

Texas officials settle lawsuit with Big Tobacco

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas officials have accepted a multi-billion dollar settlement from the tobacco industry after days of negotiations, according to a source who requested anonymity.

Details of the settlement will be announced today at a news conference called by state Attorney General Dan Morales.

The settlement came one day before a scheduled trial in Texarkana. Texas is the third state to strike a deal while preparing to fight Big Tobacco in court. The Lone Star State's settlement, reportedly the biggest yet, about the same as

the combined \$14.7 billion negotiated with Florida and Mississippi, according to insiders. However, 15 percent of the total will go to private attorneys who had invested in the Texas case.

Texas sued eight tobacco companies and three trade groups for reimbursement of about \$8.6 billion in Medicaid funds spent on Texans' smoking-related illnesses dating to 1968. With damages, the lawsuit grew to \$14 billion.

Another 37 states have lawsuits pending, with Minnesota's trial scheduled next Tuesday. Texas should now be guaran-

teed payment of the billions. No such promise existed as Texas awaited a \$13 billion payout as part of a \$368.5 billion "global" settlement the industry negotiated with a coalition of states in June. That settlement foundered in Washington last year but now is awaiting congressional debate.

The national pact 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.

Trial watchers speculated that

the tobacco industry would settle in Texas to avoid disclosures from a trial that would have influenced Congress and possibly erode terms of the global settlement. Last week, President Clinton began to put pressure on Congress to get the issue moving again.

An earlier blow to the industry's case came in September, when U.S. District Judge David Folsom agreed to a state request to divide the trial into phases, with separate presentations for the racketeering charges, liability claims and damage issues.

Tobacco industry lawyers said the ruling tilted the case in the

state's favor. The industry's focus will now move to Minnesota, where the state and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota are seeking unspecified punitive damages on top of actual damages estimated at \$1.75 billion.

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III says he, too, is open to settlement. His state's case also alleges conspiracy and fraud by tobacco companies.

Texas filed suit in March 1996, contending the companies broke state and federal laws that prohibit deceptive trade and fraud. It charged the indus-

try with manipulating nicotine levels to cause addiction and aiming advertising at children to lure "replacement smokers." The industry has said that it sold a product that was legal in Texas and provided bounteous tax revenues for the state.

Defendants in the Texas lawsuit were the American Tobacco Co. Inc.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.; B.A.T. Industries; Philip Morris Inc.; Liggett Group Inc.; Lorillard Tobacco Co. Inc.; United States Tobacco Co.; Hill & Knowlton Inc.; and the Tobacco Institute Inc.

Inspection team leaves Baghdad; vows to return

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An American-led team of U.N. arms inspectors left Baghdad today with a pledge to return, easing a standoff with Iraqi officials who had refused to let the weapons experts work.

U.N. officials said the team had planned to leave Iraq today anyway and insisted the departure was not a surrender to Iraqi pressure.

"We will be back," said Scott Ritter, the U.S. inspector Iraq has accused of espionage. "This inspection team had important arms control tasks assigned to it and these are still valid."

Ritter and 15 other team members left the Iraqi capital by

road for an air base at Habiyya, 40 miles west of Baghdad. They were to fly to Bahrain and then to New York.

Iraq began barring Ritter's team from carrying out inspections on Tuesday. Iraqi officials said the team included too many U.S. and British inspectors. Other U.N. teams have continued their tasks.

Charles Duelfer, deputy chief of the inspection program, also said that sticking with the original departure date — even though inspectors were unable to carry out their tasks — was not buckling to pressure.

"We had thought about keeping him there if we were mak-

ing progress with the Iraqis, but we weren't," Duelfer told The Associated Press in New York late Thursday. "Other people on the team had other obligations, so logistically it would have been difficult to keep them there much longer."

Ritter had arrived in Iraq on Sunday. At the time, U.N. officials, who rarely comment on inspectors' schedules, did not specify a departure date.

Meanwhile, U.N. weapons inspections chief Richard Butler left New York on Thursday for Baghdad to demand full access to all sites.

He was to stop in Paris for talks with French officials, who

have offered additional French inspectors.

President Clinton said he expected solid support in the United Nations regarding Iraq and praised a Security Council statement this week that deplored the blocking of the U.S.-led team.

"Now, we have to see what happens," he said Thursday.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said today that it was premature to discuss using military force against Iraq.

"The position of the United States is we always would seek to build a coalition," Cohen said in Bangkok, Thailand, during a stop on an Asian tour.

John Glenn set to become oldest man in space

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Glenn rocketed into the history books as the first American to orbit the Earth. Thirty-six years later, the astronaut-turned-politician looks to become the oldest person yet to go into space.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has decided to grant the 76-year-old Ohio senator's long-standing request to space, this time as a biological test subject, officials said Thursday.

Doctors would study the effect of weightlessness on Glenn's bones and immune system, and his ability to bounce back afterward. The officials spoke on

condition they not be named NASA scheduled a news conference today to announce their decision. Sources said Thursday that Administrator Daniel Goldin gave the go-ahead for Glenn to become a payload specialist on the shuttle Discovery for a flight tentatively set for October, when Glenn will be 77.

Glenn won't be the only civilian tapped for a shuttle mission, according to news reports. School teacher Barbara Morgan also has been given the go-ahead for a future mission. The Washington Post said today. Morgan, an elementary school teacher in McCall, Idaho, was

waiting on the ground at the launch site as a backup when teacher Christa McAuliffe died aboard the shuttle Challenger when it exploded in 1986.

As news of the NASA decision on Glenn leaked out, he was not confirming anything. But he smiled as he said, "I look forward to discussing this in the future."

Glenn exercises daily and lifts weights, but his body has 36 more years of wear and tear than when it last experienced the extreme forces of blastoff on Feb. 20, 1962.

NASA also has 36 more years of space expertise, but aerospace veteran Chris Kraft said

that doesn't translate into a hazard-free mission.

"Probably there's as much risk today flying the shuttle as there was then because (in 1962) Glenn had an escape rocket that there isn't on the orbiter," he said.

"I wouldn't want to go through the training he would have to go through," said Kraft, flight director for all the one-man Mercury flights and seven of the two-man Gemini flights.

"If they have an emergency on the pad he'll have to get out; if they have an RTLS (return to launch site) he has to be training to do that; he has to be trained to bail out."

Inmate gets last-minute stay for a second time

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — For a second time, a condemned Texas inmate has received a last-minute reprieve from execution for killing a San Antonio-area banker's wife in a botched extortion attempt 12 years ago.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday night halted the execution of Lesley Lee Gosch, 42, as the former Eagle Scout waited in a holding cell just a few feet away from the death chamber.

"I've never had anything remotely as good as this happen in seven years of doing capital cases," said Raoul Schonemann, Gosch's attorney.

