.S. attorney in

Houston and violent crimes coordinator for the office. Womack, who resigned from the federal post, also agreed to pay \$5,000.

A criminal trial against two company officers and a Shreveport, La., distributor accused of mail fraud and conspiracy continues Monday. The men are accused of making false representations in marketing literature about the device.

### Burglar escapes private facility

LOCKHART (AP) — Authorities were searching for a man nearly finished with two 30-year burglary sentences who escaped from a private jail Friday, a state prison official said.

Cecil Comans, 35, is believed to have fled the minimum security Lockhart Unit operated by Wackenhut Corrections by climbing over a back fence during a heavy fog.

A patrol officer responding to an alarm at the fence shortly after 7:30 a.m. didn't see anything suspicious, said Larry Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Several inmates noticed Comans missing, and he was declared an escapee around 1 p.m. after a bed count.

Comans was serving concurrent 30-year sentences for burglary of habitation and burglary of a building, Fitzgerald said.

## Business activity tax will hit consumers, group says

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's expanded look at business taxes may reach consumers, but probably not the average Joe.

Bush plans to unveil his tax plan in his State of the State Address Tuesday.

The plan is expected to include replacing the franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory with a new business activity tax — which would include an expanded number of businesses.

The plan also is expected to include an increase to the state sales tax.

The tax proposal is an attempt to reduce local school property taxes paid by residential and commercial property owners while increasing the money the state contributes to public schools. The money would come from less sources, but a larger tax base.

"Gov. Bush has said from the

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

The proposal is sparking debate among attorneys, architects and other "professional" organizations.

The businesses, which are mostly organized as professional associations or partnerships, don't currently pay franchise taxes.

Bush's proposal would require them to pay taxes — unless their gross revenues are less than \$500,000.

The new levy would tax a company's gross receipts, subtracting the cost of goods and materials, and also subtracting capital investments in equipment.

The Austin Regional Clinic,

one of the largest physicians' group practices in the city, is exempt from the franchise tax. But the new tax "clearly will apply to us if it's passed as described," said Tom Young, clinic executive administrator.

"Clearly, like any other tax, it becomes a business expense, which then has to be passed on to the people who pay us," he said.

But while the businesses might offset the tax burden with higher fees, at least one analyst says the average consumer won't feel it.

"Legal services and real estate brokers are disproportionately used by higher income families," Dick Lavine, a fiscal analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, has said.

"If you just raise the rate on the current tax rate, you're increasing the burden on lower-income families."

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### Quote of the Day

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer."  
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### OUR VIEWS

## Friday grass fire a seasonal reminder

Friday's grass fire, east of the bowling alley on the south side of the I-20 frontage road, should serve as our seasonal reminder/wake-up call.

Just as Donovan sang about "The Season of the Witch" 20 years ago, it's time for us to sing the cautions of "the season of the grass fire."

Recall, if you will, that it was just about a year ago that a raging fire, swept along by gusty winds, burned up to the fence row behind homes in the Capehart Addition.

And don't forget that it was also last spring when we had a fire break out between Big Spring and Stanton that consumed several thousand acres south of the Union Pacific tracks.

Be careful with fire.

Remember what Smokey Bear tells us.

Smokers, please be aware that there are others who share this planet with you before you roll down the window and toss out that lighted butt.

As you start spring cleaning in the yard, remember how dry things are before you rake everything in a pile and light up.

Be careful.

## Comanche's fees lower, higher than others in immediate WT area

During the discussion of the golf course issue, one statement that has been made more than once is that golfers at Comanche Trail Golf Course pay considerably less than golfers at other courses.

Well, yes and no.

Fees, in general, at Comanche Trail are comparable to other courses open to the public in West Texas and probably not enough to make an appreciable difference in revenues generated.

The weekday golf fee (18 holes) at Comanche is \$9 — 50 cents less than Hogan in Midland, the same as San Angelo's Riverside and less than Odessa Sunset's \$10 and The Citadel in San Angelo's \$18.

Odessa's Ratliff Ranch has a combination of fees starting at \$12. There's a \$9 twilight fee, an \$8 senior fee and a \$7 junior fee.

Weekend rates at Comanche are \$14, which is \$2 more than Riverside and the same as Hogan. Sunset is \$15, Ratliff Ranch is \$17 (\$14 from 12-2 p.m. and \$12 twilight) and The Citadel is \$21 for 18 holes.

Cart fees are \$16 here vs. \$15 at Hogan and Sunset, \$16 at Ratliff (\$12 single), \$18 at The Citadel and a paltry \$6.50 at Riverside.

Only four of the courses have some sort of monthly/annual fee program — Comanche, Hogan, Riverside and The Citadel.

Comanche has a \$65 monthly fee and a \$325 annual fee while Hogan has a \$300 annual fee for golfers 65 and over only. Riverside has a \$700 annual fee, while The Citadel has a set of three annual fees.

The new San Angelo course, where long-time San Angelo Country Club Pro Don Bryant is now the professional, charges \$800 for an under-18 annual fee, \$1,000 for 65 and over and \$1,400 for everyone in-between 18 and 65.

According to a couple of local golfers, one of the things that needs to be addressed at Comanche is a practice area and the establishment of a junior golf program.

Two golfers who visited me last week pointed out there was \$15,000 currently in the golf improvement fund and cited the need to invest that money in the course.

One of their suggestions was to possibly hire an architect to redesign three or four holes.

"We need improvements," they said. "It (the course) needs to be more of a challenge to good golfers and it needs to be fair to the not-so-good golfers."

One of their thoughts was to lay out a five or six year plan to get something on the table to where improvements in the course can be implemented.

It's clear that local golfers are hopeful they will be able to work with the Park Board to implement changes and improvements in the course that will help increase the number of golfers (youth program) and make the course better.

They say they are concerned about being able to do this because the chairman of the golf committee wasn't given the opportunity to make the trip to Lubbock to view the facilities under the management of the firm that was talking with the city.

Just as the Park Board looks at the city parks, so does another group working on another project.

The golf course, along with all of the other city park facilities, are things a group of about 15 local residents serving on the Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee are looking at.

The development of a Parks Master Plan, just like the City Master Plan, is a long-term project but it's something we started late in the summer and includes a variety of areas, including equipment, equipment maintenance, multiple use facilities, financing, grants and other areas.

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



### State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

by  
Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
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Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has asked lawmakers to review the state's school funding law and look for a fairer way to pay for public education.

Bullock said the so-called Robin Hood law that purported to take from rich school districts and give to the poorer districts actually takes from some relatively poor districts.

Under the law, 91 or the 1,044 school districts in Texas must share an estimated \$350 million in taxes with needy school districts. But, according to statistics used by Bullock, 54 of those 91 school districts have per capita personal income below the state average of \$19,716.

"This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people. Property wealth that can come from a major industry, a plant or oil wells does not always mean the people are rich."

"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," Bullock said.

Bullock's spokesman, Mike Halley, said the lieutenant governor supports the idea of dedicating lottery profits to the funding of public education. In a nutshell, Halley said, about 60 percent of the net lottery proceeds go to education now, with about two-thirds of that going to public education and the rest to higher education.

If the projected \$2.7 billion in 1996-97 lottery profits goes to education in the 1989-99 biennium, the other programs currently receiving 40 percent would need another \$1.1 billion to be funded at the proposed budget bill level.

"The Legislature could just make the shift or it could come up with an additional \$1 billion to keep Peter happy."

"One way or another, education would get the state's take on the lottery as lots of Texans have presumed it would all along," Halley said.

The Texas Lottery Commission reports that seven out of 10 adult Texans bought at least one lottery ticket last year.

The twice-weekly Lotto Texas game was the most popular.

The Victoria area topped all other areas in lottery participation with 79 percent of adults buying tickets.

Sen. J.B. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, has filed a rewrite of Texas water law that has no provision overhauling the rule of capture.

The rule lets landowners pump as much water as they wish, regardless of its effect on neighboring wells.

Brown predicted, however, that lawmakers would debate the rule of capture as part of a broader reappraisal of state water law, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Related issues expected to be raised include:

- Transfers of water from one river to another;
- Drought planning and conservation;
- Financial assistance to small water systems;
- State bonding authority;
- Surface water management; and
- Water resource studies.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, filed a bill last week that would make it harder for state prison inmates to be released early.

"We're going to slam the revolving door in Texas prisons," said Whitmire, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

If passed into law, the legislation would discontinue the 1977 "mandatory supervision law" that automatically frees some inmates before they serve their

full sentences. The system rewards inmates with credits for good behavior.

"Automatic release based on a mathematical formula is nuts ... and must be stopped," Whitmire said.

Gov. Bush has named three nominees for the University of Texas System Board of Regents. The nominees are: Tony Sanchez, a Laredo oilman, civic leader and philanthropist; Patrick Oxford, a lawyer from Houston; and A.W. "Dub" Riter, a retired bank chairman from Tyler. The appointments, all for six-year terms, are effective Feb. 1, subject to senate confirmation.

Legislation aimed at halting the Republic of Texas' use of phony court judgments and property liens could get quick attention from the Legislature. Gov. Bush has declared the issue an emergency, which means constitutional time limits are waived and lawmakers can now take up the measure.

Texasians licensed to carry concealed handguns would no longer face charges of trespassing for carrying guns on public property under a bill filed by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena. Patterson said concealed-gun bans established by local governments and state agencies are illegal because the Constitution says only the Legislature can regulate the "wearing of arms."

### YOUR VIEWS

#### Council approach to course one that develops long-term solutions under pro/manager

TO THE EDITOR:  
In response to Sunday, Jan. 19, editorial, I would like to rebut (what I believe to be) several misleading statements regarding Comanche Trail Golf Course:

When various management firms have expressed interest in a long-term lease of the course, each requested initial capital investments by the city of approximately \$1 million before their companies would consider entering into a lease. The validity of such an investment, only to relinquish the potential for revenue, seemed questionable at best. A new computerized record keeping system at the golf course supplies more accurate and detailed financial accounts, as well as improved records for fees and course use. This makes possible the changes in operating procedures that resulted in a projected "break even" point and even the possibility of profits for the first time in years.

We believe that, with a bit of

patience and continued hard work, the course can be improved and, as you put it, "brought up to par" under city management.

The opinions offered during numerous public meetings seem to confirm this belief, resounding clearly the citizens' wishes to continue course operations through the city. With all of these factors in mind, the city has made a commitment to developing long-term solutions for Comanche Trail Golf Course under the supervision of a pro/manager and feel that the rewards will be worth the efforts we invest. We feel fortunate to have such an asset to offer, not only to our citizens, but also to the tourists that our course could draw to Big Spring.

In the future, rather than focusing merely on the city's shortcoming, I hope that we can count on you for support of our efforts to find solutions that will provide the citizens of Big Spring with what we believe will be the best results for our community.

TIM BLACKSHEAR  
Mayor  
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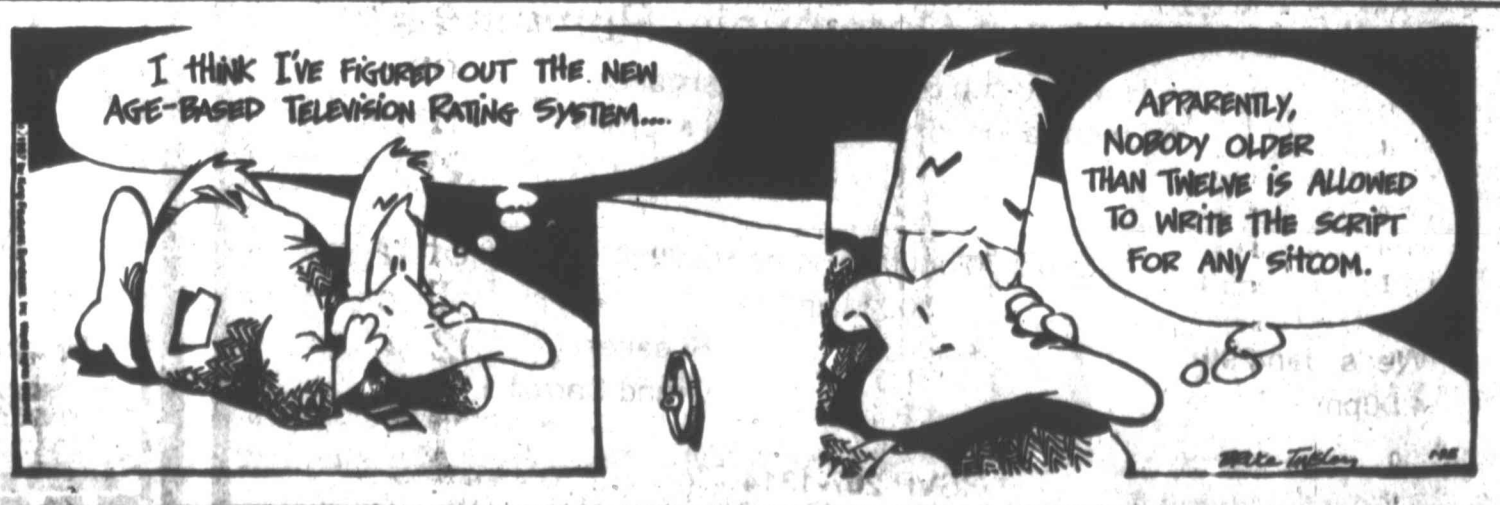
#### Golf course problems not new or subject to 'quick fix'

TO THE EDITOR:  
After reading the editorial in Sunday, Jan. 19, paper, I wanted to explain my position on the golf course issue. First, I believe many improvements have been made to the golf course over the past 18 months. I attribute this, in part, to the current administration and to the many citizens who have expressed their opinions and devoted their time to either making suggestions or serving on various committees intended to provide guidance and support to the city administration.

In my opinion, the golf course has been "broken" for many years and the many problems presented cannot be "fixed" in a short time period. Adding to the problem is there are limited financial resources available. This has not changed in many years. However, improvements are now (and have been) being made. Because of the commitment the current parks board, city administration, and city council has made to the course, I believe we will continue to see real improvements continue to be made.

JIM CAMPBELL  
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# Shoe photos as much a bombshell as Fuhrman racial slurs

**SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)** — The timing was superb: Just as O.J. Simpson's photo expert was swearing that a shot of Simpson in Italian designer shoes had to be fake, up pop 30 photos taken at the same place on the same day — with Simpson wearing the same blazer, same slacks, same shoes.

The plaintiffs had rested their case. The defense had Robert Groden on the stand, where he would state that the single frame of Simpson striding across grass at a 1993 football game in Bruno Magli shoes was bogus, that the negative showed clear signs of tampering.

The 30 new frames from a second photographer were a bombshell.

The late evidence, which the

plaintiffs introduced to try to impeach Groden's expert testimony, echoed the startling moment near the end of Simpson's murder trial when the defense played audiotapes of police Detective Mark Fuhrman muttering racial slurs.

Whether new evidence will benefit the plaintiffs in this trial to the degree the tapes aided the defense in the first trial is, for now, an open question.

But both episodes point to the importance of new evidence, especially when it comes at an opportune time.

Plaintiffs in the wrongful death trial brought in new evidence, from the shoe photographs to angry diary entries of Nicole Brown Simpson.

Attorneys also introduced references to Simpson's falling a lie-detector test, a secretly recorded police tape of the Simpsons after an argument, details of Simpson's police interrogation, testimony on the rarity of carpet fibers, and evidence about the Bronco chase.

The defense had new hands to play as well. Simpson, of course, took the stand for the first time to emphatically deny he was the killer.

And police criminalist Dennis Fung, questioned about apparently new details in a photograph of a crime-scene glove, blurted out that the evidence glove might have been switched with another. He later retracted the statement.

The new evidence generally

fell into three categories: material available before — that most helped plaintiffs in the wrongful death trial.

The 30 photos were taken by E.J. Flammer and depicted Simpson at a 1993 Buffalo Bills football game, the same game where he was photographed by free-lancer Harry Scull.

An FBI shoeprint analyst testified all the pictures show Simpson wearing the same kind of Bruno Magli shoes that left bloody prints near the bodies of Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The new photos, not only served to place Simpson at the crime scene, but also attacked his credibility since he had denied wearing such "ugly" shoes and tried to prove Scull's

picture was a fake.

"The (Flammer photos) are the single most important addition to the case, and the thing that will blow the hole through the physical evidence component," said Southwestern University law professor Robert Pugsley. "And the defense's inability to challenge their authenticity is the final nail for the plaintiffs in their case."

The plaintiffs certainly thought so, too, as attorney Daniel Petrocelli stated in closing arguments.

"The question is — the only question is — did Mr. Simpson have Bruno Magli shoes, size 12? If that photo is real, O.J. Simpson is guilty. O.J. Simpson is the killer. That's it. It's the end of the ball game."

