# Chili cooks go HOG wild at Saturday event

By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

Twenty-two teams of chili makers whipped up more than 100 gallons of chili at the Boss Hog Chili Cookoff Saturday.

Organizers said they were pleased that contest entries more than doubled since last

"We had a great turnout," Barry Barnett of the Harley Owners Group said. "Twentytwo is the most we've ever had."

About 200 people attended the 9th annual culinary contest which featured C.W. & Co., the Wild Texans and beer and softdrinks from Flo's Yellow Rose.

HOG raised about \$1,100 at the cookoff, which will cover costs for six HOG fundraisers scheduled for 1998.

Bettie and Wayne Wilcox took first prize, while Wayne Wilcox won the 50/50 (raffle) prize, worth \$200. Tiffany, Ashley and Joshua Barnett placed second and Goober Lloyd garnered third prize. The Lonesome Dove Chili Team walked away with the Showmanship award.

Most of the chefs entered into the low-key spirit of the event. "I don't practice. I'm just here to cook chili and get drunk." said sixth-place winner, Vance

Dalton and Carol Lewis, who

placed fourth in the final competition, admitted to practicing every Sunday for the past two months, but that was because they enjoyed eating their chili.

"Chili powder, cumin, good lean meat, patience, a little bit of beer ... that's for the cook" said Carl Wyrick and his brother Tommy, both of Big Spring and eight-year veterans of Boss Hog. "You have to wait 'til last 15 minutes to see. Never use any filler, like you see sometimes in Yankee chili."

Landon Sturdivant, a longtime Boss Hog competitor, said his secret weapon is dehydrated jalapeno, run through a food processor.

"Just time," Weaver said when asked what chili needs most. "Cook it long enough -- at least three or four hours." Weaver uses a "special chili powder my mother picks up in New Mexico. But if I told you more, I'd have to kill you."

For the Psychopathic Butchers, great chili required "a special blend of chili powder and meat from the hump of a Brahma bull."

Cliff Skaliskly, George Kennedy, and Kenneth Luckey, all of Big Spring came to Boss Hog this year because a friend's death prevented their entering

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Chris Alexander samples his chili to insure that it is ready to be judged at the Boss Hog Chili Cookoff at the Big Spring Harley **Davidson Shop Saturday afternoon.** 

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fields are, for the most part, bare now, but for a few months toward the end of 1997, area cotton farmers were able to enjoy a repair operations also felt the spectacle of white almost everywhere they turned.

The '97 cotton harvest was, by most estimations, a normal one for farmers in the Crossroads area. But even a normal crop was cause to celebrate, especial-

ly considering the recent past. A drought extending through much of the 1990s put a severe crimp in the cotton harvest for most of this decade. The absolute low point came in 1996, when Howard County farmers were only able to harvest a quarter of their usual 80,000

The farmers' misfortunes soon

spread to other corners. Gins, devoid of cotton to process, laid idle through much of the area. Farm machinery retailers and pinch.

And, most importantly, the community as a whole suffered. It is estimated that agricultural indicators, such as sunspot money circulates through a community seven times; without a good harvest, this area's economy felt the pinch.

When area producers met in St. Lawrence in August 1996 to discuss available drought relief measures, the situation looked grim.

> **August 1996:** No help in sight

George Bomar of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation

Commission told the crowd in St. Lawrence that, not only did the current drought show no signs of slacking, it could end the mid-1950s in length and

Bomar said several long-range activity and El Nino weather patterns in the central Pacific, usually foreshadow rainy weather for this area. The bad news was that those indicators

were not present. "Everyone hates to hear it, but I don't see anything that would make me say, 'Better days are ahead ... The drought is going to break soon,' " Bomar said. "I just don't see that."

Using those long-range indicators, Bomar told producers that

the odds were "two in three" that the drought would continue for the foreseeable future.

This area entered its fourth up rivaling the epic drought of straight year of drought. May, we'll take it. Bomar said people should not have been surprised that the drought was hanging on. In

fact, he said it was way overdue. "Droughts are cyclic," he said, indicating that extended dry weather hits Texas about every 20 years. In this century, there have been droughts in the 1910s, the Dust Bowl drought of the '30s and the severe drought of the '50s. The pattern broke in

the 1970s, but returned with a vengeance in the '90s, Bomar said. There was only one sure-fire cure for drought - rain, and plenty of it. And a few months

after Bomar's dire predictions,

Mother Nature provided farm-

ers with what they needed most.

April 1997: Let it rain

Despite the lingering drought, area farmers received enough off-season rains to build up subsoil water to acceptable levels. But they needed that old Spring standby — April showers — to set the stage for May planting.

They got it.

A series of rains in the second half of April brought year-todate precipitation totals up to six inches, ideal conditions for planting.

Martin County Extension Agent Stephen Zoeller said farmers in his area were in a good mood after the rains.

"It was a pretty good rain for us." he said. "It came pretty quickly, but the fields picked up a lot of it. Some parts of the county didn't receive anything ... but we'll take whatever we can get. It's the best-looking

start (to planting season) we've had in the last three years.

"Now," he added, "if we can get one more storm by the first of

They got that, too. In fact, they continued to receive timely rain throughout late Spring and early Summer. All that was left was for the cotton to cooperate.

June 1997: Return of the Dust Bowl Optimism was the byword

during the early stages of the

planting season. "Even the older guys ... you know, the ones who are always pessimistic ... even they're optimistic this year," said Knott farmer Van Gaskins. "I've been back here since 1992 and it's the first time I've seen some of these guys with smiles on their faces. It's really something to

The news was the same in all parts of this area: Good rains, coupled with warm temperatures, were getting the cotton crop off to a good start. Predictions of a bumper crop were starting to surface.

Unfortunately, there would be a few monkey wrenches thrown into the works.

ripped through the northern and there's some who haven't part of Howard County, severely damaging cotton in those areas. The storm, reminiscent of the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, forced many farmers to replant their fields.

Howard County's new agriculture agent, David Kight, estimated that about 10,000 acres in the county suffered a total loss of their cotton crop. Most of the damaged acreage, he added, was north of Big Spring, around the Knott-Ackerly area.

Another, more traditional headache surfaced during the

summer. Boll weevils, which had been beaten back a bit by the drought, returned with a vengeance last summer. Farmers and agriculture officials reported near-record numbers of the pests

Despite those problems, however, the news remained good in many areas throughout the summer.

"It's a beautiful crop," said Horace Tubb of his waist-high cotton around Elbow. "It's the best crop we've had since I don't even remember."

> **October 1997:** Man vour pickers

The traditional start to the cotton harvesting season is around Halloween, but tradition took a beating last year.

Despite the above-mentioned problems, many area farmers were ready to begin harvesting their crops well in advance of the traditional date. By mid-October, the harvest

was well under way.

Kight said about 30 percent of the county cotton crop had been harvested by the middle of the month, but the process has only begun to kick into high gear.

"Some producers are 75 per In early June, a sandstorm cent done with their harvest, even started yet," Kight said. "Most of the cotton gins now are running 24 hours a day, around the clock.

The sight of gins operating full bore was pleasant enough, but Kight said the good news didn't stop there.

He estimates that between 85,000-90,000 cotton bales would be harvested in 1997, meaning an increase of more than than 300 percent from 1996, when less than 20,000 bales were narvest-

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The Dora Roberts Howard County Library celebrated its

it the establishment that it is,

More than 50 people attended the open house, held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. "We're having a nice turnout,"

said librarian Loraine Redman. "I think they're going to enjoy looking at the history of the library, and of the community." In addition to the photographs on display, a new case holds

objects used by prominent businesses in the area to advertise their wares, or hold their equip-Visitors can view Dr. Nell

Sanders' original medical equipment box, ashtrays from the

Motor Co. and other companies. and Central School's school photograph from April 1912.

Also on exhibit is the Deanne Foresyth collection of handpainted eggs. She and her grandmother, Odessa Morris, created more than 50 images on hens eggs with technical pen

has had an unusually nomadic history. A display constructed by Redman and Friends of the Library volunteers Ruth Ann McKay and Jo Ann Staulcup

and unveiled at the open house, charts the path by which the library ended up in its present location.

Before 1907, women of the Howard Co. Women's Club housed the library in their homes. In 1907 the collection moved to the YMCA building. From 1921 to 1929 it was placed in the City Hall, the second floor of the fire station, and even the restroom and ladies lounge at the courthouse.

In 1929 it found a permanent

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### NEATHER





Lows in the 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s.

Tuesday, partly cloudy and colder. Highs in the 40s. Wednesday,





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# Library marks first anniversary with open house

By KATHY GILBERT Staff Writer

first year in its new home Saturday with refreshments and the opening of a new historical display.

"We wanted to acknowledge the pride we take in the library, and thank the library staff and the community too, for making said Gloria Hopkins of Friends of the Library of Howard

Settles Hotel, Truman Jones

and watercolor. The Howard County library

#### **O**BITUARIES

**Mary Craig** 

Mary Merrick Craig of Monahans, formerly of Forsan and Big Spring, was born in

Floydada, Texas August 8, 1905 and left this earth to live with the Lord on January 9, 1998.

Her parents, Charles and Sarah Merrick, moved to **Howard County** 

when she was five months old. She attended school at Moore and Big Spring and later attended The National Business College in Abilene, Texas. She worked for Morrison and Morrison Law office after completing business college.

CRAIG

She married Glen U. Roberts in December of 1924. He preceded her in death. They had two children, Norma Roberts in 1930 and Rodney Roberts in 1933.

She later worked for a dentist, Dr. Richardson, as a receptionist and for Big Spring Motor Co. until her marriage to Jim Craig on June 5, 1943. They lived in Forsan, Texas, and lived on the American Amaricaubo lease for seven years. They then brought a grocery store in Forsan where they operated The Craig Food Store from September 1950 until 1966.

They continued living in Forsan until 1980, when Jim Craig passed away. Mrs. Craig then moved to Big Spring and lived here until 1992, when she moved to Monahans, Texas to live with her daughter and sonin-law, Norma and Bob Baker.

She was a member of the 3rd and Dwight St. Church of Christ in Monahans.

She is survived by a daughter, Norma Baker, and husband Bob of Monahans; a son, Rodney Roberts and wife Gloria of Shreveport, Louisiana; five grandchilren: Debbie Bennett husband David of Goldthwaite; Robert Baker and wife Gina of Monahans; Amy Rambo and husband Cary of Menard; Randy Roberts and wife Annette of Big Spring; and Roni Roberts of Shreveport, Louisiana; and ten great-grandchildren: Robby and Lori Daniel of Odessa; Jenny Bennett of Goldthwaite; Lecia and Aaron Baker of Monahans; Zachary and Riley Rambo of Menard; and Jeremy Collier, Paige King and Spencer Roberts, all of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her mother and father. three sisters and two brothers. Graveside services will be at

2:00 PM Monday, January 12, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Doug Morris, a Church of Christ minister from Monahans, officiating.

The family suggests memorials to: Texas State Library for

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Funeral services for Nathaniel "Nat" Warren, 85, of Big Spring, will be 12:00 noon Tuesday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

#### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home** Trinity Memorial Park



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Mary Merrick Craig, 92, died Friday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Monday, at Trinity Memorial

Ora Buckner, 90, died Friday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM, Monday, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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the Blind in Austin, Texas. The family will be at 2508 Allendale.

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

#### Ora Buckner

Ora Buckner, 90, formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 9, 1998 in a nursing home in Dalhart. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998 at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Dalhart. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 1998, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Underwood, minister of missions at First Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating. The body will lie in state Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1907 in Maryneal, and was raised in Sweetwater. She married Tom Buckner on March 3, 1935 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1975. They lived in Big Spring for many

After Mr. Buckner's death, she moved to Dalhart in 1978. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Dalhart and a member of the Coon Memorial Hospital and Home Auxiliary.

Survivors include two brothers: J.B. Barker, Colorado City; and L.B. Barker, Teague; a sister, Bessie Andrews, Big Spring; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Tommy Buckner; and two sisters, Edna and Lori Mae Jenness Winthrow.

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

#### **Nathaniel Warren**

Nathaniel Warren, 85, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998 at Comanche Trail Nursing

Home. Funeral services will be at noon Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998 at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. E.C. Wilson offici-Burial ating. will follow at Olive

Memorial Park.

WARREN

He was born Oct. 8, 1912 in Navasota, and married Eddie Lee Price July 1947 in Big Spring. He moved to Howard County in 1946, and had farmed and worked for Texas & Pacific Railroad for 20 years.

He was a member of Mount

Bethel Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Eddie Lee Warren, of Big Spring: four sons: Roy Lee Warren, Tucson, Ariz.; Melvin Price, Galveston; Andrew Price, Big Spring; and Cornelius Price, Antioch, Calif.; six daughters: Urlean Wolford, Fort Shirley Pollard, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ola

Stine Bailey, Fort Worth; Fay Ree Edwards, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ruby Stine Surrapek, Dallas; and Barbara Bryant, Denver, Colo.; two sisters: Gladys Lewis, Merced, Calif.; and Beaulah Slade, Lawton, Okla.; a brother, Henry McCullogh, Seattle,

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•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is wel-

Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting MONDAY

Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. ical dependency support group.

Here are results from the 61st

annual Glasscock County Junior

Livestock Show, held Thursday-

Grand champion — Michelle

Fuchs; reserve grand champion —

Heather Wills; champion fancy -

Heather Wills; reserve champion

fancy — Jennifer Fuchs; champion

commercial — Michelle Fuchs;

reserve champion commercial —

Californian — 1. Michelle Fuchs;

Light Weight New Zealand — 1.

Heavy Weight New Zealand — 1.

Michelle Fuchs; 2. Michelle Fuchs;

Satins — 1. Brian Pelzel; 2.

Fancy (mini rex, under six

months) — 1. Jennifer Fuchs; 2.

Fancy (mini rex, over six months)

- 1. Jennifer Fuchs; 2. Jennifer

Fancy (OPB, under six months) —

1. Grant Wills; 2. Wade Machicek;

Fancy (OPB, over six months) —

Grand champion — Colby Hirt;

reserve grand champion — Deidra

Hirt; champion fine wool — Colby

Hirt; reserve champion fine wool —

Deidra Hirt; champion fine wool

cross - Colby Hirt; reserve cham-

pion fine wool cross — Deidra Hirt;

champion medium wool — Deidra

Hirt; reserve champion medium

Light weight fine wool — 1. Erin

Hirt; 2. Ashley Hirt; 3. Deidra Hirt.

Heavy weight fine wool -1.

Colby Hirt; 2. Deidra Hirt; 3. Keith

Light weight fine wool cross — 1.

Asley Hirt; 2. Ryan Batla; 3. Colby

Heavy weight fine wool cross —

Medium wool class — 1. Deidra

Southdown class — 1. Paula

Hirt; 2. Colby Hirt; 3. Deidra Hirt.

1. Coly Hirt; 2. Deidra Hirt; 3.

1. Heather Wills; 2. Heather Wills;

Jennifer Fuchs; 3. Darren Hillger.

Fuchs; 3. Bonnie Pelzel.

3. Tiffany Wheat.

3. Grant Wills.

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Ashley Hirt.

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Anthony Wheat; 3. Jody Pelzel.

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Angela Schraeder;

Saturday:

RABBITS

Misti Batla.

Schraeder.

Boyd Batla.

3. Jennifer Fuchs.

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support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241. •TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m.

weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor. •Big Spring Commandery No.

31 meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner. •Big Spring Assembly No. 21,

Social Order of the Beauceant meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner. •Howard County NAACP, 7

p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Stephanie Horton, 264-0306. Alzheimer's support group. 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301

TUESDAY Most Excellent Way, a chem-

Grand champion hog — Paula

Braden; reserve grand champion

hog — Paula Braden; champion

chester — Marissa Schwartz;

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Keith Batla; reserve champion

duroc - Ryan Batla; champion

hampshire — Paula Braden;

reserve champion hampshire —

Craig Hoelscher; champion other

purebreds — Lori Hoelscher;

reserve champion other purebreds

Marissa Schwartz; champion

crossbred — Paula Braden; reserve

champion crossbred — Ashley Hirt;

champion Yorkshire — Paula

Chester class — 1. Marissa

Light Weight Duroc — 1. Keith

Heavy Weight Duroc — 1. Colby

Light Weight Hampshire — 1.

Medium Wieght Hampshire — 1.

Craig Hoelscher; 2. Ashley Hirt; 3.

Heavy Weight Hampshire — 1.

OPB — 1. Lori Hoelscher; 2.

Light Weight Crossbred — 1.

Medium Weight Crossbred — 1.

Heavy Weight Crossbred — 1.

Light Weight Yorkshire — 1. Trey

Heavy Weight Yorkshire — 1.

Grand champion steer — Drew

Garrett Kellermeier; champion

Plagens; reserve champion steer

American division — Cheyenne

Underwood: reserve American divi-

sion — Rebecca Cmerek; champi-

Hillger; 2. Colby Hirt; 3. Deidra Hirt.

Paula Braden; 2. Lori Hoelscher; 3.

Paula Braden; 2. Craig Hoelscher;

Chris Bryan; 2. Lauren Plagens; 3.

Ashley Hirt; 2. Darren Hillger; 3.

Marissa Schwartz; 3. Craig

Drew Plagens; 2. Adam Frysak; 3.

Paula Braden; 2. Matthew Frysak;

Batla; 2. Ryan Batla; 3. Trey Hillger.

Hirt; 2. Erin Hirt; 3. Paula Braden.

