

Jurors deadlock on Nichols' sentence, criticize prosecution

Arrogant FBI agents. Ignoring leads.

The stinging criticism of the government's Oklahoma City bombing case against Terry Nichols is a prosecutor's nightmane for one simple reason: It came from the jury.

In a bitter disappointment to families of the 168 people who died in the blast, the seven women and five men who convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter deadlocked on his punishment Wednesday and were dismissed.

Nichols will not join convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh on the federal government's death row. The worst penalty U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch can impose for Nichols' part in the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history is life in prison without parole. No sentencing date was set.

With that task left to Matsch, prosecutors faced the uncomfortable fact that their case not only failed to convince jurors that Nichols was a murderer but that he even played a key role in the bombing.

"I think that the government perhaps really dropped the ball," said jury forewoman Niki Deutchman, who criti-

DENVER (AP) - Sloppy evidence. cized the FBI for halting its investigation after arresting Nichols and McVeigh.

"I think there are other people out there," she said, recalling defense witnesses who saw others with McVeigh before the bombing. "I think this was a horrible thing to have done ... and I doubt two people were able to bring it off.'

She also claimed FBI agents were "arrogant" when they didn't use a tape recorder during a 91/2-hour interview with Nichols, miscounted fingerprints on key pieces of evidence and allowed drill bits seized from Nichols' home to become rusty when an FBI lab flooded.

"Maybe it's time for the government to be more respectful and be more aware of each of us people with inalienable rights," said Mrs. Deutchman, an obstetrics nurse. "That may be part of the message from this whole incident in the first place.'

The comments infuriated relatives of those killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing.

"I think that that jury was very antigovernment from the way that she talked, that they were mad at the government before they ever went in there and didn't go in there with an open mind ...," said Roy Sells, who lost his wife, Leora Lee.

"I don't think this jury understood or had enough gumption to want to do this case the way it should have been done," added Fred Anderson, whose wife, Rebecca, was killed when she was struck by debris while helping victims. Now, the survivors' hopes for punishment rest in Oklahoma City, where District Attorney Bob Macy has vowed to try Nichols and McVeigh on state murder charges, seeking the death penalty.

Upon learning of the jury deadlock, Nichols, 42, was expressionless. Then he smiled and hugged one of his lawyers after jurors left the room.

Jurors deliberated 13 1/2 hours over two days, bickering over Nichols' involvement in the plot.

"Some people felt he wasn't involved at all in building the bomb," Mrs. Deutchman said before echoing an oftrepeated mantra from the defense: "I think he was building a life.'

"He may also have been building a bomb. I don't know.'

Juror Holly Hanlin, too, felt the government failed to fully prove its case against Nichols.

'We couldn't find enough evidence to

convince at least all of us that he him. Legal analysts, however, said the intended, that he was involved from the very beginning, that he built the bomb. We felt that evidence was shaky at best." said Ms. Hanlin, an executive at a temporary employment agency.

When it came time to sentencing, they found themselves in something like a "family argument."

"What one person saw as concrete evidence another person couldn't guite see that way," Ms Hanlin said. "That doesn't mean that they're wrong. It just means the evidence wasn't strong enough for them."

Said Mrs. Deutchman: "There were a lot of things about the evidence that seems to be sloppy.'

One of the prosecutors, Pat Ryan, said people should not "treat this as if this is some great loss.

"All it does is simply delay the day Terry Nichols will be punished," he said. "This was a troubled jury. I respect the judicial system. Sometimes it breaks down, and people can't come together. This is one of those unfortunate times.'

The deadlock was a far cry from the unanimous call for death from McVeigh's jury, which took one vote to convict him and one vote to condemn

evidence against Nichols was much less damning.

Prosecutors conceded that Nichols was at home in Herington, Kan., when the bomb went off, but said he had worked with McVeigh to build and pay for the 4,000-pound fuel-and-fertilizer bomb. They said he also stashed the getaway car used by McVeigh.

Evidence included a receipt in Nichols' kitchen drawer for a ton of fertilizer and a letter to McVeigh telling his former Army buddy to "go for it." The plot, prosecutors argued, was cooked up to avenge the deadly federal siege of the Branch Davidians near Waco, Texas, in 1993.

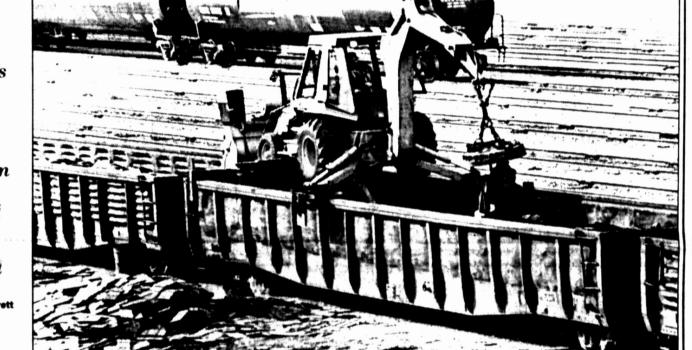
But Mrs. Deutchman said she didn't think the government proved that Nichols purchased fertilizer used in the bomb or that he robbed a gun collector to finance the bombing.

Nichols was convicted of conspiracy. she said, because jurors believed "he knew there was something big and nasty about to happen."

"I think there are some victims who probably feel the need for vengeance." she said. "I think that revenge and vengeance are very different from justice.

New rail is being laid in the Union Pacific Rail Yard as part of a general maintenance program.

Here, front-end loader operator Ron Vansossen, an employee of Hersog Construction of St. Joseph, Mo., loads old the plates into a



Crime stats Thefts, burglaries, forgeries & teen curfew violations all increase By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

No murders were committed a lot more property

"There's no way of proving it, but there's

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Jail passing the test, but for how long?

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

After one year on the job, Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings has endured two inspections of the county jail facility by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards passing both.

But, how long will the 45-year-old jail continue to meet those standards as well as the needs of Howard County, which still does not have a place to house female inmates?

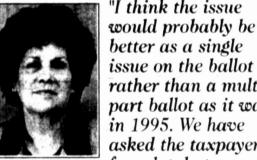
The county jail is an old jail that's hard to maintain and get parts for when repairs are needed in certain areas, which makes it hard to maintain state compliance requirements, which in recent years Howard County has done, but at a minimal level.

Jennings credits Chief Jailer Pancho Yanez when it comes to the jail passing inspection and said he puts in a lot of work on a daily basis to see that it's maintained. "We've already started working on next

year's inspection," Jennings said.

Jennings has had great success with many of the ideas he has implemented since taking office, including designing and implementing a prisoner volunteer workforce for misdemeanor offenders.

He also has worked to establish an open relationship with local agencies in the surrounding counties; providing active, indepth, hands-on training for all personnel and encouraging personal interaction with the residents of Forsan, Coahoma and the outlying communities while maintaining an open door policy with the people of Big Spring and Howard County.



EMMA BROWN Commissioner Precinct 1

only create more problems that have to be addressed on a daily basis, according to Jennings.

For the second consecutive year, Jennings has been presented a certificate of compliance by Paul Scarborough, supervising inspector for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, but Jennings says with the age of the county facility, the day is coming when passing a minimum inspection won't be so easy.

which the county is at right now, with female inmates being contracted out to Mitchell and Glasscock counties.

"This costs us on a daily basis," Jennings said.

constant battle to maintain our current facility day to day," Jennings added. "Our plumbing is backed up now and flooding the third floor. I'm projecting three to five more years for this facility and I'm think-

But despite those efforts, an aging jail can

rather than a multipart ballot as it was in 1995. We have asked the taxpayers for a lot, but we are

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The jail has a capacity for 44 inmates,

"I'm not advocating a new jail. but it's a ing the standards will be too tough for us to

maintain."

Precinot 2 County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he and other commissioners were able to touch on some of the things that were issues for the commissioners' court four years ago, but some of those issues have to be addressed again, such as the jail.

"We need to address the jail issue because it's not going to go away," Kilgore said. "The county is charged by law with operating a county jail facility."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Emma Brown said she also thinks the issue is not going to go away and will probably have to be put on the ballot again.

"I think the issue would probably be better as a single issue on the ballot rather than a multi-part ballot as it was in 1995," Brown said. "We have asked the taxpayers for a lot, but we are going to have to bring this up again."

"Sheriff Jennings has done a tremendous job at getting by with what he has, but I know he needs more space and I wish we could gave it to him."

For one commissioner, the sound of the word "no" from voters in 1995 is still ringing and he would rather not revisit the issue.

"We could definitely use some more room, but I'm not about to advocate another bond election because the people I work for have already told me no," Precinct 4 Commissioner Sonny Choate said. "We spent several thousand dollars on mechanical and electrical problems in the jail after the jail bond issue failed."

in Big Spring during 1997, compared to the four homicides recorded the previous year, reports released by the Big Spring Police Department show.

"I was glad to see that we didn't have one," Police Chief Lonnie Smith said. "Maybe people are finding other ways to work this thing out."

Smith attributed the decrease in homicides to an emphasis on crime prevention activities. "Knock on wood and hold your lucky charms," he said, "the homicide rate will continue to be low throughout next year."

Big Spring was not alone in seeing a decrease in the murder rate.

Cities as near as San Angelo and as far as New York City also reported decreased homicide rates, meaning Big Spring may be in line with a developing national trend.

Thefts, burglaries, forgeries and juvenile curfew violations increased in 1997.

Drug abuse, an unusually high number of police personnel vacancies and a steady rate of criminal activity throughout the year were cited by officials as possible reasons for the increase in thefts and burglaries.

"There's no way of proving it, but there's a lot more property stolen because of people needing money for their drug habits," Sgt. Roger Sweatt said. There is no evidence that drug use has increased in the past few years, he said, but the people arrested for selling drugs are older than in previous vears.

There were few breaks in criminal activity.

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Public Information Officer

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A typical year shows fewer police calls during May and June, late August through September, and after the Christmas holidays. However, calls to the department were steady 1997, taxing an already depleted staff.

The decreased staffing levels may have been a contributing factor to the increases in burglary and theft. Smith noted that at the beginning of 1997 there were a number of patrol officer vacancies. Currently there is only one staff position unfilled.

Calls for service stayed the same in 1997 while the number of reports taken jumped by about 10 percent.

People seem to be adopting a new attitude about reporting, Sweatt said.

"They used to say, 'It'll never be found, so why bother (reporting)," he noted. "Now it's 'Well, maybe."