# Children abandoned in Atlantic City crack house

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)** — It was four blocks from the glitzy casinos that lined the Boardwalk, but a world away.

Ten children, left by their parents with no adult supervision, managed to survive for three weeks without heat, electricity or running water.

The children, ages 2 to 16, apparently lived on canned vegetables and brought in buckets of water to use in a toilet. Authorities also found a hole in the roof, bedspreads covering a back door, dog feces in a hallway and soggy floorboards ready to collapse.

The situation was discovered Thursday when a neighbor

complained that the smell of kerosene was emanating from the two-story rowhouse just blocks from the city's casino strip.

When authorities got closer, they also found the house smelled of drugs.

"As soon as you hit the top of the steps, all you could smell was crack," said Garry Alston, the city's chief code enforcement officer. There was evidence of drug use in the house, he said.

The city boarded up the house Friday and posted signs that read: "Warning. This structure is unfit for human occupancy."

Police were also searching for the parents of the children.

When authorities tried to question the children, an 11-year-old boy who appeared to be in charge told them not to talk, according to Hugh Gallagher, a city inspector.

The children were two sets of siblings. One set had six children, the other four.

Seven of the children were taken to Atlantic City Medical Center to be evaluated. No medical treatment was needed and all were placed in foster care.

Some of the children told authorities they were from Camden and Philadelphia and that one of the mothers dropped

them off at the house three weeks ago.

"The younger ones weren't ready to talk to us. The ones that were talking were getting smacked by their 11-year-old brother for talking to us," Gallagher said.

An aunt of at least one of the children lived down the street and was checking on them from time to time, but no adults were staying at the house, Gallagher said.

"This is obviously a frustrating situation, one that makes all of us upset, as it would any reasonable person," Mayor James Whelan said.

# New York threatens to sue America Online over busy signals

**NEW YORK (AP)** — New York's attorney general says the state will sue America Online unless the company promises refunds and stops promoting a pricing plan it can't reliably deliver.

"You don't sell 10,000 tickets to a theater that you have only 3,000 seats for," Attorney General Dennis Vacco said. "Consumers that want refunds should be able to get refunds."

Vacco said he notified AOL in a letter that a lawsuit alleging false advertising and "repeated and persistent fraud" would be filed next Thursday unless the company provides a satisfactory response.

The move was made after representatives from Vacco's office and 19 other state attorneys general voiced their concerns with

AOL officials in Chicago. Details from that meeting weren't disclosed.

America Online chairman Steve Case, appearing later on the cable network CNBC, said the company was not considering any refunds. And an AOL spokeswoman would say only that the company was progressing toward "an understanding" with the attorneys general.

AOL also has been named in a growing number of lawsuits by individual customers who say the pricing plan amounts to breach of contract.

The problems stem from AOL's decision in December to start charging subscribers \$19.95 a month for unlimited online time, instead of \$9.95 for the first five hours of usage and \$2.95 for each hour thereafter.

Usage skyrocketed, overwhelming the company's computers. AOL said its members spent a total of 102 million hours online in December, up from 45 million in September. The increase far outpaced the company's ability to add new equipment to handle it.

Things got so bad that last week, AOL pleaded with its members to reduce online time while more capacity is added. The company also said it would cut back on marketing efforts to lure new members.

At the same time, a series of technical problems unrelated to usage have caused partial outages and prevented people from receiving e-mail or using the service's chat rooms at times.

Jumping to take advantage of the bad publicity, archrival

CompuServe is planning to air a commercial during Sunday's Super Bowl that contains a thinly-veiled stab at AOL's usage problems — 15 seconds of a blank screen accompanied by a busy signal.

AOL has promised to spend \$350 million to upgrade its network, with most of the money going toward adding modems and building a new data center. The problems won't go away until sometime this spring.

Other online services offer unlimited access plans, including the Microsoft Network, but Vacco said the bulk of about 100 complaints sent to his office in recent weeks concerned AOL.

America Online stock closed down 50 cents at \$36.75 a share Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

# Southwest Airlines plane receives bomb threat

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)** — A bomb threat note that a Southwest Airlines passenger said he found in his seat turned out to have been written by him, investigators charge.

Frank Lopez Jr., 28, of New Orleans, was charged Friday with making a bomb threat that forced a flight from New Orleans to Orlando to make an unscheduled landing at Pensacola Regional Airport.

Flight 475 was over the Florida panhandle Friday with 39 passengers and five crew members when Lopez handed the note to a flight attendant.

The handwritten note, which Lopez said he found in a seat pocket with a magazine, said, "Bomb on Plane Plane will in explode in flight Seriously," according to an FBI affidavit.

The Boeing 737 was diverted to Pensacola and Lopez was arrested after handwriting samples he provided the FBI were compared with the note.

"I'm kind of confused by all this — overwhelmed," Lopez told U.S. Magistrate Miles Davis at his court appearance. "I don't know what to do."

Lopez signed a statement admitting he had written the note at home and brought it with him on his flight. He did not say why.

Davis ordered Lopez held pending a bail hearing Monday. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison if convicted on charges of furnishing false information and issuing threats.

The plane resumed its flight to Orlando after a delay of about 3 1/2 hours.

# Brazilian soap opera actor sentenced to 19 years

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)** — After a grueling four-day trial ending in an all-night court session, a Rio de Janeiro court sentenced a former soap opera actor to 19 years in prison for killing his co-star.

The jury of five men and two women took only an hour and a half to convict Guilherme de Padua of premeditated murder in the 1992 death of 22-year-old Daniella Perez.

At the time, the murder so shocked the nation it eclipsed impeachment proceedings against President Fernando Collor de Mello, who resigned the next day in a corruption scandal.

Padua's wife, Paula de Almeida Thomaz, also was charged in the killing but will be tried separately, probably in April.

"The defendant has shown himself to be a violent, perverse and cowardly personality ... who put his personal ambitions before all else," Judge Jose Geraldo Antonio said.

Padua's defense lawyer, Paulo Ramalho, said that even though he was satisfied with the sen-

tence, he would appeal. "We will fight for him always and never stop," he said.

Under Brazil's lenient laws, Padua, who has already served almost four years while awaiting trial, will soon be eligible for a work-release program.

The trial was conducted in blistering heat and with few breaks. Closing arguments began shortly after 10 p.m. Friday and continued until 6 a.m. Sunday, when the judge handed the case to the jury.

The 26-year-old Padua, wearing the same jeans and white T-shirt he wore throughout the trial, kept his head down throughout closing arguments.

"I have no hope of an acquittal. It's all rigged to convict me," Padua told the Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper shortly before closing arguments began.

The lawyers frequently interrupted one another's final arguments, seeking to put their spin on the killing, which occurred the night of Dec. 28, 1992, after a taping of the popular prime time soap opera "Of Body and Soul."

At one point, prosecutor Arthur Lavigne asked the jury why Padua would bring his wife to a meeting with his supposed lover on a deserted stretch near the beach if he hadn't planned to kill Perez.

Ramalho broke in, explaining that Padua was not very intelligent, Lavigne agreed.

Lavigne maintained Padua and Thomaz, who had tattooed each other's names on their genitals 10 days before the killing, were obviously involved in an obsessive relationship, calling them "psychopaths."

Ramalho asked the jury to ignore the public pressure to convict his client, and placed the blame on Padua's wife.

In "Of Body and Soul," Padua played the brooding, brutish Bira, whose love was rejected by Yasmin, played by Perez. The eerie parallels with real life heightened the drama surrounding the murder.

Padua initially confessed to the crime, and police said Thomaz, 23, also admitted taking part. Prosecutors argue they both took part in the killing to seal a pact of fidelity.

# Chimps beat winter doldrums with TV

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Jane, Schimi and Miki do what most 12-year-olds do when they're stuck inside during the cold winter months: they watch TV.

Wildlife programs are one favorite. The trio might even catch a glimpse of relatives — Jane, Schimi and Miki are chimpanzees.

Zoo veterinarian Ewa Zbonikowska prescribed three hours of TV a day after noticing the onset of malaise in November.

"They have ropes, tires, a hammock, tires. We give them old clothes, which they tear apart having lots of fun," Zbonikowska said. "But it is obvious after a while that they get bored with everything."

The chimpanzees can sit still, eyes glued to the set, for up to 40 minutes at a time. Vets say the treatment seems to be working. But on Friday, the chimps suddenly appeared to regard the television more as a jungle gym, jumping all over the set. Then again, maybe they didn't like the show. It was an educational program.

## Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

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## Lady Steers clinch share of sixth straight 4-4A title

HERALD Staff Report

**SWEETWATER** — Patience — not to mention timely shooting — was its own reward for the Big Spring Lady Steers.

The Lady Steers, forced into a slow-down game by Sweetwater, matched the Lady Mustangs step for patient step, then iced the game with a pair of Kara Hughes free throws to take a 41-36 victory in District 4-4A girls' basketball action Friday night.

The victory gave the Lady Steers (16-9 overall, 8-0 in district play) at least a tie for their sixth straight league title, while Sweetwater fell three games

behind Big Spring in the district standings.

Kim Robertson did yeoman work for the Lady Steers, scoring 22 points, but BSHS coach Ron Taylor spread credit for the victory around.

"It was a total team effort, because the other girls did a great job of getting Kim the ball," Taylor said. "We just played real smart, and I was real happy to get out of there with a win."

One of Taylor's, unsung heroes was point guard Brandi Purcell, who scored only four points but dished out five assists and led a tenacious Big Spring defense throughout the

game, Taylor said.

"Brandi played a great game," he said. "She doesn't get a lot of recognition, but she gets the ball where it needs to go."

The Lady Steers led 17-12 after one quarter, but were not able to put Sweetwater away until Hughes hit both ends of a one-and-one with about 12 seconds remaining.

"When you play Sweetwater, neither team is going to score a lot of points," Taylor said. "But we were able to hit some big buckets at the right time."

Big Spring's junior varsity girls dropped their first district game of the season, 33-23, to Sweetwater Friday. Nina Evans

led Big Spring (15-6 overall) with 7 points.

The Lady Steers can clinch the district title Tuesday at home against second-place Andrews, which is two games behind Big Spring with two games remaining in the season. Game time Tuesday is 6 p.m. in Steer Gym.

### Sweetwater 69 BSHS boys 48

**SWEETWATER** — The District 4-4A leading Sweetwater Mustangs jumped out to a 22-7 lead and were never headed en route to a 69-48 victory over the Big Spring Steers Friday night.

The victory left Sweetwater (16-10 overall) perfect in district play with a 6-0 record, while the Steers fell to 12-14 and 3-3 with the loss.

Point guard John Smith had a fine game in a losing effort, scoring 30 points, but he was the only BSHS player in double figures.

"We didn't come out of the blocks scoring, and that kind of put us in a jam," BSHS coach Gary Tipton said. "(Sweetwater) is just the best team in the district, and they prove it night after night."

The loss dropped the Steers into a three-way tie for second place in the district with Fort

Stockton and San Angelo Lake View. But Tipton took solace from the fact that both Fort Stockton and Lake View still have another game left against Sweetwater.

"We've got four games left, and we're tied with Fort Stockton and Lake View ... but we've already played the top dog in the district," Tipton said. "In effect, if we take care of business, we'll be OK."

Big Spring was victorious in junior varsity action, taking a 47-30 victory.

The Steers return to action Tuesday against Andrews. Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym.

## Eldorado sweeps Coahoma

HERALD Staff Report

**ELDORADO** — The Coahoma Bulldogs' run toward the District 8-2A basketball title has hit a speed bump.

The Bulldogs suffered their first loss in district play, dropping a 56-55 decision to Eldorado Friday night. The loss still leaves Coahoma (16-8, 6-1) alone in first place in the league standings, but its lead over second-place Forsan has now shrunk to one game.

Eldorado improved to 4-16 and 3-4 with the victory.

The Bulldogs held a 46-43 lead heading into the final quarter, but the Eagle outscored Coahoma 13-9 down the stretch to take the win.

"We had at least four shots in the last five seconds, but they just didn't go down," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "We knew going down there that they were a good team. Their record is not at all indicative of the kind of team they have."

Josh Collum scored 11 points and Matt Hamilton and Stephen Lopez scored 10 points each to lead the Bulldogs.

"The guys are a little down ... but we still hold our fate in our hands," Nichols said. "We've just got to take care of business the rest of the way."



Forsan's Casey Bristow (44) puts up a shot between two Ozone defenders during their game in Forsan Friday night.

## Buffaloes stay in 8-2A title chase with overtime win against Lions

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — Facing the eminent demise of their playoff chances, the Forsan Buffaloes put their hopes in the hands of Daniel Davis.

It proved to be one of the best moves the Buffaloes have made all season.

Davis put the capper on a late Forsan rally by going six-for-six from the free throw line in overtime, and led the Buffaloes to a 57-56 win over Ozone Friday in a battle for second place in District 8-2A.

The victory leaves the Buffs (19-7 overall, 5-2 in district) a game behind Coahoma in the league standings, while a loss would have dropped them to third behind Ozone (4-3 in district), but head coach Terry McDonald was hesitant to call it a must-win game for his team.

"Not in this district," McDonald said. "We've got five games left in the season, and I wouldn't be surprised if all five games went through the same scenario as tonight."

If that's the case, Forsan fans might be advised to refill their heart medication prescriptions immediately. The Buffaloes overcame a slow pace, sub-par first-half shooting and the loss to foul trouble of their two leading scorers — and that was just in regulation.

The Lions, who suffered a distinct height disadvantage

Friday, slowed the pace of the game considerably, and the result was a 42-38 Ozone lead heading into the final quarter.

McDonald admitted the slow-down pace affected his team.

"We like to have (the pace) as fast as they want it," he said. "But Ozone just did a good job of being patient on offense, and forcing us into some adjustments we weren't used to."

Point guard Steve Osburn, who led Forsan with 15 points, was even more succinct in his analysis.

"We were missing a lot of easy shots," Osburn said. "They're a good team, and they play good defense ... but there wasn't anything we could do until the fourth quarter, when we started hitting our shots."

The Buffs wasted little time getting their offense untracked in the fourth, tying the game on consecutive baskets by Casey Bristow and Osburn, then grabbing a four-point lead when Bristow and Osburn again hit back-to-back jumpers.

Bristow added a pair of free throws with four minutes left in regulation to give Forsan a 48-44 lead, but Ozone's defense clamped down at that point, holding the Buffs scoreless the rest of the way. The Lions then tied the game at 48-48 on baskets by Jason Stuart and Justin Browne.

Ozone had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Jon Sanchez was called for traveling with two seconds remaining, forcing an extra period.

Despite their sudden momentum, the Buffs entered overtime without Osburn, who had fouled out with 1:29 left in regulation. He was soon joined on the bench by Robert Hilliger, another one of McDonald's senior leaders.

But the Buffs still had Davis, and that was enough Friday night.

Josh Gaston gave the Buffs an 50-49 lead early in overtime, but the rest of the scoring was left up to Davis, a junior reserve who calmly sank all six of his free throw chances in the final 90 seconds.

"I've seen him shoot free throws in the gym every day," Osburn said of his teammate. "And when he went to the line, I knew they were going in."

The soft-spoken Davis said concentration was the key to overcoming the pressure of the situation.

"There was a lot of pressure," he admitted. "But you just have to remember what you do in practice. You've got to concentrate on what you're doing. You can't make any mistakes, and you've got to do everything right."

The Buffs return to action Friday at home against Roscoe, and Osburn likes his team's playoff chances a lot better now.

"This was a must-win game for us," he said, inadvertently contradicting his coach. "We had to win, because we don't

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## Packers have too much of everything for Pats

By DAVID NIELSEN

Scripps Howard News Service

Is this really worth the effort?

We already know what's going to happen in New Orleans Sunday. The Green Bay Packers will take back what is rightfully theirs — the Vince Lombardi trophy.

No amount of breaking down depth charts, bubbling over Green Bay's suspect yards-per-carry figures, or bragging about Bill Parcells' playoff brilliance will score a single touchdown — or gain a single yard — for the Patriots.

New England win the Super Bowl? Preposterous. Let's face it, the Patriots have about as much chance as winning Sunday in the Superdome as do the Saints.

Let's also face this: The Pats' offense, defense and special teams match up with the Packers about as well as the Red Coats did with the real patriots.

Drew Bledsoe or Brett Favre? No contest.

Pio Sagapolutele and Willie McGinest or Gilbert Brown and Reggie White? No question.

Dave Meggett or Desmond Howard? No doubt.

Admittedly, the Patriots aren't without skills. Bledsoe can wait until he sees the whites of White's eyes, then fire a bullet to Terry Glenn. Their offensive line has enough horsepower to take

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their running backs on quite a midnight ride. And by winning 10 of their last 12 games, they've proved they can dump Gatorade as well as tea.

