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Howard County sales increase slightly

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Second quarter 1997 sales from 721 business outlets in Howard County \$150,619,646, or 1.3 percent more than the same period in 1996.

The data was collected by the State Comptroller's Office and was released its 1997 second quarter State Sales and Use Tax Analysis Report.

While total sales were up on a quarter-to-quarter basis, there were 138 less business outlets in 1997 than in 1996. During the second quarter of 1996, 859 outlets reported total gross sales of **\$148,625,**030.

Use tax purchases for Howard County in the second quarter of 1997 totaled \$570,485 and the total amount of second quarter sales subject to the State Sales and Use Tax was \$42,124,046.

Surrounding counties reporting second quarter sales in 1997 include:

Andrews with 393 outlets reporting sales of \$52,952,199; Borden with four outlets reporting sales of \$112,898; Dawson with 310 outlets reporting sales of \$48,608,184; Ector with 3,464 outlets reporting sales of \$822,396,842; Glasscock with 18 outlets reporting sales of \$1,875,538; Martin with 86 outreporting sales

\$27,124,633; Midland with 3,490 outlets reporting sales of \$1,145,504,405; Mitchell with 187 outlets reporting sales of \$14,686,274; and Scurry with 415 outlets reporting sales of \$75,717,877.

Statewide, second quarter gross sales for 1997 totaling \$137,305,907,566 were reported by 360,316 outlets, which represents a 5.9 percent increase over second quarter sales from 1996 reported by 435,895 outlets totaling \$129,682,194,708.

In the retail trade division. Howard County had a total of 399 outlets report gross second quarter sales of \$66,796,276, or a 1.7 percent decrease over 1996

Junior Livestock Show starts Wednesday

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Wednesday.

A total of 178 youngsters will exhibit 328 animals this weekend as the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show gets under way at 3 p.m.

The Howard County show is the second of the area shows, following Glasscock's last weekend and beginning a day ahead of shows in both Martin and Borden counties. Members of the Junior Livestock Association will begin setting up for the show tonight.

First animals scheduled to arrive will be barrows at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, followed by goats at 4. Lambs and steers are both scheduled for 8 a.m. arrivals on Thursday, followed by capons at 8 a.m. on Friday.

Barrows, capons and goats will be weighed and classified as they arrive, while lambs and steers will be weighed and classified from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The first animals to be shown in competition will be goats at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by barrows at 5 p.m. Thursday. Capons will be shown at 10 a.m. Friday, followed by lambs at 1 p.m. that same day. Steers will wrap up the show schedule at 8 a.m. Saturday.

The annual buyer's barbecue will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by the awards program at 1:30 p.m. The premium auction will be held immediately following the awards program.

The premium auction allows businesses and individuals to show their support of the youngsters and their efforts by bidding on, but not taking possession of the animals. The animals are not sold as such, but remain in the possession of the youngsters so that they may be shown at other shows around the state.

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Old cornerstone returns home to courthouse

By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

Like a prodigal child, Howard County's 1908 courthouse cornerstone has finally returned home. The stone moved about the county for nearly a half-century before a place was made for it adjacent to the present courthouse building last month.

"We're proud of the stone and we hope that people will come and visit it," County Commissioner Bill Crooker said "We're glad to have a little bit of history preserved here at the courthouse."

In spite of its hefty weight of etween 400 and 500 pounds, the cornerstone has moved around a fair amount in its 90-year history. Its journey began when the 1908 sandstone courthouse was demolished in the early 1950s. Somehow the cornerstone ended up in the county landfill.

John R. Wheeler, a Howard County employee at the time, was alerted by a landfill worker that the cornerstone (which included a Masonic inscription) was in a rubble pile and scheduled to be covered over with caliche. Wheeler, a devoted Mason rescued the stone and kept it until his death in 1955.

"We always intended to give it back, when a proper place could be found for it," Wheeler's son Bob, owner of Big Three Auto Salvage and a long-time Howard County resident, said.

Bob Wheeler, the stone's guardian for almost a half-century, expressed his pleasure in donating the monolith to the county. "We used to have a lot of people who came out to look at it. Now it'll be preserved and it's where people can look at it when they're at the courthouse: and if we ever have a historical tour in Howard County, it'll be easily accessible."

Bob Wheeler, a member of one Howard County's founding families and long-time Mason, worked with Flovell Thomas, Ozella Long, the late Polly Mays and other members of the Howard County Historical Commission to find an appropriate location for the stone.

We talked about putting it in the museum, on the patio, but that didn't work out," Wheeler said.

The historical commission contacted Crooker, who suggested the courthouse. "When I found out the corner

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CVB, TxDOT team up on tourist sign project

The Howard County courthouse cornerstone, found in a rubble pile in the early 1950s, has been returned to the courthouse property and is now located on the south side of the building located at Third and Scurry streets.

Frank pushes court to hold night meetings

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

After several unsuccessful attempts to get on the Howard County Commissioners' Court agenda, county employee Fredi Frank, also a candidate for the Precinct 4 commissioners' seat, finally got to appear before the court Monday.

Frank addressed commissioners on the issues of holding night meetings as well as access to the commissioners' agenda.

Frank recently approached **Precinct 4 Commissioner Sonny** Choate about bringing up the night meetings issue as a way to encourage more citizen participation in county government, according to Choate.

"We discussed this before," County Judge Ben Lockhart said. "I've been here eight years and I have not had a request for a night meeting."

"I don't see a need for it," Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said. "The cost is prohibitive. We would have to deal with overtime and it would take everyone we deal with on a daily basis to have a night meeting.'

Choate was the only member

of the court to show some interest in the idea.

"That (referring to overtime) is not an insurmountable problem," Choate said. "I have about one request a month for a night meeting."

Frank told commissioners that she works in the basement of the courthouse and can't always get free to attend commissioners' court meetings which are at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

"If the city can have night meetings, we should (be able to)," Frank said. "People should be able to have their voices heard." Most people can't get off work on Mondays." Frank asked commissioners

what it would take to convince them that people in Howard County want to be at commissioners' court meetings and want to be heard.

Lockhart said he's not totally opposed to night meetings, but he doesn't see a need for them on a regular basis.

"If an issue comes up and we need a night meeting, we will have one, but not as a regular item," he said.

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Stenholm in Big Spring to launch re-election bid

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

veteran Twenty-year Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, was in Howard County today to announce his bid for an 11th term as repre-

Congressional District, position he has held since Stenholm

sentative

stopped at the Coahoma Community STENHOLM Center at 10:30 a.m. and was at the Dora Roberts Community Center in

Big Spring at 11:30 a.m. to speak to supporters. Early indications are that the eran and San Angelo dentist Rudy Izzard will be a heated

Izzard took Stenholm to the wire before losing in 1996 and hit the campaign trail early in 1997 as he again seeks to unseat Stenholm.

Last month, Stenholm challenged Izzard to run a campaign based on facts and issues.

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

Also, Stenholm has called into question Izzard's failure to file required campaign finance

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By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

Motorists driving around Big Spring — both visitors and local residents alike — will now have an easier time finding tourist attractions and facilities following the placement of a number of directional signs around The Big Spring Area Chamber

of Commerce's Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the Department (TxDOT) **Transportation** worked together on the project,

which is still under way. "This was something we felt we had to do," explained former

CVB chairman Mel Prather. Prather said CVB felt it need ed to get rid of all of the old, wood signs around town most of which dated back to the mid-1970s when Webb Air Force Base was still operational.

"We wanted to do that

because of the maintenance and appearance," Prather explained, adding that a change in state law helped speed up the process.

"A new state law requires TxDOT to use breakaway posts, so TxDOT is concentrating on

At right, Johnny Moore (foreground) and Mel Prather look at a new directional sign erected for the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) by the Texas **Department of Transportation** (TxDOT). Moore is the area supervisor for TxDOT and Prather is the former chairman of the CVB.

getting the wood signs down,' Prather said. Big Spring TxDOT Area

Supervisor Johnny Moore is

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Former police chief Cook vies for county judge position

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Experience is

Staff Writer

a major reason Cook thinks he has the right qualifications to serve as county judge. Cook, Republican incumbent Ben

Lockhart, who



for the last four years. "I'm running for the position has switched to the Republican



party after being elected twice on the Democratic ticket, in the March 10 primary.