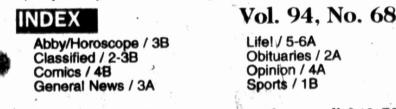
Official reports are important, Sweatt noted.

"People confess to things that haven't been reported, and there's nothing we can do," he said.

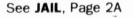
Arrest rates for 1997 were still high compared to 1995, but a slight decrease occurred. Police officials are still concerned about the level of activity. "2,600 arrests is a lot for a town this size," Sweatt said.

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Tonight, fair. Lows 25-30. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Extended forecast, Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 55-65. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Lows 25-35. Highs 45-55.



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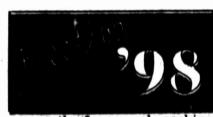


Frank feels commissioners should be more accessible

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

One of the goals Precinct County Commissioner hopeful Republican Fredi Frank has if elected is improve to public access to the Howard



among the four people seeking the position, will challenge Republican Homer Lee Wilkerson for that party's nomination in March and the winner will face the Democratic nominee of either Gary Simer or Bobby Cathey in November. "My first major goal as commissioner is to see if we can

have meeting moved to a time where more people can attend," Frank said. "I'd like to see one of the meetings each month be a day meeting and the other be a night meeting."

"Commissioners need to be more accessible to their constituents," Frank added. "If you can't get to people during the day, you need to have access to them at night."

Frank has been employed with the Howard County Extension Office for about four and a half years and says her reason for running for office is

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because she has had the opportunity to see how county government is run and would like to take an active role in the process.

"More than anything, owning property and my husband running a farm helped me make up my mind," Frank said. "If you don't take an active role in government, you can't gripe about what you get."

"Last year, I felt strongly about what happened to the Volunteer Fire Department,"

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy J. Creek

Graveside service for Dorothy J. Creek, 76, Lake Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 1998, at **Trinity Memorial Park with** Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Creek died Monday, Jan. 5, in a Brownwood hospital.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1921, in Maypearl, and married Raymond Creek in 1950 in Fort Worth. She lived in Big Spring from 1950 to 1982 when she moved to Lake Brownwood. Mrs. Creek was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring.

Survivors include: her husband, Raymond Creek, Lake Brownwood: two sisters, Merle Williams, Fort Worth, and Doris Ford, Burleson; one brother, Leonard Bacon, Granbury; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Nathaniel Warren

Service for Nathaniel Warren. 85, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

He died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, in a local nursing home following a long illness.

Vena Fortune

Service for Vena Fortune, 85, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 1998, in the First Baptist Church, Stanton, with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Fortune died Mrs. Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Big Spring.

She was born on July 3, 1912, in Admiral, Callahan County, and lived in Martin County and Stanton. She had lived the past two years in Big Spring. She married O. Kermit Fortune, Sr., on Feb. 11, 1932, in Fredericksburg, Okla. He preceded her in death on March 8. 1968. Mrs. Fortune was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton, Martin County Historical Commission and Martin County Old Settlers Reunion. She had been self employed as an income tax preparer, bookkeeper, telephone answering service and a baby sitter. Survivors include: a son, O. Kermit (Pat) Fortune, Jr., Midland; three daughters, Ella Vonne West, Granbury, Charlene Smith and June Stone, both of Big Spring; a sister, Olga Lou Reed, Big Spring; three brothers, C.M. Edwards, Midland, Weston (Hink) Edwards, Hobbs, N.M., and Donald Edwards, Midland; six grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

BSHS awards letters, jackets for academics

HERALD Staff Report

Students at Big Spring High School were presented with academic letter jackets Wednesday. The jackets are earned by those maintaining a 90 average during the last school year.

Those who have already earned a jacket in another area were presented with academic letters. Graduates can pick up their letters or jackets at the school office.

Jackets went to: Sophomores Christina Atkerson, Orlena Evans, Jearlyn Holland, **Christine Medellin, Cheryl** Platte, Justin Richter, Ashlie Simmons and Emily Simonek.

Juniors included Larissa Adkins, Williams Beckworth, Ashley Burson, Melissa Cortez, Crystal Denton, Robin Dickens, Thomas Garza, Arthur Graves, Dorothy Graves, Lauren Hillman, Sterling Hillman, Matthew Holt, Kate Leannah, Stephanie Lewis, YuChing Li, Karen Martinez, Drew McKimmey, Anthony Mendoza, Lindsay Moates, David Moore, Jennifer Morgan, Rachel Ray, Beatrice Trevino, Drew Wegman and Alison Woodall. Seniors Traci were

Heather Bellinghausen, Edwards, Chris Felty, Matthew Fraser, Flora Gonzalez, Maggie Haddad, Kelly Hollar, Kara Hughes, Kelsey Ingram, Taylor Johnson, Somer Leubner, Hsiao-Hsuan Li, Kimberly Long, Amy Mayes, Krissi McWherter, Gabe Mendoza, Emily Mouton, Rachel Nash, Amanda Nelson, Kevin Park, Brady Patterson, Monique Ramirez, Farrah Schooler, Jana Steward, Angela Sturm. Allison Thomas, Meredith Tissue, Christina Vera, Monica Villarreal, Stefanie Waggoner, Jeremy Weaver, Brian Willberg, Greg Wollenzien and Alicia Wood.

Graduates awarded the jackets were Josna Adusumilli, Charlotte Bumbulis, Jennifer Cohn, Shanna Dickens, Sharon Fleming, Brandi Gutierrez. Amanda Hale, Paul Haney, Esther Hernandez, Johnnie Hobbs, Kelly Kennedy, Stefanie Kennedy, Mindi Kesterson. Teresa Labbe, Todd Lancaster, Christina Leannah, Sara Lusk. Srinand Mandyam, Jason McVean, Tiffany Morrow, Jeff Moss, Melissa Mouton, Tonya Phifer, Kimberly Robertson, Stephanie Talbott, Cori Wilbanks, Tracey Wofford and **Richard Wright**.



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JAIL

Choate has been in favor of looking at a new facility, but said his opinion didn't matter because his constituents told him no.

"When the jail bond issue failed before, I think people were just taxed out and I'm not sure what would happen if the issued was raised again today," Choate said. Precinct 3 Commissioner Bill

Crooker said the jail is a major problem for the county and is an issue that will have to be faced in the future.

"Based on information I have. the state is falling behind with its jail space, which will put more pressure on the sheriff and on the jail," Crooker said. "We could reach a time in 18 months when we're also shipping our male inmates to other counties."

the future of the jail is to look into the feasibility of doing something with the third floor of the courthouse when the 118th District Court moves into the old Howard County Library building.

on this issue," Crooker said. "If this idea is unworkable, then I think we need to consider revis-

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Frank added. "I know I can do better than some of the decisions that have been made in the past."

The commissioners' court is not accessible enough, according to Frank.

"People simply need more access and the county judge shouldn't have sole authority to decide who gets on the agenda and who gets heard," Frank said. lilen: in

One of the things we need most in our local government is

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.

Texas Lottery

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.

THE FRIENDS OF THE Library of Howard County invite everyone to attend the library's one year anniversary open house, Saturday, Jan. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. We will also be announcing the Essay Contest for students in grades 1-12. The Silver deadline is Jan. 30. For more information go by the library at 500 Main or call 264-2260.

FINANCIAL AID INFOR-MATION NIGHT for high school juniors and seniors and their parents is planned tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Coahoma High School Library. The Howard College financial aid director and staff will answer questions and assist in filling out financial aid forms. Information and applications for all colleges and universities will be provided along with Howard College scholarship information. Attendance is free and all are welcome to attend.

Financial aid nights are also planned for Jan. 28 at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria, and Jan. 29 at the Sands High School Library.

SATURDAY IS RECYCLE DAY in Coahoma! Coahoma, Clean and Proud will be accepting recyclable items in the empty lot West of Little Sooper grocery store. Due to the Friends of the Library open house, we will be changing our hours this month to 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call Irene at 394-4424.

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BIG SPRING HERALD

Thursday, January 8, 1998

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POLICE

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

• DEBORA REED, 43, was arrested on local warrants.

 JOHN BRECKENRIDGE, 33, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

 SAMMYJONES, 48, was arrested for possession of marijuana

• THEFTS were reported in the 400 block of Birdwell; the 800 block of West 18th; the 100 block of N. Lamesa and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

· FORGERY was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl.; the 3200 block of E. 120th; the 900 block of W. 7th; and the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

 MAJOR ACCIDENTS reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg; and at the intersection of W. 4th and S. Greggelsionion

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Big Spring High School principal Kent Bowermon shares a joke with Christine Medellin as he awards her an academic letter Jacket Wednesday. Almost 100 current students and graduates earned the jackets, which were given based on last year's grade point average.

Crooker's recommendation for

iting the jail bond issue."

"We need some expert advise

The family will receive visitors at Gilbreath Funeral Home tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.



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Citations issued	6,056	6,853									
Juvenile violations	147	95									
Theft under \$50	145	99									
Murder	0	4									
Sexual assaults	29	28									
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Assaults	501	527									
Burglaries	274	152									
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Theft over \$50	1,563	1,491									
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Weapons offenses	36	27									
Drug offenses	93	102									
Family violence	196	176									
Minor accidents	543	516									
Major accidents	212	231									
Accident injuries	341	335									
Fatal accidents	0	2									
Total arrests	2,640	N/A									
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more city-county cooperation, according to Frank.

"Sometimes, it's like we're living in two separate worlds," Frank said. "There shouldn't be such a distance between the two entities. We have to work closer for the good of the city and the county."

Frank also plans to put out a monthly newsletter if she is elected.

"I want to let the people of Precinct 4 know what's going on and plan to recap the minutes of commissioners' meeting and let people know what's upcoming," Frank said. "People should have a better understanding of how things are affecting them and things will effect them. If necessary, I will pay the postage for the newsletter myself."

Frank is also concerned that the commissioners' court generally takes care of the county's business in a very short amount of time.

"If necessary, the court should meet three to four days a week if that's what it takes to handle county business," Frank said. "County Commissioners' Court proceeding should not be limited to just one day in the interest of time."

BRIEFS

CITY UTILITIES CREWS WILL be working in two areas Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Residents on all of Morrison** Street, as well as those on Alabama from Birdwell Lane to **Barnes Avenue**, will experience low water pressure to no water pressure during the work peri-For any information, call Jim Piper, 264-2392. **COATS ARE NEEDED FOR Big Spring State Hospital** patients. Donations are requested of large men's and women's coats, to be brought to the **Community Relations Office, or** call 268-7535 for more information. BOSS CHILI HOG

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THE LIONS EYEGLASS

RECYCLING Program will give free eyeglasses to all adults in need on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 1607 East Third.