But they still can't compete with the Packers. For every weapon the Patriots unleash, the Packers have two. All-world tight end Ben Coates vs. Mark Chmura AND Keith Jackson. Speedy running back Curtis Martin vs. Edgar Bennett AND Dorsey Levens.

Still not convinced? Still harboring some irrational, emotional, or unexplained gut feeling the Pats are this year's team of destiny?

OK, then ponder these irrational, yet irrefutable facts:

The Packers beat Denver 41-6. Denver beat the Patriots 34-8. No head coach has ever won Super Bowls with different teams. Bill Parcells already won with the New York Giants.

New England has never lost in New Orleans, going 3-0. Of course, they were playing the Saints.

Green Bay has never lost in the Super Bowl. Of course, they were playing the AFL.

No team that won a Super Bowl in the '60s has ever lost a Super Bowl. Of course, Green Bay and the New York Jets have never been back to the Super Bowl before now.

No AFC team that lost a Super Bowl in the '80s has won

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## Parcells the X factor, but Pack the favorite

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This Super Bowl comes with a twist.

Woven into the usual plot of an NFC team favored by two touchdowns is an odd central character.

A coach. "You'd think it's the Packers against Bill Parcells," said Aaron Taylor of the Green Bay Packers, who are trying to bring a title back to Tiletown, USA, and extend the NFC's Super Bowl winning streak to 13 games.

"Is he going to suit up or something?"

Actually, quite the opposite. Parcells is the centerpiece not only because he's the best-known New England Patriot, but also because he's likely to leave the team after the game and return to New York — either as coach of the Jets or as a network analyst. It's a prospective divorce that's had Parcells on the defensive all week.

He is, after all, a coach whose specialty is defense.

Beyond that, it's the same old storyline.

The Packers (13-3) come in as the latest NFC power, pursuing their first championship since Vince Lombardi's last team won the second Super Bowl 29 years ago. They were the pre-season favorite to win it all, playing in the spotlight throughout and capturing the NFC title 30-13 over Carolina in a game that rekindled the Lombardi legend at Lambeau Field.

They have Brett Favre, the

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NFL's MVP for the past two seasons, at quarterback and a defense anchored by Reggie White, in his first Super Bowl after 12 seasons as one of the dominant defensive ends in league history. White has been the rallying point for the Packers — "Win one for Reggie."

The Patriots (11-5) come in as an incarnation of Parcells, much as those early Packers were an incarnation of Lombardi.

There are parallels — Lombardi's coaching career began at St. Cecilia's High School in Englewood, N.J., where Parcells was born. The Vince Lombardi service area on the New Jersey turnpike is three miles from Giants Stadium, where Parcells first made his coaching reputation.

Yes, the Patriots have a good young quarterback in Drew Bledsoe and some other first-rate players such as Curtis Martin, Terry Glenn, Willie McGinest, Ben Coates and Dave Meggett. But the common perception is that they wouldn't be here were it not for Parcells, who won Super Bowls after the 1986 and 1990 seasons with the New York Giants and is only the second coach — Don Shula is the other — to make it to this game with two different franchises.

This time, Parcells has a

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## New England primed for mother of all upsets

By JOHN LINDSAY

Scripps Howard News Service

The New England Patriots will defeat the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXI. Hallelujah! Let freedom ring.

I repeat, the Patriots will win. Not just cover the 14-point spread, but win outright.

No, I have not been drinking. And yes, I am of sound mind, although this may read much like a will by late Sunday evening.

After 12 consecutive losses, most of them embarrassing drubbings, the AFC will get off the deck behind a gritty band of New Englanders led by a lame duck coach.

Don't bore me with stats of the NFC's absurd dominance in this game (12 straight wins by an average score of 37-15). Or the fact that Green Bay led the NFL in just about everything this year, including players jumping in stands and pounds of cheese consumed by hefty fans.

I am armed with my own reasons for the mother of all Super Bowl upsets (sorry Joe Namath):

— PARCELLS RULES: What better way for the AFC to break its losing skid than with Patriots coach Bill Parcells? After all, it was Parcells (he of the 9-4 career mark in postseason) who as New York Giants coach, contributed two of the NFC's victories along the way, including a 20-19 win over Buffalo in Super Bowl XXV, the last time an underdog won

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this game.

Parcells also has the advantage of motivating his players with that 14-point spread. For whatever reason, nothing motivates today's pro athlete like that tired, old "nobody gives us respect" angle.

— NOT THE FROZEN TUNDRA: In case folks have not noticed, this game will not be played in the huge refrigerator that doubles as Green Bay's Lambeau Field. New Orleans' SuperDome is not only AstroTurf but a climate-controlled 72 degrees.

Big deal, you say? Well how about the Packers' 6-6 record the past two years on phony turf compared with 22-3 on natural grass?

The speed factor created by turf will favor the Patriots' smaller, quicker defense as well as quarterback Drew Bledsoe and his fleet weapons.

— DEFENSE, DEFENSE:

They may not have a marquee player like a Reggie White but the Patriots' defense is actually playing better than its Green Bay counterpart right now. New England has not surrendered a touchdown in its two postseason wins and given up only four TDs in its last seven games.

Parcells is well-schooled in slowing down the Packers' vaunted "West Coast" offense. With the Giants, his defense

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### QUICK TRIVIA

• The bookstore with the most titles and longest shelving, 30 miles, in the world is W. & G. Foyle Ltd. of London, Great Britain.

• The fine lace for which Paraguay is justly famous is called *nanduti*, the Guarani Indian word for "spider web."

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

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Sunday, January 26, 1997

## Super Bowl means time for fun, super snacks

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Today is the day for Super Bowl XXXI (31). Too bad the Dallas Cowboys aren't playing. Even if you aren't a sports fan, watching the Super Bowl can be fun, especially because the all the neat, new commercials and snacks you can make. You don't need a remote control that day, just keep it on Fox, Channel 3.

There's still plenty of time to make some dishes to serve for the day's activities including chili, roll-ups, cake, cookies and a touchdown taco dip. All the recipes are fairly easy and don't take a lot of time. Take some hints from the Jan. 22 Betty Crocker column about decorating the table:

- Black-and-white striped or yellow cocktail napkins to resemble those ever-popular referees. When they make a bad call, just crumble up the napkin and toss it in the trash for good measure.
- Find some artificial turf and use it as a "tablecloth" of sorts.
- Fill football helmets lined with napkins or plastic with chips, crackers and pretzels.
- Buy the paper goods to match the teams. Here's a hint,

the Green Bay Packers are yellow and green and the New England Patriots are red, blue and gray.

• Decorate any available space with colored streamers, football trading cards, confetti and clippings from sports pages.

• Buy the vegetables already cut up in the produce section so you won't have to bother.

• A quick dip is to soften eight ounces of cream cheese and pour some hot sauce on top. That's it!

Here's some recipes to try:  
**HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE CAKE**

(Although this usually tastes better when you make it the night before, it's still really good and low fat!)

1 two-layer box chocolate cake mix (reduced fat/calories if you want)

1 14-ounce Eagle Brand (fat free - not evaporated milk)

1 12-ounce jar of caramel ice cream topping (fat free)

1 8-ounce container of Cool Whip (fat free)

2 Heath bars, crushed

Bake cake according to package directions, let cool then use a wooden spoon to poke holes in the cake. Pour Eagle Brand over the top, let soak five min-

utes. Pour caramel topping next and let soak for five minutes. Ice the cake with the Cool Whip then garnish with the candy. Chill and store in the refrigerator.

(I couldn't find Heath bars at the store the other day so I substituted my favorite, Snickers.)



**BOWL GAME CHILI AND CHILI CHEESE HERB BISCUITS**

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**TOUCHDOWN TACO DIP**

Editor's Note: This recipe is from my friend, Jennifer, who got it from a Pampered Chef

cookbook. It's so good!

1 can (16 oz.) refried beans (fat free, if you want)

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 pkg. (1.25 oz.) taco seasoning mix

2 garlic cloves, pressed

1 small tomato-chopped

1/4 cup onion, chopped

1/4 cup pitted olives, chopped

2 T. cilantro

1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese (fat free, if you want)

Sour cream  
Chips

Spread beans on bottom of a round dish. Combine cream cheese and seasoning mix, add garlic and spread on top of beans. Put rest of ingredients on top then sprinkle cheddar cheese over all. Bake 25-30 minutes in the oven set at 375. Garnish with sour cream and serve with tortilla chips.

**BOWL GAME CHILI**

1 pound lean ground beef

1 large onion, chopped

3 1/2 cups water, divided

2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) diced Mexican-style or chili tomatoes

2 cans (15 oz. each) black beans or pinto beans, rinsed and drained (for variety, use one of each)

1 jar (16 oz.) picante sauce

1 tsp. ground cumin, optional

1 pkg. (16 oz.) Pioneer Brown Gravy Mix, no-fat or regular

Shredded cheddar cheese

In four-quart saucepan or Dutch oven, cook and stir ground beef and onion until beef is no longer pink; drain. Add three cups water, tomatoes, beans, picante sauce and cumin. Bring mixture to a boil. Meanwhile, in small bowl, blend gravy mix with 1/2 cup cool water, pour gravy mix into

boiling mixture. Stir well, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Top with cheese and serve. Makes eight to 10 servings.

**CHILI CHEESE HERB BISCUITS**

Great to serve with Bowl Game Chili

3 cups Pioneer buttermilk biscuit and baking mix

1 cup finely shredded Colby, Monterey Jack or Cheddar cheese

1 cup milk

1 can (4 oz.) diced green chilies, drained well

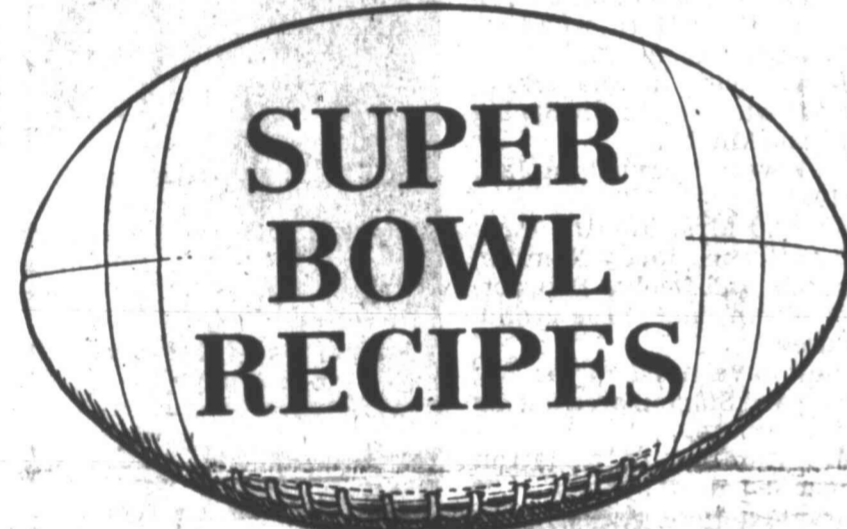
6 T. butter or margarine, melted

1 T. dried parsley flakes

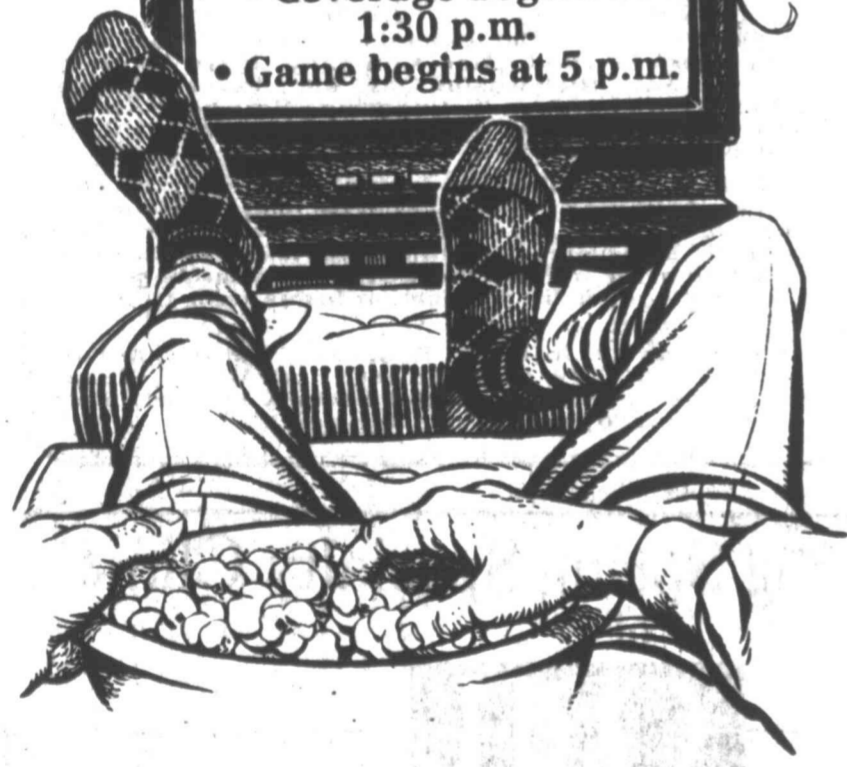
1/2 tsp. garlic powder

In medium bowl, combine baking mix, cheese, milk and chilies. Stir with fork until moistened. Drop by spoonfuls onto baking sheet coated with non-stick cooking spray. Bake at 450 for 10 to 13 minutes or until light brown. Combine butter, parsley and garlic powder, brush on biscuits. Remove from baking sheet. Serve warm. Makes 16 to 18 biscuits.

Editor's Note: Bowl Game Chili and Chili Cheese Herb Biscuits recipes courtesy of Pioneer Flour Mills.



**SUPER BOWL**  
FOX - Channel 3  
• All-Time Super Bowl All-Madden Team begins at noon  
• Coverage begins at 1:30 p.m.  
• Game begins at 5 p.m.



### Super recipes to try: Sandwich Roll-ups and Touchdown Cookies



**CHEESY PINEAPPLE AND HAM SANDWICH ROLL-UPS**

1 container (8 oz.) cream cheese with pineapple, softened

1/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

1/8 tsp. pumpkin pie spice or ground cinnamon

6 corn tortillas (about 6-inch)

1 pkg. (6 oz.) thinly sliced ham, about 18 slices

6 to 12 lettuce leaves

In small bowl, combine cream cheese, nuts and spice; mix

well. For each roll-up, briefly cook corn tortilla on both sides in non-stick skillet, about one minute. Do not brown. Cool slightly. Spread about 1/6 of mixture over tortilla to within 1/2 inch of edge. Lay three thin slices of ham, overlapping across center of tortilla. Top with one or two lettuce leaves. Roll up and wrap in plastic wrap.

Can also be made with wheat flour or whole wheat tortillas. It is not necessary to heat these before making roll-ups.

**CHEWY CHOC-OAT-CHIP COOKIES**

1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

2 T. milk

2 tsp. vanilla

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp. baking soda

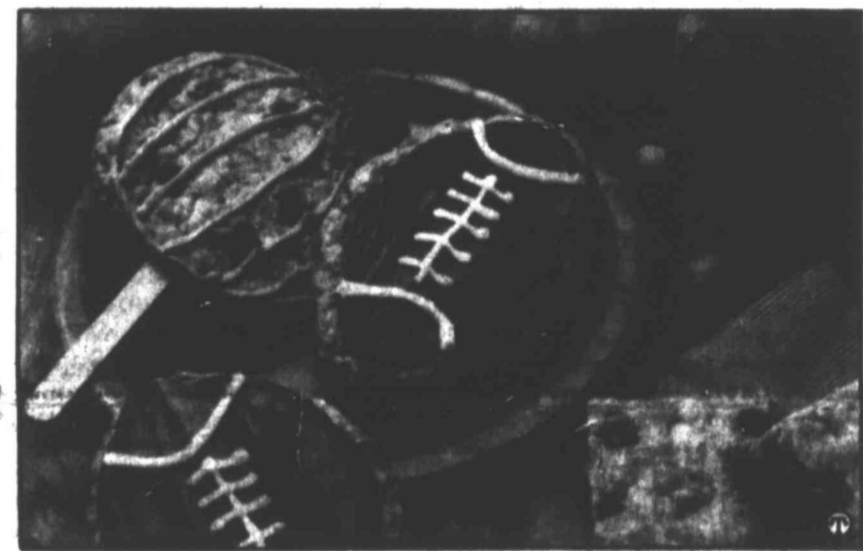
1/2 tsp. salt

2 1/2 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 375. Beat together margarine and sugars until creamy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, baking soda and salt; mix well. Stir in oats and chocolate pieces, mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake nine to 10 minutes. Cool one minute, move to wire cooling rack and store tightly covered. Makes about five dozen.