Gosch was awaiting sentencing for manufacturing illegal gun silencers when he killed Rebecca Jo Patton at her suburban San Antonio home.

In 1993, his execution was stayed just 20 minutes before lethal injection was scheduled to begin. Thursday night, the reprieve came about 6:45 p.m. CST, about 45 minutes after the lethal injection could have started.

Prison officials, as is their routine, had refrained from moving the inmate to the death house until all legal attempts had been resolved. Gosch, however, already had eaten his final meal — a

request of french fries, chopped onions, vegetables and American cheese. When the reprieve was announced, he was taken back to death row, about 15 miles away at the Ellis Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Schonemann said the high court agreed with his argument that it should review the way the state sets execution dates. He had argued that the state's practice of repeatedly setting execution dates to accelerate death penalty appeals constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

Gosch would have been the first inmate executed this year in Texas; the state put to death a record 37 inmates in 1997.

Prosecutors said Gosch was the mastermind of the Sept. 15, 1985 extortion scheme that left Mrs. Patton, 42, dead.

Thursday night, word of the reprieve arrived, the victim's daughter, Amy Grammer, of Lawrence, Kan., was in an office across the street from the prison and waiting to witness the execution.

She declined to comment. She earlier told the San Antonio Express-News that if it were halted, she merely would come again the next time.

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

- This week we salute:
 - STATE PARK COMMITTEE of the Conventions and Visitors Bureau, for its award of a grant to improve the playground at Big Spring State Park.
 - JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS from all over the local area who have been showing the results of their hard work.
 - HARLEY OWNERS GROUP for its very successful chili cookoff, which raised money for various causes of the group supports.
 - HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY, for a successful year at its new building.
 - TDC WILDERNESS CAMP, for inmate work at the Big Spring Humane Society.
 - JOHN R. WHEELER, whose efforts brought home the historic cornerstone from the 1908 Howard County Courthouse.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

The Clinton administration is considering issuing a moratorium on road-building in the national forests while it develops a new policy to control the controversial practice. It's a good idea. The reflexive opposition it has drawn from certain members of Congress ought to be brushed aside. The moratorium would have the effect of limiting logging in parts of the forests previously uncut, without the roads, tends to be no way to remove the timber. The new policy will also likely point in that protective direction, as it should. The forests have been heavily cut, the emphasis should shift to conserving what remains. But the roads issue is more complicated than that. It involves not just new roads but the more than 400,000 miles that already exist.

These last remaining wild areas are precious to millions of Americans and key to protecting clean water and abundant wildlife habitat, and protecting recreation opportunities.

The Washington Post

With the court-ordered examination of Theodore Kaczynski's competency underway, the Justice Department has more to gain than lose by fashioning a bargain with him that trades his guilty plea for life in prison without parole. A trial that will assuredly become a spectacle can be avoided — and in the interests of justice, it should be.

Kaczynski's trial on charges that he built bombs that killed two men and maimed two others ... was stopped ... following Kaczynski's apparent suicide attempt, when long-simmering concerns about his mental

competence moved front and center. The new delay has reportedly prompted the Justice Department to reopen negotiations on a possible plea bargain. Such a deal promises a proper and fair resolution of this case.

The Washington Post

It has been said that timing is the heart of diplomacy. If that's so, the British and Irish governments deserve credit this week for a diplomatic masterpiece. A joint proposal for the political future of Northern Ireland, announced Monday by the two governments, could not have come at a more propitious juncture in the negotiations for a peaceful settlement in the North. The talks ... have been proceeding at a grindingly slow pace (even as) escalating violence between (pro-British) Protestant and (nationalist) Catholic guerrilla fringe groups has threatened to destabilize the fragile detente.

But the murder in December of an imprisoned loyalist terrorist leader and the retaliatory killing of three Catholics, one of them a relative of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, have not derailed the peace process.

And now there is a sensible, sensitive plan on the table offering a balanced approach that would usher the North out from under Britain's governance and require the Republic of Ireland to rescind its constitutional claim to that land.

With such a guide, hope is rekindled that the long-uncharted terrain of peace in Northern Ireland may finally be conquered.

Chicago Tribune

Will Texas be chivalrous, and spare Tucker?

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Chivalry may not be dead in Texas, but 143 men are — executed by that state since 1982 when capital punishment was reinstated.

During those 16 years, however, not one woman was put to death — not even in 1997 when Texas killed more convicts than all the other states combined. Ever since a woman horse thief was hanged in Texas in 1863, a strange sense of genteel manliness has caused the state to spare the lives of some pretty violent women.

But now comes the case of Karla Faye Tucker and a growing international furor over

whether she is to be executed by lethal injection the evening of Feb. 3.

Some Americans, including Texas officials, note the horror of Tucker's crime. In 1983, while on a prostitution/drug-abuse binge, she and a boyfriend killed a man and woman while stealing their money.

Tucker, then 23, and Daniel Ryan Garrett plunged a 3-foot pickax into the victims at least 20 times each.

Tucker has said that she had an orgasm with each thrust of the pickax.

Both were found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to die.

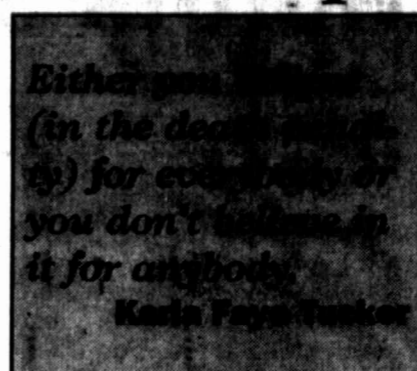
Tucker has now exhausted all appeals. Garrett died before the state could execute him.

Millions of people are screaming that Texas must abandon the gender bias that has protected so many female perpetrators of heinous crimes and put Tucker to death.

Some say that if the person on death row was "Carl



Carl Rowan
Syndicated Columnist



Tucker, a burly black man," instead of "Karla Tucker, the petite, attractive white woman" there would be no question whether the execution would go forward.

Yet a strange assortment of conservative "tough on crime" religious leaders, including Pat Robertson, are saying that Karla Tucker must be allowed to live because she has found God on death row.

These spokesmen for God are putting great pressure on Texas Gov. George W. Bush to commute Tucker's sentence.

I have made it clear that I oppose the death penalty absolutely, for one reason:



Ice storm stirs cold memories

By THOM MARSHALL
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It was bearable, sitting there with both the front windows down, waiting at the stop for the school bus and listening to the radio news a few days ago.

An occasional little breeze would take a shortcut, waft in one window and out the other, and I would benefit. But the span between those breezes sometimes seemed long.

Our Houston afternoon felt a bit close — humid and warm. What would have been nice, it occurred to me, was the air conditioner on low setting, a steady, cooling breeze from the vents.

I didn't do it, however. Fact is, I felt a little silly even thinking about it, this being January. But beyond that it seemed, I don't know, maybe sort of disrespectful, considering the radio news.

