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Local unemployment figures remain low, TWC figures show

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Texas Workforce Commission reports shows low October and November unemployment rates in Big Spring and Howard County continued into December.

In December, Howard County reported an unemployment rate of 3 percent, which was three-tenths of a percent lower than the 3.3 percent rate reported back in November and October.

Big Spring reported a December unemployment rate of 3.3 percent. For November and October, Big Spring reported

an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent.

For December, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 14,086 with an employment level of 13,669 people, leaving 417 unemployed. For the month of November, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 14,057 with an employment level of 13,596 people, leaving 461 unemployed.

In October, Howard County reported a civilian labor force of 14,230 with an employment level of 13,754 people, leaving 476 unemployed.

Big Spring's 3.3 percent unemployment rate means 9,353 out of a civilian labor force of 9,673

people were employed, leaving only 320 unemployed.

For November 9,303 people from a civilian labor force of 9,657 were employed. In October, 9,411 people from a civilian labor force of 9,777 were employed in Big Spring.

December's 3.8 percent unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the MSA closest to Big Spring and Howard County, was five-tenths of a percent lower than November's rate of 4.3 percent, placing it 13th among the state's 27 MSAs.

October's unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland MSA

was 4.4 percent.

Other counties in the Permian Basin reported various unemployment rates for the month of December, included Andrews, 4.4 percent; Borden, 2.6 percent; Dawson, 3.7 percent; Ector, 4.6 percent; Glasscock, 1.3 percent; Martin, 4.2 percent; and Midland, 3.1 percent.

By city, Permian Basin unemployment rates for December included: Andrews, 4.6 percent; Lamesa, 4.5 percent; Odessa, 4.5 percent; Pecos, 8.3 percent; Stanton, 4.9 percent; Midland, 3.1 percent; and Rankin, 4.1 percent.

Statewide, the unemployment rate dropped in December to 4.5

percent, the lowest since 3.9 percent in 1979, according to TWC reports.

The commission said the unemployment rate last month compared with 4.9 percent in November 1997 and 4.9 percent in December 1996.

Seasonal jobs in government and transportation helped contribute to the drop, the commission said.

Texas' economy remains strong, providing many employment opportunities to job seekers across the state, the report stated.

Bryan-College Station reported the lowest December unemployment rate, at 1.6 percent.

McAllen-Edinburg-Mission had the highest, at 17.7 percent.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas as announced by the TWC for December include: Abilene, 3 percent; Amarillo, 2.9 percent; Austin-San Marcos, 2.6 percent; Beaumont-Port Arthur, 7 percent; Brazoria, 5.8 percent; Brownsville-Harlingen, 11.3 percent; Corpus Christi, 6 percent; Dallas, 3 percent; Lubbock, 3 percent; San Angelo, 2.7 percent; and Wichita Falls, 4 percent.

Texas' 4.5 percent unemployment rate in December was slightly above the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.4 percent.

Sands receives technology grant; gets maximum award

By **KATHY GILBERT**
Staff Writer

The third try was a charm for the Sands Consolidated School District last Friday.

Sands Superintendent Don Bryan was "all smiles" when he learned that nine months of fine-tuning his proposal netted the district \$100,000 for technological improvements in the third round of the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant awards, Sands technical engineer Scott Ragle said.

Adding to the glory was the fact that Sands hit the top of the scale, receiving the maximum award.

Even better was the fact that other superintendents sought Bryan's help in locating vendors and setting up contract specs at the one-day workshop held in Austin. The workshop was required by TIF to educate superintendents on grant administration and legal requirements.

"It's a great idea for the school," Sands High School Principal Billy Barnett said. "We have top-notch students with exemplary TAAS scores. The new technology will take them to the next level. It makes the students more global."

Ragle, formerly a founder and

co-owner of Big Spring's Crossroads Communications, will head up the new technological improvements program. Although being on board at Sands for less than two weeks, he admits to having "given insight" throughout the grant proposal development process.

That insight appears to have meshed well with Sands Technology Coordinator Karen Braswell's and superintendent Bryan's expertise producing the winning grant proposal.

Key to winning the highest level award, Ragle said, was the district's pledging nearly \$40,000 in matching funds. The support shown by the district was impressive, he added.

Sands' 25-page Technology Plan promises to fast-forward the district into the world of the Internet, networking, and the ultra-fast T1 Internet connection. Long-requested teacher training will be offered as well as new hardware, software, and upgrades to existing computers.

By August 1998 the district will add 30 new computer workstations. Twenty PC compatibles, boasting Intel 200MHz CPUs, 32mb RAM and 2.5gb harddrives and 10 Macintoshes, as yet unspecified, will be purchased. Existing computers will be upgraded for a total of 74

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Sands CISD sophomore Brianna Fryar, center, demonstrates her knowledge of the QuattroPro software package to Scott Ragle (right), technology engineer and Karen Braswell, technology coordinator at Sands High School Tuesday. Sands received a \$100,000 technology improvement grant from the state last week.