We recommend examinations by your doctor for a prescription and serve all adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses.

HERITAGE MUSEUM MUR-**DER 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.

MARKETS

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March cotton 66.90 cents, down 83 points; Feb. crude 17.04, up 22 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 35; cash steers steady at 64; Feb. lean hog futures 56.70, down 95 points; Feb. live cattle futures 64.45, up 22 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

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RECORDS

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FIRE/EMS

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

Wednesday 1:23 a.m. - 600 block W. 18th, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:45 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, false call.

7:07 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:15 a.m. - 400 block Hillside, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:37 a.m. - FM-700 and Virginia, automobile fire, out on arrival.

12:12 p.m. — 1300 block Gregg, medical call, emergency transfer to Midland Memorial Hospital. 12:40 p.m. — 3200 block

Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 1:00 p.m. — 1300 block

Tucson, trauma call, service refused. 5:42 p.m. — North 87 and I-20, traffic accident, service refused

by three. 6:26 p.m. - 11 th and Gregg, traffic accident, service refused by three.

10:02 p.m. — 300 block North East 7th, residence fire, extinguished by responding units.



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GENERAL NEWS

Government asks Texas judge to delay telecommunications ruling WASHINGTON (AP) - A

Texas judge brought a third regional Bell company Wednesday under his ruling that allowed two others to offer long-distance telephone service. At the same time, the govern-The development means that ment joined AT&T, MCI and Sprint in requesting a delay in implementing the order.

To avoid "considerable disruption" to the telecommunications market and to preserve the status quo, the Justice Department asked U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall of Wichita Falls, to stay his Dec. 31 decision until an appeal is heard.

granted a request by Bell

to Virginia, to join the case, Bell Atlantic spokeswoman Susan Kraus said. It originally was brought by the regional Bells, SBC Communications and US West

if the ruling takes effect, Bell Atlantic as well as the first two would be able to use it. Bell Atlantic would offer long-distance service to local phone customers along the East Coast, Kraus said.

Kendall ruled that a key portion of a 1996 telecommunications law discriminates against at least two Bells - SBC On the same day, Kendall Communications and US West - because it does not apply to Atlantic, the largest regional GTE Corp., Southern New Bell company, which provides England Telephone Co., Bell company, which provides England Telephone Co., local phone service from Maine Frontier Corp. and other local

phone companies.

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

Specifically, Kendall ruled that the provisions constitute a 'bill of attainder" - punishing the Bells for the past anticompetitive sins of their one-time parent, AT&T, and for any offenses that they may commit in the future. The Constitution bars Congress from passing any "bill of attainder" that inflicts punishment without a trial.

Courts have rarely held a law to be unconstitutional on these grounds. In its motion to Kendall, the government said

the Supreme Court has done so only twice in this century. Both times the law at issue was enacted in response to the perceived threat of the Communist Party, the government said.

"Unlike restrictions barring individuals from certain professions because of their beliefs, economic regulation that restricts the business activities of corporations (such as the overturned provisions) is routine and has not been traditionally reviewed as punitive," the government brief said.

Under the provisions now overturned, the Bells enjoyed unprecedented access to the long-distance market because they superseded a 1982 consent decree that barred them from the business. That decree broke

up the Bell System into a longdistance company, AT&T, and seven regional Bell companies to provide local phone service. After mergers, five regional Bells now exist.

On Friday, AT&T, MCI and Sprint asked the judge to suspend his decision.

Kendall's decision initially paved the way for SBC **Communications and US West** to offer long-distance service to their local customers. The companies say they intend to offer service but are not doing so yet.

The Justice Department, with support from the Federal Communications Commission, said, "The court's decision threatens to derail a major enactment of Congress that was formulated after years of hear-

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ings and debate." All the Bells supported the 1996 law.

If Kendall denies the stay, long-distance companies say they'll ask the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans for a stay. That court handles appeals for Texas. Louisiana and Mississippi.

If the appeals court doesn't grant one, MCI said it would then ask Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia to intervene. Scalia has jurisdiction over such matters in the 5th circuit.

In the meantime, long-distance companies are preparing to appeal to the 5th circuit Kendall's Dec. 31 decision. If the decision is upheld, long-distance companies intend go to the Supreme Court to get it reversed

Governor of Mexico's Chiapas state resigns after massacre in village

governor of Chiapas state resigned Wednesday, the second top official to step down after the massacre of 45 Indian peasants by government supporters.

Julio Cesar Ruiz Ferro submitted his resignation at noon, and the legislature of the southern state was meeting to consider it, according to Ruiz Ferro's private secretary, Alejandrino Bastar Cordero.

In Mexico City, a joint com-

mission of the Senate and the

House gave permission to

Roberto Albores Guillen to step

down from his seat in the lower

house. The Chiapas native, a

member of the legislative medi-

ation commission on the state.

was presumed to be replacing

The governor was the second

top official to resign over the

massacre two weeks ago in the

hamlet of Acteal. Interior

Secretary Emilio Chuayffet

resigned on Saturday, saying

he wanted to spend more time

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ruling party officials from towns surrounding Acteal have been charged with murder.

The mayor of the area, Jacinto Arias Cruz, is accused of organizing the massacre, and the leader of the nearby village of Los Chorros is accused of buying the weapons. Both are members of the ruling party.

Neither Chuayffet nor Ruiz Ferro has been directly implicated in the massacre, but both have been accused of not doing enough to prevent it.

Ruiz Ferro's government is accused of ignoring numerous warnings about the violence. and then trying to cover it up after the fact. Critics say Chuayffet ignored brewing violence in Chiapas until it reached a boiling point.

Both resignations were prompted by the Dec. 22 massacre of 45 unarmed Indians, most of them women and children, by gunmen allegedly linked to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, of which Ruiz Ferro and No high-level government Chuayffet both are members.

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MEXICO CITY (AP) - The the massacre, although local hamlet of Acteal as villagers prayed in their wooden church. then hunted down fleeing villagers and shot them, almost all in the back.

Officials of the diocese in San Cristobal de las Casas called Ruiz Ferro's office as the massacre began to report gunfire in the area. Ruiz Ferro's government secretary said he called local police, who told him the village was quiet.

In addition, opposition congresswoman Patria Jimenez, who was in the area, said she called Ruiz Ferro's office three times the day before the massacre to warn him about rumors of an impending attack. She said his secretary took all the calls and said he would get back to her within minutes. He never did.

"There will be other events like it as long as the government doesn't listen to the clamor and the blood of the people," the Rev. Pablo Romo, of the San Cristobal diocese, said.

The state government also was accused of hurriedly collecting the bodies and rushing them to the state capital, in write of in one

what critics said was an attempt to cover up the scope of the massacre.

Ruiz Ferro had blamed the massacre of a combination of "Chiapas' history of conflicts between ethnic and community groups, land disputes, political and religious differences."

Critics accuse his government of funding paramilitary groups like the one that committed the attack. It is still unclear where the gunmen from Acteal, all poor Indian peasants, got the money to buy their weapons, including AK-47s.

Interviewed after the massacre, Ruiz Ferro tried to justify the existance of the paramilitary groups given that Zapatista rebels operate in the region.

"It is hard to 'sterilize' a situation like this, and say there are arms on one side but there can't be any weapons on the other," he said.

He said the formation of a Zapatista town council in the nearby village of Polho made local government supporters feel threatened.

to have contract pulled AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed start-up costs. He said it will try charter school that got \$240,519 Ato work out a repayment plan. from the state without opening has agreed to have its contract revoked. Whether and how the state can recoup the money has

yet to be determined. The proposed Cypress Lodge Charter School was planned for East Texas' Caddo Lake. It was among Texas' first free-standing charters approved in an effort to promote educational innovation.

The Cypress Youth Foundation received about \$21,000 monthly from the state from September 1996 through June 1997 based on repeated assurances the school would begin operating, according to the Texas Education Agency. But it wasn't able to raise additional money it needed to open.

"We have signed an agreement to revoke the charter. We tried to find another financial backer for the school, but we were unsuccessful," lawyer Kevin O'Hanlon, representing the Cypress Youth Foundation of^{je}Dallas, told The Dallas Morning News! hants ante

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Mrs. Ratcliffe said the revocation agreement includes a statement that the state has the right to continue to seek reimbursement.

"We still intend to do all we can to recover the money," she said. "What the next step will be hasn't been decided yet.'

Several other charter schools have run into financial problems. Thirteen charter schools that are operating were overpaid more than \$2 million because they overestimated enrollment for the 1996-97 school year, according to a state report.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said the TEA has worked out repayment plans with those schools, which the state board will consider.

A new state law allows up to 100 more charter schools over the next two years under existing criteria.

In addition, an unlimited number of such schools will be allowed if 75 percent of the stu-dent body consists of students considered at risk of falling or dropping out.

Scurry County child pornographer loses appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Scurry County farm house in Vinevard had served his sen-Court of Criminal Appeals has made it clear that child pornographers will get no leniency in Texas.

The state's highest appeals court for criminal cases on Wednesday reversed a lower appeals court ruling and said Cecil Don Vineyard, who had been convicted of two counts of possession of child pornography, was not a victim of double jeopardy.

West Texas in April 1993 and discovered both a videotape and a photograph containing child porn subjects.

Vineyard was convicted of possession of child pornography for the videotape and then was convicted of the same offense for the photograph.

Vineyard was sentenced to 10 years in prison for each. The trial court ruled that the

prison time for the second con-

tence for the first.

Vineyard appealing, In claimed the second prosecution violated double jeopardy, a statute that protects someone from being prosecuted twice for the same crime.

Eastland agreed and overturned the trial court, ruling that both convictions hinged upon a "film image" — not the fact that a film image was contained in Police raided Vineyard's viction wouldn't begin until both a videotape and photo-

The Legislature didn't intend "that the simultaneous possession of more than one film image creates more than one 'unit of prosecution,'" the 11th Court of Appeals said.

The Court of Criminal The 11th Court of Appeals in Appeals, however, disagreed, saying, "We hold the Legislature intended in cases like this to make possession of each item of child pornography an 'allowable unit of prosecution.'

the foundation signed an agreed order to terminate the school charter. The agreement still requires a signature from an associate education commissioner, TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said Wednesday.

The State Board of Education will consider the charter revocation next week.

