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## Temperatures expected to cool off for Saturday's activities

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

People heading to the various Christmas activities in Big Spring Saturday best bundle up, because temperatures are expected to be on the chilly side.

Officials with the National Weather Service office in Midland are calling for mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the upper 40s and lows between 35-40. Winds should be from the southeast at between 5-15 mph.

That means that people attending the outdoor events Saturday should wear plenty of warm clothing.

The 11th Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and the Trail of Lights celebrations will both be held Saturday. The parade is sched-

uled to begin at 5 p.m. and is expected to last for about two hours, said John H. Walker, managing editor of the Herald.

People attending the parade route on Gregg Street need to dress warmly, because once the sun goes down, the temperatures are expected to drop rapidly.

Almost 90 entries were received and around 2,000 will participate in the parade, which is expected to be about 25 blocks long, Walker said.

The schedule for Saturday activities

### SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Noon — Vendors open, courthouse square

1 p.m. — Entertainment, courthouse square

2 p.m. — Dress rehearsal, Living Christmas Tree

2 p.m. — Christmas Tree Forest opens, 3rd and Rannels

5 p.m. — 11th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade

7 p.m. — Trail of Lights observance begins with lighting of community Christmas tree

8 p.m. — Living Christmas Tree, First United Methodist Church

include:

• Noon — Vendors open around courthouse square.

• Immediately after the parade, the Trail of Lights celebration begins with

1 p.m. — Entertainment begins in courthouse area.

2 p.m. — Dress rehearsal for Living Christmas Tree and First United Methodist Church (no charge to public). Also, the Christmas Tree Forest at Third and Rannels streets will be open.

5 p.m. — Herald Christmas Parade begins (parade will head south down Gregg Street before ending at the square).

a downtown lighting program, hosted by master of ceremonies David Wrinkle.

8 p.m. — Living Christmas Tree, First United Methodist Church.

Several nighttime festivities are scheduled for the courthouse square area. Aside from food and craft vendors along the north side of the square, Santa Claus will be in the pocket park to the east of the courthouse, there will be horse-and-buggy rides, face-painting will be available, and different sorts of live entertainment will be provided.

The Christmas Tree Forest, located at the old Schwarz building on Third and Rannels streets, will be open from 2-8 p.m. Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday and 6-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. A gift and sweet shop will be located at the forest, organizers added.

## VOLUNTEERS GET FUNDS, EQUIPMENT

In the top photo, Louie Smith (from left), Allen Winn, Valarie Sullivan, Patrick Westbrook and Tommy Sullivan of the Volunteer Fire Department receive equipment donations from the Fina Refinery which was represented by Don Riley, Phil Carruthers, Charlie Kosh and Bill Swefford.

In the bottom photo, volunteer chief Tommy Sullivan gets into a refurbished fire truck the department purchased.

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## Police chief

### City ends candidates' interviews today

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring will conclude its personal interviews today of the four finalists to head the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) and plans to make an announcement of its selection next week, according to City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"The interviewing process has been fairly smooth," Fuqua said. "We'll make a decision next week and we hope to have the new police chief on-line around Jan. 1 or shortly thereafter."

The process began with 26 applicants and was narrowed to six and then to the four finalists, according to Fuqua.

According to Fuqua, the city is pleased with the quality of the applicants it has received for the position.

The four finalists are current BSPD Acting Chief Lonnie Smith, Capt. Billy D. Hammitt of the Odessa Police Department, Chief G. Scott

Kniffen of the Sunset Valley Police Department in Austin and Chief Barry W. Hooper of the Dumas Police Department.

Smith's tenure includes 23 years of experience and assuming the role of Acting Police Chief on three different occasions.

Hammitt has more than 23 years of experience as well, including assignments in Monahan and Odessa. He also has several professional certifications.

Kniffen is a veteran police officer of 16 years in Austin and Conroe. Kniffen also served as a trooper with the Department of Public Safety for six and a half years.

Hooper has 21 years experience as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army as well as 17 years law enforcement experience in Canyon and Dumas.

The city began its search for a new chief following the September death of Chief Jerry Edwards due to heart problems.

## Stenholm fires shots at Rudy Izzard's record

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Much like a Muhammad Ali versus Joe Frazier heavyweight title match, the writing is already on the wall for the second stanza of San Angelo dentist Rudy Izzard versus 20-year 17th District Congressman Charles Stenholm.

On the eve of Izzard officially announcing his intentions to make a second run at the seat held by Stenholm, the Stamford Democrat issued a statement challenging Izzard to run a campaign based on facts and issues.

"In the last campaign, Dr. Izzard misrepresented my voting record and played free and loose with the facts," Stenholm said. "I intend to hold Dr. Izzard to a higher standard during the next campaign, and any efforts to mislead the public will not go unchallenged."

Tuesday, Izzard told several Big Spring Republican supporters that he believes Stenholm's influence has diminished.

"Experience is not as much a factor as you would think," Izzard said.

"Congress has lost the trust of the American people, and we can look at our current Congressman as an example why," Izzard said. "During his almost 20 years in office, our Congressman has raised his own salary from \$57,000 to more than \$133,000; he has traveled all over the world at taxpayer expense; and he has accumulated a pension in excess of \$2 million."

According to Izzard, in Stenholm's 20 years in office, the federal government has racked up a \$5 trillion national debt, a host of failed social programs and a cynicism unmatched in America's history.

"I believe in term limits of 12 years," Izzard said. "I will not accept any salary increase while I am in Congress. And I will not accept a pension unless the federal budget is balanced."

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## Most county races have contested look

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

After the first two days of filing for positions on the March 10 primary ballot, Howard County looks to have a full slate of contested races, but as a result of the 75th Texas legislature, there are several important dates both candidates and voters should be aware of.

Following the Jan. 2 filing deadline, Jan. 7 will be the last day for a candidate to withdraw from the ballot.

The following dates are important for candidates and voters to remember as the March 10 primary approaches:

• Jan. 9 — The filing deadline if the Jan. 2 deadline is extended and the first day applications may be received for ballots to be cast by mail.

• Jan. 16 — Last day for county executive committee to conduct ballot drawing.

• Jan. 24 — First day to mail early ballots to voters who have requested them.

• Feb. 23 — Early voting in person begins. The county clerk/elections administrator may order early voting to begin Feb. 21 or 22 since the 17th day before election day falls on a Saturday.

### LOCAL CANDIDATES

#### Howard County Judge:

Ben Lockhart (I) — Republican

#### County Commissioner, Precinct 2:

Jerry Kilgore (I) — Republican

Donnie Reid — Democrat (has not officially filed with party chairman)

#### County Commissioner, Precinct 4:

Gary Simer — Democrat

Fredi Frank — Republican (has not officially filed with party chairman)

Jody Nix — Republican (has not officially filed with party chairman)

#### Treasurer:

Bonnie Franklin (I) — Democrat

#### JP - Precinct 1, Place 2:

Marilyn Carson (I) - Republican

Bennie Green - Republican

#### JP — Precinct 2:

Open position

#### District Clerk:

Glenda Brasel (I)— Democrat

#### County Clerk:

Donna Wright — Democrat

(I) - Denotes incumbent officeholder

• March 3 — Last day to receive applications for ballots by mail.

• March 6 — Last day to vote early in person.

• March 7 — Ballot board in all counties may meet to process ballots but may not begin actually counting ballots unless the population in the county is more than 100,000.

• March 10 — Primary Election Day. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office has also prepared a pamphlet full of information on the electoral process in an effort to increase public participation in elections.

For candidates seeking local and state elective office, the filing period began Wednesday and runs through Jan. 2, at which time the Republican and Democratic

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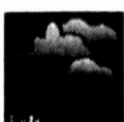
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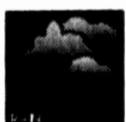
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Tonight, increasing clouds, becoming mostly cloudy. Low near 30. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs 45-50. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows 35-40. Extended forecast, Sunday, mostly cloudy. A chance of rain. Highs in the 50s. Monday, a slight chance of rain. In the 40s. Highs in the 60s. Tuesday, dry. Lows 35-45. Highs 55-65.

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## JP Long turns down gun permit appeal

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Misinterpretation over what actually constitutes a conviction has apparently cost a local man a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

At an unprecedented appeal at Justice of the Peace China Long's courtroom Thursday, a Department of Public Safety decision to deny Lonnie Dean Martin a permit was reluctantly upheld by Long.

At issue was Martin's criminal record. In 1993, he pleaded

guilty to possession of a controlled substance and received deferred adjudication. As it is popularly perceived, a person who successfully completes the terms of the deferred adjudication will have the conviction purged from his criminal record.

Going on that assumption, Martin applied for a concealed-weapon permit in August and checked the "no" box next to the question asking him if he'd ever been convicted of a felony.

But the state law covering concealed weapon permits, as

the DPS and Long interpreted it, excludes persons with a deferred adjudication conviction from qualifying for a permit.

The DPS denied Martin's application on two counts — that he had a prior felony conviction, and that he lied on his application by stating he hadn't been convicted.

During Thursday's appeal in Long's courtroom, Martin's attorney Don Richard unsuccessfully argued that upholding

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OBITUARIES

Emeterio "Milton" Lozano, Jr.

Service for Emeterio "Milton" Lozano, Jr., 49, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997, in a local hospital.

Gladys Phillips

Service for Gladys Phillips, 87, Slidell, La., formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997, in Slidell.

John Askew Coffey

Service for John Askew Coffey, 92, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Alice Mae Welch

Service for Alice Mae Welch, 85, San Angelo, was Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997, at Johnson's Funeral Home, San Angelo, with Rev. Lynn Young, Methodist minister officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Welch died Saturday, Nov. 29, in Park Plaza Nursing Center in San Angelo.

Survivors include: a daughter, Pat Gustin, Big Spring; a son, James Welch, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home, San Angelo.

COUNTY

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fields will be set for the March 10 primary elections. Primary runoffs will be April 14.

Wednesday opened a process that will shape a general election ballot on which no Democratic incumbent will be seeking re-election to any of the top six statewide offices.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush kicked off his re-election campaign in Midland, and Democrats were assessing the impact of Attorney General Dan Morales' surprise decision to call it quits.

Morales was a major draw with Hispanic voters and in a recent survey enjoyed the second-highest name recognition among Texas politicians, behind only Bush.

Locally, residents planning to seek office are not officially considered candidates until they have filed with their respective party chairman and paid their filing fee.

Howard County's party chair-



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
In this accident at Third and Gregg late Thursday morning, a pickup struck a city vehicle in the intersection. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment of injuries.

men are Jerry Barker, Democratic and Dwain Fox, Republican.

Thursday, another longtime public official added his name to the list of incumbents not seeking reelection.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Jack Buchanan joins County Clerk Margaret Ray and Precinct 4 County Commissioner on the list of officials deciding to call it quits.

"This is a decision which I did not take lightly as I did a lot of soul searching and spent a lot of time in prayer before arriving at this decision," Buchanan said. "Also, this will allow me to spend more time with my family. They are real important to me."

Buchanan, who will serve out the remainder of his term, said he has to thank the commissioners' court for appointing him to the position, the voters, and fellow JPs Bill Shankles, Marilyn Carson, China Long, their employees, law enforcement officials and the two funeral homes for their support and cooperation.

STENHOLM

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Stenholm's statement released Monday, also called into question Izzard's failure to file required campaign finance reports with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

"When first questioned about these delayed reports, Izzard maintained that he had received an extension but later admitted this was not true," Stenholm said. "Dr. Izzard's campaign literature says he spent \$192,082 in his first campaign, but the facts don't bear this up. In fact, his own FEC reports show that he actually spent \$311,201 in the 1996 campaign. Additionally, he doesn't

discuss what his own party spent on his behalf." The 17th Congressional District stretches across 32 West Texas counties and is dominated by oil, gas, agriculture, military interests and small business. The district is centered around Abilene and is bordered by Fort Worth to the east; San Angelo to the South; Lubbock to the northwest; and Midland-Odessa to the west.

Long was definitely sympathetic to Richard, calling the new interpretation of deferred adjudication "a horrible thing," but added that she was handcuffed by the law.

"The law is very clear on the subject," she said. "Apparently, the legislature ... has made an exception (to deferred adjudication). I don't think (Martin) did anything wrong, but I'm going to have to find in favor of the state."

Afterward, Long conceded she was torn by the issue and said the state legislature may want to revisit the issue in the near future.

"The legislature may want to fine-tune it," Long said. "Right now, though, (deferred adjudication) is considered a conviction, and I guess you need to check with a lawyer if you're filling out something and you're not sure."

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB invites all to celebrate Christmas in the Park, Saturday, Dec. 13.

Bring a decoration to the park at 3 p.m. and help us decorate the community Christmas tree. Return at 6 p.m. to hear the band, chorus groups, see Santa Claus and have free refreshments. For more information, call Jim or Irene at 394-4424.

SHOP STANTON LATE NIGHT is planned for Monday, with stores open late, Santa Claus in a covered wagon, antique doll exhibit and a host of holiday celebrations.