Former worker suing utility

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Cap Rock Electric Co-op Inc. officials are dismissing a lawsuit filed by former employee Beverly Collier of Westbrook as nothing more than a disgruntled employee lashing out.

Collier's suit was filed recently in Mitchell County's 32nd District Court by Comanche attorney Ben D. Sudderth. The suit claims Cap Rock President and Chief Executive Officer David W. Pruitt made defamatory remarks about Collier to justify her termination.

"Cap Rock Electric and David Pruitt deny all the allegations made in the lawsuit by ex-employee Beverly Collier," Cap Rock Communications Manager Peggy Luxton said. "Neither David Pruitt nor Cap Rock itself has ever engaged in any illegal, unethical or immoral practices."

The suit also alleges Collier was terminated because she would not initiate what she thought were illegal billing practices with some of Cap Rock's bigger customers.

"The termination of Ms. Collier had nothing to do with the allegations she has put forth in her lawsuit," Luxton said. "These are simply allegations of a disgruntled ex-employee and Cap Rock Electric and Mr. Pruitt expect to show that her claims have no merit whatsoever."

Both Pruitt and Cap Rock Electric welcome the opportunity to go to the courthouse for vindication.

"It seems as if you can't do business anymore without being sued," Luxton said.

Collier had been with Cap Rock for 21 years prior to her termination, having served as general manager for the company's Colorado City office after Lone Wolf Electric Cooperative merged with Cap Rock in 1990.

Collier's tenure with Cap Rock included a promotion to vice president and a transfer to the Stanton office to oversee customer service, billing, collections and a variety of other duties.



A recent Howard College graduate expresses his feelings in a sign to his mother. Future Howard students must pass a Texas Academic Skills Program test before enrolling, college officials announced.

Future Howard students must pass TASP test before enrolling

By **KATHY GILBERT**
Staff Writer

Signaling a major policy change, Howard College officials announced that students must pass the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test before enrolling in classes beginning in Fall 1998.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board previously allowed students to complete up to nine hours of college-level semester hours before passing the test.

It is currently unclear exactly how students at Howard will be affected, Linda Conway, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement said.

The coordinating board is still reviewing its policies and Howard doesn't expect to be told the results until April, Conway said. College officials do not expect the policy change will strongly affect students. "I don't think it will change much," Conway

said "it may even make things simpler."

Alternative tests can be substituted for the TASP, Conway explained. "What (the coordinating board) is hammering out now is the rules surrounding alternative tests so the student who decides the night before can take an alternative test and attend school."

The Howard College Board of Trustees voted to change the catalog in each place the TASP is mentioned to reflect coordinating board policies.

Reading, writing and mathematics scores on the TASP must be 220 or higher (effective Mar. 4, 1989) or 230 or higher (effective Sep. 16, 1995).

Students are exempt from taking the TASP test if:

- They received credit for at least three semester hours of college-level work prior to Fall, 1989;
- They are 55 years or older and are not seeking a degree or certificate;
- They enroll on a temporary basis

and are also enrolled at a private or out-of-state institution;

• They have graduated with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

• They are citizens of a country other than the United States and are not seeking degrees or Level-Two certificates;

• They are enrolled in a certificate program of one year or less;

• Certain military training may be converted to credit hours using the ACE guide, if the training is prior to Fall 1989;

• ACT, SAT or TAAS scores may be used if scores are high enough and the test was taken within the past several years.

Students who fail the TASP test must participate continuously in developmental classes, according to the Howard College catalog. The test is five hours long and is offered throughout the year.

Monday deadline to file applications

Howard County residents who plan to take advantage of the homestead exemption have until 5 p.m. Monday to file an application with the Howard County Appraisal District in order to claim their 1996 exemption.

After Monday, all exemptions filed must be for the 1997 year. Late filing of exemptions is allowed if within one year after the taxes on a homestead are paid or become delinquent, whichever is earlier, appraisal district officials said.

WEATHER



Tonight, fair. Lows mid 30s to near 40. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Friday night, a slight chance of showers. Lows in the 30s. Saturday, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 60s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy.

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Reid ready to challenge Kilgore again

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Donnie Reid ran two good races in 1994 in the election for the Howard County Commissioners' Court seat for Precinct 2, falling to current incumbent Jerry Kilgore in the general election. Reid survived a runoff



with Homer Wilkerson by one vote, 466-465, and fell just 304 votes short against Kilgore out of 2,812 votes cast.

Reid hopes to make it to the general election in November again, but will have to get past Roosevelt Shaw in the Democratic primary on March 10.

Reid makes no bones about wanting to be the next commissioner of Precinct 2.

"I decided to run because I want to represent Precinct 2 as county commissioner," Reid said. "I believe that Precinct 2 needs a commissioner from the rural community to represent their views. I am familiar with the rural roads in our precinct and I know where the maintenance and repairs are needed most."