Schwartz; 2. Marissa Schwartz; 3,

champion

Braden; reserve

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

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 Mental Health Center's Family Education and Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

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Cheyenne Underwood; 2. Rebecca

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Exotic division Light Weight — 1

Garrett Kellermeier; 2. Matthew

Exotic division Heavy Weight -

1. Drew Plagens; 2. Garrett

Champion meat goat — Colby

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Class 1 Wethers — 1. Lora

Class 2 Wethers — 1. Cade

Class 3 Wethers — 1. Colby Hirt;

Class 4 Wethers — 1. Colby Hirt:

Class 5 Wethers — 1. Angela

Class 6 Wethers — 1. Angela

Rabbits — Junior, Heather Wills;

Swine — Junior, Lori Hoelscher;

Lambs — Junior, Colby Hirt;

Cattle - Junior, Cheyenne

Goats — Junior, Cade Halfmann;

Travis Pate Jr. Memorial Top

Cap Rock Electric Top Hand

Cap Rock Electric Scholarship

Schraeder; 2. Cade Halfmann; 3.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Senior, Jennifer Fuchs.

Senior, Craig Hoelscher.

Underwood; Senior, n/a.

Senior, Jared Eggemeyer.

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Senior, Ryan Batla.

Schraeder; 2. Taylor Willis; 3. Cade

2. Erin Hirt; 3. Angela Schraeder.

2. Logan Willis; 3. Taylor Willis.

Halfmann; 2. Taylor Willis; 3. Lora

Braden: 2. Colton Schwartz; 3.

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Kellermeier; 3. Rebecca Cmerek.

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**MEAT GOAT** 

Colby Hirt.

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# POLICE

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Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

· ABEL BERRERA, 32, was arrested for public intoxication. LYDIA CARBAJAL, 36, was arrested for driving while

license invalid. • GEORGE GANDER, 34, was arrested for driving with no

• CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 52, was arrested for public intoxication. ANDREA DELACRUZ, 29,

was arrested for possession of marijuana. • JOSEPH TOMAN, 49, was

arrested for disorderly conductlanguage.

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• BURGLARY OF VEHICLE in the 3700 block of Caroline.

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• FORGERY in the 1100 block of Gregg; the 300 block of Gregg and the 400 block of E. 4th.

### SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

• KIMBERLY PAYNE, 24, was arrested Jan. 8 for revocation of probation on the charge of forgery of a financial institu-

JOSE HERNANDEZ GOMEZ, 36, was arrested Jan. 7 for delivery of marijuana, criminal mischief, driving while license suspended or invalid. possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia. · RANDY RAY MIER, 20,

was arrested in Dec. for assaultfamily violence in Howard Co. and possession of marijuana in Menard Co. JOHNNY CLIFFORD

WILLIAMS, SR., 38, was arrested Jan. 6 for parole viola-

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benefit of more than \$25 million to the cotton "over what we've made."

Kight quickly added, however, that the money wouldn't stop there. Citing studies that show that every agriculture dollar turns over seven times in the community, he estimated that the 1997 harvest could have an overall economic impact of \$182 million to Howard County.

That would be in stark contrast to droughtplagued 1996, which saw producers suffer more than \$21 million in direct losses from the previous year. Using Kight's formula, that translated into an \$147 million economic hit the county took

The good news in the fields quickly translated to area gins, which suffered mightily in 1996. The drought forced many of the gins to remain idle, but that changed the next year.

"The crop is very early," said Kent McMillan, manager of the Co-op Gin of Big Spring, during the first week of October. "We usually don't get started until the end of October ... You couldn't ask for a better start."

Because of the drought, only four people were employed at McMillan's gin in 1996. In '97, the gin employed at least 30 people.

"We're just getting started, but it won't be long until that changes," he said at the time.

The news also was good near Garden City, where the Glasscock County Co-op Gin was been going "day and night," manager B.J. Havlak said.

The Glasscock co-op usually runs two gins during harvest season, but only had one operating in 1996 because of the drought. Havlak said that his gin baled almost double the amount of cotton it

"The quantity (of the cotton) is twice as good as last year," Havlak said. "Quality wise, it's excellent. It's a little short of staple, but otherwise, it's

Near Stanton, Farmer's Co-op Gin Manager Donald Long said operations were gearing up earlier than normal.

"We've ginned this early before, but not often," Long said. "(In 1996), we ginned about a third of what we normally do ... The farmers really needed this bad - everybody needed it."

#### November 1997: A very good year

As the cotton harvest began winding down in November, it became clear that a vast majority of area farmers had rebounded successfully from the previous year.

Final estimates for the cotton harvest placed total yield at just more than 250,000 bales for the three-county area. That translated into more than \$100 million in direct economic impact from the harvest for farmers, and an overall economic effect of about \$700 million for the area, extension It was a good, if not great, crop - but good was

enough for many area producers.
"Everybody I've talked to has been real pleased," said Rob Haney, president of the Howard County The economic impact of a good cotton harvest Cotton Growers Association. "It's not an excel-is impressive, Kight said. It would mean a direct lent, excellent crop, but it sure made a difference

-STEVE REAGAN

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last year. "We're goin' to go for Spike this time," Luckey said.

First-place winner Bettie Wilcox of Lake Thomas described the ingredients in her awardwinning Linerider's Chuckwagon.

"You start with meat and start adding until you get what you like," she said. "Cajun spices, red and white pepper, white pepper gives you an

A former chili contest judge, Wilcox said she looks for chili that's "not grainy or lumpy, with no big chunks of anything. It should not be too hot with a good bite. You're supposed to have a first bite and a second bite. The white pepper gives it the aftertaste."

Chili is a challenge to judge because it's so spicy. "After the first two or three they all start tastin' alike," she said.

Beef, onion and garlic powder -- not fresh onion and garlic -- is important. "The onion makes sulfur, it's bitter, you can only put it in in the last 15 minutes, but the onion flavor needs to be in at the beginning."

More than 22 preliminary-round judges tasted one spoonful of each of 22 entries. "I feel like I've eaten a meal," said Dana Pierson, a physical therapist at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Entries were ranked in three categories: taste and aroma, texture, and color. Judges cleared their palettes with chips, cheese, crackers, and grapes. Finals judges were asked to rank the top 10 from the preliminary round of judging.

Not all the entrants lived up to expectations. About half the preliminary judges left the scoring room groaning. "There's going to be some losers, I can tell you," remarked one passerby. "There's a waiting list for the bathroom," remarked another.

"There's a lot of good chili, but there's some -it's not chili," Donna Love, owner of the Bookworm said. Her mouth was scorched and her stomach "bubblin', it's rollin', you can just feel it. It's in there."

Boss Hog defied popular stereotypes about biker groups. The atmosphere was lighthearted and relaxed. Leather was everywhere, but the conversation was more likely to be about kids and mortgages than about criminal behavior.

"There's a common misperception if there's one of you and you're on a bike, you're a biker, if there's two you're a gang, and if there's three you lock up your women and children." Barnett said. "Actually, a large majority of bikers you see on the weekends are headed to events like this."

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home at the City Federation Clubhouse on Scurry St. In 1941, however, it was moved to the basement of the J.& W. Fisher Store where it stayed until the Fisher store closed in

Community effort once again rallied to preserve the collection, and the Howard County Free Library opened its doors in 1944, again at the City Federation Clubhouse.

From 1951-1970 the collection resided at the home of Dora Roberts, deeded to the County for that purpose.

At right, Adrianna Robertson takes advantage of the open house to do a little reading.

**HERALD photo/Jonathan Garret** 



#### still being accepted **HERALD Staff Report** Even though the Hangar 25 Committee met its overall fundraising goal last October. the group is still accepting donations to purchase memorial plaques to be located at the museum at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark. Plaques are \$50 each. Hangar 25 will serve as a museum recognizing the contribution of military aviation to the Big Spring community. In addition to various types of memorabilia, static displays of aircraft that were stationed at Webb Air Force Base and its

The project will cost more than \$500,000 when completed. Eighty percent of the project was funded by a grant from the Texas Department Transportation, while the remaining \$117,000 was raised locally through donations and fundraising activities.

predecessors.

Persons wishing to purchase a plaque, or to make a donation to the Hangar 25 project, may do so by sending their check to Hangar 25 Committee, P.O. Box 2925, Big Spring, 79721.

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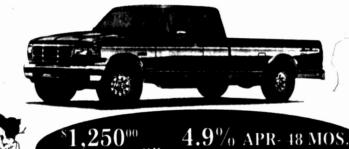


**HERALD** photo/Jonathan Garrett Front to back, Don Boling, James Ditmore and Pat Carnahan sand an F-4 Phantom on Saturday during the first work day on the aircraft, which will be mounted at the Vietman Memorial by

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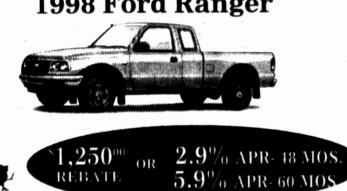
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OUR VIEW

# Junior Livestock shows: A rural right of passage

This week, hundreds of young men and women will participate in a rite of passage in rural America. These young men and women will take to arenas and show barns to take part in junior livestock shows.

Action in the four-county area begins Wednesday at the Howard County Fairgrounds with the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show. Then, on Thursday, Howard County's youngsters will be joined by youngsters in Glasscock, Martin and Borden coun-

Show time is, for many, the culmination of a year's worth of hard work and dedication. For some, the local show will be the end of the line, so to speak. For others, there will be shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston or San Angelo to follow.

For all, the shows allow the opportunity for young sters to gain recognition for their efforts to raise outstanding stock.

The shows allow the rest of us to view the results of these efforts as well as affording us the opportunity to once again realize the role agriculture plays in our respective lives.

Whether you have, or whether you know a youngster participating in one of the shows in Big Spring, Garden City, Stanton or Gail, we encourage you to take the time to go and see the results of the hard work put forth by these young men and women.

To prepare for a show means not only to get your animal ready, but to get yourself ready as well. There is nothing more rewarding than to exit the show ring after having been awarded the top ribbon.

By the same token, there can be nothing as devastating as having your animal ready ... or having yourself ready ... only to have your animal bolt or struggle against you to the point it is detrimental in the judg-

These young men and women - as well as their respective families — have made a serious commitment. For many, this will be the first of many successful shows. For others, the show will come and go and they will plan for next year.

But for all, the requirements are steep and the commitment is one that cannot be compromised.

We salute these young men and women and encourage you to attend the show in your county to recognize and appreciate their hard work and the fruits of their respective labors.

### OTHER VIEWS

Is it really very surprising to anyone that "Ultimate Goosebumps," a TV show that tries to scare kids, is a lot more popular than

'Beakman's World," a TV show that tries to instruct them? People flock to TV, after all, for entertainment, not for education.

But it's the nature of some government officials to try to make things right in the world through mere mandate, and so we got a federal regulation in 1996 saying that broad cast stations had to air three hours of educational TV for children each week. The surmise, one supposes, was that someone would watch the shows. No one much is.

As a consequence of the low ratings, it's reported, the networks are scrapping a number of their educational shows and looking for replacements, something that will draw sufficient audiences to attract

advertisers. The effrontery of President Clinton and members of the Federal Communications

Commission in all of this is almost unspeakable. First off, they trampled over First Amendment principles guaranteeing free speech and then they decided that their judgment could and should serve as a substitute for parents taking responsibility for what

Many parents already know what the White House has given little indication of perceiving. If you are concerned about your children's education outside of school, you worry less about putting improved shows on TV than about limiting the time your children spend watching any of it.

their children watch.

Jay Ambrose **Scripps Howard** 

# Election may swing on social policies

WASHINGTON - The congressional elections this fall may be a referendum on the social welfare policies of the Clinton administration as against the tighter-fisted views of Republican leaders.

President Clinton is moving to solidify the image of Democrats as the "caring" people who

want healthcare insurance for aging **Americans** who don't have it, can't buy it privately and are not yet old enough to qualify for Medicare



or poor enough to qualify for the Medicaid program.

At the same time he seems to be suckering the GOP into a knee-jerk posture of opposing

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position.

AMARILLO - Texas Gov.

George W. Bush enters this

election year in a precarious

Why? Because he is emerging

as the leading Republican can-

First, the governor must get

re-election. No sweat, you say?

Maybe, if it weren't for the fact

has won re-election to a second

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over the immediate hurdle

that no Texas governor ever

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Granted, the history isn't a

long one. Texas only changed

its gubernatorial terms from

two years to four years in 1972;

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Bush will get a stout chal-

Democratic challenger - and

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But in fact, Bush begins this

The state's economy is rock-

ing along, albeit under factors

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take a page from Bill Clinton's

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him on grounds that Clinton's healthcare schemes will be too costly to support.

Clinton is gambling that many millions of voters know personally, or indirectly, the worry and fear of people who have lost jobs in corporate downsizing, or who are denied insurance because they have one of several ailments -- such as diabetes, high blood pressure or even ulcers. The president wants to let thousands of the 3 million uninsured Americans ages 55 to 64 pay \$3,600 to \$5,000 per year to buy into Medicare.

"We won't show you the money," say Republicans, who know that the people who need most to buy into Medicare are also those who can't afford \$5,000 a year. Even Democrats remember the rosy talk about the affordability of Medicare and Medicaid in the Lyndon Johnson era -- and how quickly the costs of those programs soared into the stratosphere.

Bush faces national attention

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watch. The boom has done two

and given thousands of Texans

things: It has put the real bad

boom that continues on his

guys (and gals) behind bars

well-paying, stable employ-

Bush is riding a huge

example, several longtime

Republican tidal wave at the

moment. In recent months, for

Panhandle politicians — sher-

iffs, county judges and the like

announced that they were

changing their affiliation from

Democrat to Republican. The

announcements caused me to

wonder, though: I didn't know

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On top of that, leading

Democrats are fleeing the

Legislature in droves. Two

weeks ago, House Calendars

Committee Chairman Mark

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nationwide trend, but Bush can Rick Perry.

GOP leaders say Uncle Sam will quickly be asked to bear the buy-in costs of the almostold-enough who want Medicare, meaning that a Medicare program that is already going broke will become an entitlement for millions more Americans.

Clinton cannot argue, in the face of history, that such GOP fears are ill-founded. So he is gambling that most voters will care more about ameliorating the woes of the uninsured sick than about the cost of protecting them.

This may be true, especially because this Medicare proposal is understandable, whereas the administration's sweeping, complex healthcare proposal of 1993 that was harshly rejected was understood by almost no

Healthcare isn't the only area where Mr. Clinton is making the elections a forum for highlighting the differences in social views of the two parties.

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General Land Office opens the

Secretary of State Tony Garza,

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Bush must avoid falling into

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It's not enough, as Richards

found out, to rely on charm,

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had plenty of it, but still got

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Happy New Year, Gov. Bush.

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He has called for greater federal spending on education, including an expansion of the Head Start program for preschoolers; more training for workers who suffer because of employer demands for more sophisticated employees; and for more spending and more tax breaks to make more and better childcare available.

It could be politically fatal to Republicans if they merely reject Clinton's proposals and offer no plausible alternatives.

Some Republicans have said to me that they expected the major American dialogue in 1998 to be about Paula Jones' lawsuit and Clinton's other legal problems. They now see, that even a beleaguered president can control the agenda -especially if he knows what bothers the people, as Clinton surely does.

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HOUSTON (AP) - President you have to walk through," he Clinton has taken his new year's education theme from the poverty-plagued Rio Grande Valley to the nation's fourth largest city, where he was cheered by students and teach-

ers alike. Flanked by newly elected Houston Mayor Lee Brown, the president's former drug czar. Clinton spoke Friday about the importance of a college education, urging students to set high goals and work strenuously to reach them.

Clinton reminded students at the George Brown Convention Center that education was more

valuable than money.

said. "The reason you need a good education is not so when you get out of college you know what you're supposed to know. You have to be able to learn for a lifetime, and then apply what you know.'

He referred to Houston's referendum last year as an example of a community ignoring racial lines to defeat an antiaffirmative action measure.

Clinton reminded the audience how he supported Brown and others in defeating an antiaffirmative action measure in Houston. Clinton lent his voice to radio ads urging Houstonians not to support the measure, "We can open the door, but which would have eliminated

tracts.

"I was profoundly honored when your former mayor, your present mayor, your congresswoman and so many others banded together to defeat Proposition A and I was glad that I could come out and do my part." Clinton said.

"As your president, I have spent an enormous amount of time, the time you gave me to be president, trying to do what I could to save lives and stop people from killing each other over their racial, their ethnic and their religious differences."

After the speech, Clinton mingled with the crowd of more than 2,000 students and teachers

raiser for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, who is unopposed.

Following the reception, which was expected to raise \$200,000, Clinton went to Ellington Field for departure to. Andrews Air Force Base aboard Air Force One.

In his earlier swing through one of the most impoverished regions in the nation, Clinton proposed a \$70 million boost to work-study programs to open the doors to college "to every American who wants to go."

"The government's job is to give people the tools to make the most of their own lives. That is what we must do with

affirmative action in city con- before going to a private fund- education," Clinton told about 20,000 South Texans during a speech at the Mission High School stadium.

"Whether you're the son or daughter of a migrant worker or doctor, the same concept applies high standards for higher

education." Sharing a stage with dozens of high school students and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley, Clinton said his budget request to Congress next month would include enough money to fund 1 million work-study students in the 1999-2000 school

Work-study provides undergraduate and graduate students with part-time employment to help pay for tuition and books. Students at more than 3,000 higher education institutions receive federal work-study funds.

"It's not just about increasing financial aid, it's about increasing the circle of community service and the winners circle of opportunity for the future." Clinton said, standing in front of a red, white and blue banner that read "College Opportunity for Everyone."

The students and teachers who packed the stadium to hear the president praised his proposal, saying it would be especially beneficial in an area where high-paying jobs are

# Cost of becoming a citizen will jump to \$225

one of the most priceless gifts this country can bestow, is about to get more expensive.

The Clinton administration on Friday floated a plan to raise immigration fees, including more than doubling the \$95 citizenship filing charge. The move came just months after the administration withdrew an earlier proposal to hike the fees in the face of an outcry on and off Capitol Hill.

The

proposing to increase 30 fees. Citizenship, often described as noting it is required to fully pass on to customers the costs for providing services.