Events are planned all day, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., but Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Old Sorehead Band. Stanton restaurants will be open all day as well.

The event is sponsored by the Martin County Extension Community Development Council and Martin County Chamber of Commerce. Call 756-3316 for more information.

PARKS CONVENIENCE CENTER IS having a food drive to help the hungry of Big Spring. Bring three cans of food and receive a free Express Plus Car Wash.

For more information call 263-4498.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY  
•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

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SATURDAY  
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

SUNDAY  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 68, up 162 points; Jan. crude 18.90, up 30 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 higher at 46.50; cash steers steady at 67; Dec. lean hog futures 62.97, no change; Dec. live cattle futures 67.50, up 5 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including Index 8106.86, Volume 172,545,450, and various commodity prices like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, etc.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 64  
Thursday's low 28  
Average high 62  
Average low 33  
Record high 88 in 1954  
Record low 18 in 1921  
Precip. Thursday 0.00  
Month to date 0.13  
Month's normal 0.11  
Year to date 19.08  
Normal for the year 18.02  
\*\*Statistics not available

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

• ERNEST CLARK, 57, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• LINDA JONES, 49, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARK SMITH, no age given, arrested on a charge of forgery.

• JIMMY DUBOSE, 35, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• BURGLARY on the 700 block of Johnson.

• THEFT on the 1800 block of Gregg and Fourth and Johnson.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE on the 2900 block of I-20.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the 500 block of State.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Thursday

1:20 a.m. - 1800 block Donley, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:57 a.m. - 11000 block Wasson, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

3:19 a.m. - 1100 block S. Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:35 a.m. - 3200 block Auburn, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:55 a.m. - Third and Gregg, traffic accident, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:56 a.m. - 1200 block Blackmon, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

12:05 p.m. - 5600 block Cedar, medical call, service refused.

4:04 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

4:06 p.m. - 3800 block N. Hwy. 87, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:34 p.m. - 2800 block Apache, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:54 p.m. - 1700 block Nolan, dumpster fire, extinguished by responding units.

8:01 p.m. - 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:12 p.m. - 2600 block Langley, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

9:15 p.m. - 700 block Lorilla, residence fire, extinguished by responding units.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Sue Haugh, left, and Pam Welch, right, talk with Sue Sikes, a newcomer to Big Spring, at the Newcomer's Gathering at Our Old House Thursday. The event was designed to help new residents of the community feel welcome.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 24th & Johnson 267-8288. Lola Sheppard, 88, died Monday. Memorial services will be 1:30 PM, Friday at First Baptist Church.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331.

Emeterio "Milton" Lozano, Jr., 49, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Gladys Phillips, 87, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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# Government extends Union Pacific competitor cooperation order

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Union Pacific railroad must continue cooperating with competitors to clear train congestion across the western United States, federal regulators ruled.

The government's Surface Transportation Board extended its emergency order by three months, until March 15.

But the board, in a decision late Thursday, directed the railroad to return Dec. 12 with plans for making Midwestern grain shipments a top priority. A record corn harvest has overflowed grain elevators, which are reporting widespread spoilage.

"We conclude that while service is

showing signs of improvement, the service recovery to date is not broad enough in scope," the board's ruling said. "Given the improvement that is still needed, we have concluded that the emergency is not yet over."

Gridlock along the 36,000-mile system also clogged California ports and stalled production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

The nation's largest railroad had argued against extending the order, which was to have expired at midnight Thursday. UP contended the backlog could be eliminated and rail traffic returned to normal by Jan. 1.

But at a day-long hearing Wednesday, railroad customers disputed the claims. Many predicted the snarl would last through March.

"What became clear at the hearing is that there is a lot of grain on the ground that is at risk of spoiling, and that there appears to have been no clear prioritization among grain shipments to ensure that those grain stocks that need to move first in face receive priority service," the board said.

UP Chairman Dick Davidson said the railroad would comply with the board's decision. The railroad argued that, at most, a 30-day extension was appropriate; shippers wanted the maximum 240-day extension.

"We look forward to completing our service recovery as rapidly as possible in order to regain the confidence of our customers," Davidson said in a prepared statement.

The board chairwoman, Linda Morgan, said Wednesday she was disturbed by the infighting among the various railroads.

The new order calls for increased cooperation from the railroads in four areas: Midwestern agricultural shipments, western coal service and congestion in Texas and California.

In addition, the board ordered Burlington Northern-Santa Fe to devel-

op grain-state priorities along with Union Pacific. Both railroads now must report weekly on their progress in grain states.

The original order was issued Oct. 31. Congestion and shortages of equipment and crews first appeared in Houston last summer, then spread throughout the network created by last year's merger between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

Meanwhile, the National Transportation Safety Board has promised to hold hearings on the railroad's safety record. The safety board is investigating 14 Union Pacific accidents in the past year.

crime offenders in 1987 and for new, nonviolent-crime prisoners in 1996.

Lawmakers this year made child molesters and manslaughter convicts ineligible if they committed crimes after May 23.

Gov. George W. Bush and some lawmakers wanted to repeal the law retroactively. But the U.S. Supreme court overruled a similar move in Florida.

Castlebury said the department is trying to determine in which of the state's 254 counties each of the child molesters and manslaughter convicts was convicted. That will determine where each is released, he said.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLINGEN — Concerned about allegations of abuse at the Marine Military Academy, accreditation officials will visit the school next week to see if students are being adequately supervised.

The visit comes after the October throat-slashing of one cadet and a lawsuit filed last month alleging 11 former cadets were physically and sexually abused by classmates.

Mike Thomas, state director of the Texas Secondary and Middle School Committee, said Thursday that he had asked committee officials to meet with MMA administrators about the recent events.

"I'd like to have assurances that they will provide sufficient nighttime monitoring of students in the barracks so that this kind of hazing doesn't occur," said Thomas, whose committee evaluates 630 Texas secondary schools for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Clearly, if they have students who are being hurt in the dormitories, they're in violation of safety standards," said Thomas, who also is associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas.

AUSTIN — Both Texas and industry officials say they are eager for the Jan. 12 start of the trial in the state's \$14 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"We are eager to get to trial," said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, after U.S. District Judge David Folsom in Texarkana issued the order setting the date.

"We look forward to presenting the relevant facts in their entirety to a jury of fair-minded Texans," said Philip Morris attorney Jack Maroney. "And we remain confident that the outcome of the trial will be a favorable one for the industry."

Texas is among 41 states that have sued the tobacco companies. The industry and the states earlier this year negotiated a \$368 billion national settlement that would have ended all such cases, but that deal is stalled in Congress.

FORT WORTH — A 14-year-old prostitute and dope dealer has received a 35-year prison term after admitting she shot a man to death during a robbery attempt.

Anisha-Renee Walker — the youngest person ever tried as an adult in Tarrant County — pleaded guilty Thursday after confessing in a letter to state Judge Sharen Wilson, said defense attorney Bryan K. Buchanan.

Miss Walker originally had told detectives she killed Pedro Enemaku of Arlington in self-defense May 23 but changed her story in her October letter.

She agreed to the plea because the letter "essentially destroyed" her defense, Buchanan said.

"We really didn't have much of a choice. Her letter was very damaging," Buchanan said.

HOUSTON — The idea of developing state guidelines on how to restrain unruly county jail inmates has been rejected by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards because of opposition from two lawmakers and officials from 10 counties.

Those objecting to setting guidelines claimed the rules were a "knee-jerk reaction" to the problem.

"I think that the news media has chased you up a tree and your response has been to overreact," state Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, said in a letter to Jack Crump, the commission's executive director.

"The sheriffs in my district don't need your help or your interference," Swinford said.

The proposal, made by Crump two months ago, would have required the commission to review and approve use-of-force plans for all counties and private jail operators. But it was rejected without comment on Thursday.

HOUSTON — Suppose someone held a contest and no one entered.

That's just about what happened when a group seeking to boost Houston's reputation spent about \$500,000 to place an advertisement in the Oct. 13 issue of Time Magazine stressing how unique the city is.

The ad offered a first-class trip to Houston with the chance of play a one-on-one game of basketball with Houston Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon or spend an evening at the theater with playwright Edward Albee. There were also other prizes.

But only one person among the magazine's 4 million subscribers has claimed one of the 33 prizes.

## If allowed to stand, court ruling would force immediate release of 150 child molesters, prison official says

AUSTIN (AP) — If allowed to stand, a recent court ruling would result in the early release of more than 1,300 child molesters and nine murderers, Texas prison officials report.

Lawmakers in 1993 intended to make child molesters and people convicted of manslaughter ineligible for an early-release program, which has since been repealed for all new inmates.

But thousands of inmates convicted before the repeal remain eligible. They are released on parole after their time served plus their good-time credit equals their full sentence.

That program, established in

1977, was intended to ease prison crowding.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last week said the 1993 Legislature failed to correctly amend the law. That made 1,324 child molesters and nine manslaughter inmates eligible for the program, TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury said Thursday.

Attorney General Dan Morales has said he will ask the court to reconsider its decision.

Castlebury said 180 child molesters and one of the manslaughter convicts would have to be released by the end of the year if the court doesn't reverse its ruling. The other

1,144 child molesters and manslaughter convicts would have to be released early over the next eight years.

"We will audit each case to make sure that that time computation is correct," Castlebury said. "Some of these could get out and produce an acceptable home plan, like other inmates. Some of them would have to be placed in halfway houses."

"For some, it would be the judgment of the Board of Pardons and Parole that they need to be in an intermediate sanction facility. It's a step up from a halfway house."

The early release program was ended for new, violent-

crime offenders in 1987 and for new, nonviolent-crime prisoners in 1996.

Lawmakers this year made child molesters and manslaughter convicts ineligible if they committed crimes after May 23.

Gov. George W. Bush and some lawmakers wanted to repeal the law retroactively. But the U.S. Supreme court overruled a similar move in Florida.

Castlebury said the department is trying to determine in which of the state's 254 counties each of the child molesters and manslaughter convicts was convicted. That will determine where each is released, he said.

## Man gets 20 years for assaulting 14-year-old girl

ABILENE (AP) — A man who pleaded guilty to five charges of sexual assault has been sentenced to 20 years and fined \$50,000.

Michael Romine, 27, was sentenced after jurors deliberated two hours.

He was accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl who attended the same church and whose family he befriended.

The girl, now 15, had a message for other young victims of sexual abuse as Romine was handcuffed and led from the Taylor County Courthouse.

"I hope this will be an inspiration to all those young girls who have not told and should tell," she said. "God will hold them and help them through like he helped me."

During the four-day trial, there was graphic testimony about the defendant's five-month sexual relationship with the teen.

"You have no conscience," the girl's mother told Romine in a victim's impact statement. "There is hope for you through Christ. The only hope I have for you on this Earth is to see you behind bars."

Romine told jurors he would offer to go to prison if it would help his victim and her family "in any way," but he begged jurors for probation so he could seek help for his attraction to young girls.

Defense attorney Lance Hall acknowledged that Romine had been involved in incidents with three 13-year-old girls, but called his client a "good, caring person" who did one "terrible thing."

Prosecutor Sandy Self said probation for such a crime would be a "perversion."

"Let's just give everyone the first victim free," she said sarcastically. "The first child is on us."

"We're not after revenge, we're after a

reckoning," Self said.

Romine wormed his way into the victim's family two years ago after meeting them at church, Self said.


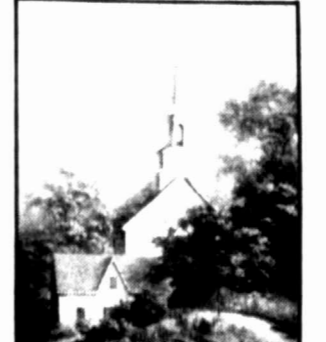
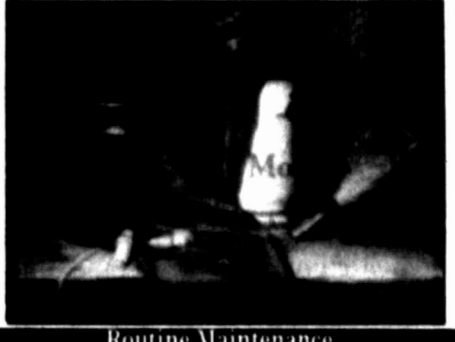



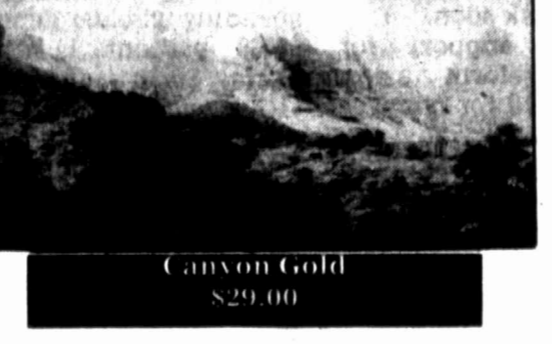


Family members testified he presented himself as a Christian man who professed himself a committed virgin and wanted to help their daughter overcome Attention Deficit Disorder as he had.