Cook served as Big Spring police chief for almost seven years and as an instructor and coordinator of Howard College's Criminal Justice Department

ticular," Cook said. "I have no ax to grind, but one of the things I can bring to the office is the ability to fully represent the county as the position dictates. Cook has been a resident of

Howard County for 11 years and has a total of 22 years in criminal justice experience and formal education. Experience at the local, state and federal level is something Cook believes will help him during the campaign.

"I thought about running for county judge while I was police

and not against anyone in par- chief, but I didn't think the circumstances were right," Cook said. "My experience in teaching criminal justice combined with my age has created the right opportunity."

"I stand for open government and just as I did with the police department, I will seek input from citizens," Cook said. "I consider myself a people person and I don't bend to political

"I plan to get out and talk to people during the campaign as

WEATHER











Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 35-45. Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy. Highs 55-65. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, fair. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s.

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OBITUARIES

Van Dixon

Van Dixon, 22, Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 9, 1998, in Ruidoso, N.M.

Service will be p.m. Wednesday. Jan. 14, 1998, Nalley-Pickle Welch Rosewood Chapel with Jess Colegrove,



pastor Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, and Rodney Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Additional services will be 2 p.m. Friday, **Jan**. 16, 1998, at Madden Funeral Home Ashdown Chapel, Ashdown, Ark. Interment will follow at Alleene Cemetery, Alleene, Ark.

Van was born on April 10, 1975, in Baton Rouge, La., and married Kim Raczka on May **20**, 1995, in Big Spring.

He had lived most of his life in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in

He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include: his wife. Kim Dixon of Big Spring, his unborn daughter due in February; his parents, Gary and Joyce Dixon of Ashdown, Ark.; his maternal grandparents, Bee and Gladys Walker of Ashdown, Ark.; his paternal grandmother, Coral Jean Riddle of Centerville, Miss.; his niece, Evelynn Delana Dixon of Ashdown, Ark.; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carol and Joe Raczka of Big He was preceded in death by

his sister, Shannon Dale Dixon in November 1994, and his grandfather, William Mitchell Riddle in April 1994.

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

Paid obituary

John W. Lackey

Service for John W. Lackey. 76, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

1998, in a local hospital.

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stone was available I contacted Bill Wheeler and had a couple of visits with him," Crooker said. And he agreed that bring-

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

Willadeane Garrett died Munday. Services are pending in Amarillo, Texas.

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Yan Dixon, 22, died Friday. bervices will be 2:00 PM Wiedmenday at Nalley-Pickle & Wellch Rosewood Chapel. Additional services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Madden Funeral Home Ashdown Chapel in Ashdown, Arkansas. interment will follow at Alleene Cemetery, Alleene, Arkansas.

John W. Lackey, 76, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 10:30 AM Thursday at O'Donnell Cemetery, O'Donnell, Texas.

BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY

ing it to the courthouse would be the thing to do.

"We made a place on the south side of the courthouse when we put in our brick patio area," Crooker explained. "I felt that would be an excellent place to exhibit the cornerstone."

Cavan McMahon of McMahon Concrete helped move the unwieldy stone. It was loaded onto a four-wheel dolly, wheeled into position, and a makeshift crane lifted it and placed it onto the specially prepared brick footing on the south side of the courthouse.

"Being a comissioner and seeing the names of those commissioners and the county judge I had, one might say, an appreciation of what they did and the work they must have done in order to succeed in constructing a new courthouse," Crooker said. "And I'm also a history buff, I guess."

The historical commission has filed an application with Texas Historical the Commission to place a historical marker alongside the cornerstone. According to members of the commission, it takes several months to receive notification that a marker has been approved.

STENHOLM_

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

Izzard told several Big Spring Republican supporters in December he believes Stenholm's influence has diminished and that experience is not as much a factor as one would think.

The 17th Congressional District stretches across 32 to be heard by the court, Frank West Texas counties and is told commissioners she was dominated by oil, gas, agricul-He died Tuesday, Jan. 13, ture, military interests and small business.

include Borden, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho and Dawson

Also, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Hood, Howard, Jack and Jones.

Also, Kent, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, Scurry and Shackleford.

Also, Somervell, Stephens, Stonewall. Taylor, Throckmorton, Tom Green (partial), Wise and Young.

SIGNS

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TxDOT's end and has been working with Prather and the CVB to get them up as quickly as possible.

Moore said TxDOT is pur- Continued from page 1 chasing materials for the signs from two local companies.

"Hwycom (pronounced hicom) makes fiberglass posts and Universal Anchor Systems makes the footing and anchor systems to connect the posts," he said.

"We had a number of places without directional signs ... places like the Dora Roberts Community Center, Amphitheatre and Historic events, such as the lights at the Historic Spring.

"We had documented traffic counts of more than 5,100 vehicles in six nights at the spring and it would have been hard for people from out-of-town or

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Prather said the CVB goal for the project is the placement of between 30 and 35 signs around

"Johnny Moore and I are going to ride around town and look at signs that need to come down and go from there," he

CVB budgeted up to \$30,000 for the project, but a major portion of the cost is now being borne by the state because of the new state law.

"We've been working with the state in trying to replace the old, outdated signs and I feel it would have been around \$15,000 for the signs and \$15,000 to install them had CVB had to do them all," Prather said.

Prather said that while the old signs gave many years of service to the community, the new brown signs with white lettering are more visible and easier to read for passing motorists.

COURT

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Frank told commissioners she felt the current meeting schedule was for their convenience and not for the convenience of county residents.

"I have been commissioner for many years and I haven't had a request for night meetings," Commissioner Bill Crooker said. "We have the same problem with voting. People don't turn out."

There would be a tremendous amount of inconvenience to have night meetings," Crooker added. 'People aren't that interested, or we'd have a 50 percent to 60 percent voter turnout at elections."

Frank also challenged the idea of meeting on just one day to conduct county business.

"You can meet up to five days a week (by statute) to take care of county business." Frank said. "You're not limited to meeting just one day. With things being approved after one reading on one day, how do you know you're hearing what people have to say."

Referring to the opportunity disturbed as to how a couple of incidents were handled involving the Volunteer Fire Counties in the district Department and the employees of the Road and Bridge Department.

With the exception of Choate, commissioners showed no interest in considering moving one of its two meetings per month to a night schedule. Crooker drew fire from Frank

when he suggested she was only addressing the court to draw publicity for herself and her bid for a seat on the court. "I resent you saying that," Frank told Crooker.

Frank said her goal is to see that people can get on the commissioners' agenda with any issue they wish and that she wants to make sure taxpayers have their voices heard.

Following this week's shows. major shows will be upcoming in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio and Houston before winding up the last weekend in March in San Angelo at the San Angelo Stock Show and

Officials for this year's junior show include barrows superintendent Kirk Allen and judge Kenny Strube, capons superintendent Perry Gamble and Spring." Prather said, adding judge Chris Koontz, lambs that he felt the addition of the superintendent Mike Yeater signs helped with holiday and judge Miles Dabovich,

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

lambs superintendent Jeff Murphee and judge Preston Ferris and steers superintendent Ronnie Wood and judge Greg Jones.

Junior Livestock schedule

Schedule for the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show, Wednesday-Saturday:

ARRIVALS Barrows - 3 p.m., Wednesday Goats — 4 p.m., Wednesday

Lambs — 8 a.m., Thursday Steers — 8 a.m., Thursday Capons — 8 a.m., Friday SHOW:

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: 12:30 p.m. Saturday

AWARDS/SALE: Awards at 1:30 p.m. Saturday with premium auction to fol-

COOK

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well as after the election," Cook added. "I like to try to find out what the problems are and do my part to solve them. Having been at Howard College, I think I have a better perception of what due process, fairness and consistency is all about."

One of the issues brought before the commissioners' court on more than one occasion is the idea of having one evening or night meeting to allow citizens more access to the court.

"This is not an easy question, but I believe in access," Cook said. "As county judge, I would try my best to make the court accessible to those who want it. People may not always call you with a problem, but they will tell you what they think face to face.