It was reporting how so many folks way up in the northeastern reaches of This Great Land, and on over the line into Canada, are suffering in the grips of a terrible winter

storm. Power lines are down. Those big poles holding them toppled and snapped like toothpicks. Even some of the metal towers collapsed. Hundreds of thousands of people are in the dark and no telling when their electricity will be restored. There was so much ice it froze most everything to a standstill.

Inside a great many homes the temperatures have dipped below freezing, forcing thousands of folks to congregate in shelters.

Meanwhile, we may have been sitting down here in short sleeves with our windows down, but we do understand a little bit about what those folks must be going through, don't we?

Remember that severe cold wave we suffered through several years ago? It was just about Christmastime 1989.

The power went off. The heating system at our house is electric, so we shut all the doors and stayed in the living room where there is a fireplace. We burned up all the cord wood, and a whole stack of odds and ends of lumber I

was saving in case of future undetermined projects. We wore several layers of clothes, piled on extra covers at night, played board games by candle light.

The water pipes froze. We drank sodas and bottled water. Flushed toilets with water from the swimming pool, which didn't freeze, I suppose, because it didn't stay cold quite long enough.

Because it hit during a holiday season, many folks were out of town, didn't take routine pre-freeze precautions, and didn't find busted pipes until they returned home.

On the subject of freezing, how many times in an average winter do you guess the temperature drops below 32 F at the thermometer at Hobby Airport in our town?

The answer comes from the book Texas Weather by George W. Bomar, Second Edition, Revised, 1995.

It is 12 times. And in Galveston the number of freezes in the average winter isn't but 4. Compare that to the 133 freezes averaged up at the north pole of Texas, Dalhart.

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CLUB NEWS

Concerned Women for America

Concerned Women for America of West Texas recently sponsored the appearances of Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler, Christian historian. More than 500 attended his performances...

Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, Jan. 19. Fellowship hour is at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

Band members earn honors at region, state level contests

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

Six members of the Big Spring High School Steer Band have been recognized for their musical ability — one of them at the state level. Six students were named late last month to the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Band.

Puentes, and piccolo player Angela Sturm. After scoring at the top in the region competition, Sturm went on to rank high at the area contest and earned a spot the all-state band. The honor came at a price — on Sturm's nerves.



Big Spring High School band members earning the all-region ranking are, top row, left to right: Nick Puentes, Dusty Clayton and Matt Holt; bottom row, Valerie Aguirre, Angela Sturm and Stefanie Waggoner. Sturm also earned a spot in the all-state band.

CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church, Runnels & 8th Streets, has recently hired Glenda Massey of Midland as its administrative coordinator. Massey will take over administrative and pastoral duties while the church continues its search for a new pastor.

First Christian

Saturday, several members of the First Christian Church will be traveling to Abilene to attend the Central Area Leadership Development Conference.

Local Lions take eyeglass program to El Salvador

Editor's Note: Bob Noyes and Tom Mills, of Big Spring Evening Lions Club, were part of a team of Lions from the area who recently traveled to El Salvador to provide recycled eyeglasses to citizens of that country.

Our team included: Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, O.D., Ballinger, Texas Lions Club; and Lions Denisa Marson, District 2-A1 Eyeglass Clinic Chairman, Midland Westside Lions Club; Lion Kathryn Edwards, Midland Westside Lions Club and Lion Harry Hugly, Midland Downtown Lions Club.

We departed Midland, Nov. 15 for an eight-day trip in San Miguel, El Salvador. We had to pay \$10 for a visa to the country. (It cost us \$25 each to depart the country a week later.)

We were met by Pedro Arieta Vega and several Lions who drove the team to San Miguel, a three hour trip over the San Miguel volcano on a very narrow, rough road shared by horses, cattle, children and vehicles from buses to bicycles.

Our host met us Saturday evening and we walked one block to a neighborhood restaurant, where they cooked out front on the sidewalk on an open grill, for a traditional meal of Papousa — flour tortillas with meat cooked inside.

Monday (Nov. 17) after breakfast at the hotel, we were taken to San Miguel Lions Health Clinic, to see what level of program they had in operation. One young man runs the eye clinic where we found shelves with scattered forms and about 20 pair of eyeglasses, in no special order.

I gave an overview of the Lions Eyeglass Recycling program, and requirements for a successful program. Lion Doctor Bacigalupi provided instructional training, anatomy of the eye, the refraction of light



Above, citizens of El Salvador are helped to recycled pairs of eyeglasses at the new Lions Club program in that country, which was formed with the help of Big Spring Lions. At right, lines quickly formed for the free glasses. Some traveled long distances and waited all day.



Bob Noyes Guest columnist

by the lens of the eye and how the different eyeglass lenses correct vision. The team also taught the Lions of El Salvador how we set up our eyeglass clinic.

We had carried 1,800 pairs of eyeglasses. The remaining inventory of 1,800 eyeglasses was shipped by air freight along with needed equipment.

Upon arrival at the Lions Club Thursday morning, several hundred people packed the narrow street leading into the compound. Police were trying to clear the street so traffic could move.

When the steel rolling gate was opened, the people moved quickly into line for their chance to be seen and receive their glasses. Chairs were set up in the courtyard outside the Lions Club under very large trees, where the clients waited all day to be called into the clinic, six or eight at a time, for registration.

The doors were opened to the public at 10 a.m., and 134 clients were provided with eyeglasses the first day. Those individuals who traveled long distances to the clinic stayed overnight and returned to the clinic on Friday, patiently waiting their turn.

At 5 p.m. Nov. 21, the 318th client was fitted with his used eyeglasses. The San Miguel Lions hosted a appreciation banquet in the Tropico Hotel, presenting Certificates of Appreciation to the Texas Lions who provided the clinic training and service to the citizens of El Salvador.

Lions exchanged trading pins, and we received handmade and painted gifts from the San Miguel Lions.



We ate at some of the U.S.'s finest while in the country — including Pizza Hut, Wendy's and Burger King. One evening we had a Mexican dinner from a short order grill in the San Miguel Mall, and another, we were treated to dinner at the home of our host in the garden, under the trees and the stars.

The Texas Lions Recycling team trained approximately 27 Lions, Lioness, Lions spouse and young teenage children to run the program. With the help of the Texas Lions the entire team provided eyeglasses to 318 El Salvador citizens in two very busy days.

The team provided eyeglasses to clients who had received cataract surgery without getting implants, a procedure which continues to this day. Eyeglasses were also distributed to a dozen children who needed help to read in school. Several totally blind clients could not be helped, while some with cataracts who could not be helped with eyeglasses were referred to other programs.

The country of El Salvador was devastated by war which ended in 1990. The war left the country without industry and many citizens without work.

The many smiling faces told us the trip was a great success. Bob Noyes is past district governor for Lions Club International.

