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Reflecting A Proud Community

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'Cowboys Report's' Stone to keynote annual Chamber banquet

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Tickets remain on sale for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are \$12.50 each.

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Keynote speaker for the banquet will be Ray Stone. Stone is in his 24th year of producing

the "Cowboys Football Report," a syndicated daily talk and interview show that airs on 163 radio stations in five states.



STONE

"Inside the NFL," hosted by Pat

Summerall and aired coast-to-coast on 740 radio stations.

The banquet serves as a showcase for the chamber to highlight its accomplishments of the past year under the leadership of president Curtis Mullins and for new chamber president Ray Kennedy to outline his plan of action for 1998.

It is at the annual banquet that the community's man and woman of the year are also named. Last year's honorees were Kate Irons and Harold

Davis.

Stone's voice is well-known to Cowboys football fans. Over the past 15 years, he has traveled throughout the Southwest, telling humorous stories about the Cowboys — from the days of Don Meredith and Roger Staubach to the current team.

But while Stone tells tales about the Cowboys, the real purpose of his talk is in a segment devoted to economic growth within the community. Stone stresses that every resi-

dent in the community must support the chamber, must be sold on their community and must support the local businesses.

"Small communities are truly the heart beat of America. A small community is comparable to a patient in the hospital. How well local residents support their community and local businesses will dictate the strength of that heart beat, survival, health, growth and quality of life in that community," Stone

said. Chamber officers for 1998 include Kennedy; Chuck Williams, president-elect; Cavan McMahon, first-vice president; David McKay, treasurer; Terry McDaniel, vice president of governmental and community affairs; Lee George, vice president of membership; Lanelle Witt, vice president of public affairs; Mel Prather, vice president of tourism and Amber Rich, vice president of retail development.

SA reports successful holidays

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

At the Salvation Army this Christmas, workers gave out a lot of food, toys and gifts. In return, they received a lot of gratitude from needy people.

"We got thank-you cards, Christmas cards," explained Danelle Castillo, social services director. "We got notes from parents who were thanking us, saying their kids wouldn't have had a Christmas without us."

Angel Trees were one of the most successful programs this year, bringing in nearly \$39,000 worth of clothing, toys and gifts. Most of that money, Castillo added, was spent at local businesses.

The trees served local children and the elderly — and this year, every angel was adopted. Gratitude was plentiful, Castillo said.

"I delivered some of the elderly angel gifts on Christmas day," she said. "There was one gentleman I remember, he was so happy to be getting a gift, he literally jumped for joy."

"He was like a little boy with a new toy. His joy was just as if he had been a little child."

Each year, need increases, Castillo said. She estimates there will be 50-100 more people who apply for help every year.

There were 730 children served this Christmas season by the toy program, which benefitted from Toys for Tots drives in the community. Value of toys given to the children was more than \$8,000.

Food baskets were given to 286 local families, including vegetables, dry noodles, fruit and chickens or turkey. More than \$8,000 in food was distributed through the program.

Toys, food and other items were donated by individuals, businesses, clubs and churches.

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Noel Howell adds the last ingredient to her chili on Saturday at the Boss HOG Chili Cookoff held at the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop. Proceeds from the event will be used to pay for the group's activities during the year.

Perry OKs Permian Basin eradication zone

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Area cotton producers learned Thursday that Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has approved the designation of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Perry's approval means area producers will now be able to design their own future eradication efforts on a more localized scale.

In approving formation of the zone, Perry also appointed Dawson County farmer James C. Brown of Midland to represent the zone on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

The failed Aug. 1 referendum, which would have established a suppression program in the 19-county Southern High Plains-Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, was defeated by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent.

As a result of the failed referendum, local producers will now have more of a voice in what type of program they participate in.

A total of 13,373 ballots were mailed out to area producers for the failed referendum with 6,636 valid ballots, which represented more than 1.9 million cotton acres in the High Plains-Caprock Zone, being tabulated.

The issues on the Aug. 1 ballot included:

• Proposition 1 — To establish

a boll weevil suppression program in the Southern High Plains-Caprock Zone to begin in the fall of 1998: For: 3,184 votes or 48.4 percent; Against: 3,394 votes or 51.6 percent.

• Proposition 2 — To set cost-sharing assessment for boll weevil suppression: For: 1,882 votes or 29 percent; Against: 4,598 votes or 71 percent.

• Proposition 3 — To allow the Texas Boll weevil Eradication

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CADA survey: Youth continue use of drugs

HOUSTON (AP) — Parents are failing to adequately warn their children about the harm in using drugs, according to a recent survey by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Richard Spence, assistant deputy director of the commission, has tracked students' drug use trends since 1988.

He says children often justify experimentation with alcohol and marijuana by saying their parents wouldn't care.

One of the worst things parents can do in their effort to keep their kids away from drugs and alcohol is to fail to clearly state their opposition to such behavior, Spence said.

"Unless you have explicitly said it — maybe more than once — they may not have received the communication that their parents disapprove," he said.

Last week, the commission released its biennial survey of 107,000 secondary students, those in grades 7-12, showing widespread dabbling with mind-altering substances, usually at off-campus parties, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Most students said they had been to parties where alcohol was available, although the experience was less common for seventh-graders (33 percent) than high school seniors (73 percent).

The state report listed several well-known "risk factors," such as a student's poor performance in school, that should alert parents that drugs might be a problem.

But fearful that some families have given up trying to prevent or curtail their children's drug use, the agency placed unusual emphasis on steps parents can take to address the problem close to home.

The suggestions included strategies that were proven successful elsewhere in the nation, as well as ideas that came directly from the teen-agers who participated in the 1996 statewide survey.

Here are some of the anti-drug tactics recommended by the state:

— Encourage children to take part in extracurricular activities, which helps them focus on school and burn free time and energy.

The voluntary poll found that nearly two-thirds of secondary-school students used illicit substances, including alcohol or tobacco, in the previous year. Even more — three out of four — said they had used some type of illicit drug in their lifetimes.

— Attend events at your child's school and support the school's activities. This reassures students about the importance of school.

— Help your child foster healthy relationships with friends.

— Clearly declare your opposition to drugs.

— Support anti-drug programs on campus.

— Emphasize the importance of good grades.

The recent survey indicated that students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances except smokeless tobacco.

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"The increases in illicit drug use resulted mostly from rising prevalence rates among eighth-graders, female students and African-American students," the report states. The conclusions are based on responses from students in 72 school districts in Texas.

The poll said marijuana's popularity is soaring, with surprising appeal among middle-schoolers.

WEATHER

Tonight:



Tues:



Wed:



Thurs:



Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows lower to mid 30s. Tuesday, variable clouds. Highs around 70. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast, Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. Thursday and Friday. Highs in the 60s.

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DO YOU BELIEVE THE SENTENCE FOR TERRY NICHOLS SHOULD BE?

"I think they should give him life but not the death penalty."	"If he's guilty he should get life in prison."	"I feel a trial should be left to the jury, without public opinion."	"I think he should get the death penalty."	"They should have given him the death penalty."	"No, he should get the death penalty."		
John Brown, The Grove	John Brown, The Grove	Paul Brown, The Grove	John Brown, The Grove	John Brown, The Grove	John Brown, The Grove		

OBITUARIES

Van Dixon

Service for Van Dixon, 22, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Jan. 9, 1998, in Ruidoso, N.M.

R.E. (Bob) Talley

Service for R.E. (Bob) Talley, 74, North Lake Brownwood, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Brownwood, with Rev. Sam Bowden officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Brown County.

Mr. Talley died Saturday, Jan. 10, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 7, 1929, in Maude, Okla. He was a retired supervisor for Southwestern Bell. Mr. Talley was a decorated Korean War veteran serving in the US Navy. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Telephone Pioneers Club, Mayfield-Simmons American Legion Post No. 470, the Elks Lodge and the North Lake Brownwood Volunteer Fire Department. He married Gwendolyn Knott in Lovington, N.M. on Feb. 5, 1951. He had been a resident of North Lake Brownwood since 1985.