"I strongly believe that I am

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OBITUARIES

Leola Glenn

Graveside service for Leola Mae (Lee) Glenn, 72, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 1998, in the Evergreen Cemetery with Claire Petersberger officiating.

Mrs. Glenn died Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Stanton.

She was born Aug. 2, 1925, in Houston, and moved to Stanton five years ago from San Antonio. She was a member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.

Survivors include: a daughter, Karen Graves, Stanton; a son, Steven Glenn, San Antonio; a sister, Edith Adams, Corpus Christi; a brother, Claude Dendy, Ingleside; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

R.H. Moore, Jr.

Service for R.H. Moore, Jr., 81, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Jan. 29, 1998, in a local hospital.

REID

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the best candidate to represent the people of Precinct 2," Reid added. "For 30 years, during hard times and good times, I have managed a farm, ranch and a wholesale fuel business. I am a landowner in the Coahoma and Big Spring school districts and have been a property taxpayer since 1973."

Reid says he believes his experience as a school board member and school board president in Coahoma, member of the Farm Service Agency for 20 years and service to various cotton as well as gin associations has given him the various experiences with budgets, employees, maintenance and upkeep on light and heavy duty equipment and taxes needed to serve as commissioner.

"I believe my experience will benefit the people of Precinct 2," Reid said. "I believe in having a good working relationship between county and city government and it is my goal that we get the best, most educated and informed decisions we can from commissioners."

Reid said communication is essential between the County Road Administrator and commissioners where the conditions of county roads are concerned.

"I want the people of Precinct 2 to know that I will have an open mind and will listen to them when problems arise," Reid said.

"I think we need to be concerned about our courthouse and its future," Reid added. "What will become of the third floor of the 118th District Court moves to the old library building? What are the priorities of the commissioners' court? How can taxpayers get efficient and

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P. W. Malone MD, 94, died Monday. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be 4:00 PM Monday at the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College.

R. H. Moore, Jr., 81, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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smaller local government if we continue to move and acquire new buildings that will obviously require more personnel, utilities, insurance and maintenance? Is the population of Howard County growing enough to substantiate this?"

Reid says he understands the need to keep up with progress, but questions the feasibility of moving the court at this time.

"I also think we need to be concerned about our Volunteer Fire Department's needs in the rural areas," Reid said. "I have no detailed agenda for wanting to be county commissioner, but I do want to represent each member of my district whether they are Democrat or Republican."

As for issues like the county jail, Reid said he was opposed to it because it was a \$6 million project that would have added almost 20 cents in property taxes.

"I was opposed because it was the wrong priority at the time because the school district couldn't get citizens to pass a bond issue improving the facilities we educate our children in, yet we wanted to build a new jail for criminals."

RAGLE

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his in-depth knowledge of computer vendors and the games unscrupulous ones play, he added.

"At the workshop in Austin (Friday) the TIF (Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund) folks told everyone 'now you've just received a grant and people will be calling you. Check out everyone you deal with because there are a lot of shysters.'"

Ragle, who has six years experience in elementary education, admits that he fell into the computer business by accident.

"When I was teaching in Arkansas," he said "I was the only guy in the school and the youngest and the principal came to me with a manual and said 'read this. You're going to be teaching the other teachers how to do it next week - I got the computer a month later.'"

Ragle's salary will not be paid out of the new grant, but the man who wears both teaching and technical hats will be the primary person in charge of buying new equipment, setting up Internet access, networking computers, installing new software, troubleshooting, training, and being on call to welcome teachers to the technological world.

"It's a big job, but Ragle seems delighted to do it. Not only does he get a chance to build his dream network, but, as he says: 'I'm a teacher and I'm back in the teaching field. It's as if I never left.'"

SANDS

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up-to-date machines.

"The most important investment funded by the grant is a fast Internet connection and total school networking, Ragle explained.

"The Region 18 Service Center will be supplying the district with service on a new T1 line. Having a large data line will allow users to access the Internet without dialing up through a modem, making the process run 'ten times faster,' according to Ragle.

"All the computers will be networked so that teachers can communicate and transfer documents and files," Ragle said. "They will not be locked into one classroom. They will be able to use all the computers as if they were at their own desk."

All teachers will have e-mail, he added.
New software packages will help students keep their skills updated, Ragle said. The grant calls for the purchase of Corel Office Suite, WordPerfect 8.0, QuattroPro 8.0, Corel Presentation 8.0, and Netscape Navigator for the secondary school and ClarisWorks 5.0 for the elementary school.

Teachers will be provided with Internet access and 25 teachers, aides and administrators will be trained to maintain and use the new equipment and software in Austin or the Region 17 service center.

Students had a range of reactions to the news. "I think it's a good idea," freshman Leanne Miller said, "because you want

to get on, you can only be on it 10 minutes sometimes or you can't get on (the computers) at all."