Our strength is the family

Do you remember it? The famed Russian leader who said he would destroy America before 1970. There were thousands of people who picked up his banner and proclaimed the power of the Communist Party all over the world.



Bud Parker Guest columnist

Communism is only one of a long list of powers that have sought to destroy America. A big lump comes in my throat when I sing, "God Bless America."

The heartbreak of our great country being destroyed should concern each of us. Long before becoming a pastor, I believed the strength of America is the family.

The greatest threats are within the walls of our own homes. It concerns me when prayer, the Bible and conversations about Christianity are removed from our schools and others freedoms are threatened. It concerns me even more when we do not pray, read our Bible and witness in the areas of our lives that are not restricted.

Jesus never said legalizing Christianity would be the way to win our world. The Bible says, "God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." John 4:24

Thank God that in our wonderful city, we have hundreds of homes where the word of God is taught and not just talked. Prayer and old time family altars are still honoring the values that make America strong. The world does not need another definition of Christianity. It needs a demonstration of Christianity from the army of God that he is raising up in these last days.

The Rev. Bud Parker is pastor of College Baptist Church.

First United Methodist Church

"Jesus Call Peter, The Disciple" (Matthew 4:18-20) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how Jesus chose this big, bombastic man to be one of His messengers. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet in the Parish Hall Saturday at 8 a.m. for their monthly meeting and breakfast.

The Episcopal Women will have their annual meeting this Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

The Vestry will meet on Monday, Jan. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

"Pearly Gates" will be in concert at Hillcrest Baptist Church this Sunday at 6 p.m. The public is invited to hear this gospel trio. An offering will be taken.

COMMUNITY NEWS

'Souper Bowl' of caring set locally Jan. 25

First Presbyterian youth plan a "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Jan. 25. On Super Bowl Sunday, as most of us settle in to enjoy food and drink and the football game, 34,000 young children around the world will die due to malnutrition and preventable diseases.



Each worshipper is encouraged to bring \$1 and 1 canned food item to be collected at the end of worship Sunday, January 25. The proceeds of this drive will then be sent to Northside Community Center to benefit the needy in our own community.

Youth at First Presbyterian Church join more than 5,500 other congregations participating in this nationwide effort.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New in town? Join this club

Big Spring Newcomer's Club will sponsor a couple's dinner today at 7 p.m. Call Mickie, 263-3274 for details.

The club, organized for new residents of Big Spring, also plans a Valentine's Day event with dinner and attendance of a production of "Guys and Dolls" in Midland. Call 268-9944 for information.

March honors King

Local residents are invited to join in a march Monday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers will gather at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of Nalley-Pickle & Welch to begin the march.

THE LAST WORD

The trouble with America isn't that the poetry of life has turned to prose, but that it has changed to advertising copy.

The most predictable thing about the stock market is the number of experts who take credit for predicting it.

The joy of life is made up of obscure and seemingly mundane victories that give us our own small satisfactions.

Billy Joel

CLUB

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Elfa Cantrell, community volunteer service director, asks all members to bring a count of their volunteer hours to the January meeting. These are needed for a report to the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

If a member cannot attend the meeting, he should contact Cantrell.

1970 Hyperion Club

The 1970 Hyperion Club kicked off their 1998 season of speakers on Friday, Jan. 8, at 9:30 a.m. with Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler, evangelist, author and storyteller, who spoke about "Father's Shoes, Mother's Apron, Equals God's Mantle."

Guests from other Hyperion Clubs were also invited. Hostesses for the day were Sherri Key, Shirley Johnson and Theresa Welch.

American Business Women's Association

ABWA recently gave a scholarship for Howard College



Courtesy photo
Danelle Castillo, left, and P.J. Heckler, of American Business Women's Association, were on hand when scholarship winner DeLayne Parnell registered at Howard College recently.

tuition to DeLayne Parnell of Big Spring. Parnell will be attending the registered medical assistant program.

ABWA regularly gives scholarships for tuition, books and other necessities associated with educational programs to

working women. Applications for next fall's scholarships will be due by June.

Call ABWA president Danelle Castillo at the Salvation Army, 267-8239.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary

and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

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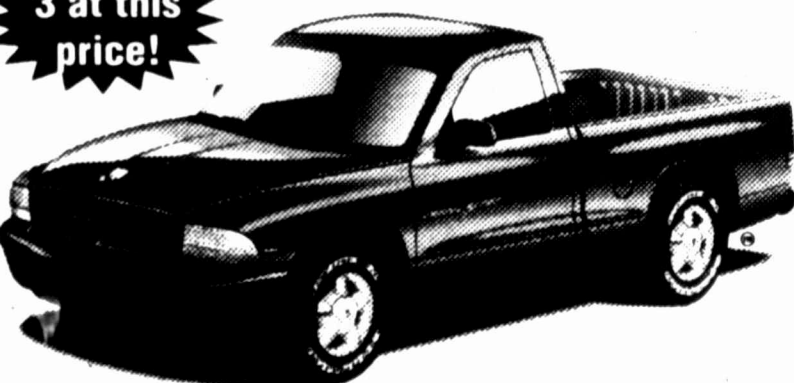
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Lady Buffs hope to continue unbeaten string in 6-2A play tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

STANTON — After having pulled off what most District 6-2A girls' basketball observers consider a major upset with their 50-30 win over Iraan's Bravettes on Tuesday, Stanton's Lady Buffs find themselves atop the loop's standings going into tonight's home date with Van Horn.

More importantly, says first-year Stanton coach Ron Mayberry, the Lady Buffs are reaping the benefits of hard work brought on by adversity.

"Both of those first two district games were big wins for us," Mayberry said, noting that at 9-8 on the season, the Lady Buffs are above the .500 mark for the first time this season.

"It hasn't been an easy ride for these girls," Mayberry added. "Not only have they been forced to get used to an entirely new coach and system, but in some ways they've been hampered because this is my first

year."

A veteran coach, Mayberry spent 18 years coaching junior college men's teams — most successfully at South Plains Junior College where he was once named national junior college coach of the year.

"There have been a number of situations where I haven't known what to expect," he added. "We started out the year with me having to learn what we could and couldn't do and what we couldn't do that we were capable of learning."

"And there have also been times when my being unfamiliar with the teams we've played and what they like to do has worked against us as well."

"But perhaps the biggest challenge for the Lady Buffs came early in the season when starting guards Stacey Graves and Laci Chandler suffered knee injuries."

Graves, a Stanton starter since her sophomore year, has returned to the lineup and is playing at about 85 percent, Mayberry said. Chandler, however, was lost for the

season. Both are seniors.

"Losing those two made it really difficult," he added, "because it put us in the position of having to turn a couple of our post people into guards and put a little more pressure on a couple of sophomores that we wanted to."