Survivors include: his wife, Gwen Talley, North Lake Brownwood; one son, Joe Bob Talley, North Lake Brownwood; one daughter, Janet Roberts, North Lake Brownwood; one brother, David Talley, Arlington; one sister, Leza Smith, Stanton; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood.

ZONE

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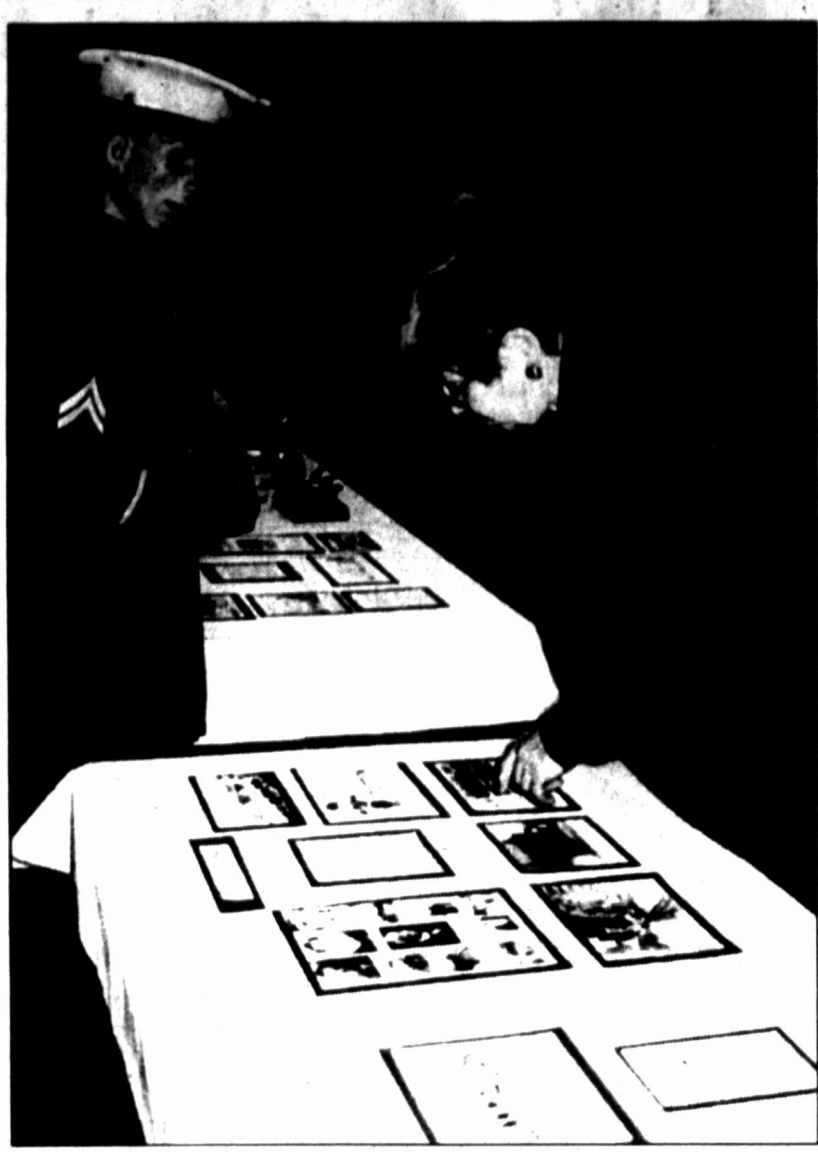
Foundation to contract with Plains Cotton Growers Inc. to carry out suppression activities: For: 3,009 votes or 46.2 percent; Against: 3,498 votes or 53.8 percent.

Prior to Perry's approval of the PBBWEZ, area producers selected officers to oversee the zone. Officers include Chairman Eddie Herm, Ackerly; Vice Chairman Foy O'Brien, Dawson County; Secretary Gene Herndon, Martin County; and Treasurer Brad Vaughn, Martin County.

The new zone includes approximately 500,000 acres of cotton in six counties, including Howard, Dawson, Martin, Ector and parts of Midland and Borden counties.

Before the zone proposal was presented to Perry for his approval, Howard County Extension Agent David Kight said producers would probably be looking at spring before another referendum would take place.

"Realistically, we're probably looking at March before we take a vote," Kight said. "We're looking at having a program in



Margie Windsor looks at historical displays at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library Saturday, including a uniformed mannequin. The library was celebrating one year at its new location.

place before we plant in 1998. This way producers will know there is a program in place and what the assessment costs will be."

If producers indicate a need, the Texas Department of Agriculture will set a referendum sometime this year for producers and crop-sharing landowners in the zone to vote on whether or not to participate in an eradication program and approve a maximum assessment, according to Perry's office.

"The next step is to go through an education process," Kight said. "We have a steering committee which has initiated plans for educational activities."

Educating producers about the zone will be a two month process, according to Kight.

"A proposal will be worked out from the educational process (with producer input) and that proposal will be presented to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation," Kight said. "The foundation will look it over and have some input of its own and hopefully in April or early May (before planting) producers will be able to take a vote on it."

ARMY

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Canned food drives, through the community, schools, and businesses, brought in \$92,000 worth of goods for the pantries of the needy.

"The need is always there," Castillo said. "The difference this year was that awareness of the need was increased. People were more educated about the needy in our community, and they came through for them."

Ralls woman could be nation's oldest

RALLS (AP) — There may be questions whether Emma Massey is turning 117 or 119. But one thing is certain — she knows her snuff.

"She loves her coffee and her snuff," said Ofilia Quintanilla, activities director at the nursing home where Ms. Massey lives. "Don't let her go without her snuff."

Jesse James Nave said he brings Ms. Massey a box of snuff about once a month, and also takes care of her bills and business affairs.

He said the retiree once listed her birthday as Jan. 16, 1879, which would make her 119 on Friday. The Ralls Nursing Home recorded her birthday as Jan. 15, 1881, making her 117 on Thursday. Unfortunately, there's no official records to confirm her age.

"I guess a few years doesn't make any difference when

you're 100 and whatever she is," Nave said. "I don't guess they had birth certificates back in those days."

Canadian Marie Louise Meilleur is designated the world's oldest person by the Guinness Book of Records. She turned 117 last August.

Ms. Massey moved with her family to Petersburg — 25 miles northeast of Lubbock — when she was 11. She moved to the nursing home in neighboring Ralls seven years ago. Rutherford B. Hayes was president when she was born. Twenty-two presidents have followed since.

She's witnessed the birth of the automobile, radio, airplane and humanity's quest to explore the stars.

"I'm so proud I made it this far," Ms. Massey said. "I'll keep going 'til the good Lord says my day's come."

MARKETS

March cotton 65.81 cents, down 23 points; Feb. crude 16.62, down 1 point; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 higher at 36; cash steers steady at 64; Feb. lean hog futures 57.07, up 5 points; Feb. live cattle futures 64.27, up 2 points.

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

Index	7613.55
Volume	306,466,790
ATT	60% - 1/2
Amoco	79 - 1/2
Atlantic Richfield	71 1/2 - 1/4
Atmos Energy	28 + 1/8
Calenergy Inc.	23 3/4 + 1/8
Chevron	72 1/2 + 1/8
Cifra	2.00 - 2.04
Compaq Computer	56 1/2 - 1/4
Cornell Correc.	19 1/2 + 1/8
De Beers	19 1/2 - 1/4
Diagnostic Health	10 1/2 + 1/8
DuPont	55 1/2 + 1/8
Excel Comm.	13 1/2 - 1/4
Exxon	58 1/2 + 1/8

See you in Recipe Corner

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

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If you have quick, low fat or just tasty, traditional recipes, send them in!

