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Reflecting A Proud Community

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Last year's rains helped, but drought not officially dead yet

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Depending on how you look at it, 1997 either was or wasn't a watershed year for rainfall.

Almost every part of the state received precipitation at or above average levels. For much of Texas, it was the first adequate rainfall year since the early part of the decade.

In Howard County, however, precipitation was about the same as 1996. At the same time, conditions improved for cotton growers and lake levels rose slightly.

"Precipitation was more time-

ly and better than it has been in the past five years," said Rick Liles, Executive Director of the Howard County Farm Service Agency, "but we don't know if the drought is broken. Only time will tell."

Bill Fryrear, director of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service in Big Spring, said that the amount of rain was about the same as 1996, but its timing was better for cotton growers.

"What made 1997 such a good year for us is the fact that in February, 3.42 inches fell, making it about the third-highest February on record," he said. "That amount at that time

enables farmers to get their land into condition so it won't blow." April's above average level of 2.57 inches came just in time for the planting season.

On the other hand, the pattern of rainfall in Howard County was poorly timed for filling lakes and storage reservoirs.

"As far as producing runoff to go into our lakes, we haven't seen that (a great drought-busting year), on the other hand, it's been a good year for soil moisture," said John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

This year, Lake J.B. Thomas rose from 4 1/2 percent to 8 percent capacity. In 1997, Lake

E.V. Spence rose from 23 1/2 percent to 25 1/2 percent. O.H. Ivie Reservoir, located 50 miles east of San Angelo at the confluence of the Concho and Colorado rivers, was "more fortunately placed," according to Grant and showed dramatic gains, rising from 76.5 percent to 92 percent.

While areas like Del Rio and Midland-Odessa nearly doubled their 1996 totals, and southeast Texas reported above-average rainfall levels, parts of West Texas including Big Spring, Abilene and El Paso had roughly the same amounts as the previous year.

Some areas remained a bit

dry. While rains restored lakes across the eastern half of the state to near-capacity, the reservoirs on the Rio Grande remained extremely low. In general, lake levels for the state's western half stayed constant.

Texas' struggling cattle industry experienced an unexpected and dramatic turnaround. The rains arrived along with lower feed costs and improved cattle prices.

Improved rainfall increased cotton production overall, especially over 1996's near failure. However, because supply increased dramatically, cotton prices decreased by about 10

cents per pound. According to Liles, "conditions improved overall, economically we're at 70 percent of what we'd consider normal."

"This year we had a pretty good dryland (cotton) crop," said Chris Locke, who spent the last day of 1997 working at the Maple Co-Op Gin northwest of Lubbock. "The last time that happened was 1988."

Although state Comptroller John Sharp said Texas farmers "knocked off the dust from the '96 drought," he noted that the dry years forced many growers to miss stretches of high market

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Five injured in Monday accidents

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Three separate accidents Monday resulted in five Big Spring residents being transported to local hospitals.

Heavy early morning fog contributed to the first accident, which occurred at about 9 a.m. five miles north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

A pickup driven by Matt Massingill of Big Spring, which was stopped in a crossover lane, was struck by an 18-wheeler driven by Hector Gomez.

Gomez's tractor-trailer jackknifed during the accident, blocking the southbound lanes of Highway 87 for about an hour.

Marcelino Nieto of Big Spring, a passenger in Massingill's vehicle, was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC). He suffered a possible broken jaw in the accident.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said today Gomez was cited for failure to control speed.

The second accident occurred at about 4:30 p.m. on the 1800 block of East FM 700 and involved vehicles driven by Robert L. Stroud and Patricia Ann Correa.

According to Big Spring Police Department records, Correa's vehicle was eastbound



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Law enforcement and rescue personnel examine the scene of a two-vehicle accident that occurred about five miles north of Big Spring Monday morning. Marcelino Nieto, a passenger in the pickup, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with a possible broken jaw. Hector Gomez, the driver of the 18-wheeler, was cited for failure to control speed.

on FM 700, while Stroud's pickup was exiting a private drive.

The accident report stated Stroud failed to yield the right of way, causing Correa's car to strike the front right side of Stroud's truck.

Stroud, who was cited for failure to yield right of way, was transported by ambulance to the VA Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

Correa was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center.

Two other Big Spring residents were injured in a one-vehicle accident that occurred at 8:13 p.m. on the 1900 block of Hearn Street.

According to the accident report, a 1982 pickup driven by Lanna Lee McWhorter was southbound on the 4000 block of Dixon when she lost control of the vehicle. The truck then went into a slide, struck the curb and rolled over onto its

top.

Both McWhorter and passenger Thomas W. Scott were taken to the SMMC emergency room via private vehicle. McWhorter was cited for faulty evasive action.

Neither weather or road conditions were a factor in the accident, the report stated.

All of the injured who were taken to SMMC were treated and released, a hospital spokesman said this morning.

Jury begins determining Nichols' fate

DENVER (AP) — A jury began deliberating whether Terry Nichols should be put to death for the Oklahoma City bombing Monday after prosecutors argued that Nichols knew the 4,000-pound fuel-and-fertilizer bomb could kill people and he didn't care.

Defense attorney Michael Tigar countered by warning the jury not to be swept away by "a tide of anger and grief and vengeance."

After receiving instructions from U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, the seven women and five men began trying to decide a sentence for Nichols for what prosecutor Beth Wilkinson said "is a crime so great ... that we could not bring you every victim, every survivor or every family member."

Nichols, who was home with his family in Herington, Kan., 200 miles away, when the bomb went off on April 15, 1995, was convicted Dec. 23 of conspiracy

and involuntary manslaughter but acquitted of first-degree murder and use of a truck bomb. Conspiracy can bring the death penalty.

The jury could order death or life in prison without parole, and the decision would be binding on the judge.

Or the jury could leave it up to Matsch to impose a lesser sentence.

Legal experts said they would be surprised if the jurors sentenced Nichols to die, since they concluded he played a lesser role in the crime and did not set out to kill anyone.

His partner in crime, Timothy McVeigh, was convicted last year of murder and conspiracy and sentenced to die.

"He didn't care whether those 168 people lived or died," Ms. Wilkinson told the jury.

Nichols, 42, sat impassively as prosecutors pressed for the death penalty, while his wife, Marife, and his ex-wife, Lana Padilla, cried softly.

Nichols lips began to quiver and he fought back tears when Tigar described him as "a concerned and loving son."

Tigar reminded the jurors they can't be swayed by emotion. Recalling the sorrowful testimony of bombing victims and survivors last week, Tigar said:

"I feel now, when I think about that evidence, as though I'm standing before you and trying to sweep back a tide of anger and grief and vengeance."

Tigar said Nichols didn't cry during the testimony from victims because "we've seen all the videotapes, we've seen all the photos."

Wrapping up the government's case, prosecutor Patrick Ryan said the defense was trying to convince the jurors that "Terry Nichols is like us, he's not so horrible."

"Terry Nichols is not like one of us," Ryan countered. "Terry Nichols conspired to use a weapon of mass destruction, a

truck bomb, against a building in a downtown metropolitan area."

Ms. Wilkinson told the jury that "a sentence of death is a just and reasoned response of the moral conscience of our community," and Nichols' crime "resulted in the largest number of deaths from any crime in the history of America."

"Terry Nichols conspired to do something that can only be described as evil," she said. "It will be in the hearts of all Americans for many years to come."

Ms. Wilkinson said that in the seven months before the bombing, Nichols worked with McVeigh to acquire and conceal the ingredients for the bomb; he didn't contact authorities; and he lied to FBI agents two days after the explosion.

"Everyone else said 'no' to Timothy McVeigh. Terry Nichols said 'yes,'" the prosecutor said.

Meetings planned to seek input about water plan

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Texans will have the opportunity to learn more about regional water planning areas and rules pertaining to state and regional water plans at a series of public meetings around the state.

Two meetings — one in Midland at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 and another in Plainview on Thursday, Jan. 15 — will be held in West Texas.

Water issues were at the forefront of discussions as the 75th Texas Legislature worked to establish a statewide water conservation plan.