Prosecutors said he never suffered a learning disability, he was infected with an incurable sexually transmitted disease he gave his victim, and he cowed the girl into sex acts in their church.

Testimony also revealed Romine has a history of lying and of pursuing 13-year-old girls. In two previous instances, Romine was ordered to stay away from youngsters he was seducing.

"Did he stop?" Self asked. "No, he just perfected his technique."

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OUR VIEWS

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Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized.

OTHER VIEWS

Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad:

If Japan wants to find a way out of its financial difficulties, it need look no further than the policies of a man who studied economics at Eureka College in Illinois.

The Reagan policy mix consisted of sharply reducing the highest marginal personal income tax rates to restore incentives for work and investment.

Japan has a chance to do something similar next month when the government announces a package that again addresses tax policy.

Will our descendants hate us 50 years from now for leaving them a climatic disaster?

That's the question that ought to draw prime attention from the delegates to the international conference on global warming that opens today in Kyoto, Japan.

Developing nations worry that their economic growth will be restricted; many industrialized nations worry that they will be asked to bear the bulk of the burden of correcting a problem for which they are the bulk of the cause.

No matter how serious the threat, the Kyoto conference at best will only produce a minimalist response. What's critical, however, is not a total, global solution but movement in the responsible direction toward

restraint on greenhouse gas emissions and enhanced support for essential scientific research on global warming.

With the 10-day conference on climate change convened in Kyoto, Japan, the endless debate over global warming and what to do about it is now joined on an international scale.

With science's evident lack of ability to accurately predict tomorrow's weather, or next week's the layman must also ask how accurate science can be about climate over the next century.

A focal point of the Kyoto conference is limitations on carbon dioxide emissions. President Clinton seems to be trying to walk a middle ground between strict regulation environmentalist and lax regulation industrialist positions.

The latest in a long line of "silver bullets" or magic antidotes sought by too many overweight Americans appears destined to be on the market soon.

So desperate are many of the 58 million overweight Americans for respite from the excess baggage they carry that they may consider the new medication's unknown side-effects a justifiable trade-off for the potential loss of unwanted and unhealthy body weight.

Meridia arrives on the heels of the FDA's decision to ban distribution of Redux and fenfluramine because of the apparent risk of heart valve damage.

The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Talking about some stormy 'whether'

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK

Let us talk today about the weather. Sorry. Everybody talks about the weather, but only teachers and copy editors talk about "whether."

Usually the question has to do with the use of "whether or not." Want some advice? Omit the "or not" unless it really helps the sentence — and that, of course, is a judgment call.

"Mr. Truman turned to the general and asked whether or not he was satisfied."

"I don't know whether or not you are a writer of gobbledegook."

"They are trying to determine whether or not she is wearing a bra."

"He never knew whether or not to insert the names of

his parents." If I were editing those sentences, I believe I would knock out the "or not" in the first three examples.

Another "whether" question has to do with the use of such verbs as wonder, ask, see, decide and know.

"I want to know whether George is voting?" "Will you see whether any coffee is left?"

"I wonder whether Agnes let out the cat?" "Mother may well ask whether you're still seeing that idiot?"

In such constructions, "if" is almost always better than "whether." Why? I don't know why, except that an "if" clause seems to me iffier — more filled with doubt and uncertainty — than a "whether" clause.

The experts on usage are no help. You will have to fight this one out for yourself. Questions keep popping up

about "couple." The Cincinnati Enquirer carried a feature last January on the Super Bowl. The story began, "Big Irv and the wife were relaxing with their morning rituals, when a couple Green Bay Packers traipsed past..."

A tennis writer in Charleston, S.C., recalled a wartime incident in 1942 when Walter Luszki teamed with Frank Kovacs "for a doubles exhibition to entertain a couple hundred troops."

What ever became of "of"? The irksome "couple hundred," or "couple weeks," or "couple horses" was first recorded in 1925.

John Updike in 1986 spoke of "a couple million years." Garrison Keillor wrote of friends who got to be real buddies "in the next couple months." Even my hero, E.B. White, wrote an aspiring author that "the first couple chapters are pretty good."

The construction is common in casual speech, and I suppose there can be no serious objec-

tion to the dropped "of" in casual writing, but surely the bobtailed phrase has no place in writing that aspires to some degree of formality.

Other questions about "couple" go to its singular or plural usage. Here the Doctrine of Notional Agreement applies. If we are thinking of couple as two individuals, we want a plural verb: "The couple were married in Dayton. They moved to Cleveland in 1996."

Now we get into the exceptions and inconsistencies. The problem with the single-unit rule comes with such a picklement as, "The couple keeps a villa in Palm Beach for ITS (!) four corgis." The sentence would not be improved by "HIS and HER four corgis." The singular "couple keeps" cannot abide happily with "THEIR four corgis," and the "ITS four corgis" stumbles over a neuter pronoun.

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What happens now with SS system?

This is the last in a series of eight articles prepared by U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm on the status of the Social Security system.

The details of the Social Security program can get quite tedious. I appreciate the persistence of everyone who has read this series and hope you have found the information helpful.



Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Congressman

In a June interview with the Wall Street Journal and again in his August press conference, President Clinton signaled his desire to "fix Social Security in the next couple of years."

In Congress, support for Social Security reform varies. Many see the need for changes in the program and are advocating a complete privatization of the system. Others acknowledge the looming financial difficul-

ties facing the program but feel we should supplement the existing program, creating a kind of two-tiered system of benefits. Still others deny that there are any problems that an increase in the payroll tax can't resolve. I support the two-tiered option and look forward to the upcoming congressional debates.

We must work, however, to improve the nation's willingness to face these issues. We need to see that all Americans have the facts so they can make informed decisions about the program's future. That's what happened at our Social Security summit in Abilene in May. Of the 200 individuals in attendance, about half were over and half under the age of 65. After spending time learning about the future of the program, participants were asked to complete a survey. Here are some of the results.

\*73 percent expressed some level of fear about achieving a secure retirement.

\*68 percent believed that America's young people will be facing a major financial crisis and significantly higher taxes because of current and future spending on older generations.

\*68 percent believed that Social Security is in need of either major repair or a complete overhaul.

\*53 percent expressed some level of support for converting

Social Security to a privatized pension program, similar to IRAs.

\*53 percent indicated some level of agreement with the following statement: "Social Security was created for the 20th Century, but times have changed and Social Security is now hopelessly outdated."

\*45 percent acknowledged that the most important aspect of Social Security is that it provides economic security for seniors.

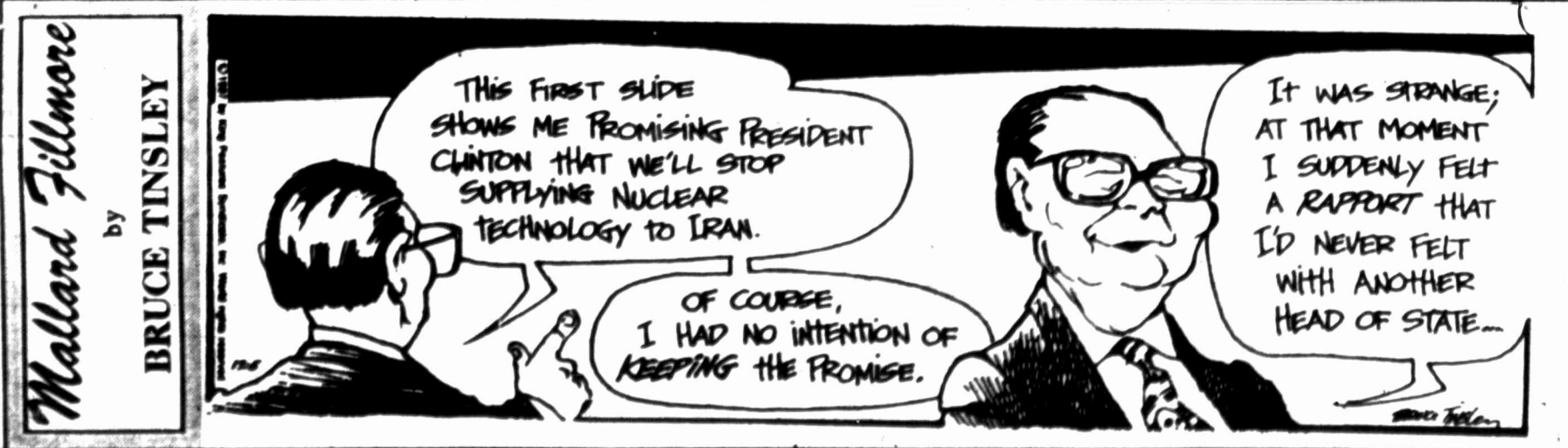
These figures show that, when provided with all the information, most people believe we should adjust the existing program in some way. I agree with them.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to share Social Security information with you over the last several weeks.

Most experts believe that the Social Security reform debate will begin in earnest next year.

In the coming months I will be asking for guidance from my constituents on the types of Social Security reform legislation they want their Representative to promote in Congress.

An educated constituent is my best advisor.



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## Clinton considering tax cut next year, doesn't want to raise expectations

NEW YORK (AP) — While not wanting to raise "false expectations" about a sweeping revision of the nation's tax laws, President Clinton says he is considering a modest tax cut as part of his budget proposal next year.

Clinton told The New York Times he has to be convinced that any tax cut would be fair to average taxpayers, good for the economy and lead to a simpler federal tax code.

White House officials disclosed last month that Clinton would look at reducing the tax penalty that two wage earners pay when they get married. Clinton's aides also were looking at a proposal by Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., to establish a flat tax rate of 10 percent for about 70 percent of workers.

Clinton said in the interview published today he has met with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, to discuss Archer's proposal to eliminate the federal income tax in favor of a national sales tax.

But he added that he has not decided which tax plan to embrace, if any. "I have drawn no conclusion yet about what I'd be for," Clinton said in the interview Wednesday.

While moving closer to Republicans' call for a tax cut, Clinton also raised the possibility of confrontation. He indicated he wants civil rights lawyer Bill Lann Lee in the post as assistant attorney general for civil rights despite vehement Republican opposition to the nomination.

By making the appointment when Congress was out of session, Clinton could bypass Senate confirmation and Lee could serve until the end of the 105th Congress. Senate Republicans have refused to allow a floor vote on Lee because he supports affirmative action.

"I think they made a terrible mistake," Clinton said. "I don't even think it makes political sense for them."

On another issue, the president said Attorney General Janet Reno's credibility remains intact despite an outcry from Republicans over her decision Tuesday against seeking an independent counsel to investigate him and Vice President Al Gore for alleged violations of campaign finance laws.

"She did what she had to do based on her reading of the law," Clinton said. "And every-

body knows that she is an independent-minded person."

In a separate interview with the newspaper, Gore said unfavorable reports over his own campaign finance problems was a learning experience.

"I think that you learn more from adversity than you do from the success," he said. "I think growth comes more easily and naturally when you learn how to move past the difficult moments."

Gore defended a top adviser, Peter Knight, who came under scrutiny for helping his clients obtain millions of dollars in federal funds. Knight, a legislative aide to Gore when he was in Congress, left his law firm to run the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign and then returned to the practice.

"Peter is one of the most honorable, honest men I have ever known in my life," Gore said. "The partisan attack against him has hit way wide of their intended mark."

Gore blamed the problems of Knight and other advisers on Republican attacks.

"Everybody who gets involved in national politics understands that the partisanship is higher now than a few years ago," he said.

## After the hype: El Nino finally delivering unwelcome goods to California, Southwest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After months of hype, the much-heralded El Nino is finally delivering its unwelcome goods, helping drive a major winter storm toward California and the Southwest.

Forecasters predicted heavy rains and the chance of flooding, water spouts and "isolated tornadoes." The rain could begin today.

The cyclical weather pattern, though not the cause of the storm, is intensifying it and driving it to the Southern California coast, meteorologists said.

"What we think it's doing is helping to provide more energy for the storm and shifting it further south. Normally, these storms hit more toward the

Pacific Northwest," said Gerald Bell of the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md.

El Nino is a periodic weather-disrupting condition in the tropical Pacific in which westward-blowing trade winds weaken, allowing a mass of warm water to drive east to South America. The name is Spanish for baby Jesus because the huge, warm pool usually arrives around Christmas.

This year's large El Nino — it occupies an area of the Pacific Ocean 10 times the size of the continental United States — has thickened this year's Pacific hurricanes, some experts said. Hundreds of people died when Hurricane Pauline tore across Mexico's Pacific coast in

October. Hurricane Nora — downgraded to a tropical storm — gave landlocked southwestern Arizona an unaccustomed soaking this summer.

El Nino has also been blamed for floods and drought on several continents.

But for the United States, El Nino will make itself known by the "intensity, frequency and location" of winter storms expected to lash the southern tier of states from California to Florida from mid-December to January, Bell said.

Satellite imagery of the storm, which is about 400 miles off the California coast, makes appear "like a giant bowling ball off the West Coast ready to strike."

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# Former South African president P. W. Botha refuses to testify

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Former President P.W. Botha ignored a subpoena to appear today before a commission investigating apartheid-era human rights abuses but avoided criminal charges on a technicality.