"You have all day waits," senior John Long said as he gathered with two other students at the school library's computer. "If the teachers had the computers at their desks you could have discussions over something about the Internet."

One student was concerned that the technology craze would limit funds for old-fashioned sources of information. "I think the grant is a good thing," sophomore Cassie Gover said. "But I'd rather have books."

No other school districts in the area were awarded TIF grants during this round. Created in the 74th Legislative Session, TIF provides grants and loans to K-12 public schools, public libraries, institutions of higher learning and non-profit health care facilities for telecommunications infrastructure.

A list of the grantees can be located on the TIF web page at www.tifb.state.tx.us under the Grant and Loan Information section.

Town freed from pesky vulture invasion

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — It took cannons, air horns, balloons, firecrackers, and finally the services of a professional vulture terminator. But after 15 years, Leesburg may finally be done with the big black pests.

Every last buzzard was gone from the trees as dawn broke Tuesday on the seventh day of Operation Vulture Harassment. The man in charge, Martin Lowney, said the 340-plus birds had migrated to a wooded area three miles west of town. He was confident they weren't coming back.

"There's a marked improvement," said Jack Baumgartner, 69, whose yard has been home to as many as 100 vultures on their winter roost. "It's been awful — the smell, the droppings. They destroy the trees."

The vultures first circled 15 years ago, when dozens began arriving in Leesburg about Halloween and staying until April. The mix of turkey and black buzzards broke branches off trees and littered patios, cars and yards with smelly droppings and road-kill leftovers.

Town officials targeted the birds with everything from firecrackers to mylar balloons released into trees. Nothing worked, and killing them wasn't an option — they are protected as an endangered species.

"Town government's not very expert at this. Apparently there's not a whole lot of expertise anywhere on vultures," town manager Steven Brown said Wednesday.

Except for Lowney. Late last year, an exasperated town council agreed to pay \$8,000 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture expert.
Lowney has displaced unwanted vultures in Mississippi and Alabama and brags he has "never failed at dispersing a vulture roost." He even promised skeptical residents he would return next year if the vultures do the same.

He succeeded by shooting flares and firecrackers at the trees for two hours each day. The goal was to frighten them off for good.

The operation worked much better than his first idea — building a huge cage and enticing the vultures into it with scraps of meat and road kill.
"They loved it, all that meat," said Brown. The problem? "They crushed the cage under the weight."

Attorney, expert clash in Oprah beef trial

AMARILLO (AP) — A mad cow disease expert showed

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

jurors Wednesday why Oprah Winfrey's editors cut most of his long-winded remarks from a program that spawned her beef defamation trial, a defense attorney said.

William Hueston, a former Agriculture Department official who calls himself the world's second-leading expert on the brain-destroying disease, engaged in an often-testy exchange with attorney Charles Babcock.

As he's done with previous plaintiffs' witnesses, Babcock grew irritated when Hueston attempted to duck seemingly simple questions. Hueston often forced Babcock to use just the right phrasing before he'd answer.

"Isn't it a fact Oprah got the same kind of non-responsive answers that I'm getting out of you today?" Babcock said.

Hueston asked whether he was required to give a yes-or-no reply. Babcock said he did, but Hueston again drew the attorney's ire with another round-about response.

Hueston, now a professor at the University of Maryland, testified Tuesday that his reassuring comments about the safety of American beef were mostly edited out of Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, "dangerous foods" program.

Plaintiff's attorneys argue the omission was intentional. Ms. Winfrey has said that much of what Hueston and a cattle industry spokesman said was deleted because it was redundant.

On Tuesday, Hueston picked apart more than 40 instances in which Ms. Winfrey and a food safety activist made what he considered improper euphemisms or flat-out lies about mad cow. Hueston also said the audience had a "lynch mob mentality" and that the mad cow had a "snowball's chance in hell" of striking the United States.

On Wednesday, Babcock tried picking apart Hueston's slang.

The attorney pointed out that actual lynch mobs involved clubs, torches and nooses and were used to keep black slaves in line. Hueston said he wasn't aware of the term's origin.
"When (activist) Howard Lyman or Oprah Winfrey use rhetorical devices, you criticize them," Babcock said. "You criticized everything they said in the show."

A group of Texas cattlemen are suing Lyman, Ms. Winfrey and her production company for \$10.3 million-plus because they say the program caused beef prices to fall to 10-year lows within a week. They are suing under a state law that protects agricultural products from false and defamatory remarks.

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

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

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

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

•NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

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

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Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

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

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

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

•Open birthday night, covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

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

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

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

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

BRIEFS

HISPANIC WOMEN FOR PROGRESS will sponsor a graduation dance for the class of 1998. Graduates from Big Spring and the surrounding area are asked to call Cindy at 263-1242 to indicate interest. Responses are needed by Jan. 31.

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

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

THE HOWARD COUNTY SPELLING Bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, has been set for March 17 at Howard College Auditorium.