Cook is also concerned about county roads.

"I was raised in the country so I understand how vital roads are to rural residents and rural business people," Cook said. "I don't intend to be a judge who sits in the office all the time. Sometime you have to go out and look things over. As judge, I would be able to assist commissioners and the county road administrator in this area.'

On the county jail, Cook said he wished there was a magic bullet to take care of that prob-

The easy way out is to build a new jail, but that requires permission from the citizens as well as tax dollars, according to Cook.

'I came her 11 years ago and did not know the problems of the community, so I rolled up my sleeves and went out and talked to people," Cook said. "That's how I would approach problems as county judge."

'I would truly like to be county judge because the people of the community have been super to me in the time I've been here," Cook added.

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SHERIFF

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

· JOHN JOSE PEREZ, 23, was arrested on Jan. 9 for burglary of vehicle, criminal mischief, and theft. JOHN BAKER FOWLER,

40, was arrested on Jan. 11 for assault, class A. ANDREW AGUILAR, 29, was arrested on Jan. 9 for dri-

while suspended/invalid. • LARRY DALE PAYNE, 35, was arrested on Jan. 11 for pub-

 ROBERT MARVIN CAR-SON, 30, was arrested on Jan. 11 for criminal trespass.

POLICE

lic intoxication.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Tuesday:

 MARIE BUSTAMANTE, 22, was arrested on local war-

 DAVID REBOLLER, 34, was arrested for theft of ser-

 STEVEN BATEMAN, 18, was arrested for driving while under the influence. • TREVAN BAXLEY, 25, was

arrested for running a stop · ROBERT CARSON, 30, was arrested for criminal trespass.

• DAVID PERRIN, 36, was arrested for driving while under the influence. SANTIAGO MORALEZ

was arrested for public intoxi-· CHARMAYNE RUSHING. 34, was arrested for failure to

 DISORDERLY CONDUCT reported in the 1300 block of Princeton; and the 400 block of Avlesford. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-

ING reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg; and the 1400 block CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 400 block of

Young; the 400 block of E. 4th; and the 1500 block of Vines. · ASSAULT reported in the

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ed in the 400 block of E. 4th. · BURGLARY OF A HABI-TAT reported in the 400 block of NE 9th; the 400 block of E. 4th; and the 900 block of N.

· HARASSMENT reported in the 500 block of Runnels. ASSAULT BY THREATS reported in the 800 block of W.

• THEFT reported in the 400 block of Johnson; the 1100 block of N. Lamesa; the 1600 block of Martin Luther King; ' the 1300 block of Goliad; the 400 block of Birdwell; 2300 block of Wasson; and the 3100 block of

 DEBIT CARD ABUSE reported in the 400 block of E.

FIRE/EMS

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

8:26 a.m. — 700 block W. 16th, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:40 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 12:20 p.m. - 3200 block

Parkway, trauma call, service refused by one patient. 12:25 p.m. - 700 block W. 16th, medical call, patient

transferred to SMMC. 1:03 p.m. — 1300 block Gregg, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

2nd, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 10:10 p.m. - 1900 block Wasson, residence fire, out on

12:27 a.m.— 900 block NW

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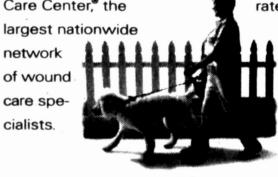
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Iraq prevents American-led weapons inspectors from working

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq The Iraqis did not provide today made good on its threat Ritter and his team with and prevented an American led escorts, which are needed to get weapons inspection team from past security guards at suspectdoing its work, defying the ed weapons sites.

they would bar access to the York," Ritter said, referring to team led by Scott Ritter, saying commission chief Richard it included too many Americans and Britons and was prolonging the U.N. arms inspection pro-

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Three carloads of other inspectors left the headquarters of the U.N. Special Commission to visit sites. Afterwards, U.N. spokesman Allan Dacey told The Associated Press those inspections went smoothly.

National health spending tops \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. spending for health care is growing at the slowest pace in nearly four decades but private insurance costs may be about to pick up steam again, the government says.

Although the nation's medical costs topped \$1 trillion in 1996 for the first time, total spending was up just 4.4 percent from 1995. That was the smallest increase since the Health and Human Services Department started keeping track of public and private spending on everything from aspirin to open-heart surgery in

American spending on health care averaged \$3,759 per person in 1996, and held a steady 13.6 percent share of the nation's booming economy, the department said in an annual report released Monday.

Low inflation, more people in managed care, and new government spending curbs all have contributed to slower expansion of the nation's health care bills after average yearly growth of 11 percent throughout the '80s, the report said.

But will the good news last? Double-digit increases aren't expected back any time soon, said Katharine R. Levit, director of HHS's National Health Statistics Group.

But "the private side of things should be reaccelerating and at the same time the public side ... should be decelerating,' said Levit.

Private-sector spending accounts for 53.3 percent of all American health care dollars, and in 1996, about two-thirds of it, or \$337.3 billion went to pay health insurance premiums.

Insurance companies paid \$292.3 billion in medical bills, up 3.4 percent. Health insurance premiums grew by 3.2 percent, to \$337.3 billion. And other out-of-pocket costs paid by consumers — including insurance deductibles and copayments - grew by only 2.7 percent to \$171.2 billion.

"That is largely due to employers who sought out plans that promised to slow the rate of health care cost increases" through managed care, said

Many insurers who made the promises are now in an awkward position. "Their profits have been squeezed," said Levit a trend many analysts agree must lead to higher premiums if it continues.

Meanwhile, low inflation and spending restraints enacted by Congress — most recently in the balanced budget act — are expected to moderate the growth of government health care bills over the next few

Medicare's budget for senior citizens' health care increased 8.1 percent to \$203.1 billion in 1996, compared to a 10.6 percent increase in 1995.

The strong economy also has helped reduce the numbers of low-income Americans eligible for Medicaid. Federal and state expenditures for the program grew by just 5.3 percent in 1996, the smallest percentage jump ever, to \$147.7 billion.

Overall, almost 88 percent of America's health care dollars bought personal health care services and supplies in 1996.

Doctors and hospitals are getting a smaller share of the pie, however — 54.1 percent in 1996 compared to 57.6 percent in

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United Nations once again. "We will report this to the Iraqi authorities said Monday executive chairman in New Butler, who is due in Baghdad next week

Ritter said the refusal to provide escorts amounted to "a failure of Iraq to comply with its obligation to carry out the provisions of Security Council res-

The inspectors are trying to verify that Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruc-

tion, a condition that must be met before the United Nations will lift trade sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The Iraqi action set the stage for a repeat of last October's confrontation, when the government prevented Americans from taking part in inspections, accusing the Americans - and Ritter in particular — of being

An Iraqi newspaper Babil, owned by the eldest son of President Saddam Hussein, Odai, blasted Ritter's team today, saying its "domination by Americans" showed a bid by the United States to "injure the dignity of Iraq and humiliate concealment investigations that

Iraq says Ritter's team includes nine Americans, five Britons, a Russian and an Australian.

As in the earlier crisis, Iraq said other inspectors would be allowed to continue work. In October, U.N. officials insisted Iraq could not dictate who would make inspections and withdrew all inspectors.

That led to a three-week halt in the search for weapons of mass destruction and a U.S. military buildup in the Persian

Ritter, a 36-year-old former Marine captain, heads so-called

often target sensitive sites such as Saddam's palaces, which were at the center of last fall's

controversy.

Iraq's declaration brought immediate response from U.N. and American officials who said the inspection program would not be altered because of the Iraqi threat.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said in Malaysia that the United States would continue to pursue diplomatic initiatives and had no plans to send more troops. "We have a very robust presence there," he said.

France today also objected, Foreign Ministry

spokesman Yves Doutriaux calling on "Iraqi authorities to reconsider their decision.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said the Iraqi move would be discussed by the Security Council on Thursday.

"I can tell you, patience is running out in a lot of Security Council capitals," Richardson said today on ABC's "Good Morning America.

The Iraqi statement saying the composition of Ritter's team should be changed, carried by the official Iraqi News Agency, came after the team reportedly visited a hospital and a prison in Baghdad.