Cypress Lodge is the only one of 20 independent charter schools approved by the state that isn't running.

State-funded charter schools operate independently of local school districts, may be run by private entities and don't have to follow numerous state regulations.

As for the \$240,000 in state funds, O'Hanlon said the Cypress Youth Foundation spent the money on legitimate

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Mrs. Ratcliffe said stricter policies have been instituted to prevent financial problems in the future.

Gov. George W. Bush is a staunch backer of charter schools. His spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, called the Cypress Lodge situation part of a learning experience.

"TEA has assured us they have put stricture financial controls in place to try to prevent this from happening again," she said.

"Gov. Bush continues to believe that competition and innovation such as charter schools are key to improving our public schools. The vast majority of charter schools are operating successfully. That doesn't mean there won't be a few mistakes or problems along the way."

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Survey shows drug use up among Texas students

AUSTIN (AP) — Use of illegal drugs by Texas students in grades 7 through 12 increased in 1996, continuing an upward trend since 1992, according to a study by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

About 34 percent of all secondary students in 1996 had used some type of illicit substance during their lifetime, up from 22 percent in 1992, but still below the 1988 rate of 39 percent, the study said.

The survey, conducted by TCADA every two years and released Wednesday, was based on responses from nearly 107,000 students in over 70 school districts in grades 7 through 12.

Marijuana use increased in 1996 with 31 percent of secondary students saying they had tried it at least once, up from 20 percent in 1992, but still just below the peak of 32 percent in 1988.

"Alcohol continues to be the most widely used substance among Texas secondary students," the study said.

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"In many ways, curtailing alcohol consumption is more problematic than reducing the use of illicit drugs because of the availability of alcohol and the perception among adolescents that drinking alcohol is not as dangerous as using other drugs.'

The survey revealed six strategies to help keep kids off drugs, including encouraging a child to participate in extracurricular activities.

According to the study, students who participate in extracurricular activities have positive relations with parents and friends while also being less likely to use or experiment with illegal drugs.

The five other ways for parents to keep their kids off drugs, according to the survey, are:

• Show support for child in school events.

• Encourage child to have healthy relationships with friends.

• Talk to child. Make sure they know that use of drugs is unacceptable.

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• Support substance abuse Americans, 31 percent were prevention programs at school. Encourage child to work at

getting good grades.

Students earning grades of C or lower report two to three times as much drug use as students earning A's and B's, the study said.

Those participating in three or more extracurricular activities were much less likely to report they smoked marijuana, the survey said.

The study was based on the responses of 106,924 secondary students in 72 school districts. The sample contained 51,103 males (48 percent) and 55,558 females (52 percent).

Of the sample, 45 percent were Anglos, 16 percent were African of other races. Survey highlights: Except for uppers, male stu-

dents were more likely to abuse substances than female students, especially in the higher grades. In 1996, 47 percent of male high school seniors reported lifetime use of any illicit drug versus 38 percent of female seniors.

Hispanics, and 8 percent were

 Hispanic students reported the highest prevalence use for alcohol, inhalants, any illicit drug, marijuana, cocaine and crack.

· Anglo students had the highest prevalence rates for hallucinogens, uppers, downers, steroids and Ecstasy.

 Black students had the highest rates of use for the category "marijuana only."



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OUR VIEW

Harley Group does more than just ride and have fun

hat comes to mind when you think of the **Big Spring Harley Owners Group? Probably** not the fact that it is one of our community's most successful service clubs.

Sure, they ride motorcycles. HOG members even parade their bikes proudly through our local streets, and ride in our annual Christmas parade.

Riding and having fun, known as the R and F principles, are an important part of being in the group. But if you have been following HOG's activities, you might notice something else.

HOG was vital to the effort to acquire and mount both the Huey helicopter, and the new F4 Phantom jet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. They raised money and provided manpower.

Their efforts to improve our community go back a decade. As early as 1988, HOG members were raising money to help a homeless family of nine.

Two years later, the group made a Christmas wish come true for a 7-year-old with cerebral palsy: They bought her a king-sized tricycle.

Their "poker run" events have been used to collect canned food for local pantries. Among the agencies their efforts have supported are the Northside Community Center and the Salvation Army.

A motorcycle show was one of the fundraising tools at the most recent Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Teletnon. This Christmas, the group raised close to \$1,000 for local families — in only one week." This is far from a complete list of the group's service activities, but it shows that supporting many causes in our community is a high priority for HOG. But they are not all work and no play: Evidence this Saturday's 9th Annual Boss Hog Chili Cookoff, to begin at 9 a.m. at the Harley Davidson Shop. With lots of chili cooking, live music and plenty of Harley own ers expected, this event is one way the group will show its social side.

A rather low-tech approach to toy-gi

The African rain stick was the only gift I gave to a child last year that I understood. It needs no assembly, no explanation

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spring whenever you turn the hollow upside down, hourglass style. The Rheta Johnson

Syndicated Columnist

Everything else that passed for a toy was beyond my comprehension. And that's because almost everything else made a generous contribution to the bulging pockets of Mr. Bill Gates.

My niece Chelsey's new com-

puter game Oregon Trail had a clear premise and educational pretensions: "Experience the adventure of The Oregon Trail and stake your claim in the **Old West! Survival hinges on** the many crucial decisions

vou'll make.' But the concept was flawed. To ford the Snake River on a computer is as absurd as it gets.

Think about it. To teach survival skills on a computer is like leading the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in a rousing round of rap. Chelsey would be better off fording the real creek right outside my real window. The Oregon Trail on a computer screen is like a postcard from Paris -- pretty, but no sub-

stitute. You simply cannot experience dangerous currents without getting your feet wet. "I hope I get lots of electron-

ics this year," nephew Ben said shortly after I presented him with a bow and arrow. (To be honest, I didn't understand

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the compound bow.) Electronics? For today's kids that's an umbrella term that includes computers, cameras, Nintendo, CD players and personal TVs with built-in VCRs.

Children are no greedier than we were in our Santa-eligible years. I can remember ambitious lists longer than my arm. But kids are a whole lot more

sophisticated in their choices. Their wish lists are typed on computers and printed by lasers, not scrawled with pencils on the backside of old envelopes. Kids use more AA batteries in a week than we did in a decade.

Not wanting to be remembered as a hopeless fuddyduddy, I made an effort this year to be both high-tech and considerate.

I bought a cassette player that is clear and allows the user to see its working innards.

I bought computer games and two Buzz Lightyears. I bought

things that talk and chirp and glow in the dark.

I don't care much what other adults think of me and my gifts anymore; if the robe's the wrong color or the cigar the wrong brand, tough.

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The kids in my life are another matter. I care mightily what they think and constantly curry favor. I want to be hip.

I'm too young to have that blank, grandmotherly stare when the youngsters carry on a lively discussion about the Spice Girls or Bubba Bear.

When Ben caught the jet that zoomed him home, he wore a backpack full of electronics. He wouldn't get bored on board. he said, because of his personal CD player. He could listen to Weird Al while winging it over Arkansas and Kansas. If Weird Al grew old, he could crank up Game Boy.

It is a grand gulf to cross, this canyon between computers and the old-fashioned gadgets of a fading century.

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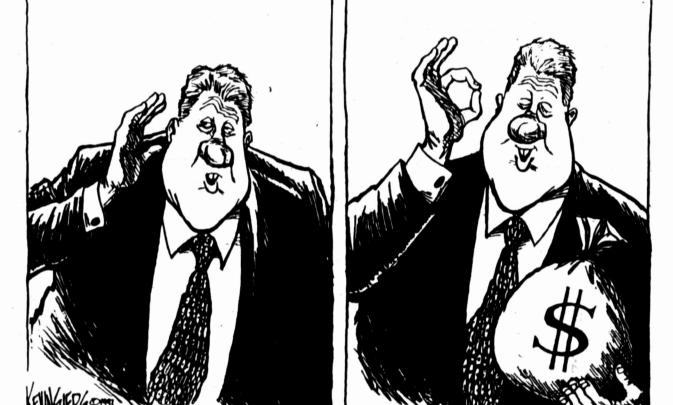
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Lawmakers urged to take care of surplus 13 2 ics professor at Washington bring the deficit down quicker ical^{*i*} research, food safety University in St. Louis. inspections and an expansion of than expected. Weidenbaum suggested divid-Economist Michael Boskin, Medicare coverage. But wait. chairman of the Council of ed government may help spawn There still isn't a budget sur-Economic Advisers in the Bush ultimate restraint with President Clinton vetoing GOP administration, says Clinton is plus merely taking credit for a good tax cuts and the Republican Furthermore, the national economy - and deficit-reducdebt — the accumulation of Congress rejecting Clinton spending increases. decades of annual deficits tion efforts that began with his Jumping the gun on congresstands at \$5.4 trillion. GOP predecessors. Now at Stanford University, sional Republicans, still away "I'd rather have it before we on winter break, Clinton spend it. I'm old-fashioned," Boskin said any early surplus announced his Feb. 2 budget for said David Wyss, chief financial should be used "to start to pay economist for DRI/McGrawthe debt down" and for some fiscal 1999 would be balanced – three years earlier than forecast Hill, a Lexington, Mass., fore-"modest tax cuts," rather than Reagan reset his zero-deficit in last summer's budget pact. casting service. new spending. And, he added, "let's keep our Despite White House opti-"We have come a very long fingers crossed" there's no mism for a small surplus in way," Clinton said. Press secre-In 1985, Congress even passed tary Mike McCurry upped the 1999, Wyss' organization is not recession. There's still "a lot of water to rhetoric Tuesday, calling the projecting a balanced budget until 2002, due to an expected go over the dam" before a bal-"turnaround in the U.S. economy" in Clinton's presidency as slowing of economic growth. anced budget, said Bill Frenzel, None of the efforts paid off. important as "the geopolitical The last time there was a buda former Republican congressman from Minnesota active on struggle against communism." get surplus was in fiscal 1969, when Richard Nixon was presibudget issues. House Speaker Newt Gingrich "We've had these enormous also weighed in Tuesday, writdent.] But the \$3.2 billion surplus ing Clinton that he supported increases in revenues, but no "your commitment" to balance was something of a fluke. An changes in congressional and presidential spending patterns," the budget early - so long as income tax surcharge to finance the Vietnam War, pushed said Frenzel, now a scholar at "meaningful tax relief to the Brookings Institution. through Congress the year American families" is in the Furthermore, he- said, before by President Johnson, mix. "Nobody is looking for a reces-Republicans are pushing for produced a temporary surge in election-year tax cuts plus more revenues. sion, but we know that recoverspending on defense and trans-Before that, you have to go ies are periods that don't last back to 1960 — at the end of forever — unless somebody has portation. Clinton is supporting modest Dwight Eisenhower's presidenrewritten the book."