The bee features school winners in grades 1-8, including home school students. For information on receiving booklets, which contain practice words and rules for the bee, call Pat Williams at the Herald, 263-7331.

A FREE COMMUNITY SEMINAR is planned Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. in the first floor classroom at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Dr. Guido Toscano will discuss headaches. The public is invited.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 10-11, at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

Classes are set for the activities room from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Attending both sessions entitles students to a 10 percent discount on auto insurance for three years. Tuition is \$8 per person.

Reserve a spot in the course by calling 263-1265 during business hours. Call Mary Louise Traczyk at 267-2070 for more

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U.S. continues to prepare for possible attack on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior Clinton administration officials and lawmakers are continuing to lay the foundations supporting possible U.S.-led airstrikes on Iraq.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers were considering a resolution today to "take all necessary and appropriate actions to respond to the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, embarking today for Europe and the Mideast, declared: "I am not going anywhere to seek support. I am going to explain our position."

Iraq's foreign minister, Mohamed Saeed al-Sahhaf, accused the United States on Wednesday of fabricating the crisis as an excuse to attack Iraq.

Meanwhile, Marine Corps

Gen. Anthony Zinni, the U.S. military commander in the Persian Gulf region, was heading to Washington for meetings with senior policy-makers later this week on the U.S. options.

And in a hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee, senior intelligence officials predicted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would continue to tweak the United States as long as possible, hoping to create a rift in the coalition arrayed against him.

"Saddam Hussein has the capability to generate a crisis and there's not much we can do about that now except to respond to the crisis," said Army Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, head of the Defense Intelligence Agency. "We probably are faced with some kind of decision point in the next few months where we have to decide what we want to do with Iraq into the

future." In the Senate, the thinking along those lines is coalescing around a much harder line toward Iraq, one that might aim not simply at containing Saddam Hussein, but toppling him from power.

"A number of senior former national security officials have called publicly for a policy aimed at removing Saddam Hussein from power," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "I think it is time for the administration — working with Congress and with these distinguished experts — to develop a long-term strategy to end the threat from Iraq."

Defense Secretary William Cohen met privately with Lott and later met with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other House leaders in what was billed as an "emergency

meeting" on the situation in Iraq. The faintest hint that hostilities might be avoided emerged from the State Department on Wednesday as Albright was departing on her mission.

She indicated that Iraq may be looking for a way out of a confrontation with the U.S. military. She said the "message is beginning to take hold" in Iraq that it cannot continue to defy the will of the United Nations by limiting weapons inspections. She suggested that the "remarkable unity" of the international community in support of unfettered U.N. access may be having an impact in Baghdad.

Administration officials said they expected the issue to come to a head next month, by which time U.N. officials could be out of the country and Albright's

trip, as well as a possible trip by Cohen, could be completed. The Muslim holy month of Ramadan would be over by then, sparing the United States the possible backlash of attacking an Islamic nation during a time of worship. Also next month, the United States for a short time will have three aircraft carriers in the Gulf — the USS George Washington, the USS Nimitz and the Nimitz' replacement, USS Independence.

Defense officials have said repeatedly, if anonymously, that they were concerned that the U.S. conventional arsenal would be incapable of penetrating some of Iraq's most hardened targets, such as deeply buried bunkers that may house biological or chemical weapons labs. The Pentagon has pointedly not ruled out the use of tactical nuclear weapons to attack

these targets.

At Wednesday's intelligence committee hearing, witnesses said much uncertainty surrounded Iraq's weapons arsenal.

"There are enormous gaps in what we know about where they were in development of these weapons of mass destruction," said Phyllis Oakley, the State Department's chief intelligence official.

She said the number of sites that were off-limits to U.N. inspectors had "been whittled down, but they're large enough that we don't know what they've moved into them, and if we can't get at them, we don't know."

To protect U.S. forces against chemical or germ attacks, the Defense Department was looking at sending in special teams as well as potential detectors and decontamination units.

State appeals court denies Tucker's bid to halt her Tuesday execution

AUSTIN (AP) — The lawyer for pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to step in as her execution nears.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday denied Ms. Tucker's latest bid to halt her execution, scheduled for Tuesday, and rejected her arguments that the state's clemency process is unconstitutional.

Ms. Tucker's lawyer, David Botsford, said he would immediately take the clemency challenge to the nation's high court. "There are some serious issues, and I believe they will give it serious consideration," he said.

The lawyer also said he talked with Ms. Tucker about the latest ruling.

"She is upbeat. She wishes to express to all who care that her faith is still in the Lord, and she hopes that the good Lord will give insight and mercy to the governor, the (parole) board and the judges of the various courts that will hear these matters," Botsford said.

Wednesday's decision was another legal setback for the 38-year-old woman who was con-

victed of killing Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, of Houston in 1983.