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Amcap	14.93-15.84
Euro Pacific	25.16-26.69
I.C.A.	27.06-28.71
New Economy	19.15-20.32
New Perspective	18.82-19.97
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	278.70-279.20
Silver	5.37-5.40

BRIEFS

COATS ARE NEEDED FOR Big Spring State Hospital patients. Donations are requested of large men's and women's coats, to be brought to the Community Relations Office, or call 268-7535 for more information.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT for high school juniors and seniors and their parents are planned for Jan. 28 at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria, and Jan. 29 at the Sands High School Library. The Howard College financial aid director and staff will answer questions and assist in filling out financial aid forms.

Information and applications for all colleges and universities will be provided along with Howard College scholarship information. Attendance is free and all are welcome to attend. Call the school, or Corky Mitchell at Howard College, 264-5000, for information.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian 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.

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•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. Call Stephanie Horton, 264-0306.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

TUESDAY

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

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

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

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

•Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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•Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour, and 11:30 lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

•Encourager's support group for widows and widowers, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and your New Year's resolutions. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

WESTBROOK MENU

Editor's note: This school lunch menu for Westbrook was received too late for Sunday's paper.

TUESDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce, black-eyed peas, spinach, Jell-O, garlic bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oven-baked chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, syrup, honey and milk.

THURSDAY — Chalupas, cheese, tossed salad, Spanish rice, peaches, milk.

Friday — Beef stew with vegetables, cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, banana pudding, milk.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 70
Sunday's low 33
Average high 55
Average low 26
Record high 80 in 1923
Record low -5 in 1962
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.04
Month's normal 0.25
Year to date 0.04
Normal for the year 0.25
**Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

The following activity was reported by the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS services through 8 a.m. today:

FRIDAY, JAN. 9
• 10:35 a.m. — EMS run to 200 block of South Gregg. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• 4:25 p.m. — Medical transport to SMMC.

• 5:31 p.m. — EMS responded to 1100 block of Lamesa Highway. Service refused.

• 5:33 p.m. — EMS responded to 500 block of West 17th. Service refused.

• 11:02 p.m. — EMS responded to 1300 block of Johnson. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

SATURDAY, JAN. 10
• 7:45 a.m. — EMS responded to the 2000 block of Virginia. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• 9:53 a.m. — EMS responded to 500 block of Donley. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• 5:24 p.m. — EMS responded to traffic accident at Exit 178, I-20. Service refused.

SUNDAY, JAN. 11
• 1:17 a.m. — EMS responded to I-20 and Birdwell. Service refused.

• 2:17 a.m. — EMS responded to 2400 block of Williams Road. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• 11:13 a.m. — EMS responded to 5700 block of FM 33. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• 12:09 p.m. — EMS responded to 1100 block of East 13th. Transported patient to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

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Nathaniel "Nat" Warren, 85, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 12:00 noon Tuesday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Texas, Minnesota next in line to meet Big Tobacco in court

TEXARKANA (AP) — The tobacco industry settled with Florida and Mississippi to avoid damaging testimony, and insiders say it seems likely it will do the same in Texas this week.

Sources say a settlement is near between Big Tobacco and the state of Texas, and could possibly be announced sometime before jury selection is scheduled to begin Wednesday in U.S. District Court at Texarkana.

That would move the emphasis in the tobacco industry's legal trials to Minnesota, which along with Texas, seeks billions of dollars in reimbursement of Medicaid funds spent on smoking-related illnesses.

Minnesota is set to go to trial in state court Jan. 20, with the state and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota seeking unspecified punitive damages on top of actual damages estimated at \$1.75 billion.

The Texas lawsuit is potentially the nation's biggest U.S. product liability case. The state has sued eight tobacco companies and three trade groups for about \$8.6 billion in Medicaid reimbursement dating back to 1968. Punitive damages could bring the lawsuit to about \$14 billion.

The case includes federal racketeering charges alleging

the industry lied to federal officials, committed fraud, illegally marketed its products to children and conspired to deceive the public about the dangers and addictive nature of cigarettes.

The Texas case, already slowed by previous delays, last week was set back two more days, from Monday to Wednesday, as speculation mounted about chances for a settlement.

Sources familiar with the case say the tobacco industry has offered a deal worth some \$14 billion, more than the \$13 billion the state would receive if a \$368.5 billion national settle-

ment before Congress is approved.

In all, 40 states have sued the tobacco industry. Mississippi and Florida were the first to be scheduled; their settlements with Big Tobacco were worth a combined \$14.7 billion.

When the Texas trial was first scheduled, settlement looked unlikely because the tobacco industry was so confident of winning here.

Procedural statutes are more lenient than in Mississippi and Florida, and jury analysts speculated that a jury of east Texans, known for a certain stubborn independent-mindedness, would be less open to

arguments that smokers were victims of outside forces.

But in September, U.S. District Judge David Folsom agreed to a state request to divide the trial into three phases, with separate presentations for the racketeering charges, liability claims and damage issues.

Tobacco industry lawyers say the ruling tilts the case in the state's favor.

"The state is permitted to lose the case once and start over, while (the tobacco companies) must win the case twice in order to prevail," the industry wrote in a brief.

The industry fears a verdict

in Texas' favor could damage chances for the \$368.5 billion "global" settlement it negotiated with a coalition of the states last June, analysts say.

The pact, which requires congressional approval, would eliminate most pending class-action lawsuits against Big Tobacco and give the industry some protection from future lawsuits in exchange for the cash and new restrictions on nicotine and cigarette marketing.

The states would split the money over the next 25 years, divided according to each state's share of Medicaid expenditures.

Thousands without electricity in wake of massive ice storm

CHAZY, N.Y. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people braved another frigid night without electricity as temperatures dropped to single digits and teens early today in areas hit by last week's ice storm.

The National Guard searched by air and foot Sunday for people still isolated by last week's deadly ice storm in four Northeastern states. Even more Guardsmen were being activated today to help out with the search and cleanup, including an additional 450 in Maine.

"We are checking on anything that's living," National Guard Sgt. Nicholas Contompassis said Sunday as his Humvee slid on an ice-packed road in Chazy, near the Canadian border.

Contompassis was among the Guardsmen who went door-to-door in New York to deliver food, water, and kerosene and to make sure everyone was healthy. Helicopter crews rescued at least 16 people Sunday.

Temperature slid well below freezing overnight in northern New York, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. Wind chill took it close to zero.

"The people without power know it's colder," said Art Lester of the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine. "We won't get above freezing today, but there will be plenty of sun so it might melt some."

With the cool-down, more Maine residents without heat in their homes were expected to show up at 135 shelters set up since the ice storm hit.

James Lee Witt, director of

the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was to survey the damage today in New York with Gov. George Pataki. Northern New York, like the three other states, was buried in a sheet of ice that brought trees and power lines down by the thousands.

"This has been an absolutely unbelievable catastrophe. It looks like a war zone up here with trees and wires down," Maine Gov. Angus King said on the NBC "Today" show.

The huge storm caused floods across the South and spread thick, clinging ice across the Northeast and the eastern third of Canada. Eleven deaths were blamed on the storm in Canada, plus three in New York and two in Maine. Seven deaths were counted in Tennessee flooding plus two in North Carolina and one in South Carolina.

Utilities estimated 177,000 homes and businesses still had no electricity Sunday in Maine, with 20,500 blacked out in New Hampshire and 9,600 in Vermont. New York utilities estimated about 500,000 people were without power. Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. said it could be a month before power is restored to all its customers.

Conditions were even worse in Canada, where more than 2 million remained without power and the Canadian military deployed 11,400 soldiers to help aid people and repair power lines.

New Hampshire alone had more than 500 utility line crews from as far away as Delaware

busy cutting through downed trees to get at broken utility poles and drooping lines. They were helped by National Guardsmen.