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The Unabomber trial is in something of a muddle now because the defendant, Theodore Kaczynski, appar ently doesn't care for his lawyers. They have wanted to portray him as crazy, which he probably is, but it's just as crazy for the trial to proceed in the direction it is headed, especially when Kaczynski has offered the prosecution a way out. He is willing to plead guilty and stay in prison with no chance of parole, it's reported, if the government will agree not to execute him.

That offer apparently doesn't sit well with some of the 29 injured survivors of the Unabomber's 16 bombings or with the families of three who were killed. Maybe it doesn't fit with the sense of justice of many in the public at large. But if Kaczynski is mentally ill — his lawyers say he is a paranoid schizophrenic — it's contrary to morally grounded legal principles to trot him off to be slain, or, for that matter,

to try him as though he were mentally competent.

Other arguments have also been advanced to save Kaczynski's life. His brother David, who provided the government with information leading to the arrest, says he was assured at the time that prosecutors would not seek the death penalty. If true, the government is surely under some obligation to keep its word. And even if it's not true, it has been noted, the government's refusal to bargain could serve to dissuade potential informants.

While the death penalty has its place, it's not always appropriate even for the most heinous of crimes, and insist ing on it is not always rational. At some point, you have to start wondering whether the prosecution isn't simply being political, doing what it figures the public wants, whether that's right or not. **Jay Ambrose Scripps Howard**

By TOM RAUM Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) President Reagan submitted a spending plan to Congress in 1981 that he said would balance the budget by 1984. He missed his target by at least 15 years.

Politicians have long been playing a balancing act with the federal deficit - predicting a land of honey and surpluses always just over the horizon.

marks to 1986, then 1991, even as deficits kept soaring.

a law — the Gramm-Rudman Act - requiring a balanced budget by 1992.

But now, with an apparent balanced budget looming, leaders are scrambling for electionyear advantage — amid warnings from economists, including those from previous administrations, that any surplus could be slight and temporary.

"The cynic in me notes that before it's achieved, politicians of both parties want to use up the surplus," said Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the **Council of Economic Advisers** in Reagan's first term.

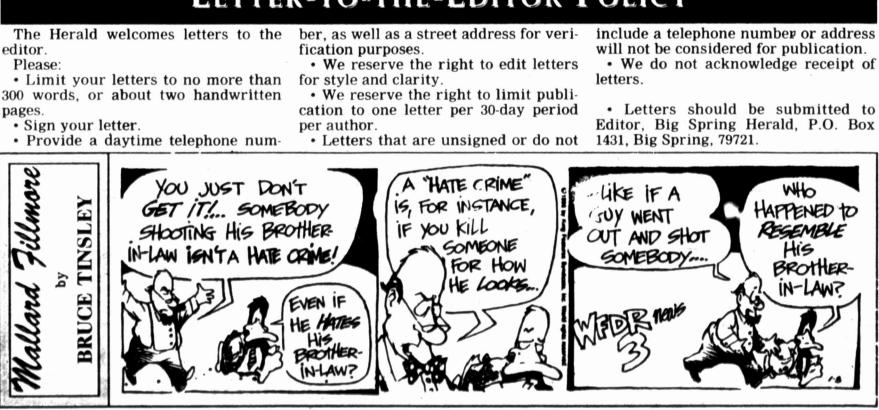
"Nature abhors a vacuum as much as politicians abhor a budget surplus," said Weidenbaum, now an econom-

tax breaks for child care and pollution-fighting businesses and is expected to seek new spending on education, biomed-

cy - to find a surplus.

The still-expanding economy and an unexpected \$50 billion windfall in revenues is helping

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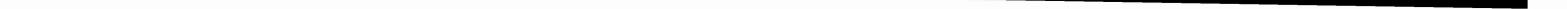
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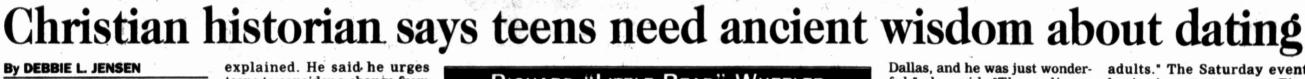
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By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

about the perils of dating, but

the message is often missing

What it needs, according to a

Christian historian who will

visit Big Spring this weekend,

Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler,

founder of Mantle Ministries,

will talk to teens Saturday at

plans two performances Friday,

on a Pilgrim costume," Wheeler

"For my talk with teens, I put

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Features Editor

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teens to consider a change from "dating." "In the older days, people Lots of adults warn teenagers

courted," Wheeler said. Dating, the historian explained, did not come into existence until about the 1930s, and the word was printed in dictionaries in 1934.

guages.

"I present an alternative that is healthy and wholesome," he said. "It prevents the sexual impropriety that could come with dating as we know it."

First Baptist Church. He also For a decade, Wheeler has been presenting historical dramas with a Biblical perspective to groups of all ages. His min-

RICHARD "LITTLE BEAR" WHEELER

QUICK TRIVIA

Big Spring Herald

What: Historical dramas with a Christian perspective When: Friday, 1:30 and 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. Where: First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Who: Friday's shows are for adults and children, Saturday is aimed at teens and parents

istry is based in Bulverde, near San Antonio.

The world's most largely distributed book is the Bible. It has been translated into 318 lan-

A former professional actor, Wheeler wears costumes of many of his characters, including the Pilgrim and George Washington.

His message, especially at the hard-to-reach teenage audience,

storyteller."

It takes 16 praying mantis egg cases per

acre to keep other insects under control.

gets through, Wheeler said. "Using the costume, and a bit of humor, before you know it,

I'm giving the punch line," he said.

Deede Cauley, who helped to bring Wheeler to Big Spring, agreed.

"I saw him at a conference in

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Dallas, and he was just wonderful," she said. "The audience loved him."

A full costume fitting the time period of his drama adds to the interest, Cauley said.

"He's researched these things so well, and he is a wonderful

In one of the dramas he will perform Friday, Wheeler will play the part of Washington at age 21.

"My aim is to show Biblically how we have forgotten much of our history," he said.

Friday's shows, scheduled at First Baptist at 1:30 and 4 p.m., are billed as "for children and

adults." The Saturday event, beginning at 10 a.m. at First Baptist, is slated for teens and parents.

Thursday, January 8, 1998

sored by Concerned Women for America of West Texas. Cauley said the club was surprised to be able to bring Wheeler to Big Spring, because his schedule is usually booked 22 months in advance.

They are expecting visitors from Midland, Odessa and New Mexico for his shows.

Call Suzanne Haney at 263-7147, or Luan Stallings at 398-5506 for more information.

when held back in school QUESTION: My 6-year-old son has always been an energetic child with some of the schooling is the fastest-growing symptoms of hyperactivity. He

has a short attention span and flits from one activity to another. I took him to his pediatrician, who said he did not have

attention deficit disorder. However, he's beginning to have learning problems in school because he can't stay in his seat and concen trate on

his lessons. What should I do? DR. DOBSON: It sounds like vour son is immature in comparison with his age mates and could profit from being retained in the first grade next year. If his birthday is between

Dec. 1 and July 1, I would ask the school psychologist to evalugte his readiness to learn.

educational movement in the United States today. **QUESTION:** When it comes to education, you have said that the right factual information can and should lead to conceptual learning. But aren't

you putting too much emphasis on the memorization process, which is a low academic goal?

DR. DOBSON: The human brain is capable of storing some 2 billion bits of information in the course of a lifetime. There are many avenues through which that programming can occur, and memorization is one of them.

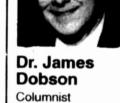
Let me put it this way. If you ever have to go under a surgeon's knife, you'd better hope that the physician has memorized every muscle, every bone, every blood vessel and every Boy Scout knot in the book. Your life will depend on his ability to access factual information during the operation.

Obviously, I strongly oppose the perspective held in some academic circles that says. 'There's nothing we know for certain, so why learn anything?" Those who feel that way have no business teaching. They are salespeople with nothing to sell **QUESTION:** Is it inevitable that sexual desire must diminish in the fifth, sixth and seventh decades of life? DR. DOBSON: There is no organic basis for healthy women or men to experience less desire as they age. The sexual appetite depends more on a state of mind and emotional attitudes than on one's chronological age. If a husband and wife see themselves as old and unattractive, they might lose interest in sex for reasons only secondary to their age. But from a physical point of view, it is a myth that men and women must be sexually apathetic, unless there are disease processes or physical malfunctions to be considered.

Students in Janie Conley's class at College Heights **Elementary School must be** animal lovers. The students voted recently to spend the money left over from their Christmas party as a donation for the Big Spring Humane Soclety. Shown are students, from left, Steven Chavez, Cassle Emerson and Ashley Barnett, petting "Jose" in the arms of Margaret Lloyd, Humane Society board member.

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Dr. James



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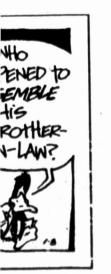
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Cat lovers

SAN DIEGO (AP) - If a man's home is his castle, then this house is a kitty kingdom.

What started out as a small remodeling project — including the installation of a floorto-ceiling scratching post has grown into more than 100 feet of elevated catwalks and a home designed around the whims of Bob Walker and wife Frances Mooney's nine cats.

"You do something for your cats and it takes on a life of its own" Walker said. To say the least.

Walker, 48, and Mooney, 47, are professional picture framers and artists by trade. They decided to create an area for their cats that would challenge their feline instincts and keep them active in a 1,500square-foot home.

Now, TomCat, Jerry Lee, Bernard, Charlotte, Denise, Frank, Louise, Little Jimmy and Molly are in cat heaven.

They first installed a support column and beam to hang a leaded glass window. The column became a fiber-covered scratching post, intersecting with a bright pink beam for catwalking.

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The cats took to it immediately. Toy mice hang suspended from their tails in cages, just a paw's reach away from the catwalks.

A mouse skull-and-crossbones portal leads to a special "cats only" green room.

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good. Career Corner is provided

courtesy of Roger Goertz, Career Technology Instructor at Big Spring High School.

Don't ride in the back of a truck

(NAPS) — Trucks are seen on the roads more and more these days

- for work, hauling and even family transportation. But the U.S.