Tobacco trial having little impact on Wall Street

DALLAS (AP) — Talk of a set- NYSE, up 1 3/8. tlement between the state of Texas and the tobacco industry is having little impact on the stock market, primarily because Wall Street is already expecting a national deal, analysts say.

"Everybody's sights are set on the national settlement. Settlements in Texas will be viewed in light of what they mean to the national settlement," said Marc Cohen, an analyst with Goldman Sachs.

Philip Morris Companies had the best showing at Monday's close, trading at 46 3/8 on the

B.A.T. Industries, the parent company of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and American Tobacco Co. Inc., and Brooke Group, parent to Liggett Group Inc., were both down slightly.

Most movement was considered relatively minor, analysts

"The bigger move will be when the national settlement might occur," said Martin Feldman with Smith Barney.

The national pact, which requires congressional approval, would eliminate most Star State and Big Tobacco is say. The tobacco industry also tobacco industry,

pending class-action lawsuits mostly over, sources say. the industry some protection from future lawsuits in exchange for \$368.5 billion 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.

But until Congress decides whether to approve the national pact, the states are continuing their own battles with the

tobacco industry. The fight between the Lone

against Big Tobacco and give According to insiders, a settlement is likely to be announced Tuesday, a day before jury selection is scheduled to begin in U.S. District Court at Texarkana.

> Texas has sued eight tobacco companies and three trade groups for about a total of \$14 billion in reimbursement and damages involving Medicaid funds spent on smoking-related illnesses

> The settlement is likely to be between \$14 billion and \$15 billion, paid over 25 years, sources

would fund new anti-smoking programs under the deal.

The deal, which would cost the tobacco industry about the same as its combined payout to Florida and Mississippi, is more than the \$13 billion that Texas would get under the national deal.

"The reality is that settlements that are within a few hundred million of what the states would get under the national settlement would not be viewed out of line," Cohen said.

In all, 40 states have sued the

Testimony gets under way in Mowbray murder retrial story, calling Mrs. Mowbray a defendant. ... Bill did not fire Constable Johnny Cavazos, one

BROWNSVILLE (AP) Imploring jurors to "join us in the journey for the truth and for justice," prosecutors have begun presenting evidence in the retrial of a woman accused of killing her husband a decade

Susie Mowbray, 49, went back on trial Monday in the Sept. 16, 1987, death of her husband, Bill Brownsville Mowbray, a Cadillac dealer.

Mrs. Mowbray was convicted

in his sleep for \$1.8 million in life insurance money.

After serving nine years of a life sentence, she was released from prison last year when an appeals court ruled prosecutors suppressed blood evidence contradicting their homicide theo-

Mrs. Mowbray has insisted all along that her husband killed himself because of emotional and financial troubles.

As the second trial got under way, prosecutors disputed that

liar who has changed her version of what happened the night her husband died.

"You're going to learn that when Susie Mowbray talks about what happened on Sept. 16, 1987 ... that she tells lies," Cameron County Assistant District Attorney Bill Hagen told jurors in his opening statement.

"There were only two people in that room when the shot was fired: Bill Mowbray and the Cameron

that gun," Hagen said.

But defense attorney Jim Shaw described Bill Mowbray as a man who "was totally at the end of his rope" because of financial troubles at his car dealership and an IRS investigation.

"Their finances abysmal," Shaw told the jury. 'He took his own life.'

The trial resumes this morning with testimony from County Deputy

of the first investigators on the scene the night Mowbray died.

Cavazos testified Monday that he arrived at the Mowbrays' Los Fresnos home at about 2:45 a.m. Mrs. Mowbray, dressed in a nightgown and slippers, was waiting outside with a cigarette in one hand and a glass in the other, he said. She gestured toward the house.

Cavazos said he found Mowbray in the couple's bedroom, "moaning and gurgling."



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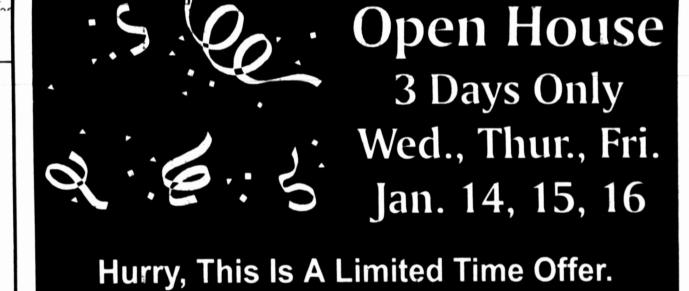
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OUR VIEW

High-flying HC teams back home

oward College's Hawks and Lady return home to the friendly confines of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday night in the first home game of 1998. It will also be the first home conference game of the season for both teams.

By the time the Lady Hawks take to the floor, Coach Matt Corkery's squad could well be the No. 1-ranked team in America — and if not the top-ranked team, at least one of the top four.

The Lady Hawks have recorded wins over then-No. 4 Weatherford College at Dorothy Garrett in December and over then-No. 3 Central Arizona 10 days ago in a tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Lady Hawks will face a Western Texas College team they have already beaten once this year, in the season opener for both teams. While it was clear at that point that Howard was the clearly superior team, there is a danger in playing an opponent two or three or even four times in a season.

But we don't feel that Corkery's team is one of those squads that is lulled to sleep simply because of an easy win earlier in the season. This is a team that has talent and depth at every position. It is a team that mixes the wilv cunning of its sophomores with the unafraid brashness of a talented freshman class

It is, we believe, a team to be reckoned with.

For the Hawks, the season has not been as kind. While pre-season legal problems decimated Coach Tommy Collins' starting line-up, the Hawks have continued to battle what is obviously an uphill battle.

There have been both close wins and close losses, both at home and on the road as the team seeks to find

On Thursday, the Hawks face the challenge of New Mexico Military Academy in what promises to be a physical game as most contests with NMMI are.

Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks are now in their second season, so to speak. For the Lady Hawks, it's more of a keep on keeping on approach while, for the Hawks, it's the job of looking straight ahead and keeping your eyes on the basket.

We encourage you to welcome both the Lady Hawks and Hawks back home on Thursday by packing Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

No, there's no championship at stake at this point in the season, but the fact that our home town teams are back and ready to take the court should be special enough to get you out to the coliseum for the game. We hope to see you there!

OTHER VIEWS

The Super Bowl - this one s XXXII is more than just America's annual reintroduc tion to the joys of Roman numerals.

It will mark the official end of the 1997 Sporting Year, and families will reunite, at least until the 1998 Sporting Year kicks off with the Daytona 500, NCAA Final Four and the Augusta Masters

The Jan. 25 meeting of the Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers will be one of those one day Myths of the Moment we love so much.

The story line here, as the TV hypers would have it, is the quarterback everybody loves facing the team every body loves.

For John Elway, 37, a talented and durable survivor of the Class of '83, the greatest draft of quarterbacks to come into pro football, the Super Bowl may be his Last Hurrah, or Last Hail Mary

For a technologically savvy people, we secretly suspect the existence of jinxes, and maybe the Broncos are jinxed.

They have appeared in four Super Bowls, three with Elway, and lost badly each

time After a 1990 shellacking, disconsolate Bronco graffitists rewrote Colorado road signs to read, "Speed Limit 55, Broncos 10."

These Broncos labor under a double iinx.

The AFC has lost the last 13 Super Bowls, and the odds

makers say it will again, by two touchdowns

The detending champion is the Green Bay Packers, the beloved underdog regardless of what the bookies think, a small-market, communityowned team that plays outdoors in bad weather on real grass, and whose name, taken from its original meat packer sponsor, is redolent of profootball's rough, blue-collar origins.

What's not to like about a team whose quarterback, Brett Favre, breathes fresh life into the clichi, Reckless Abandon, and whose fans, the Cheeseheads, wear headgear of foam rubber Cheddar?

No matter that the Packers, and the Broncos, are part of a huge business empire about to sign a TV deal that could reach \$15 billion over eight

Or that Super Bowl Sunday is an immense commercial bonanza, the Great Unveiling of new products, when sponsors vie to see who can produce the gaudiest, most lavish commercials

Super Bowl Sunday is many things. One of them is a ball game, seldom the best of the

But maybe this year it will be, and even if it isn't, this hugely popular American ritual is going to last a long, long time.