But heedful of earlier criticism, the agency promised the increases wouldn't take effect until officials can demonstrate that service is improved.

Among the proposed fee increases: The cost of applying to become a U.S. citizen would climb to \$225 from \$95, a 137 percent increase

Replacing a green card would Immigration and rise from \$75 to \$110, while the Naturalization Service is fee to become a legal permanent

resident would go from \$130 to

The full list of higher fees will appear in Monday's Federal Register, and the INS is soliciting written public comment for 60 days.

The government's inability to deal with the huge crush of citizenship applications + the backlog stands at 1.7 million cases — has caused the wait for naturalization to balloon from a six-month average several years ago to more than two years in many instances.

"INS is in a Catch-22 situa-

tion," agency head Doris Meissner said Friday. "We want to improve our services, and we know our customers deserve better service, but in order to get there, we have to charge what it costs."

Immigrant-rights activists bristled when the proposal first surfaced last September, questioning the agency's timing in pushing for higher fees while posting a badly tarnished service track record.

A leading congressional critic remains unconvinced the agency should proceed now.



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## Pilotless balloon comes to graceless halt in Texas

LINDSAY (AP) — Two men was just up in the air produced who had hoped to become the first to sail nonstop around the like a stationary object conworld in a balloon didn't even make it out of New Mexico, where the trip began.

And their balloon only made it to Texas.

Something tore the balloon open Friday evening, puncturing the dreams of Dave Melton and Dick Rutan and the two pilots were forced to parachute out of the craft just one hour after lift-off. The balloon drifted over 300 miles northwest into Texas and finally crashed into power lines near Lindsay, Texas, about 60 miles north of

Both Rutan and Melton, were injured earlier Friday when they parachuted into a cactusstudded pasture in New Mexico.

Drifting east at 35,000 feet during the afternoon, the balloon prompted an air alert from the Federal Aviation Administration which warned planes to stay away. Military

keep watch on the craft. Authorities in Gainesville also tracked the balloon as it passed overhead toward the Red River and Oklahoma.

officials ordered chase planes to

Winds pushed the tattered balloon near the ground, where its collision with electrical lines apparently triggered a small fire that ignited the wreckage.

several warnings. It's almost pared to other aircrafts," said Roland Herwig, spokesman for the FAA's Southwest Region. "So there was a heightened alert on everyone's part.

"Where it touches down was unpredictable," he said, adding that the some of the balloon's 11 propane tanks fell off when it first touched down west of Gainesville. The balloon floated back up when it lost the weight.

Gas from the balloon's remaining propane tanks escaped harmlessly when it crashed northwest of Lindsay, Texas Department of Public Safety Officer Chris Watson

"None of the tanks exploded. They all released their gas when the balloon hit the ground several times," he said. "Right now, we believe the fire was the result of the balloon hitting several power lines.'

The balloon was believed to have struck the ground four or five times before striking the power lines, burning through tethers connected to its basket. The rest became entangled in trees and Muenster Police were able to restrain it about 10 miles west of Gainesville.

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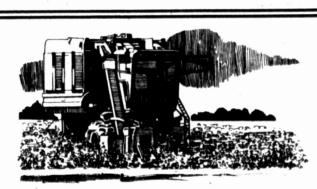
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# President demands Congress act to ban cloning of human

(AP) President Clinton blasted a Chicago physicist's intention to clone humans as "untested and unsafe and morally unacceptable" and insisted Saturday that Congress move with haste to

stop him. The news this week that independent scientist Richard Seed would soon begin work on human cloning is "profoundly troubling," said Clinton, who asked Congress six months ago

to outlaw human cloning.

legislation is exactly what is cerns given our cherished conneeded," the president said in his weekly radio address to the nation.

After Scottish scientists cloned the adult sheep Dolly last winter, Clinton sent Congress a bill to ban for at least five years the use of similar procedures to replicate human beings. During that period, the National **Bioethics Advisory Commission** would assess the technology's

"Personally, I believe that "It's now clearer than ever the human cloning raises deep con-

cepts of faith and humanity," the president said Saturday. 'Scientific advancement does not occur in a moral vacuum. ... We must move with caution,

\_care and deep concern about the

impact of our actions." Clinton's proposed ban, which was recommended by the bioethics commission and sent to Congress June 9, was not

acted upon. The president already has moved as far as he can without congressional action to arrest

human-clone technology. In March, he issued an executive order banning use of federal money for any such project.

Without naming Seed, Clinton noted in his broadcast that most scientists and physicians "have risen up to condemn" plans for human cloning.

"But we know it's possible for some to ignore the consensus of their colleagues and proceed without regard for our common values," Clinton said.

"I call on Congress to act now to make it illegal," he added.

For his part, Seed has appeared undeterred by the barrage of criticism that met his announcement last Wednesday. Repeated telephone calls to his Chicago home went unanswered Saturday, but the physicist planned to defend his pursuits in appearances on the

weekend news talk shows. The president's proposed legislation would do nothing to restrict cloning of molecules,

DNA, cells, tissues or animals. Cloning technology applied to tissues, plants and animals already has led to development of new therapies for cancer, diabetes and cystic fibrosis. Further, scientists recognize cloning's promise for producing replacement skin, cartilage or bone tissue for accident vic-

Beyond those uses, Clinton said, there is virtually unanimous consensus among doctors and scientists that "attempting to use these cloning techniques to actually clone a human being is untested and unsafe and

morally unacceptable."

## Christian Coalition targets moderate Republicans

Upping the ante in a battle dividing Republicans, the Christian Coalition is urging Republican National Committee to support a measure that would cut off campaign funds to Republicans who stand in the way of banning some late-term abortion proce-

Christian Coalition co-leader Randy Tate sent a letter to committee chairman Jim Nicholson Friday night, just days before Republican National Committee meets in Palm that would crack down on Republicans who oppose bans on the rare late-term abortion procedure.

Nicholson is urging committee members to reject the resolution, saying it would alienate moderate Republicans and mainstream American voters.

'We understand the need for inclusion, but there are some issues of transcendent moral significance, such as partialbirth abortions, which should be strongly condemned by both word and deed. The resolution

Springs to consider a resolution before the RNC is just such a deed," Tate said in his letter.

Coalition spokesman Arne Owens said the resolution is the right thing to do morally and politically. He said the coalition believes it would only alienate liberal voters "and everybody

else would say 'so what?" "We just believe that the supporters of the right-to-life need to be assured that their hardearned dollars they contribute to political campaigns are not being used to support positions on abortion they abhor," Owens

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# Mother of obese daughter convicted

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) Marlene Corrigan's 680-pound daughter died on a filthy bed sheet, surrounded by empty food cartons, feces in the folds of her body & She was 13.

In a decision her attorneys called a victory, Ms. Corrigan was found guilty Friday of misdemeanor child abuse at a nonjury trial. She escaped more serious charges that could have sent her to prison for six years.

"I can live with it," Ms. Corrigan said quietly after hearing the verdict.

Superior Court Judge Richard Arnason found there was "absolutely nothing in the record," to show that Ms. Corrigan knew her conduct was likely to kill or seriously harm her daughter.

Ms. Corrigan, 48, faces a maximum of six months in jail at sentencing Feb. 27. Defense attorney Michael Cardoza said

### Judge orders competency examination

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) Warning Theodore Kaczynski he would be sent to a mental hospital if didn't behave, a judge gave a prison psychiatrist a week to determine whether the Unabom suspect is competent to stand trial.

Dr. Sally Johnson, chief of psychiatric services at Butner Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, N.C., was brought into the case Friday by U.S. District Judge Garland

Burrell Jr. She will examine Kaczynski at the Sacramento County jail.

"If he's not going to cooperate, he will be on a plane and I will fly him to a psychiatric immediately,' institution Burrell said.

Defense attorney Judy Clarke assured him Kaczynski would cooperate. The defendant nodded vigorously in agreement.

The step ended a wild week in which opening statements were to finally begin. But Kaczynski stunned the courtroom Monday by trying to fire his lawyers, delaying the statements three days. But he announced Thursday that he wished to represent himself, amid reports that he tried to hang himself with his underwear only hours

Johnson has examined wouldbe assassin John Hinckley Jr. and televangelist Jim Bakker. both of whom were found competent to stand trial. Hinckley was found innocent by reason of insanity in the 1981 shooting of President Reagan; Bakker was convicted of fraud.

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FARM SUPPLY 2404 N. HWY. 87 263-3382 tion and community service. "It's a victory," Cardoza said.

Ms. Corrigan's daughter. Christina, died of heart failure in November 1996. The girl was found naked on the living room floor, covered with bedsores.

Ms. Corrigan had said she had taken care of her daughter the best she could. Although the girl had been to the doctor many times, she had not seen one in the last five years of her

The case had drawn attention to obesity and what some considered prejudice against overweight people. Some questioned whether Ms. Corrigan would have been charged had her daughter weighed less.

"It's a very scary message ... to the parents of other fat children," said Frances White, pres-Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. "They may possibly be accused of heinous crimes when they're just raising their children the best that they know how.

And, say advocates for the overweight, Ms. Corrigan should not be sent to prison.

"This family has suffered

quite enough," White said. Prosecutor Brian Haynes said

she would probably get proba- that he was not claiming that raising an overweight child is a crime. He said Ms. Corrigan was charged because of the condition of Christina's body, in particular the bedsores.

The defense portrayed Ms. Corrigan as a woman overtaxed by the duties of working full time and taking care of two sick parents, both of whom also died

They also introduced evidence that Christina may have suffered from compulsions to overeat, pick at sores and hide the results.

Police said the victim's 22year-old brother, Chad, told them Christina had spent the last months of her life lying in front of the television, barely able to get to a bathroom.

But on the witness stand, Chad said Christina was able to move around and had gone swimming with him several times during the summer of

Ms. Corrigan denied comment after the verdict. But as her five-day trial ended Dec. 29, Ms. Corrigan told reporters no sentence could be more severe than the loss of her beloved daugh-

"I have lived through the worst punishment," she said.



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# Earthquake near Great Wall leaves 20,000 Chinese home

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The magnitude-6.2 quake injured some 2,000 people, more than 250 of them seriously, the official Xinhua news agency

Mud and brick houses toppled

Mountains. Buildings shook in Beijing, 150 miles south of the epicenter.

Residents huddled under makeshift shelters of twigs and canvas, and a goat stood amid a 6-foot-high pile of rubble in the first television footage of the

With overnight temperatures degrees, local officials scram- 4.6, Xinhua said.

bled to help the homeless.

Zhangbei county authorities rushed 30,000 blankets, 100 mattresses and padded overcoats to the scene, state-run television reported. Troops garrisoned in nearby Zhangjiakou sent five medical teams.

Aftershocks - 123 in the first hours after the quake coursed through the area, with expected to drop to minus 7 the strongest being magnitude-

Rescue teams found the county seat of Zhangbei devastated. with most buildings destroyed and 20,000 families without homes.

Another 800 houses had collapsed or cracked in the neighboring county seat of Shangyi, on Hebei province's border with Inner Mongolia.

Eighty percent of homes were flattened in four towns along the two counties' border, said

Huangfu Qing, a seismologist coordinating rescue work.

Both counties border one of a patchwork of fortifications running along mountain ridges that

form the Great Wall. It was unclear whether any of the 1.860-mile wall, begun in the third century B.C., was dam-

The quake struck at 11:50 a.m., when many people were indoors preparing lunch.

"Houses split, walls cracked and glass shattered," said Wang Haiyan of the seismology office

in Shangyi. She said the region's rough terrain hampered assessment of

casualties and damage. People in Beijing felt apartment buildings quiver. And visitors at Zhangjiakou Guest House in

Zhangjiakou, 60 miles from

Shangyi, ran outside in fright.

# Worst storm on record hits Canada

MONTREAL (AP) — Though weeklong freezing rain finally ended, Montreal remained a stricken city Saturday — many of its residents without power and water, streets littered with fallen branches and dangerous chunks of ice crashing from the trees.

"It's like a defrosting fridge," said Lee Thomas, co-owner of the Corner Snack Bar in downtown Montreal, as temperatures climbed into the 30s to end Canada's worst-ever ice storm. Her regular bread delivery resumed Saturday for the first time in days.

Eleven deaths have been blamed on the storm, which cut off power to nearly 3 million people in Quebec, halted most flights to Montreal and Ottawa and shut down rail service in most of eastern Canada.

In Montreal, Canada's secondlargest city, hundreds of thousands of people were without power, and about 15,000 were living in shelters set up at schools, libraries and community centers. The utility company, Hydro-Quebec, warned that some areas outside the city might not have power for

without water because electric Many walkers chose to use the

pumps were not working, and middle of the streets. officials urged residents to boil their water and reduce consumption. Some apartment buildings were completely dark overnight, and many hotels passed out candles to guests who had to climb several flights of stairs to reach their rooms.

Even though his car was still encased in a layer of ice and sealed into a solid snowbank Saturday, Carlos Vieira figured it was time to start digging out.

"It seems like it's over now," said Vieira, whose business closed Thursday when the electricity went out. He decided to try digging his car out of the side of the road to run some errands, but stepped back after tackling the bank with a large hammer.

"It's probably a few inches thick in ice," he said. "I'm going to get a tow truck to pull it out.'

Authorities repeatedly warned pedestrians to stay away from sidewalks, where large chunks of ice were falling to the ground with lethal speed, or to wear head protection if they had to go out. Areas in front of several tall buildings were roped off to prevent pedes-Parts of the Montreal were trians from walking there.

"You can get hurt badly," said Marc Fortin, who was walking his brother's dog down the middle of a deserted street and watching the ice tumble from the apartment buildings around

On Friday, Montreal's busy downtown business and shopping district suffered a total power failure in the middle of the afternoon, temporarily shutting down the city's subway sys-

An estimated 1.2 million homes and businesses were still without electricity in Quebec. Power company officials said some customers should start getting service back Saturday afternoon, but they said the collapse of transmission lines south of the city meant some towns in that area might not get power back for a few weeks.

The Montreal Canadiens canceled their National Hockey League game Saturday night with the New York Rangers. The Rolling Stones canceled a Sunday concert in Montreal after officials discovered that the ice storm had caused a tear in the flexible roof at Olympic

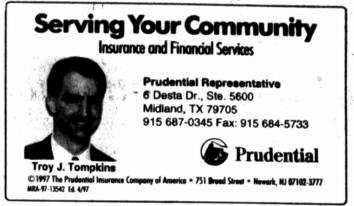
The Canadian military had deployed about 6,000 troops to

assist relief efforts and help clear away trees. About 4,000 are working in Quebec and about 2,000 in eastern Ontario around Ottawa, the national capital.

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### Palestinians blast U.S. policy toward Israel

 Palestinians sharply criticized the United States after a visit by Mideast envoy Dennis their expense.

Palestinian protesters in the tense West Bank town of Hebron. Seven Palestinians were hurt by rubber bullets

fired by the Israeli troops. Ross' mission to the region ended Friday with Israel dismissing earlier pledges to Palestinians on West Bank withdrawals and announcing new settlement-

building plans. The Palestinian Cabinet, meeting hours later, accused Israel of "pushing the already volatile situation of the region to the brink of disaster" by expanding Jewish settlements and refusing to implement three promised troop redeployments.

After the meeting, Palestinian Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi accused the Clinton administration of not doing enough to force Israel to honor prior agreements.

"It is clear that the U.S. administration did not act in the way that is needed to implement" earlier accords, she said. She said Ross tried to "justify

hostage to domestic concerns in Israel. Netanyahu's government has been under heavy pressure

holding the peace process

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) from right-wingers in his coali- ing with U.S. efforts, but tion to not hand back more land accused Israel of stalling for to the Palestinians, and his time in order to build more setdovish foreign minister, David Ross, saying Washington is sid- Levy, departed after making ahead. ing too much with Israel at clear his displeasure over the

> The prime minister said any troop withdrawals depended on the Palestinian Authority meeting Israeli conditions, especially in cracking down on militant

The Palestinian Cabinet said in a statement it was cooperat-

tlements before talks move

During Ross' four-day visit, government's foot-dragging in the Netanyahu government wearwhile, stone throwing moving shead with the peace revealed tentative plans to double the number of homes in next two decades.

"Obviously he has been unable to affect any change in the Israeli attitude," Ashrawi said. "We did not see any effective political will from Dennis Ross.'



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# Superintendents vote to add playoff teams in 2A

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AUSTIN — If high schools in Classes 5A and 4A can have three teams in the playoffs, then superintendents from 3A and 2A want it, too.

The University Interscholastic League announced Friday that 3A and 2A superintendents supported a referendum to qualify a third team for the playoffs in all team sports. The State Board of Education will have the final say this spring, but approval is not expected to be a problem.

Every 2A and 3A school would be required to reduce schedules in bas-

ketball, volleyball, softball and baseball by one game to accommodate the expanded playoff and avoid cutting into class time by lengthening the sea-

The biggest change would be imposed on football. To make room for the added teams, 2A and 3A would be forced to break their playoffs into two divisions, as 5A has done since 1990 and 4A has done since 1996.

As a result, the UIL would then crown 10 state football champions two each in classes 2A through 5A, with 1A titles split between 11-man and

"Every third place team saw the chance to be in the playoffs," said UIL Executive Director Bill Farney. "There is an argument about watering down the playoffs with more teams. But La Marque was third in its district and won the state football championship in Conference 4A.

"In some years, you just have strong teams, and that third place team has a shot to do well in the playoffs."

La Marque finished third in its district before going on to defeat Denison 17-0 for its third straight 4A title this season.

The 3A superintendents voted in

favor the proposal 140-55; it was a more-narrow 108-89 in 2A.

Football coaches, however, had mixed reactions about the news. G.A. Moore of 2A Celina said he was

for the expansion "because they're doing it in 4A and 5A. "It seems like they're watering it

down and it doesn't mean quite as much as it used to, but there's also getting to be more and more people in Texas," said Moore, the state's winningest active coach at 328-68-9.