"We struggled at times ... really did, but the girls have adapted well."

With Graves and Chandler sidelined, juniors Jonna Moore and Rainnie Hull have been thrust into starting positions. They joined senior posts Randi Simer and Tamesha Cobb, as well as junior post Julie Adams as starters for Tuesday's game with Iraan.

"Those five are the current starters," Mayberry said, "but every girl on the roster has started at one time or another this season. We really have had to scramble. It's really been difficult for Rachel Madison and Stephanie Washington. They're sophomores

See STANTON, page 2B

Stanton slates celebration

HERALD Staff Report

STANTON — The Stanton Booster Club has its "Stanton Buffalo Stampede honoring the Class 2A state champion Buffaloes football team for 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Buffalo Stadium.

The event is also staged to honor the team's players, booster club officials noted the celebration will also honor coaches, cheerleaders, the band and their fans.

In addition to a presentation of the championship trophy and a guest speaker's address, booster club officials will auction five footballs used during the title game at Texas Stadium and autographed by members of the team.

Officials noted the auction will help the booster club, which annually raises between \$2,000 and \$2,500 through its sponsorship of the Hooptown Basketball Tournament, replace that income that was lost when the tournament had to be held in Midland.

The celebration will be moved to the high school gymnasium in the event of inclement weather.

Lady Hawks win big, win ugly

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

It wasn't pretty. In fact, it was downright ugly.

But even though Howard College's Lady Hawks' 107-45 trouncing of Western Texas was anything but textbook basketball, it was still a win as Howard improved to 18-0 overall and 2-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) play.

Western fell to 5-13 overall and 0-2 in conference play with the team's fifth straight loss.

After a field goal by Nigerian Celestin Otuoro tied the game at 2-2 with 18:45 left in the first half, the game, for all practical purposes, was over.

A 15-foot jumper by Latriaica Spencer, followed by a pair of Ricka McKee lay-ups — all within 40 seconds of each other — staked the Lady Hawks to an 8-2 lead and Western would never again challenge for the lead.

In fact, less than 2 1/2 minutes later, Howard would hold a double digit lead that would grow to as much as 28 points in the first half before Western went on an 11-1 run to close to within 18 at 42-24 with 4:33 left in the half.

But 10 quick points put the Lady Hawks back up by 28 at 52-24, before Western hit a three-pointer to cut the margin to 52-27 just before the half.

Howard dominated Western in every way imaginable, but still came up short in one of coach Matt Corkery's key categories.

"I thought we lacked intensity," he said after the game. "It shows up in the defense."

"This is a team game and all five have to work together for

us to get where we want to be." Just where is that?

This week, it's getting ready to hit the road Monday to play Midland College in a battle of conference unbeaten. The Chaps thumped New Mexico Junior College 78-62 in Hobbs Thursday night.

"We've got to get some things figured out before we go to Midland," Corkery said, shaking his head from side to side.

But Thursday night, before a crowd estimated at 500 persons, Howard's Lady Hawks had enough figured out to blitzkrieg Western Texas.

Corkery was able to send his players in and out of the game as needed, always working to keep a fresh quintet on the floor.

The effort paid dividends, as Howard's starting five scored 51 points and the second five chipped in 56 points.

As evidenced by the final score, either would have been enough against the Lady Westerners.

All 10 Lady Hawks who suited out for the game scored, five managed double figures.

Reserves Donelle Jones of Odessa and Latasha Moore of Irving led all scorers with 22 points each. Shawnta Johnson, the team's leading scorer, got her average with a 17-point effort, followed by Spencer with 14 and Karlita Washington with 10.

"I feel like it's important to have good players off the bench," Corkery said. "Our philosophy is to get better off the bench when we substitute."

And it was Corkery's constant substituting of fresh players that put Howard in a position to score almost half of its points.

Howard's pressure defense



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Howard College's Latasha Moore (24) jumps and shoots over a Western Texas defender during Thursday night's 107-45 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

forced 36 turnovers and managed 12 steals, converting them into 42 points.

Western was paced in scoring by Lubbock freshman Christy Wells, who had 17 points.

LADY HAWKS NOTES ... after playing at Midland on Monday, Howard will play four of its next five games in the friendly confines of Dorothy Garrett

Hawks let one get away; NMMI rallies for 79-78 win

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It is doubtful the songwriter had this in mind when he penned, "There's No Place Like Home."

After 14 straight games on the road, the Howard College Hawks finally returned home Thursday night. But instead of friendly confines, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum turned into a House of Horrors for Howard.

The Hawks frittered away a 17-point lead midway through the second half, and watched as New Mexico Military Institute took a 79-78 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday night.

Bernard Rock, the Broncos'

lightning-quick point guard, led all scorers with 27 points, which Howard point guard Clifton Cook led the Hawks with 25.

Other Hawks in double figures included Lamont Roberts and Elmer Brown, who each had 15 points.

The Hawks controlled most of the game but seemed to lose intensity after grabbing a 64-47 lead with 8:28 left to go.

Four straight Howard turnovers were converted into NMMI points, and the Broncos sliced their deficit to 64-57 less than 90 seconds later.

Four more HC turnovers down the stretch helped the Broncos tighten the gap even more, and they grabbed their first lead of the game on a Aaron White free throw with

46 second remaining.

The Hawks had one last shot to fire. Cook drove the lane on the ensuing possession, was fouled, and sank both free throws to regain the lead for Howard at 78-77.

But Howard was unable to box out White on the Broncos' next trip down the floor, and he was able to follow a Terrence Easley miss with the winning tip-in with only five seconds to go.

Fittingly, the Hawks' final possession ended with a turnover.

"We were up by 17, and we just threw it away," Howard coach Tommy Collins said. "We didn't have any concentration, and we didn't make any plays. That's the bottom line."

Turnovers and fouls doomed

Howard's return home. After committing just seven turnovers in the first half, the Hawks lost the ball 12 times in the final 20 minutes.

NMMI also went to the foul line 10 more times than the Hawks, converting 18 of 21 attempts from the charity line.

"Even at the end, we had the game in our hands, but (Cook) turned the ball over twice by dribbling into double teams ... He's the guy we depend on ... but he stunk and we stunk."

The Hawks fell to 8-10 overall and 1-1 in WJAC play with the loss. NMMI, also 1-1 in league play, improved to 6-15 on the season.

Howard returns to action Monday when the Hawks travel to Midland. Game time with the Chaps will be 8 p.m.

Potentially divisive 'Romanowski incident' united Broncos

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — One teammate described the incident as "potentially explosive." Two others said it had disturbing racial overtones.

But instead of splitting the Denver Broncos, Bill Romanowski's much-publicized spitting incident served to unite them this season.

When the Denver linebacker spit in the face of San Francisco wide receiver J.J. Stokes, and the incident was caught by ABC cameras in a Monday night game on Dec. 15, it created a furor.