> **Dale McFeatters** Scripps Howard

Memories can be set in concrete; it seems

By SHARON RANDALL

Scripps Howard

The birdbath was here when we bought the place some 20 years ago. Its bowl was green with algae, its base was sunken into the ground as if it had sat there a very long time, perhaps even since 1913, the year the house was built.

I liked thinking about it. I especially liked thinking about the people who'd put it there all the families before mine who'd called this house their home, who'd welcomed friends through its door, baked bread in its kitchen, nursed babies in its bedrooms, pulled weeds in its garden — long before my husband and I were even born.

What were their lives like, those people?

Were they happy? Were they in love? Did they delight in their children?

What kind of birds bathed

Whigh country DISPATCH ON 1-96

By BILL MAXWELL

on books.

St. Petersburg Times

SOUTH HILL, Va.

my recent travels to southern

Virginia, I realized anew that,

addicted to drugs, I am hooked

Indeed, I am a bibliophile, a

lover of books. My bibliophilia

places, introduced me to inter-

esting people and forced me to

commit acts that might call my

sanity into question. I am also

a bibliomaniac, one preoccu-

If I had enough money, I

would become a bibliopole, a

pied with collecting books.

dealer of rare and curious

books. Alas, my journalist's

considered buying an auto-

graphed copy of Truman

it would have set me back

more than a month's rent.

a person devoted to reading

best-known bookworms was

and study. One of the world's

author Katherine Mansfield. In

1922, while battling tuberculo-

about the urge to read and her

desire for human companion-

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anyone at my side? No. I'd

salary will not let me become a

bibliopole. Just the other day, I

Capote's "In Cold Blood". I left

Of course, I am a bookworm,

this gem on the shelf because

has driven me to strange

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Who planted the azaleas?

here then?

Strange how a birdbath can raise so many questions and offer so few answers.

We often talked about replacing it, but somehow it seemed there were always bigger fish to fry.

So the birdbath remained, standing guard like a sentry, filled with rainwater in winter, sprinkler water in summer, or when the kids got creative, mud.

Then one day I read that birdbaths need to be cleaned regularly lest they become breeding grounds for bacteria that could wipe out every bird on the block.

"Hmm," I thought. "Maybe I'll just make it a planter.' I filled it with daffodils in

Marigolds in fall. Stiff dead stalks in winter. Actually, stiff dead stalks

were my specialty. But once in a while, I'd get lucky and the birdbath would

A bibliophile comes out of the closet

cess. Listen to Laura

editors of the book

book.

Furman and Elinore Standard.

"Bookworms," describe book

"For the true bookworm it is

sometimes hard to distinguish

between what one has experi-

enced and what one has read.

We know that this is odd and

even a little demented.... We

are uneasy in a void with no

ed form of hallucination.

"Reading is a socially accept

Through words we react to the

ideas, memories and fantasies

Reading, moreover, is power-

ful and inscrutable, so much so

that dictators commit unspeak-

(remember Russia's Alexander

Solzhenitsyn, who was exiled

for his books depicting life in

enough to cause seemingly nor

My love of books also recon-

Exmore, on Virginia's Eastern

Market, a barn-like hulk that

caught my attention. There,

among farm implements, cob-

webs and military gear, I found

Cynthia Pearl Maus' 1947 book

the Soviet Union?); powerful

mal Americans to ban books

from public schools and

nects me with my past. In

Shore, the South Star Flea

seemed vaguely familiar,

libraries.

of people we'll never meet,

whom we believe we know."

able crimes against writers

lovers and their obsession:

No one should take reading Madonnas," one of the most

seen

facility.

Thumbing through it, I

became certain that I had been

in this building before. More

than 30 years ago, it had been

child farm worker, I had grad-

places in this drafty structure

to read Richard Wright, Ring

Lardner and John Steinbeck.

Carrick, confirmed that the

My best find was Noah

Webster's "The Elementary

this text, dog-eared discards

the 1950s in Crescent City.

from the white school, during

Jerrie Emory, the owner of

told me that other books were

feel like crawling around and

digging out the books, you're

welcome to do it," she said.

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to read Noel Sainsbury Jr.'s

"Cracker Stanton." This 1934

novel about a young Georgia

Cracker baseball player gave

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tinction among poor whites.

me a candid view of the endur-

Our House, saw my delight and

beneath a table in back. "If you

For nearly an hour, I crawled

restacked old volumes. Leaving

Our House, I could barely wait

Spelling Book," written in 1886.

My schoolmates and I had used

building had been a packing

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ed potatoes, where, during

breaks, I had found quiet

The current owner. Tom

for granted, for it is a complex beautiful books I have ever

BUT IF PEOPLE DO STOP SMOKING, WON'T FUNDING FOR YOUR PROGRAMS

STOP, TOO ??

bloom like a fountain.

It was really something to see. Or it was until last week when I broke it. Never mind how. Suffice it to say my life often seems like a scene from "I Love Lucy."

If I had a friend named Ethel I'd be dangerous.

The worst part was having to

face Ricky.

"What?" said my husband. "I broke the birdbath."

"You broke it?"

"It was an accident." "You broke it?" "And it can't be fixed."

"Don't be silly," he said. Then he saw the pile of birdbath rubble and headed off to find a new one.

I told him he should try to think of it as an adventure; he told me I should try not to break the next one. Soon he found a birdbath

that met his high standards (sturdy and cheap), dragged it home and filled the base with wet cement to make it harder

SEE! I TOLD YOU

CIGARETTES ARE

for me to tip over, he said. Before it dried, he carved an

inscription in the base and summoned me to come see.

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except, of course, it's new. And not broken yet. And it will make a fine birdbath or planter or whatever.

One day, years from now, after we are gone and another family has taken our place. someone may tip it over and read the inscription, four initials carved in a heart.

If they know nothing else about us - we, who raised three children in this house and witnessed many wonders within its good, strong walls they will, at least, know this: Once, long ago, in 1992, R.R. loved S.R. enough to write it in wet cement.

I hope they'll like thinking about that.

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SCOREBOARD

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Steers, Lady Steers face tough road tests at Sweetwater tonight are going to go a long way to deter- "They've got all their starters back everyone else in the district," Tipton

Sports Editor

While Big Spring's Lady Steers have opened District 4-4A in just the manner most expected — with wins over San Angelo Lake View and Fort Stockton tonight's first league road game in Sweetwater begins what coach Ron Taylor says is a pivotal week.

Tonight also marks the start of 4-4A boys' play with Gary Tipton looking for a big turnaround from his Steers.

Girls' action is slated for a 6 p.m. start with the boys' game set for a 7:30

"We've got Sweetwater on the road, then come back home with Andrews coming in here Friday ... and those two mining who the team to beat in this district really is," Taylor noted.

The Lady Steers at 12-7 on the year and 2-0 in district play are tied atop the early district standings with Andrews in their bid for a seventh consecutive 4-4A championship, but Sweetwater is just a game back at 1-1 in district play.

While Taylor admitted it was somewhat of a surprise that Andrews beat the Lady Mustangs as badly as they did last week, there's plenty of reason for the Lady Steers to take Sweetwater seriously.

"I think most everyone thought they (Lady Mustangs) would probably give us the toughest challenge for the district championship," Taylor explained.

from a team that went to the playoffs last year, as well as their best reserves from last year. And playing them in their gym isn't going to make it any easier. We've got our work cut out for

Plagued by injuries and the decision by three players to leave the team the most recent by Travis Womack the Steers will try to forget a miserable 3-16 start as they step onto the home court of perhaps the district's most talented team.

However, Tipton maintains those first 19 games have no bearing on what his team will attempt to accomplish in the next five weeks.

"As of right now, we're 0-0 and so is

explained. "We're going to play 10 games in district and we're going to base this team on those 10 games ... just like every other team I've had here.

Tipton says Womack's decision not to play the remainder of the schedule adds pressure on seniors Greg Wollenzien, a 6-foot-4 post, and Justin Myers, a 6-2 forward, to provide the leadership necessary for the Steers to make a run for the playoffs.