Class 3A Cuero coach Mickey Finley said he's against having two champions in the same class.

"I wish somehow they could tie it together and end up with one state champion," Finley said. "Two state champions in the same classification just doesn't seem right to me."

This season, eight teams with losing records made the football playoffs in 5A, while 11 teams with losing records made the 4A playoffs. Another 12 teams reached the 4A and 5A postseason with marks of .500, meaning 23 of the 96 teams in the 4A and 5A playoffs didn't have winning records.

Sealy coach T.J. Mills, whose team

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# Lady Steers overcome cold start in 55-29 win

Sports Editor

Among sports adages is this: Bad teams make you look bad. Big Spring's Lady Steers learned that first-hand Friday.

Despite a nightmarishly cold collective shooting touch during the first half, the Lady Steers were never seriously threatened by Fort Stockton's Prowlers en route to a 55-29 win in District 4-4A girls' basketball

The lack of quality opposition, coupled with having come off a big game Tuesday was the only explanation Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor could muster for the difficulty Big Spring had in mounting a serious lead during must of the first half.

"It's kid of what you'd figure after a big game on Tuesday," Taylor said. "We came out flat and stayed that way the first

"More than anything, though, it was being 1-for-16 from the 3point line in the first half that gave us problems," he added. "I don't think I ever remember this bunch of girls missing that many open shots from out

Instead, it was the Prowlers' Dee Dee Salmon who had the long-distance range and rattled in a pair of threes that allowed Fort Stockton to take an early

lead and maintain it until just shooting woes were so frustrat 1:15 remained in the first quar-

. The Lady Steers' first lead of the night came with 13 seconds remaining in the first period when Nadia Cole scored from inside the paint to give Big Spring an 11-10 lead going into the second period

Fort Stockton would again take the lead when Elisa Espino and Zoreida Galindo hit back-to-back jumpers from the lane to give the Prowlers a 14-13 lead after Cole had opened the second quarter with another shot from inside.

Espino would improve the lead to 15-13 with a free throw at the 4:07 mark and the Lady Steers would not retake the lead until Krissi McWherter hit a jumper from the wing and added a free throw with just more than 3 minutes remaining in the first half.

In fact, Espino's free throw would be the Prowler's final score of the half, but the Lady Steers were slow to capitalize.

Traci Bellinghausen scored from underneath and Chandra McBee added a pair of free throws to make it 20-15, but it really put some spark into us was not until point guard there in the third quarter. She Marlena Light nailed a 3-point made those two quick steals shot with 20 seconds remaining when they where trying to get that Big Spring seemed solidly the ball inbounds to Espino ... in control.

ing in the first half, that Taylor at one point explained to guard Kara Hughes and the rest of those inside Steer Gym why she was having trouble passing ball inside Bellinghausen, Cole and

Keesha Lott. "They're not going to cover you until you score," the Lady Steers boss yelled to the frustrated senior.

During the third quarter, however, McBee came off the bench to ignite the Lady Steers press. And that, coupled with a couple of medium-range jumpers opened up the middle and allowed Cole room to operate inside

As a result, the Lady Steers turned their 23-15 halftime edge into a 38-19 rout going into the final eight minutes.

During that span, however, McBee was forced to leave the floor with a knee injury that doctors, coaches and trainers say they believe is only a strain.

"I really hope that's all it is," Taylor assistant Traci Pierce following the game. "Chandra

The Lady Steers' perimeter See LADY STEERS, page 10A



Big Spring Lady Steers assistant coach Traci Pierce reassures sophomore guard Chandra McBee while trainer Andy Rankin checks her knee injury during the third quarter of Friday's 55-29 win over Fort Stockton. Student trainer Kevin Park looks on.

# Dogs top Hawks, 84-78; Bulldogettes hammer Wall girls



**HERALD** photo/Jonathan Garrett

Coahoma's Ryan Peckham (11) flies toward the hoop and scores a layup over Wall's Nick Carter during the first half of the Buildogs Herald Correspondent

COAHOMA - Wall's Hawks and Lady Hawks provided Coahoma exactly what it wanted Friday night - a pair of District 8-2A wins.

While the Bulldogettes had a somewhat easier time of things en route to a 47-25 win, it was the Bulldogs who grabbed early leadership in the district standings with an 84-78 win over the

Hawks in the nightcap. The 'Dogs entered the game tied atop the district standings with Wall, both having won their 8-2A openers Tuesday, but it was Coahoma which improved to 14-5 and 2-0 for a half-game lead over Winters in the boys' standings.

With both teams displaying strong play inside the lane, it was Coahoma's ability to hit the long shot that made the differ-

"The slowed us down up the middle, so we went to the outside," Bulldog coach Kim Nichols explained. "A lot of these boys can hit 3-pointers when it counts."

And hit them they did. The Bulldogs put away 12 shots from beyond the 3-point line, five of them coming from forward Blake Nichols, the coach's son. "They kept daring me to shoot it, so I did," said the younger Nichols, who finished the evening with 32 points.

Wall attempted to slow things down in the second period, methodically working the ball inside for the majority of their

The Bulldogs would not be denied, however. They forced the Hawks to play their style of game, moving the ball quickly down court to Ryan Peckham, who continuously frustrated Wall with his quickness.

With only seconds left in the half, Wall's Clay Jansa hit for narrowing points, Coahoma's lead to nine points, 42-33, at intermission.

In the third period, Coahoma forced the ball, keeping the Hawks' defense off balance. The quarter belonged to Nichols. who scored eight points inside and added one from the free throw line.

"They tried to take away the three, so I went to the inside with the big guys," Nichols explained. "I really try to work both sides of my game."

The fourth quarter was much like the third, as the Hawks were forced to play at a pace they obviously weren't comfort-

However, Wall's Nick Carter had a field day under the net, scoring 11 points down the stretch and allowing the Hawks to get within striking distance.

But Coahoma returned to the perimeter, this time with 6-foot-5 post Jason Gwyn stepping outside the arch to nail a couple of 3-pointers that sealed the Hawks' fate.

The loss left the Hawks at 8-12 on the season and 1-1 in district play, joining Forsan and Eldorado in a three-way tie for third place in the district.

Forsan took a 57-55 non-district win over Klondike Friday, while Eldorado knocked off Roscoe, 50-33.

Earlier in the evening, the Bulldogettes got a serious boost, dealing the Lady Hawks their first district loss, behind the lead of senior Tara Sterling and

junior Cassie Tindol. "I really though we played our best game of the year," Sterling said after scoring 15 points.

Tindol paced the Bulldogettes

rash of turnovers soon gave way

with 17 points. Although both teams got off to a somewhat sluggish start, a

and the Bulldogettes established See COAHOMA, page 10A

'Niners, Packers

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SAN FRANCISCO — Green Bay Packers are concerned because the San Francisco 49ers DON'T have Jerry Rice for today's NFC championship game.

"They're more unpredictable now," defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur said. "They have two or three guys they go to instead of one. It's harder to stop a lot of guys than just one."

It's a curious spin, but it's a realistic one as the Packers and 49ers meet at 3Com Park, with the winner going to the Super Bowl. For as much as quarterbacks Brett Favre, Steve Young and the offenses get attention, it's likely to be defense that decides the game.

San Francisco's defense allowed the fewest yards in the NFL this season and Dana Stubblefield was chosen the league's defensive player of the

But Stubblefield might hot even be San Francisco's defensive tackle. Bryant Young, who was injured often this season, is considered by most offensive coordinators to be a little more mobile and a little stronger.

As for the Packers, they had to adjust early when Craig Newsome, their best cornerback, tore a knee in the first game and was lost for the sea-

By midseason they had adjusted — with second-year man Tyrone Williams in Newsome's spot and rookie Darren Sharper in Williams' nickel back role. The result was that Green Bay didn't give up a passing touchdown in the final 27 quarters.

"What that means is that we'll have to be able to run," San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said. "If we can do that, then we can pass."

The running game will be helped by the return of Garrison Hearst, out since Nov. 30 with a broken collarbone. He will split time with Terry Kirby, who ran for 120 yards last week in a 38-22 playoff win over Minnesota. Fullback William Floyd also will get some carries.

Kirby and Floyd also are good receivers.

But the most important receivers are the two wideouts who have replaced Rice - second-year pro Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes, a first-round pick in 1995 who had been a major disappointment until Rice went

"I'm still in awe some of the time," said Owens, who led the

# Switzer era ends with Barry a no-show; Jones does all the talking

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With former Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer absent for the announcement of his resignation, team owner Jerry Jones promised a bright future for the fallen franchise and gave indications that he would maintain a strong hand in making roster decisions.

We have come to the realization we must chart a fresh and new path in returning this team to the level of success our fans demand of being a

Super Bowl team," Jones said. .I pretty well know the direction we will go, offensively and defensive-

son at 6-10, received a buyout estimated at \$2 million for the two years he had left on his contract.

The former coach almost didn't get into Valley Ranch for the last time. He couldn't get his access code to work and was denied entry until someone heard him banging on the front door.

Resigning after the only losing season in his 20-year football career, Switzer did not speak to reporters but issued a statement that said he was proud of winning a Super Bowl and three division titles since joining the Cowbovs in 1994

Jones did all the talking, saying Switzer was more comfortable with passing out a statement.

Former San Francisco coach George

ceed Switzer, according to a source in the Cowboys' organization who spoke on condition of anonymity. Seifert is free from his 49ers contract on Feb. 1.

The Washington Post reports that Jones would like to lure Norv Turner from the Redskins. But Turner, with four years left on his contract, empha sized Friday he doesn't want to leave Washingt....

Sources told the newspaper the Redskins would not give Jones permis-

sion to talk to Turner. Other candidates include Terry Donahue, former UCLA coach; Jon Gruden, offensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles; Miami coach Butch Davis, or perhaps even someone

Seifert is at the top of the list to suc- from Switzer's own staff such as defensive coordinator Dave Campo.

Jones, who has already said the Cowboys are moving to a 3-4 defense next year, took himself out of the run-

"I have an image of the new coach real clear and good," said Jones. Asked if he saw his image in the mir-

ror, Jones laughed and said, "No. Not Switzer's four years as Cowboys coach is the shortest tenure of the team's three leaders: Jimmy Johnson lasted a season longer while Tom

Landry was in charge for 29 years. Switzer, who will not work for Jones any longer, got a buyout estimated at \$2 million for the two years he had left

on his contract. Johnson received a similar check when he and Jones parted ways four years ago.

"Barry will not have a capacity within the organization," Jones said. "We settled on his contract. I've known him for 37 years. We will still have a personal, ongoing friendship. His ledger is square with me.

The 61-year-old Switzer angered Jones in August by being arrested for trying to carry a pistol in his luggage through the Dallas-Fort Worth International airport. Jones, who was trying to rebuild the Cowboys' tarnished image, almost fired Switzer on the spot, but eventually fined him

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### Sports Extra

#### BOWL GAMES

East vs. West (ESPN)

At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 18

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TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Tom Goodwin on a one-year con-

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Dwayne Jacobs, C Fernando Lunar, C
Pascual Matos and INF Glen Williams.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms
with LHP Pete Schourek and RHP Reggie

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed G Mookie laylock on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DALLAS COWBOYS—Announced the resignation of Barry Switzer, coach.

Arena Football League

MILWAUKEE MUSTANGS—Signed OL. DL Herb Coleman. Waived OL-DL Dannie Lockett. Announced the resignation of

Patrick Miller, director of sales and pro-NEW JERSEY RED DOGS-Signed

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned C
Sergei Brylin to Albany of the AHL for conditioning.

Saturday, Jan. 3
Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22 nonditioning.

NEW YÖRK RANGERS—Recalled D Sunday, Jan. 4

Sunday, Jan. 4

Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7

Denver 14, Kansas City 10

Geoff Smith and D Ronnie Sundin from Hartford of the AHL. PHOENIX COYOTES—Returned C Chad Kilger to Springfield of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned
CRW Robert to Syracuse of the AHL.

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Sunday, Jan. 11

Denver at Pi

American Hockey League (NBC)
AHL—Suspended Kentucky Gre
Thoroughblades C Brendan Yarema for (FOX) skis games for leaving the bench and starting an altercation in a game against Syracuse on Jan. 4; Providence Bruins RW Jean-Yves Roy for three games for abuse of an official in a game against Portland on Jan. 3; New Haven Beast LW Chad Cabana for two games for a high sticking incident in a game against Pre Bowl high sticking incident in a game against Springfield on Jan. 3, and Hershey Bears G Petr Franck for one game for At Honolulu attempting to injure an opponent in a game against Philadelphia on Jan. 3.

CINCINNATI MIGHTY DUCKS—
Assigned D Pat Thompson to Columbus of the ECHL.

PROVIDENCE BRUINS-Assigned G Olie Sundstrom to New Orleans of the Friday's Games ECHL.
WORCESTER ICECATS—Assigned LW

Allan Sirois and RW B.J. Johnston to Baton Rouge of the ECHL. International Hockey League CLEVELAND LUMBERJACKS— Returned G David Brumby to Columbus

of the ECHL.

DETROIT VIPERS—Loaned RW Danny Felsner to Chesapeake of the ECHL. SAN ANTONIO DRAGONS—Traded C en Barrie to Utah for LW Sean O'Brien.

United Hockey League

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East Coast Hockey League
BIRMINGHAM BULLS—Signed G
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Justin Gould and D Jay Kenney from 
Injured reserve. Placed F Dean Moore on 
the 7-day injured reserve. 
CHESAPEAKE ICEBREAKERS—
Activated F Eduard Pershin from the 
injured reserve.
COLUMBUS CHILL—Suspended D

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Major League Soccer
MLS—Signed MF Leonel Alvarez to a MIL5—Signed Mr Leoner Avarez to a multiyear contract and assigned him to the Dallas Burn. National Professional Soccer League BUFFALO BLIZZARD—Signed MF-F

ALABAMA A&M-Fired Ken Pettiford, football coach.

BENEDICT—Announced the resignation of Julius Adams, football coach,
and Robert Weathers and J.J. Brown,
assistant football coaches.

CLEMSON-Named Ron Garner men's track coach.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Announced basketball F Tyler Kidd has left school ILLINOIS STATE—Named Chris
Wilson defensive line coach and Junior
Smith running backs coach.
NAVY—Named Mitch Ware wide

#### **NFL P**LAYOFFS

Conference Champ Denver at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.

(NBC) Green Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m.

At Honolulu AFC vs. NFC

NBA

Atlanta 82, Washington 77
Chicago 90, New York 89
Detroit 101, Golden State 72
Minnesota 96, Portland 91 Miami 98, Denver 79

Charlotte 98, Vancouver 90 Phoenix 100, San Antonio 79 L.A. Lakers 125, L.A. Clippers 115 Saturday's Games
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oday's Games
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L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 6:30 p.m.
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#### $\mathsf{NHL}$

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Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
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Detroit 3, Dallas 3, tie
Florida 3, Calgary 3, tie
Edmonton 5, Anaheim 1

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Chicago at Toronto
Ottawa at Colorado
St. Louis at Calgary
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Dallas at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Phoehix, 8 p.m.

#### LOCAL BOWLING

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS-Double R Cattle Co. over Sanders Farms 8-0, White Motor Co. Stanton over BSI 8-0, Federal Oil over Ghost Team 8-0, Ups & Downs over Cowboys 8-0, Hardison Appliance over Big Spring Mobile Home Park 6-2, Tonn Cleaners over Brown Fence Co. 6-2, A Timeleas Design tied Parks Agency Inc. 4-4, Morris Robertson Body Shop tied Fred's Contracting 4-4; hi sc ind game women Joycee Davis 224, hi sc ind game women Joycee Davis 644, hi scind series women Joycee Davis 654, hi scind series women Joycee Davis 654,

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Double R Cattle Co. 75-69, BSI 75-69,
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Design 74-70, Sanders, Farms 72-72, 11, Design 74-70, Sanders Farms 72-72, Fred's Contracting 71-73, Hardison Appliance 71-73, Morris Robertson Body Shop 68-76, Federal Oil 61-83, Tonn Cleaners 61-83.

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS' GAME
Forsan 57, Klondike 55
KLONDIKE — Hightower 10, Martin
13, Etheridge 6, Vogler 2, Wallace 6,
Meadows 18. Totals 18 13-20 55.
FORSAN — Walker 2, Davis 10,
Gaston 18, Voight 10, Bristow 8, Park
7, Whetsel 2, Totals 23 7-10 57.
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Score by Quarters:
KLONDIKE 15 20 11 9-85
FORSAN 8 20 16 13-67
3-point goals: Klondike 2 (Hightower, Martin); Forsan 4 (Davis 2, Voight, Park). Records: Forsan 10-8, 1-0. JV score: Forsan frosh 36, Klondike JV 27.

BOYS' GAME

Prenchip 64, Rig Spring 39
BiG SPRING — Williams 1 1-2 3,
Myers 3 2-2 10, Wetson 2 0-0 4, Hell 4
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10, Totals 15 5-17 39.
FRENSHIP — J. Shelby 0 0-0 0, Riley
3 0-0 7, Jones 4 0-0 9, Green 4 5-9 14,
Pierce 0 0-0 0, Weese 1 2-2 4, Walker 1
4-8 7, Sinciair 2 0-1 4, P. Shelby 4 1-4
9, Totals 18 11-20 5-4,
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PRENSHIP 9 10 14 6-39
FRENSHIP 13 11 9 21-54
3-point goals: Big Spring 3 (Myers 2, Hall); Frenship 6 (Green 2, Riley 2, Jones, Walker). Total fouls: Big Spring 21, Frenship 17. Fouled out: Hall, Big Spring; Jones, Frenship.