Although frigid temperatures were expected today, the sun came out Sunday and brought warmer temperatures. That caused a new problem: Ice began falling from trees and power lines. The National Weather Service issued an unusual winter storm warning — not for precipitation from the sky, but from the melting ice.

Meanwhile, people just tried to cope. William and Doris Belanger of Auburn, Maine, relied on a kerosene heater in their kitchen.

"We manage. There's no water, no heat, no electricity. Nothing. So you get along with what you got," said Mrs. Belanger, 73.

Mrs. Belanger said her husband went out Sunday to survey the broken tree limbs and power lines littering streets in their neighborhood. "After that, he told me 'We ain't never getting power back,'" she said.

Officials have repeatedly urged people to go to public shelters — especially Sunday night because of the expected below-zero temperatures, but they recognized that some may be reluctant to leave.

"People are very proud in Maine and they would rather ride it out in their own home than go to a shelter," said Paul Halvachs, a nursing supervisor at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor, Maine.

Rising violence, tight deadline challenge success of Belfast talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Acknowledging "the clock is ticking," politicians resumed the search for a peace settlement in Northern Ireland today under the shadow of increasing violence.

Britain, Ireland and eight local parties gathered at Stormont, the British administration center in east Belfast, where the talks on the future of the province began in June 1996 under the direction of former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell.

Progress has been slow. Negotiators were still deadlocked at their last meeting Dec. 16, over an agenda outlining what participants should talk about and in what order.

Many people hoped a new year would bring new attitudes, with attention focused on the British and Irish governments' deadline for progress — May.

"We failed before Christmas to come to any sort of reasonable agreement," said British negotiator Paul Murphy as he arrived.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, completing a visit to

Tokyo, phoned several key players in the talks overnight and appealed for constructive round of talks.

Rising violence from renegade gangs on both sides and Protestant politicians' threats to withdraw from talks have sullied the negotiating environment.

The neighboring Republic of Ireland released nine Irish Republican Army prisoners Dec. 19, hoping to show the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party that a July cease-fire brought results.

But the gesture upset Northern Ireland's two main pro-British paramilitary groups. They have maintained a cease-fire since October 1994 but can't win releases for their imprisoned comrades.

The groups, the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force, warned they might withdraw from talks, a situation that would make a final settlement more difficult to put into force.

Little attention was paid to the threats until an IRA splinter gang opposed to the talks

assassinated Protestant militant Billy "King Rat" Wright inside the Maze prison on Dec. 27.

Wright's successors have intensified attacks against Roman Catholics, including the Sunday shooting death of a relative of relative of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam temporarily secured the UDA-UVF truce by visiting both groups' commanders inside the Maze prison Friday and promising them that prisoner releases would form part of a peace settlement.

If politicians can't strike an accord by May, the British and Irish governments warn they may present peace referendums to voters in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

The governments' preferred settlement, outlined in 1995, would maintain Northern Ireland's union with Britain but eliminate the system of direct rule from London. Instead Belfast would have a new regional assembly where Protestants and Catholics share power.

Freshmen's political interest at new low

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is not easy peddling politics on a college campus nowadays. Even talking about the issues is a turnoff, according to a nationwide survey of freshmen.

An annual study by the University of California, Los Angeles, for the Washington-based American Council on Education found a record low number of college freshmen showing much interest in politics.

Just 27 percent of the nation's 1.6 million freshmen believed that keeping up with political affairs is a very important life goal, less than half the percentage recorded in 1966. Just 14 percent said they frequently discussed politics, down from 30 percent in 1968.

The researchers also found what they called a disengagement from studies, with a record 36 percent of freshmen saying they had been frequently bored during their senior year in high school. A record number had overslept or missed class or an appointment during that year. The amount of time

devoted to homework also fell.

Because the annual survey began in 1966, the benchmark is a period of political ferment. Except for a few blips, the political disengagement has been fairly steady.

Mark Pruitt knows the problem first hand. Pruitt, who is active in the Campus Republicans at the University of Washington in Seattle, said the response was disappointing when the group set up a table at the student union last week.

Pruitt had expected at least 30 people to sign up for information, but scarcely 10 did so. "Hundreds walked by," he said. "I figured they would just sign up and want some information, whether they wanted to be a Republican or not."

"Students are wary of choosing sides," said Dana Gaylin Mathes, president of the Cal Berkeley College Democrats, a group whose phone number nostalgically ends with the digits 1964, the year of free speech sit-ins on campus.

Freshmen and frustrated activists alike point to several

reasons: a sense of powerlessness, a lack of burning issues and a desire to shun political labels or even a reluctance to antagonize acquaintances in a new social setting.

"At the age I am now, it doesn't seem that important," said Jessica Grace Evans, 18, a freshman at the University of Nebraska. "I don't think our opinion matters in the grand scale of things."

Mathes says some of the complacency reflects contentment in the larger society. After all, fewer than half the eligible voters cast ballots in the 1996 presidential election, the lowest percentage since 1924.

But cynicism and a lack of younger politicians has alienated many as well. Even President Clinton, who made direct appeals to the MTV crowd, is the father of a freshman. Chelsea Clinton's peers around the country don't like political pigeonholes.

"I think sometimes people are afraid of the label," said Pruitt, who describes himself as a moderate.

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OUR VIEW

Cookie drive Girl Scout tradition

Have you ordered your Girl Scout cookies yet? Less than two weeks remains for advance sales of the famous treats.

Ordering in advance is not required, but does allow you to make sure you can get your favorites, Girl Scouts officials say. It also helps members of the youth organization get an idea where they are in meeting their goals.

That's right. These girls have goals to meet. Goal-setting is one of many business skills girls learn from their annual cookie sales. They also make plans for spending the money each troop earns.

Incentives are a big part of the sale, too. Girls win T-shirts, patches, and even money for camp through the annual cookie sales.

Money raised pays for all kinds of projects, group trips and special activities.

Cookie delivery is expected to begin at the middle of February, continuing for two weeks. There will be extra boxes of cookies available to buy then.

But Girl Scouts will soon be hitting the streets to take orders door-to-door. They are also using the telephone and even the fax machine to make sales.

Whenever you buy, buy plenty. Anyone who has opened a box of Girl Scout cookies knows it won't last long.

Everyone seems to have a favorite flavor — from the traditional shortbread, the original; to Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties or Lemon Pastry Creams. Two new ones to try are Five World Cinnamon and Iced Ginger Daisies.

Even dieters have an option: Lemon Pastry Creams are billed as "reduced fat." So supporting the youth organization doesn't mean you have to wreck your new year's resolution.

With no excuses left, it's time to find a Girl Scout and place your order. Then the only problem will be waiting until mid-February for delivery!

OTHER VIEWS

Rather than a lifetime in solitary confinement, perhaps the odious Ramzi Yousef should have a cellmate.

Jeffrey Dahmer comes to mind, but he's dead. Maybe Charles Manson. Or maybe kindred soul Terry Nichols, another bomb builder facing a life sentence.

Yousef is the mastermind behind the World Trade Center bombing, which killed only six instead of the 250,000 Yousef hoped for, and the failed attempt to plant bombs aboard 12 U.S. airliners.

Lacking the punishment to fit the crime, Judge Kevin Duffy instead ordered the 29-year-old Yousef to prison for 20 years.

The judge then went a step further. He ordered that Yousef serve his sentence in solitary confinement, in a small, windowless cell from which the prisoner would be allowed out, alone, one hour a day.

While satisfying for the rest of us to contemplate a sadistic fate for Yousef, the judge went too far.

Ordaining a lifetime of solitude at the outset constitutes that kind of cruel and unusual punishment the Constitution expressly forbids. We are not the kind of nation the Yousefs of the world would build should they succeed in destroying ours.

Dale McFeatters

Scripps Howard

Cosmologists, the scientists who think Really Big Thoughts, now say the universe will keep on expanding forever, rather like credit card debt.