Romanowski, fined \$7,500 by the

NFL, was apologetic and embarrassed, but the reaction of two of his black teammates elevated the issue beyond that of simply poor hygiene and bad judgment. Romanowski is white; Stokes is black.

Tight end Shannon Sharpe and wide receiver Willie Green both felt the fine should have been stiffer.

"I think that's the worst thing you can do to a person, especially of our background and our race, is to spit in his face," Sharpe said.

Three days after the incident, the Broncos held a team meeting to air their differences, then presented a united front. Sharpe and Green agreed

that Romanowski isn't a racist and insisted the controversy hadn't damaged the team.

Apparently, they were right. The 34-17 loss to the 49ers was Denver's second in a row. But since then, the Broncos have beaten San Diego 38-3 in the regular-season finale, then run off playoff wins over Jacksonville, Kansas City and Pittsburgh — the latter two on the road.

"It wasn't going to distract us; it wasn't going to tear this team apart," Sharpe said. "If anything, it brought us closer together."

"The 53 players in this locker room and the 10 coaches upstairs, for a long

time we were the only ones that believed. When the wheels started to fall off a little bit, losing to Pittsburgh and San Francisco, we were the only ones who believed we still had a chance to make something good out of this season. We kept that focus. We kept together."

Cornerback Tim McKyer called the team's response to the spitting incident a pivotal moment in the Broncos' season.

"It was a potentially explosive situation," McKyer said on Thursday. "Guys came together, we handled it and we went on from there. I think that was the turning point in our sea-

son."

Romanowski remembers that after the San Francisco game, the defense rededicated itself.

"We had a defensive meeting and talked about how it all starts in practice," he said. "You give yourself a chance to win the game if you practice hard and pay attention to detail. Our focus and our practices really went up about two or three notches."

Romanowski, whose 10-year reputation for physical play has perhaps been permanently tarnished by the spitting incident, knows he's going to be asked about it repeatedly during the week leading up to the Super Bowl.

SPORTS EXTRA

BOWL GAMES

Saturday, Jan. 17
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 18
Hula Bowl
At Waikuku, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
NFL PLAYOFFS
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Buffalo 23, Pittsburgh 21
Green Bay 23, San Francisco 10

Sunday, Jan. 25
Super Bowl
Denver vs. Green Bay, 6 p.m. (NBC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ABC)
NHL
Thursday's Games
Washington 3, Chicago 2
Buffalo 6, Vancouver 2
San Jose 2, Colorado 2, tie
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
All-Star Game at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
NBA
Thursday's Games
Boston 97, Vancouver 93
Philadelphia 106, Chicago 90
L.A. Clippers 119, New Jersey 116
Detroit 95, Charlotte 94, OT
Seattle 103, Miami 85
Only games played
Today's Games
Vancouver at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 8 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New York at Toronto, 11:30 a.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 11 a.m.
Houston at Chicago, 1:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 1:30 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 9 p.m.
TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Higginson on a four-year contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with SS Kevin Stuckler on a three-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Eric Gunderson on a one-year contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with C Kelly Stinnett on a one-year contract.
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Ryan Klesko on a four-year contract and OF Danny Bautista on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rod Beck on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with 2B Eric Young on a four-year contract. Agreed to terms with OF Billy Ashley on a one-year contract and RHP Darren Hall on a two-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with OF Mark Newfield on a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed G. Mark Lane to a five-year contract.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Assigned C Bob Whitt to Cincinnati of the AHL.
BUFFALO SABRES—Exercised their option on the 1998-99 contract of G Dominko Hasek.
CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned C Todd Huschko, RW Eric Lindros, G Tyler Moss and C Eric Landry to Saint John of the AHL.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned LW Bates Battaglia and G Mike Fountain to New Haven of the AHL.

DALLAS STARS—Assigned F Juha Lind and F Jamie Wright to Michigan of the AHL.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Traded F Stephane Richer, F Darcy Tucker and D David White to the Tampa Bay Lightning for F Patrick Poulin, F Mick Vukota and D Igor Ulanov.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned LW Jay Pandolfo and C Petr Sykora to Albany of the AHL.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Announced a final settlement with F Brent Lindros.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Returned LW Sylvain Blouin, C P.J. Stock and D Ronnie Sundin to Hartford of the AHL. Reassigned D Dale Purinton to Charlotte of the ECHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned RW Brad Holster to Springfield of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned G Peter Skudra to Kansas City of the IHL.
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Conf. Season W L
Howard 2 0
Midland 2 0
Clarendon 2 0
New Mexico 1 1
South Plains 1 1
Odessa 0 2
Frank Phillips 0 2
Western Texas 0 2
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Monday's Games
Howard at Midland, South Plains at New Mexico JC, Clarendon at NMMI, Frank Phillips at Odessa.
JUCO GAMES
HOWARD COLLEGE 107, WESTERN TEXAS 45
WESTERN (45) — Lacierra Miller 2 0 0 2, Latasha Vaccaro 2 0 0 0 4, Christy Wells 4 1 6 8 17, Jennifer Shuttlesworth 0 1 0 0 3, Celeste Oduro 3 0 4 5 10, Pamela Dobbins 0 2 0 2 2, Mary Kibwa 0 0 1 4 1. TOTALS 13 2 13-22 45.
HOWARD (107) — Ricka McKee 3 0 0 0 6, Kamillah Ward 1 0 0 0 2, Shawnta Johnson 8 0 1 2 17, Karita Washington 5 0 0 0 10, Latasha Moore 11 0 0 1 22, Jovanne St. Cyr 4 0 0 0 8, Jeanne Horton 2 0 0 0 4, Donelle Jones 10 0 0 2 32, Jennifer Vinum 1 0 0 0 2, Latrice Spencer 7 0 2 14. TOTALS 52 0 3 8 107.
HALFTIME SCORE — Howard 52, Western 27. REBOUNDS — Howard 51, Western 25. TURNOVERS — Howard 22, Western 36. STEALS — Howard 12, Western 2. BLOCKS — Howard 2, Western 0. TOTAL FOULS — Howard 18, Western 14. FOULED OUT — Western (Oduro) TECHNICALS — None. A — 500.
NEW MEXICO MILITARY 79, HOWARD COLLEGE 78, NMMI (78)
Bernard Rock 10 4 4 27, Bryan Hardy 2 0 1 6, Gerald Williams 2 5 8 9, Terrance Easley 1 3 4 6, Larry Davis 3 4 10, Jorge Ojeda 1 0 0 2, Marcus Spillers 0 1 2 1, James Evans 3 1 5 5, Aaron White 6 1 1 13. TOTALS 27 18 31 79.
HOWARD (78) — Ron Bartholomew 0 0 0 0, Clifton Cook 7 9 12 25, Lamont Roberts 5 2 2 12, Elmer Brown 7 0 0 15, Don Peace 1 0 0 2, Nathan Claver 3 0 2 6, Ivo Robinson 2 2 2 6, Alex Denison 1 1 3 7, Myron Brown 1 0 0 2. TOTALS 29 14 21 78.
HALFTIME SCORE — Howard 37, NMMI 32. THREE POINT GOALS — NMMI (Cook 2, Roberts 3, Brown). TOTAL FOULS — NMMI 18, Howard 25. FOULED OUT — Bartholomew, Roberts.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Howard 107, Western Texas 45; Midland 78, New Mexico JC 62; South Plains 81, Frank Phillips 64; Clarendon 82, Odessa 52.
Monday's Games
Howard at Midland, South Plains at New Mexico JC, Clarendon at Western Texas, Frank Phillips at Odessa.
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New Mexico 2 0
Midland 1 1
South Plains 1 1
Odessa 1 1
Howard 1 1
Frank Phillips 1 1
NMMI 1 1
Clarendon 0 2
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THURSDAY'S RESULTS
NMMI 79, Howard 78, New Mexico JC 66, Midland 65, South Plains 104, Frank Phillips 82, Odessa 85, Clarendon 67.
NCAA SCORES
EAST
UMass 68, N.C. Charlotte 62, OT
Rhode Island 85, Tulane 61
SOUTH
Ala. Birmingham 55, Louisville 51