"Justin and Greg started on a team that got into the playoffs last year and on another one their sophomore year when they got beat in a one-game playoff to see who advanced to bi-district," Tipton said. "They know what a district race is all about and they're going to have to step forward and give us senior leadership. I believe they will."

Sweetwater comes into tonight's game with a 10-8 record. Led by senior forwards Derrick Franklin and Brett Bishop, both of whom played on the Mustangs' 25-12 team that reached the Class 4A state tournament a year ago and have produced 60 percent of the team's total offense this year.

The Mustangs struggled early in the season, primarily the result of having to wait for a number of key players to finish Sweetwater's lengthy run in the football playoffs.

Since the Christmas break, however, the Mustangs are 6-1 and building momentum.

Jim Mora

with Colts

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INDIANAPOLIS —

Indianapolis Colts are giving

Jim Mora an opportunity to

live down a profanity-laced

tirade that followed his last

loss as coach of the New

"It is a moment that I feel

poorly about," Mora said

Monday after he was intro-

duced as the team's new coach.

"I've seen it on TV a number

of times. Every time I see it, I

cringe. I want to crawl under

the covers and hide. It was one

of the low points in my coach-

Mora resigned after 10) years

coaching the Saints midway

through the 1996 season, one

day after his tirade following a

loss to the Carolina Panthers.

He had been working as a foot-

ball commentator for NBC, but

said Monday he wants to

Known for his belief that

winning football comes from a

strong defense with a consis-

tent running attack, Mora is

looking forward to coaching

"I've always been a fan of

Marshall. I followed his

progress in New Orleans (high

school) when he was there, and

then at San Diego State. I think

Mora was scheduled to leave

today for the Senior Bowl,

where he'll be looking at draft

prospects and meeting with

The Colts have the No. 1 pick

in the draft and could use it to

select former Tennessee quar-

terback Peyton Manning - a

player he has known for years.

player, and he's a quality

young man," said Mora, who

knows Manning and his father,

Archie, who was a broadcaster

for the Saints and was a host

on the coach's weekly televi-

In his role with NBC, Mora

saw the Colts play early in the

season against Seattle and in

the final game of the season at

won three games last year. We

need a lot of work," he said. "I

like the football team. I saw a

tremendous improvement from

the first game that I did until

the last one. ... From what I

know now, I feel that there's a

good core of football players on

Polian said Mora's record as

a winning coach in the old

USFL and at New Orleans was

"It's obviously a team that

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'He's an excellent football

prospective assistant coaches.

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Howard teams take WJCAC openers

Lady Hawks, now at No. 4, big winners

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

ODESSA — It took a while for Howard College's Lady Hawks to get going, but when the nation's No. 4 team finally kicked it into gear, it was all over in a hurry for the Odessa College Lady Wranglers.

Howard (17-0, 1-0 in WJCAC) went on a 19-0 run to break open a three-point game en route to a 91-37 drubbing of the hapless Lady Wranglers (7-7, 0-1). The Lady Hawks now return home to face Western Texas Thursday night.

The Lady Hawks got balanced scoring as nine players scored, including five in double figures. Howard's defense also forced 39 Odessa turnovers that led to 27 points.

It was an effort that left head coach Matt Corkery smiling.

"We like to play aggressive defense and Odessa likes to put he ball on the floor and try to penetrate ... we just stayed after them and kept doing what we like to do," he said.

Shawnta Johnson led all scorers with 25 points for Howard, but it was a trio of freshmen who worked over Odessa's defenses.

Ricka McKee's 13 points, along with 11 points from Jovanae St. Cyr and 10 from Jennifer Vinum — asswell as sophomore Latraica Spencer's 10 points sparked the Howard effort.

Odessa's Pashon Murray, one of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's (WJCAC) leading scorers coming into the game, was held to 10 points more than seven points below her average. Seven of Murray's points came after Howard had put the game away.

Corkery said he thought the Lady Hawks, who had just seven turnovers at the half, "did pretty good in the first half" but added that he felt the team made "too many unforced errors in the second half."

Although Howard, which rose to No. 4 in the national polls on Monday, never trailed, Odessa was able to tie the game at 4-4 with 16:16 left in the first half and trailed by just three points, 14-11, when Crecy Vaughns hit a jump shot with 10:12 left in the first half.

McKee answered with a three to make it 17-11 before Spencer scored two from inside the paint to make it 19-11. The Lady Hawks got their first double-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Howard College's Shawnta Johnson goes to the basket for two of her 25 points in the Lady Hawks' 91-37 rout of Odessa College Monday night in Odessa. Defending for Odessa is Rose Dunn (40) and Crecy Vaughn. Howard, ranked No. 4 in the nation, opens its home Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule Thursday night against Western Texas.

digit lead of the game when Latasha Moore hit a jumper to make the score 21-11 with 7:09 left in the half.

OC would wind up going scoreless for eight minutes and 50 seconds before Vaughns connected on a basket with 1:22 left to make it 33-13.

Johnson finished the half with three baskets in the final 57 seconds to open a 39-13 lead and two quick baskets by Spencer to open the second half sparked the Lady Hawks to a 10-0 run before OC could

respond again. **HOWARD NOTEPAD** ... Big Spring freshman guard Kim Robertson is out after damaging ligaments in her right

ankle. The Lady Hawks were as tough on their studies during the first semester as they were their opponents, racking up a cumulative 3.2 GPA.

LADY HAWKS 91. **ODESSA COLLEGE 37**

HOWARD — Ricka McKee 2 3 0-0 13, Kamilah Ward 0 0 0-0 0, Shawnta Johnson 12 0 1-4 25, Karlita Washington 2 0 3-3 7 Latasha Moore 4 0 0-0 8, Jovanae St. Cvr 4 0 3-4 11, Jeanine Horton 2 0 1-4 5, Donelle Jones 1 0 0-0 2, Jennifer Vinum 5 0 0-0 10, Latraica Spencer 5 0 0-0 10. TOTALS 37 3 8-

ODESSA - Blanche Tucker 4 0 0-2 8 Pashon Murray 0 2 4-4 10, Sabrina Marshall 0 0 1-2 1, Tasha Campbell 1 1 0-3 5, Rose Dunn 4 0 1-3 9, Crecy Vaughns 2 0 0-0 4. Heather Matthews 0 0 0-0 0. TOTALS 11 3 6-16 37. HALFTIME SCORE - Howard 39, Odessa 13. TOTAL FOULS - Howard 15, Odessa 16.

FOULED OUT — Odessa (Vaughns), TECHNI-CALS — None. REBOUNDS — Howard 46. Odessa 28. TURNOVERS - Howard 22, Odessa 39. BLOCKS — Howard 3, Odessa 1. ATTENDANCE — 100.

Hawks overcome slow start for 79-65 win over Wranglers

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

ODESSA — It might seem strange to consider the first conference game of the season a must-win situation, but that's exactly what the Howard College Hawks faced Monday

The road-weary Hawks, playing their 14th straight contest away from home, dug themselves a huge hole against Odessa College, then dug and clawed their way to a 79-65 victory in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener for both teams at the OC Sports Center.

Howard (8-9 overall, 1-0 in WJCAC play) looked to be in need of a faith healer after falling behind 19-2 in the first seven minutes of the game.

The Hawks were ice-cold during the opening stretch, hitting only one of seven shots and turning the ball over seven times. The way head coach Tommy Collins saw it, his team was simply trying to do too much in the early going.

"We certainly didn't come out ready to play," Collins said. You probably could have put five chairs out there and had the same offense that we had ... When we got behind by nine, it felt like they were trying to score nine points at once ... I just told them to take their time, and get a little bit of it back at a time."

The Hawks responded, gradually crawling back to within two points (29-27) at halftime. Then, in an example of turnabout being fair play, proceeded to bury Odessa in the opening minutes of the second half. Led by sophomore guard

Clifton Cook, who ended the night with 24 points, the Hawks went through a stretch where they hit 10 straight shots and 11 of 13 overall — over a seven-minute span to go up 50-

"I wanted to start (our rally) off with my defense, but when I saw that the offense was getting it going, I just started feeding off my offense," Cook said.