The universe is also older, 15 billion years, than previously thought. Come on, be honest. Some of you thought it was only 8 billion years old. Admit it. Some of you still believe in the Big Crunch. Forget the Big Crunch.

Astronomers say the universe began when a single point of time and matter blew outward in a great fireball, the Big Bang, and here we all are, 15 billion years later, a great cloud of stars and odd bits of debris, like planet Earth, ever expanding into the great hereafter.

The old thinking was that the universe would steadily lose momentum from the Big Bang, and then collapse back into itself in the Big Crunch.

But the latest observations of exploding stars, long since gone but whose light is only now reaching Earth, show that the expansion continues undiminished.

If the new theory of an eternally expanding universe is correct, the Big Bang will end in the Great Escape.

Dale McFeatters
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Judge orders odious trip to the altar

By BONNIE ERBE
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Law school long ago disabused me of the notion that all lawyers are sharp. Even worse, I count among my acquaintances several judges who are not that bright — shattering yet another illusion that it takes brains to ascend to the peak of the legal profession. But a recent news story cemented my belief that acute intelligence is not a prerequisite to success in the law, despite the public perception that judges must possess at least a modicum of intellect and common sense.

A ruling from the Canton, Ga., courtroom of one Judge Clyde Gober is the source of my disquietude. Judge Gober actually ordered a man who threatened to kill his girlfriend and their daughter to marry the object of his threats. The judge justified his ruling as follows in open court last month. He said he fashioned the order

as part of Darrell Meadows' condition for parole so that Meadows would be legally required to support the 2-year-old girl he fathered with his girlfriend, Angela Whaley.

Even aside from the fact that it's highly questionable whether judges have the legal authority to force one individual to marry another, this is one of the more bizarre sentences on record. No doubt Judge Gober probably believes he is doing Ms. Whaley and her daughter, Nicole, a huge favor by requiring this union with a man who threatened to kill them both. Ms. Whaley even told the judge this is what she wants. But he should have had better sense than to accede.

Most women know that a death threat is not a sign of undying affection. It is more likely one of emotional disturbance. And any person attempting to tie her to this man for the rest of her life is not exactly in her corner. This

is less a favor than a punishment. Several months ago I read a newspaper account of a cultural practice in a developing country that struck me as (a) highly injurious to women and (b) hugely self-defeating. The menfolk there, in defense of their female kin, force rapists to marry their victims when those victims suffer the dual misfortune of becoming pregnant.

The article went on to say that the men think they are doing their female relatives a favor by making sure the children born of these sorry unions will not be bastards and by assuring financial support for the woman and child.

But what usually ends up happening instead is that the newly-married woman is repeatedly raped and battered into submission.

Before the child is born, the "husband" takes off, financially and emotionally abandoning his "wife" and child forever. The well-intentioned men only

make life more miserable, not less, for their female relatives. Judge Gober clearly never read this article.

One might or might not be shocked by such tactics in a country where women's rights are only slightly higher in the food chain than, say, chickens' rights.

But here, where we are supposedly more sophisticated, the use of similar techniques is dismaying.

Granted, Darrell Meadows did not rape Angela Whaley. But he did threaten to kill her.

Women are not chattel, to be legally bound to abusive men for their own protection. Instead of "sentencing" them to marriage, Judge Gober should have sentenced Mr. Meadows to pay for daycare for his child and an education for Ms. Whaley.

Maybe then she could become economically self-sufficient and find a man who would love her in a healthy fashion.

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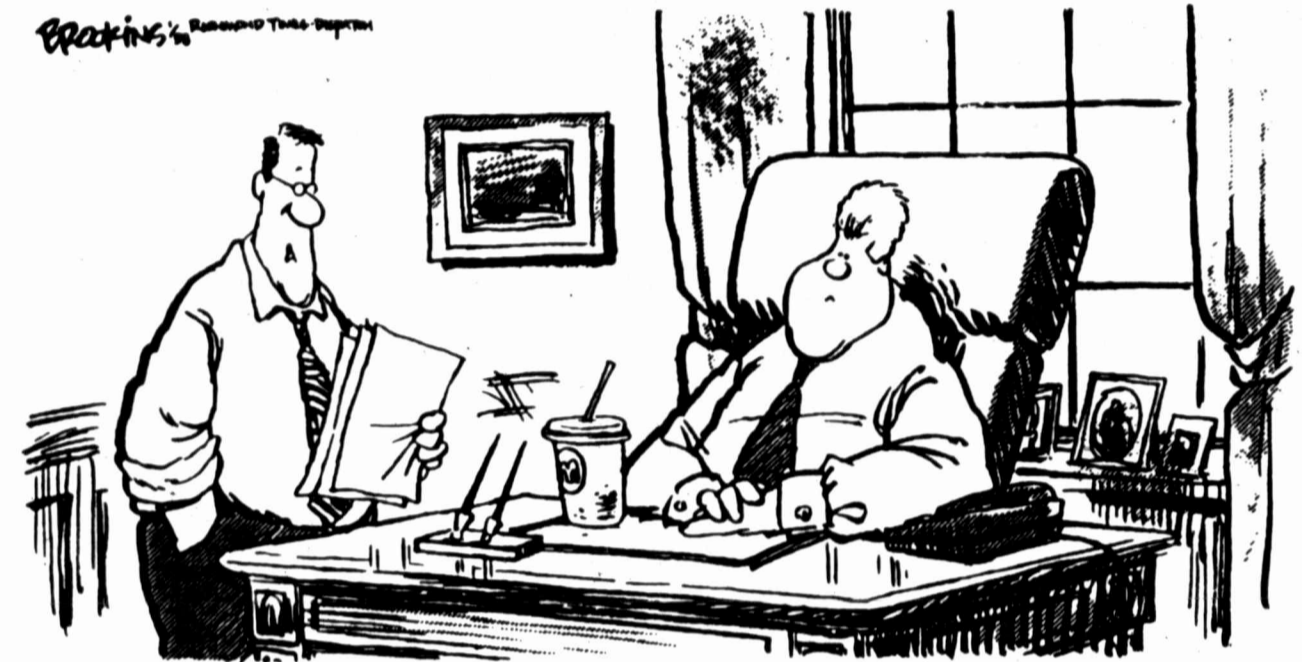
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A look at Clinton's child care plan

By MARSHA MERCER
Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — As he unveiled his plan to pump \$21.7 billion into child care for working families over five years, President Clinton turned nostalgic about his own experience with child care.

"I've often wondered how my mother, when she was widowed, would have been able to go back to school if I hadn't been able to move in with my grandparents," Clinton told a packed crowd in the East Room last week.

"I was lucky, and it turned out reasonably well for me." The audience of child advocates, members of Congress and Cabinet members chuckled.

"But," the president continued, "how many children are out there with exactly the same potential, who never got the same break by pure accident of family circumstance?"

"You don't know the answer to that and neither do I. But we know what the answer should be. The answer should be, not a single one."

With that declaration, Clinton set his administration on a course toward the '90s equivalent of the Great Society, in which government will help shape the quality of life from cradle to grave — but from afar and in a "fiscally responsible" manner.

Clinton cast himself as the direct descendant of LBJ's philosophy on Medicare. He quoted President Lyndon Johnson when Medicare was enacted: "It proved that the vitality of our democracy can shape the needs and obligations of changing times."

Said Clinton, "The values remain the same, but the new times demand that we find new ways to create opportunity for all Americans."

Clinton thus endorsed activist government, but he's not recommending warmed-over '60s liberalism. He espouses fiscal responsibility as part of his domestic agenda.

His aides insist there is no one-size-fits-all federal model for child care and that no new federal bureaucracies will be created.

Under Clinton's child care plan, the largest chunk of federal money — \$7.5 billion over five years — flows from the federal government to states in block grants. The states will subsidize child care for low- and middle-income working families.