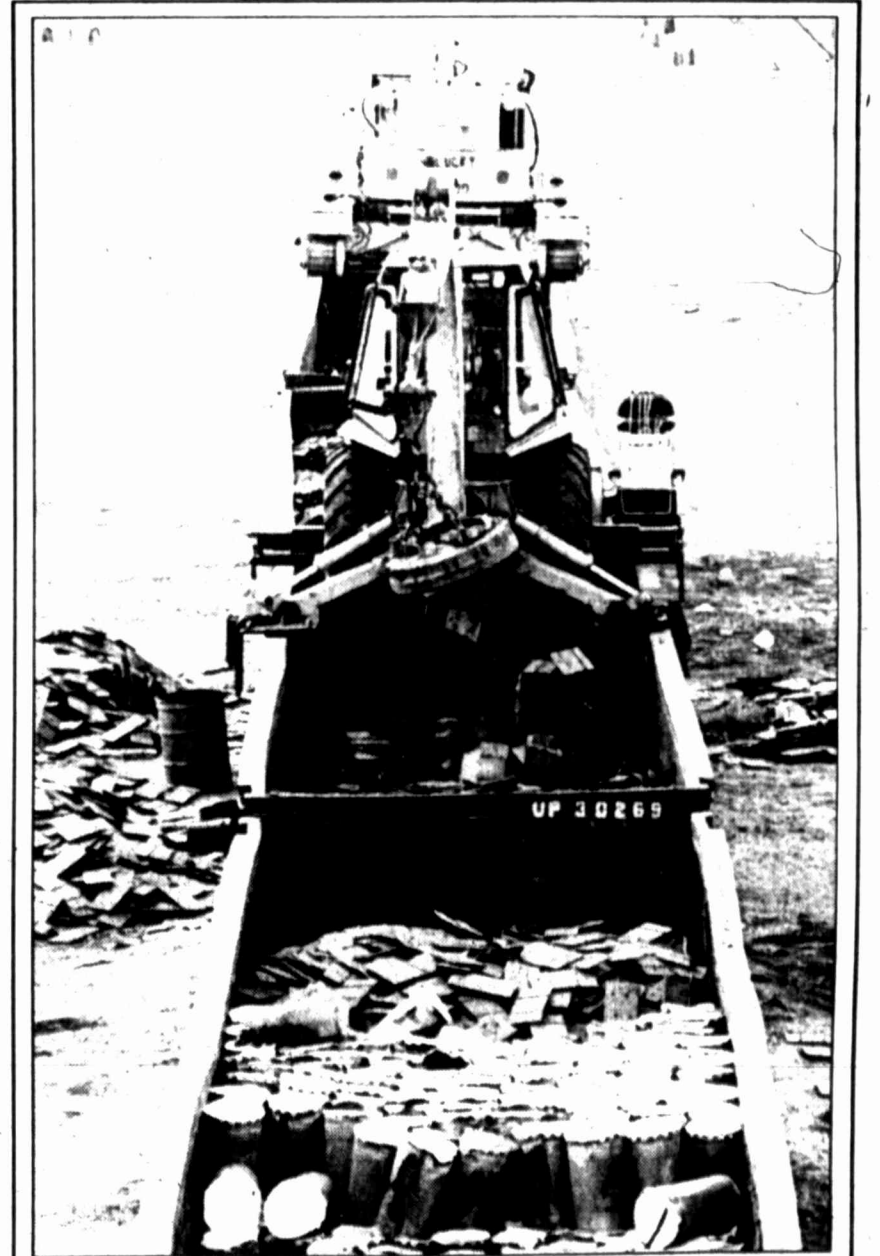
District 70 State Rep. David Counts serves as chairman of

the Texas House Natural Resources Committee and says the series of public meetings being held around the state by the Texas Water Development Board are important because people will have the opportunity to get an understanding of what the regional planning areas are about.

The meetings are designed to allow the TWDB to receive public comments on the third and final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed rules for state and regional water planning required by Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

SB1 requires the TWDB to designate regional water plan-

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Ron Vansossen, with Herzog Contracting Inc. of St. Joseph, Mo., loads tie plates onto a rail car at the Big Spring rail yards Monday. The ties will be used to install new track.

WEATHER

Tonight:



Wed:



Thur:



Fri:



Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Wednesday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs 45-50. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 25-30. Extended forecast, Thursday, fair. Highs around 60. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs around 50. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Lows 20-25. Highs in the 40s.

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Counts announces run for sixth House term

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With list of candidates for local, state and congressional races on the March 10 primary ballot set, District 70 State Rep. David Counts hopes to land a sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives.

District 70 includes Howard, Borden, Fisher, Garza, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry and Stonewall counties. Counts, a Democrat, is a Knox City businessman and farmer

and serves as chairman of the Texas House Natural Resources Committee.

Counts will be facing his second straight challenge from Republican Scott McLaughlin for the District 70 seat, for which counts defeated the Big Spring businessman by less than 800 votes out of some 35,000 votes



COUNTS

cast in the 1996 election.

In officially filing for reelection, Counts cited property tax relief, rural water planning, Big Spring's veterans home and continued support of Gov. George W. Bush's bipartisan reforms as the focus of his reelection campaign.

"I am extremely pleased to have worked closely with both Democrat Texas House Speaker Pete Laney and Gov. Bush this past legislative session on school property tax relief and the Property Taxpayers Appraisal Reform Bill of

Rights," Counts said. "We increased the homestead exemption, dedicated lottery profits to public education, created portability of senior citizen tax freezes and capped annual tax appraisal increases on individual residences."

Locally, Counts points to Big Spring landing a state veterans home as a boost to the West Texas economy — a boost in the form of an estimated 165 new jobs and an annual payroll of \$3.5 million.

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OBITUARIES

Edna Pope

Edna Ruth Pope, 69, Big Spring, departed this life on Jan. 5, 1998, while hospitalized at Midland Memorial for cancer treatment.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 43 years, W.H. Pope, children in order of their birth, Natalie Wood and husband Bill of Geary, Okla., Sharon Cavazos and husband Paul of Galveston, Linda Staple and husband Dennis of Big Spring, Shirley Muse and husband Dennis of Houston, Michael Thompson of Staunton, Va., James Pope and wife Mary of Big Spring, Derrill Pope and wife Cherie of Big Spring; sister, Leota Richey of Cordell, Okla.; 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; a devoted friend, Gaylan Beavers of Big Spring; numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.



POPE

Service will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, with Rev. Paul Baskin, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society; c/o Mrs. Wayne Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring, 79721-2121.

Pallbearers will be Paul Cavazos, Dennis Muse, Gary Wyatt, Wayne Nelson, Christopher Boatright, James Sanderson and honorary pallbearer will be Jack Nixon. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Elmer L. Belcher
Service for Elmer L. Belcher, 69, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Pat

Patricia Gwyn
Service for Patricia Gwyn, 70, Midland, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Zuferina Arguello
Rosary for Zuferina Arguello, 78, Stanton, will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Stanton. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Frank Chavez officiating. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mrs. Arguello died Monday, Jan. 5, in Midland. She was born on Jan. 22, 1919, in Flatonia, and moved to Stanton 55 years ago from Waelder. She married Cruz Arguello on Sept. 19, 1937, in Flatonia. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Guadalupanas and Cursillista.

Survivors include: her husband, Cruz Arguello, Stanton; a son, Frank Arguello, Austin; five daughters, Damiana (Nena) Cordova, Austin, Andrea Aguirre, Odessa, Sally Hinojosa, Josie Armendarez and Eva Saenz, all of Stanton; a sister, Rita Segura, Schulenburg; one brother, Pedro Delgado, San Antonio; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

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prices. "And though the rains were welcome, producers had to contend with more insects, as well as lower market prices that accompanied higher levels of production," Sharp said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Manuel "Odis" Wise, 85, died Friday. Services were 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with interment at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Edna Pope, 69, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 6-8 PM.

Floyd Jones, 93, died Monday. Services are pending.

Tammy S. Davenport, 26, died Monday. Services are pending with Lockhart & Sons Funeral Home, Shelbyville, Illinois.

Patricia Gwyn, 70, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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ON THE MENU

EDITOR'S NOTE: This menu from Elbow Elementary School was not received in time for printing in either Sunday's or Monday's newspaper. The remainder of the week's menu for Elbow is as follows:
Wednesday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, hot roll, milk.
Thursday - Cheeseburger, fries, salad, pickle, milk.
Friday - Spaghetti, salad, fruit, garlic bread, milk.

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ning areas and initial members to regional water planning groups and to approve regional water plans prepared by the water planning groups.

"This is where all interested parties (municipal users, agricultural users, ranches, the Colorado River Municipal Water District and other water districts and environmental groups) get together to come up with a nomination process to get people appointed to look after our water interests," Counts said.

Counts said he understands that 11 members will be appointed to each regional water planning group and he already has two Big Spring water authorities in mind to serve in that capacity.

"We have to make sure we have representation in all areas," Counts said. "Some of the experts on these planning boards may not necessarily be from a particular area, but it's their expertise that's important."

The regional planning groups are required to submit regional water plans to the TWDB for approval every five years beginning September 2000. TWDB-approved regional water plans will be incorporated into the next comprehensive State Water Plan, which is due Sept. 1, 2001.

The TWDB has also identified Special Water Resources (SWR) to facilitate regional water planning. SWR are water supplies in one area that are obligated in full or in part to meet water demands in another area.