Department of Transportation's Auto Safety Hotline wants to warn the

Boy overcomes difficulties of rare physical

disorder to achieve Scouting's highest rank

years ago Gwyn Rogers was told her baby boy would never walk or talk and would likely live in an institution. For lack of a medical term, doctors called Daniel Rogers a "Funny Looking Kid."

Today, he's an exceptional teen-ager.

Daniel was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. It is the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America organization, one which only 2 to 4 percent of Scouts nationwide ever achieve — even without a disability.

The high school senior has Sotos Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that causes physical overgrowth, delayed fine motor skills and learning disabilities. Daniel weighed almost 10 pounds at birth and his head, hands and feet were disproportionately large.

The syndrome occurs in about one in 10,000 births, and common characteristics of those born with it include large foreheads and wide-set eyes slanted downward.

When Daniel was 6 years old, he had the bone age of a 12year-old. In the third grade, he wore size 13 shoes. By fifth grade, he stood 5-foot-8.

Doctors predicted Daniel would be 7 feet tall, but he stopped growing at 6-foot-3, and now weighs about 230 pounds.

MESA, Ariz. (AP) - Eighteen He wears size 19EEE shoes, and the tips of his mother's fingers only reach to the first knuckle of his giant hand.

Daniel was officially diagnosed at 9 months, but because the syndrome is so rare, doctors had little information to offer his family. Their prognosis was so disheartening that Gwyn started the Sotos Syndrome Support Association in 1980. Today the group has 300 families worldwide.

Gwyn and Charles Rogers gave their sixth child every available opportunity. He received occupational, physical and speech therapy through an early childhood education program for severely handicapped children, and lots of love and support at home.

Daniel didn't say his first word until age 3, but after 15 years of speech therapy his words are clear, though halted, as he carefully thinks out what he wants to say. He's had to work hard at reading, math and language.

"He's a very persistent young man. He would just try over and over again. He would just never give up," his mom said. "I do not like anybody telling

me I can't do anything," he said. To achieve the rank of Eagle

Scout, Daniel organized volun-

Please see EAGLE, page 6A.

Retaining an immature boy during his early school career (kindergarten or first grade) can give him a social and academic advantage throughout the remaining years of elementary school. However, it is important to help him "save face" with his peers. If possible, he should change schools for at least a year to avoid embarrassing questions and ridicule from

his former classmates. You have very little to lose by holding back an immature boy, since males tend to be about six months behind females in development at that time.

The age of a child is the worst criterion on which to base a decision regarding when to begin a school career. That determination should be made according to specific neurologic, psychosocial and pediatric variables.

Let me add one other suggestion that you might consider. Your son appears to be a good candidate for home-schooling. You might want to keep him in the safety of your care until he matures a bit, and then if you choose, place him in school one year behind where he would have been otherwise.

He will not suffer academically and will be more secure for the experience.

Home-schooling is especially helpful for the immature child -- usually a boy -- who is just not ready for the social competition and rejection often experienced within large groups. It is also beneficial to chil-

teers to paint a huge map of the dren who do not have this

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.fotf.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers.'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Library open house Saturday

Friends of the Howard County Library are sponsoring an open house Saturday in honor of the one-year anniversary of the opening of the new library building. Hours are 1-3 p.m., and activities include refreshments, historical displays and tours of the facility.

Need college aid?

Financial Aid Information Night for high school juniors and seniors and their parents is planned today at the Coahoma High School Library. The Howard College financial aid director and staff will answer questions and assist in filling out financial aid forms. Attendance is free and all are welcome to attend.

If you're not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there.

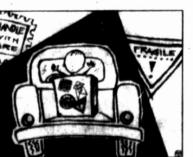
THE LAST WORD

Martin Luther

Anyone who has begun to think places some portion of the world in jeopardy.

John Dewey

The only time a woman wishes she were a year older is when she is expecting a baby. Mary Marsh



. Most non-collision deaths were caused by swerving, braking or rough roads. In one-third of the cases, the victim was sitting on the tailgate, standing up or "horsing around."

public that the cargo bed of a pickup is no place for a child. Consider: •The cargo area of a pickup has been the source of injuries and death to hundreds of people each year. More than 100 children are killed each year after being ejected from the back of a pickup.

News You Can Use

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United States on the playground of Mesa's Lincoln Elementary School, where his mother teaches. He hopes it will help the children learn American geography.

"I think the main thing that got me through this is my parents and the teachers that were good influences to me, that I could do anything if I put my mind to it," he said.

Daniel performed in his high school production of "The Music Man," and has been involved in the school chorus. He sang in the Powell Junior High Young Americans choir and was on the wrestling team until a heart condition forced him off the mat. The Mesa Unified School District gave him its first Courage and Commitment award for his effort on the team.

In 1996, Exceptional Parent magazine, a publication for families with special needs children, named Daniel one of its top 25 role models for the future.

Daniel listened quietly as his mother spoke about the characteristics of Sotos Syndrome and the challenges he has faced because of his size and disability.

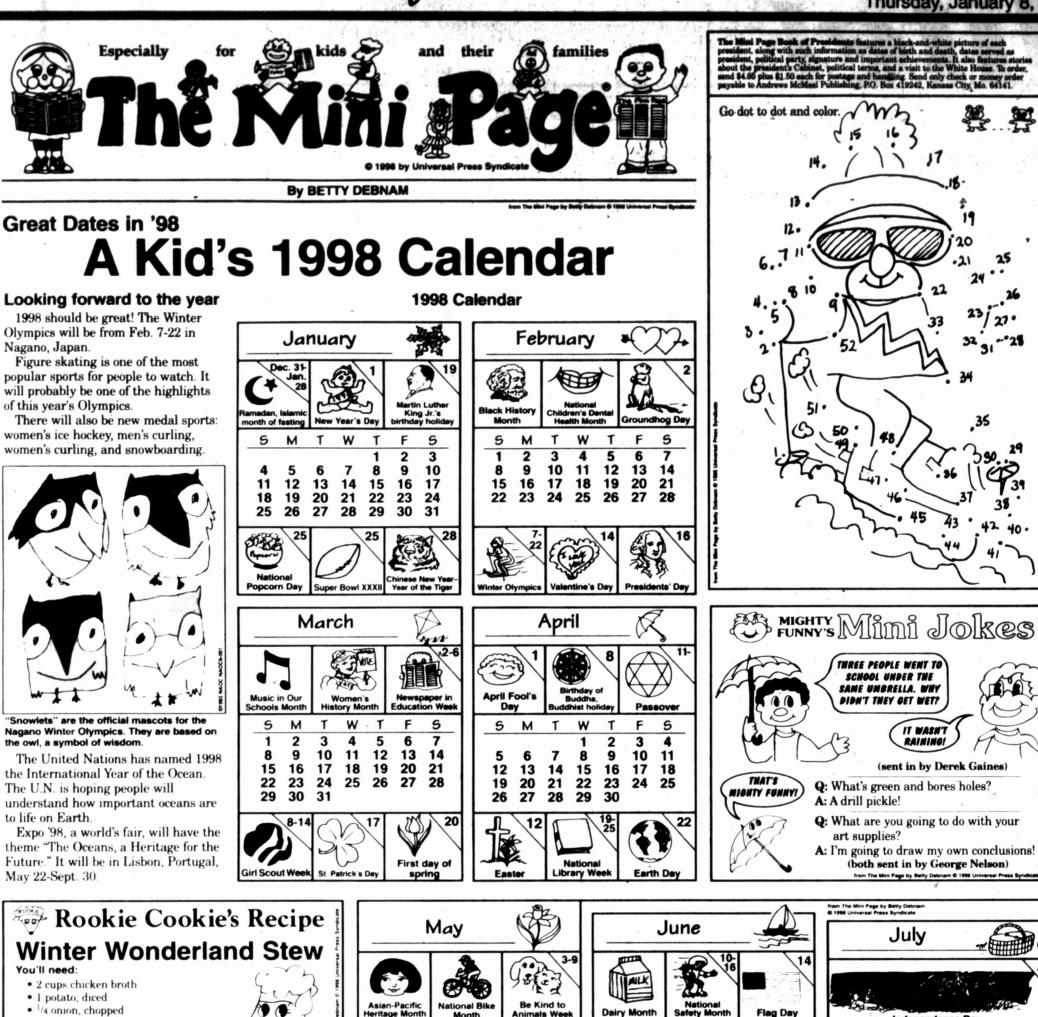
"With my syndrome, people have actually treated me normal. They treat me like I'm anyone else," he said when asked how other people react to him

His mother, however, reminded him of earlier years spent standing alone on the school playground. He wasn't invited to a birthday party until the fifth grade. He had seizures that frightened both children and adults.

"Oh yeah," he said. "When I was in elementary school, they were afraid of me until they got to know me because I was the biggest one there.

"He was taller than some of his teachers," Gwyn Rogers added. "I cried sometimes when I'd watch him on the, playground all by himself." Daniel looked at his mother.

"You watched me? I didn't know that," he said.