Dean was bludgeoned with a hammer and then struck with a 3-foot-long pickax. Deborah Thornton, 32, also was killed, the ax left in her chest.

Both Ms. Tucker and her companion that night, Daniel Garrett, received death sentences. Garrett died in prison in 1993 of liver disease.

Ms. Tucker says she has found religion and is willing to spend her life in prison, although state officials say she would become eligible for parole in 2003 if her death sentence were commuted.

The U.S. Supreme Court turned down an appeal in Ms. Tucker's case late last year. Still pending is her request that the State Board of Pardons and Paroles recommend Gov. George W. Bush commute her sentence.

Ten of the 18 board members must recommend that before the governor has the option of sparing her life.

Texas law gives governors little independent authority in such cases, with the power to issue only a one-time, 30-day

reprieve. In a written opinion, Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge Michael McCormick said clemency powers belong to the executive — not judicial — branch of government.

"There is no tradition or practice in this state's history that recognizes any kind of fundamental right to executive clemency," McCormick wrote. "An inmate has 'no constitutional or inherent' right to commutation of her sentence."

Botsford said Texas' commutation process is flawed because there are no guidelines for parole board members to follow and no requirement for a public hearing where Ms. Tucker could plead her case.

"They do not afford due process of law, a meaningful opportunity for a full and fair clemency hearing. That's all that Karla or anybody is entitled to."

Botsford said the United Nations had sent Bush a letter asking for clemency. Should the execution proceed, he said, it would show that "Texas has no mercy; there's no hope for rehabilitation."

Zamora testifies she tried to retract alleged confession

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora says she gave her alleged murder confession only because police promised her a visit with her fiancée.

Ms. Zamora, accused of killing her romantic rival, took the stand Wednesday during a preliminary hearing in her murder trial and made her first public comments since her Sept. 6, 1996, arrest.

She said the statement she gave police came after an officer said she could see her fiancée David Graham, who also is charged in the murder of Adrienne Jones.

Ms. Zamora testified that Grand Prairie police officer Alan Patton read her an alleged four-page confession given by Graham and asked her to corroborate it.

"I reiterated his statement the best I could remember it," she testified. "I was asked to corroborate Patton's story. I corroborated it."

she tried to retract the statement an hour later, but Patton said her lawyer would have to make any changes.

Earlier, Patton testified that he read her only portions of Graham's alleged confession.

"She seemed relieved, happy to be able to talk about it," Patton said.

The hearing, which was to continue today, was to determine if her alleged confession will be used in the trial set to start Monday.

Also in question is evidence taken from the college dorm rooms of both Ms. Zamora and Graham and information taken from their personal computers.

As Ms. Zamora testified, Drago strictly limited the line of questioning to the circumstances of police interrogations. Any statements regarding the truth of the alleged confession were stricken from the record.

Ms. Zamora and Graham, who will be tried separately, are accused of killing Miss Jones in December 1995.

Prosecutors claim jealousy prompted the murder after Miss Jones and Graham had a one-time fling while the three were in high school. Ms. Zamora and Graham were in their first year at the military academies when they were charged.

According to alleged confessions by both former cadets, they lured Miss Jones to a secluded road, Ms. Zamora hit the girl with a dumbbell weight, then Graham shot her in the head when she tried to flee.

Ms. Zamora said Wednesday that she was refused legal representation during initial police interrogations at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

She also had no attorney present when she made her alleged confession four days later, but she acknowledged under questioning that she did not ask for an attorney.

"Ms. Zamora testified that she didn't ask for a lawyer because the legal process confused her.

Children at risk from pesticides, group claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1 million children age 5 and under face possible health risks from eating fruit, vegetables and even baby food containing unacceptable levels of pesticide residue, an environmental group said today. Although food and chemical makers insist the food is safe, a leading pediatrician says there is cause for concern.

"These chemicals do affect the nervous system, and developing nervous systems are more vulnerable," said Dr. Herbert L. Needleman, a professor of pediatrics and psychology at the University of Pittsburgh who did groundbreaking research on the insidious ways lead poisoning affects learning.

"Certain pesticides that are highly concentrated should be banned," Needleman added. "If we wait, a lot of kids will pay an unnecessary price."

The Environmental Working Group, a research organization that advocates lower exposure to pesticides, examined federal data on children's eating patterns and compared them to government testing results for residue of a popular class of pesticides on 80,000 samples of food from 1992 to 1995.

The group estimated that 1.1 million children every day eat food that — even after it is washed — contains an unsafe dose of these 13 pesticides, known collectively as organophosphates. Of those, 106,600 children exceed the Environmental Protection Agency's safe daily dosage level for adults by 10 times or more.

The foods most likely to contain unsafe levels are peaches, apples, nectarines, popcorn and pears, the study found. Among baby foods, pears, peaches and apple juice most frequently had elevated levels.

The chemical and food industries called the report alarmist and said it serves only to frighten parents away from whole-

some food.