As a RPG develops its regional water plan it must also protect water rights, contracts and option agreements related to a SWR in its area so that water supplies obligated to meet a demand outside the regional planning area are not impacted.

During the 75th Legislative Session, Counts authored and helped pass legislation that will use unclaimed state surplus funds to provide scholarships and economic development funding for rural communities in West Texas.

"In addition to helping West Texas protect its rural jobs and water needs, I also stand firmly for continuing the bipartisan reforms which increase our personal freedoms, local community decision-making and added accountability in the way our state government serves the people of Texas," he said.

According to Counts, protecting the water resources of rural West Texas from big cities was important last year, as well as have bipartisan leadership in Austin.

"More bipartisan legislation is needed in the House," Counts said. "We have to acknowledge that the local tax payer is hurting and we can only address the problems in a bipartisan manner. Partisanship does not solve problems, leadership solves problems."

"The last year has been excellent for District 70, especially the 75th Legislative session," Counts added. "Funding for our colleges, including the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, was important; the tax bill was good, but can still be improved as local property taxes are still too high; and school issues were and remain a high priority as local districts maintain control."

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

BOSS HOG CHILI COOKOFF is planned Saturday at the Harley Davidson shop, beginning at 9 a.m. with a cooks meeting. Anyone is welcome to enter a chili entry for a \$15 fee.

All you can eat of chili entries is \$5, and entertainment is planned by local band "Wild Texans" in the afternoon. For more information, call the Harley shop at 263-2322.

TWO PRESENTATIONS OF DRAMATIC events from American history with a Biblical perspective are planned Friday, 1:30 and 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler will be featured. He also plans a special event for teens and their parents Saturday at 10 a.m.

This event is sponsored by Concerned Women for American of West Texas. Call Suzanne Haney at 263-7147 or Luann Stallings at 398-5506 for more information.

HERITAGE MUSEUM MURDER MYSTERY Night is planned Jan. 31 with a pregame reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hosts are needed for various murder mystery games to be played by teams of eight. Call 267-8255 for more information.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

SKING accident kills Bono
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) - Sonny Bono, a 1960s pop star-turned politician, was killed in a skiing accident Monday at the Heavenly Ski Resort. He was 62.

Bono, an avid skier, had been reported missing about two hours before his body was found. A ski patrol found the body after a search of the Nevada side of the mountain, said his spokesman, Frank Cullen Jr.

The cause of death has not been determined, pending an autopsy, said sheriff's Lt. Ross Chichester. The preliminary investigation indicated that it was an accident, he said.

Bono and his then-wife, Cher, gained fame in the 1960s with hits "I Got You, Babe" and "The Beat Goes On."

The two moved to television with "The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour," which ran on CBS from 1971-74, and then again during the 1976-77 season, after they divorced.

This is the second high-profile skiing death on Western slopes in less than a week.

On New Year's Eve, Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, died when he skied into a tree in Aspen, Colo., while playing football on skis.

Heavenly, 55 miles southwest of Reno at the California-Nevada state line, is one of the region's premier ski resorts.

Bono was on a vacation with his wife, Mary Whitaker, and their two children, 6-year-old Chianna and 9-year-old Chesare, when the accident happened.

"They were enjoying a family vacation," Cullen said Tuesday. "He was a very proficient skier. He skied frequently with his family and, yes, he was an athletic guy - he skied and played tennis."

Texas Lottery

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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
-Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

-Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

-Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

-Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

-Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

WEDNESDAY
-Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

-Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

-NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

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

-Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

MARKETS

March cotton 67.42 cents, down 12 points; Feb. crude 17.04, up 15 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 higher at 36.50; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 64; Feb. lean hog futures 57.17, down 2 points; Feb. live cattle futures 64.40, up 47 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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POLICE

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

-SHERMAN BAILEY, 29, was arrested for criminal mischief.

-JASON HULL, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

-JAVIER PAYEN, 28, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

-MARCUS CHAVERA, 43, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

-FIDEL MARTINEZ, 22, was arrested on local warrants.

-THEFT in the 200 block of E. 11th; the 400 block of NW 10th; the 1700 block of E. Marcy; and the 300 block of Gregg St.

-ASSAULT BY THREAT in the 1700 block of S. Gregg.

-HARASSMENT in the 500 block of N. Runnels.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

-ABNER HOLLIS SHELLMAN, 52, was arrested for assault-family violence.

-CHARLA CAROL PACE was arrested for disorderly conduct-vulgar language.

-CLINT RANKIN ELLIOTT, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated-third.

FIRE/EMS

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

Monday
9:10 a.m. - Five miles N. on Hwy. 87, traffic accident, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, two patients refused transfer.

2:27 p.m. - 100 block NE 9th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

4:25 p.m. - FM-700, traffic accident, one patient transferred to SMMC, one patient transferred to VA Medical Center.

6:34 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:15 p.m. - 4100 block Dixon, traffic accident, two patients refused service.

RECORDS

Monday's high 62
Monday's low 40
Average high 54
Average low 27
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Mexican suspect in killing of U.S. businessman released, called 'modern Robin Hood'

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A judge set free a man accused of killing an American businessman, saying the suspect was a "modern Robin Hood," local media reported Monday.

The U.S. Embassy said it was disturbed by the comment reportedly made by the judge who released Alonso Gonzalez Sanchez. The suspect was accused of fatally shooting Mexico City-based real estate executive Peter Zarate during a robbery last month.

"(Gonzalez Sanchez) is a modern Robin Hood, who not only shares what he earns from robberies, but gives his companions more money and doesn't

earn anything himself," Judge Maria Claudia Campuzano was quoted by local media as saying when she ordered the man's release Friday.

According to the Mexico City attorney general's office, the judge dismissed the case due to insufficient evidence. In a statement Sunday, it said it would appeal the decision to a higher court.

Campuzano would neither confirm nor deny the media reports in a telephone interview Monday night with The Associated Press. "I can't speak over the phone. These phones are tapped," she said, speaking from her

courthouse office.

Gonzalez Sanchez was one of five men arrested Dec. 30 on charges he had targeted foreign tourists and residents for robberies after they boarded taxis.

The embassy said in a news release that it was formally seeking an official explanation of the judge's decision.

"We are deeply disturbed by published accounts attributing strange remarks to the judge who ordered the release," the statement said.

The embassy also noted that the judge "is alleged to have claimed, among other things, improper behav-

ior on the part of Mr. Zarate's widow and the existence of some motive for the crime other than robbery."

"We cannot imagine what basis the judge has for any of these remarks," the statement said.

Police said all five men confessed to robbing Zarate on Dec. 15. Investigators said Gonzalez Sanchez shot Zarate in the chest when the executive resisted his attackers.

Zarate, 40, was deputy director of sales in Mexico for the New York-based real estate company Cushman and Wakefield Inc. He had been living in Mexico City for about three years. He

was married and the father of four children.

Before coming to Mexico, Zarate lived in Newport Beach, Calif., where he joined the Cushman and Wakefield in 1991.

His death prompted the embassy to stiffen a warning against using street taxis in the crime-plagued Mexican capital.

The embassy had issued a similar alert in June, warning Americans not to hail taxis on the street because of a rash of robberies and assaults by criminals posing as taxi drivers.

AT&T chiefs urges government to create more local phone competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that a federal court in Texas has given at least two regional Bell telephone companies a clear path into the long-distance business, the government should consider new ways to make the Bells open their local phone markets to rivals, AT&T's chief said Monday.

As key provisions of a 1996 law have been struck down by the courts, AT&T has had trouble building its local phone business. Although the company has stopped marketing local service, AT&T has said it will not abandon the business it has spent \$3 billion to \$4 billion on.

The latest blow to AT&T and other local phone competitors came Wednesday when a federal judge paved the way for San Antonio-based SBC Communications and US West to offer long-distance service to their local customers.

"I would submit that the industry and the government need to step back in the midst of all this and discuss alternatives to accomplishing opening markets, having choice and creating local competition," said AT&T Corp. Chairman C. Michael Armstrong.

"I would welcome that oppor-

tunity," he added, responding to the court decision in a conference call with analysts.

Armstrong did not say what specific alternatives he has in mind.

AT&T took a beating on Wall Street Friday, with its shares falling 4.1 percent amid worries the No. 1 long-distance company could be facing more competition after last week's ruling.

Still, AT&T executives played down the long-term impact of the decision, saying they are confident it would not take effect and would be overturned on appeal.

AT&T, Sprint and MCI asked U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall of Wichita Falls, Texas, to defer his decision. The U.S. government is likely to make the same request on Tuesday, said Federal Communications Commission and Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Mark Rosenblum, AT&T's vice president of law and government affairs, said: "Stays are granted almost as a matter of routine to allow full review of the constitutional challenge by the court of appeals and, if necessary, by the Supreme

Court."