Commission chairman Desmond Tutu and Attorney General Frank Kahn said the subpoena was defective and therefore, Botha had no obligation to honor it.

They said a new subpoena, the third so far against the apartheid-era leader, was issued ordering Botha to appear at a Dec. 19 hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Botha, 81, was issued the defective subpoena for a hearing today regarding the State Security Council, the

highest security body of the apartheid governments that Botha headed in the 1980s.

The commission is holding a special two-day hearing on the council to try to figure out who gave orders for routine killings and torture by police.

Under the law creating the Truth Commission, anyone refusing to obey a subpoena can be charged with contempt and punished with a fine and up to two years in prison.

"From our point of view the subpoena was legally defective," said Kahn, attorney general of Western Cape province. "The subpoena must specify the time and the date and the place. What was specified was only the date and the place."

Earlier, before announcing that the subpoena was defective, Tutu said that he intended to file criminal charges against Botha.

Tutu said Botha's lawyer, Ernst Penzhorn, had confirmed that Botha would not appear at today's hearing.

Botha has called the Truth Commission a "circus" and a witch hunt against apartheid leaders. He recently insisted he would never appear before it in a move intended to rally Afrikaners, the Dutch descended white settlers who ruled during apartheid.

When issued a first subpoena earlier this year, Botha complained he had just undergone hip surgery and agreed instead to respond to written ques-

tions.

Penzhorn said answers to those questions would be given to the commission this afternoon, Tutu said. But Tutu said the commission also needed Botha to appear in person.

The commission has been unable to uncover the chain of responsibility for atrocities committed by apartheid security forces, and faces a credibility problem if Botha is seen by blacks to be defying its orders.

"Even if we didn't do anything, we would get clobbered," said Tutu, the retired Anglican archbishop who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his anti-apartheid activities. "Have people thought about the reaction, say, in the white community?"

Security council members who have testified so far or applied for amnesty from the Truth Commission consistently deny knowledge of human rights abuses, saying such incidents were carried out by rogue individuals who misunderstood words like "eliminate" and "neutralize."

Former spy chief Niel Barnard testified Thursday and former Defense Minister Magnus Malan was to appear today.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established in 1995, a year after the country's first all-race elections. It has the power to grant amnesty to those who tell the full truth and prove a political motive for their crimes.

## Opposition candidate finally tastes power as Mexico City mayor

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Cuauhtemoc Cardenas spent a decade charging the halls of power as the nation's leading opposition figure. Now the leftist outsider is on the inside with the second-most influential job in the land.

When Cardenas assumes office today as Mexico City's first elected mayor in 70 years, he will take on the burden of governing one of the world's largest cities, afflicted with horrendous traffic jams, stifling air pollution, soaring crime, an enormous public debt and high unemployment.

It is a job that could make or break any politician. For Cardenas, who lost two bids to become Mexico's first opposition president in modern history, it could be his springboard for a third try when his term ends in 2000.

Cardenas repeatedly has brushed aside any talk of higher office.

"The most important thing is to work now here in the city. What happens in the year 2000 — that's a long time still to come," he told The Associated Press soon after his landslide election on July 6.

A mood of optimism is growing among many struggling Mexico City residents as Cardenas — known for his lanky, glum-faced demeanor — takes a job that since 1928 had been an appointed position, held by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

But electoral reforms opened the post to the voters in July. And Cardenas harnessed disenchantment with the ruling party, soaring crime and an economic crisis to win a landslide victory.

Cardenas' father, Lazaro, was Mexico's president from 1934-40 and was popular among Mexicans for giving land to the poor and expropriating foreign oil companies.

Cardenas followed his father and served the ruling party for many years as a senator and then state governor. He broke away in 1967 after party leaders rebuffed his demands for primary elections and other reforms.

He founded a new opposition group, the Democratic Revolution Party, by forging an alliance among the country's long-ignored and oft-repressed leftist and nationalist movements.

The Democratic Revolution has since gone on to become the second-largest opposition party, but Cardenas' fortunes were uneven: In 1994, he finished third in a presidential contest won by ruling party candidate Ernesto Zedillo.

Next to the president, Cardenas is seen as the most powerful elected official, in charge of Mexico City with its 8.5 million people, and exerting great influence over surrounding suburbs that contain another 10 million people.

He has promised to clean up both the environment and corruption in government, to spur economic development and to crack down on rising crime.

The city is terrified by a rising wave of robberies, muggings and kidnappings. More than 600 crimes are committed daily in the capital.

"The city will have the number of police necessary to assure security for all our citizens," Cardenas promised Tuesday, without providing numbers or explaining where the money would come from.

Cardenas, who promised to unveil a crime program next week, said he would not use army troops to police capital streets — a controversial tactic used during the past two years.

However, Cardenas named a retired air force colonel as the head of public security forces in a bid to restructure the city's police force, widely accused of being riddled with corruption.

Cardenas said his main goal is to create a government that citizens can trust, and a more effective campaign against the city's air pollution problem, considered among the worst on Earth.

"A city for all," he said in a campaign slogan.

But as Cardenas himself acknowledged after his July 6 victory, "sometimes the struggles are long."

## European Union bans tobacco advertising, sponsoring of all events by cigarette makers

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — In a far-reaching assault on smoking, the European Union set deadlines to end tobacco advertising and the sponsorship of sports and cultural events by cigarette makers.

The 15-nation trading bloc said member governments have 3 years from next October to enact the ban on all advertising, except at stores.

The accord was a triumph for the EU, which seeks to discourage smoking among the 40 percent of the union's 370 million people who light up. The com-

mission had been trying since 1989 to get governments to crack down on tobacco advertising.

The deal was hammered at a Thursday afternoon meeting of EU health ministers in London under Labor Party Prime Minister Tony Blair's leadership.

The decision sets a 2000 deadline for cigarette companies to phase out their advertising at major sports and cultural events, and for Formula One car racing to make similar commitments, operating under similar sources, said German Health Minister

Austria voted against the ban, and Denmark and Spain abstained leaving 11 in favor.

Germany saw tobacco advertising as a health — not a trade — issue better left to individual EU nations to regulate. It was also troubled by the contradiction of the EU's desire to curb the marketing of cigarettes at the same time it is subsidizing the production of 350,000 tons of tobacco each year.

German Health Minister Udo Schiefer said he "tried to make compromises" to soften the effect of the ban. "In the end

we could not vote for the law."

The accord was also seen as victory for Britain, which sought a sponsoring exemption of seven years or more for Formula One racing.

Until last month, British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government had sought a permanent exemption for Formula One racing, citing the 50,000 jobs the sport provides in Britain.

It softened its position after it was revealed the sport had donated \$1.7 million to his Labor Party.

## South Korean economic bailout package to exceed \$60 billion

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The International Monetary Fund's bailout package for South Korea is expected to exceed \$60 billion, officials said today.

After wrapping up negotiations on the rescue plan Wednesday in Seoul, the head of the IMF, Michel Camdessus, said the package would total \$60 billion. The amount rose to \$57 billion with Italy's participation and is expected to increase further with new commitments today from Belgium, the Netherlands and Sweden, Finance Ministry officials said.

"It's likely that the total amount will surpass \$60 billion," said a ministry official who spoke on customary condition of anonymity.


Even without the new commitments, the Korean rescue package was already the largest in history, exceeding the \$48 billion the IMF lent to Mexico in 1995.

South Korea's economy is the world's 11th largest, far bigger than Mexico's or those of the other three Asian countries that have been forced to turn to the IMF this year, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

In exchange for the bailout, South Korea will be required to sharply curtail government spending, reduce its deficit and halve its economic growth rate for 1998.

One expected result is a sharp rise in unemployment. Up to 1.5 million Koreans will be out of their jobs by next year.

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◆Goldfish have been reported to live over 50 years in China. A goldfish was reported to live 41 years in Great Britain.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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## Nazarene Church ready for live drive-through nativity

### This year's version to include new look for some scenery

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

First Church of the Nazarene members were busy putting up walls, roofs and doors this week.

They aren't building a new church, but they are expanding their ministry. The church is getting ready for its 11th annual Live Drive-Through Nativity.

That event is set for Dec. 11-14, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each day on the church parking lot at 1400 Lancaster. There is no charge, but donations are accepted.

All the construction is designed to make some of the scenes more permanent, and protect them from the weather.

"This year, we've had a lot of work to do, but it will make things better for the future," said Bob Goodwin, church member. "In the past, the weather has really taken a toll on our roofs, and our scenes."

Goodwin said the church began its concept with the idea that each scene would have walls and a floor, and be torn down after the nativity ended each year. But that became a lot of work. After this year,

almost all the scenes will have sturdy walls, roofs and doors that can be closed to keep out the weather.

During the rest of the year, the small buildings will be stored behind the church and used to hold props and other seasonal items.

A few scenes have been planned to continue in outdoor settings, such as the traveling scene, which depicts Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem.

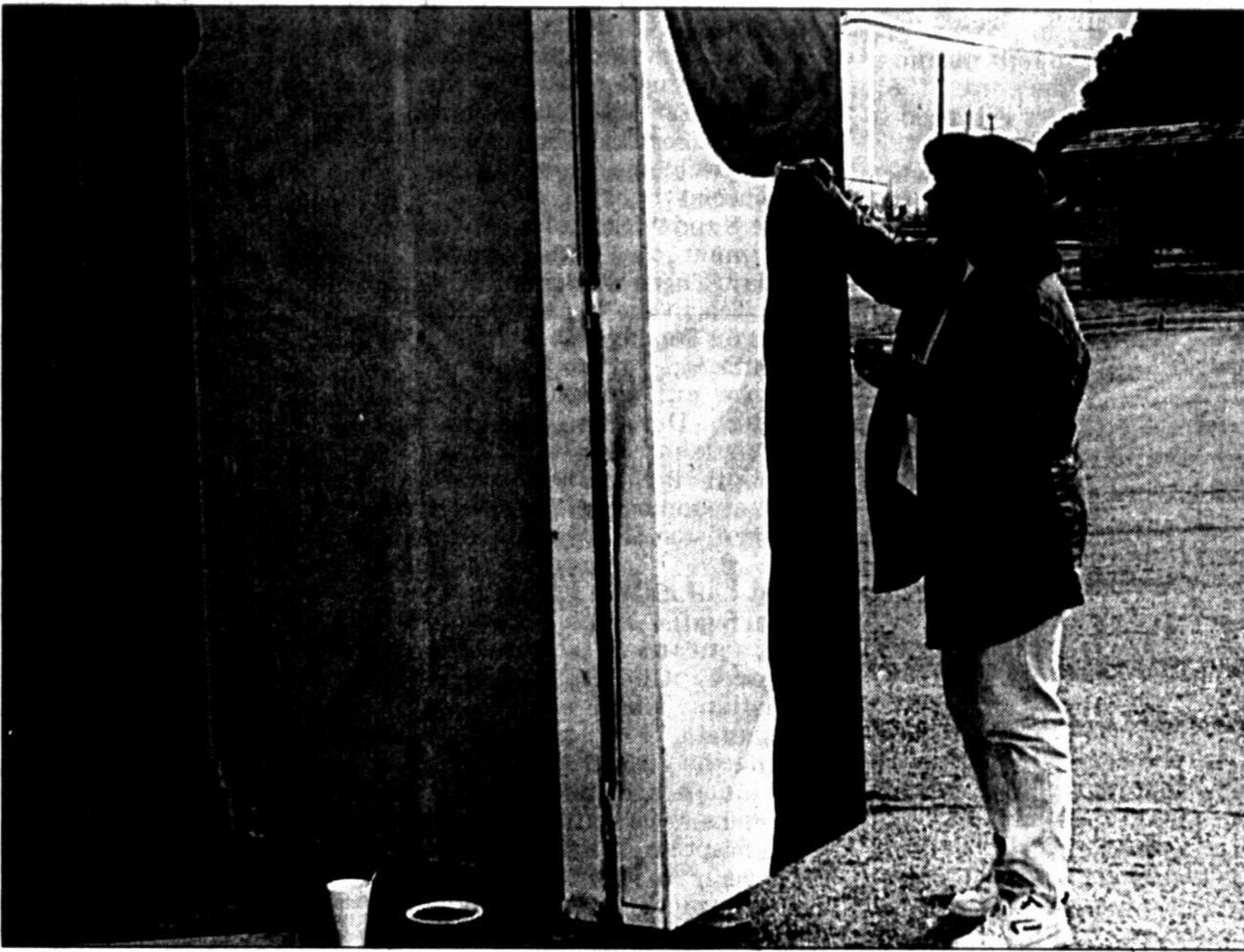
"What we dread most is freezing rain," said Goodwin, who can recall only one night of the 11-year run that was canceled for weather.

That night, the police were asking local residents to stay home due to dangerous weather conditions.

"We've done it in rain, fog and cold," he said. "It was 4 degrees one time."

Church members will once again volunteer to play the parts, with a few guidelines — senior citizens are steered toward roles as prophets, while older teens and young adults are usually recruited as Mary and Joseph.