"Clifton's an outstanding player," Collins said. "He's our catalyst, and he's so good defensively, he makes the job easier for other people."

The Wranglers (6-8, 0-1), pulled to within five points twice in the second half — the last time on Terry Odom's three-pointer with 6:47 remaining that made the score 61-56. But Cook responded with a

pair of short jumpers and a three-pointer, and then fed Don Peace for another basket, stretching Howard's lead to 70-58 three minutes later, and the Hawks coasted from there.

Despite it being the first conference game of the season, Collins said it was one the Hawks could ill-afford to lose, especially considering that they blasted OC by 23 points in a non-conference game win November.

It really doesn't matter where we were playing — this was a must-win game for us,' Collins said. "If we didn't win this game, we probably wouldn't have recovered.

The long road trip has beaten the team down a bit, but the Hawks return to the friendlier environs of Garrett Coliseum Thursday, when they host New Mexico Military Institute in an 8 p.m. game.

"This was very big for us," Cook said. "We were coming in with a losing record ... so we wanted to develop some confidence and show the other teams that we've come to play."

HOWARD 79, ODESSA 65

F HOWARD (79) — Clifton Cook 8 6-7 25; Lamont Roberts 5 0-0 10; Elmer Brown 3 0-0 6; Don Peace 2 0-0 4; Nathan Clover 7 0-3 14; Joe Robinson 0 0-2 0; Alex Denson 2 2-2 6 Myron Brown 4 0-2: totals 31 8-16 79.

ODESSA (65) -Michael Jacques 0 1-2 1 Quentin Lewis 4 0-3 8; Will Mayfield 0 4-4 4 Bobby Dancer 1 0-0 2; Leo McCalister 1 1-2 3 Terry Odom 5 3-6 14; Stan Blackmon 4 6-8 14; Jacoby Johnson 3 1-2 7; Jhametrick Hammond 3 1-1 7; totals 21 17-28 65 Halftime - Odessa 29, Howard 27.

WJCAC STANDINGS rank Phillips Howard 91, Odessa 37; Midland 81, South Plains 71; NMJC 77, Western Texas 71; Clarer 73, Frank Phillips 52.

ico Military at Howard; Midland at New Mexico JC; Frank Phillips at South Plains; Odessa

a major factor in his selection. "Most players are going to say, this guy has been here. He's won," Polian said.

NBC, ABC fighting over broadcast rights for Monday Night Football

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - When the NFL's version of musical chairs ends, either NBC or ABC will be left without a seat in the broadcast booth.

CBS made sure it wouldn't be the odd network out again, buying its way back into the NFL on Monday night with a stunning \$4 billion, eight-year deal to televise the AFC package formerly held by NBC, a source told The Associated Press. The CBS deal more than doubles the rate per season that NBC paid in 1997.

Earlier Monday, Fox and the

NFL settled on a \$4.4 billion, eight-year contract that allows the network to keep the Sunday afternoon NFC deal.

TNT and ESPN are expected to retain their Sunday night cable packages, but at close to double the price. ESPN paid \$524 million and TNT paid \$496 million in the previous deal.

That leaves "Monday Night Football," which ABC has held since its inception in 1970. But NBC, which also has been broadcasting NFL games for 28 years, has made a bid to challenge ABC for the Monday night package, said a source familiar with the negotiations

In 1993, ABC paid \$920 million over four years for "Monday Night Football," a 2 percent increase over the previous four-year deal. It will cost much more to keep it this time, maybe more than double the previous price. A contract could be reached as early as today.

"Even though the Monday night ratings are off a little bit, it is still one of the top ranked programs in prime time every year." said Ron Frederick, a media buyer at J. Walter Thompson advertising agency. "It is three hours of guaranteed quality programming. The question is how much is ABC prepared to ante up to keep one of the cornerstones of its prime time schedule.'

rn Texas at Howard; Midland at NMJC;

Frank Phillips at South Plains; Odessa at

ABC and NBC each have one game left in the current contract — the Super Bowl on NBC on Jan. 25 and ABC's Pro Bowl coverage on Feb. 1. The network that loses out on "Monday Night Football" will be out of the NFL for at least

If NBC wins the bidding war, the No. 1 network in prime time would get another night of dominance at a crucial time for the network. NBC's Thursday night schedule for next fall is

five years.

unsettled, with "Seinfeld" ending production and the contract for "ER" expiring at the end of this season.

From a football standpoint, the new contract will result in an increase in the salary cap. And while the smallest increase will be next year, it's still likely to be in the area of \$10 million, allowing teams hard pressed under the salary cap to retain important free agents.

Among them are Dorsey Levens, Green Bay's star running back, and Dana Stubblefield of San Francisco, the NFL's defensive player of

CBS was shocked when Fox wrestled the NFL away from it in 1993. But it pulled off almost as stunning a move Monday. when it agreed to pay \$500 million a year for NFC games, a source said. NBC paid \$217 million per season in the last agreement.

Fox will pay \$550 million per season for eight years, an increase of 39 percent from \$395 million. That is a larger increase than had been projected because Fox was already paying 71 percent more than the second most expensive deal. ABC's Monday night package.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Be creative when approaching loved ones. A demonstration of anger doesn't necessarily mean anything. Read between the lines. Another is frustrated, and lets you know. Keep long-term objectives in mind. Your attitude helps more than you realize. Tonight: Where the action is.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pressure is intense. How you view a boss could change because of his reactions. There is nothing new here; you might be viewing him far more realistically. Listen to feedback, and aim for what is important to you. Security and domestic life are priorities. Tonight: Head home!***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Talk about what is on your mind, though another's rather dramatic reaction encourages you to muzzle yourself. It is important to clear the air. Working together for the same goal heals dissension. Change plans, if need be. Tonight: Zero in on priorities.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your more possessive side emerges with a loved one. Another simply doesn't agree. It is possible that everyone is right, from his perspective. What is needed is a successful decision, not conflict. Aim for greater financial stability. Tonight: Create a more realistic

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Take a back seat, open up to talks and make what you want happen. If you listen rather than talk, you enhance your ability to see the big picture. There are many unexpected developments. A partner

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Friendship plays a large role in making your choices. You might feel that someone is pressuring you with his decisions. Tap into your resourcefulness without being reactive. A partner is full of ideas and solutions; start brainstorming. Tonight: Out on the town.****

gives you feedback. Tonight: There

are no problems, only solutions.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Accept that a family member will not be interested in the hows and whats. Your best bet is to make happen what you want. Emphasize your career, public image and prestige. Your capacity to get the job done makes you a role model. Tonight: Bask in your glory.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Work past a problem, make resolutions and enact changes. Frustration is high with others. You think you need to yell to get your point across. Do nothing halfway. Be sure of yourself as you seek out answers. Let your imagination emerge. Tonight: Opt for something different.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might spend too much money to make a point. You have a problem being clear and direct. A partner is insistent that his way is the only way. Build on security, and establish foundations; don't jeopardize what is happening. Tonight: Have a tete-a-tete.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others are dominant. You might try a logical chat to help another understand what you wish to convey. You mean well, but you end up losing your cool. Discharge anger by taking a walk or going to the gym at lunch for a hard workout. Tonight: Join friends.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You soothe your soul by staying on top of work. Opting for overtime feels right, if you want to pay bills. Others are pleased by your efforts, ingenuity and ability. Plan on some stress-reducing activity; you need to release tension. Tonight: Soak in a hot tub!***

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Defendant(s), by Petition filed on the 5th day of SEPTEMBER, 1997 in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARILYN M. MCMILLAN for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County. Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-97-09-4426 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this

suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquen hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishmen and foreclosure of liens, if any

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gainst said property. You are hereby commanded to ppear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof the same being the 2nd day of February, 1998 before the tonorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the to show cause why judgment shall penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constihereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest. penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judg-

Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 16 day of Dec., A.D. 1997. Colleen Barton, Deputy and seal of said court in the City of

Pain of adultery persists after end of the marriage

DEAR ABBY: Adultery seems to be an accepted fact of life these days. Everybody's doing it. No problem.