Lady Steers frosh drop 36-33 heartbreaker

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Lady Steers freshmen dropped a heart-breaking 36-33 loss to Abilene Wylie in Thursday first-round action in the Sweetwater frosh basketball tourney. After having scored just two points in the third quarter, the young Lady Steers found themselves on the short end of a 32-23 score with eight minutes to play. Methodically chipping away at the Wylie lead, the Lady

Steers defense allowed just four points and had an opportunity to force overtime. However, Kristie Gungelman's 3-point shot at the buzzer bounced off the rim three times before falling off to the side. "We had the shot we wanted and the person we wanted shooting it," Lady Steers coach Mike Wallace noted. "I really think we'd have won the game if we could have gotten it into overtime, because we'd come from nine points down and had the momentum. It just wasn't

meant to be." Melissa Forth paced Big Spring's effort with 13 points, seven steals and five rebounds, while Melissa Flenniken had 12 points and six rebounds. Unfortunately, Robin McClinton's four points and a like number scored by Britania Perez were all the support the Lady Steers could muster. The Lady Steer frosh will play Abilene Cooper in consolation bracket play at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the consolation finals slated for a 3 p.m. start.

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and have kind of had a baptism of fire, because we've had to put them in some tough situations." While the Lady Buffs entered 6-2A play with a 7-8 record, those 15 games were fashioned against tougher competition other teams in the district might have scheduled. The result has been positive, Mayberry said. "We haven't played weak teams and that's really paying off now," Mayberry said. "That was a big key to our surprising Iraan Tuesday." The Bravettes, who were the preseason favorite to take the District 6-2A championship, still figure to be the district's team to beat in Mayberry's

mind. "We did some things that surprised them and they didn't have a good shooting night Tuesday," the Lady Buff boss explained. "I'm sure we'll have a much tougher time when we have to go down there and play." As long as the Lady Buffs remain atop the 6-2A standings, however, they remain the team to beat in the district. And for Mayberry, who admits he wasn't sure he enjoyed returning to the high school coaching ranks after almost 20 years at the collegiate level, it's a comfortable position. "It's been a breath of fresh air," he explained. "This is a great bunch of girls.

"You can teach skills and fundamentals all day long, you have to teach them to play the game," Mayberry added. "To do that, you have to let them think, you have to let the kids play... you can't control everything. With this bunch, you can really do that."

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 15:
CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; normal level; black bass are fair on Texas rigged worms, black/blue jigs and crank baits fished in protected water. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and worms.
BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; low; black bass are fair on deep-diving crank baits and jigs. Striped bass are good on live shad fished in 30 feet in river channels and birds working. White bass are very good on slabs and live bait fished in the Tow area. Crappie are good on minnows fished around brushy docks in 30 feet of water.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water clear, low, black bass up to 8 pounds are fair on crank baits and on Carolina and Texas rigged worms fished in 5 to 30 feet of water.

Striped bass are fair to good on jigs and live bait fished in the Devil's River. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cheese bait.
CHOKE: Water fairly clear; low; very few fishermen out. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad and prepared bait.
WEST
KEMP: Water fairly clear; low; Striped bass are fair to good on live bait and spoons. Catfish are slow.
O.H.IVIE: Water fairly clear; black bass are fair on diving crank baits and on Texas rigged lizards fished over drop offs. Crappie are fair to good on live shiners fished in deep water over brush around boat docks. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low; black bass are slow to fair on jigs and on spinners fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Striped bass are fair on live shad and bream. Crappie are fair on shiners fished around boat docks. No report for catfish.