**VARIATION: TOUCHDOWN COOKIES** - drop dough by 1/4 measuring cupfuls about four inches apart onto cookie sheets; spread into football shapes. Bake at 350 13 to 15 minutes until light golden brown. Cool and frost with colored frosting to match Super Bowl teams. Make laces with white icing. Makes about 24 cookies.



## Furry fugitives believed to be holed up in country house

We've no idea how many mice we have in the house. We

**Eunice Choate**  
Columnist

There will only be two. I am beginning to hear (or imagine) identifiable noises. We are 16 years in this house, and, once before, we had mice.

That was during the two months after we moved in, before the fireplace was finished.

Catching mice is not the same as hunting elephants or stalking cougar. There is nothing grand, or ennobling, or thrilling in killing a mouse. I doubt there is in killing anything.

For those of us not geared to hunting, plans go wrong. Simple problems become complicated.

When we first cleared this land and built our house, skunks were a nuisance. Before they realized we were here to stay, they ate the dogs' food, drank from the dogs' pan, and early one morning, sprayed the dogs' owner.

After that we began to fight back.

One dark night something set the dogs barking and my husband and daughter went to check. A skunk was backed up under a mesquite tree, surrounded by the dogs.

The dogs, by the way, had been sprayed in the face repeatedly during those weeks and were as sick of that smell as we were.

My husband and daughter came in for the gun and the flashlight. They put on their boots (the snakes were bad then, too) and went out again.

Our daughter, home from college and unused to these hunts, was to hold the flashlight while my husband took aim and fired.

The plan went wrong. The flashlight wavered. The skunk turned his back to the hunters, and a simple problem became complicated: My husband shot off its tail.

We were, all of us, stunned. By the time we had comforted our daughter and calmed the dogs, the skunk had roamed off.

He must have thought he had won that round. Maybe he did. None of us had won anything.

When the skunks, eventually, moved farther afield, the mice got in.

They were numerous, unafraid and friendly. It wasn't unusual for them to seek out the light in the evenings and sit quietly in the room as we read.

When we invited people over, we entertained outside or in

the barn, where seeing a mouse is not so unsettling.

To catch them we used poison, traps, and one night, a World Atlas.

My husband had gone to bed. I was reading in the den, hoping I was alone. I wasn't, and I yelled. My husband put on his boots (it was a habit by then) and came down.

He saw me standing on the couch and pointing behind it. He gave me a disgusted look and handed me the atlas, a big heavy book.

"When I run him out," he said, "drop this on him."

I moved to the end of the couch and raised the atlas above my head. I was ready.

He shooped a little thing out and it stopped just where it

should have for me to smash him. But I couldn't do it. The mouse looked up at me, with the cutest little face, and I couldn't do it.

"Drop it!" my husband said.

"I can't," I whispered.

The mouse ran away and my husband stomped back to bed in his boots and underwear. It was ridiculous.

When we finished the fireplace, the mice problem stopped. Now they're back. We don't know how many or for how long.

But I know my limitations as a hunter. It's all up to my husband. If the traps aren't enough, he'll get out the pellet gun. He's a dead shot, even on the run. That skunk's tail was just a fluke.

# WEDDINGS

## Mauldin-Carper

Tammy Ellise Mauldin and Kevin Wade Carper were united in marriage on Dec. 28, 1996, in the Sterling City Church of Christ with Jim Petty, minister of Southeast Church of Christ in Pasadena, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Mauldin, Sylvester.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Carper, Jr., Big Spring.

The couple stood before a 15-candle arch and two 13-candle trees with white tulle and white bows.

Vocalists were Cathy and Monica McEntire.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional satin gown with European lace, a Queen Anne neckline, a triple key-hole back and a cathedral train.

She carried a bouquet of burgundy and white satin roses. Matron of honor was Tana Fomby, sister of the bride, Sweetwater, and maid of honor was Renee Beseda, Austin.

Flower girl was Kortney Kupat, Sagerton, cousin of the groom, and Bryan Williams, Sterling City, was the ring bearer.

Jody Carper, brother of the groom, Big Spring, served as best man, and Bryan Mauldin, brother of the bride, San Angelo, served as groomsman.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Sterling County Community



MRS. KEVIN WADE CARPER

Center. The bride's cake was a four-tiered white cake with burgundy silk flowers and a western topper.

The groom's cake was a chocolate horseshoe cake.

The bride is a graduate of Roby High School and of Angelo State University with a bachelor's and master degree. She is employed by Sands ISD.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School and Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree. He is employed by Cain Electric.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., the couple will make their home in Ackerly.

## Sperling-Hodges

Monique Sperling and Tim Hodges, both of Olympia, Wash., were united in marriage on Sept. 22, 1996, at the Capitol Club Apartments with Rev. Rodney Hurst officiating.

She is the daughter of Steve and Sharie Hays, Wenatchee, Wash., and David Swilley, Olympia, Wash.

He is the son of Paul and Shirley Hodges, Coahoma.

The couple stood before an arch with yellow roses and greenery.

Given in marriage by her stepfather, the bride wore an off-white tea-length gown embroidered with roses.

She carried a bouquet of silk yellow roses and seafoam flowers.

Matron of honor was Kim Zublena, Gig Harbor, Wash. Danny Clayton, Austin, served as best man.

Ushers were Ken Marks and Mark Fairchild.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Capitol Club reception room.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake with yellow roses and seafoam flowers.

The tables were decorated with vases with yellow roses in them.

The bride is a graduate of Capitol High School and Adene's Beauty School. She is currently employed by Super Hair, Olympia, Wash.

The groom is a graduate of Maranatha Christian School, Big Spring, and served in the Army after high school. He is currently employed by St. Peter's Hospital, Olympia, Wash.

The couple made a wedding trip to Big Spring to visit groom's family and to have a reception.

They have made their home in Olympia, Wash.

## Reagan-Rankin

Amanda Reagan and Andy Rankin exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 21, 1996, in the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Flynn Long, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Darrel and Nelda Reagan, Big Spring.

He is the son of David and Martha Jane Rankin, Indianapolis, Ind.

The couple stood before a Christmas setting of white lights on a tree and red poinsettias outlining the front of the church.

Mike Mitchell was the organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin floor-length gown with beaded pearls and cut sequins. The lace bodice featured with covered buttons down the back was enhanced with long tapered points over the hands.

The long, full skirt was accented with scattered appliques of lace on front and ruffled lace on chapel length train. The veil of illusion fell from a cluster of seed pearls.

She carried a tear drop bouquet with white roses, bluebonnets scattered throughout and mixed with greenery and silver ribbons streaming down.

Matron of honor was Laura Ritchey, cousin of the bride, Snyder.

Jennifer Sinclear, Midland, and Beck Tedesco, Baton Rouge, La., were the bridesmaids.

Alyssa Davis, cousin of the bride, Snyder, was the flower girl, and ring bearer was Tyler Tannehill, Big Spring.

Doug Bloyd, Henderson, served as best man.

Billy Laxton, Tyler, and Jon Rankin, brother of the groom, Houston, were the groomsmen.

Brian Reagan and Pat Reagan, both brothers of the bride, Big Spring, served as ushers.



MRS. ANDY RANKIN

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake with pearls around the edges and silver ribbons accenting the cake and a bride and groom topper.

The bride's table featured the cake, champagne fountain, Irish linen table cloth and navy and blue tulle draped around the table.

The groom's table had a Big Spring High theme with an athletic type cake and a football Powerade cooler filled with Powerade drink.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. She is currently employed by Eye Associates.

The groom is a graduate of Avon High School, Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. with a bachelor of science degree, and from the University of Texas at Tyler with a master's degree. He is employed by the BSISD as the athletic trainer at Big Spring High School.

Following a wedding trip to Indianapolis and Dallas, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

## Webb-Coleman

Sherry Janee Webb and James Douglas Coleman, both of Midland, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 28, 1996, in the home of Jerry and Lawana Webb with Joseph Coleman, father of the groom, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Lawana Webb, Ackerly.

He is the son of Joseph and Joan Coleman, Tulsa, Okla.

Pianist was Jody Boudreaux, Lamesa.

The couple stood before a fireplace with garland of fir pine, burgundy poinsettias and arched candelabras. A garland pine with burgundy ribbon and bows provided an archway draped over the fireplace and mantle. A Christmas tree decorated with burgundy bows and twinkle lights and a unity candle decorated with burgundy poinsettias were on each side of the fireplace. Water fountains with floating candles, twinkle lights and poinsettias were inside and out of the home.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of candlelight satin with beaded lace motifs with iridescent sequins. A heart-shaped back featured strings of pearls. The Sabrina neckline of lace was encrusted with iridescent sequins and draping pearls. Renaissance sleeves featured sheer lace motifs and draping pearls. The ballgown skirt extended to a train of jewels and cut lace motifs highlighted the iridescent sequins.

She carried a bouquet of bridal white roses and white iridescent poinsettias with white flowing streamers.

Maid of honor was Sheree Webb, Flower Grove, sister of the bride, and D'Layne Webb, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor.

M'Laci Webb, daughter of the bride, and Rachel Coleman, daughter of the groom, served as bridesmaids.

Ring bearer was Raygan Webb, nephew of the bride, Flower Grove.

Ryan Coleman, Tulsa, son of the groom, was the best man.

John Coleman, Tulsa, son of



MRS. JAMES COLEMAN

the groom, and Ricky Webb, Flower Grove, brother of the bride, served as groomsmen.

Ricky Webb, brother of the bride, Flower Grove, and Mike Brown, Richardson, were the ushers.

Follow the ceremony, a reception was also held in the home of Jerry and Lawana Webb.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered white cake separated with Roman columns encircled with four satellite cakes. Burgundy miniature roses and baby's breath cascaded the satellite cakes and the three tiers of the cake. The cakes and punch bowl were surrounded by silk greenery.

The groom's table had a white Battenburg lace tablecloth and featured votive candles and Precious Moments bride and groom. Hors d'oeuvres were also served.

The bride is a graduate of Klondike High School and Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is employed by Midland ISD.

The groom is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration. He is employed by Parker and Parsley in Midland.

Following a wedding trip to Houston, the couple will make their home in Midland.

## Shaw-Hamby

Michelle Jennifer Shaw, Azle, and Joshua Andrew Hamby, Big Spring, united in marriage on Jan. 4, 1997, at St. John's United Church in Fort Worth with Rev. Jim Hudson and Lanny Hamby, father of the groom, officiating.

She is the daughter of Walker and Linda Shaw, Azle.

He is the son of Lanny and Toni Hamby, Big Spring.

The couple stood before arrangements of white lilies, roses and greenery. Candelabras of tapered and votive candles adorned with tulle, greenery and baby's breath complimented the altar. The first four pews were decorated with bouquets of white roses and the remaining pews were accented with large tulle bows and greenery.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a bridal gown of candlelight silk shantung with a sweetheart neckline and off-the-shoulder sleeves accented with crushed roses and a fitted princess line with roses in the back and a chapel-length train.

She carried a bouquet of white roses and gardenias tied with sheer wire ribbon.

Maid of honor was Wendy Ward, Fort Worth.

Bridesmaids were Kim Drake, Bridgeport, and Diana Shaw, sister of the bride, Azle.

Lanton Hamby, brother of the groom, North Richland Hills, was the best man.

Robert Reyes, Odessa, and Kevin Fox, Lubbock, served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Larry Fish, Lubbock, and Travis Rhodes,



MRS. JOSHUA HAMBY

nephew of the groom, Grapevine.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Fort Worth.

The wedding cake was an Amaretto flavored four-tiered cake with white buttercream icing accented with strings of pearls and roses.

The groom's cake was a chocolate fudge cake with chocolate icing accented with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University with a BS in Biology. She is currently in the nursing program at Howard College.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University with a BS in Agriculture Economics. He is currently employed by McMahon Concrete Co.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

## Alexander-Smith

Tabatha Alexander and Lance Smith exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 18, 1997, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of A.C. and Nancy Alexander.

He is the son of Lonnie and Carla Smith.

The couple stood before arrangements of white, burgundy and royal blue flowers.

Organist was Denise Ross, and Donna Parker was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length, white satin and lace gown accented with pearls along the sleeves and neck.

She carried a bouquet of white and burgundy roses with royal blue carnations.

Maid of honor was Lark Ray, Big Spring.

Danielle Lane, Big Spring, was the bridesmaid.

Daniel Joslyn, Lubbock, served as best man, and Jim Evans, Big Spring, served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Mark Rocha and Charles Lyght, both of Big Spring.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor.

The wedding cake was a

## Alexander-Smith



MR. AND MRS. LANCE SMITH

three-tiered cake accented with burgundy and royal blue flowers. The table was decorated with candles, a punch bowl, plates and flatware.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake. The table featured a sterling silver coffee urn and floral arrangements.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Forsan High School, Howard College, and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Kelly Temporary Services.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School and Howard College. He is employed by Price Construction, Inc.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Romine

Jacky and Donna Romine celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 20, 1997.

He was born in Ada, Okla., and she was born in Big Spring as Donna Mitchell.

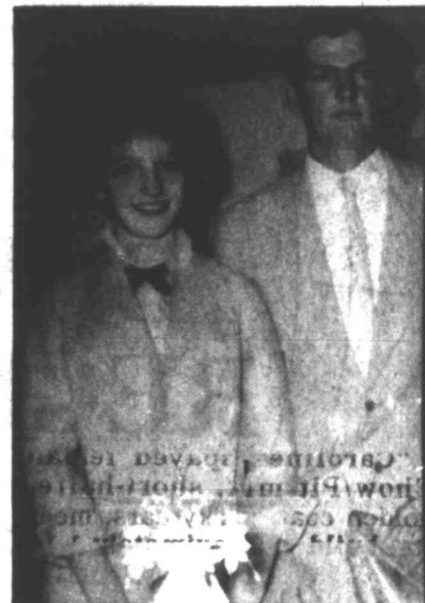
They were married on Jan. 20, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Romine have two children, Jacky Romine, Lenorah, and Debbie Forester, Fort Worth, and three grandchildren.

They have lived in the Big Spring and Stanton area during their marriage.

Mr. Romine is a cotton farmer and an oil pumper.

Mrs. Romine works for Farm Service Agency. They are affiliated with the Church of Christ at Knott.



MR. AND MRS. JACKY ROMINE

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## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

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Direct inquiries to Jo Helen Rosacker, Sid Richardson Memorial Fund, 309 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, and include name, Social Security number, place and dates of employment of qualifying employee.

## Big Spring Specialty Clinic



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Wednesday, January 29th.....Dr. David Morehead OB/GYN

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ON THE MENU

SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH MONDAY - Steak; potatoes; broccoli; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls; fruit. TUESDAY - Catfish; potatoes; spinach; fruit; milk/corn bread; gingerbread. WEDNESDAY - Meat loaf; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; cucumber/tomato salad; milk/rolls; oatmeal cookies. THURSDAY - Chicken; potatoes; Brussels sprouts; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls; pudding. FRIDAY - Turkey and dressing; sweet potatoes; green

beans; fruit salad; milk/rolls; cobbler. BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST (All Schools) MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; chilled fruit; milk. TUESDAY - Pancake on stick or breakfast bagel; fruit juice; milk. WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit milk; chilled fruit; milk. THURSDAY - Breakfast puffed or breakfast pizza; fruit juice; milk. FRIDAY - Pop-tart or cereal bar; sausage; chilled fruit; milk. LUNCH (Elementary and Secondary First Choice) MONDAY - Smoked sausage; macaroni and tomato; green beans; peaches; tortilla; milk. TUESDAY - Deli sandwich; potato rounds; carrot sticks; pineapple tidbits; milk. WEDNESDAY - Taco; salad; corn; Spanish rice; apple; milk. THURSDAY - Chicken; Pattie; whipped potato; gravy; broccoli with cheese; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk. FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; French fries; pinto beans; lemon pie; milk.