The plan provides carrots — \$500 million in tax credits over five years — to encourage businesses to set up day care centers.

Congress must approve the child care plan, and Clinton seemed to anticipate criticism.

"We know that the government cannot raise or love a child," he said, "but that is not what we're supposed to do. What the government is supposed to do is to help to create the conditions and give people the tools that will enable them to raise and love their children while successfully participating in the American workplace."

While Clinton insists government won't raise children, he pledges, "We must make sure that every child has a safe and enriching place to go after school."

Government would also take a larger role in educating the very young. Clinton proposes to double the number of infants and toddlers in Head Start to 80,000. His Early Learning Fund would provide challenge grants to communities (distributed by states) to improve care in programs for babies from birth to age 5.

The child care plan could be Clinton's costliest legacy, but it is paid for in full, on paper anyway. The administration says one-third of the costs will be paid with money from the tobacco settlement, which is still being negotiated.

His Medicare plan also reflects changed times. Rather than opening a new category of entitlement, Clinton wants to create an opportunity for people to buy health care coverage.

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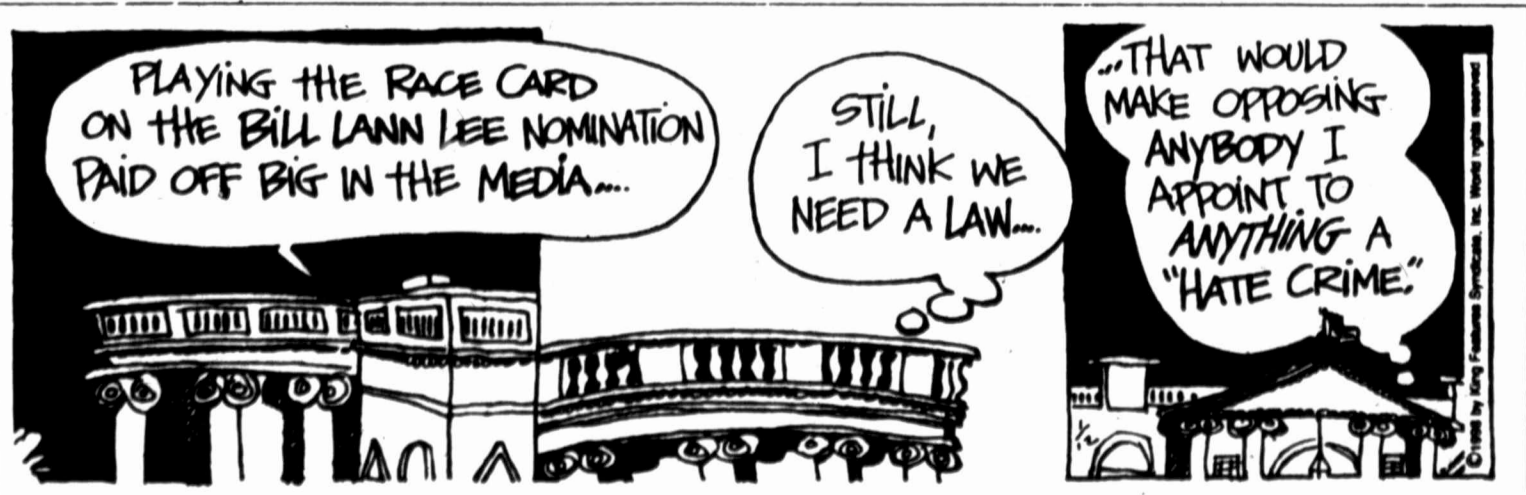
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Elway gets fourth chance at 'big one' with 24-21 win over Steelers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Getting to the Super Bowl is no big deal for John Elway — been there, lost it three times. Getting there with this Denver Broncos team — now, there's something to make him dream.

The 37-year-old master of big drives put together three rather modest ones Sunday, sending the Broncos back to the Super Bowl with a 24-21 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Elway's fourth AFC championship was hardly fulfilling. He's more interested in the notion that this team's balance might help him fill the only void in his almost-finished career.

"I'm not happy about getting back to the Super Bowl," said Elway, who had

come to grips with the possibility he might never get there again. "I want to win it. I've been there before. I've never had a chance to win one."

The title game against Green Bay might be his last chance. It's certainly his best chance.

These Broncos (15-4) are much different from the teams of the '80s, which relied on an undersized defense and Elway's strong arm. Their defense got overwhelmed and Elway couldn't pull off the one-man-offense in the three Super Bowl losses.

As the Pittsburgh Steelers (12-6) can attest, this Denver team doesn't rely on Elway nearly so much. Terrell Davis, the AFC's top rusher, ran for 139 yards and a touchdown Sunday to take the pressure off Elway.

In the process, Davis became the first runner to top 100 yards all season against Pittsburgh, which had the league's best run defense.

At the same time, Denver's defense — the one that has given up fewer yards than any other in the league — intercepted Kordell Stewart three times and caused him to fumble away another chance.

"You can't turn the ball over four times in an AFC title game and expect good things to happen," said Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis, who rushed for 105 yards.

The Steelers put together one nice drive after another, only to come up empty as their novice quarterback made one mistake after another. He was only the fifth quarterback to lead a

team to a conference title game in his first full season as a starter; all five have lost.

"Kordell is a great quarterback, but he hasn't been in a big game with this type of magnitude," said Ray Crockett, who had one of the Broncos' three interceptions. "Once we started making some plays, you could really tell. You could see him tensing up. He was really not throwing the ball well after that."

He couldn't have done much worse. Stewart, who led the AFC in interceptions, ended a second-quarter threat by throwing into double coverage in the end zone. The result was his first interception.

The second half was even worse. Pittsburgh controlled the ball for 10:45

of the third quarter and couldn't score. Allen Aldridge intercepted Stewart in the end zone to cap an 11-play drive, and Stewart fumbled on the final play of the quarter.

"Any time Elway gets the ball, you know things are going to happen," center Dermontti Dawson said. "And if you keep giving him the ball, you will pay for it. We paid for it."

Elway made the Steelers pay twice late in the first half. He went 6-for-6 in a pair of touchdown drives during the final 4:40 that made it 24-14 at halftime. Stewart's mistakes prevented the Steelers from closing the gap until it was too late. His 14-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson cut it to 24-21 with only 2:46 left.

Elway took it from there.

Howard opens WJCAC play tonight

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The road has been a constant companion for the Howard College Hawks. So naturally, that's where they'll open conference play.

The Hawks (7-9) open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play at 8 p.m. Monday when they take on the Odessa College Wranglers at the OC Sports Center.

Coach Tommy Collins had high hopes for his team when the season began, but a variety of woes have hit the Hawks hard. Seven players have had to leave the team for a variety of reasons, turning a veteran, experienced group into a collection of youngsters.

The latest blow occurred recently when freshman wing Daryl Green, who played well early in the season, had to leave school to help care for his mother, who is ill with cancer.

The many defections, plus a pre-conference schedule that has kept the Hawks on the road since Nov. 8, has hampered the squad's progress, Collins said.

"I think we've regressed instead of progressed," Collins said. "It really hurt when we lost all those kids early. Before that, our team was pretty well set. Now, we've had to change things around. We haven't progressed the way I thought we would ... but now, I think we're in position where we can start going back up the ladder."

The constant grind of playing on the road has also put a damper on the season.

"With a veteran team, road games help make you mentally tough," Collins said. "But with a bunch of younger guys, it can beat you down — and that's what's happened to us."

The news is not all bad, however. Elmer Brown, an all-conference performer and the leading free throw shooter in the WJCAC last season, has regained his eligibility and will return to action Monday.

Brown, in addition to returning sophomores Clifton Cook and Nathan Clover (the team's leading scorer with an 18.7-point average), give Collins a solid base of experience to build around. But all the experience in the world won't help the Hawks unless they start winning, and fast.