BOYS' GAME Grady 74, Loop 65 Leading scorers: Grady, Haggerton 24, Peugh 21; Loop, Mills 28, J. Smith

17 25 22 10-74 12 13 18 22-65

GIRLS' GAME

Grady 60, Loop 27 Leading scorers: Grady, Robies 18, Medison 15, Mims 12, Romine 10;

Junior varsity score: Grady 24, Loop

#### COLLEGE BOXES

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KANSAS (19-2)
Ead 5-15 5-6 15, Pierce 11-20 9-13
31. Chenowith 2-7 0-1 4, Robertson 1-4
4-4 6, Thomas 9-13 1-2 27, Nooner 1-1
0-0 3, Gregory 3-7 1-4 7, Bradford 2-3 0
0 4, Janisse 1-1 0-0 2, McGrath 0-0 1-2
1, Martin 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 36-75 21-32

TEXAS (6-8)

Muoneke 5-10 2-2 12, Vazquez 1-3
4-4 6, Mihrn 3-13 1-6 7, Wagner 4-11 2-4
10, Axtell 5-18 6-7 18, Perrymen 1-6
0-0 3, Goode 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 4-7 0-0
10, Carter 1-1 0-0 2, Clark 2-5 0-0 4,
Crakes 0-0 0-0 0, Totale 2-6 7-4 15-32 Drakes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-74 15-23

Point goals-Kansas 9-17 (Thomas 8 11, Nooner 1-1, Gregory O-1, Pierce O-2, Robertson O-2), Texas 5-20 (Smith 2-3, Axtell 2-7, Perryman 1-6, Vazquez O-1, Wagner O-3). Fouled out—Chenowith. wagner 0-3). Foured out—Chenowith. Rebounds—Kansas 51 (Pierce 10). Texas 48 (Mihm 13). Assists—Kansas 22 (Robertson 6), Texas 14 (Wagner 4). Total fouls—Kansas 17, Texas 22. A—

Oklahoma 76, Texas A&M 66
Oklahoma (12-4)
Najera 1-7 5-11 7, Stone 3-5 3-3 9,
Wiley 6-13 3-6 1.5, Johnson 2-7 7-8 12,
Brewer 7-14 2-2 19, Martin 2-4 7-8 12,
Spaulding 1-1 0-0 2, Allison 0-0 0-0 0,
Totals 22-51 27-38 7-6.

Texas A&M(6-7)
Jack 3-6 2-5 8, Jones 6-14 1-3 13,
Thompson 5-6 0-0 10, Houston 3-10 2-2
8, Brown 2-9 4-4 9, Clayton 0-4 0-0 0,
Barone 5-7 0-2 1-2, Schmidt 2-11 0-1 4,
Davis 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 26-68 11-19 66,
Halftime—Oklahoma 38, Texas A&M
27, 3-Point goals—Oklahoma 5-13
(Johnson 1-4, Brewer 3-7, Martin 1-2).

(Johnson 1-4, Brewer 3-7, Martin 1-2). A&M 3-19 (Jones 0-2, Houston 0-3, Brown 1-3, Clayton 0-3, Barone 2-4, Schmidt 0-4). Fouled out—Houston. Stanton 62, Anthony 50
STANTON — Jeremy Smith 2, Kyle Schmidt 0-4). Fouled out—Houston.
Herm 22, Justin Cobb 2, Tyron Davis 8, Rebounds—Oklahoma 41 (Najera 10). Marcus Washington 17, Chad Smith 11.

A&M 44 (Jack 9). Assists—Oklahoma
Totals 24 9.17 62.

ANTHONY — Lara 6, Delgado 5,
Carasco 9, Moreno 10, Fresquez 20.

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### Sports Briefs

#### From staff and wire reports

#### Runnels, Gollad split with Sweetwater

Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings managed a spit with teams from Sweetwater Thursday, as the "A" team took a 39-26 win and the "B" team suffered a 25-16 loss.

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks followed the same formula, taking a 41-12 win the in the "A" game before dropping an 18-16 decision in the "B" contest.

Latrisha Rollins led a trio of double-digit scorers in the Yearlings' "A" victory, finishing the night with 13 points. Brittany Bryant added 12 points and Meghan Pudliner had 11. Paige King contributed the Big Spring squad's final three points.

In the "B" team loss, Jessica Woodward and Ashley Keener provided four points apiece for the Yearlings, while Kim Jumper, Laci Haag and Sherri Gent each managed two points.

Ashley Tuttle scored 10 points in pacing the Lady Mavs "A" to the win, while Courtney Brock and Esha Ward had eight each.

Tuttle also led the way in rebounding with seven, while Ashley Smith had five. Brock and Tuttle had six steals each, as well.

The Lady Mavs "B" fell victim to a last-second shot by Sweetwater, despite the 12 points scored by Krystle Long.

Amanda Sellars and Rachelle Guinn had two points each to round out Big Spring's scoring. Sellars had five rebounds, while Rebecca Fuqua was right behind with four carroms. Lindsey Webb led the way in steals with five, while Long had four.

#### Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or before Sept. 2, 1971, has been scheduled for Feb. 19-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at Third and Gregg Streets.

Participants must pay a \$10 fee. Class sessions are slated for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 19-20 and from 8 a.m. until noon on Feb. 21.

The instructor for the course will be Boyce Hale.

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, call 267-6957 or 267-7891.

#### USA Voileyball clinic scheduled

USA Volleyball, the West Texas Girl Scout Council and Nike will bring the Nike Volleyvan to Big Spring High School's Steer Gym on Saturday, Jan. 17.

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

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

#### Umpires for high school baseball needed

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

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

Anyone with previous high school umpiring experience that has recently moved to the Permian Basin is urged to attend.

For more information, contact Denny Garcia at (915) 689-1518 or (915) 332-2555.

#### Local chapter needs softball umpires

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

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

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has won an unprecedented four straight 3A titles, said dividing the playoffs into two divisions will "cut the competition in half."

"It's got to be easier," Mills said. "One of my assistants said we may win four more now."

In other developments: -4A superintendents in Regions I, III and IV voted 74-67 to create a regional basketball tournament. Region II superintendents voted 28-23 against the

measure. Currently, schools in 4A schedule games according to brackets to determine regional champions. The two schools choose the site, time, admission price and officials.

Every other class holds a tournament of four schools to determine the regional champion.

If approved by the State Board of Education, 4A regional tour-February 1999.

naments would begin in -1A superintendents voted to create an area track and field

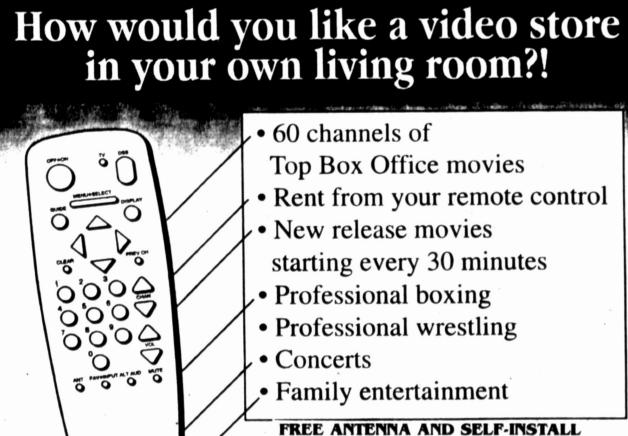
meet. Pending State Board of

would begin in the 1998-99 school year. The top four representatives

in each event from each district will advance to the area meet. The top four in each event at area will advance to the regional meet.

As a result of the new format. student-athletes will be limited to participating in seven invitational track meets as opposed to Education approval, the meet eight for all other conferences.

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# Pressure really rests on Denver in AFC championship game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH - For the Pittsburgh Steelers, today's AFC championship game is another chance to add to a glorious legacy. The Denver Broncos see it as something entirely different.

The team that has failed to win the Super Bowl in four tries finds itself running out of time to salvage its playoff history. John Elway and teammates probably won't get many more chances to win the big one.

The pressure is on the Broncos, and they feel it.

"This is like a now-or-never type of situation," third-year running back Terrell Davis said. "We have a lot of players on our team who are older and this opportunity is not going to come "You don't want to change who you many times.

"I think we have to take advantage of the situation we're in now. Right now, it's almost like a desperation situation. Getting to the big game has to happen

The Steelers' sense of history is much different. They walk past four Super Bowl trophies — all from the '70s — that are displayed in a case at Three Rivers Stadium. A victory Sunday over the Broncos (14-4) would give these Steelers a chance to play for one of their own.

Pressure? No more than for any other playoff game.

"Pressure is something you put on yourself," coach Bill Cowher said. theirs. Denver has been to four Super

are. You have to prepare like you always have and then go out and play with the trust and the confidence, not being tentative."

There might be a temptation to look at the great Steelers teams of the '70s and feel at least a little pressure to produce. But the Steelers don't treat their history as a burden.

"No, no, no," defensive end Nolan Harrison said. "Those guys set precedents all around. You can't compare these teams. Those were some special teams with some special players. We're just trying to cut our own niche into history.

The Broncos are trying to change

Bowls and lost them all. With Elway running the show, Denver went to the Super Bowl in 1987,

1988 and 1990. Elway is 37 now and unsure how much longer he'll play. That's not all. The Broncos have three players still left from their last

Super Bowl team — Elway and safeties Steve Atwater and Tyrone Braxton. The Broncos have six starters on offense and five on defense who are in their 30s

"We're doing everything we possibly can to get John the best collection of talent on the offensive side of the football and the defensive side in order to win and to win now," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "If you notice, there aren't a whole lot of 23-year-old are in their late 20s to mid-30s.

"You have players who have been there, but they have not won the big game," Davis said. "They understand this is their last opportunity to get there and win it. You can't sit there and say, 'Well, maybe next year.'

So in addition to having to play on the road, the Broncos will have to handle the added weight of time and past Super Bowls failures. By contrast, the team with four Lombardi trophies already will be trying to make the Super Bowl for the second time in three years.

"We haven't been there for a while," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.

#### LADY STEERS\_ COAHOMA

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that's what got us going.

Hughes would find her longdistance touch in the fourth quarter, ripping a pair of 3pointers that allowed the Lady Steers to take a 46-24 lead with 5:11 to play and Taylor began to make extensive use of his bench

Hughes, Cole and Light paced the Lady Steers' scoring with 11 points' each, while four others had four points apiece. That was, however, more than enough to leave the Prowlers behind, as Salmon, who scored eight points before fouling out in the third quarter, paced Fort Stockton.

The result was that all but one player on the Lady Steers managed to notch the scoreboard as Big Spring improved to 12-7 on the year and, more importantly, take a 2-0 district record into next week's games with Sweetwater and Andrews.

"It's going to be a big week," Taylor noted. "We've got to go to Sweetwater Tuesday and come back home to play Andrews. Those two games are going to have a big role in determining who's the team to beat in this district."

In other District 4-4A games Friday, Sweetwater rebounded from its district-opening loss to Andrews Tuesday with a 51-35 win over Pecos, while Andrews maintained its share of the district lead with a 60-50 win over San Angelo Lake View.

Big Spring's junior varsity made sure of a Lady Steers sweep in Friday's first game, taking a 63-27 win over the Prowlers JV.

Heather Gibbs paced the Lady Steers JV with 12 points, while Alexis Casillas added 10 points and five steals. Point guard Monica Rubio had nine points and eight steals, while Lacey Anderson added nine points and three assists.

Big Spring 55, Fort Stockton 29

FORT STOCKTON — Dee Dee Salmon 1 2 0-8. Cassanda Ortiz 0 0 4 9 4, Zoreida Galindo 0-0 2. Elisa Espino 1 0 2-7 4, Christina Robledo 1 O 4-6 6. Jessica Carrillo 2 O 1-2 5. Diatra Valeriano 0 0 0-0 0, Jacinda Gonzales 0 0-0 0 Totals 6 2 11-24 29.

BIG SPRING — Krissi McWherter 1 0 2 4 4, Keesha Lott 2 0 0-0 4, Amy Jackson 1 0 0-0 2. Chandra McBee 0 0 2-2 2, Maggie Haddad 0 0 Traci Bellinghausen 2 0 0-1 4. Lestie McLellan 1 0 2 2 4, Kara Hughes 1 3 0 1 11. Marisa Smith 1 0 0 0 2, Marlena Light 3 1 2 2 11. Nadia Cole 4 0 3-4 11. Totals 16 4 11-18

FORT STOCKTON BIG SPRING

11 12 15 17-55 3 point goals Fort Stockton 2 (Salmon 2); Big Spring 4 (Hughes 3: Light), Fouled out: Fort Stockton Salmon, Big Spring none Total fouls

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a rhythm that allowed them to take a 9-1 lead into the second quarter.

Wall's Kristi Braden answered in the second period, however, scoring eight points for the Lady Hawks and trimming the Bulldogettes' lead to just 16-14 at the half.

After returning to the floor, however, Coahoma managed to work the ball in and out of the Lady Hawks' defense — scoring 15 points and frustrating Wall. The result was a number of needless fouls and turnovers.

"We really had our problems early in the season, but we did good tonight," said Bulldogette Krista Stanislaus, who scored just two points, but helped provide the passing game that kept Wall off balance and allowed Coahoma to take a commanding 31-17 lead into the final eight minutes.

The fourth quarter began with a run of fouls by both teams, a swap that benefited Wall, as the Lady Hawks hit six free throws, while the Bulldogettes managed just two from the line.

Coahoma wasn't about to let the game get out of hand, though, and returned to its crisp passing game and Tindol scored eight of her points to ice the win and improve to 13-7 on the season and 2-1 in district play, while Wall fell to 9-11 and

Both Coahoma and Wall join Winters in a three-way logiam for second place in the 8-2A standings behind 4-0 and No. 2ranked Ozona.

Both Coahoma squads return to action Tuesday, traveling to Roscoe for games set for a 6:30 p.m. girls' start.

GIRLS' GAME

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COAHOMA — Sterling 4 1 4-7 15, Buchanan 0 0 0 2 0, West 0 0 0-0 0, Tindol 5 1 4-6 17, Woods 3 0 0-0 6, Stanislaus 1 0 0-0 2, Parsons 1 0 0-0 2. Wood 2 0 1-2 5, Herring 0 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 2 9-17 47

Score by Quarters: COAHOMA 3-point goals: Wall 2 (Braden 2); Coahoma 2

49ers with 60 catches for 956

yards. "When I was a kid, I

used to watch Jerry Rice. Then

when I got here, he said I

reminded him of him. I went

But Shurmur has had his way

with the 49ers in three straight

Green Bay wins. And he has

Gilbert Brown, the 350-pound

plus nose tackle, to shut down

the run, with LeRoy Butler, the

All-Pro strong safety, cleaning

their defense," said Marty

Mornhinweg, the 49ers offen-

sive coordinator, who was an

assistant with Green Bay last

first down, use the nickel on

second and go crazy on third

and long. That's why the run is

The task for San Francisco's

"Fritz wants to stop you on

"There are no weaknesses on

up anything that gets by.

season.

so important."

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(Sterling, Tindol). Records: Wall 9-11, 2-1; Coahoma 13-7, 2-1, JV score: Coahoma 42,

Coahoma 84, Wall 78

WALL - Sykes 2 1 0-2 7, Jansa 2 0 0-0 4, Weatherford 1 1 0-0 5, C. Sykes 2 0 0-0 4, Braden 4 2 49 18, Kretchmer 4 0 1-5 9, Holik 0 0 0-0 0, Carter 10 0 6-10 26, Waltisperger 2 0 1-2 5. Totals 27 4 12-28 78

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3-point goals: Wall 4 (Braden 2, Weatherford, Sykes); Coahoma 12 (Gwyn 3, Lane, Roberts 3, Nichols 5). Fouled out: Gwyn. Records: Wall 8-12, 1-1; Coahoma 14-5, 2-0.

defense is no less daunting.

Favre won his third straight

MVP (shared with Detroit's

Barry Sanders) and he has three

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Levens. So Stubblefield, Young,

middle linebacker Ken Norton

Jr. and strong safety Tim

"You have to take care of the

run," Marshall said. "Every

team in the league knows that.

If you don't stop the run, you're

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### **SWITZER**

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The team then began the season with a promising 37-7 victory over Pittsburgh, only to fall into a scoring funk. The Cowboys lost their last five games to miss the playoffs for the first time in seven years. They also failed to win the NFC East for the first time in five seasons.

"I will continue to work with Jerry privately, outside of this organization," Switzer told The Daily Oklahoman. "I don't want to interfere because I don't know who the next head coach will be. I wouldn't feel comfortable being there, and the next head coach might feel uncomfortable having me around."

Quarterback Troy Aikman, fullback Daryl Johnston and running back Emmitt Smith quailed at the lack of discipline on the team. Johnston said players were late for meetings and nothing was done.

Jones said the Cowboys' woes last season were only "a temporary setback," and that the team needs a new coach like a slumping baseball team needs a new manager.

"It will be someone who can work within a system that works. The philosophy we have and how we approach football is why we've had three Super Bowl wins (under his ownership)."

Jones added that it was his fault a coaching change wasn't made sooner.

we could compete for a Super the show said.

Bowl," he said.

Defensive linemen Chad Hennings agreed with the move.

"Change is a good thing," he said. "At this time I do think we need a change at the leadership helm to get us going into a different direction."

Jones said he spent most of the last three weeks trying to decide whether to change coaches. Switzer had long said Jones wouldn't have to fire him; he would resign.

The fate of the assistants was not immediately clear, although Jones already has re-signed several unnamed assistants.