If the case goes to the Supreme Court, the earliest the high court would decide it would be 1999, he said.

Kendall ruled that a key portion of a 1996 telecommunications law discriminates against the Bells because it does not apply to many other local phone companies, such as GTE Corp., Southern New England Telephone Co. and Frontier Corp.

The overturned provision required the Bells to open their local phone markets to competitors as a condition of winning federal approval to provide long-distance service to local customers.

"We have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to be prepared when an economically viable means of doing local business is available and we have systems and resources people set up all over the country to take that step when it offered," Armstrong said.

SBC operates under the Southwestern Bell, Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell brands in its seven-state territory of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, California and Nevada.

Air Force points to fuel systems for its T-3A 'Firefly' trainer problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force is hoping to put its 110 T-3A "Firefly" training aircraft back in the air by the middle of next year, if it can make several modifications expected to cost \$6.2 million.

The service grounded its 110-plane fleet in July, after a series of unexplained engine failures. Six people had been killed since 1995 in the planes — three Air Force Academy cadets and three of their teachers.

"We will not put the aircraft back in service ... until I've gone out and flown it myself," said Air Force Gen. Lloyd Newton, commander of the Air Education and Training Command.

Newton said the Air Force will be making 10 changes at a cost of \$6.2 million. Most deal with the aircraft's fuel system, he added.

Newton flew 269 combat mis-

sions during the Vietnam War and was one of the service's premier pilots with the Thunderbirds, the aerobatic flying team.

The general said he expects changes to be completed by mid-1998.

He took issue with a report in Time magazine characterizing the aircraft as the most dangerous in the service.

"I would not say that by any stretch of the imagination," Newton said.

However, the Air Force had received more than 50 reports of engine failures since the planes were put into service in 1994.

"The T-3's crash record is all the more startling because from 1964 to 1994, cadets flew the trainer's predecessor, the T-41, without a single fatality," Time reported.

The single-engine, propeller-driven planes are used to screen

potential pilots. The \$302,000 aircraft are manufactured in England by Slingsby Aviation and assembled in the United States using American-bull Textron-Lycoming engines.

A T-3A crashed near a golf course northeast of the academy on June 25, 1997, killing the cadet and instructor on board.

Two other T-3A crashes near the academy in 1995 and 1996 each claimed the lives of both an instructor pilot and an academy cadet. The 1996 crash was blamed on engine failure, while the 1995 incident was partly blamed on inadequate training.

Jeff Bevan, managing director of Slingsby, said in a written statement that the company "has complete confidence in the ability of the Firefly (T-3A) aircraft and its safety record." He said the Air Force has "generally expressed overall satisfaction with its performance."

Clinton: Federal budget can be balanced three years earlier than promised

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is promising to come up with a balanced budget plan for 1999 — three years earlier than expected.

"This will be the first time in 30 years we've had a balanced budget, and that's good news for the American people and for the American economy," he said Monday.

Clinton said the deficit for the current fiscal year is expected to drop to less than \$22 billion — a fraction of the \$90 billion estimated when Congress and the White House agreed on a program to balance the budget by 2002.

The administration promised that the balanced budget in 1999 would be the first of many to come.

"To somewhat recoin an old phrase, you'll see surpluses as far as the eye can see," said Gene Sperling, director of the National Economic Council.

Republicans responded by renewing their calls for tax cuts.

"The last time the tax take on the American people was as high as it is today is when our nation was fighting a two-front world war," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer of Texas. "Yes, let's balance the budget but let's not do it thanks to high taxes."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich issued a statement welcoming Clinton's promise and saying, "Now the real test of leadership will be whether he proposes meaningful tax relief in his State of the Union address" on Jan. 27.

Wary of tax cuts, Clinton has promised to seek billions of dollars in spending increases for school construction, child care, food safety, clean air, biomedical research, the Peace Corps and other programs. He also is expected to urge an expansion of Medicare.

Clinton credited his policies with keeping inflation low and the economy growing while at the same time reversing 12 years of rising deficits that

quadrupled the nation's debt.

The president cautioned lawmakers against using a projected surplus as "a pretext for returning to the failed policies of the past."

"We don't have a surplus," he said. "We can project a surplus but we don't have one. And we've waited 30 years for a balanced budget."

Asked why it had taken so long to recognize that the budget could be balanced early, Sperling and Budget Director Franklin Raines said the administration has traditionally been conservative in its estimates.

The deficit figure is shrinking faster than anyone expected, thanks to tax revenues generated by a strong economy. When Clinton took office, the 1998 budget deficit was expected to be \$357 billion rather than the \$22 billion projected now.

By last February, the administration had lowered the figure to \$120 billion. The number had fallen to \$90 billion by May, and then to \$58 billion by August.

Report: Pol Pot said to be in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A Thai newspaper published an interview with infamous Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot today, apparently attempting to dispel rumors that he had fled Cambodia.

A senior leader of the Khmer Rouge faction that turned against Pol Pot last year told the Bangkok Post they are holding him captive in Cambodia to prevent him from appearing before an international tribunal.

The story and photograph, reportedly based on an inter-

view from the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Anlong Veng in northern Cambodia, contradicted rumors that Pol Pot had escaped from the country.

"My political life is finished. I probably cannot say any more," Pol Pot was quoted as saying.

The rumors — supported at one point by the Thai foreign minister — were denied by China, where Pol Pot was said to have fled either for medical treatment or to escape possible capture and trial for genocide.

Pol Pot led the Maoist-

inspired Khmer Rouge regime that caused the deaths of as many as 2 million Cambodians between seizing power in 1975 and being overthrown by an invasion from Vietnam in 1979.

The Post reported Pol Pot, who was born in 1925, appeared very ill and that his voice was trembling and barely audible.

The Post carried probably the most extensive comments ever reported by Nuon Chhe, long thought to be the group's second-in-command and one of its most elusive figures.

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100 Years of Zionism and 50 Years of Israel What Can the World Learn from It?

In 1894, Theodor Herzl, a journalist and thoroughly assimilated Austrian Jew, was assigned by his Vienna paper to cover the notorious Dreyfus trial in France. The experience of seeing this Jewish officer being railroaded to a life sentence on Devil's Island led him to the recognition that life for Jews in Europe was untenable and that the solution of the "Jewish problem" lay in the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

What are the facts?

The Birth of a Dream. The return to Zion had for 2,000 years been the dream of Europe's dispersed Jews, the only hope in their miserable lives. "Next year in Jerusalem" had always been the watchword. But nothing was done to bring this dream to reality. Theodor Herzl organized the first Zionist Congress in Basel (Switzerland) in 1897 and political Zionism was born.

The concept of creating a new nation in what was then a sparsely-settled country was something totally new, never before attempted in the history of mankind. But Herzl's vision fired up world Jewry and especially the Jews of eastern Europe, who were despairing under

the yoke of Russian oppression and recurring pogroms. Energized by Zionist aspirations, British Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour issued his famous Declaration in 1917, by which Palestine was established as a national home for the Jewish people. In 1922, the League of Nations entrusted Britain with the Mandate for Palestine. Regrettably, and contrary to the Balfour Declaration and the requirement of the Mandate, Britain decided that the provisions for setting up a Jewish national home would not apply east of the Jordan River. That area constituted three-fourths of the territory of the Mandate and eventually became the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan. Only one-quarter of Palestine remained to fulfill the Jewish dream.

A Nation is Born and Succeeds. The modern state of Israel was founded in May 1948, almost exactly fifty years ago—fifty years after Herzl formulated the concept. Immediately upon its creation, the country was invaded by the armies of five Arab countries. With a total Jewish population of only about 650,000, and with limited armaments and resources, the ragtag army of Israel defeated the combined might of the aggressors and estab-

lished itself firmly within its boundaries. Transjordan (now renamed Jordan) stayed in possession of Judea/Samaria (now known as the "West Bank") and the eastern part of Jerusalem. Egypt occupied the Gaza Strip. The price was very high. In this bloodiest of wars imposed on Israel, over 6,000 citizen-soldiers died — over 1% of the population. It is as if the United States were to suffer a loss of close to 3 million people! It was not the only war that its neighbors visited on Israel. In the Six-Day War of 1967, Israel once again prevailed; it repossessed Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), the eastern part of Jerusalem, and conquered the vast Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. And once more, in 1973, the Arabs tried to destroy Israel in the Yom Kippur War. Once more, they suffered defeat.