"We need to gain some confidence, and you can't gain confidence if you're not winning," Collins said. "So, we definitely need to get off to a good start (in conference play) right now. This team is very fragile now."

The OC Sports Center may not be the best place for Collins and crew to build their self-esteem. The Hawks haven't won a conference game there in Collins' six-year tenure, although Howard handed OC a 23-point defeat in Odessa during a non-conference matchup earlier in the season.

"We beat them earlier in the year," Collins said of the Wranglers. "They're certainly



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Howard College freshman post Don Peace puts up a shot over a Grayson County defender during one of the Hawks' few home games during the first semester. The Hawks and Lady Hawks open conference play tonight in Odessa.

the most talented team in the league ... but they struggled early in the year ... If we can get the same effort we had (in the earlier game), we'll be OK."

Despite the early season struggles, Collins still believes his team can compete for the WJCAC crown.

"We still have an opportunity to win the league," Collins said. "It's just a matter of stepping up and getting the job done. If we can step up defensively and rebounding-wise, we'll be right in the thick of things."

Packers' defense key to another Super Bowl bid

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The image of the Green Bay Packers is Brett Favre, Antonio Freeman, Dorsey Levens and the high-powered offense.

But it's the defense that's carrying the Packers to San Diego, where, in quest of their second straight NFL title, they will meet Denver. They've already been installed as 13-point favorite to extend the NFC's Super Bowl streak to 14.

The Packers qualified for their second straight Super Bowl Sunday by shutting down San Francisco 23-10 in the NFC title game, largely because the defense performed brilliantly.

It held the 49ers to 33 yards on the ground and got a 58-yard interception return from Eugene Robinson to set up the only touchdown of the first 55 minutes of the game.

"We knew we could dominate them," said linebacker Seth Joyner, who will be going to his first Super Bowl after 11 seasons starring in Philadelphia and Arizona and never getting close.

"It ain't even close who's the better defense in the big games," said strong safety LeRoy Butler, taking a shot at San Francisco's No. 1 ranking in yards allowed. "All that No. 1 defense stuff doesn't mean a lot to us. We're going to San Diego."

They also showed why rankings are meaningless.

Since their bye week with a 5-2 record, the Packers (15-3) have moved up from No. 23 to No. 7 in yards allowed. And excluding the 41-38 debacle in Indianapolis on Dec. 15, they've allowed just 109 points in 10 games.

Even more impressive, they haven't allowed a touchdown pass in 31 quarters, going back to the second quarter of that loss to the then-winless Colts.

"Nobody's going to remember that little slipup now," Butler said.

Sunday was typical of the second half of the season — San Francisco gained just 257 yards on the muddy turf of 3Com

Park, where a steady rain began at game time and intensified throughout the game.

And so firm were the Green Bay defenders that the game almost seemed over when Favre combined with Freeman on a 27-yard touchdown pass 3:30 into the second quarter to give the Packers a 10-0 lead. That came after Anderson's interception of Steve Young, who was 10-of-10 until then, albeit many of them 3-, 4- and 5-yard dumpoffs.

San Francisco got a 28-yard field goal from Gary Anderson with 58 seconds left in the half that made it 10-3. But Favre and Freeman combined on a 40-yard pass to set up a 43-yard kick by Ryan Longwell, the second of his three field goals, and it was 13-3 at halftime.

Game over?

Well, Green Bay got a 25-yard field goal from Longwell with 5:04 left; Dorsey Levens, who gained 114 yards on 27 carries, scored on a 5-yard run two minutes later, then Chuck Levy returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for San Francisco's only touchdown, the first kickoff return for a touchdown in a conference title game.

But that was garbage time, more or less.

"We wanted to get off to a good start because we knew it would get harder and harder to score," said Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren. "By the second half, it was real tough going out there."

All that rain and all that defense overshadowed what had been the theme of the week before the game — the close ties between the two teams.

Steve Mariucci, the 49ers' coach, tutored Favre as an assistant in Green Bay. Holmgren was Young's quarterback coach at Brigham Young and also coached him as an assistant in San Francisco.

But that all went out the window in the game.

"The week was such friendly fire, admiration and respect, but that's only for the pregame shows," Mariucci said. "On game day, you want to beat that opponent more than anything."

Corkery putting importance on getting off to good start

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks (16-0) take to the road today to open defense of their Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) title when they play Odessa College's Lady Wranglers (7-6) in a 5:50 game at the Odessa College Sports Center.

The No. 5-ranked Lady Hawks rolled through their non-conference schedule and were challenged only twice — by then-No. 4 Weatherford and then-No. 3 Central Arizona.

Howard turned back Weatherford 98-95 in an overtime game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and came from behind to beat Central Arizona

64-62 in the first round of the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Classic.

Odessa presents a much-improved team under second year coach Stephanie Thomas than the one the Lady Hawks battered a year ago.

Odessa already has three more wins this year than it did in all of last season when the Lady Wranglers finished 4-2 — worst in school history.

Michigan product Pashen Murray leads OC in scoring at 17.1 points per game, fourth-highest in the latest WJCAC statistical report. Four other Lady Wranglers — Tosha Campbell, Blanche Tucker, Crecy Vaughns and Sabrina Marshall — average between nine and 11 points per game.

But OC's 61.8 points per game offensive average (67.7 allowed

defensively) still leaves the Lady Wranglers short against Howard, which comes into the contest as the conference's No. 1 scoring team at 87.1 points per game. Howard also leads the conference in defense as well, allowing 48.2 points.

Thomas sees tonight's game as a chance for the Lady Wranglers to see exactly where they are at this stage of the season.

"We're making this the biggest game of the year to this point. When you play in the big leagues against a quality team like Howard, then you make them your Tennessee or North Carolina. We're 4-0 at home and have nothing to lose."

Howard Coach Matt Corkery will likely play most of his players, as he has all season

long.

The Lady Hawks are led in scoring by Shawnta Johnson's 17.2 points per game average, while freshman Karlita Washington averages 12.3 points. Latraica Spencer is also in double figures at 10.2 points, followed by Donelle Jones at 8.5 points, Latasha Moore at 8.3 and Ricka McKeel at 7.6 points per game.

In other games tonight, South Plains (10-5) is at Midland College (11-5), Clarendon (8-1) is at Frank Phillips (4-7) and New Mexico Junior College (6-4) is at Western Texas (5-11).

Western Texas plays at Howard on Thursday while Odessa is at Clarendon, Frank Phillips will be at South Plains and Midland travels to New Mexico JC.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Stanton, Big Spring stars being recruited

Stanton's Tyrone Davis and three Big Spring High School seniors — Antwoyne Edwards, Jeff Denton and Brock Gee — are among a number of West Texas schoolboy football stars being recruited by several colleges.

Davis, a 6-foot-1, 170-pound wide receiver and defensive back who helped lead the Buffs to the state Class 2A championship, is being recruited by Texas Tech and Division II schools Angelo State and Southwest Texas State.

Edwards, a 5-10, 185-pound fullback who led the Steers in rushing en route to a Class 4A bi-district championship, has also received Division I offers from New Mexico State and New Mexico, as well as from Division II Eastern New Mexico.

Denton, a 6-1, 200-pound defensive end, is entertaining offers from Eastern New Mexico and Midwestern State; while Gee, a 5-9, 205-pound linebacker, is being sought by Western New Mexico, North Dakota and Midwestern State.

National Signing Day, the first day a recruit can sign a binding letter of intent, is Feb. 4.

Pecos coach Mike Belew reassigned

Mike Belew, the head football coach and athletic director at Pecos High School for the past two

seasons, has been reassigned to a job as a middle school principal by Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD Superintendent Don Love.

Belew was reassigned Wednesday after he and Love met and could not agree on the direction of the Pecos football program.