Switzer, in the interview with The Oklahoman, emphasized he's looking forward to enjoying what he labels the fourth quar-

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ter of life. "I want the people of Oklahoma, my friends and Jerry's friends, particularly, to know this was my decision," Switzer said. "This is something Jerry never wanted. Jerry

wanted it to be Camelot and we all know Camelot doesn't exist." Veteran Bill Bates said he'll

miss Switzer. "I truly respect Barry Switzer," said Bates, who has played for all three Cowboys coaches. "I had a great time with him. I can honestly say

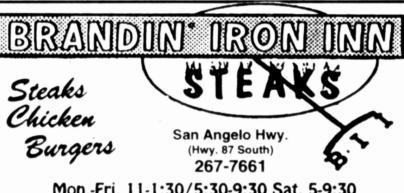
we're friends.' The final casualty of the day was "The Barry Switzer Show." Sunday's episode was already in

"I guess we'll have to retape "I had every reason to think and rename it," an assistant on









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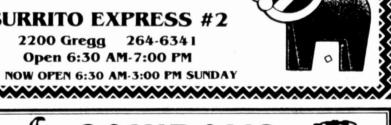
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"I tell the families that, even if their loved

For Rivers, the disease is an enemy that has

robbed him of the close relationship he once

Rivers lost his wife, Clepper's daughter, to

Alzheimer's, he said, may be more cruel.

me," Rivers said. "This would be my last

cancer, and his own father to emphysema. But

"If I had my choice of anything happening to

But Barraza, who spends every workday sur-

rounded by people living with Alzheimer's,

"I know if this were to happen to me," she

At left, a patient in the Alzheimer's unit at

Comanche Trail Nursing Center looks out

the window at the recent snow. Patients in

the unit are often confused about where

they are, and may not recognize their rela-

tives, but many were transfixed by the

beautiful snowfall earlier this week. Below,

Social Services Director Lettle England

punches a code to enter the Special Care

Unit, where Alzheimer's patients live. The

unit is locked to prevent the patients from

wandering — one sign of the disease.

could take care of me like this."

said. "I would hope there would be people that

one does not show it, they know you. Some

part of them knows you.'

has another view.

had with his mother-in-law.

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Sunday, January 11, 1998

# Remember me

# Alzheimer's patients live in the past, leaving their families with only memories

Story by Debbie L. Jensen • Photos by Jonathan Garrett

rlarence Rivers sat at a small table, hands folded together, his eyes on his elderly mother-in-law as she entered

Suddenly she saw him, came over, and greeted him with a hug.

"She knew who I was," Rivers said, smiling. "This time she recognized me."

Another time he visited her, Rivers' mother-in-law Opal Clepper thought he was an old friend from school. At other visits, she has not recognized him at all.

Although he stops by regularly, sometimes she complains that she hasn't seen him in a long time.

The former nurse, a resident of the Special Care Unit at Comanche Trail Nursing Center, has had her once-sharp memory and caring personality ravaged by Alzheimer's disease.

"We know why she's up here," Rivers said. "We know what she has, but sometimes you can still get a little perturbed."

Like at Christmas, when Rivers and his daughters arrived to take Clepper to the center's party for residents. She told them she didn't want to go, and even asked an aide in the unit to make them leave.

They left in tears. "It's got to the point where we need some help," Rivers said. He and his family are planning to attend the center's support group for families of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the last Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center

Conference Room. "The support group allows families to be with people who are in the same place," xplained Viola Barraza, a social worker

is in charge of the Alzheimer's unit. "They begin to realize that they are not

alone, and find ways to cope. Clepper has been a resident of the unit since it opened in April 1996. Rivers said the family began noticing changes in her six or seven

Now, he said even her appearance has

"Some of our patients have the opposite personality that they did before the disease," Barraza said. "Some retain certain elements of

that personality." For employees of the unit, the patients can be a source of frustration, but must be treated with love and care, she said.

"You have to come in every morning and be ready for whatever comes," she said. "Each of our patients is an individual. Everything we do is aimed at trying to maintain their self-



She said many Alzheimer's patients seem to live in the past, because often their long-term memory is intact, while they are unable to

perform daily, ordinary tasks. "You and I will forget something, or lose something, and find it later, Barraza

said. "Our patients will never find it." Barraza told Rivers that, even when Clepper does not recognize him, his visits are benefi-

"Come and live in her world for a little while." Barraza told Rivers, "because she can't live in yours anymore."

Clepper often relives memories of her career in nursing, asking unit staff if she needs to take their temperature, or wanting to push other patients around in their wheelchairs.

"If this could happen to her, it really could happen to anyone," said Rivers, recalling his mother-in-law as a confident, capable medical professional.

At the Special Care Unit, patients participate in activities designed to stimulate memory. Looking at pictures, they share and reminisce about their lives.

The women have their nails and hair done. When the weather is nice, patients can go out into a courtyard and enjoy the sunshine, or work in the flower beds. With supervision,

residents of the unit bake cookies and make

On living-room style furniture, patients listen to soft music and play games. Television viewing is monitored: Barraza said they don't watch talk shows or violent programs.

Staff on the unit are trained to deal with the difficult side of Alzheimer's, including the lapses in memory, inability to care for themselves, and the sense of "being in another

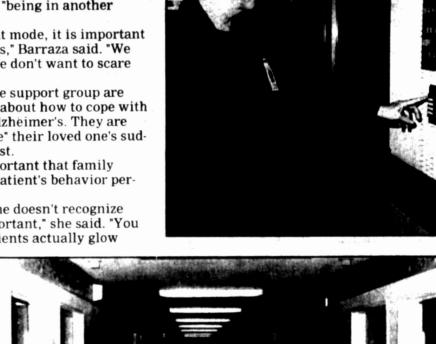
"When they are in that mode, it is important to validate their feelings," Barraza said. "We never tell them, 'No.' We don't want to scare the patients.'

Families attending the support group are also given information about how to cope with the varying stages of Alzheimer's. They are taught ways to "validate" their loved one's sud-

den memories of the past. Barraza said it is important that family members not take the patient's behavior per-

"Even if your loved one doesn't recognize you, being there is important," she said. "You can see some of the patients actually glow

when they have visi-





At left. Clarence Rivers, son-in-law of Alzheimer's patient Opal Clepper, talks with Viola Barraza, social worker at Comanche Trail Nursing Center's Special Care Unit. At right, Rivers walks down the hall of the unit with Clepper. There are 15 patients currently living at the unit, some of whom will remain there for the rest of their lives.

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# Creative reading, listening can lead to interesting conclusions

Have you been doing any creative reading lately? I have, but I didn't now what to call it until I read an article in the February, 1997, edition of "Smithsonian."

Frederica Mathewes-Green wrote that, with advancing years, she was often startled by tricks the eye can play while reading. She commented on the astounding things she read in headlines, billboards and captions--only to find, on closer inspection, that they didn't say that at all.

For example, the bumper sticker, "Stop and sell and roses." For a moment, it seemed a reasonable, if somewhat different, admonition — until she other morning, I was surprised took another look.

On a catalog touting a holographic device, she was puzzled by the caption, "Absorb your friends!" Then she realized it was the old familiar, "Astound your friends!

With her new-found talent for creative reading, she was startled to read a letter to the editor of the local paper protesting "our tax dollars are being spent for convent auction. Since when had the government been buying up bankrupt convents? Wait a minute - make that "covert actions".

I can relate to Ms. Mathewes-Green's comments. Just the

to read in a devotional booklet the cap-

tion "Should We Gather the River? What new theology is this, wondered.

Was there ever any

question about gathering at the river? Closer inspection revealed the familiar old query, "Shall we

Jean Warren

Herald Columnist

gather at the river?"

A pastor I know, who admits to occasional creative reading, said that driving through Jackson, Mississippi, he saw the street sign, "Fornication Avenue." It wasn't until the return trip through the city that he discovered the street was really titled Fortification Avenue."

Unfortunately, I have also been doing some creative listening lately. I found the opening statement of a TV program about a Hollywood actor rather surprising. It said, "He lost his career..." As the story of his life was recounted, I decided it was more likely the narrator had

said, "He launched his career..."

Then there was the matter of the "cap," I mean "cat." Laura Lynn told me that my sister had sent Madison a cap for her birthday. What a sensible gift, I thought.

When Madison showed me a gray stuffed animal that said "meow" when squeezed, I was glad I had not expressed my

sentiments aloud. It still did not occur to me that I might be going deaf. although it did seem that many people had taken to mumbling

lately. Then the day came when

called to me from the next

John Denver died. Laura Lynn

loss" but they did not feel it was "quite time for a hearing aid." I felt like I did when the ophthalmologist suggested I would

room to relay the sad news. I

replied, "But I thought his first

Denver. Gifford. Go figure.

So I had my hearing checked.

They were tactful. There

appears to be "some hearing

Both names have two syllables.

name was Frank!"

soon be needing bifocals.

In the years since, however, I have come to regard the unwelcome bifocals as a great help. Maybe sometime I will feel that

way about a hearing aid. Until that day, you'll just

# WEDDINGS

## McEwen-Stevens

Kisa Parks McEwen, Big Spring, and Joshua Jai Stevens, Lamesa, exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 10, 1998, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Keith Wiseman offi-

She is the daughter of Russ and Laura McEwen, Big Spring.

He is the son of Sammy and Trusilla Stevens, Lubbock.

The couple stood before an altar of curly willow, lemon leaf and beargrass in tall vases and many candles.

Organist was Julie Shirey, and Terry McDaniel was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless silk gown with a scoop neckline and a basque waistline that was covered with pearls. The full gown featured a chapel-length train.

She carried a hand-tied nosegay bouquet of fresh lily of the valley, champagne roses, and seeded eucalyptus.

Maid of honor was Kelly Carr, Norman, Okla., and matron of honor was Bree Howard, Midland.

Bridesmaids were Samantha Stevens, sister of the groom, Lubbock, Nikkie Anderson, Arlington, Linnea Balderach, Austin, and Letitia McMahan,

Jobi Stevens, brother of the groom, Lubbock, was the best

Shaine Proctor, Lubbock, Derek Cobb, Lubbock, Chuck Maretzcky, Lubbock, Collin Juren, Lubbock, and Chip Seago, Lamesa, served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Torbin McEwen, brother of the

Kristi Dawn Neitzel and

Brian Anthony Fontana were

united in marriage on Jan. 10,

1998, at the First United

Methodist Church with Dr.

Keith Wiseman, pastor of First

United Methodist Church of

She is the daughter of Shirley

He is the son of Vicky

Fontana, Big Spring, and

The couple stood before crys-

tal lighted Christmas trees,

three candelabras, a unity can-

dle accented with greenery and

burgundy flowers, garland with

Denise Ross was the organist,

Given in marriage by her

brother, Scott Neitzel of San

Antonio, the bride wore a

designer gown of white slipper

satin with a sweetheart neck-

line, long tapered sleeves and a

cathedral train. Her illusion

veil was held in place by a cir-

cle crown that picked up the

She carried a cascading bou-

quet of casa blanca lilies with

bridal white roses, English ivy

and champagne sweetheart

Maid of honor was Casey

Bridesmaids were Karen

Ward, Melissa Balion, both of

Big Spring, and Christy Jones,

Erin Fontana, niece of the

groom, was the flower girl, and

Dustin Fontana, nephew of the

Best man was Donnie Brooks,

Serving as groomsmen were

Keith Fontana and Matthew

Fontana, brothers of groom,

Michael Chandler, Big Spring,

groom, was the ringbearer.

Nichols, Big Spring.

detail of the gown

Cook, Stephenville

College Station.

Big Spring

and Cameron Schaefer, San

white and burgundy flowers.

Antonio, was the vocalist.

Lubbock, officiating.

Jean Neitzel, Big Spring.

Raymound Fontana, Dallas.

Neitzel-Fontana



MRS. JOSHUA JAI STEVENS

bride, Austin, Drew McEwen, brother of the bride, Austin, Justin White, Lubbock, David Warren, Lubbock, and Chad Snodgrass, cousin of the groom, San Angelo.

Candlelighter was Steven Day, Lubbock.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The wedding cake was a three tiered white cake, each tier having its own unique design and one cake one each side made of lemon and raspberry filling. The groom's cake was chocolate on chocolate with fresh flowers.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and will graduate from Texas Tech in

The groom is a Lamesa High School graduate and attended Texas Tech. He is employed by Sam Stevens, Inc.

After a cruise to the Virgin Islands, the couple will live in

MRS. BRIAN ANTHONY FONTANA

served as ushers

strawberries.

Henderson, Stephenville.

with a dance following.

Mike Mendez, Coahoma, and

Jessie Calvert, Big Spring,

Candlelighter was Lana

Following the ceremony, a

reception was held at the Dora

Roberts Community Center

The bride's cake was a three

tiered white basket weave cake

with white and burgundy roses

and greenery with a bride and

groom Dreamsicle cake topper.

The groom's table featured a

chocolate cake in the shape of a

horseshoe and chocolatedipped

The bride is a 1993 graduate

of Forsan High School and is

attending Tarleton State

University in Stephenville.

After graduating, she will be

The groom is a 1995 graduate

of Coahoma High School and is

attending Navarro College in

Corsicana. He will be employed

by Honea Implements after fin-

The couple will take a

Big Spring after graduation.

teaching secondary education.

# life Kays-Riggins

Alisa Kays and Chris Riggins, both of Ackerly, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 20, 1997, at Bethel Assembly of God with Dr. Michael Riggins, pastor and father of the groom, officiating. She is the daughter of James

and Judy Kays, Ackerly. He is the son of Dr. Michael and Sarah Riggins, Ackerly.

The couple stood before two seven branched candelabras entwined with Christmas greenery and bows, three ficus trees filled with Christmas lights and two baskets filled with mauve and burgundy poinsettias.

Jody Boudreaux was the pianist, and Phil and Susan Taylor, Mindy Stone and Jody Boudreaux were the vocalists.

She wore a gown of candlelight Italian satin featuring an off-the-shoulder neckline complimented by a short sleeve. The bodice and sleeves were accented with alencon lace and flowed to a semi-cathedral length train.

The bride carried a bouquet of burgundy and mauve poinsettias, candlelight roses, baby's breath and English ivy.

Matron of honor was Shawn Coleman, and Katie Merritt and Ky Merritt were the brides-

Hannah and Macey Cannon were the flower girls and Matt Clark was the ringbearer.

Best man was Jeremiah Riggins. Virgil Kays, Brad Froman and Jason Froman served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Clay Stone, Jerry Don Stone and



MRS. CHRIS RIGGINS Cliff Clark.

Preston Clark was the candlelighter.

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

The bride's cake was a two tiered strawberry cake with two satellite cakes decorated with a basket weave icing accented with burgundy and mauve poinsettias. The groom's table was covered in a green tablecloth and featured a chocolate cake in the shape of a cowboy hat.

The bride is a graduate of Sands High School and of Texas Tech.

The groom is a graduate of Klondike High School and of Texas Tech. He is employed by the Lamesa ISD.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Lamesa.

# Long-Spivey

Jana Kay Long and Christopher Ray Spivey were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1997, at the Knott Church of Christ with Phillip Burcham, minister of Sand Springs Church of Christ; officiating, She is the daughter of Ray

and Kay Long, Knott. He is the son of Tim and Debbie Spivey, Big Spring.

The couple stood before two candelabras entwined with greenery on each side and cen-

tered with the unity candle. Clint Bingham was the vocal-

Given in marriage by her father and son, Devin Long, the bride wore an ivory gown with a sweetheart neckline. The top and waist were accented with pearls and beads, flowing into an A-line skirt.

She carried a bouquet of roses accented with holly, eucalyptus and pearls.

Maid of honor was Jacque Booth, sister, Post.

Tabby Long, sister-in-law, Marble Falls, and Lyndi Bankhead, Big Spring, were the bridesmaids.

Flower girls were Megan Long, Jessica Long and Heather McLemore. Josh McLemore was the ringbearer. Best man was Mike Spivey, brother, Big Spring.

Serving as groomsmen were Daniel Whetsel, cousin of the groom, Forsan, and Nathan

Menges. Josh Long, brother of the bride, Knott, and Jerry Long,

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Falls, served as ushers.

Dana Spivey, sister of the groom, Big Spring, and Stephanie Whetsel, cousin of the groom, Forsan, were the candlelighters.

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

The wedding cake was two tiered with a center piece of red roses and two satellite cakes accented with red roses.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Howard College. She is a fulltime mom. The groom is a graduate of

Forsan High School and is a self-employed farmer.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas and Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in

# Sevey-Sanderson

Tisa Mireille Sevey, Big Spring, and Jason Paul Sanderson, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, were united in marriage on Dec. 27, 1997, at Miracle Revival Center with Bro. Walter Hodges, associate pastor, officiating. She is the daughter of

Johnnie and Dee Sevey, Big He is the son of Billy, Sr. and

Sharon Sanderson, Sweetwater. The couple stood before an altar arrangement of casa blanca lilies, roses, navy tulle, white, navy and silver lace with a unity candle in the center. Lighted trees were placed on either side of the altar.

Billy Sanderson was the guitarist and Paul Baskin and Jana Gibbs played the key board. Billy Sr. and Sharon Sanderson, and Paul Baskin were the vocalists

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of Venise lace and tulle. The halter neckline was of floral Venise lace and a full chapel length skirt was enhanced with flowerettes. Her veil had a lace crown and a pouf at the back.

She carried a cascading bouquet of casa blanca lilies, iridescent ball clusters, navy, white and silver lace and bell streamers, leaves and bear

Maid of honor was Kristen Sevey, sister of the bride, Big

Bridesmaids were Brandi Purcell, Big Spring, Vanessa Nonnenman, Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa., and Catherine Ojeda, Big Spring.

Kaleigh Sevey, sister of the bride, Big Spring and Matea Turner were the flowergirls. Joshua Noble, cousin of the bride, Big Spring, was the ring-

Billy Sanderson Jr., brother of the groom, Big Spring, was



MR. AND MRS. JASON SANDERSON the best man.

Serving as groomsmen were James Sanderson, brother of the groom, Howard Hornsby, and Weldon Gibbs, cousin of the groom, all of Big Spring.

Amador Gonzales, Big Spring, and Justin Cotton, cousin of the bride, Midland, served as ushers.

Sharon Fleming, Big Spring, was the candlelighter.

A reception followed the cere-

The wedding cake was a three tiered white cake with navy roses, navy white ruffles set over a fountain and a Precious Moments cake topper of a bride and groom. The groom's cake was German chocolate.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. She is employed by Fina Oil & Chemical.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently serving in the U.S.