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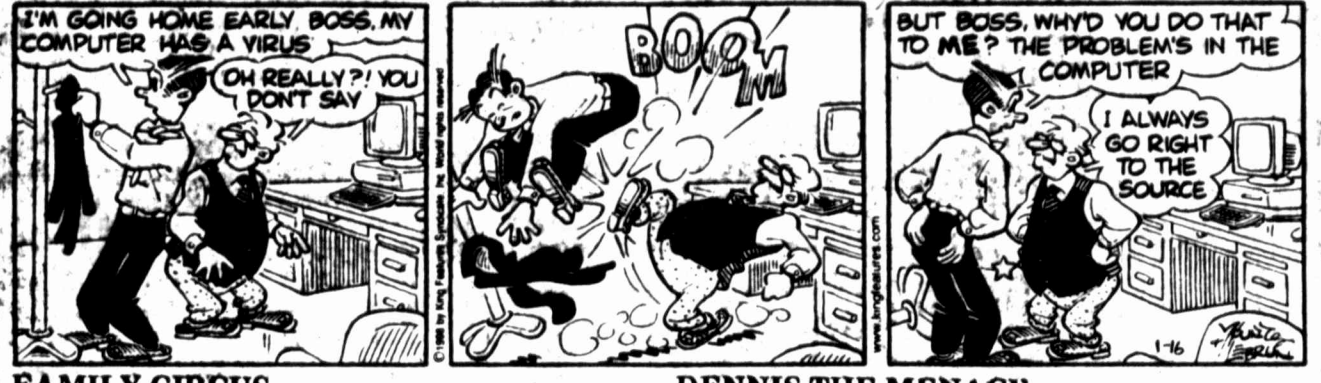
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7:30	Sabrina-Witch Boy-World	Visitor (CC)	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Rescue 911	Kids-Darndest	Sabrina-Witch Boy-World	Players (CC)	(05) Movie: Air America	Maria Isabel	(25) Movie: Demolition	Twins	Movie: The Mirror Has Two Faces (CC)	Movie: Tango & Cash (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography	Wild: Discovery	NBA Basketball: Orlando	Boxing: Fight Time	Winter X	Tarzan Goes to India		
8:30	Sabrina-Witch Teen Angel	Millennium (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Fam. Mat. Step by Step	Sabrina-Witch Teen Angel	Dateline (CC)		Alguna Vez	Mary Poppins (CC)	Wish Out	Movie: Powder (CC)	Two Faces (CC)	(45) Movie: Shear (CC)	News Something	20th Century	Discovery Atlantis	Discovery Phoenix	FOX Sports News	Games	Movie: Von Ryan's	Hill List
9:30	20/20 (CC)	Soldier of Fortune, Inc.	Home Imp. Mad Abo. You	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Smookey and the Bandit	P. Impacto	Monsters of the Deep	Dallas	(25) Movie: Heavy	(15) Hunger (CC)	Dennis Miller	Good Today Dr. Niggle	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Split Decisions	FOX Sports News	SportsCenter	Movie: The Curse of	Flap City Top
10:30	News (CC) Cheers	Vibe	Red Green Red Green	Bonanza-Lost Married. With	Show (CC) Politically Inc.	Ent. Tonight	(CC) Late		Al Ritmo de la Noche	Zoro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Demolition Derby: Winner	(40) Movie: Love and Human	Vegas (CC)	Courage Under Fire	Light of the Southwest	America's Castles	America's World-Wind	FOX Sports News	Whatcha Watching X	Frankenstein	227 (CC)	Midnight Love
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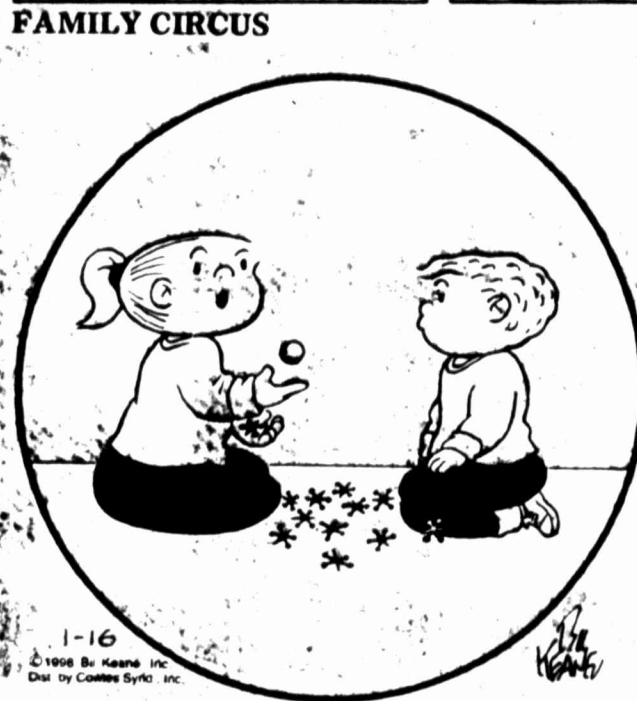
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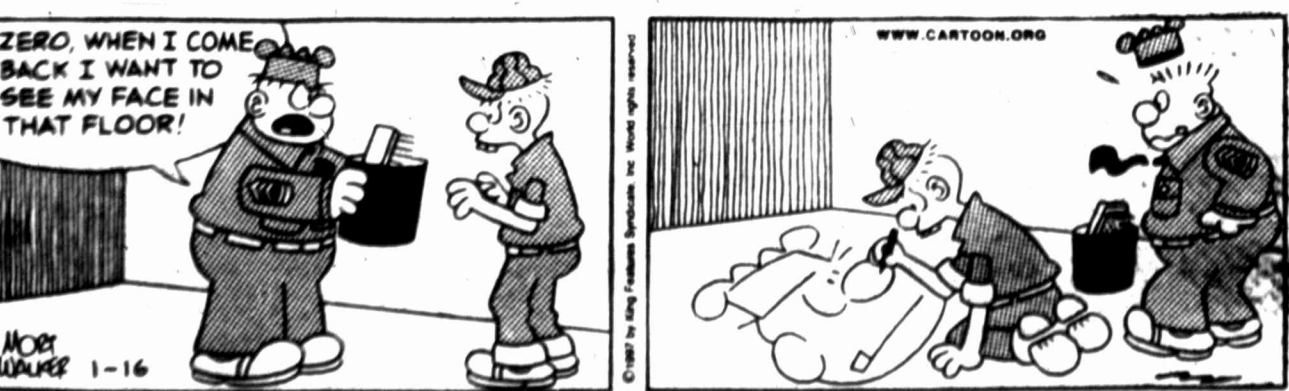
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Jan. 16, the

16th day of 1998. There are 349 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect. It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Spinner on the "Enterprise"
- First family of Ferrara
- Heroic Horatio
- Actor Epps
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- Key FL
- Red followers
- Language suffix
- Part in a play
- Indian
- Zoroastrian
- Black goo
- Gladiators' 56
- Comparative phrase
- Cause bodily injury
- Native American tribe
- Actress Ryan
- Church calendar
- Jumps aboard
- Wedding vow
- White followers
- Morse symbol
- Artist of the dollar bill
- Ye Shoppe
- Old French coin
- Contemporary Irish singer
- God of war
- "I Remember Mama" son
- Colorado hrs.
- French friend
- Moon of Jupiter
- AM-PM connection
- Printer resolution: abbr.
- Blue followers
- Japanese poem
- Zeno of
- Millennia
- Korbut et al.
- Foot: pref.
- Macbeth's dagger
- Avant-garde French sculptor
- Spanish river
- Mort, the comic
- White followers
- Sched. abbr.
- Seaweed
- Mettalf of "Roseanne"
- Blue followers
- Well-plumed bird
- Floundry finale
- Slip up
- Printer resolution: abbr.
- Widly out of control
- Sacristy
- Foundry form
- Piece of Paccini
- Drink voucher
- Rascals
- L-P connection
- Eight: pref.
- Miami's county
- Hematite and galena
- Tahlequah, OK school
- Fertile soil
- Former Dolphin running back
- Slender: pref.
- Of the ear
- Bub
- Santa winds
- Sch. orgs.
- Opinion page, briefly
- Town near Santa Barbara
- Top-notch
- Wall St. abbr.
- Cadence count
- Okay

On this date:

In 1547, Ivan the Terrible was crowned Czar of Russia.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri became the 36th, 37th and 38th states to ratify Prohibition, which went into effect a year later.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied invasion force in London.

In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!," starring Carol Channing, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first secretary of transportation.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

In 1992, officials of the government of El Salvador and rebel leaders signed a pact in Mexico City ending 12 years of civil war that had left at least 75,000 people dead.

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