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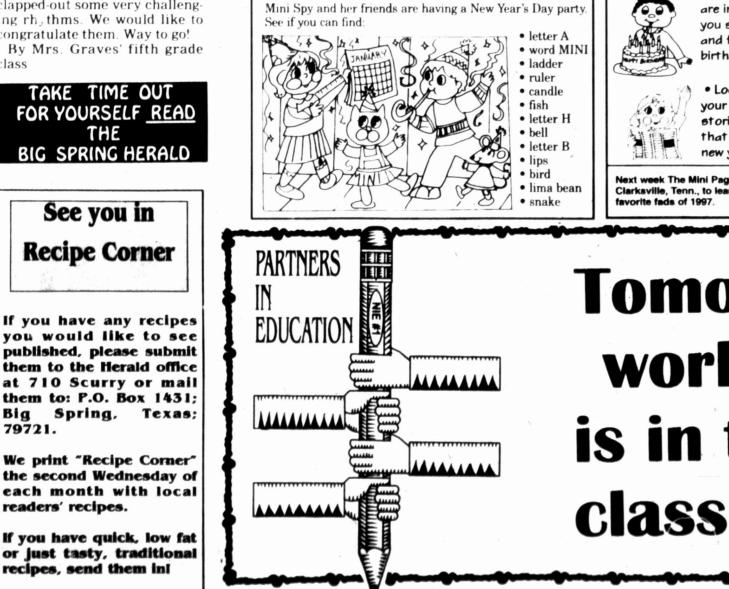
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Bauer Magnet School

The students at Bauer Magnet School are very lucky to have a great music teacher like Susan Dawes. Each nine weeks, the students in Mrs. Dawes' extended day music classes have the opportunity to participate in the Clapping Contest. This contest is one where students are challenged to "clap out" extremely difficult rhythms. The context gets tougher as the participants are narrowed down to just the very best. On Dec. 17, the contest came to a close with these results: Winner: April Tatad, 2nd place: Alicia Correa, 3rd place: Austin Tarleton, 4th place: Brittany Anderson, 5th place: Corey Green

These fourth and fifth grade students worked (clapped!) very hard in the Clapping Contest at Bauer Magnet School and clapped-out some very challenging rh, thms. We would like to congratulate them. Way to go! By Mrs. Graves' fifth grade class



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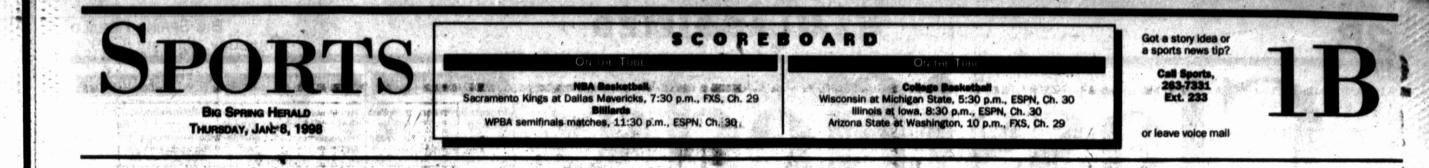
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Career done, Lions' Reggie Brown is walking tall, heading home

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Detroit Lions linebacker Reggie Brown is walking again and headed home.

Seventeen days after being carried off the Pontiac Silverdome field in an ambulance, leaving the sold-out crowd stunned and players on both sides crying and praying, the former Texas A&M star got out of a wheelchair at Henry Ford Hospital on Wednesday and addressed reporters.

"I wanted to let everyone know that I'm OK, that I will once again be back to normal," he said.

The 23-year-old linebacker, recovering from a severe neck injury in a Dec. 21 game against the New York Jets.

was characterized by his doctors as a "dream" patient who has made dramatic progress.

He almost certainly is done with football, but he is walking. And for that he is deeply grateful. "When it first happened, I thought

I'd never be able to walk again," he said, wearing a halo-style neck brace. "It was a freak accident. I'm looking forward to getting back home and getting my life together.'

He was to be transferred today to The Institute of Rehabilitation and Research in Houston, near his hometown. It was Brown's first public statement

since the Lions' last regular-season game. He was hurt during a fourth-

the New York Jets.

A collision with another player dislocated Brown's top two neck vertebrae, bruising his spinal cord and leaving him unable to breathe and with no feeling below the neck. A doctor gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the field.

The next day, doctors fused the vertebrae and grafted a slice of hip bone to stabilize those bones.

Brown's recovery puts him in the top 2 percent of patients who sustain such injuries, said Dr. Russ Nockels. Many people with similar injuries die.

'Reggie has been making the kind of progress that we all dream about patients making," said Nockels, a neu-

quarter tackle of a 13-10 victory over rosurgeon who performed the vertebrae fusion. "We'd like to see a lot more Reggie Browns, and there aren't."

> In measuring his strength, in which 100 percent is normal, doctors said Brown registered 49 percent when admitted.

"Now after two weeks, he's progressed to the point of 89 ... a sense of dramatic improvement," Nockels said. For every Reggie, there's 99 who don't do so well.'

Brown is unlikely to play any contact sport again because the fusion surgery limits neck motion, said Dr. David Collon, chairman of the hospital's orthopedic surgery program. But, he added, it's "certainly conceivable"

Brown could coach.

Brown was the Lions' first-round pick out of Texas A&M in 1996. A knee injury during preseason of his rookie year forced him to miss the first five games of the regular season. He sprained his knee in his first pro appearance and missed the next game. Coach Bobby Ross has described Brown as possibly his most athletic player after Barry Sanders. Brown was one of seven players the Lions lost to season-ending injuries last season.

Brown thanked Lions fans for their support during his hospitalization.

"I'm real thankful for all the cards and get-well wishes and blessings. ... It all counted and kept me in good spirits throughout this whole thing."

Cornhuskers' Ahman Green heads to NFL The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. – As Nebraska prepared for the Orange Bowl, Ahman Green knew he was ready to pass up

his senior year for the NFL draft. His record performance against Tennessee affirmed it. "I wanted to go out having a

good bowl game for coach (Tom) Osborne and to have a great game so I knew I was making the right decision," Green said Wednesday as he declared himself eligible for April's draft.

Green rushed for an Orange Bowl record 206 yards in Nebraska's 42-17 win over the Volunteers last Friday. He was named most valuable player and helped the Cornhuskers (13-0) earn a share of the national championship.

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Green had 1,877 regular-season yards, finishing 16 yards behind Ricky Williams of Texas for the national rushing title. Green had about 40 percent of Nebraska's national-best 393 yards per game rushing aver-

Including his Orange Bowl yards, Green had 2,083 yards on 307 carries — an average of 6.7 yards per attempt and 160.2 yards per game. That Osborne is retiring after 25 years made little difference to Green. He said Osborne and running backs coach Frank Solich, who becomes head coach next month, both were supportive. "If coach Osborne was staying, I would still be going.' Green said. "I talked it over with my family and coaches, but I decided for myself based on my dreams and goals in life. I just wanted to get to the NFL.'

Sports Editor

After closing out their Arizona stay with an 85-48 demolition of Mesa **Community College in the final** round of the Scottsdale Classic, Howard College's Lady Hawks must now rivet their full attention on foes from the Western College Junior Athletic Conference.

The No. 4-ranked Lady Hawks' three-game sweep through the classic not only improved their record to 16-0, but provided the kind of tuneup for conference play coach Matt Corkery wanted.

That "tune-up" included a come-from-behind win over No. 3-ranked Central Arizona.

After knocking off Central Arizona, the Lady Hawks had little trouble with South Mountain's women and then literally spread the wealth through the lineup in Monday's win over Mesa.

Four sophomores paced them Howard scoring attack with, Shawnta Johnson and Jatraicas Spencer leading the way with 13 points apiece. Donelle Jones added 11 points in the lopsided win, while Jeanine Horton had 10. Four others finished the game with eight points each to their credit. "It was good for us to come back off the break ... especially a long one like we had ... and have to play a team-like Central Arizona," Corkery said. "It was important for us to play well ... to have a good game ... and we did. "But now we have to shift our focus to conference play," he added. "This is a tremendously competitive conference and you have to do well every Monday and Thursday night. "That's why it was important for us to be able to get that many games in that short of time," he continued, noting that a month's layoff tends to rob any team of its conditioning. "We were able to get a good start at getting our legs under us." While the Lady Hawks could move a spot or two in the NJCAA women's poll after knocking Central Arizona from the list of unbeatens, Corkery said it will be difficult for Howard to move much higher than the No. 3 spot unless some unexpected upsets occur. "Rankings are something for other people to be concerned about," Corkery said. "It doesn't really matter where we're



Hicks will spend to make Rangers baseball winners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Tom Hicks has already proved he will spend what it takes to get a winner in town.

He did it with the Dallas Stars. Now, he plans to do it with the Texas Rangers after agreeing to spend \$250 million to buy the team.

The billionaire, in just two short years, has turned the Stars into the leading team in the NHL.

He did it by going out and signing an impact player, goalie Ed Belfour.

"I've demonstrated with the Stars we will have the most competitive team we can have," Hicks said. "I've shown when I signed Ed Belfour that I'll do what it takes to get to the next level. If it takes a goalie, I'll get him.'

Belfour signed a three-year contract for \$10 million and has helped the Stars jump to the top of the NHL.

PAST OWNERS Changes in ownership for the Texas

angers franchise: Oct. 26, 1960 - American League awards expansion franchise to Washingto D.C. following transfer of Calvin Griffith's

franchise to Minnesota. Nov. 17, 1960 — General Elwood R. "Pete" Quesada's bid for the Washington franchise is approved by American League. Jan. 29, 1963 — James H. Johnston, James H. Lemon, and George M. Bunker buy out Quesada and four others to become

najority owners of the Senators. January 1965 — Johnston and Lemor buy out Bunker and other partners to gain complete control of the franchise

Dec. 3, 1968 - Robert E. Short, the Democratic National Committee purchases majority interest of the Washington Senators at the winter meetings n San Francisco.

Sept. 20, 1971 - Short received approval from American League owners to move the franchise to Arlington for the 1972

May 29, 1974 - Bradford G. Corbett orms group and purchases franchise from Bob Short Corbett selects former Yankees infielder Bobby Brown as team president. April 29, 1980 — Corbett sells majority

nterest in Rangers to H.E. "Eddie" Chiles. March 18, 1989 — An investor group lec by George W. Bush and Edward W. "Rusty" se purchases controlling interest in the

Jan. 7, 1998 — Dallas billionaire Tom nounces he's buying controlling interest of the Rangers

In a statement released by the university, Solich praised Green's work ethic and leadership, saying: "I hope his pro career is as successful as his college career has been."

A possible Heisman Trophy campaign made no impact.

"I'm not big on awards and accolades," he said. "If I had decided to return, it wouldn't have been to win the Heisman. It would have been so we could win another national title.'

Green is the latest in a group of top players declaring for the draft, including Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf, Penn State running back Curtis Enis and Washington All-America offensive linemen Olin Kreutz and Benji Olson.

Heisman Trophy winner Woodson Charles will announce Friday that he will forego his senior season to enter the NFL draft.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garret

Howard College's Jovanne St. Cyr (30) puts up a shot over the outstretched arm of a Phoenix College opponent during the Lady Hawk Classic, as teammate Karlita Washington (22) follows the play. The Lady Hawks, ranked No. 4 nationally and a perfect 16-0 on the season following three wins at the Scottsdale Classic, now have their sights set on conference play.

to be thinking about winning conference games, performing well at region and getting a shot at playing in the national. tournament."

The Lady Hawks open WJCAC play Monday on the road facing Odessa College, and while the Lady Wranglers aren't considered among the conference's elite foursome -Midland, New Mexico, South Plains and Howard - they can't be overlooked.

"I can't stress strongly enough that you have to be prepared to play every night in our conference," Corkery said, noting that the Lady Hawks' ranking works as somewhat of a handicap in some instances. "Every team in our league has good players and they're all well coached," he added. "And we've got to be cognizant that hole."

ranked at this point. We've got people are going to be up for us. They're all going to have a little extra motivation, so we'll always going to be getting their best game." Odessa's best in Monday's

WJCAC opener will most certainly include Lady Wranglers point guard Pashen Murray who paced OC in scoring last season as a freshman.