LUNCH (Secondary Second Choice) MONDAY - Meatball spaghetti; macaroni and tomato; green beans; peaches; milk. TUESDAY - Roast beef with gravy; potato rounds; carrot sticks; pineapple tidbits; hot roll; milk. WEDNESDAY - Chili salad; crackers; apple; milk. THURSDAY - Sloppy joe; whipped potato; gravy; broccoli with cheese; mixed fruit; milk. FRIDAY - Green enchiladas; salad; French fries; pinto beans; lemon pie; corn bread; milk. SANDS SCHOOL BREAKFAST MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice. TUESDAY - Eggs; toast; sausage; milk; juice. WEDNESDAY - Biscuits and sausage; jelly; milk; juice. THURSDAY - Hot cakes; sausage; syrup; juice; milk. FRIDAY - French toast; sausage; jelly; milk; juice. LUNCH MONDAY - Hot dogs with chili; French style beans; French fries; coffee; milk. TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; corn bread; pudding; milk. THURSDAY - Roast beef with gravy; slice potatoes; June peas with carrots; hot rolls; fruit; milk. FRIDAY - Fish with tartar sauce; macaroni with cheese; pork and beans; butter bread; cobbler; milk. STANTON SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MONDAY - English muffin; Canadian bacon or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk. TUESDAY - Cheese toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk. WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk. THURSDAY - Biscuits/sausage; gravy or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk. FRIDAY - Breakfast bar or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk. LUNCH MONDAY - Hamburger or grill chicken/bun; French fries; hamburger sauce; apple wedges; ketchup; ketchup; milk. TUESDAY - Fish suggests or chicken nuggets; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; fruit gelatin/pears; hot roll; milk. WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken or ste-fry beef; steamed rice with gravy;

broccoli/cheese; carrot/celery sticks; French bread; milk. THURSDAY - Chicken fajita or chef salad/bread slice; pinto beans; lettuce/tomato; pineapple cup; corn bread; milk. FRIDAY - Sub sandwich or chicken patty/bun; potato puffs; sandwich salad; vegetable soup; orange slices; milk. COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MONDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; milk. TUESDAY - Pancakes on stick; syrup; fruit; milk. WEDNESDAY - Texas toast; jelly; sausage; juice; milk. THURSDAY - Breakfast burrito; chilled peaches; milk. FRIDAY - Cereal; graham cracker; fruit juice; milk. LUNCH MONDAY - Ham and cheese sandwich; or corn dog; lettuce; tomato; chips; fresh fruit; brownie; milk. TUESDAY - Pizza; French fries; fruit cup with whipped topping; bread; milk. WEDNESDAY - Taco's or burrito; pinto beans; pineapple chunk; cornbread; milk. THURSDAY - Chicken patty on bun or nachos with cheese; French fries; fruit; lettuce; tomato; chocolate cake; milk. FRIDAY - Cheeseburger; French fries; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickle; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL BREAKFAST MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk. TUESDAY - Pop-tarts; sausage; juice; milk. WEDNESDAY - Breakfast burrito; juice; milk. THURSDAY - Pancake; Canadian bacon; juice; milk. FRIDAY - Grilled cheese; juice; milk. LUNCH MONDAY - Western casserole; corn; peaches; crackers; milk. TUESDAY - Fish; peas and carrots; macaroni and cheese; hush puppies; fruit; milk. WEDNESDAY - Hamburger; fries; lettuce; tomato; pickle; salad; pears; milk. THURSDAY - Corn dog; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; milk. FRIDAY - Beef and bean chutney; salad; fruit; cheese; milk. FORSAND SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MONDAY - Donuts; juice; milk. TUESDAY - Sausage; biscuits; juice; milk. WEDNESDAY - Hash brown; eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Pictured: "Blackjack" small male Poodle/Pekingese mix, black, gray and white curly coat, large brown eyes, very sweet and gentle and loves to be held. This special dog will make a devoted and loving companion. Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies. "Billy J" good-looking male Boston Terrier mix, classic black and white coat, brown eyes and perky ears, excellent temperament. "Caroline" spayed female Chow/Pit mix, short-haired golden coat, perky ears, medium build, approximately 1 1/2 years old, docile, obedient and loves people. "Peck" small neutered male Shepherd mix, timid but loves attention. "Tripod" three-legged celebrity which was rescued by Margaret Lloyd, short-haired blonde Lab mix, gets along very well with three legs; playful with an abundance of love to give! "Lucille Ball" small spayed female Collie/Sheltie mix, red and white fluffy coat, white spots on feet, big brown eyes, agreeable and very well-behaved. "Ringo" spayed female red Chow mix; beautiful animal with a sweet disposition; one of our friendliest shelter residents. "Holly" friendly Lab/Dalmatian mix, 2-year-old spayed female, black short-haired coat with spots on chest and feet, obedient and loves to fetch; is full of energy. "Bud" black and white male bird dog, alert and very active. "Huggy Bear" German Shepherd and Chow mix, 3-year-old neutered male; playful and loves the water. These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. At other homes: Free black male cat with red highlights, approximately nine months old. Needs extra love and care. Call 264-6546.

STORK CLUB

Caleb Bradley Daniels, boy, Dec. 15, 1996, 5:53 a.m., five pounds 12 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Brad and Kara Daniels, Springfield, Mo. Grandparents are Gary and Linda Hendrix, Decatur, and Jimmie and Pat Daniels, Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Juanita Drewry, Denison, Billy and Doris Hendrix, Ted and Georgia Daniels and the late Ralph and Bonnie Thorp, all of Big Spring. Paid announcement Jonathan Ryan Pearson, boy, Jan. 19, 1997, 1:56 a.m., seven pounds 15 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Lisa and Jonathan Pearson, Big Spring. Grandparents are Mike and Effie Shults and Levi and Betty Pearson and Elizabeth Pearson, all of Big Spring. Reagan Aleis Kinman, girl, Jan. 5, 1997, 1 p.m., six pounds one ounce and 20 inches long; parents are Les and Sharla Kinman, Lubbock. Grandparents are James and Katie Kinman and Allen and

WHO'S WHO

Margaret Bailey, all of Big Spring. Braxton Kent Iden, boy, Jan. 9, 1997, 3:56 p.m.; parents are Brandon and Neasa Iden, Big Spring. Grandparents are Morris and Sandra Rhodes and Jerry and Denise Iden, all of Big Spring. Destinee Rene Gonzales, girl, Jan. 13, 1997, 4:42 a.m.; parents are Eric Gonzales and Amy Flores. Grandparents are Joe and Isabel Flores and Connie and Daniel Rivera, Big Spring. Dylan Jeffrey DeLaRosa, boy, Jan. 16, 1997, 11:26 a.m.; five pounds eight ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Emil and Melissa DeLaRosa. Grandparents are George and Deborah Ebersole and Mary DeLaRosa, all of Big Spring. Micheal Raye Grissom, boy, Jan. 10, 1997, 8:40 a.m., six pounds 10 ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; mother is Patricia Ann Grissom. Grandmother is Brenda Grissom. Destiny Nichole Neighbors, girl, Jan. 12, 1997; mother is Angelina Morales. Grandparents are Tina and Joe Angel, Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

Cerissa A. Gonzales has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland. Gonzales will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for military basic training Feb. 25. She is the daughter of Mary and Raul Paredes of Big Spring. Any person who has served with or been attached to the 2nd Marine Division is urged to contact Hal Armstrong; 3801 Camino Sacramento, NE; Albuquerque, N.M.; 87111 or call (505)843-9151 or (505)296-7082, to join an active and dynamic association that celebrates the Esprit de Corps.

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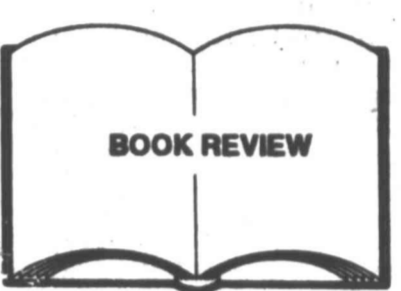
Bethany Graves of Coahoma has been named to the fall 1996 Dean's list at Schreiner College in Kerrville. Earning at least a 3.0 grade point average on a full-time schedule (12 credit hours or more) during the fall term, Graves is the daughter of Walter and Mary Lee of Coahoma. A 1996 graduate of Coahoma High School, she is currently a freshman majoring in history/legal studies.

Plan on reading Cannell's new book

By TRICIA LEE Book Reviewer

The Plan. Stephen J. Cannell. July, 1996. Avon Books, New York, N.Y. 444 pages. \$6.99. If you read The Plan you will never vote in a presidential election without giving some thought about who is masterminding campaign and what unwritten agenda is behind the candidacy. Through this work of fiction, Stephen Cannell effectively demonstrates how political campaigns have become the ultimate in manipulation. The entire plot defines how the corrupt can gain a self-interest power base in our countries' affairs. Cannell follows the lives of two men, Mickey Alo and Ryan Bolt. Mickey, the son of a mob boss, takes over leadership of the mob family at his father's death, and continues to fulfill his father's dream of "owning" a United States president as a way to gain money and power. Mickey was gifted with a golden tongue and enough charisma to charm others to follow his lead. Of course, the times when charm wasn't enough, the threat of mob retaliation could be very effective. On the other hand, Ryan was inexperienced in dealing with people. As a young man he was content being a follower of Mickey's

and enjoyed the fast-paced excitement that surrounded him. Ryan's own gift was in his



put a visual image on the characters, especially with the memories of recent campaigns. The Plan chronicles a political campaign in minute detail, depicting the frenetic workings of the strategists planning for donations, local rallies, polls, media coverage, and photo ops. Cannell often delves deeper into the campaign scenes portraying the people who have vested interests in our country's natural resources, supreme court rulings, or trade with foreign countries. He describes how a candidate could be sculpted to win an election to benefit a certain group. Cannell has cleverly inserted into the story several real-life names such as Bill Clinton and Gennifer Flowers, Gary Hart and Donna Rice, Bill Buckley, Burt and Loni, Meyer Lansky, and Jesse Jackson. Of course, there is a disclaimer that while real persons are mentioned, the book is totally a work of fiction. However, reading familiar names gives it a unique sense of accuracy. The Plan is fast-paced, suspenseful, and cleverly written. Even though it may leave some readers with a sense of political cynicism, it's an education in what could happen when immoral people gain a power base. Rating: \*\*\*\* = Not to be missed!

Getting the hang of it: Making the most of closet space

Scripps Howard News Service

If your New Year's resolution was to get organized, your closet is a good place to start. Organizing your closet can be liberating mentally and physically, says Denver psychologist Andrea Van Steenhouse. "A wardrobe that's out of control makes our lives feel out of control," says Van Steenhouse, former radio talk show host and author of "A Woman's Guide to a Simpler Life" (Harmony Books, \$23). Gaining control over your bulging closet may be as easy as cleaning it, or it may require extra hardware to make better use of the space you have. Those who want a more effi-

cient closet that will increase storage space and keep clothes neat and easy to reach can hire a professional space planner or do it themselves. The ultimate closet should be designed to allow you to find things quickly and easily, says organization expert Marty Smerling. A variety of storage options is available for increasing space and making clothes accessible, such as single-hang rods for long items such as dresses and pants; double-hang rods for short items such as shirts and skirts; drawers; shelves; hooks; and racks for shoes, belts, hats and ties. Robyn and Robert Loup are staunch believers in closet organizers. They ordered a \$4,000 walk-in closet by Custom

Closets for their new home. "We're major built-in storage people," Robyn Loup says. "My closet used to be really cluttered until I married my husband 10 years ago. He's a closet freak — the most organized human being in the world. I had to learn to be organized to keep up with him." The Loups' U-shaped walk-in closet, which measures about 11 feet by 11 feet, features his-and-hers areas separated by a mirrored central storage tower. Each side has double-hang rods, deep pullout bins with separate compartments for dry cleaning and laundry, floor-to-ceiling shoe racks, sock drawers, belt racks, slotted compartments for sweaters, and lots of

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# Even teachers can make mistakes, much to their chagrin

Most people have experienced a day when nothing seems to go right. Teachers are no exception, despite the illusion of infallibility they are expected to maintain.

In 32 years of teaching, I have known my share of such days, and only now, in retirement, can I view them philosophically.

As a very young teacher, I was holding forth on the differences between romanticism and realism in literature to a class of disinterested high school seniors.

They perked up only when, quoting my favorite college teacher, I said, "But, of course, *God's Little Acre* is not suitable reading for high school students."

The kids rushed to the small town library to check out the forbidden book. The librarian, alarmed at their interest in such literature, took it off the shelf. This was a time when eyebrows were raised more

readily than they are today. Undaunted, the students searched it out in a nearby city. By the end of the school year, probably every member of the senior class had read *God's Little Acre*.

Showing a movie to the same high school seniors is another recollection that brings me no pleasure.

After the study of a literary classic, students were rewarded with a black and white film of the same story.

The kids came to school on the appointed day prepared for a good time. They were usually not disappointed.

For the mechanically inept, loading a movie projector is a pretty tricky undertaking. Just when I finally got everything going, the film inevitably broke.

The atmosphere immediately became festive, with helpful suggestions and general hilarity. It lacked only popcorn to be as entertaining as Saturday night at the movies.

Years later, I learned that showing a film on a VCR can also have its problems.

I had promised a seventh grade class they could see a movie the day before Christmas vacation if they would get their book reports in

on time. Then I violated a cardinal rule for teachers: Never show a film unless you first preview it. I took the work of the clerk at the movie rental that it was "a great movie and suitable for seventh graders."

Five minutes into the movie, there was a shocking string of profanity. I risked apoplexy as I dashed to turn off the VCR.

The kids were nice about it though. They said they had heard those words before.

Entertainment was not on the mind of a band teacher, as early one Saturday morning he and his students gathered to travel to a band contest.

A passing pigeon flew over and muted on the instructor's dark hair. (You probably will not find it necessary to consult an unabridged dictionary for the meaning of "muted.")

Unaware of the pigeon's deposit, the teacher boarded the bus. One of the kids asked, "Are we turning your hair gray? It's really white on top."

There was no water on the bus, but one student produced a can of Sprite, and they managed to remove most of the premature gray.

Some days are enough to make you want to say, "Oh, mute!"

Patricia Mol married at a family member traditional wedding. "We were the people we wonderful. But full, at least I did not have rituals such as bride, a bridal attendants, a cake."

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Jean Warren  
Columnist

## Sportsmanship displayed by basketball teams

On Jan. 15, I attended the Forsan-Roscoe basketball games at Roscoe. My great-grandson plays on the Forsan team and, naturally, I do enjoy watching them play.

An incident at the close of the girls' game is interesting.

It displayed good will and sportsmanship by both teams, as well as sincere sympathy for the Roscoe girls.

This was the first game they had played since a teammate was killed in a tragic auto accident.

They did win by several points but it was a close game after the first quarter. I'm sure the Roscoe girls found it very

difficult to play this game so soon after the loss of their teammate, but they did put their hearts into the effort to win. When it was over both teams went to the center circle of the gym forming a circle, holding hands, every other one of the opposing team. They formed a tight circle with heads bowed while a prayer was offered. Needless to say it was very quiet in the gym.

There was an air of sadness in the entire building. At the close of the prayer, there were tears and hugs by both teams as they left the floor. The Roscoe girls were not alone in their grief.

I was so proud of the Forsan girls even though I don't personally know either one of them. It was inspiring to see the good-will, sympathy and sportsmanship displayed. I can't feel that the Forsan girls minded too much the loss of the game, considering the circumstances.

When young people have this attitude it makes one thankful that these will be the leaders of the future. Congratulations Forsan girls; congratulations also go to the boys who won their game - a fast and furious scramble with teams evenly matched in skill and agility. Forsan boys won but the score wasn't very far apart.

Since this is about school sports, I'd like to mention another game I attended (in another town) some time ago. This one was lacking in good sportsmanship, not on the part of the players but that of the opposing coach. A call by a referee angered him.

He mouthed a vulgar two-worded oath. The referee was not near enough to hear him, or I'm sure he would have gotten a technical foul if not removed from the game entirely. He was a fairly young fellow and let his temper overrule his judgment. I heard his foul remark because he spoke quite

loudly and was almost directly under the gym railing where I sat. This isn't a good example for a coach to set for his team to follow. No names are used here for obvious reasons. Those who are responsible for the hiring of teachers or coaches for their children should be very careful in selecting these employees. A coach should be (and usually is) somewhat of a role model and a person each child can respect. Don't you agree? Winning should never be so important to coach or team as to overshadow the practice of good sportsmanship. Isn't that what scholastic sports are all about?

The above incident is probably an isolated one, but never should have happened. My intent for this observation is simply to remind anyone interested in our youth to be on guard. These things can happen! Who can say what influence such things may have in young lives?

For Christmas dinner I made enchiladas, green grits, cheese cake, and Dutch apple pie. We took no chances though, and prevailed on our favorite restaurant for Spanish rice.

We set the table with our best holiday china; and enjoyed having such nice people to share Christmas day.

Adrian and I had worked hard; I rested for two days after Christmas and didn't bake a thing.

I need to bake cakes, batches of bread, and additional biscotti. I do think I'll wait a while.

I'll be honest, the more I think about it, the longer it will be before I turn on that oven and face the baking dragon again.

While I was wrapping the cakes, I had bread rising. I had made four batches of that, and a kettle of soup, and I just wanted to get those cakes wrapped.

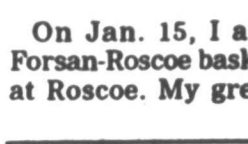
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looked up it was all over the counter, leading a life of its own. Needless to say, it was a little different from the other loaves after it was baked.

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Myrtle Griffith  
Columnist

## Foods can affect our moods

We know certain foods foster better health, but can they also affect our moods?