"The food is safe and so are their children," said Jay Vroom, president of the American Crop Protection Association.

"Thousands and thousands of tests have been conducted for pesticide residues on finished products," said Claire Regan, a dietitian and director of science

and regulatory affairs for the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

If the pesticides were banned or restricted, there would be a major impact on agriculture and ultimately on consumers, said Leonard Gianessi, senior research associate at the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy.

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OUR VIEWS

Take in a mystery, or sample a world full of tasty treats

It's no mystery why the Heritage Museum programs are so popular: the staff works hard to develop interesting, fun and educational events for the whole community.

Saturday's Murder Mystery Night will be no exception. At least 10 teams of eight have already signed up to play one of the three murder mystery games.

As soon as this fundraiser is complete, the museum staff will turn their attention to a local community favorite, "Around the World in 80 Bites." This food festival is set for Feb. 21.

The museum is recruiting chefs right now to cook up some "bites" of exotic food for the guests at this fifth annual event. In the past, participants have feasted on the foods of Italy, Russia, Sweden, Scotland, Ireland, Finland, Egypt and of course, Texas.

It doesn't take great cooking skills to join "80 Bites." Recipes range from the simple to the exotic, from desserts and snacks to soups and beverages. Chefs receive a free pass for the event, and two free tickets for their friends.

If you can cook, share a recipe from your family heritage. Or try something from a place you have visited, or wish you had.

If you can't cook, at least plan to join in the fun. Tickets for tasters will go on sale beginning Feb. 14. Call the museum at 267-8255 for details.

OTHER VIEWS

When Hillary Rodham Clinton went on NBC's "Today" show this week to defend her husband, she was articulate and self-possessed. There was just one thing wrong with her performance, and that was what she said. She contended that the scandal surrounding her husband is the fabrication of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

This argument is not only patently false and an obvious diversionary tactic, it is also dangerous and should be hooted off the stage pronto. To believe Hillary Clinton, you would have to believe that the news outlets that broke the story about the president and an intern were right-wing. Those organizations are The Washington Post, ABC News and the Los Angeles Times. However you might want to classify them politically, you would never call them right-wing. Neutral, moderate or liberal, perhaps. But never right-wing.

The notion, too, that the current spate of revelations is a consequence of a conspiracy is an absurdity. If the first lady truly believes what she says, she doesn't grasp how things work in the country she lives in. A conspiracy would involve hundreds, even thousands of people communicating with each other in the common purpose of doing Clinton in. You could never pull it off for a dozen obvious reasons, one of them being that, sooner or later, someone whose help was needed would balk.

It's true, of course, that there are right-wing nuts loose in the land, just as there are left-wing nuts and nuts of political fla-

vors barely describable. It doesn't follow that they can get such people as Janet Reno to do their will. The Democratic attorney general appointed by President Clinton had to give her permission before Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, could add the latest accusations to his investigation of the president.

It's also true that a couple of key players in this case are people whose distaste for President Clinton is nothing short of profound. But is it so curious a fact that those who produce unsavory stories about a politician are more often enemies instead of friends? Those stories will seldom travel much distance unless people in responsible positions find them to some degree credible. In the story about the White House intern, why hasn't the president or Hillary Clinton ever said exactly what the president's relationship with as? A believable account could go further toward dispelling this crisis than saying it's just a right-wing concoction.

The danger in the first lady's attack is that it feeds the suspicion of some that nothing much happens on this planet if it was not first planned.

The reality, of course, is that events are the consequence of many things, including individual free will, happenstance and various social and historical forces. When people figure that displeasing events must inevitably follow the con- nivance of others, the actions they then take are frequently worse than displeasing.

Jay Ambrose
Scripps Howard

Finding jobs for all the president's friends

Vernon Jordan is of that magnitude of Washington super-lawyer known as a "rain-maker" for his ability make things happen in the capital.

Therefore, it was something of a surprise that the presidential best friend would busy him- self seeking employment and legal counsel for a young former White House intern.

Jordan says he often finds work for "young and old, male and female, black and white, Hispanic and Asian, rich and poor, Cabinet members and secretaries," and, in truth, he probably does. A well-placed

network of the grateful and beholden is how associates grow up to be rainmakers.

Jordan also finds work for other, less employable White House discards as this surreptitious tape shows:

"Yo, Vern!"

"Jane, please call security and have this bum escorted out of the building."

"Hey, I'm from the White House. I need a job."

"Jane, hold my calls for the rest of the day. I'll be in conference with ...?"

"Lennie."

"And your last name?"

"Lennie Forget-about-it. I don't exactly hang around post offices, if you catch my drift."

"That's quite a resume you have. We don't often see resumes handwritten on a paper bag. Interesting qualifications, too. Tell me a little more about being Janet Reno's love slave."

"That's just to fool the press. They're crazy about that stuff."