Despite being under constant attack and siege and having suffered over 20,000 dead in those defensive wars, Israel created social and political systems and an economy that continues to amaze experts worldwide. Israel is the only truly democratic country in the entire Middle East, with governmental structure and institutions comparable to those of the United States. Its economy—despite the enormous defense expenditures mandated by the aggressiveness of its neighbors and despite the effort and expense of having absorbed more than 2.5 million immigrants (four times the population at the creation of the state)—can only be described as a miracle of human accomplishment. Virtually everything—infrastructure such as roads, railroads, ports, airports, water carriers, electricity stations and distribution networks—had to be built from a minimal base. Today, Israel's economy is booming. It is a leader in high-tech technology; it has created one of the most advanced agricultural systems in the world; it is one of world leaders in economic growth rate; it has one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world; and it is the world leader in exports per capita.

We have in this century seen the demise of many "isms", the most prominent failures being those of Communism and Nazism. But Zionism, the national movement of the Jewish people, has flourished despite incredible obstacles—to an extent that the visionary Theodor Herzl could not have possibly imagined 100 years ago. One would think that the world, especially the emerging nations, would wish to learn from Israel's example, so as to emulate its achievements. Unfortunately, almost the exact opposite is the case. Goaded by the Arab nations, inalterably hostile to Israel and single-mindedly dedicated to its destruction, the United Nations has offered more than 100 resolutions censuring and condemning Israel's actions.

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OUR VIEW

Crowded election field means greater choices

Looking at the number of persons who filed to run for county office by last Friday's 6 p.m. deadline, there are either a lot of civic-minded folks out there or a lot of dissatisfaction with the way the job is currently being done.

We hope it's the former, rather than the latter, but whatever the reason, Howard County voters will have the opportunity to make a choice in two countywide races; also voters will have choices in two justice of the peace elections as well as two commissioners' races.

The county judge election attracted two former public officials in Joe Cook and A.N. Standard, both of whom are seeking to oust County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Cook faces Lockhart in the Republican primary, with Standard facing the winner in the November General Election.

The other countywide race will match Democrat Donna Wright and Republican Brad Estill in the race for county clerk. Both seek the office being vacated by long-time county clerk Margaret Ray.

We salute Mrs. Ray for her dedication to the people of Howard County for so many years, as well as the fact she chose to not seek re-election, rather than resigning from office and allowing someone to be appointed to the position.

Mrs. Ray, who has been associated with the clerk's office since she was 18 years old, said that decision was an easy one for her.

"The people of Howard County have always been good to me and I felt I owed them the opportunity to decide who it was they wanted as their county clerk," she said.

One legacy Mrs. Ray leaves is the fact she always was the leading vote-getter every time she appeared on the ballot.

OTHER VIEWS

Thwarted in his original health-care reform initiative, President Clinton has been assiduously trying to pass that grandiose scheme piecemeal. A key piece will be unveiled in his 1999 budget: lowering the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 62.

The White House, which has remained quietly fixed on its goal of universal health insurance, would have liked to lower the age of eligibility even further, to 55, but gave up for the time being because of cost.

The change, from 65 to 62, sounds incremental, but extending Medicare to able-bodied working people younger than 65 would breach a parameter that has stood since the program was created in 1965. Once that precedent was broken, the political pressure to expand Medicare might prove irresistible.

Putting aside all other arguments pro and con, we simply cannot afford it. Last year's budget agreement only bought 10 years' time before Medicare goes bankrupt.

The White House says the expanded Medicare would be self-financing because the new enrollees would be charged \$300 to \$400 a month for the coverage. Medicare's history is rife with estimates that have proved wildly unrealistic, and this promise of self-financing seems to be one more in that embarrassing tradition.

The reaction of the Republican leadership has been — correctly — to say that Medicare should not be expanded until the problems of the existing system have been solved.

We think that Congress will find that lowering the age for Medicare eligibility is unaffordable.

cated enough, the future of those stalled talks has just become even more complicated.

Israel's foreign minister, David Levy, who has been threatening to resign almost since the day he took office, seems to have finally done so. While Levy was a critic of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's handling — or non-handling — of the process, the precipitating factor in his resignation was a dispute over domestic social spending.

The White House had hoped to relaunch the peace process when Netanyahu visits President Clinton Jan. 20.

Under the parliamentary system — political philosophers who think the United States should do likewise take note — the prime minister is now hostage to the most extreme elements in his fractious coalition.

Even though his government passed an early test when his budget was approved Monday, Netanyahu's assertion, "I think this government will prove more stable than a lot of people think," is hardly a ringing confidence builder.

Even though the peace process is in limbo, the administration still points to the talks as a Clinton foreign policy triumph, and — who knows? — one day it may well be. But the White House will be satisfied if Netanyahu arrives with specific plans for further, long agreed-upon withdrawals from the West Bank.

Forecasting Israel's internal politics is a notoriously uncertain art, but most analysts say his government cannot last long and that new elections are inevitable.

Clinton's considerable persuasive powers aside, new elections may be the only way of restarting the peace process.

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Doesn't anybody check their bags anymore?

By PAMELA COLEMAN
The Monitor (McAllen)

McALLEN — She maneuvered slowly down the aisle, gingerly wheeling her cargo behind her.

But this was no dainty carry-on bag she hauled. This was a full-sized suitcase, bulging at the zippers, bursting at the seams. Dirty socks, soiled T-shirts, filthy pantyhose and all, wedged into a suitcase, lugged down an airplane aisle and crammed into an already full overhead compartment.

If you've flown on an airplane lately, you've seen her. Or someone like her.

I call them pack rats. No wonder flight attendants are up in arms. You can't get on a plane these days without getting stuck behind someone with a veritable U-Haul trailer full of baggage in tow.

They slow things down when you're boarding and exiting the plane. They struggle to heave heavy bags overhead, and waste time wedging too fat packages into too skinny compartments. They draw dirty glances when they precariously hoist gear high in the air, trying not to slam it into passengers seated below.

And then they complain when space runs out. And it always runs out.

Doesn't anyone check their suitcases anymore? I, for one, can't stand to drag around more than a skinny paperback book and a small purse when I'm traipsing through airports.

If you've flown lately, you understand all the fuss about carry-on baggage. And if you haven't, here's a bit of info for you — this is not your father's carry-on baggage.

We're talking overloaded,

overstuffed, oversized cases, bags and boxes. Living, breathing animals. Floral arrangements. Fishing rods. A month's worth of clothing. Christmas gifts for the extended family. Golf clubs. Sleeping bags. Full-sized suitcases on wheels. Dumptrucks full of bricks.

OK. Maybe that's a little extreme, but most of the above items could be checked, mailed or left at home.

I remember when a carry-on bag meant a briefcase, or possibly a small satchel holding a paperback book, a magazine or two, maybe some makeup and a snack.

These days, the definition has swelled, along with the size of the bags. And that's why some airlines are imposing carry-on limits for some of their passengers.

United Airlines, for example, is limiting regular passengers

to one — instead of two — carry-on item per person on some of its flights. Business travelers are not included, and lap top computers, coats, briefcases, purses, books and baby bags do not count.

That means, theoretically, that someone could juggle a sack full of diapers and pacifiers, a Dooney & Burke handbag, a set of encyclopedias and a mini-Macintosh — and still have room for a carry-on bag!

I think the carry-on limits are a good thing. I'm just not sure they're quite stiff enough.

I say everyone who can't fit their belongings into a purse or pocket should ride in the cargo hold.

Pamela Coleman is deputy metro editor of The Monitor

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Clinton letting White House go to the dog

By MARSHA MERCER
Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — No sooner had President Clinton made the momentous decision to get a dog than the questions began.

Why had the president decided to get a puppy now? Was the puppy-picking a shameless ploy to divert attention from Clinton's (ital)sdogged(enditals) pursuit of campaign funds?

"It's the president's desire," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, "to have one loyal friend in Washington."

At long last, Clinton was following Harry Truman's advice.

"If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog," Truman said.

Or did he? This being Washington, a dispute arose over the Truman quotation. The people at the Truman Library in Missouri said the quote couldn't be verified and was likely bogus.

They said Truman didn't even like dogs.

That's ridiculous, countered author Roy Rowan, an expert on dogs in the White House.

That quote "goes way back," Rowan said. There's no record of when he said it, but plenty of Truman's friends think he did.

While Truman did banish a cocker spaniel named Feller that arrived unannounced at the White House just before Christmas in 1947, he also let

daughter Margaret have an Irish setter named Mike, Rowan said by phone from his home in Connecticut.

Mike's and many other top dog tales and photos are contained in Rowan's "First Dogs," a delightful little book that was published in August.

Rowan claims some credit for Clinton's decision to get a dog. He gave the president an inscribed copy of the book and heard later that the president had read it.

Clinton may have been swayed by the harsh judgment of Calvin Coolidge, who once declared, "Any man who does not like dogs and want them about does not deserve to be in the White House."