"You can add beards and makeup to the older teenagers and pretty well make them into shepherds," Goodwin said.



Tonya Boadle paints curtains on a scene from the Live Drive-Through Nativity at First Church of the Nazarene. The event begins Thursday, 6:30-9:30 p.m. and continues through Dec. 14.

There are always two full sets of actors in costume, who switch periodically for a break from the weather.

The church's new pastor, Roger Huff, won't be seen in

costume this year, but does plan to be part of the nativity. Goodwin said they have asked him to "work the crowd," greeting people as they arrive or leave the nativity.

"It's so exciting to see people dream a dream and have a vision like this," Huff said. "They are just into it. It's wonderful."

## CHURCH NEWS

### Promise Keepers

There is a Promise Keepers meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane. Speakers will be Bud Parker, pastor, Greg Biddison and Jim Campbell. Music will be by Kevin Cook, music minister.

### College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church has begun a worship service at Carriage Inn each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Kevin Cook, associate pastor of College Baptist, coordinates the program and leads the music. Ginger Cook is the accompanist. Lillian Gould and Helen Stanley conduce the Bible study.

Bud Parker, pastor of College Baptist, leads Men's Bible Study Fellowship every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the Ponderosa Restaurant. Music is provided by Rick Liles and the Back-up Boys. All men of the community are invited to attend this fellowship. In addition, members of the church conduct worship services every Sunday morning at Mountain View Lodge and the VA Medical Center.

### Friends of Unity

Activities at the Box Car during the month of December will be focused on realizing and manifesting the presence of the Indwelling Christ. All friends of unity are invited to participate at 5 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

### Living Water Ministries

Sunday, Dec. 7, Living Water Ministries will host a city wide community service with Sam Soleyn as guest speaker. Many in the Big Spring community know Sam personally plus view his teachings weekly on the Prime Time Christian Please see CHURCH, page 8A.

## Can it be you will miss the best of Christmas?

Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote a song called, "I Wish You" a few years ago, for their children. Some of the words were: "Father, dear, can you hear the little ones you gave to me, my children? The world they face is not a friendly place. Protect them there with love and care and peace. Let every pain they suffer make wide their space for joy. And let them see heaven will be just knowing they have finally come back home."

That song, though written many years ago, left its mark on my heart about the eternal desire a parent has for his or her children to be sheltered and kept in the love of God.

What does it mean, "heaven will be just knowing they have finally come back home?" You

see, the spirit of this world is alive and at work to captivate the hearts of men.

And many people are being trapped by the allurements of this world to think, when you purchase this item or that item you will finally be satisfied — a kind of artificial heaven in your heart!

Each year, it seems the frenzied activity goes to new heights to get this gift or that

unique gift. Charge it, beg, borrow do what you must, but if you don't get this gift for yourself, your child or that special person you love, someone will be subnormal this Christmas because of your insensitivity or unfaithfulness.

For the one who is controlled by this way of thinking, there will never be any real peace, but continued disappointments, because things ultimately never really satisfy the deepest longings in the heart.

When all the gifts have been unwrapped and we are leaning back in the easy chair exhaling with another sigh of relief that another Christmas has passed and we survived — having bought all the things we thought we needed — could it

be that we have missed the best of Christmas?

Patiently Jesus waits. That Christ of Christmas! The Gift often never opened. Abandoned. Discarded. Yet how He longs and yearns for us to come to the end of our frantic search for heaven in the real world.

He waits with open arms! He waits for you. He waits for me. Would you consider coming back home for Christmas? For some, coming home for the first time this Christmas. A kind of second birthday. Oh, the joy of relationship with Him. The Christ of Christmas! O worship the King! Lord, we love You.

Paul Baskin is pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church.



Paul Baskin  
Guest Columnist

## CLUB NEWS

### Tall Talkers

Tall Talkers Toastmasters held its weekly meeting Wednesday morning, Nov. 26.

Table Topics was led by Lynn Moody. The subject was "Humphrey the Cat." Word of the day was crux.

Speaker of the day was Bonnie Saenz. Her subject was asthma.

If you want information concerning Toastmasters, call Bailey Anderson at 267-3008.

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library of Howard County had their monthly meeting on Nov. 20.

Our president Gloria Hopkins lead the meeting where various things were discussed including: our one year anniversary open house on Jan. 10, volunteers working in the library,

updates in the basement, various fundraising ideas, and a literary contest for students in the works for early next year.

We had 11 members present. Our next meeting will be Dec. 18, at noon in the library. A potluck lunch will be enjoyed.

### Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club recently had their bimonthly meeting at Kelly's Cafe in Coahoma. In the absence of president Jim LeMarr, vice-president Bruce Griffith chaired the meeting with 11 local members and three visitors present.

Reports on our plans for Christmas in the Park on Dec. 13, light bulb sales and the poinsettia sales beginning Dec. 1 were given. The December board meeting has been changed to the 15th.

Past president Bill Gresset presented Lion Marc Luttrell with a pin.

After our business was completed, Lion Oscar Cook, from San Angelo, introduced his two guests also from San Angelo. Lion Cook presented a film

about the Texas Lions Foundation and answered questions afterward.

He also presented a patch to the club for being a 100 percent club this year. The next meeting will be Dec. 8.

### Rosebud Garden Club

The Rosebud Garden Club met Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the home of Ima Dell Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Kathryn Perry, president. Minutes of the September meeting were read by Margaret Lloyd.

It was announced that \$200 has been donated to the Polly Mays Scholarship Fund at Howard College; \$18 was spent on 650 pansies for Mt. View Nursing Home.

Lou Vincent reported that the southwest corner of Mountain View Nursing Home is where the pansies are to be planted.

It was agreed that Lou Vincent would purchase more pansies for the plot since this is the best place to plant pansies.

Mamie Lee reported that she has rescued the pots of frozen geraniums at the door of Mt.

View. Mamie reported that these can be salvaged.

Kathryn will report to the Big Spring State Hospital that our club will donate 12 dozen cookies at Easter time.

Charlie reported that the Christmas luncheon will be catered and will be Mexican food.

### Big Spring Newcomer's Club

The Big Spring Newcomer's Club is celebrating the holidays with a cookie exchange on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Mueller, 909 Mountain Park.

Call Susan at 264-6396 or Linda at 263-1966 for details. It is the primary function of the Newcomer's Club to serve those who have recently moved to Big Spring. However, the club would welcome anyone who would like to join in various activities.

Resuming in January will be our monthly luncheon held on the second Thursday at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Got a friend who loves golf?

The American Cancer Society has a solution to your gift-giving problem for the friend or family member who loves golf. The 1998 Texas Golf Pass, for \$35, offers the holder more than 450 rounds of golf at 255 courses throughout the state. It includes the two local courses — Comanche Trail and the Big Spring Country Club.

The pass is generally valid throughout 1998, except where noted. Holders are asked to make reservations in advance and specify that they will be using the pass.

To order the pass or get more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Craft sale Saturday

A craft sale and show is planned Saturday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Big Spring Mall, sponsored by American Business Women's Association.

Vendors will have a variety of items, including ceramics, gifts and handmade specialty items. Organizers said they will come from area cities, including Snyder and Abilene.

The show is planned all day so that shoppers can stop by while enjoying the host of holiday activities locally. A few of the vendors will be returning Sunday as well.

The show benefits the AWBA program that offers scholarships to women of the local community.

## THE LAST WORD

Culture is what your butcher would have if he were a surgeon.

Mary Pettibone Poole

That which seems the height of absurdity in one generation often becomes the height of wisdom in another.

Adlai Stevenson

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being.

Johann W. von Goethe

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## Worshippers gather, pray with inmates at Prison Congregations of America

ROCKWELL CITY, Iowa (AP) — Fran Iverson was a little uneasy about singing hymns with sex offenders and taking Holy Communion with murderers.

Midway through the service at the Church of the Damascus Road, when the time came for worshippers to greet each other, she hugged each of the 17 inmates.

"They just sat down and opened up to us," said Iverson, 80. "The boy I talked to is so sorry."

She has no qualms now about driving 20 miles from her home in Fort Dodge and coming back to this church, set in one of the hacienda-style buildings of the medium-security North Central Correctional Facility.

"I have to come back," she said after her first visit. "My boy has a baby and I told him to bring a picture next time. I have to see him again."

Such relationships are exactly what the Rev. Carroll Lang hopes will come out of his weekly services. His congregation is one of six in the country that are part of Prison Congregations of America, where a key feature is bringing people in from the outside to worship with the inmates.

"By forming that bond and making that connection, by knowing that there are people out there who care enough to come all the way to a prison just to worship with them, they know there's a caring community out there," Lang said. "Hopefully, they'll want to search out a spiritual community somewhere to give them support and help."

The first congregation, the Community of St. Dysmas, was formed in 1984 in Jessup, Md., at the Maryland Correctional Institution and the Maryland

Correctional Institution for Women. In the first seven years, while the rest of Maryland's prison system had a 65 percent repeat offender rate, only 9 percent of St. Dysmas' members returned to prison.

"The test really comes when they're outside," said Nancy Williams, director of religious and volunteer services for the Maryland corrections department. "That's where the rubber meets the road, that's when the guy is or isn't going to go back to crime. And the less you have to go home to, the more likely you are to commit a crime again."

Five other churches are affiliated with Prison Congregations of America: a Lutheran one in Maryland; one each in Sioux Falls, Springfield, S.D., and Lincoln, Neb.; a Baptist one in Pierre, S.D.; and an Episcopal one in Graterford, Pa.

While a certain church sponsors the congregation, the services are non-denominational.

"It was very early on that I saw the importance of connecting the outside church with the inside congregation," said the Rev. Ed Nesselhuf, director of Prison Congregations of America. "It was very obvious that it was very beneficial for both."

At the state penitentiary in Nebraska, Chaplain Mark Rosenau said the Saturday night service is one of several worship opportunities offered to Christian inmates. There are also Sunday morning Spanish, Catholic and Protestant services and Bible studies three times a week.

The congregation in Nebraska held its first service early in October. Attendance has averaged 11, Rosenau said.

## CHURCH

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Broadcasting program entitled "The Kingdom of God."

Living Water is located at 1008 Birdwell Lane. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Advent services have begun. We will be using Rite I at the 10:30 a.m. service and Rite II at the 8 a.m. service. The community is welcome to join us for this special time.

The Sunday School teachers will meet at 11:40 a.m. on Sunday. There will be an ECW High Tea in the Parish Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday also.

Linda Hill, from Midland, will be our guest organist through Dec. 21. She was organist/choir master at First Presbyterian Church in Midland and served previously as organist at St. Mary's.

### First Christian Church

Sharing the simple truth that God sent us His Son, the Chancel Choir of First Christian Church will present the cantata, "There is a Savior," during the 10:50 a.m. worship service this Sunday. Choir members are reminded of the final practice Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The annual Christmas Open House will be this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Grove's home, 700 Avondale. Gary, Judy and family invite you to come to visit and share in the Christmas joy.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, the Moss Elementary School Choir will join the First Christian Choir in singing a special Christmas song during the morning worship service.

At 12:15 p.m. a special program will follow in the fellowship hall with the Moss Elementary Choir presenting the program of their favorite Christmas music. A light lunch of sandwiches and Christmas goodies will be served.

### Baptist Temple

The Baptist Temple Choir will present the Christmas Cantata "I'll Be Home For Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There will be a sandwich fellowship following.

### First United Methodist Church

"Never Say Impossible" (Mark 1:1-4) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about making God's word, thru Jesus, possible in impossible situations. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

The last rehearsal for the Living Christmas Tree is Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. The performances are Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m.; tickets can be picked up (as long as they last) in the church office.

As a gift to the city of Big Spring, tickets are free, but you must have a ticket to attend. Attend the Trail of Lights Saturday and watch the first annual lighting of the FUMC.

### College Park Church of God

College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, will present the Hensleys in concert in worship Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. This award-winning gospel group was formed in 1989.

No admission will be charged, and an offering will be taken. Call 263-1573 for more information.

## Inner-city business helps equip congregations, get churchgoers off welfare

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A choir-robe company that recruits welfare recipients is getting by with a little help from some big-money friends.

Support from several philanthropies is helping West Jackson Apparel survive in a textile industry threatened by foreign competition.

In the early 1990s, the Rev. Thomas Jenkins, pastor of New Lake Church of Christ in Jackson, started the company through a nonprofit organization.

"We wanted to be in a long-lasting market," Jenkins said. "The natural thing would be to create a custom choir-robe business, because in Mississippi there are over 5,000 churches — and each church has an average of three choirs, ranging from 25 members to 100 members."

The plant now employs 14 women, including nine former welfare recipients screened by the state. "We deliberately wanted to hire people that were unemployed. We deliberately wanted to hire people that were on welfare, because these people need to get into the mainstream," Jenkins said. "A lot of times people say, 'Get ex-workers back into the mainstream.'"

Some of the welfare workers have never been in the mainstream.

Employee Christina McGee, 46, a former welfare recipient, received six weeks of training after the frustrating job search. "Employers would say they were hiring, and when I go to fill out an application, they would tell me they are not hiring," she said. "It was kind of hard."