Following a trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will live in Great Falls, Mont.

# Creeley-Nixson

James Bryan Nixson were united in marriage on Jan. 1, 1998, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Herb McPherson officiat-

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Failor. He is the son of the late Mr.

and Mrs. J.E. Nixson.

The couple stood before an altar decorated with burgundy roses and pink carnations with a touch of blue and baby's breath, two blue candles and a Bible Given in marriage by Jack

Nixson, the bride wore a Victorian style light blue gown fashioned with a high neckline and V-yoke edged with deep ruffles and featuring Bishop sleeves ending in deep cuffs. The skirt fell from an empire waist to the floor.

She wore two floral hair pieces and carried a bouquet of burgundy flowers with green-

ery and baby's breath. Matron of honor was Virginia

Moore. Best man was Jack Bryan Nixson.

usher.

Jimmy Clanton served as Following the ceremony a

reception was held in the cou-

MR. AND MRS. JAMES NIXSON

ple's home.

The table was covered in white lace with a bouquet of burgundy flowers. Bells and glistening marble also decorated the table. The wedding cake was a rectangle, layered white cake with a bride and groom figurine and an arch cake topper, and adorned with burgundy flowers. She is retired from Wal-Mart.

and he is retired from Cosden. Following a wedding trip to Georgia, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

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ishing school.

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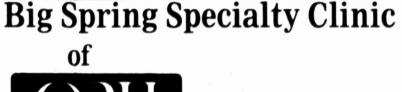
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WEDNESDAY-Chicken, potatoes, Brussels sprouts, tossed salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, potatoes, broccoli, salad, milk/rolls, fruited gelatin.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

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MONDAY-Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Bar-be-que ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, batter bread, cobbler, milk. WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese

enchiladas, salad, pinto beans, corn, bread, pudding, milk. THURSDAY-Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes,

green beans, hot rolls, jello, FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

STANTON SCHOOLS MONDAY-Hot dog or burrito

with chili, buttered corn, fries, pinto beans, lemon pie, orange slices, cookie, fruit drink, milk.

TUESDAY-Country steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit cobbler, hot roll, fruit drink,

WEDNESDAY-Nacho Grande or baked potato with bread refried stick, beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, fruit drink, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken dumplings or pizza, seasoned peas, carrot/celery sticks, peaches, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

FRIDAY-Choice of sandwiches, potato rounds, vegetarian beans, apple wedges, fruit drink, milk.

#### **BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**

MONDAY-Taco or ham & cheese sandwich, pinto beans, spanish rice, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pig in a blanket or steak fingers, potato, wedges, carrot sticks, pineapple wedges, jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili mac, green beans, sweet potatoes or Chef salad, apple crackers, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken patties or meatloaf, whipped potatoes, english peas, pear halves, hot roll, milk.

cornbread, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS MONDAY-Chicken dumplings or chilidog, fries, peas & carrots, crackers, fruit,

TUESDAY-Baked ham or frito pie, baked beans, potato salad, jello w/fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak w/ gravy or corndogs. sweetened rice, peas & carrots,

rolls, peach cobbler, milk. THURSDAY-Pizza, fries, fruit, milk. Teachers only Salad or

#### baked potato. FRIDAY- NO SCHOOL

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Beef & bean burrito, chili, cheese, corn, salad,

baked apples, milk. TUESDAY-Beef tacos, pinto beans, salad, cheese, jello/fruit

mix, taco shell, milk. WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-que on bun, potato rounds, pickles,

sliced peaches, buns, milk. THURSDAY-Baked chicken, green beans, scalloped potatoes,

cookie, rolls, milk. FRIDAY-Chili-n-beans, cheese sticks, cole slaw, peach cobbler,

#### saltine crackers, milk. FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steak FRIDAY-Cheeseburger or Patties/gravy, whipped potagreen enchiladas, salad, french toes, green beans, hot biscuits,

TUESDAY-Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers. french fries, pickle/onions, teddy grahams/fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Hot dogs/chips, salad, pork & beans, relish/onions, cookies/fruit,

FRIDAY-Turkey/gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, hot rolls, jello/fruit, milk.

#### **ELBOW SCHOOL**

MONDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, fruit, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili and beans, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk. WEDNESDAY-Fish, pea

salad, macaroni and cheese, fruit, milk. THURSDAY-Hot dog, pork and beans, potato chips, fruit,

FRIDAY-Cowboy stew, salad, fruit, crackers, milk.

#### **GRADY SCHOOLS**

MONDAY-Barbecue burgers, potato salad, dessert, milk. TUESDAY-Bean burritos, corn chips, fruit, dessert, milk. WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti,

corn, fruit, dessert, milk. THURSDAY-SACK LUNCH FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

### HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Elbow" Male Weimaraner Lab mix, 2-yearsold, neutered, needs caring

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"Mike" Male Doberman, 1year-old, neutered, loves to

"Nancy" Female Collie mix. golden color, 1-year-old, spayed. "Hound Dog" Female black and tan Coonhound, 2-year-old, spayed, very loving.

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### Legal novel: Dismissed

"Criminal Justice" by Barbara Parker. Signet, Penguin Group, New York, New York. January, 1998. 438 pages.`\$6.00

A former prosecutor and now a practicing attorney, Dan Galindo is drawn inadvertently into a maelstrom of struggling

rockbands drug dealing, and murder. One of Dan clients is his brother-in-law



rock band pro-Pat Williams moter Paperback Through Book Reviewer this asso-

ciation. Dan becomes romantically involved with the lead guitarist. He is unaware she had been arrested on a heroin charge, and to avoid prosecution had become an informant to the DEA.

When the band's guitarist is found dead in Dan's apartment. he not only struggles to prove his own innocence, but in addition he attempts to find the murderer on his own. DEA agents and assorted thieves, as well as Dan's son and former wife appear in various situa-

Each character seems to be self-involved and shallow, failing to bring an honest feeling to the story. The plot becomes indistinguishable as the peripheral characters struggle

to find their own identities. Barbara Parker is a successful author, as well as having worked as a prosecutor and

Undoubtedly her knowledge of the law is broad and her working experience should give her a depth of feeling to bring to the story. However, she fails to give the reader an opportunity to have any empathy for Dan, or for any of those with whom he shares the spotlight. In this writing Parker lacks richness in the language that portrays people or situa-

Criminal Justice's greatest mystery is how it ever was accepted for publication.

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ing of veterans service organizations, churches and civic groups as well as area schools and military installations, veterans hospitalized in the Big Spring VA Medical Center during the holiday season enjoyed a good Christmas. In addition to gifts they received from these organizations, they equally enjoyed shopping for their loved ones in the American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Gift Shop.

This gift shop allowed hospitalized veterans to select nice Christmas gifts for their loved ones at no cost to them. These gifts were then Christmas wrapped, packaged for mailing, and addressed to loved ones of patients by Auxiliary members and Legionnaires.

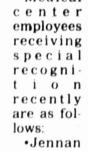
.. New employees of the medical center are as follows: Dawn Brown, RN;Freddy Gipson; Dolores Green; Angela Hodnett; Stacy Keller; Kim Loudermill, LVN; Allen Moskoe; Betty Thixton; and Sarah White.

A hearty salute is extended from the entire staff to friend and co-worker Robert Finn, RN, also known as Air Force Captain Robert Finn, OIC, 701st Medical Squadron of the Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth Naval Air Station.

Under his command, the 701st along with another squadron, developed a nursing skills laboratory that was the entire Air Force. For his outstanding leadership role. Captain Finn received the prestigious Air Force Commendation Medal with the Oak

Cluster. Medical center employees receiving special recogni tion recently

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Swafford, MSN, received a Certificate of Appreciation the Weterans Health ministration for her efforts as a facility liaison for the Department of Veterans Affairs Quality Improvement.

Fred Cox

**VA Medical Center** 

Study. ·Linda Black and Troy Gray, RN, received Employee of the Month awards for December 1997 and January 1998, respectively.

 Receiving Special Contribution Awards for their efforts in setting up the San Angelo VA Clinic and the relocation of the Abilene VA Clinic were: Michelle Beach, April Brow, Bobby Cordova, Carol Crowder, Oscar Del Bosque, William B. Fraser, Jenine Huskey, David Klaus, Bobby McCormick, Annette

·Carolyn Rebber, RN. received Contribution Award for her outstanding efforts in coordinating the Womens Veterans Day activities.

Following an intensive onsite inspection by specially trained representatives of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), Big Spring VA Medical Center (VAMC) received a two year AABB Accreditation. Medical Center Director Cary

Brown acknowledged Kokila Vasanawala, M.D., Chief, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service, and her staff "for making it possible for the medical center to receive this important accreditation," en .

"Brown receptly congratula ed Dee Speck, Tumo Board Registrar and her predecessor Beverly Rice for being instrumental in obtaining a four year accreditation for our cancer program from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

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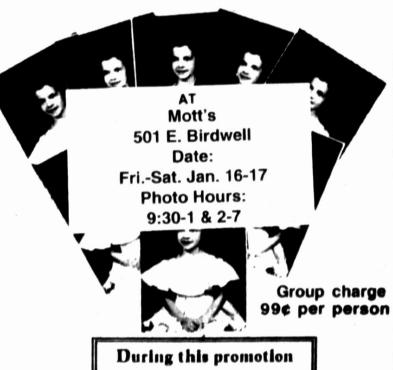
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Grandparents are Jackie and

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the late Johnny Zitterkopf, Big

Hunter Laine Smith, boy, Dec. 23, 1997, 10:11 a.m., six pounds one ounce and 20 inches long; parents are Darrel and Jamie Smith.

Grandparents are Frank and Flo Dowor, Midland, and Walter and Sharon Smith,

Alexander Emmanuel Rivera, boy, Dec. 25, 1997, 4:45 p.m. seven pounds 12 1/4 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are

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# Winfrey gives deposition in "Mad Cow" lawsuit

AMARILLO (AP) - Oprah Winfrey has virtually sworn off eating beef since hosting a "Dangerous Foods" edition of her talk show that spawned a federal defamation suit by Texas cattlemen, according to lengthy depositions.

In nearly 500 pages of courtordered testimony she gave in two stints, Ms. Winfrey said she rarely ate beef before vegetarian activist Howard Lyman was a guest on her program that aired April 16, 1996, but she cut down even more after-

Ms. Winfrey told plaintiffs' attorney Joe Coyne she was especially scared off by the practice of cows eating processed livestock, a practice believed to have promoted "mad cow" disease in England in the 1980s. It was banned in

the United States last June 3. -She was roundly criticized in

cattle circles when she said on the air that Lyman's statements, "stopped (her) cold from eating another burger.'

"I'm not against beef. I'm not against cattlemen," she said during the first deposition.

"Why are we feeding cattle to cattle? And I'm going to rest a lot easier and will be able to enjoy a hamburger once the regulations have been put in place that say we are no longer feeding cattle to cattle. That was the issue for me.

Industry figures show that already slumping cattle prices sank to near 10-year lows after the broadcast. Defense attorneys for Lyman, Ms. Winfrey, Harpo Productions Inc. and King World Productions Inc. dispute the reasons for the market tumble.

Amarillo feedlot owner Paul Babcock objected to several tive proof. Engler and others are claiming more than \$12 million in losses under a 1995 Texas law that holds people liable for falsely disparaging food products.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson has barred all parties in the case from discussing it with outsiders.

Ms. Winfrey, who wasn't talking about it even before the gag order, made sworn statements on June 14 and Dec. 19, 1997. The depositions were filed this week with the U.S. District Clerk in Amarillo in advance of a Jan. 20 trial. Ms. Winfrey will tape her show from Amarillo during the trial.

In her testimony, Ms. Winfrey illustrated everything from how her show is edited to her strict diet, which she partially credits for losing 85 pounds. Winfrey attorney Chip questions by plaintiffs' attorneys, but she was forced to answer most of them anyway.

The questioning centered on the television show's discussion about whether an outbreak of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, could happen in the United States.

After Lyman said eating beef was a "risk (he is) unwilling to take," beef specialists Gary Weber of the National Cattleman's Beef Association and William Hueston of the U.S. Agriculture Department emphasized that there's no evidence of a mad cow threat in the United States.

The debate on that issue continues. The British government suspects the disease causes a form of a deadly human mental ailment, but there's no defini-

However, when Ms. Winfrey asked Lyman — a former rancher who is not a scientist if mad cow could lead to a human plague that "could make AIDS look like the common cold," the activist said, "Absolutely."

Ms. Winfrey told Lyman on the air that she thought that was an "extreme statement," but she told plaintiffs' lawyers she personally remains skeptical of beef safety.

"I'm sitting here today telling you that 12 years ago when I did my first show on AIDS and it was considered a homosexual disease and people (made) statements that 10 years from now this would be in the mass population ... I had reason to doubt then," Ms. Winfrey said. "But I just put the question forth to the American people, so that is what my job is to

Ms. Winfrey also said that even though Lyman's message has caused her to avoid beef, it was a minuscule part of her diet before the show. Her cook book, published prior to the show, had no beef recipes.

According to Weber's sworn statements, remarks on the program were "inflammatory and set the stage for a very difficult kind of show that lacked balance.'

Ms. Winfrey said she doesn't regret the show's content and editing. However, in what she said was a rare move, Weber was invited back a week later to reiterate the beef industry's position one-on-one with Ms. Winfrey. Weber said he felt somewhat vindicated by that follow-up show.

## Gilbert joins BS Herald staff

**HERALD Staff Report** 

Kathy Gilbert has joined the staff of the Big Spring Herald

as a staff reporter, said Herald Managing Editor John H. Walker.

Gilbert will cover a variety topics, emphasizing education health agriculture.

and **GILBERT** 

'We're excited to have Kathy join our staff," Walker said. We looked a long time and talked with a number of people before finding someone we felt would fit into the community and wanted to be part of the community."

Gilbert is a native of California and earned her B.A. in French from the University of Redlands in 1982. She earned her M.A. in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988 and her Ph.D. in journalism from UT-Austin

Most recently, she worked as a coordinating producer on DreamBuilders, a regular program broadcast regularly on Home and Garden Television.

She has also worked as senior research associate for the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at UT-Austin and as a teaching assistant in the Department of Journalism at UT Austin

Giltert also worked as photo editor for The Associated Press in New York City

With the addition of Gilbert to the staff. Walker said longtime Herald employee Steve Peagan would become layout and the reditor

### **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**



State National Bank of Big Spring has named Frances Garcia Employee of the Year for 1997. Garcia, who has been with the bank for two years, is pictured with bank President Jim Purcell. Garcia began as a teller and has been in the Account Services department for the past year and a half. State National Bank has been locally owned and operated in Big Spring since 1909 and has assets of \$150 million.

# Howard County Junior Livestock Show set to begin

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mal projects. The show is the culmination for many of the members projects

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The animal project program is designed to teach responsibility, nutrition, leadership and health and well being of a par-" ticular animal project. The Officers are Jim Purcell, presi-

trained these projects from five

They have purchased their own projects as well as the feed and equipment necessary to complete the project. We have more than 117 families involved this year through Howard County 4-H, Big Spring FFA, Coahoma FFA and Sands

The top placing animals will qualify to be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction to be held on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Area businesses have generously donated funds to make this possible in past years and members of the Junior Livestock Show Association are in the process of contacting businesses presently to secure donations for this year's auction.

Howard County Junior Livestock Show Association

dent; Cindy Middleton, secretary; and Bruce Griffith, trea-Show superintendents this

year include Kirk Allen, barrows; Perry Gamble, capons; Mike Yeater, lambs; Jeff Murphree, goats; and Ronnie Wood, steers and heifers. This year's show schedule is

as follows:

•Goats — 7 p.m. Wednesday. •Barrows -5 p.m. Thursday.

•Capons — 10 a.m. Friday. •Lambs - 1 p.m. Friday.

•Steers — 8 a.m. Saturday. •Buyer's Barbecue — 12 p.m. Saturday.

The awards ceremony will

begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and will be followed by the Premium Auction. We hope you can make plans to joins us for this annual event and show your support for Howard County youth.

# Home sales in state highest since '80s

biggest cities helped propel the ter 1997. More than 16,000 new state's housing market to its highest volume since the 1980s, according to a new study

Around the state, almost 54,500 single-family homes had been started in Texas' major cities, according to the report by American Metro/Study Inc.

This strong housing market performance in Texas is being driven by upbeat consumer confidence, extraordinary job growth, low interest rates and a very healthy regional economy." said Mike Inselmann, American Metro/Study presi-

Houston is leading the newhome market boom in Texas, with more than 18,000 singlefamily home starts in the 12

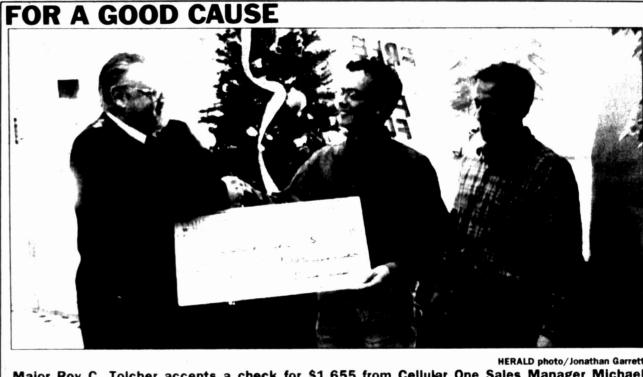
DALLAS (AP) — Texas' two months ending with third quarhomes were sold in Houston during the period.

"Annual starts in Houston are now at their highest level in 13 years," **Inselmann said**. With about 16,000 sales and

almost 17,000 starts the Dallas area is a close second through the third quarter. Housing analysts say that a shortage of well-located, afford-

able lots and a low inventory of new homes are putting a crimp in Dallas' new-home business and sending some buyers to the existing-home market.