Rowan, a former war correspondent and magazine editor, uncovered the news that when Clinton was governor, he had a dog that died mysteriously.

The blond cocker named Zeke was often seen around the governor's mansion until it somehow escaped and was run over.

"The circumstances surrounding his death are unclear and so far the Whitewater Special Counsel has not investigated them," Rowan writes.

Clinton's new pup is a 4-month-old, male, chocolate Labrador retriever, a gift from a lawyer friend. While the puppy was away at school learning manners, the news went to, well, you know.

McCurry knocked down reports that the dog had been

named Shoes or Georgie. He good-naturedly blamed the latter on former White House aide George Stephanopoulos.

USA Today ran a big front page story under the headline, "And they call it puppy love." The story said 54 million people own dogs in this country, and thousands were calling the White House to suggest names.

Turns out more people own dogs than voted for Clinton. About 45.6 million people voted for Clinton in 1996.

Rowan says more than a hundred dogs and their puppies have lived in the White House. Teddy Roosevelt had a bunch as did FDR and Kennedy.

"It's a very good thing. It humanizes the president," Rowan said.

George Washington became a breeder of dogs and can be considered the father of the American foxhound.

He had dozens of dogs, including three with the spirited names of Drunkard, Tipler and Topsy.

Thomas Jefferson started out hostile to dogs because they ate his sheep. But he became a fan of French sheepsdogs, bringing a pregnant dog back to Virginia by ship from France. Jefferson also was the father of the dog license, believing that owners should be responsible for their animals.

Several presidents, including Herbert Hoover, used their dogs to sweeten their image. In his first presidential campaign,

the usually solemn Hoover used a picture of himself smiling and holding the paws of his German shepherd, King Tut, to win support.

When Hoover won, he brought King Tut to the White House but the poor animal couldn't adjust. King Tut suffered the canine equivalent of a nervous breakdown and had to be sent away. Tut died, and without the appealing canine, Hoover lost his re-election bid.

Having a dog in the White House is not without its perils, Rowan points out.

Dwight Eisenhower's Weimaraner Heidi left stains on the carpets. Lyndon Johnson incensed dog lovers around the country when he picked up his beagles Him and Her by the ears.

Ronald Reagan was criticized for Rex's luxurious doghouse, which was designed by an interior decorator.

The King Charles spaniel's white clapboard house had red draperies and framed pictures of the president and first lady.

And, the last canine resident of the White House — George Bush's springer spaniel, Millie — embarrassed her master when her memoirs outsold his.

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Hawks suffer 86-85 loss to Glendale in overtime

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's Hawks fell just short of improving their season record to the .500 mark Monday, dropping an 86-85 overtime decision at Glendale Community College.

The loss left the Hawks with an 8-10 record going into their next game — their Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener at Odessa College on Jan. 12.

Clifton Cook scored 20 points in leading the way for the Hawks, while Elmer Brown added 16 and Ron Bartholomew had 14.

Howard's No. 4-ranked and unbeaten Lady Hawks, who were also playing in the Phoenix area, closed play in the Scottsdale Classic taking on Mesa Community College's women.

No score on the women's game was available as the Herald went to press today.

Lady Steers face confident foe in 4-4A opener

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

When Big Spring's Lady Steers open District 4-4A play tonight, with sights set on taking a seventh consecutive title, they'll face a San Angelo Lake View team just as determined to end a string of losses to the defending champions.

The Maidens have not beaten Big Spring in their last 13 attempts — a string that dates back six seasons when the Lady Steers began dominating the district — but coach Rob Young says Lake View has every intention of ending the Lady Steers' dominance.

"This is a big week for us," Young told the *San Angelo Standard-Times*. "Any of the four of us — Sweetwater, Andrews, Big Spring or us could go to the playoffs. One of

us is going to have to stay home.

"We believe we have a legitimate shot to win," he added. "Our kids are going to Big Spring and expect to win."

Nobody is more cognizant than Ron Taylor that his Lady Steers, while owning an impressive tradition, will have their hands full in a highly competitive district.

"It's going to be a tough race ... people aren't going to cover just because we've won it the past six years," Taylor said. "A lot of people consider us the favorite, but I'm sure several of them think we're vulnerable."

The Lady Steers, 10-6 on the season, will come into tonight's 7:30 district opener having to rebound from a loss in their final tune-up. They dropped a 75-60 loss to Snyder's Lady Tigers on Saturday.

The Maidens come into the game with an 11-7 record after having played a difficult schedule, including a 46-31 loss to Ozona.

Young told his team Monday he believes they should win more than just the 4-4A opener.

"I think we should win this district if we believe in ourselves," he said. "This is a big game for us."

Taylor expressed the same to his team.

"We may not play a more important game this season," Taylor said of the district opener.

While tradition may not intimidate the Lady Steers' opponents, Taylor says it will be an important factor in defending the district title.

"Nobody wants to be part of the team that didn't defend the championship."

Dallas Stars' owner negotiating purchase of baseball's Rangers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A group led by Dallas Stars owner Tom Hicks is bidding to purchase baseball's Texas Rangers, a spokeswoman for the businessman confirms.

"The only thing I can say is to confirm that discussions have been under way for some months," Hicks spokeswoman Lisa LeMaster told The Associated Press Monday night.

"It's a done deal. It should be announced by Wednesday or Thursday," a source described as knowledgeable about the negotiations told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The newspaper said in today's editions that the sale price is approximately \$150 million.

A deal would have to be approved by three-fourths of the 29 other major league baseball teams.

Hicks headed a group last August that paid \$1.7 billion for LIN Television, the production company that owns the rights to the Rangers' broadcasts. A source close to Hicks said he looks at the Rangers as a way to enhance his broadcast interests, the newspaper reported.

Asked if a deal was imminent, Ms. LeMaster said she could not speculate.

"There are a whole lot of people involved," she said, listing current owners, Hicks' group

and Major League Baseball owners among them. "There's nothing to announce."

Dallas television station WFAA first reported the talks Monday night, citing a spokeswoman for Hicks and a current investor in the team.

Rangers president and general partner Tom Schieffer declined to confirm the talks.

"From time to time, people have approached the Rangers about their desire to own the team, and we have never discussed any of those approaches publicly," Schieffer said. "I don't think it would be appropriate to do that now."

The Rangers are now owned by a group of 28 limited partners, including Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

The investors' group led by Bush and Edward W. "Rusty" Rose purchased controlling interest of the team in 1989 from Eddie Chiles, who bought the Rangers in 1980.

Chiles sold controlling interest for an estimated \$46 million, but the asking price now is bound to be much steeper.

The Rangers opened a new \$189 million stadium in 1994, and a club-record 2.9 million fans went to The Ballpark last season despite the team's losing record.

Neither Hicks nor Rose returned telephone calls from The AP on Monday night.



Kyle Britton, the son of Big Spring High School track coach Randy Britton, gets in a little early sprinting practice, making the most of the nice weather.

Sutton selected, Perez falls short in Hall balloting

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Don Sutton needed 23 years to amass 323 wins. He needed five to gain election to the Hall of Fame.

"I had tears and goosebumps when I found out, but I didn't have the anticipation for it," Sutton said Monday after his election by baseball writers. "I revere Cooperstown. It is a sacred place where the holy grail of baseball is."

Sutton, who fell nine votes short of the required 75 percent last year, was listed on 386 ballots this time (81.6 percent), 31 more than the 355 needed for election. Tony Perez was second with 321; no others appeared on more than half the ballots cast by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"There have been a lot of tears shed and before this night is over, there will be a lot more," Sutton said from Marietta, Ga. "I'm proud that this has allowed me to enjoy a little different life than maybe the son of a sharecropper in south Alabama should enjoy."

Sutton, tied with Nolan Ryan for 12th place on the career victory list, had a 324-256 record in 23 seasons. He compiled a 3.26 ERA and finished with 3,574

strikeouts, fifth on the career list.

Sutton and Ryan, a shoo-in to be elected next year when he appears on the ballot for the first time, are the only pitchers not inducted into the Hall among the 20 with 300 wins.

Sutton received news of his election when a cell phone rang while he was at the 14th tee of the White Columns Golf Course.

"I was having a good day, and then I got the call and it was even a better day," he joked.

Sutton was 1-under par when he received the news. He bogeyed No. 16 and finished at even-par 72.

"It cost me a fistful, too," he said.

Last year, fellow 300-game winner Phil Niekro was elected, also after missing four times.

"It diminished the anticipation, it didn't diminish the thrill," Sutton said.

When balloting was announced last year, Sutton was at a hospital with his infant daughter Jacqueline, born 16 weeks prematurely on Nov. 3, 1996. She has improved significantly and is well these days.

"A lot of things pale in comparison to what we've gone through with Jackie," Sutton said.