Ms. McGee welcomed the work. "Since I have been working full time, it has made my life much better. I can look forward to a paycheck when I come to work now, and I like working."

Backing for the effort comes from several sources: A \$250,000 federal grant from Department of Health and Human Services helped open the company, which also makes draperies.


In 1990, the nonprofit Seedco, of New York City, unveiled a plan for local groups to revitalize communities surrounding historically black colleges and universities. With Ford Foundation funds, Seedco offers technical and financial assistance to community groups.

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## Dillon breaks Jim Brown's rookie record, demolishes Oilers

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CINCINNATI — Corey Dillon popped up from the cold, bristly turf, held the ball aloft and heard 49,000 Cincinnati Bengals fans chanting his name in unison.

"I felt like I broke a record," Dillon said.

The rookie running back indeed broke a record Thursday night, and it wasn't just any record. It belonged to Jim Brown.

Dillon ran for 246 yards — the most ever by an NFL rookie — and a club-record four touchdowns in a 41-14 victory over the Tennessee Oilers.

The second-round draft pick out of Washington outdid Brown, one of his heroes, by picking up 10 yards on an

off-tackle play with just under 2 minutes left.

He had just tied Brown's rookie record of 237 yards that was set in 1957, and everyone in Cinergy Field knew what was at stake when he lined up for his 38th carry.

"It was a chance to be part of history," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "We knew he needed a yard to break the record, and we wanted to get him the yard. He got 10."

It was that kind of night for Dillon, who broke one long run after another against an Oilers defense ranked third in the league at stopping the run. He had one more carry and lost a yard, settling for 246 yards on 39 carries — the fifth-best rushing performance in NFL history and the top one by a

rookie.

"Jim Brown is one of the greatest backs to ever play the game," Dillon said. "To be in that category with him is a great honor. I don't think I am at that level he was, but over the years, hopefully I can be remembered as a player like Jim Brown."

Tennessee (7-7) will remember him as the player who all but ended its playoff hopes. The Oilers were coming off a confidence-building 27-14 victory last Thursday in Dallas and were talking about the postseason.

A victory over Cincinnati, a team they beat 30-7 last October, would have put the Oilers back in playoff contention. But the defense that contained Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith on Thanksgiving got overwhelmed by

Boomer Esiason and Dillon.

The 36-year-old quarterback made his third consecutive start and was sensational for the third straight time. He completed 20 of 28 passes for 245 yards, and directed the Bengals to touchdowns on five of their first six possessions.

Esiason, taking over for struggling Jeff Blake, has led the Bengals to 114 points in his three starts. He already has thrown for nine touchdowns, one more than Blake had in 11 games.

"I'm glad that in the twilight of my career I have the ability to play with guys like this and have an offense I can handle," Esiason said.

Dillon, 22, is just getting started. He has started only five games, but now leads all NFL rookie rushers with 942

yards. And he's starting to get a reputation.

"We watched him on film. We knew he was a physical back," Oilers safety Blaine Bishop said. "He broke some tackles, but he was coming into the secondary untouched all night."

"He's physical but he's also got some speed. You need a combination of both to succeed in this league. He proved today that he's a great back."

The Oilers showed how inept they are on offense when they fall behind. Unable to let Eddie George carry the ball 30 times, they tried to pass and wound up picking up only 175 total yards.

It was so bad that quarterback Steve McNair finished as the leading rusher with 16 yards on five carries.

## Nelson's Mavs stun New York

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Don Nelson just couldn't stay away.

Less than 10 months after joining the Dallas Mavericks as their general manager and insisting he was out of coaching for good, Nelson returned to the sidelines Thursday night following the firing of coach Jim Clemons.

Nelson turned loose a team that was shackled by Clemons' rigid triangle offense, and they responded with a shocking 106-91 victory over the New York Knicks, the team that sent Nelson into retirement by firing him in March 1996.

"I'm not saying say it wasn't a little special, but the emphasis is on little," said Nelson, the sixth Mavericks coach in the last six seasons.

Nelson surprised his team by using a smaller lineup and pleased them by allowing them to run freely and shoot whenever they wanted.

The Mavs showed their appreciation by scoring their most points this season and the most allowed by the Knicks. Dallas enjoyed its widest margin of victory this season and sent New York to its biggest loss.

"It just feels like we've got a monkey off our back," said Erick Strickland, who scored seven points in his first start of the season. "Everybody can just relax and play ball. We have the freedom to play and do our thing, with some assistance and guidance."

The Clemons experiment failed primarily because he stuck by his triangle offense, which earned him four championship rings in seven seasons as a Chicago Bulls assistant, but piled up 70 losses in 98 games in Dallas without the likes of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen running it.

Mavericks players resisted his system and were angered by pretty much everything else he did. His job was made even tougher considering Nelson had reshaped the roster during his short tenure to reflect his beloved up-tempo game more than Clemons' style.

Although Nelson loomed as a coach-in-waiting, Clemons kept doing his thing. Either stubborn or naive, he clung to the fact he had a four-year, \$5 million contract and the support of owner Ross Perot Jr.

Perot turned down Nelson's suggestion to fire Clemons in April, but reconsidered last week. The move was going to be made after the Knicks game, but came before a morning shootaround after it was widely reported.

## Coahoma host teams win tourney openers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It's hard to argue with a win, especially when it comes in the opening round of your own tournament, but Coahoma coaches Kim Nichols and David Cox could have been a lot happier with the Bulldogs' and Bulldogettes performances during Thursday's opening round of the Coahoma Invitational.

While the Bulldogs were never really threatened in their 78-61 win over Rotan's Yellow Hammers, Nichols noted that his reserves probably played better than his starters.

"I don't really know that you'd call them reserves... it would be more accurate to call them the second bunch we put on the floor," Nichols said after watching the 'Dogs struggle for most of the first quarter before pulling out to a 22-15 edge.

At the start of the second period, three members of that "second bunch" — Vincent Garcia, Kurt Bennett and Michael Kinard — scored seven quick points to make it a 14-point edge, as the Bulldogs eventually moved out to a 17-point lead before Post's Jake Baker and Brandon Carreron parked an 8-2 run in the last minute, trimming the margin to 11 at halftime.

The Yellow Hammers, following the lead of Baker and Scott Carrillo, managed to trim the Bulldogs' lead to just seven at one point, but Coahoma was just too deep and too tall.

While 6-foot-2 sophomore Chris Huggins, who managed just seven points — none in the second half, was the Hammers' only player taller than 6 feet, the Bulldogs were able to dominate the boards with 6-foot-4 Jason Gwyn, 6-foot-3 Regi Roberts, 6-foot-1 Blake Nichols, as well as Kinard and Robert Lain, both of them 6-foot-1 as well.

As a result, Nichols and Roberts paced the Bulldogs in scoring with 12 points, while Ryan Peckham added 11 and Bennett had 10. Gwyn and Kinard added eight and seven points, respectively.

Baker provided most of the scoring for Rotan, finishing with a game-high 15 points, while Carreron had 12 and Carrillo scored 10.

In the only other boys' game played Thursday, Monahans' Lobos took a 66-50 win over Midland Greenwood's Rangers.

Rotan's Lady Hammers were even less match for the Bulldogettes, as only a nightmarish 15-of-42 showing from



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Coahoma's Ryan Peckham (11) files in for a layup, as all Rotan's Brandon Carreron (20) can do is run by in an attempt to distract the Bulldog guard. Peckham and the Bulldogs took a 78-61 win, advancing to the tonight's 7:30 semifinal game of the Coahoma Invitational Tournament.

the free throw line kept Coahoma from literally running away and hiding, as they took a 56-42 win.

On the other hand, free throw shooting was virtually all the Lady Hammers could manage — their first points from the field not coming until Jennifer Fowler ripped from 3-point range with almost two minutes gone in the second quarter.

But those freebies allowed Rotan to take a 9-8 lead into the second quarter. In fact, it was not until almost four minutes remained in the half that the Bulldogettes began to pull away behind the lead of Tara

Sterling and Suzanna Wood. Rotan refused to die, however, and a pair of close range shots from Laura Callan and a layup by Stacy Morrow with less than a minute left left Coahoma with a mere 3-point edge at halftime, 28-25.

The Bulldogettes didn't let Rotan reach the foul line again until midway through the fourth period, and that spelled disaster for the Lady Hammers, as Sterling, Cassie Tindol and Wood sparked a brief flurry that improved the lead to 41-31 after the third quarter.

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## NBA: Sprewell's punishment must match infraction

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The way the NBA saw it, the punishment had to be as harsh as the situation was critical.

The league delivered a severe penalty to Latrell Sprewell and a strong message to all rebellious players Thursday when it issued a one-year suspension to the three-time All-Star for his attack on Golden State coach P.J. Carlesimo. The suspension is the longest in the NBA's 51-year history.

Sprewell won't be eligible to play in the NBA again until Dec. 3, 1998 — even if another team claims him off waivers by Monday morning or signs him to a free-agent contract.

If Sprewell wants make any big money playing professional basketball this season, he'll have to leave the country — and the continent.

"A sports league does not have to condone or accept behavior that would not be tolerated in any other segment of society," said commissioner David Stern, who has been on the offensive this season against disruptive behavior.

Stern's action follows that of the Warriors, who took the unprecedented step of firing Sprewell on Wednesday night by terminating the remaining three years of his four-year, \$32 million contract.

Sprewell also will take a financial hit outside his NBA income. Converse said it was dropping him as an endorser and spokesman for the shoe company.

Sprewell could join the Continental Basketball Association, the NBA's official developmental league, but not for the kind of salary he could make if he decided to play in Europe — an option he said he'll consider.

Dozens of former NBA players, from former superstars like Dominique Wilkins to mid-level players like Dino Radja to one-time role players like Marty Conlon, currently play in the Greek, Italian, French and Spanish Leagues.

Roy Tarpley played several seasons overseas after he received the harshest penalty the NBA can issue — a lifetime ban for violating the league's substance abuse policy. Richard Dumas, formerly of the Phoenix Suns, received a lifetime ban for the same reason.

The Warriors' leading scorer with a 21.4 average, Sprewell was due to make \$7.7 million this season — the second year of his contract. The team was expected to petition the league to have Sprewell's salary

removed from the cap, freeing it to acquire another highly paid player.

The NBA players association said it would file a grievance on Sprewell's behalf against the Warriors and the league. An arbitrator will receive arguments from the league and union within 30 days.

"To strip a player of his ability to pursue his livelihood for a full year based on one isolated incident is excessive and unreasonable punishment," union head Billy Hunter said. "A \$25 million forfeiture of salary and one-year expulsion is staggering."

Stern has grown increasingly intolerant of players crossing the line of accepted behavior, issuing suspensions to Allen Iverson and Isaiah Rider for their off-court arrests and no-contest pleas and fining players \$2,500 apiece for wearing uniform shorts that drooped below their knees.

The league also mailed each player code-of-conduct guidelines that warned of penalties for fairly common practices such as cursing during games.

"The commissioner made it very clear this summer they were going to have strong views on anybody's deportment on or off the floor," Los Angeles Clippers coach Bill Fitch said.

"If it hadn't been taken care of the way it was, it would have been a blot on basketball. Maybe this saved (Sprewell) from doing something really stupid. Only time will tell. Maybe it will end up being a plus," Fitch said.

Don Nelson, who took over as coach of the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday, also welcomed the suspension.

"I feel sorry for him. It's a hard price to pay for what he did, but I think it's a fair price," Nelson said. "I think the league is justified in doing what it did, and I commend them for it."

Around the league, most players recoiled at the harshness of the penalty.

"Way over-reaction," said Robert Horry, a former teammate of Sprewell's at Alabama who threw a towel at Phoenix coach Danny Ainge last year and was traded right after that. "I don't know what they should have done, but banning him is ridiculous."

The league was far less severe with suspensions in the past — even in cases of physical assault. For instance, it suspended Vernon Maxwell of Houston 10 games for running into the stands and punching a fan in 1995.

## Texas faithful hoping Brown can restore Longhorn football program

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas officials want Mack Brown to do what David McWilliams and John Mackovic couldn't — unite a fractured Longhorns following and reclaim national prominence for the football program.

"We need to put our alumni constituencies back together," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Thursday after Brown accepted the offer to become the Longhorns' 28th head coach.

"They need to pull for the University of Texas during good times and in bad

times. They need to understand how important it is that we all be together behind the football coach and team because that means something to us in recruiting and to the players on the field.

"I think Mack can bring those things to Texas, and we need that."

Brown, offered the Texas job on Wednesday, announced his resignation from North Carolina in Chapel Hill after meeting with Tar Heels players.

He said it was time to "step away and help somebody else get to this point."

The Texas program has fallen on

hard times since Fred Akers was fired in 1996.

Akers, who barely missed out on national championships in 1977 and 1983 and was the last coach to take Texas to the No. 1 ranking, was succeeded by McWilliams, who had three losing seasons in five years.