It's no problem, that is, until you are the injured party. Then it's a very big deal. The hurt is so deep, it's hard to believe that someone who claims to love you has intentionally and selfishly inflicted this pain on you.

People say marriages can be salvaged and even improved in the healing process. However, I know for a fact that it will never happen without remorse on the part of the adulterer. In my case, there is none. My husband boasted, "I'm not sorry I did it. I'm glad. I had a great time."

After much soul-searching, I had to face the truth: I married a loser. I'm a kind and decent person who never expected or deserved to be treated so poorly. But I'm also strong, and although I'm deeply wounded, I'll be fine because I've been able to see why he had the affair. It had nothing to do with me. You see, with her he could pretend to be someone other than who he really is. He could pretend to be a successful businessman when, in fact, nothing could be further from the truth. He could brag about his children like a devoted family man. In truth, he is a workaholic and not at all involved in their lives or

upbringing. For years I begged him to go for counseling. It was easier for him to find a sympathetic lover who was willing to hear how his wife didn't understand him. I understand him. all right - too well. He is a charmer. However, he can also be mean-spirited and vengeful, a side he would never let her see.

He is in denial and takes no responsibility for his actions. When I told him he had to leave, he didn't go to her. Maybe it's because he's married, although that didn't seem to bother them before. Or maybe he knew eventually she would see through his charade. The reason doesn't matter. It's over for

I have some advice I'd like to

give to your readers who might be PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY

adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the follow ing described property delinque to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wil Lot One (1), Block Seven (7) Brown Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Spring, Howard County, Texas. Which said property is delinquer

Lot Two (2), Block Seven (7) to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow ing amount: \$1,162.34, exclusive interest, penalties, and costs and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon ed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein

You are hereby notified that su has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs against EARNEST HERRERA as endant(s), by Amended Petiti filed on the 2nd day of JULY, 1997 in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EARNEST HERRERA for collection of the taxes on said property and that District Court of Howard County the file number of said suit is T-94 12-4242 that the names of all tax ing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabo

described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims and valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgent herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any

provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and claims not only for any taxes which the time this suit was filed but al at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interes penalties, and cost allowed by lav thereon, may, upon request the lore, be recovered herein withou further citation or notice to any pa ties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead an answer to all claims and pleading now on file in said causes by other parties herein, and all o those taxing units above name up their respective tax claims You are hereby commanded

appear and defend such suit or the first Monday after the expira after the date of issuance hereof the same being the 2nd day February, 1998 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and tutional and statutory tax liens hereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing unit parties hereto and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judg-ment herein, and all costs of this

and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texa this 16 day of Dec., A.D. 1997. Colleen Barton, Deputy Clerk of the District Cour

considering having an affair: If you are unhappy in your marriage, get · counseling or get out of the house. But do not get a lover. Affairs cause only trouble and very deep pain. - SLOWLY HEALING IN

FREEPORT, MAINE DEAR SLOWLY HEALING: That's sage advice - given by someone who obviously has not yet put the pain behind her.

I agree that adultery is not the solution to an ailing marriage. Only by having the courage to confront problems head-on can they be resolved. And it is that process, in addition to building love and respect, that creates successful partnerships.

DEAR ABBY: I read your letter from Luke, the teen-aged skateboarder who feels skateboarders get a bad rap from adults. I'm a television news anchor and thought you and Luke would appreciate the following story. It led our evening newscast recently.

Several teen-agers were skateboarding in downtown Abilene when they heard screaming. They found an elderly woman who had been attacked. A thief had knocked

her down and stolen her purse. The skaters split up. Some took off after the thief. Some stayed to help the woman, and others skateboarded off to summon the police. When the teens found the thief hiding in a parking garage, he took off again - and they chased him on their boards until police arrived and arrested him. The elderly woman got her purse back, along

with the contents. These teens are members of a skateboarding stunt team that is part of a local church youth group. They spend their summers on the road, putting on great shows, then talking to other teens about leading

moral lives. Let's hear it for today's teens. With or without skateboards, most of them are on the right track. -LOREN HALIFAX, KTAB- "V, ABI-

LENE, TEXAS DEAR LOREN: Thanks for an upper of a letter. It's the first time

I've heard that the wheels of justice were attached to a skateboard. THE DIG SPRING HERALD FOR ALL YOUR LOCAL NEWS.

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE NAME AND BY THE

TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS TO: CHARLES A SHARE and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: The East-Half (E/2) of a 6.90 Acre tract out of the Southwest Quarter Block Thirty-Two (32), Township-One-South (T1S), Howard County Texas, with the 6.90 Acre tract being more particularly described on Exhibit A, Attached hereto and

A 6.90 acre tract out of and part of 1S. TAP Rv. Co. Survey, Howard

County, Texas, described by meter and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a 1/2" I.P. in the centerline of a 60' wide East-West county road in the North line of 4.74 acre tract, the SE corner of 3.0 acre tract in the SW/ Section 32, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and the SW corner of this tract; from whence the SW come of said Section 32, Block 32, T-1 S, bears S. 74°29'22" W., 1224.75 nd S. 15°12' E . 672.86

673.0' in all to a 1/2" I.A. in the East line of a 3.0 acre tract, the NW comer of this tract; THENCE N. 74°29'45" E. 446.5' to a 1/2" I.R., the SE corner of said 5.0 acre tract, the SW corner of another 5.0 acre tract, the NW corner of a 15.0 acre tract and the NE

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nterest therein. to all rights of way, easen oil and gas lesses, if any, of record, as reflected by the records of Howard County, Texas. This conveyance is made s to restrictions recorded in deed from Horace E. Tubb et ux to H.C.

Blackshear et ux, said deed recorded in Vol. 449, page 124, to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow ing amount: \$685.94, exclusive of interest, penetiles, and costs, and there is included in this suit in additions.

tion to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereof allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein You are hereby notified that suit

has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs. against CHARLES A. SHARP as Defendant(s), by Petition filed on the 8TH day of OCTOBER, 1997 in a certain suit styled HOWARD A. SHARP for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-97-10-4429 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect

axes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent and valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishmen and foreclosure of liens, if any securing the payment of same, as

All parties to this suit, including intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereor at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request thereore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties answer to all claims and pleadings other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and se up their respective tax claims

against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issue the same being the 2nd day of February, 1998 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the consti tutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing unit parties hereto and those who may interven penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judg-ment herein, and all costs of this

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"Guess what I had pierced today, Daddy!"

"My belt!"



*Watch this, Joey. Just put one END in YOUR MOUTH, AND WHISTLE BACKWARDS."

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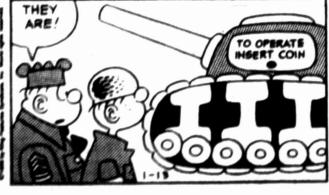
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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 13, the

13th day of 1998. There are 352 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 13, 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

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On this date:

In 1794, President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union.

In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in a New York City nospital.

In 1941, novelist James Joyce

died in Zurich, Switzerland. In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Johnson.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minn., at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into the capital's 14th Street Bridge after takeoff and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.

In 1992, Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian negotiators began talks in Washington on Palestinian autonomy.

In 1992, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled 5-3 that public school officials had broad powers to censor school newspapers, school plays and other "school-sponsored expressive activities."

Five years ago: American and allied warplanes raided southern Iraq. Marine Pvt. 1st Class Domingo Arroyo became the first U.S. serviceman to be killed in Somalia. The space shuttle Endeavor blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

One year ago: Seven black soldiers received the Medal of Honor for World War II valor; the lone survivor, former Lt. Vernon Baker, received his medal from President Clinton at the White House. Supreme Court justices aggressively questioned both sides in a battle over whether a sexual-harassment lawsuit should be allowed to proceed against President Clinton while he was in office. (The following May, the justices ruled unanimously that it could.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Stack is 79. Hollywood columnist Army Archerd is 76. Actress-singer-dancer Gwen Verdon is 73. Actress Frances Sternhagen is 68. Actor-director Charles Nelson Reilly is 67. Comedian Rip Taylor is 64.

Thought for Today: "The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well." -Horace Walpole, Fourth Earl of Orford, English author (1717-1797).