Hawaii's ranked for first time since 1974

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first time Hawaii entered The Associated Press' college basketball poll, there were only 20 teams in it, and a group of junior college transfers were known in the 50th state as the "Fab Five."

It was the 1971-72 season, and the Rainbows were ranked for 11 weeks, reaching as high as 12th. That season was also the school's first NCAA tournament appearance.

Hawaii was back in the poll for one week in January 1974. That team, also coached by Red Rocha, was led by 1972 U.S. Olympian Tom Henderson and featured Melton Werts and

Tommy Barker. On Monday, Hawaii was back in the rankings for the first time since then as the Rainbows (11-1) jumped in at No. 21.

"That Fab Five team, which had my current assistant Bob Nash on it, is still Hawaii's team, until now," Rainbows coach Riley Wallace said Monday. "There's no question this is important to us since we haven't been ranked since 1974. It's always been tough to get the recognition, and we didn't even get it this year. With most of a 21-8 team back, we were still picked fourth in our division (of the Western Athletic Conference)."

North Carolina (15-0) remained the No. 1 team for the fourth straight week, receiving 68 first-place votes and 1,748 points from a national media panel. Duke (12-1), which won at Maryland by 32 points on Saturday, moved up one spot to No. 2, getting the other two first-place votes and 1,675 points. Utah (12-0) moved up from fourth to third, while Kansas (17-2), which lost to Hawaii 76-65 in the championship game of the Rainbow Classic, dropped from second to fourth, the Jayhawks' lowest ranking since they were No. 6 in the final poll of the 1995-96 season. Arizona, which opened its

Pac-10 season with a victory over UCLA, moved from eighth to No. 5 and was followed by Kentucky, Stanford, Connecticut, Purdue and UCLA.

Iowa led the Second Ten and was followed by New Mexico, Florida State, Mississippi, Princeton, South Carolina, Michigan, Syracuse, Xavier and Marquette.

The last five teams were Hawaii, Arkansas, Rhode Island, Clemson and West Virginia. Maryland (7-5) was ranked 20th last week, but fell out after losses at Missouri and to Duke. The Terrapins were ranked for six straight weeks, reaching as high as 19th.

Lady Steers frosh posts win

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Lady Steers freshman opened their District 4-4A schedule Monday night, surviving a torrid fourth-quarter surge by Sweetwater for a 46-38 win.

While the victory was comforting for coach Mike Wallace, the way in which the Lady Mustangs rallied from a 38-17 deficit in the final eight minutes was worrisome.

"It was one of those Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde situations," Wallace said. "How we could be up 38-17 going into the fourth quarter and give up more points than they'd been able to score in the previous three is a

mystery to me. We just didn't play well in the fourth quarter."

Melissa Forth paced the Big Spring effort, scoring 12 points. She also added nine steals. Melissa Flenniken, despite being in foul trouble, also managed to reach double figures with 10 points.

The Lady Steers also got eight points from Robin McClinton, including a 4-for-5 night at the free throw line.

Other defensive standouts included Stacie Barber, Kristie Gungelman and Britania Perez.

The Lady Steers freshman next play in next week's Sweetwater tournament.

Phillips signs contract to coach Bills

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills didn't look very far for their next head coach. He was standing along their sidelines for three years, calling the defense.

The Bills introduced Wade Phillips as Marv Levy's replacement Monday, in a move many expected. And that includes Phillips, who was given the job less than 24 hours after meeting with team owner Ralph Wilson.

"I will delegate duties, but I'm going to be involved in the offense, special teams and defense," said Phillips, Buffalo's defensive coordinator for the last three seasons. "Part of my strength is coaching, and I want to continue to do that. I want my imprint on this team."

Levy left the deepest imprint in team history after taking the Bills to four straight Super Bowls, all losses. Levy retired last week with a 123-78 record and is the most respected among Buffalo's first 10 head coaches.

Sources said Phillips, the only coach interviewed for the job, signed a four-year deal averaging between \$750,000 and \$800,000 per season. Buffalo finished 6-10 last season with one of the NFL's best defenses.

"You get somebody in the family that is well respected, well-liked and a players' coach," defensive end Bruce Smith said. "On top of that, he's a

phenomenal coach. It's going to go a long way in helping us in the upcoming season."

Phillips immediately named linebackers coach Ted Cottrell as his defensive coordinator. The two worked closely together for three years and built the Bills' defense.

A search started for an offensive coordinator to replace Dan Henning, who survived one season. Buffalo's offense mostly was blamed for the poor record. Its defense was credited for the victories and keeping the score close in the losses.

"Wade's approach to players is very strong," general manager John Butler said. "It's business, and he gets it done. He knows our personnel, and he doesn't have to start all over."

The other assistants under Levy who were not retained include offensive line coach Tom Bresnahan, tight ends coach Don Lawrence, defensive backs coach Dick Roach and defensive line coach Dan Sekanovich.

Those staying include wide receivers coach Charlie Joiner, special teams coach Bruce DeHaven, assistant linebackers coach Chuck Lester and strength and conditioning coach Rusty Jones.

Phillips has been a favorite of Buffalo players on defense and offense. Smith and running back Thurman Thomas, among others, have said they respect Phillips. Former quarterback Jim Kelly also has said publicly that Phillips would be a good choice.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Registration for youth league continues

The Big Spring YMCA is taking registrations for its youth basketball league. The registration deadline was Dec. 6, but late registrations are being accepted with a \$5 additional fee.

No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning.

Practice began this week and the first games will be played on Saturday, Jan. 17. For more information, call 267-8234.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Anyone wanting to support the Lady Steers basketball, softball, track and volleyball programs, as well as the cheerleaders, trainers and managers, is urged to attend.

For additional information, contact Shirley Johnson at 267-1541 or Kelly McBee at 393-5672.

USA Volleyball clinic scheduled

USA Volleyball, the West Texas Girl Scout Council and Nike will bring the Nike Volleyvan

to Big Spring High School's Steer Gym on Saturday, Jan. 17.

A clinic for girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be conducted to stress the importance of enjoying the game, as well as receiving basic skills work.

For more information, contact BSHS head volleyball coach Traci Pierce by calling 264-3641.

Umpires for high school baseball needed

The Permian Basin chapter of baseball umpires is seeking individuals interested in becoming high school baseball umpires.

An orientation meeting has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Bonham Junior High School library in Odessa.

Anyone with previous high school umpiring experience that has recently moved to the Permian Basin is urged to attend. For more information, contact Denny Garcia at (915) 689-1518 or (915) 332-2555.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

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3 bd., 2 bath, central heat/air. 2407 Carleton. \$495/mo. plus dep. Call 263-6997 or 263-4367.
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For Rent: House with 3 bdr. 2 baths and 4 car garage. 3214 Cornell St. \$525/mo. 267-3437

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2 Bdr., 1 bath, 1503 Johnson. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.
3 bdr., 2 bath Kentwood area: 2502 Central Dr. Call 263-3916.
Abundant Storage: 3 bdr., 1 bath. Good neighborhood. Rent \$325/mo. Dep. \$150. 267-5646

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1216 Ridgeroad. 3 bd., 1 bath, W/D connections. \$375/mo. \$125 dep. HUD OK. Call 915-367-0455 for details.

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2 bedroom house/ bath in Coahoma school district. Call 263-4815: Available Jan. 1st

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3 bdr., 1 bath. Central heat/air, fresh paint. 712 Gold. \$350/mo. 267-2298.

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3 bdr., 2 bath, 2107 Main St. #1 (duplex) 267-6050

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Hair Stylist needed: 70/30 commission or booth rental. Phone 267-2187 ask for Kathy.

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706 LORILLA ST. 2 bd, 1 bath, carport, fenced backyard. Needs work. Make offer or Owner Finance. 263-1184.

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FOR SALE: Reposed 1986 Pontiac Sunbird. \$1400. Call 263-0021.

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Rent/1 clean 1 bdr. house. Stove/ref. furnished. Good location. \$225 plus dep. 263-2382 or 263-1506.

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WANT TO BUY: Good used electric water dispenser, hot & cold water; used cook stove in good condition; also an upright freezer. Call 263-3830, leave message please, we'll return your call.

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Found: Male Long-haired Chihuahua type dog. Found in Southaven Addition area: 267-6982.

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Weekend clerk needed at Wesson Rd. Fast Stop. Pick up applications at 1700 Wesson Rd.

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Sand Springs country living. 2bdr., on 1/2 acre with water well, carport & storage. Call 267-7659.

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Housekeeper needed. Preferably with exp. but not necessary. Good benefits. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. Apply at Motel 6, 600 W. I-20.