Texas then hired Mackovic, who produced one 10-win season in 1995, but otherwise averaged five losses per year. Mackovic was fired after his sixth season ended at 4-7 and the team allowed more points than any Texas team in history.

"Mack Brown is just mesmerizing," Dodds said. "He has a way of immedi-

ately knowing people's names, he looks at people when he talks to them. He has a philosophy about things that is very sound, whether it be football, academics or alumni. He's very convincing."

"He will absolutely fit well in Austin, Texas, and that was some of the decision."

Brown, whose No. 7 Tar Heels are a candidate for an alliance bowl, was to meet with Longhorns players Thursday night and be introduced in Austin today.

Dodds said it would be Brown's choice whether to coach North Carolina in its bowl game or come

directly to Texas to begin recruiting.

"I didn't want to ask him a question that gave him any chance to think about some reason he should not come to Texas," Dodds said. "When he told me he was coming, I said, 'Let's get going.'"

Dodds said Brown received a five-year contract with rollover clauses that essentially makes it a seven-year deal worth \$750,000 per year.

Incentives tied to graduation rates and victories leading to a national championship could increase that amount to \$1 million per year, Dodds said. The salary would include TV, radio and shoe endorsement income.

# 'Fearless' Haley finds fear in retirement battling child's illness

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

COPPELL — For years, Charles Haley was a stalwart defensive end for the Dallas Cowboys, the only National Football League player to round up five Super Bowl rings. Throughout those glory days, Haley showed no fear.

Today he does. Retired from pro football, Haley has been thrust into a game he knows nothing about — except that losing it could cost his little girl her life.

The leukemia attacking 3-year-old Brianna Haley's body is in remission. But doctors have told Haley and his wife, Karen, that their little girl will need a bone-marrow transplant for a complete recovery. Because no one in their immediate family is a match, the Haleys are looking for a stranger to save Brianna's life.

"It's really tough for me to look at her," Haley said recently. "She doesn't smile. She doesn't talk to me anymore. It's like she's a mummy."

The hunt has propelled the former Dallas Cowboys player back into the public eye and brought renewed attention to the need for more minority marrow donors here and across the country.

During Haley's football heyday, the family tried to avoid intense press coverage — now, they hope the media can help, by telling Brianna's story.

Haley, who retired because of a back injury, is used to pain. But it is a different matter when the pain is his daughter's.

"It's hard, very frustrating that you can't do anything," he said. "The only thing we can do is rely on the good deeds and prayers of others."

Haley said he dreads going home these days; it is tough to even look at Brianna.

"But I go," he said. "If nothing else, I can let her know that Daddy loves her. And I can be there for the rest of my family to lean on."

She's just 3, so it is hard to say how much Brianna Haley understands about the leukemia that is sapping her body of energy and tainting her taste buds.

But Nana, as she calls herself, knows she is sick.

Three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Brianna undergoes chemotherapy to keep the leukemia at bay. The medicine upsets her stomach, so she hardly ever eats anymore. She suffers from diarrhea, hair loss and mood swings.

Nana won't tell you that. But the tear stains on her face speak volumes.

"I realize the treatment must be aggressive, but it's really hard on her," her mother said as she held Brianna close. "She's sick for the first 24 hours after chemotherapy and then she has to go in again and it starts all over."

This has been going on for more than five months, but the Haley family takes it one week at a time. Looking ahead seven days, Karen Haley said, is all they can handle. But that doesn't mean they're giving up.

Charles and Karen Haley have embarked on an aggressive campaign to find a donor for their daughter and to increase the number of minorities on the National Marrow Donor Program registry.

A drive earlier this month for Brianna at Texas Stadium, officials with the National Marrow Donor Program said, garnered the single largest African-American turnout ever in the United States.

"There was a total of some 1,600 people, and of those over 1,000 were African-American," said Shannon Murray, media coordinator for the program at Carter BloodCare.

Murray credited the huge turnout to Charles Haley's popularity.

"Usually, these drives are

held for someone that nobody knows," she said. "But he's someone who comes into people's living room, so people feel like they know him."

In a recent interview, Haley thanked fans for the Texas Stadium turnout. He knows full well that Brianna's life probably depends on someone her family has never met.

"You need a total stranger to step in and make your day," he said. "But we're not sitting around and waiting for that to happen."

Haley participated in another marrow drive Monday in San

Francisco, and a third drive, sponsored by V100 and KHVN Radio, will be from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Dallas Market Hall, 2100 Stemmons Freeway.

The drive is being organized in conjunction with the annual "For Sisters Only" cultural event, which focuses on the lifestyle and career needs of African-American women, and includes a \$5 admission fee.

Because the characteristics of bone marrow are inherited from parents, the best match is usually from a sibling. The

next best thing is a match between members of the same race, because marrow transplants require matching types of tissues with complex genetic traits.

Yet of the nearly 3 million potential donors listed on the National Bone Marrow Registry, only 7.5 percent are African-American. Nearly 80 percent are Anglo.

At any given time there are more than 3,000 people searching for marrow donors, Murray said. Minorities rarely find donor matches.

"We've worked with many

minority patients who have not survived their search for a donor," she said. "With that in mind, it's really important for us to be able to increase the number of minorities on the registry."

Education, Murray and others believe, is the first step in accomplishing that goal. Otherwise, families such as the Haleys learn about the lack of minority donors the hard way.

"I had no idea there was such a shortage," Karen Haley said. "I had no idea Brianna would get so sick. Until now, all of our kids have been healthy.

This was like out of the blue. There wasn't a lot of warning."

For a few days prior to the dreaded diagnosis last May, Brianna suddenly seemed tired all the time.

Simple things such as riding her bicycle and playing outdoors with her brother, C.J., and sister, Princess, physically exhausted her.

After the diagnosis of leukemia, Brianna was immediately admitted to the hospital. She stayed for a week, and has been undergoing chemotherapy ever since.

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# Brothers coaching playoff teams leave mom with tough decision

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DALLAS — Joan Manos has a tough decision to make: Will she be in the Astrodome on Saturday morning to watch her son Tony coach La Grange in the Class 3A quarterfinals, or will she be in Glen Rose that night to watch her son John coach Granger in the 1A semifinals?

It's a nice choice to have. Tony and John Valastro are two of 44 head coaches remaining in the state title chases. When the season began there were 1,100.

"It's a really unique and interesting situation," John said.

"I think it's wonderful," the proud mom said.

Tony, 36, is in his fourth year leading La Grange and John, 34, is in his third season at Granger. Both have made the playoffs before, but neither has lasted this long.

Although their time is at a

premium this week, the brothers have still been able to chat.

"We talk at least two or three times a week," Tony said. "We stay in touch and root each other on. Our ultimate dream is for both of us to stand on the state championship platform and receive those rings."

John could be two weeks away from such a moment. If Granger (11-1) can beat Celeste (13-0) this weekend, the Lions would play for the crown next weekend against the winner of Friday night's game between Wheeler (10-3) and Munday (10-3).

Tony's road is one week longer and much more daunting. Should La Grange (11-2) beat Columbus (10-3) on Saturday, the Leopards would likely get three-time defending champion Sealy in next weekend's semifinals. An undefeated team would then be the likely finals opponent.

The Valastro brothers grew up along with two older brothers and a younger sister in the town of Crystal Beach, just north of Galveston. Their parents divorced when the boys were young and they were raised by their mother.

With no strong male role model at home, both latched onto their own coaches as father-figures.

"They kind of looked up to their coaches, even when they were in elementary school," Mrs. Manos said.

Fortunately, their Class B high school High Island happened to have two good role models: head coach Lucky Gamble and assistant Scott Phillips.

With Gamble and Phillips on the sidelines, Tony a senior quarterback and John a freshman receiver, the Cardinals reached the state semifinals in 1978. John moved to quarterback the next season and led High Island to the state finals, losing to Wheeler.

Gamble left the next year and

Phillips became the head coach for John's junior and senior years.

In 1989, Phillips was coaching at Groveton when he added Tony to his staff. Together, they won 2A state titles in 1989 and '90, then a 4A crown at Waxahachie in 1992. Tony then became a head coach for the first time in 1994 at La Grange.

John, meanwhile, was hired by Gamble in 1993. After two years as his defensive coordinator at Alto, John was hired by Granger.

John's first two teams reached the quarterfinals and both times Tony was in the stands rooting him on. Before then, John always made it to Tony's big playoff games when he was an assistant.

"They're really similar in many, many ways," Phillips said. "Tony may be quieter and John more outgoing, but as far as work ethic and determination they are cut from the same cloth."

They're also cut from the same offense — a Veer-based system they learned at High Island that's also still used by Phillips and Alto.

"We didn't invent this stuff," John said. "We just take the program and stick to it."

Their teams have never met and probably won't as long as they're in 3A and 1A. But they've had so much success so quickly, both may eventually have the chance to move up in classes.

So maybe one Friday night there could be a Valastro vs. Valastro battle.

"I think it'd be fun, interesting," John said. "He loves offense, I love defense. It would be a great chess match."

For now, though, their games are played far apart, forcing Manos and her husband, Gus, to put a lot of miles on their mobile home.

Before the season, the Manoses plotted out which team they would watch based

on who was playing the closest to their home in Pflugerville, outside Austin. They saw at least one game every weekend.

"We tried to go to John's game one week, then Tony's the other week," Mrs. Manos said. "We don't want to show any partiality. We support them both."

Last Saturday, the couple took in both games, even though it meant a 470-mile round trip from Pflugerville to Huntsville to Corsicana, then back home.

As if that wasn't tough enough, both games came down to the wire.

La Grange needed two overtimes before beating Corrigan-Camden 20-14 in the afternoon, then Granger kicked a 25-yard field goal with three seconds left to defeat Tenaha 22-21 around 10 p.m.

"I told them I'm too old for all that excitement in one day," Manos said, laughing.

# Clemson Tigers takes out No. 22 Maryland in overtime

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In just over six minutes, No. 23 Maryland went from four points up to down the drain.

"I don't really know what happened," said Laron Profit, who like the rest of his teammates, couldn't make a shot in overtime as the Terrapins went scoreless in the extra five minutes and lost 78-65 to No. 17 Clemson on Thursday night.

Maryland (3-2) led 65-61 with 1:18 to go in regulation, but fumbled away every opportunity to start the Atlantic Coast Conference season with a win.

Jams were blown, passes were positively awful and smooth shots clanged into Clemson's hands. By the time it was over, the Tigers (4-2) had an overtime shutout.

"We didn't do a good job continuing our offense," said Maryland coach Gary Williams, who launched a cuff link off his shirt while stomping in front of his bench. "You're five, six, seven down in the overtime, you still have plenty of time to continue to work. We stopped doing that."

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday night, it was No. 2 Kansas 102, Emporia State 50; No. 20 Temple 56, Michigan State 54;

and North Carolina State 71, No. 22 Georgia Tech 69 in overtime.

Clemson's Terrell McIntyre had 21 points, including a 3-pointer and a free throw to tie it 65-65 late in regulation.

Maryland crumbled after that.

Rodney Elliott, who led the Terps with 15 points, missed a close-in shot, and point guard Terrell Stokes was called for charging with 6.6 seconds left.

Right after overtime started, Obinna Ekezie missed the front end of a 1-and-1. Sarunas Jasikevicius was called for traveling; Profit missed two foul shots and blew a layup. In all, the Terps missed five shots and had two turnovers.

By then, Tom Wideman's two inside baskets and McIntyre's 3-pointer had Clemson in front 72-65.

"If we would have run our offense like we were supposed to, we would have won this overtime game," Stokes said. "They did, we didn't."

Clemson regained its range in overtime. The Tigers, in danger of losing their third straight, blew an 8-point lead in the second half before McIntyre got them going.

"You don't really know what's happening and then you look up at the scoreboard and it's 'Whoa, we're up by 10,'" said Greg Buckner, who also had 21 points for Clemson.

McIntyre said it's fun basket-

ball when passes — and shots — land where they are supposed to. It also gave the Tigers a big boost, he said, after losses to Gonzaga and Kentucky.

"That's what we need. That shows our character and our pride," McIntyre said.

Buckner worked hard to keep Profit, Maryland's leading scorer, to 10 points, 11 below his average.

He said he knew things would turn positive when McIntyre squared up for his 3-pointer.

"When Terrell's going, he's going to hit some shots, that's what he does," Buckner said. "He takes them at times when he knows and feels we need a big shot. Most of the time, he makes it."

Kansas 102, Emporia St. 50

The Jayhawks (8-0) overcame a lethargic first half by starting the second half with a 16-0 run to win their 49th consecutive home game. Kansas was missing preseason All-America Paul Pierce, who rested the right foot and ankle he turned in the victory over No. 4 Arizona on Tuesday night.

Raef LaFrentz had 22 points for the Jayhawks, while freshman Kenny Gregory had 21, six in the run that let Kansas pull away from a 39-30 halftime lead.

Sebastian King had 15 points for the Division II Hornets (1-2).

Temple 56, Michigan St. 54

Rasheed Brokenborough's 3-pointer with 52 seconds left gave the visiting Owls (3-1) the lead, then Michigan State missed a 3-pointer and two free throws in the final nine seconds.