Yes say researchers who claim the foods you eat trigger the brains production of chemicals-neurotransmitters - that affect thoughts, feelings and emotions, thus molding your moods.

Although food is not the only regulator of moods (stress, exercise and other things play a part), it plays a major role. In fact, a single tailor-made meal has the power to bring about desired changes such as relaxation or concentration in as little as 30 minutes say pharmacologist Joel Robertson, author of the book *Peak-Performance Living*.

Almost everything you do or think affects the chemical balance in your brain. But dopamine and serotonin are the two chemicals most influenced by what you eat, says Dr. Robertson.

Dopamine revs you up, stimulating mental alertness, concentration, and heightened problem-solving skills. That's

why many of us reach for a cup of coffee to get us going says Robertson. "It's high octane in a cup." It causes the release of more dopamine almost immediately. But more than one or two cups may make you edgy and aggravated from a dopamine overload.

Eating protein (fish, chicken breast, beans, yogurt, cottage cheese and such) stimulates dopamine production which fosters a state of alertness.

Serotonin production is stimulated by eating carbohydrates such as pasta, rice, potatoes, breads, tortillas and bagels. It calms you, reduces pain, and regulates sleep. Low levels of serotonin cause feelings of fear, anger, paranoia, low self-esteem, depression, and sometimes violence, according to a study by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Robertson recommends tailoring your meals and snacks to create the mood you desire. Although this is not a panacea, a balanced diet and moderation are steps in the right direction.

In addition, drink enough fluids. If you're even mildly dehydrated, you can feel weak and tired.

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she sat and rocked the baby I could see her lovely smile.

I could almost hear her crooning holding black boy O, so sweet. 'Hush now little baby and go on back to sleep.

Hush a by my baby I rock you back to sleep Your mama love her baby my boy chil, O, so sweet.

I took the faded picture from the corner in the hall

I hung it in the center of the pictures on the wall

This small and faded picture in the corner of the hall

To me it was the brightest and the fairest one of all.

By: Bernice Reed Jones

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FRIDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY - Chicken stir-fry; egg rolls; fried rice; peaches; milk.  
TUESDAY - Soup; sandwiches; chips; fruit; cookies; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on a bun; potato salad; ranch style beans; pickles/onions; fruit tarts; milk.

THURSDAY - Chili and beans; corn; salad; cookies and cream; milk.  
FRIDAY - Steak with gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; butter/honey; pineapple slices; milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOL  
LUNCH  
MONDAY - Pigs-in-the-blanket; macaroni and cheese; green peas; fruit cup; low fat variety milk.  
TUESDAY - Hamburger steak; gravy; rice; black-eyed peas; cookies; sliced bread; low fat variety milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken; mashed potatoes; green beans; Jell-o with fruit; butter bread; low fat variety milk.  
THURSDAY - Frito pie; celery; carrot

sticks; pinto beans; peaches; corn chips; corn bread; low fat variety milk.  
FRIDAY - Homemade pizza; corn; tossed salad; oranges; low fat variety milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS  
BREAKFAST  
MONDAY - Waffles; little smokies; fruit juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; orange juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Muffins; fruit juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - French toast; jelly; little smokies; apple juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; jelly; grape juice; milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; baby carrots; sweet potatoes; biscuits; peaches; milk.  
TUESDAY - Corn dog; French fries; white corn; pears; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Roast beef, gravy; beans; creamed potatoes; cherry crunch; sliced bread; milk.  
THURSDAY - Burritos; purple cabbage slaw; pinto beans; corn bread; blueberry cobbler; milk.  
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# The 'traditional' wedding isn't the modern tradition anymore

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Patricia Molden, who was married at a reunion of 200 family members, says she had a traditional wedding with all the fat cut out.

"We were married before all the people we love, and it was wonderful. But it was wonderful, at least in part, because we did not have many of the usual rituals such as 'here comes the bride,' a bridal bouquet, lots of attendants, and a wedding cake."

Molden and her husband, who find large expensive weddings somewhat lacking in the true meaning of marriage, are typical of a growing number of couples who choose to jettison aspects of tradition that do not appeal to them, while keeping those that they enjoy and find meaningful.

"Rarely do I conduct a cere-

mony that is completely traditional or completely novel," says John Wade Payne, pastor of the Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City. Payne, also co-author of "Happily Intermarried" (Macmillan), often officiates at interfaith ceremonies.

"The services are typically on the traditional side, but couples almost always wish to include something creative or special to them," Payne says.

Among novel aspects common to wedding ceremonies in many denominations are the lighting of a unity candle and the incorporation of secular words (whether of Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, the Beatles, or a new rock group) into the service.

"The unity candle doesn't appear in any published ceremony that I am aware of," says Payne. "Yet in my experience

about 50 percent of couples have it."

Beyond the lighting of a candle to symbolize the unity of the new family created by the wedding, Payne sees a growing trend toward wedding ceremonies that offer all family members an opportunity to affirm the marriage.

The trend is an outgrowth of the women's movement, the minister says, and broadens a tradition in which the bride's father gives the bride away, while the mother and the groom's parents have no role at all.

"Many factors in our society are encouraging novelty in wedding ceremonies," Payne says. "A smaller percentage of the population attends church, temple or mosque regularly, so there is a generation of young people who have not grown up in the mainline traditions.

When they come to be married, they want to connect with their heritage, but they look at it with new eyes and entertain the idea of making changes."

Changes are, if anything, even more prevalent in the wedding celebration.

"The majority indulges in minor twists on tradition, such as a few special foods, or having uncommon music," says Millie Bratten, editor of Bride's magazine.

"A smaller but still significant group goes for a major break with tradition. They may plan a costume wedding — medieval, renaissance, or western — or choose an unusual place like an amusement park or a firehouse for the location."

Since many couples marry around the same time as their friends, they look for ways to make their wedding stand out from all the others, says Maria

McBride Mellinger, author of "The Perfect Wedding" (HarperCollins, \$40 hardcover).

"Couples try something new, whether it is unusual invitations, a novel location, an unusual table setting, or a different way of arranging the flowers or decorating," Mellinger says.

One way of differentiating a wedding is by embracing one's ethnic traditions, and the adoption of special ethnic traditions also is on the increase, according to Mellinger.

Two she has seen become popular lately include the African tradition of jumping the broom and a Latin custom

in which the bridal couple are encircled by a braided silver necklace to signify the formation of a new family unit.

Sentimental flourishes also seem to be on the increase. One, says Mellinger, is for the bride to present bouquets to her mother and the groom's mother as part of the ceremony.

But don't write tradition out of the wedding. "Overall people tinker with weddings around the edges, but they have not turned tradition upside down," says Alan Fields, co-author of the "Bridal Gown Guide" (Windsor Peak Press, \$9.95 paperback).

## Note to bride and groom: Register for everything

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

China, silver and crystal aside, what do bridal couples really want?

The answers can be read in the rise of bridal registries that emphasize the practical over the pretentious. Nothing, it seems, is too plebeian to qualify as a bridal gift.

"Friends of ours threw a lawn sod shower a few years ago," says Alan Fields, a Boulder, Colo.-based writer whose subject is budget weddings.

Popular selections of an equally humble but more customary nature from Target Stores' Club Wedd registry include crockpots, bath towels, table linens and muffin tins.

Discount stores such as Target are among recent entrants into the bridal registry business which started in the 1930s and 1940s when the fine china, silver and crystal departments monopolized the selections. Since then, the types of products available have grown to include housewares and luxury items such as luggage, sporting goods, gourmet cooking utensils and antiques.

The current rise of down-to-

earth selections is tied to the homespun values of the present and to the fact that couples are marrying later and often have already acquired the basics.

In what Fields refers to as a "more polite and subtle way to ask for cash," a number of recently-established registries serve as repositories for gifts of money. They include honeymoon registries run by travel agencies and bank savings deposits that encourage friends and family to add to a couple's savings.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced a bridal registry mortgage account for newlyweds that is available through more than 30 banking and mortgage companies nationwide. Family and friends can deposit cash directly into an interest-bearing account earmarked for a down payment on a home. If the couple's needs change, the money can be used for something else or withdrawn without penalty.

Computers are playing a bigger role in registry selections, with instant updates of the couple's list and 800 numbers to simplify purchasing.

J.C. Penney has put its gift registry onto the web at www.jpennney.com. Most couples come to the store in the traditional fashion to make their selections. But friends and family can see the list by contacting the Penney web address on their home computer. Purchases are made by calling 1-800-527-4438 or by visiting a store.

Computers — the hand-held kind that scan bar-codes — are being used to streamline registry selections. Target Stores, and Federated Department Stores both send bridal couples around the store with the scanner.

Here's how it works at Target: the couple check in at the guest services desk, are handed a scanning gun, and go through the store themselves, scanning in bar codes from items that they would like. They return the scanner to the desk and get a printout of their selections.

Gift-givers can obtain an updated printout of the choices at any Target store by stopping at the Club Wedd kiosk. To keep the list up to date, the customer must buy the item at the guest relations desk. As a dis-

count store, Target does not offer wrapping or delivery service, so the customer must wrap and send the gift.

At The Bon Marche, Burdines, Goldsmith's, Lazarus, Macy's, Rich's and Stern's department stores, all part of Federated Department Stores Inc., couples also are given a hand-held computer with which they scan the bar code of their preferred items as they walk through the store. Anything in stock can be included, not just traditional china, crystal and silver. The computer cuts across store lines so a relative in New York can select a gift at Macy's gift for a niece who registered her preferences in Burdines in Miami.

Computers may have made the selection process more high tech, but they haven't answered an age-old question of etiquette: how to gracefully let invited guests know where the bride and groom are registered.

"It is a perennial concern on our electronic home pages," says Alan Fields. "The old-fashioned way is the answer for most couples; they ask relatives and close friends to spread the word."

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## Take care of skin for your special day

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The glowing face you want to show to the world on your wedding day doesn't develop overnight. Like everything else involved in the event, it takes pre-planning care.

"Many brides think having a facial right before the big day will magically improve their skin, when in fact it can have the opposite effect," says Giella, consultant for Luminique Skin Care products at Vidal Sassoon Salons. "For facials and other treatments such as glycolic acid to really work, they must be done with consistency. Start having regular facials at least three months in advance."

You don't have to become engaged to start on a skin regime, but to ensure a radiant wedding day complexion, take care that your skin is consis-

tently balanced and hydrated, she says. "Good skin creates a flawless canvas."

Two common categories of skin type are normal-to-dry and normal-to-oily, and the specialist notes that most cosmetics companies offer products tailored to work for your type and that you will like to use. These could be cleansing milks or gels that have essential oils and other plant-based ingredients.

Ask a trained professional for advice before using additional products such as an eye cream and glycolic acid treatment cream.

If there are bumps along the way, she has this advice: "Never, ever pick at your face. Blemishes heal better when they are left alone. Always drink lots of water and most of all, don't worry. A pimple won't ruin your wedding day. You will still be beautiful."

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# Wedding reception menus are getting better

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Good news for those invited to a wedding. The food is almost sure to be tastier than the traditional rubber chicken, and it may be more exotic as well.

"As a general trend, there is more flair in cuisine and presentation," says Maria McBride Mellinger, author of "The Perfect Wedding" (HarperCollins, \$40 hardcover).

Adventurous wedding-givers may even have replaced the usual sit-down meal — where there is always a chance of being stuck next to the most boring relative — with open seating that offers an opportunity to mingle and a buffet of delicious and unusual foods.

"We are hearing about sushi in Kansas, and Spanish tapas and Chinese dim sum — formerly encountered only in big cities — are being served at small town weddings as appetizers," says Mille Bratten, editor of Bride's. "In place of plain coffee, there may be an Italian espresso bar."

The cosmopolitan nature of food at some weddings reflects the growing sophistication of some American palettes and the fact people eat out more often.

"At weddings in New York, we see the same trends as in restaurants," says Edward Magel, executive chef at Susan

Holland & Co. in New York. "There is one difference: the exotic elements are toned down because they want everybody to be happy with the food and the unusual dishes are usually presented as hors d'oeuvres."

The politically correct menu, low in red meat and other desirable food groups such as fat and sugar, is rarely presented at a wedding.

"You might think people would stick to healthy foods, but when they come to wedding receptions, they eat large quantities of food, and lots of meat," says Claire Heymann, proprietor of the Hotel St. Germain in Dallas.

Filet mignon, breast of capon stuffed with veal tenderloin and venison breaded with pistachios are among popular main courses (at \$65 a person for a five-course meal) at the Hotel St. Germain.

Magel says that rack of lamb is Susan Holland's biggest seller for formal wedding meals. Favorites for informal affairs are slow-cooked meats and fowl, such as braised chicken chardonnay, with soft polenta with walnuts, or couscous with roasted vegetables.

Caterers report that buffets that mix several ethnic traditions are growing in popularity. The Hotel St. Germain, for example, might offer the Scandinavian specialty, gravlax (cured salmon in dill sauce) on a buffet table with bruschetta

with tomatoes and mozzarella cheese, tiny stuffed tomatoes, and ravioli.

Examples of ethnic blendings in one dish include Maryland lump crab prepared with Thai green curry and seared salmon filet served in a French bouillabaisse broth (both specialties of Susan Holland).

Other ways in which the mold is being broken include the substitution of food for a flower arrangement in the center of the table. Guests at a wedding catered by Susan Holland might find bountiful selection of olives, cheeses, bread, and salads awaiting on the table.

"This course is an icebreaker because it forces interaction among guests who may not know one another," Magel says.

In these indulgent times, dessert is an important matter. "People who eat out a lot expect a serious dessert at a wedding," says Magel. "You can get delicious cakes that also look great, so we often serve cake with heavy accompaniments such as a fruit compote or berries and cream."

In Dallas, a dessert course in addition to the cake is normal. But especially at buffets, the wedding cake may be the star attraction. Make that wedding cakes. Typically, there are two: a white cake and a chocolate cake.

While lavish wedding menus

may seem symptomatic of a new era of extravagance, the opulent meal is hardly a novelty, says William Woy Weaver, a food historian in Devon, Pa.

"By 1790, in cities such as Philadelphia, Boston and New York, the wealthiest people already were relying on caterers to do their wedding parties," Weaver says. "They also could rent suites of French furniture and silver candelabra to dress up their rooms."

Although individual dishes have changed — people no longer prepare and consume elaborate molded ice creams as they did in Victorian era, Weaver points out — selecting the most luxurious and stylish foods is a tradition.

Those who still prefer the old-fashioned menu for a wedding need not become overly concerned that tradition will entirely disappear.

"Once a bride puts on that wedding dress, a hormonal change occurs," says Susan Holland. "Almost every bride comes to us saying, 'I want a regular party, not a wedding.' But as the wedding date comes closer, things change."

"If they didn't want a wedding cake before, now they do," Holland says. "There is more concern for the comfort of other generations attending the event, and those giving the wedding tend to become more conventional."

# Closet

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shelf space for hats and other accessories.

Her side has a single-hang rod for dresses and bathrobes, a shelf for purses and a tall shoe compartment at the bottom for high boots.

His side has sliding tie racks and space for more than 70 pairs of shoes. ("I wear an odd size, so whenever I find a pair my size I buy it," he says.)

"This closet works for us. I know where my blue shirts are, where my white shirts are and all my ties," he says. "When a man gets up in the morning in the dark, it can be impossible to find browns, grays and blues. It's easy to get what you want when things are in an organized fashion."

Most closet companies can design and install a basic flat closet with single- and double-hang rods and shoe shelves for \$300 to \$400, while high-end custom closets finished in cherry wood can cost around

\$40,000.

If cherry wood isn't in your budget, now is a good time to find sales on do-it-yourself closet organizers at many home improvement stores.

Standard fare includes free-slide shelves with a single-hang, one double-hang, two top shelves and a shoe shelf at the bottom.

A deluxe standard closet, which includes a single-hang, a double-hang, a tower of stacking shelves and a shoe shelf at the bottom, costs about \$100.

A deluxe walk-in closet equipped with a U-shaped storage system that includes a single-hang, a double-hang, shelf storage, shoe shelf storage and a wire drawer system will cost about \$275. The prices listed are for Lee / Rowan systems and do not include installation costs.

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# Some gift ideas for bride, groom and attendants

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

While registries take some of the guesswork out of picking gifts for the bridal pair, some givers still prefer the challenge of making independent choices. Here are some possibilities:

• What wears a wedding band and administers the thank-you notes? The bride or groom, for sure, but also a new wedding accessory, the pen. The Meisterstuck Wedding Pen from Montblanc comes with a solid gold ring on the cap that is detachable and engravable — perhaps a spot for a personal dedication or the wedding date. It's suggested as a ceremonial pen, such as for signing the ketuba, but also for practical use later.