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TY Beanie Babies (Princess, Pease, Curly) 50 different kinds. \$12.00 up. Tues-Wed.-Thurs. Only! 267-7570.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7:
You can be unusually successful, if you follow through on creative ideas. Imagination soars in this inspiring year. You put yourself into every project and make choices that reflect who you are. Family and domestic matters are emphasized, though a lot of anger is expressed on both sides of the fence. If you are single, romance marks your interactions. You communicate in an unusually clear manner. Do not let an arrangement become live-in this year. If attached, you might negotiate new boundaries, and implement a change on the home front. TAURUS adores you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Another's energy might be too diffuse and a bit hostile to handle. Listen, and evaluate choices. The boss is the boss, no matter which way you turn. Use diplomacy, to settle a problem. Go with an opportunity, even if someone makes you uneasy. Tonight: Ask and receive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Taking a back seat serves you. Others are extremely strong-willed and make their opinion known. You don't like what you hear, but you have to follow the natural process. A change in plans is likely. Try not to take what is happening personally. Tonight: Buy flowers for home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You feel as if another isn't behaving appropriately. He might be acting out or aggressively and thoughtlessly pursuing something. Understand what you can and cannot say for the future, including financial stability. Tonight: Join friends for a midweek break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Review what is going on, and be direct with a boss. Hedging doesn't work, but neither does bluntness. It is best to discuss what you observe openly and without blame. Your work relationships will benefit from this attitude. Accept responsibility.

ADoption involves two sets of parents, two acts of love
DEAR ABBY: I am adopted, and my heart goes out to "Still Wounded by Adoption," who said adoptees search for their "real" parents because they need a sense of connection to the universe, and branded adoption as "barbaric."
Abby, I have never searched for my birth parents. My "real" parents are the mom and

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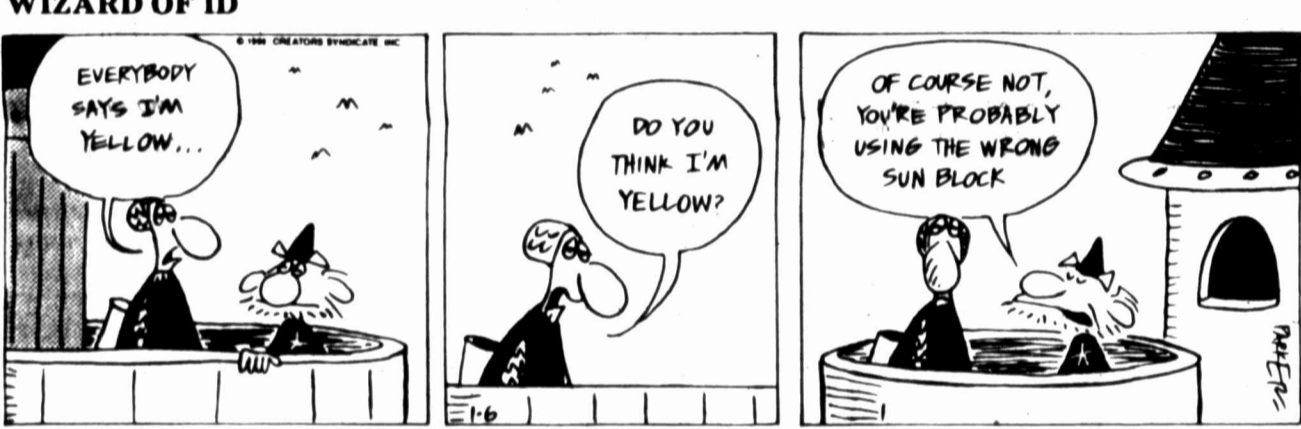
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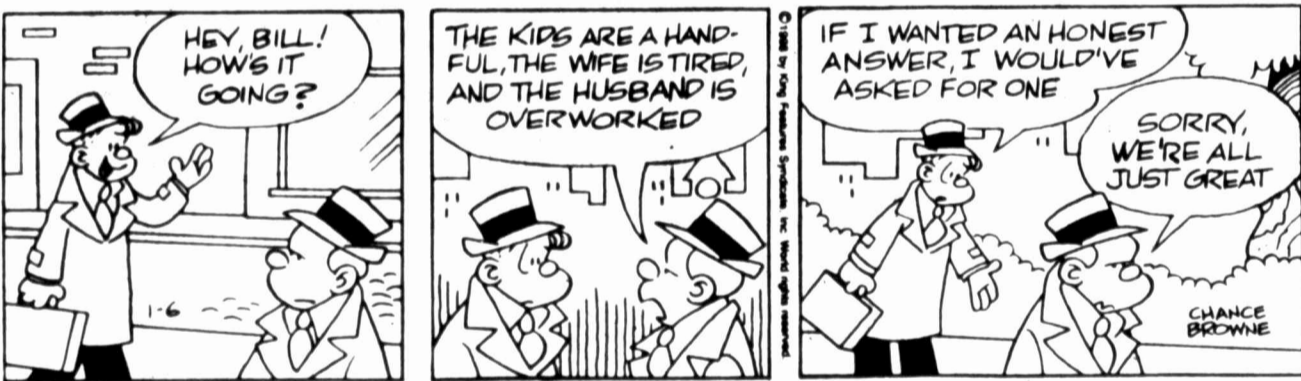
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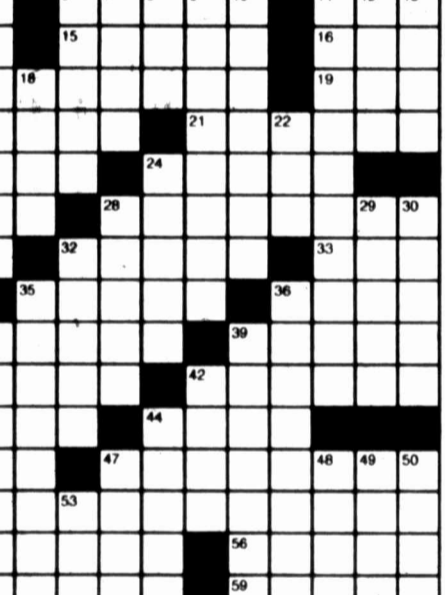
sixth day of 1998. There are 359 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 6, 1412, according to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy.
On this date:
In 1540, England's King Henry

VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)
In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.
In 1838, Samuel Morse first publicly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.
In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.
In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.
In 1942, the Pan American Airways "Pacific Clipper" arrived in New York, the first commercial plane to make a round-the-world trip.
In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce in Rye, N.Y.
In 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Deckhouse V, an offensive in the Mekong River delta.
In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Cobo Arena in Detroit. (Four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, were later sentenced to prison.)
Ten years ago: Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was quoted by the Afghan news agency as saying the Kremlin wanted to pull an estimated 115,000 soldiers from Afghanistan in the coming year.
Five years ago: Ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in Paris at age 54. Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie died in Englewood, N.J., at age 75. Authorities rescued Jennifer Stolpa and infant son after her husband found help after an eight-day ordeal in the snow-covered Nevada desert.
One year ago: House Speaker Newt Gingrich met behind closed doors with Republican lawmakers, answering questions about admitted ethics violations and appealing for support in the upcoming speaker's election.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Loretta Young is 85. Pollster Louis Harris is 77. Bluegrass performer Earl Scruggs is 74. Former automaker John Z. DeLorean is 73. Author E.L. Doctorow is 67. Singer Doris Troy is 61. Actress Bonnie Franklin is 54. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 47. Rock musician Malcolm Young (AC-DC) is 45.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Capital of Morocco
 - Video-game company
 - Training room
 - Sukova of tennis
 - Computer- phone device
 - Tic-tac-toe win
 - Gymnastics apparatus
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 - Core group
 - Poet Delmore
 - "The Pilgrim's Progress" author
 - "A Man and a Woman" star
 - Find a spot and take it
 - 1954 Fellini film
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 - Writer Burrows
 - Slants
 - Hackneyed
 - June honoree
 - Squirmy
 - Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
 - Messy eaters
 - Public
 - Impartial
 - Ballroom dance
 - Additional
 - "The Prince's Birthday" painter
 - Undue speed
 - Predicted
 - Loan figure
 - Danced a romantic dance
 - Prayer endings
 - One choice for Hamlet
 - Summertime quaff
 - Ready for harvesting
 - Cattle calls
 - Dates only one person
 - Yankee Berra
 - Cattle calls
 - Unpaid-for packages
 - I.M., the architect
 - Houdini's last name
 - Mistress of Prince Charles
 - Husband's common law
 - Take first
 - Wild party
 - walsy
 - Frog's kin
 - Isle of exile
 - Microscope element
 - West of "Batman"
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By Richard Thomas
Spring Grove, PA

Monday's Puzzle solved.

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Thought for Today: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. ... You must do the thing you think you cannot do." — Eleanor Roosevelt, American first lady (1884-1962).