Brokenborough missed seven of eight shots before hitting the game-winner.

Temple went 1-of-3 from the free-throw line after that, and Mateen Cleaves missed a 3-point attempt that David Thomas rebounded, but he missed two free throws with 1.5 seconds left.

Lynard Stewart led the Owls with 20 points, while Andre Hutson, Cleaves and Jason Klein each scored 11 points for the Spartans (3-2).

## PLAYOFF GAMES

- CLASS 3A Division I Region I/II**
  - Seed/Rank: Duncannonville (12-1) vs. Longview (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
  - Seed/Rank: Katy (12-1) vs. SA Tech (6-6), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
- CLASS 3A Division I Region III/IV**
  - Region I Final: Flower Mound Marcus (11-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Showell Stadium
  - Region II Final: Richardson Lake Highlands (11-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (11-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
  - Region III Final: Beaumont West Brook (11-2) vs. Alief Hastings (12-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome
  - Region IV Final: SA MacArthur (11-2) vs. New Braunfels (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium
- CLASS 4A Division I Region I/II**
  - Seed/Rank: Canyon Randall (10-3) vs. Corsicana (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium
  - Seed/Rank: Texas City (12-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
- CLASS 4A Division I Region III/IV**
  - Region I Final: Denison (13-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium
  - Region II Final: Mount Pleasant (8-5) vs. Terrell (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
  - Region III Final: LC-Mauritoville (11-2) vs. La Marque (10-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Astrodome
  - Region IV Final: CC-Caldwell (13-0) vs. Edouch-Eise (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, McAllen
- CLASS 3A Division I Region I/II**
  - Seed/Rank: Aledo (13-0) vs. Breckenridge (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field
  - Seed/Rank: Linden-Kildere (12-1) vs. Commerce (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
  - Region III Final: Columbus (10-3) vs. La Grange (11-2), 11 a.m., Saturday, Astrodome
  - Region IV Final: Cuero (11-2) vs. Sealy (13-0), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Astrodome
- CLASS 3A Division I Region III/IV**
  - Region I Final: Leakey (12-1) vs. Stanton (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Showell Stadium, Abilene
  - Region II Final: Collins (11-2) vs. Italy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field
  - Region III Final: Alto (13-0) vs. Elysian Fields (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Kilgus R.E. St. John Stadium
  - Region IV Final: Rogers (12-1) vs. Refugio (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos
- CLASS 1A Division I Region I/II**
  - Seed/Rank: Wheeler (10-3) vs. Munday (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Childress
  - Seed/Rank: Celiate (13-0) vs. Granger (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Glen Rose
- CLASS 1A Division I Region III/IV**
  - Seed/Rank: Leathville (12-1) vs. Borden County (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolforth-Frenship
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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Dykes to be football banquet speaker
Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes will be the featured speaker for the Big Spring Steers Football Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

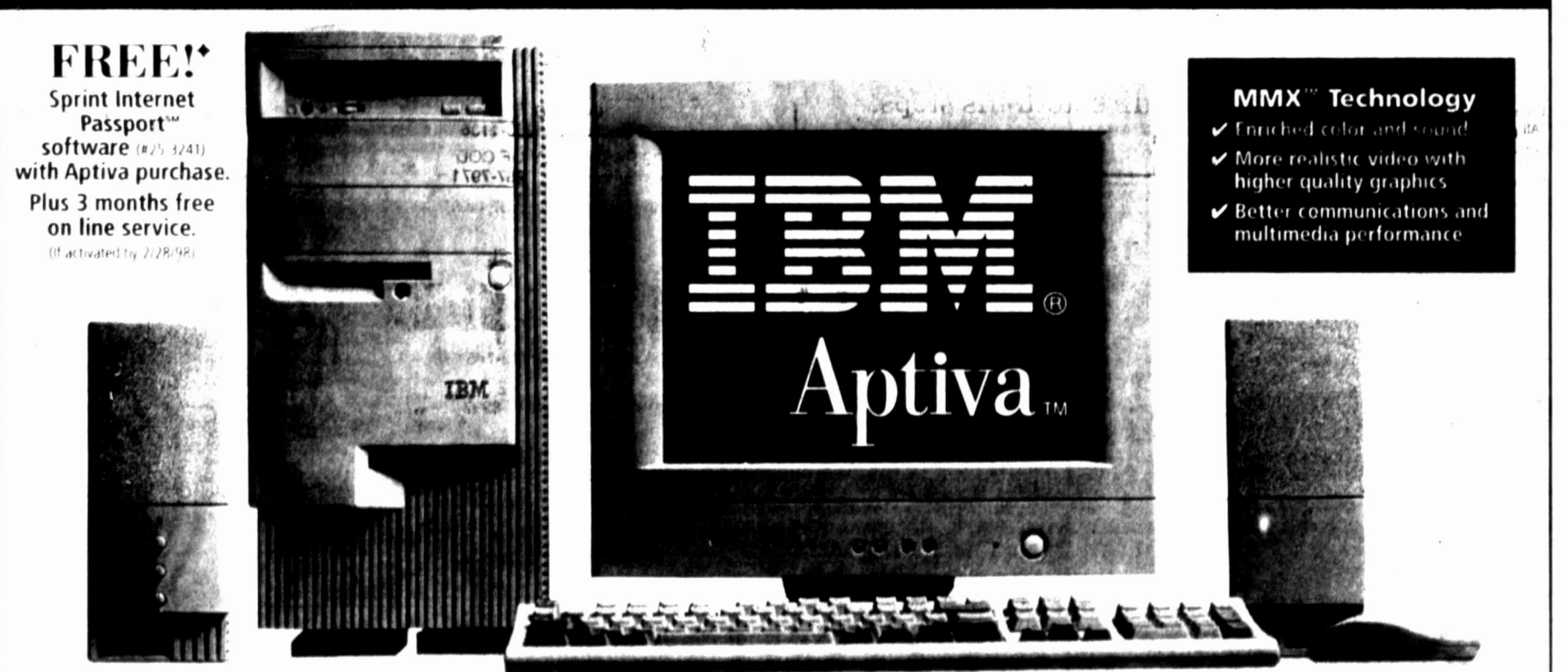
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reach double figures, finishing the game with 10.
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Julie Mayes scored a game-high 16 points and Adrianna Baeza added 10 more, as the tournament's defending champs were forced to struggle to the end before holding off a determined Stanton rally.

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## Former players at Arizona State pleading guilty?

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
PHOENIX — A \$10,000 gambling debt reportedly opened the door to an alleged 1994 point-shaving scheme.

The Arizona Republic and CNN-Sports Illustrated reported Thursday that two former Arizona State basketball players would plead guilty today to charges of conspiracy to commit sports bribery. The newspaper also said two Phoenix gamblers would be indicted on charges of money laundering and illegal sports betting.

The Tribune, a suburban Phoenix newspaper, said the players, Stevin "Hedake" Smith and Isaac Burton, were charged Thursday.

For some time, news reports have cited law enforcement sources as saying Smith and Burton took payoffs for shaving points on three of four home Arizona State games during the 1993-94 season.

Smith got involved because he owed a gambler \$10,000, and the gambler agreed to erase the debt if he fixed Arizona State games, the Republic said.

The Republic said the indictments would include gambler Joseph Gagliano Jr., a Phoenix investment adviser and former trader on the Chicago Board of Trade; Benny Silman, a former partner in a cappuccino stand at America West Arena, and two Chicago bookmakers it didn't name.

The FBI and U.S. Attorney's office in Phoenix refused to confirm or deny the reports. Rebecca Even, spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney in Phoenix, said there were no indictments or plea agreements in the public record as of Thursday.

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I Corinthians 15:29

## Make Amends Instead Of Excuses

Recently, our local newspaper carried a story about a construction crew doing some road rebuilding. For several weeks, people living in the work area had to tolerate heavy construction equipment and road detours. One of the residents mentioned in the article that the work crew had broken a gas line while his wife was baking bread and that this caused her stove to shut off, thus ruining the bread. The next day, the work crew hung four loaves of bread on their door to try to make amends. Being faithful to his wife's baking, this resident remarked that he liked his wife's homemade bread better. I enjoyed this story because, even though the work crew was involved in an enormous task, they took the time to try to smooth over a seemingly simple human interest situation that involved just a few loaves of bread. Sometimes, we are so involved in the big picture, that we may forget about the little personal human details. Extending your hand to someone and saying, "I'm sorry," is important in our everyday lives, even when we do not completely satisfy the injured party. Trying to make amends, instead of excuses whenever we do something wrong is the way God wants us to live.

...be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.  
Good News Bible Ephesians 4:32



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NOWHERE TO TURN IN ARIZONA DEAR NOWHERE: You appear to be intelligent and strong, and deserve to be commended for seeking advice from an adult. You should not have to run away in order to get away from your stepfather.

There are two ways to handle this: The first would be to go to a teacher or counselor at your school and repeat what you have told me. It may be easier to slip this letter and take it with you. Should your stepfather become violent before you can talk to a trusted adult at your school, you and your siblings should get out of the house and go to a neighbor's home to call for help. Ask the telephone operator to connect you to the 24-hour Child Protective Services Hotline. It is staffed seven days a week and will send the police to remove you to a safe place.

Please write again and let me know how you are. Meanwhile, you are in my prayers.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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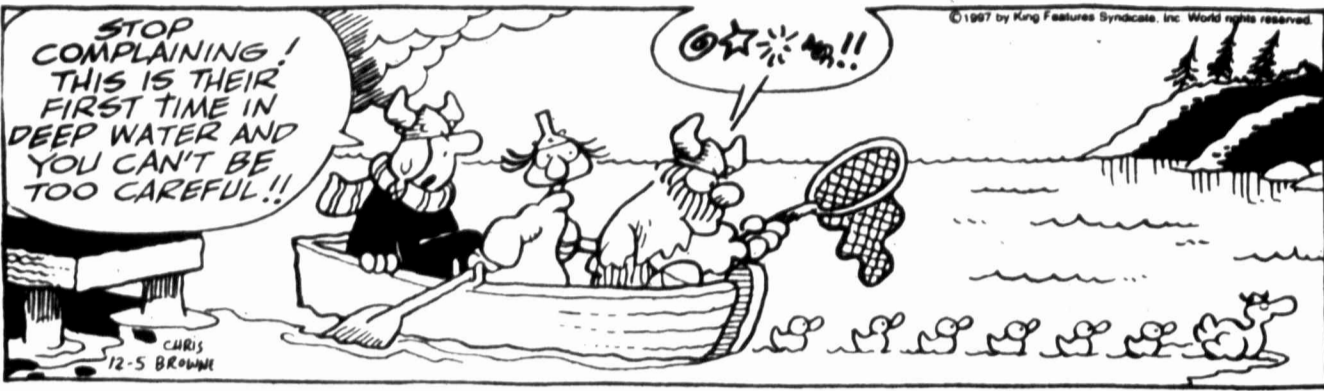
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- Garage Sale: 703 E. 16th Sat. only. Space heaters & grates, blue glasses, crochet baskets & rugs, lots of great X-Mas gifts.
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Estate Sale: Collectables only: Dolls 1st Impressions & Court

FRIDAY TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program name.

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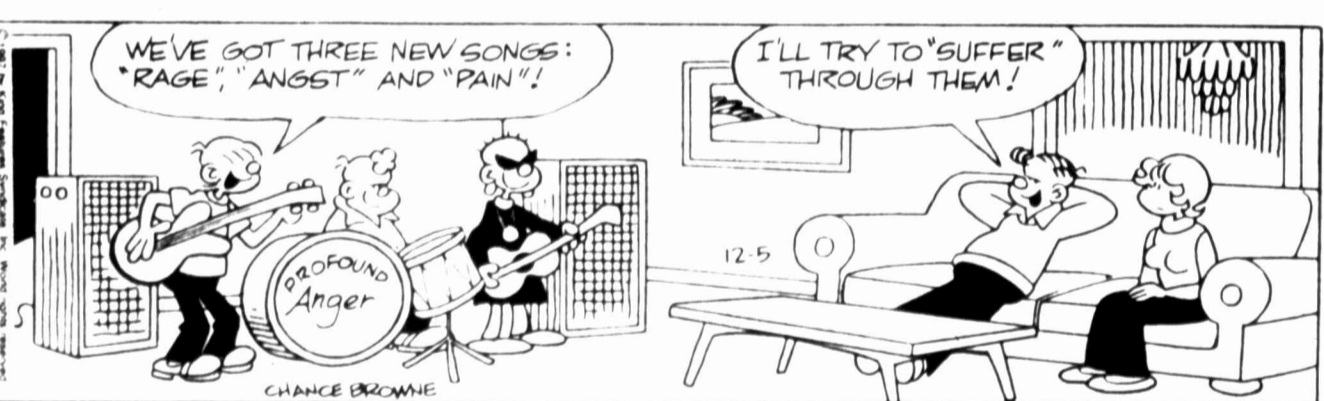
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On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date: In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

On this date: In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

RITZ cinema listings for various shows and times.

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