The pen comes in two finishes and two sizes. The Classique is more delicate and streamlined and available in sterling silver (\$1,000) or Montblanc's signature black precious resin (\$500); the larger Le Grand is also available in sterling (\$1,200) or black precious resin (\$575).

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• If you want to present elegant silver but something more individual than a place setting, consider sterling silver flowering pots in four sizes by Bulgari (\$125 to \$750). Or from the company's Cerniera line, choose a silver corkscrew (\$350) or bottle opener (\$250).

• Uncork the champagne for a pair of toasting flutes from Waterford called Love (\$98 a pair). This limited design fea-

tures vertical cuts curving up the stem until they form subtle heart shapes at the fill line.

• The bridal pair have chosen the wedding rings at Tiffany & Co. — perhaps from the new Atlas Collection, which features an emerald-cut diamond solitaire and matching wedding ring with alternating matte and diamond polished bands. To complement the rings, make a gift of a Tiffany classic Atlas watch. It comes in either a round- or square-faced version, in gold or silver and in two sizes (prices range from \$995 to \$2,950). It features Roman numerals on the case, has a quartz movement and is water-resistant to 99 feet.

• For that little something for the attendants, the bridal couple might take a suggestion from the Jewelry Information Center and opt for lifestyle-themed watches from Akteo (\$105-\$120). Among the novelty faces are designs for the gardener, with hands in the form of gardening tools; for the architect, with T-square and protractor; and for the artist, with brushes and palette.

• Classic porcelain pieces from Limoges, France, make an elegant status gift. The new white-on-white design by Regis Dho for Philippe Deshouliere, called Promenade (five-piece setting, \$80), has detailed reliefs of flowers, ferns and leaves. Different pieces depicting different varieties and the light-play of the reliefs against the china's translucence make it fascinating to look at and use.

# Books help plan the day

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

During the months of preparation, wedding books will inevitably turn up to help the couple navigate the ocean of details:

• Only a few bridal couples will be able to stage their weddings at New York City's famed Plaza Hotel, but advice for a stylish celebration at the Plaza's wedding (Viking, \$35 hardcover), by Lawrence D. Harvey, the hotel's executive director of catering. While the book includes a traditional wedding planner, the fun is the editorial content, with pictures of real weddings (including that of the Plaza's most recent restorer, Donald Trump), lavishly decorated settings, fantastic wedding cakes, and eclectic menus recommended by the author.

• "The Bridal Registry Book" (Contemporary Books, \$12.95 paperback), by Leah Ingram, tells the prospective bridal couple how to organize their

registries, suggests some they probably haven't thought of (home improvement, sporting goods, for example), and includes detailed store listings.

• "The Wedding Planner" (Chronicle books, \$24.95 hardcover), by Genevieve Morgan and with photographs by John Dolan, is one version of this wedding essential with cool modern layout and design. The wedding checklist and white photographs have a documentary flavor.

• "Jumping the Broom" (Owl-Henry Holt, \$16.95 paperback), Harriette Cole's groundbreaking guide for black brides, is put in a new paperback version with an expanded resource guide and a companion: "Jumping the Broom Wedding Workbook" (Owl-Henry Holt, \$16.95 paperback with spiral binding). Both offer advice and suggestions for the wedding with African cultural influences; the workbook also is an organizer with appropriate blanks for writing in details of your wedding, plus a pocket for receipts, etc.

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**GKIPPER TRAVEL**

# Employers may be trading intelligence for productivity

**NEW YORK (AP)** — American business has re-engineered and benchmarked, and tried total quality management and time-based management, with results as varied as the number of companies that have tried them.

There is, however, an emerging sense that American business managers have been overly oriented to action, too eager to seek productivity improvements before thinking techniques through.

In being so inclined they may have trampled on one of a company's greatest assets, the rising level of worker intelligence. In their haste to spend billions on hardware and software, they may have forgotten mindware.

They are rediscovering it now. The terms "Mindware" and "Learning Organization" are now entering the lexicon of management, which means you are destined to be hearing

about them as you once heard of re-engineering.

The need to recognize mindware has risen from the plant floor. In one study, 62 percent of workers and 63 percent of managers felt their organizations operated on less than half the brainpower available to them.

Kepler-Tregoe, a consulting firm that conducted the study among 1,414 workers and supervisors, concluded that those in the trenches are poorly utilized, pressured, forced to be reactive and not trained to think.

In another study, this one of 300 senior corporate executives, 70 percent said that the learning organization, in which a commitment is made to employee learning, holds great promise for sustained business results.

Ranganath Nayak, senior vice president of Arthur D. Little, believes "senior execu-

tives are increasingly accepting their role in... recognizing the amount of knowledge resident in their people."

Quinn Spitzer, Kepler-Tregoe chairman, isn't as confident that management has as yet caught on, commenting that "while a lot of lip service is paid to critical thinking as a core business skill, reality doesn't measure up."

His company's survey found that workers and managers were "pressured and reactive," compelled to act against a problem before the facts are gathered and analyzed.

Between 40 percent and 50 percent of workers and managers said they don't receive training to improve thinking skills, and that their companies don't even define issues before expecting them to be addressed, that is, acted on.

Perhaps most significant of all, 57 percent of workers and

49 percent of managers indicated they don't understand decisions made by top management.

Spitzer isn't as confident that top executives are catching on to the problem, or to the possibilities that resolving it would bring to their companies.

Companies, he said, face "an insidious threat," not from the usual suspects within a company, such as strategy, process and culture, but "from underutilization of the organization's full intellectual potential."

As you might expect, a well-prepared consulting organization doesn't come out with such findings until it is prepared to solve them, which explains the imminent publication of "Heads You Win! How The Best Companies Think."

The book, co-authored by Spitzer and Ron Evans, draws on examples from what it says are thinking companies, such

as Harley-Davidson, Hewlett-Packard, Johnson & Johnson and British Airways.

Such companies, the authors say, seek to develop "the critical thinking skills of every employee and create the 'humanscape' in which their skills are applied, at every level, to business issues."

"Humanscape? What does it mean. Just imagine landscape, with which everyone is familiar. It is filled with the beauty of such natural features as mountains, streams and trees looking their very best.

A humanscape is also a natural resource, filled with the natural beauty of successful human beings in a thinking environment, contributing their very best to the overall picture.

If Spitzer and Evans are successful it will join "learning organization" and "mindware" in the new language of business.

## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

**INFLATION**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Alan Greenspan says he thought "long and in detail" before rolling stock prices with his now-famous December talk of "irrational exuberance" in the market.

"It was not shot from the hip," the Federal Reserve chairman told the Senate Budget Committee on Tuesday.

This time, markets ignored his cautious talk, which included a warning that the good news on inflation may be ending as low unemployment leads to rising wage demands.

**SECURITIES**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The government plans to raise \$7 billion Jan. 29 in its first auction of securities designed to shield investors from inflation while shrinking the cost of government borrowing.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Tuesday the notes will be auctioned quarterly in denominations of \$1,000, the minimum purchase, and will mature in 10 years. But since they will be tied to the government's Consumer Price Index, their value will increase as prices increase.

**BOEING DELAY**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Despite Boeing's plans to shelve development of a superjumbo jet, rival Airbus Industrie said it is proceeding on schedule and should be ready to launch the mammoth plane next year.

On Monday, Boeing Co. said it was mothballing plans to develop the larger and longer-range versions of its workhorse 747-400 jumbo jet because it didn't have enough orders to justify the \$7 billion project.

But a spokesman for Airbus in Herndon, Va., said Tuesday that even though Boeing didn't see a market for 500-seat planes, Airbus continues to develop its own superjumbo, called the A3XX. The airplane should be launched in 1998 and enter service in 2003.

**SURGE BATTLE**  
CHICAGO (AP) — You can't buy them by the six pack, but a manufacturer of automatic milking machines and other products says it owns the name "Surge" and that Coca-Cola Co.'s new soft drink must get another.

Coca-Cola is betting its Surge, a green, high-calorie, high-caffeine drink, can win back young consumers who have made Pepsi-Cola Co.'s Mountain Dew one of the hottest-selling soft drinks in America.

A Chicago federal court hearing Tuesday was postponed while the two sides tried to settle. If there's no agreement by Thursday morning, a judge could issue a temporary injunction halting Coke's \$50 million Super Bowl Sunday advertising blitz for the new drink.

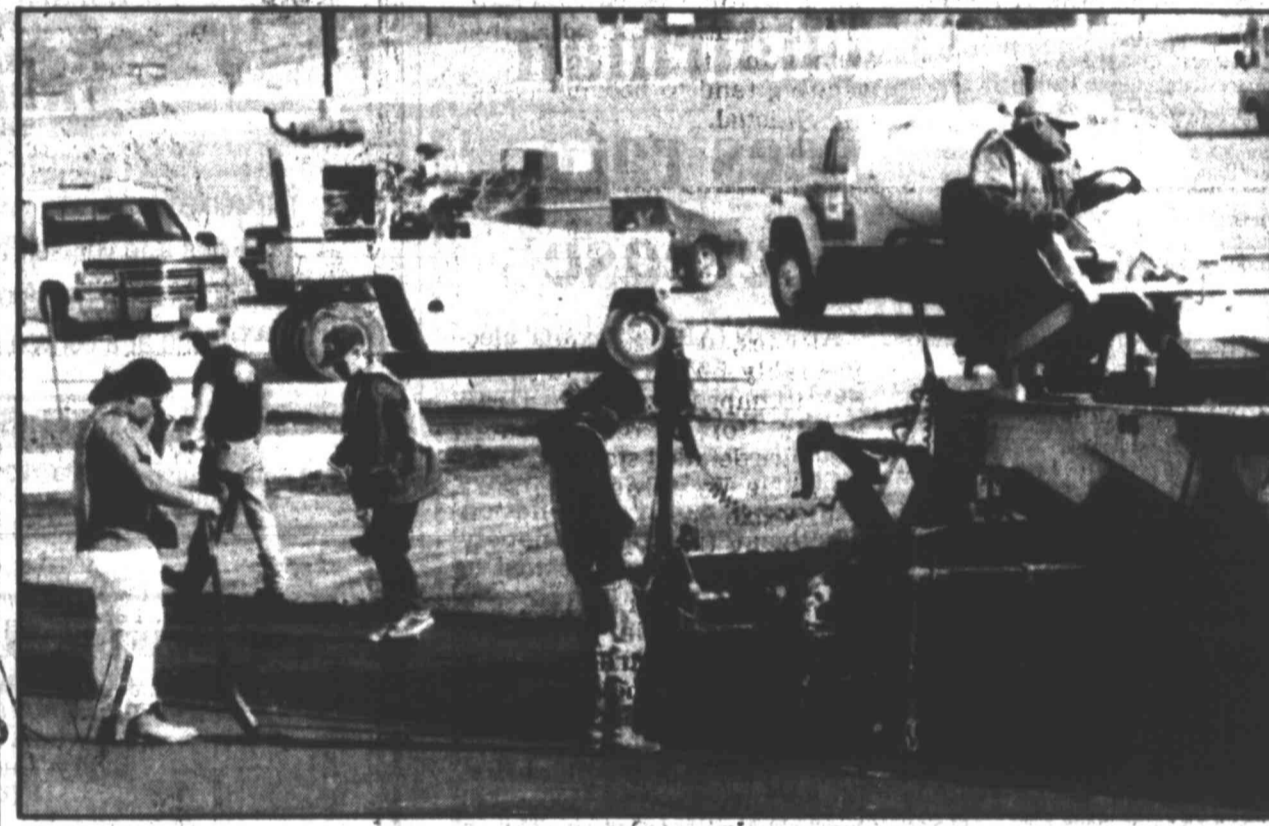
**HOSPITAL ERROR**  
CHICAGO (AP) — Errors in prescribing and administering drugs are costing hospitals millions of dollars a year, a study found.

A typical large teaching hospital pays more than \$5 million a year to keep patients for a few extra days when they suffer bad drug reactions, with more than half the cost incurred because of hospital errors, according to the study published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

**WORLD WAR II**  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Tracing the gold from World War II Germany took another turn with a new report that Sweden received 38 tons — far more than previously thought — and apparently disregarded Allied warnings that some of it may have been looted by the Nazis.

The amount, worth nearly \$430 million at today's prices, is contained in a report based on once-secret documents in Swiss, American and Swedish archives, Swedish radio and the Dagens Nyheter newspaper said Tuesday.

## ROLLING, ROLLING, ROLLING...



Construction crews continue to work on the parking lot of the new Furr's Cafeteria on South Gregg. Big Spring residents will soon get a chance to preview the new cafeteria during an open house for the public. Furr's officials have slated Feb. 12 as the ribbon cutting and grand opening day for the 21st Century cafeteria.

## TU Electric combining facilities

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Employees of TU Electric will have a new place to work as of Monday morning, but as far as customer are concerned it will be business as usual.

TU Electric General Manager John Toone said TU is in the process of moving out of the building at 409 Runnels and relocating to TU's service center just east of the Interstate prison unit.

"Since 1993 when we closed the local office to work in traffic, we had had a large building with just a few employees," Toone said. "We made a conscious decision to remain in the building and take care of it until we could find a buyer."

Toone added, "We're going to share the space at the service center with our transmission and distribution work crews."

Currently, TU's meter reading and customer service departments are located in the Runnels office.

"We want customers to know that as far as dealing with TU Electric, nothing has changed," Toone said. "Customers can still call the 800 number in the phone book or if necessary, as we do now, we will come out to talk to customers if need be."

Approximately 99 percent of customers needs and requests can be take care of over the phone, according to Toone.

"By combining and using the same facilities at the service center, we can be a little more efficient," Toone said. "The bottom line is that we are saving money."

The old TU building will now be purchased by the West Texas State Operated Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services office, which is combined with portions of the Abilene, San Angelo and Lubbock state schools community services divisions.

The reason for purchasing the building is space.

## Educational assistance plans could result in tax refunds

HERALD Staff Report

Tax law changes could affect the bottom line of your 1996 income tax return. Here are some changes you should know about.

**New Law Gives Tax Refunds to Some Employees:** Employees who participated in employer-provided educational assistance plans in 1995 or 1996 could be entitled to refunds because of recent tax law changes. The Internal Revenue Service has set up special procedures to make it easier to get these refunds and to expedite the processing of refund claims sent to the IRS.

The new law reinstates Internal Revenue Code Section 127's annual exclusion from

income of up to \$5,250 of educational assistance benefits, retroactive to January 1, 1995. However, the new law does not extend the tax benefit to graduate-level courses that begin after June 30, 1996.

Employees who paid income taxes for 1995 on excludable educational assistance benefits are entitled to refunds. Employees can claim these refunds from the IRS by filing a Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," if they have already filed a 1995 tax return. To do this, the employee needs to obtain from the employer a Form W-2c, "Statement of Corrected Income and Tax Amounts," showing the corrected wages for 1995, and

needs to attach the Form W-2c to the Form 1040X.

To expedite the processing of these amended returns, taxpayers should print "IRC 127" in the top margin of the Form 1040X. If this is the only adjustment to the original return, taxpayers will need to put only their name, address, Social Security number and tax year on the Form 1040X, sign the form, and attach the Form W-2c. The IRS will compute the refund based on the Form W-2c data provided.

Employees who previously paid Social Security and Medicare taxes in 1995 or 1996 will usually get these tax refunds from the employer that provided the educational assistance.

## Genetic advances may help future cotton crops

My apologies for not getting last week's article written for you. The annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show just kind of snow-balled on me, time-wise, and I just didn't have time to get it written up!

However, I have some pretty exciting news to share with cotton farmers this week.

The Belt-Wide Cotton Conference was held earlier this month in New Orleans,

La., and among some of the most exciting, at least to me, reports came from the sessions dealing with the new biotech genetic work now being done with cotton. The scientific placement of genes in cotton to make plants resistant to many insects and diseases could possibly be the biggest thing to hit the agricultural industry since hybrid corn was introduced...maybe even more so.

Bt cottons, resistant to some insects, have been tried in our area for the last couple of years or so.

Some farmers are sold on them, others not so much. Improvements are already being made to these original strains and among some of these are a transgenic variety to be released this year by

Deltapine called Roundup Ready.

This cotton has built in resistance to the popular herbicide, Roundup, this could result in thousands of dollars in savings to farmers in costly weed control if it proves successful in commercial production.

During the next five years, most seed companies will be offering a double Bt cotton, with two strains of Bt genetically inserted to combat resistance to budworms and bollworms.

Deltapine Land Company promises within five years to have a combination Roundup resistant and double Bt cotton seed available.