Low mortgage rates and a hot local economy brought out a larger-than-expected number of Dallas-area home buyers in



Major Roy C. Tolcher accepts a check for \$1,655 from Cellular One Sales Manager Michael Womack and Jim Koerber. The proceeds will go toward paying for a portion of the toys from the Toys for Tots campaign this past Christmas season.

# Banks buzzing about home equity loan potential

BY KEVIN J. SHAY

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ARLINGTON Alexandra Perro needed some evitra tanh to help pay for her twing college and other bills following a life-changing automobile accident, the single parent was glad the state of New Hampanire allowed home equi-

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The UC Landing loan Than made college possible for two dedicated young people. My credit is improving, too," she

Earlier this month, Texas joined the rest of the country. as residents in this state are now able to do what Ms. Perry did - take out a loan against the equity in their home mortgages to use for debt consolidation, college, start-up businesses, major purchases and other costs. Previously, Texans could

only get home equity loans for home improvement projects.

We've been waiting for Texas to allow home equity loans in general to move in here said David Spelbring, regional vice president over Texas for UC Lending, which opened nine offices in the state by Jan 2 including one in North Arlington

The company, which has 225 etail offices in 42 states Texas will be the 43rd has teen reviewing the Texas marker for more than five years, he

California is the biggest market in the country, but Texas is not far behind, said Spelbring, who will work in Austin (Texas is very similar to California. It's a great state to work in

Other mortgage companies and banks have been gearing up for the change since voters approved the amendment in Some have November. launched high-dollar marketing campaigns targeting this audience, added employees in their loan divisions and offered to waive closing costs

including Others, NationsBank Texas, plan to offer to qualifying customers

up to \$25,000 that taken together would allow them to borrow more than 80 percent of the equity in their homes, which is the legal limit prescribed by the Legislature.

The unsecured loan would function separately and have to be paid off within 120 days, thus the bank is not violating the law, officials said.

NationsBank, which has more than 300 branches in the state, also has stepped up its opening of branches inside supermarkets. Such in-store branches offer home equity loans among other services and allow the bank to reach more people, said Peter McKee, the company's in-store banking executive.

The company's 41st such branch in an Albertson's grocery store opened last month in North Arlington

Compass Bank, which has more than 200 branches in Texas, Alabama and Florida, has developed a Web site exclusively devoted to home equity loans. The site explains the process, issues and changes involved

With the potential Texas home equity loan market esti-

additional, unsecured loans of mated as high as \$127 billion although experts estimate that only \$20 billion of that will be borrowed in the first two years

the stakes are high and competition somewhat fierce. Consumer interest in such loans has been steady the last few weeks, banking executives said.

"We've had a lot of interest in this product," said Molly Malone, marketing manager for the southern region of Bank One Texas, which has more than 80 branches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "It's especially high among transplants, people who move here from other states who are used to obtaining home equity loans."

While the benefits of this type of loan include lower interest loans and increased tax deductions State Comptroller John Sharp estimates that the average Texas homeowner would annually save \$360 in federal income taxes and \$490 in interest costs through such loans - some, such as the Texas Farm Bureau and consumer groups, have expressed concerns that people could get into more debt than they can handle.

Across the country, more

than 8 million homeowners have home equity loans totaling about \$400 billion, according to industry sources. With the loans in Texas expected to generate more than \$1 billion in annual interest payments for lenders, it's not hard to understand why more than a few companies are opening new offices in this area.

Irving-based Associates First Capital Corp. has opened a 230employee call center in Arlington to handle home equity business across the state and has even enlisted former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and football commentator Terry Bradshaw for television commercials. The company has assets of more than \$50 billion and employs 22,000 in eight countries.

UC Lending is in negotiations for a 2,500-square-foot office, said Buddy Wright, UC Lending's North Texas regional manager who will oversee the Arlington site.

"If we don't get that office, we will have an office somewhere in North Arlington by January 2," he said. "We'd like to be close to Interstate 30 and State Highway 360, which will give us good access to the

Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. And Arlington itself is a fantastic market."

The Arlington office would house as many as 18 employees, Wright said. UC Lending also plans to have offices in Sherman, Longview, Texarkana. Houston, Beaumont, Austin, San Antonio and Wichita Falls by Jan. 2, Spelbring said.

"Our long-term plan is to open 20 to 25 offices in Texas by the end of 1998, and 40 to 50 eventually," he said. "By that time, we will have 350 to 400 employees here, most of those local hires.'

The company estimates there are more than a million people in Texas who cannot obtain credit from banks and other traditional lenders. "About seven years ago, we decided to specialize in home equity lending to those who can't get those loans from traditional sources," Spelbring said. "There are a lot of people who

need that kind of help.' Having branches opposed to working primarily by telephone - is UC Lending's main distinguishing characteristic, Wright said.

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County Court: Court Records: Deed Records:

grantor: Frances Margaret Edens property: Lot 6, blk. 4 and lot 7, lk. 4, William Green Addition filed: Dec. 29, 1997

grantor: Loraine O. Noach grantee: Joe and Donna Wennik property: a 1.71 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 19, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. filed: Dec. 30, 1997

grantor: Frankie D. Chandler grantee: Kerri Thompson property: lot 22, blk. 4, replat of Wasson Place Addition filed: Dec. 30, 1997

grantor: Nell Marie Coots and Scotty Muri Casselman grantee: Emanuel T. Minguela

property: a tract of land in section 5, bik. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. filed: Dec. 30, 1997

grantor: Delbert E. Simpson grantee: Exxon Corp. property: all of section 8, blk. 31, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co. filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: Stephen Foster grantee: Patricia Ann McIntire property: all of lot 10, blk. 3, filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: Teresa Vasquez grantee: Jose Luis and Oralia Pena property: lot 9, blk. 3, Wrights filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: Carl McKee, Jr., and Geneva Higgins grantee: James and Vickie Carson property: lot 12, blk. 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1 filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: Debra Bagnall grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: lot 9, blk. 1, College **Heights Addition** filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: Donna Redding Christie and William Donald Redding grantee: Donald E. Hankins property: lot 29, blk. 7, Stanford

**Park Addition** filed: Jan. 2, 1998 grantor: Velma Gamel

grantee: Donald E. Hankins property: lots 3 and 4, blk. 10, Subdivision "A" Fairview Heights filed: Jan. 2, 1998

grantor: Chicle Lee Newton grantee: Shirley Ann Long property: the north 1/2 southeast 1/4 and the north 1/4, south 1/2 and southeast 1/4 of section 22, bik. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.; and the south 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of section 10, bik. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. filed: Dec. 30, 1997

Warranty deed with vendor's lien:

grantor: Michael L. Seel grantee: Raul Lujan and Irma property: lot 15, blk. 7, Monticello

filed: Dec. 29, 1997

grantee: Caren Smith and Jamie L. Campbell property: lots 1 and 2, Subdivision blk. 15, Fairview Heights Addition filed: Dec. 29, 1997

grantor: John M. and Eunice E. grantee: Terry William Sawyers and ncy T. Rando

property: lot 12, blk. 15, McDowell Heights Addition filed: Dec. 29, 1997 grantor: Joe W. and Donna Wennii

property: all of lot 5, blk. 34, ollege Park Estates filed: Dec. 30, 1997 grantor: Marjorie F. Dodson grantee: Thomas Haden

property: a portion of lot 26, blk., Amended Highland South Addition filed: Dec. 30, 1997

grantor: Marcellous and Marilyn grantee: Cornelio Ramirez and April Yvette Martinez property: lot 24, blk. 26, College Park Estates filed: Dec. 30, 1997

grantor: Christopher Wayne Mackey and Paula Johns Mackey grantee: Mark D. and Cynthia property: all of lot 21, blk. 2, Colonial Hills

filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: Robert Leon Reid grantee: Connie C. Voltz property: a 7.43 acre tract of land

out of the west 1/2 of section 46. blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Co. filed: Dec. 31, 1997

grantor: L.J. and Shirley Barron grantee: Karla K. Nix property: a 4.33 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, RR Co. filed: Jan. 2, 1998

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum grantee: Pete Rosenbaum

Trustee's deed:

Quit claim deed; grantor: Joe Lee Roberts grantee: Lenita Roberts property: tract 1 - a .30 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the east 1/2 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.; tract 2 - a 6.05 acre tract out of the south part of section 46, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. flied: Dec. 30, 1987 filed: Dec. 30, 1997

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Court Filings: Filings: Family: Adella Rivera vs. Nicholas Mindling Dana Buckley vs. Mark Molina Divorce:

John Easom Franklin vs. Janet Gayle Franklin Katrina Delene Pierce vs. Roy Lee

Steven E. Watson vs. Donna S. Henry Lynn Roach vs. Diane Roach Tracey Gwen McKenzie vs. J. Robert McKenzie Johnny Dee Turman vs. Tonya Lea

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# Multi-line phone users seeing additional charges for phone use

WASHINGTON (AP) IIIO Americans with multiple telephone lines in their homes perhaps for a computer or for a teen-ager — will see some charges go up on their January phone bills.

For most of these customers, total bills are supposed to go down, since government regulators also are ordering reductions in long-distance phone fees. But customers who make few long-distance calls could see their total bills increase.

The changes are coming about under a Federal **Communications Commission** plan, adopted in May, that revamps a labyrinth of

access payments local phone companies receive for routing long-distance calls and for subsidizing local phone service.

These payments also help subsidize new discounted telecommunications services for schools and libraries as Congress and the Clinton administration required in a

Beginning Jan. 1, most residential customers with multiple lines saw an additional \$1.50 per month charge for each line beyond the first one. The average "subscriber line" residential charge that now appears on monthly bills is \$3.50. It is used to pay for the tomer's home or business to the local phone company's switching equipment.

But some multiline residential customers served by Bell Atlantic won't get as big an increase depending on where they live, said Frank Gumper, a company vice president. He couldn't identify all those areas, but said Washington, D.C., is among them. There the monthly charge for multiline homes will increase from \$2.49 per line to \$3.67, he said.

Most multiline businesses also will be paying a higher subscriber line charge each month starting Jan. 1.

# Hasta La Vista.



No matter how you say it, as of January 30, 1998, it's goodbye for these three scratch games from the Texas Lottery: Ace in the Hole, Cowboy Cash and Yellow Rose of Texas. While we're scratching these games off our list, you can claim prizes through July 29, 1998. You can win up to \$3,000 playing Ace in the Hole, up to \$5,000 playing Cowboy Cash and up to \$20,000 playing Yellow Rose of Texas. You can claim prizes of

up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 24 regional Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).

> Overall odds of winning in Yellow Rose of Texas, 1 in 4.77. Overall odds of winning in Ace in the Hole, 1 in 4.92 ning in Cowboy Cash, 1 in 4.96 Must be 18 years of older to play. ©1997 Texas Lottery

# 401(k) puts employees in the savings driver's seat

By A.J. COOK

Scripps Howard News Service

The 401(k) plan probably is the most popular tax shelter both large and small employers provide for employees. But what is it?

It's a retirement plan that puts you in the driver's seat.

Like other retirement plans, contributions are usually deductible, and tax on income is postponed. But with the 401(k), you, the employee, have an option — have part of your compensation go into the fund and delay the taxes, or pocket the compensation and pay taxes now. A regular retirement plan doesn't offer this

It's popular among employers because it can be a low-cost method to provide a taxdeferred retirement savings for

Most 401(k) plans allow you to contribute a percentage of your pay, generally between 1 and 15 percent. For 1998, the law limits the contribution to

But for employees receiving more than \$80,000 annually, this is further limited.

A complicated formula restricts people with fat paychecks from saving the maximum unless many of their lower paid colleagues also participate.

In some companies, the firm matches employee contributions. For example, an employer contributes 50 cents for every dollar contributed by the

Most withdrawals are taxable. If an employee never paid

taxes on money put into the fund, that money plus the earnings on it are taxed when withdrawn.

Withdrawals before age 59 1/2 can result in a 10 percent penalty, in addition to the tax. There are various exceptions, including these: The participant dies or is

The funds are used for

major medical expenses or health insurance for an unemployed person. The funds are distributed

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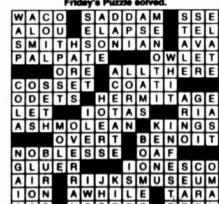
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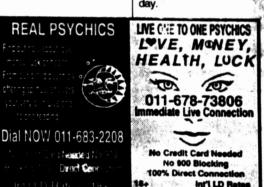
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plays devil's advocate. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could ruin even the best of times, with the case of blues you have. Listen to a family member, whether you agree or not. Discussions are active and could present another perspective. An afternoon nap might be just what you need. Tonight: Make it an early night.\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are out of sorts, though you are unconscious of what you project. Pay attention to feedback, especially if you don't think it mirrors what you try to convey. It might be a direct reflection of your attitude. Tonight: A relaxing din-

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#### Horoscope

smile on another's face as well as yours. Go for lively fun. Be imaginative. Tonight: It's your

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are empowered by the moon; enjoy yourself, and let go. Someone in authority could be raining on your parade. Ignore him. You are energetic and full of joy. Others are drawn to you and your radiant ways. Tonight: You call the shots.\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You need time off, and a change in plans will work to your benefit. Relax, think through recent events and mellow out. Everyone needs a day off, including you. Catch up on mail, read or rent that movie you've been dying to see. Tonight: In your own world.\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Aim for what you want, and be direct. A partner is less than amenable, so you need to make decisions alone. Think about what is best for you. Express what you feel, but don't expect an immediate response. Join friends; that is where happiness lies. Tonight: Out.\*\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be strong with that difficult associate. Making decisions is important now. Accept the limelight, make your moves and gather others together. Your caring is greatly appreciated. You might opt to get a head start on work. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.\*\*\*

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#### you don't always have to be the responsible one. Tonight: Try

something exotic.\*\*\*\* SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Discussions with a child or new love interest could be difficult; as a result, you feel isolated or uncared-for. Make decisions that support you. A dear friend helps you work through a problem. Have a leisurely snack together. Tonight: Make it one-on-one.\*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

A difficult domestic issue could make you uncomfortable. You understand much more than you are willing to let another know. If you both get stuck, a stalemate will result. Take responsibility, and negotiate reasonable terms. Tonight: Let another choose.\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take time to exercise, pay bills and answer a letter or two. Another appreciates your attention. Decisions made now are not likely to work. Use the time to complete old projects. You also might want to take some

time off to retreat and regroup. Tonight: Baby yourself.\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Financial stress adds to current demands. Think through what is right for you. Your natural creativity comes out; before you know it, you have a solution. A loved one blazes a path of enjoyment, without great cost. Let the good times happen. Tonight: Fun and

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DEAR ABBY: A few years back I got my husband, "Al," involved in coaching our son's hockey team. The sport is

something our family enjoys, so I thought it would bring us together. Was I ever wrong Al's obsession is driving us further apart.

**Abigail** Van Buren Columnist

Our son (for unrelated reasons) has been forced to stop playing, but Al is deeper into it than ever. He coaches three teams on a volunteer basis and is away from the house and our four children frequently. It's as if he had a

part-time job. Before you say it, I know there are worse things my husband could be doing. However, that doesn't make it easier to play second fiddle. Al says this is his "thing," so I have no right to intrude. I used to be involved, too, when our son was playing, but I can't justify it now. So Al has told me to butt out of his life and stay

away from the whole thing. Obviously there are other things troubling our marriage, but the fact that he's putting "his responsibility to his teams" before his responsibility to his family is more than I

can handle. I resent the way my husband has put other people's kids ahead of his own. Don't get me wrong; most of the boys and girls he coaches are great. Al may not believe it, but I'm proud of all he's taught them to accomplish. But enough is enough! I don't want it to cost this coach his marriage.

MRS. COACH IN FLORIDA COACH: DEAR MRS. Marriage is a team sport that requires effort from both players in order to be successful. Coaching is the way your husband has managed to avoid confronting the "other things' troubling your marriage. The situation won't improve unless you and Al reach a compromise about the number of hours he devotes to coaching so the two of you can resolve your differences and revive your relation-

ship. DEAR ABBY: I never dreamed I'd be writing to anyone for advice, but I have a problem. I have been seeing this man since last February. I like him a lot, and he seems to feel the same about me. I am 76 and he is 64.

Our problem is his ex-wife. She comes to his house every Friday evening and stays until Sunday evening. He sees me Monday through Friday afternoons, and sometimes in the evenings. She acts like they are still married and still wears her wedding rings, but they are divorced. She drinks and needs

help, or so he tells me. I told him if she needs help, there are other places she can go to get it. (They have four children.)

He doesn't want me to call him on the weekends, as it upsets her. Frankly, this hurts me. I have feelings too. I have been waiting patiently for him to get rid of her. He says he doesn't want her at his

home, but he doesn't do anything about it. Should I forget him and move on? I'm sure I could find someone else because I don't look or act my LONESOME IN CINCINNATI DEAR LONESOME: Unless

your friend finds the courage to

tell his ex-wife that he has

other plans for the weekends,

your situation isn't going to change. And why should it? He's enjoying the best of both of you. Since you think you could find someone else, you have nothing to lose by telling him

reaction will tell you what you need to know DEAR ABBY: Your advice for people to see that senior citizens get safely to and from places, especially after dark, reminded me of the joke about the 90-year-old man who mar-

he must make a choice. His

ried the 19-year-old girl. "Was she beautiful?"

"No," he replied.

"Sexy?" "No."

"Rich?" "No." "Well, why in the world did you marry her?"

"Well," said the old man. 'She could drive after dark.'' — TOWNSEND, MAXINE CINCINNATI

DEAR ABBY: Please inform me of the proper etiquette. A friend was married for three days, and then the marriage was annulled. What should she do with the wedding gifts? -

WONDERING IN TUCSON DEAR WONDERING: Since the marriage lasted only three days and was then annulled, the wedding gifts belong to the bride and groom. Whether they return any presents depends on their personal feelings about it. The bride, however, should return any jewelry or heirlooms she received from the

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