Bubba Williams, the Eagles head baseball coach, has taken over athletic director duties on an interim basis, and Love said a search for Belew's replacement has already begun.

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 course's instructor will be Boyce Hale.

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

USA Volleyball clinic scheduled

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

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.

Steers freshmen drop final touney games

Big Spring's Steers freshmen teams closed their own tournament with losses Saturday, the Black team coming out on the short end of a 53-44 final with Sweetwater and the Gold team suffering a 49-17 loss to Andrews.

The Steers' Black squad played Sweetwater tough in the final game, but the Mustangs closed with an unanswered spurt to ice away the seesaw battle.

Jason Choate paced the Black with 12 points,

while Bo Butler and Jaroe Parnell had 10 points each and Blake Gee had seven.

Big Spring's Gold team was never able to keep pace with Andrews. Coby Ditto paced the Gold with seven points and Ricky Smith added 6.

Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes freshman took the tournament championship, knocking off Snyder, 61-49, in the title game.

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.

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

Forsan lifters shine in first meet

Forsan's Buffaloes powerlifting team turned in a strong performance in its first meet of the season, with one first-place finish and three other places in different weight classes.

Dale Dolloff took first place in the 275-pound class with a total weight of 1,110 pounds, while Brian Mims was third in the 181-pound class with a total of 1,060 pounds.

Furilo Subia was ninth in the 165-pound class with lifts totaling 760 pounds, while Derek Wash was 11th in the 148-pound class with total lifts of 700 pounds.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Much is going on in your head. Take stock; slow down and think. Your flexibility makes you a winner at work. Any tendency to get stuck causes a lot of problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You have your own style, and it appeals to others. Center on immediate objectives and long-term goals. A child or loved one pops in, overwhelming you with a heightened sense of excitement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Accept priorities, and realize that not everything can go your way. Opportunities knock on your door, so don't negate a possibility before it happens.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Read between the lines, and study the universal meaning in what is happening. Your overall perspective helps you, professionally and emotionally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

One-to-one relating allows new insights, adding depth to your lifestyle. Someone's perspective helps you understand alternatives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You feel as if another is intentionally contradicting you. Relax, and be open to his point of view. You aren't always right!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Think through a decision with care. You can get plenty done if you come from a centered point. Sudden insights throw a new perspective on life and work.

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)

Creativity is high, ideas flourish and you reach out for others. Use fun ideas to enhance your work, romantic relationships and the quality of life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Hook up with an ingenious partner, to devise brilliant business concepts and build stronger foundations. Pressure is high to perform; express your independence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Excitement surrounds your sparkling words. You can create visions and open doors. Unexpected information falls in your lap. Think before you leap, even if it is a bit difficult.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Nerves might get frayed when discussing money. You simply aren't a risk-taker, yet you might be sorely tempted to try. A professional change could enhance your career and put new technology at your disposal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Use your sense of empowerment, and zero in on what you want. An associate amuses you with his antics, but you don't feel like letting him know!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old female student living at home. During my middle and senior school years, I was more than a handful, to put it mildly. I was angry and depressed, and I caused my mother and her new husband a lot of problems.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

DEAR ABBY: Some weeks ago, you agreed with a reader that birthday invitations should not include the child's sizes and toy suggestions.

Abby, I see nothing wrong with including sizes and toy preferences. The information is helpful in selecting gifts and ensures the clothing will fit.

DEAR BLANCHE: While gift suggestions and sizes may be handy, it is still considered rude to "tell" people what they should give.

I agree that gifts usually are expected at children's birthday parties, but whatever happened to the element of surprise in opening gifts chosen by the givers?

My mother and stepfather have worked diligently to help me turn into the caring young woman I am today. Abby, how can I ever make up for the grief and heartache I caused them?

DEAR INDEBTED: Your parents' reward comes from seeing what a fine young woman you have become.

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Domino's Pizza Part-time Full-time Drivers. Good driving record a must. Great part time job to make those bills for people who just want 2-3 days a week to supplement their income. Start at \$5.50/hour + tips & mileage. 2202 Gregg.

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6:30	News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	Walters	News Grace Under	News (CC) Fortune	News Sainfield (CC)	Andy Griffith	Emerald	Movie: Busis Q (CC)	Dukes of Hazzard	Movie: Mrs. Winterbourne	Movie: Money Train (CC)	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	Law & Order (CC)	Gimme Shelter	Baby's 5 (CC)	Last Word Sports News	College	Movie: Daddy Long Legs	Planet Grove
7:00	Funnies Home Videos	Melrose Place (CC)	Days-Shook the World	Rescue 911 (CC)	Cooby (CC) Raymond	Funnies Home Videos	Suddenly Jenny (CC)	(05) Movie: Jaws	Maria Isabel	Hello Again (CC)	Today's Country	Movie: Leaving Las Vegas (CC)	Movie: Leaving Las Vegas (CC)	Movie: Leaving Las Vegas (CC)	Movie: Leaving Las Vegas (CC)	Biography	Wild Discovery	WCW Nitro (CC)	This is the PGA Tour	College	Basketball: Georgetown	Planet Grove
8:00	20/20 (CC)	Ally McBeal (CC)	Science Odyssey	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	George & Leo Style	20/20 (CC)	Caroline Fired Up (CC)	Caroline Fired Up (CC)	Alguna Vez	Helo Again (CC)	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: The Bridge	Movie: The Bridge	Movie: The Bridge	Movie: The Bridge	Biography	Wild Discovery	WCW Nitro (CC)	Boxing: Fight Time	at Villanova	College	Planet Grove
9:00	Practice (CC)	Earth: Final Conflict	News-Lahrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	Practice (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Jaws 2	Cristina: Edicion Especial	Impacto Notisero Uni.	Wall Disney Presents	Dallas	Movie: Caught	Real Sports (CC)	News Something	Biography	Wild Discovery	WCW Nitro (CC)	Boxing: Fight Time	at Villanova	College	Planet Grove
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12:30	AM: Honey Ways Politically Inc.	Martin (CC) In the Heat of	Moonwalkers Men of Apollo	Paid Program	Late Late Show	Late Late Show	La Vista Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Gayle King	(12:05) Movie: Jaws	Club America	Movie: Old Yeller (CC)	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Devil	Games 3	(12:05) Friday the 13th, Part	Light of the Southwest	Point	Andes	Last Word Sports News	Mexico at Colorado State	Long Legs	Planet Grove

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Monday, Jan. 12, the

12th day of 1998. There are 353 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 12, 1932, Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.
On this date:

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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5 Tear into strips
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By Matthew Higgins
Concord, NH
1/12/98

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In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.
In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.
In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.
In 1942, President Roosevelt created the National War Labor Board.
In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.
In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.
In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.
In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.
In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.
In 1986, space shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.
Ten years ago: Willie Stargell, a 21-year slugger with the Pittsburgh Pirates, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., in his first year of eligibility.
Five years ago: Memorial services were held in Paris for ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev and in New York for jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, both of whom had died on Jan. 6.
One year ago: Two recently enrolled female cadets at The Citadel announced they were not returning for the spring semester, citing harassment by male cadets. The shuttle Atlantis blasted off on a mission to pick up American astronaut John Blaha from the Russian space station Mir. The Green Bay Packers defeated the Carolina Panthers, 30-13, to win the NFC Championship, while the New England Patriots beat the Jacksonville Jaguars 20-6 to claim the AFC Championship.
Today's Birthdays: Journalist Martin Agronsky is 83. Former South African President P.W. Botha is 82. Country singer Ray Price is 72. Singer Ruth Brown is 70. Singer Glenn Yarbrough is 68. The "Amazing Kreskin" is 63. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 59. Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is 54. Singer-musician George Duke is 52. Rock musician Cynthia Robinson (Sly and the Family Stone) is 52. Political commentator Rush Limbaugh is 47. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 46. Radio personality Howard Stern is 44.