Murray is currently among the conference's leading scorers, averaging 17 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals per game. Those num bers left her fourth in scoring and seventh in assists in the WJCAC at the semester break. "Obviously she's more than just a playmaker," Corkery said of the Lady Wranglers' star. "They like for her to get at least 20 shots a game, so she'll be looking to put the ball in the

The Rangers need pitching and at least one more power hitter. It's a long wish list to get Texas into a World Series.

"There's no reason the Rangers can't get to the top," Hicks said. "This is one of the best franchises in the country. It's in a world class facility. You don't even have to win a championship every year to draw the fans. You just have to show you're really trying.

If approved by other baseball owners, a process expected to take 6-12 months, the price would be the second-highest for a baseball team. Fox Sports, a division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., is awaiting approval on its purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers from Peter O'Malley, a deal worth about \$350 million.

"I love sports," Hicks said. "We want to add an American League pennant ... and to bring the World Series to Arlington. I expect to be involved with this team for many years to come. This is a long-term ownership.' Hicks has agreed to buy the

lease for The Ballpark in Arlington and ownership of an office building and restaurant in the stadium, 43 acres of nearby land and an option to buy 227 acres of adjacent property.

"In the next 20 years I see hotels, restaurants and office buildings," Hicks said, who had negotiated the deal for six months.

Hicks said the team's management, including president Tom

Schieffer, general manager Doug Melvin and field manager Johnny Oates, would remain in place.

"My style is to keep folks in place who are good managers and want to win," Hicks said. "I have great confidence in Tom.' Melvin and Oates have contracts that extend through 1999.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, part of the current ownership group, called the sale announcement "a bittersweet one."

'While I will no longer be an owner, I will continue to be a full-time Texas Rangers fan,' he said. "I have loved every minute of my involvement with the Rangers."

In 1989. the Rangers, Arlington Stadium and some surrounding property were bought for \$83 million by a group of 28 investors headed by Bush and Rusty Rose. Their deal kept then-owner Eddie Chiles from selling the team to another group that would've moved the Rangers to Tampa, Fla.

Led by Bush, the Rangers persuaded Arlington taxpayers to finance a \$189 million stadium that opened in 1994. After Bush was elected governor in 1994, he stepped down as a general partner, handing over day-to-day operations to Schieffer.

Hicks, 51, becomes the fifth owner since the franchise moved from Washington to **Texas in 1972**.

Big numbers belong to Heat, Nuggets; For Miami, that's good news

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The big numbers in the NBA belonged to the Miami Heat, Denver Nuggets, Antoine Walker and Bill Fitch.

Miami sent the Chicago Bulls to their most lopsided loss in nearly two years. 99-72 Wednesday night. Tim Hardaway had 17 points and 13 assists for the Heat.

Bulls coach Phil Jackson was ejected for the first time in four seasons. He was tossed for arguing a technical foul on Dennis Rodman late in the first half, and did not have to watch the rest of Chicago's most one-sided loss since a 28-point defeat in March 1996 at New York

no rings," Rodman said. "Today they 49 on March 15, 1992. Even so, the

NBA ROUNDUP

beat us. It's one of 82. It's not a big deal."

The Nuggets, meanwhile, set a team record with their 15th straight loss, 96-89 to the San Antonio Spurs. Denver, with the worst record in the league at 2-30, dropped to 0-18 on the road.

"That's been the story all year, Nuggets forward LaPhonso Ellis said. "We played aggressive and gave ourselves a chance to win. It leaves a bittersweet taste in your mouth because you'd like to have won against those guvs.'

Walker scored 49 points, the most by "We've got the rings. They ain't got a Boston player since Larry Bird had

Celtics lost to the Washington Wizards, 110-108.

Fitch recorded his 936th victory. making him third on the NBA coaching list, as the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 110-102. Fitch passed Dick Motta – Atlanta coach Lenny Wilkens leads with 1,090 and Red Auerbach is second with 938.

In other NBA games, Atlanta downed Golden State 106-86, New York beat New Jersey 89-88 in overtime, the Los Angeles Lakers stopped Milwaukee 114-102, Charlotte edged Portland 91-89, Phoenix defeated Minnesota 92-77 and Orlando topped Toronto 83-81.

Heat 99, Bulls 72

Michael Jordan's 3-pointer gave visiting Chicago a 28-20 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Heat, however,

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came back to outscore the Bulls 32-13 in the second period and 28-13 in the

David Robinson scored 22 points and Tim Duncan had 20 points and nine rebounds for host San Antonio. The Spurs have won five straight and 12 of

Wizards 110, Celtics 108

Chris Webber scored 30 points and Washington improved to 10-1 at the MCI Center.

Walker was 21-for-36 from the field, including 5-for-5 from 3-point range.

The Wizards led 110-107 with 10 seconds left when Juwan Howard called timeout. Washington had none left --Dana Barros made the technical foul shot, then missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

Five years ago in the NCAA championship game against North Carolina, Webber called a timeout when Michigan did not have one to call. Howard also played on that Michigan team. This time, Webber gave Howard a big grin.

Lakers 114, Bucks 102

Shaquille O'Neal, playing his fourth game since being sidelined more than six weeks, scored a season-high 38 points as Los Angeles won at home.

O'Neal shot 13-of-19 from the floor and 12-of-21 from the foul line and had is in:35 minutes.

Glenn Robinson had 13 for the Bucks, ending his streak of 12 straight games with at least 20 points.

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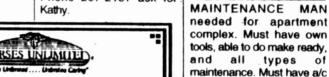
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive: 3-Average: 2-So-so: 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

A dream or call disturbs you in the wee hours, prompting you to revamp plans. You feel as if a boss is finally responding. A discussion is now possible. Clear the air, forge new projects and talk about your needs. Tonight: Out and about.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Events put pressure on you. Take another gander, and stay secure in your long-term financial goals. A boss will work with you if you present your case in a detached, yet insightful, manner. Accept new responsibilities. Tonight: Make it easy, and order in.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone proves to be challenging, but you can handle it. Seek out information, and rely on a supportive partner. You are determined. Make calls, and seek out others. You change the picture because of the information you unearth. Tonight: Be spontaneous.*****

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are ready for a weekend escape. Unexpected events could add to the naughty fun of the day. A family member needs attention before you go on an adventure or mental safari. A flirtation could develop into a lot more. Are you ready? Tonight: Too hot to describe!****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are wise to get down to the root of a problem. Think before you leap into action because there is a lot of upheaval within your inner circle. Sharing your desires with a partner helps foster a loving relationship. Gentleness works for you in discussions. Tonight: Be a duo.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Buy a token of affection for an associate. Others are willing to express their ideas. News is unpredictable. Be careful when racing around; you could be accident-prone. Easy does it. Make calls, and start the weekend rolling. Tonight: TGIF!***** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19) Others are already off enjoying their weekend. Take the reins at work, and do what must be done. Money seems unstable, and it would be a mistake to gamble in this area. Do something uniquely for yourself. Tonight: Soak away stress.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your productive, creative side emerges, no matter what you do. You might even be amazed when you let your imagination go wild. You could come off as brusque and unpredictable to others. A loved one reacts: be sensitive to this person. Tonight: Kiss and make up.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have a solid viewpoint. Emphasize what you want; you are likely to get your wish in the next few weeks. Good feel-

Thought counts in marriage, but gifts are important too

DEAR ABBY: My daughter. Sybil," has had a boyfriend I'll call "Todd" for about five years, through high school and now col-

lege. They are considering marriage. They have exchanged gifts for birthdays and holidays, but Todd's participation has always been reluctant.

Recently, Sybil treated Todd to dinner at an expensive restaurant and gave him a gift for his 21st birthday. She was happy to do it, and he seemed very appreciative. When her birthday came, she received only a card and a phone call from Todd, even though they live in the same town. She was hurt, and it strained their relationship. Todd's excuse was that gifts are "materialistic." Sybil and I believe that a gift of any size would have been a thoughtful remembrance.

Abby, I am concerned that this could become a habit. I have known women who have been lucky to get even a nod from their significant others on their special days and, as a result, I have seen sorrow every year when their days roll around. Why should they have to grin and bear it, or nag their partners? Will you please share how this matter can be tactfully handled? - A MOM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MOM: If you are on comfortable terms with Todd, try a candid, confidential talk with him. Bear in mind that upbringing has everything to do with how one views gift-giving. Todd's family may have a different value system.

Explain how important a gesture of remembrance is in your family. If Todd is made out of the right stuff, he will adjust and acknowledge Sybil's special days. If not, she will have to decide if Todd is the man for

lenged some of the most inquiring minds. Abby, this connection isn't found in someone else, nor is it found in wealth, beauty, fame or power. It's found within ourselves.

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"Wounded" stated that human beings are the only species that willingly give away their offspring. Wrong! I'm not trained in biology, but I know that the female cowbird places its eggs in the nests of other birds, thereby allowing her offspring to be adopted by the nest owners. A quick reference check found that the Old World common cuckoo also exhibits this behavior.

"Wounded's" bottom line for the "adoption problem" is that "men should do a better job of guarding their sperm." The implication is that men are solely responsible for all unwanted pregnancies. Well, the last time I checked, it still takes two to tango. Women should take responsibility for their actions also.

"Wounded" seems to be deeply wounded, all right, but I'm not sure that adoption is the root of the problem. -FRANKLY FRANK IN MIL-WAUKEE

DEAR FRANK: Dozens of readers wrote to dispute "Wounded's" assertion that adoption is barbaric. Most were mothers who had placed their babies for adoption at great emotional cost, and they insisted it was an act of love.

Several readers also disputed the statement that only humans give away their offspring. They pointed out that some animals do far worse with unwanted offspring — they kill or eat their young! I have read about cows adopting orphaned calves, and recently I saw a news story about a dog who adopted a litter of kittens.

"Wounded," you stand almost alone. I urge you to rethink your mistaken beliefs about adoption — it IS an act of kind-

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Today's Birthdays: Actorcomedian Larry Storch is 75. Actor Ron Moody is 74. Comedian Soupy Sales is 72. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 70. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 65. Singer Shirley Bassey is 61. Countrygospel singer Cristy Lane is 58. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 56. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 52. Rocksinger David Bowie is 51.

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