Farmers can soon expect to see cotton that is toxic to boll weevils. Research is reported to be underway on a new geneti-

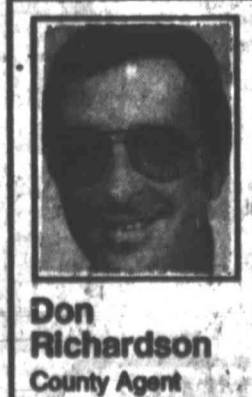
cally inserted insecticide — cholesterol oxydase. Like Bts, this is derived from a soil microbe that breaks down the digestive tract of target pests. But, unlike Bts, cholesterol oxydase is apparently effective on boll weevils as well as boll worms and budworms. Monsanto Chemical Co. expects this type of cotton to be commercially available around the year 2001.

Monsanto recently acquired Agricutest and Calgene, companies researching genetically altered fiber improvements or color selection in cotton. In July, 1996, Calgene received a patent for pigmentation in cotton plants, specifically the expression of melanin, which produces dark brown and black fibers.

Colored fibers would save textile manufacturers the expense and environmental impact of bleaching and dyeing fabric.

Dr. John Gannaway, cotton breeder at Texas A&M University, believes that within the next five to seven years we will see companies incorporating nematode resistance into seed programs and putting it all together. We will also see genes put in for seedling disease control, improvement in fiber quality, strength, length, and so on...all to have an impact on fiber quality.

What all of this means is the cotton farming of today is changing greatly and great things are expected as we move ahead into the 21st Century...all we need now is a good rain.



Don Richardson  
County Agent

# State budgets increasing colleges use of outsourcing

DALLAS (AP) — In an arrangement any student would envy, many colleges are getting others to do their work for them.

Increasingly, universities have been studying how to contract out campus services to private companies in an attempt to save or make money.

The decision to outsource is primarily due to squeezed state budgets and ever-growing student fees, says William D. Eggers, director of the Privatization Center, a division of the Los Angeles-based Reason Foundation, which assists state governments in privatization efforts.

"Cost escalation at universities and higher education institutions is a strong incentive," said Eggers of the trend to contract out campus work.

Many schools have long hired outside businesses to handle their trash collection, vending machines, cafeterias and travel arrangements. Now, schools are expanding their dealings off-campus by hiring companies to handle such traditional areas as campus security, hous-

ing, health centers and infirmaries.

"It's not surprising to have food servicing. That's pretty much expected," said Richard Wertz, an associate professor at the University of South Carolina, who surveyed 934 private and public colleges and universities about outsourcing. "The newest trend is in the student servicing."

Servicing, such as management of college bookstores, is booming, he said. In that service division alone, the number of bookstores under private management more than tripled in the past decade to 30 percent. The National Association of College Auxiliary Services predicts the number will grow to more than 50 percent by the end of the decade.

The move to contract work has meant added dollars for some schools, such as Penn State, which signed a \$1 million contract with Barnes & Noble for the company to run its bookstores. Meanwhile George Mason, a Virginia school and one of the most ambitious in outsourcing, last year signed a three-year \$8 mil-

lion contract for Campus Hospitality to oversee its dormitories and even mediate roommate fights.

Baylor University in Waco recently outsourced its bookstore to Follett College Stores and school officials say they are happy with the results.

"We've looked at it strictly from the standpoint as trying to provide a better service to our faculty, students and staff as well as cost savings," said Kenneth Simmons, vice president of business affairs at Baylor, which also has contracted out its food, custodial, mail and duplicating services.

"We've found cost savings in just about all of our services. Our paramount mission is education. There are folks that are more experienced in those other areas than we are," Simmons said.

Still, even with unprecedented growth, outsourcing is moving at a much slower pace on campuses than in the business world.

"They certainly have not done everything that could be done," Eggers says, adding that colleges could easily get private

companies to do as much as 40 percent of their support services.

There is resistance from universities about giving up control since so far it hasn't been necessary, he said.

"Politically it should be easy to outsource services, but I think universities haven't faced the real, real serious cost pressures that would encourage them to do so. They used to be able to always increase fees on students, but they're getting to the limit," Eggers said.

Texas legislators have not addressed the issue, but tightened budgets meant legislators in Florida and South Carolina recently told public universities to consider contracting out campus services.

"I think that's why there is so much interest now," Wertz said of the trend. "We're getting pushed by businessmen who are on our boards of trustees and businessmen who are in our legislatures," he said.

Yet resistance remains, partially because privatization can mean job loss for university employees.

"I think when you start talking about people who have been employees of the university and now those functions are going to be outsourced there's always concern about the personal issues," said Simmons of Baylor.

A 1989 study of state and county governments by the U.S. Department of Labor shows that half of all employees go to work for the new company overseeing their jobs. Most of the others retired or were reassigned, said Eggers.

The concern is real for university workers. In December, more than 200 protesters objecting to subcontracting of jobs at Yale were arrested and charged with creating a public distur-

bance.

"There is something seriously wrong in corporate America when a huge successful money-making operation like Yale ... can outsource the jobs of dining hall workers," AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said in a statement. Since the protest, the issue has been settled and Yale now allows limited subcontracting.

To guarantee job security, many schools build that caveat into their contracts.

"That's one of the requirements we put on the vendor — existing employees will be offered a job with the out-sourcer," Simmons said.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

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Beltran, Cassandra, 624 Ridgelea, Big Spring.

Billington, Cyndi, P.O. Box 3304 or 300 Tulane, Big Spring.

Bingham, Shawn, 507 E. 6th, Big Spring.

Brown, Phillip, P.O. Box 941, Big Spring.

Cain, Pamela Darlene, 1214 Mostree, Dallas.

Calderon, Librado, 408 Abrams, Big Spring.

Esparza, Joanna, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour.

Garcia, Priscilla, 1410 S. Benton, Big Spring.

Glinkinger, Judy Lynn, 1418 Cr. 248, Colorado City.

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Hodnett, Angela Amy, P.O. Box 647, Coahoma.

Hodnett, Carla, J., 6902 E. Cr 96, Midland.

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Marriage Licenses

Roman Martinez Cisneros, 19, and Rebecca DeLeon, 21.

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Jose Armandariz, 71, and Edwvejes Marquez Ortega, 53.

David Ray Aman, 38, and LaDonna King Alaman, 25.

Keith Darrell Conner, 38, and Juana Padilla Swinney, 45.

Russell Allen Patrick, 67, and LaVerne Morris, 65.

Cory Joe Maxwell, 19, and Barbara Lynn Hammett, 18.

Jonathan Wade Garrett, 29, and Janice Louriana Turner, 38.

Allen Dean Avant, 30, and Jeana Sue Brown, 35.

Stephen M. Bain, 40, and Teresa Talbot, 39.

County Court records

Warranty deed

grantor: Clifton Lee (Pete) Cook

grantee: Peggy Joann Pirte

property: Tract no. 1: an undivided 1/18th interest in and to the east 1/4 of section 25, blk. 34, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Tract no. 2: An undivided 1/18th interest in and to the West 1/2 of section 24, blk. 34, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co.

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Med: Jan. 13, 1997

grantor: Ignacio and Emelinda Cano

grantee: Associates Relocation Management Co., Inc.

property: Lot 4, blk. 2, Wright's Second Addition.

Med: Jan. 13, 1997

grantor: Judy Carol Durham and Jimmy Lee Stevens

grantee: Dorothy Stevens

property: The east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 3, Clanton Subdivision of part of tracts no. 12 and 13 of Kennebec Heights Subdivision in section 12, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.

Med: Jan. 13, 1997

grantor: Ben Floyd Brown

grantee: Frances Shirleen Brown

property: All of lot 37, blk. 16, Kentwood Addition.

Med: Jan. 13, 1997

grantor: Drue and Patsy Wyrick

grantee: Craig Wyrick

property: A tract of land out of and part of section 20, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Med: Jan. 13, 1997

grantor: Bettie-Womack Construction Co.

grantee: Edward D. Cole

property: Being a 4.0 acre tract of land out of and a part of the northeast 1/4 of section no. 32, in blk. 32, Cert. 2/1000, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Med: Jan. 14, 1997

grantor: Edward D. Ingram II and Andrea Lynn Ingram

grantee: David A. Patterson

property: Lot 4, blk. 11, Hall Addition.

Med: Jan. 15, 1997

grantor: Samuel M. and Linda D. Ainsworth

grantee: William Jude King

property: All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Howard County, being all of lot no. 15, blk. 1, Hayden Addition.

Med: Jan. 15, 1997

grantor: Clay Harris

grantee: L.D. Cunningham

property: Lots 3 and 4, blk. 53, Original Township of the City of Big Spring.

Med: Jan. 15, 1997

grantor: Delnor W. and Martha Poss

grantee: Mike Cowley

property: Being out of and a part of lots 15 and 16, blk. 16, Edwards Heights Addition.

Med: Jan. 16, 1997

grantor: Kenney Gillespie and Cindy A. Gillespie

grantee: Billy G. and Sherry L. Reed

property: Being a 8.58 acre tract of land in the northwest 1/4 of section 47, blk. 34, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Med: Jan. 17, 1997

grantor: Cliff Cunningham, Verl Shaw and Edwin Bednar as trustees of the Church of Christ at 14th & Main.

grantee: Herlingan National Bank

property: North 53' of lot 31 and the south 22' of lot 32, blk. 2, Highland South Addition.

Med: Jan. 17, 1997

grantor: Gloria Diaz

grantee: Johnny Hilario Munoz

property: All of lot 35, blk. 13, Douglas Addition No. 2.

Med: Jan. 17, 1997

grantor: Lendon Esco Hamlin

grantee: Kevin E. Hamlin

property: undivided 4/84ths interest in section 30, blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Med: Jan. 17, 1997

grantor: Russell S. Meyer

grantee: Otto Meyer

property: Lot 17, blk. 2, College Park Addition.

Med: Jan. 17, 1997

grantor: Nelynn Wilson

grantee: Pamela Wilson Gass

property: Tract 1: sections 31 and 32, blk. 31, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Tract 2: All of sections 25-27, 34-39, and 46-48, blk. 31, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co.

Med: Jan. 23, 1997

Warranty deed with vendor's lien.

grantor: John A. and Tamara S. Schretten

grantee: Kenneth Howell

property: Being a 0.45 acre tract of land out of section 4, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.

Med: Jan. 13, 1997

grantor: Timothy Jon Tompkins, Inc.

grantee: Robert Jackman and Larry Marquez

property: A 0.145 acre tract of land out of a 0.603 acre tract in the west 1/2 of section 43, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

Med: Jan. 13, 1997

Quitclaim deed

District Court filings

Divorce:

Dickie Lee Jones vs. Sue B. Jones

David B. Bagnall vs. Debra A. Bagnall

Carlota A. Stiehl vs. Freddie G. Stiehl

Wesley M. Hudgins vs. Dolores Hudgins

Viola Hinojos vs. Renee Hinojos

April Yvette Martinez vs. Augustine Martinez, Sr.

Heather Quinn Heiden vs. John Gregory Heiden

Brenda Guzman vs. Tom Guzman, Sr.

Leslie Harris Williams vs. Geary Dwain Williams

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## PUC chairman sees rate decrease

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans' electric rates should drop over the next few years, the chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission says.

Chairman Patrick Wood says the drop won't depend on whether the state's monopoly electric utilities are opened to competition, although the threat of competition is making utilities more efficient.

Declining costs in the industry will force a review of current rates that should lead to decreases in monthly bills, Wood told the Austin American-Statesman for a story published Wednesday.

The commission's job "for the foreseeable future," Wood said, will be "making sure these rates go down as the costs go down — just like the rates went up when the costs went up. We're here to be symmetrical."

Electric rates in Texas soared in the late 1970s and early 1980s as the price of natural gas went up and as utilities required billions of dollars to build new power plants fired by coal and nuclear power.

Then, natural gas prices dropped and the state's economy stalled for much of the 1980s.


Wood said that low growth in demand as compared to expectations, capital plant depreciation and efficiency "would be the three reasons why you're going to see rates come down, really, across the country."

"I think all the regulators are seeing it now, and the threat of competition is making that all the more real for utility management," he said.


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Sparkle and high energy abound this year. You are lively and optimistic. Technological advances and innovations benefit you professionally. Many new projects begin simultaneously. You could exhaust yourself, so take periodic breaks. Be tolerant of those not blessed with your drive. You are capable of speaking out of turn or becoming impatient. Be gracious. If you are single, popularity is extreme. But rather than settle in with one, you prefer to back in the attention of many. That's OK! If attached, your relationship becomes more giving. Indulge your partner's frivolities, and socialize together as much as possible. VIRGO takes your breath away.

**The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:** 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Be more playful with others. A change in plans has no significance, other than the obvious. Lighten up about a project; ask for help to get it done. What you say, and how you say it, is important. Tonight: Enjoy the Super Bowl or a favorite TV show.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Naughtiness runs skin to fun. Don't be uptight about a partner's mood. Reveal your playful side. It is key to your well-being that you don't take others' actions personally. Allow yourself to feel. Another will loosen up soon enough. Tonight: The party begins!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Take a long, hard look at a relationship, and why you behave in certain ways. You might be reacting to a subconscious message. Emphasize friendships and the quality of your life. Tonight: Order in.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Start the day slowly. You could be exhausted. Take time for a nap. Later, join friends for a fun get-together. You have a lot to say. Get into the convivial atmosphere of the day. Make time for a talk. Tonight: Be where the party is.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Do a firm accounting before you head out the door. You are in the mood to be lavish and have a good time. Once you join friends, the party begins. You are where the action is. Be careful with Super Bowl bets; you could go overboard. Tonight: Celebrating a win?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
A family member disappoints you. But you pull it together, and easily return to your sunny self. Flirting and being yourself merge. Another lets you know

DEAR ABBY: I am really confused. I am 21 years old and I have two small children. I got pregnant and married at 17, so I haven't had much experience at life. I

felt if I was a woman enough to get pregnant, I was woman enough to take care of the child and raise it as best I could - and I am doing that.

It never bothered me that I didn't have much of a teen-age life because I had been through a lot and had grown up fast. My husband, on the other hand, was not at all ready for a family. He married me, but when my baby was 8 months old he started messing around, so I left.

When I came back, things were OK - but then he started drinking a lot and got both mentally and physically abusive. Things just seemed to get worse and worse, so I kicked him out. Then I found out I was pregnant with our second child. I didn't know what to do. He was living with some other girl and still coming to my home, making my life a living hell.

Then he told me he wanted to come back to his family - so like a fool, I took him back. After my second child was born, I thought things were all right. But then I discovered that he was still seeing the

same girl and that she had a baby. He swears it's not his; she says it is.

Now he has decided that he's finally ready to be a father and husband. I don't know what I want to do. I have held on and been through so much for him. But I don't trust him and don't know that I ever will. I don't have the same love for him that I once did.

Should I continue this relationship? Should I call it quits? Do you believe someone can change his whole way of life in only a few short months?

Please help me. I don't know what to do. - LOST IN JACKSON, MISS.

**DEAR LOST:** A person can make great strides in changing his or her attitudes if there is sufficient motivation - but considering your husband's history, I wouldn't bank on this reconciliation. Continue this relationship only on the condition that he agrees to joint marriage counseling with you, and that he make it possible for you to continue and complete your education. That way, if things do not work out, you will be able to support your children without having to depend on him. Good luck.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
You become embroiled in a misunderstanding. News you receive is aggravating. It may take you awhile to pull back. Think through what is happening. Instincts play a key role in making a decision about a family matter. Do for yourself. Tonight: Vanish.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Be careful with funds. You have a tendency to go to financial extremes. Be sure of yourself when someone makes a big request. Bring friends together for the big game. Catch up on news. Tonight: It could be a late, but fun, night.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
You must make an appearance, despite feeling out of sorts. Note others' high expectations and their desire to be close to you. Sensitivity is important to them, but take care of yourself too. Avoid additional responsibility. Tonight: You are a force to behold.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
You have an uneasy feeling about something but have a hard time pinpointing it. Reach out to a friend who is at a distance. There is the possibility of a trip. Be open to what lands on your plate. Do not automatically nix a prospect. Tonight: Try something new.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
One-to-one relating is imperative. You settle a hassle with a friend. Accent the quality of a key relationship. Make time for a special partner. Listen to your inner voice in a money arrangement. Know when to cut ties financially. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Avoid either-or thinking. Incorporate opposing ideas into your life. You can make everyone, including yourself, happy. Others seek you out. The more, the merrier. Make time for a Super Bowl get-together. Tonight: Listen to a friend's news.

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1 Te Kanawa solo  
5 Piece of a corolla  
10 Truck driver, at times  
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16 A Guthrie  
17 "The - Tales" (Chaucer)  
19 Catch  
20 Computer messages  
21 Hold back  
22 June 6, 1944  
23 Liverpool fuel  
25 Title in colonial India  
27 Baobab, e.g.  
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31 Mineral lump  
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46 Greasy spoons  
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62 Andrea -  
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by Randall J. Hartman

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