A little sex and they wouldn't care if you stole the Washington Monument. What I did was work on the FBI files in the White House basement for awhile, and then I looked after this box of records for Mrs. Clinton for a couple of years and then I became a campaign fund-raiser."

"You? A fund-raiser?"

"Yeah, I did the follow-ups. Sometimes these Asians would get pretty heavy into the coffee and donuts, and the White House ain't cheap, you know. At \$5,000 to \$10,000 a pop it adds up. Sometimes these guys are slow in paying up, so I pay them a visit. I say, 'Nice knees. Too bad you only have two of them.'"

"Well, we've found jobs for people with even less qualifications than you."

"I'm sorry, Vern, could you speak a little more clearly into my lapel? Vern! It's a joke, a little White House humor. Come down off of those shelves

before you hurt yourself."

"Are you sure the president sent you?"

"Sure. He said maybe you could get me a job at Revlon recruiting fashion models and that he'd be willing to help me out from time to time."

"Sounds like my president all right, but I'm afraid Revlon is out of the question for the moment. Say, do you have any experience with casino gambling?"

"I have some background in the unregulated gaming industry. Until my conviction, I was known as Lennie the Long Shot."

"Jane, call the Interior Department and get Secretary Babbitt on the phone. Bruce, I may have the solution to your Indian casino problems sitting right here in my office, but he needs ... You got it."

"Lennie, you have a job. But just one thing: Put your beer down before you meet the secretary."



Dale McFeatters
"Just Dessert"

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER AN ENZYME TO STOP AGING-- WHAT CONSEQUENCES AWAIT? ...



It's time to end affirmative action

It may or may not surprise you to know that the U.S. Supreme Court once ruled that a state which had the exact same admission requirements for all students—black or white—was guilty of racial discrimination against blacks.



Charlie Reese
Syndicated Columnist

Now let's be clear about this. The Supreme Court was saying, in effect, that blacks are inferior and cannot meet the same standards as whites and therefore if you require that they do, you are discriminating against them. To paraphrase an old song from the 1940s, is that is or is that ain't racist?

Of course it's racist. It turns out the white liberals are closet white supremacists. They adopted the exact same paternalistic but racist attitude as the old segregationists. "Now, boy, I know you can't make it on a level playing field, but don't you worry, I'm gonna take care of you."

As some one once said of slavery, affirmative action is evil and has harmed both blacks and whites, but it has harmed blacks more than whites. Affirmative action may have cost whites a few admissions, a few jobs, a few promotions, but it did far more dam-

age to American blacks. Affirmative action poisoned the pleasure of the success of those blacks who had truly earned their achievements, for they suspect that others think they succeeded only because of affirmative action. It reinforced that pernicious idea of black inferiority.

There's no escaping the message of inferiority when someone tells you, "Hey, I know you can't pass the same test as those white guys over there, so I'm going to give you an easier test."

It also had a corrupting effect because the message was also, "Hey, you don't have to work hard or prepare yourself, just play the race card."

Affirmative action may be said to be good intentions corrupted by politics, racism and greed. It's time to end it. There's a revolt brewing against it, as was demonstrated by the overwhelming vote in California. That initiative to end affirmative action, by the way, was started and led by a black man.

I have never believed that black Americans are inferior. The real problem black Americans have is that they are just like whites. Do you think I would have studied if my parents had told me, "Hey, don't worry about school; if that teacher gives you a hard time, just let me know and I'll straighten her out." Of course not. All children in the world, no matter what their color, know that it is more fun to play than to study. There is no white or black

formula for success. It's the same. If you look at every black person who has achieved great success, you find that parents instilled the same values in them that parents of successful white children instilled in their kids.

You can also look at failures; whether the failed person is black or white, you will find the same negatives in his background. Character, which is what it is all about, has nothing to do with race or genes.

I hope more black Americans will come to realize they are actually being exploited by white liberals and professional black civil rights leaders, or most of them anyway. If you can convince a group of people that they are inferior and oppressed, then it is easy to convince them that they need you to help them. Of course, you expect to get paid for your help.

On the other hand, a proud, independent, self-confident people don't feel the need to be saved or helped by anybody. Jesse Jackson has gotten rich by convincing white folks he represents black folks while actually doing nothing for black folks unless they are relatives or cronies.

Look how blacks have been misled in politics. Blacks ought to be a swing vote, which would give them influence. Instead, the power brokers have sold them to the Democrats.

Single-member districts is just racial segregation. Blacks get a token at the price of real influence.

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◆The word "curfew" comes from the French expression "couvrefeu," which means "cover fire."

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After home fire, family needs a helping hand

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

In the early morning hours of Jan. 18, Patty Sherman lost everything she owned.

Everything, that is, except the nightgown she was wearing when the fire broke out in her mobile home north of Big Spring.

"I lost everything that was usable," Sherman said. The electrical fire, which started in her kitchen, began with a crackling sound at about 3 a.m. Sunday. Soon, the popping noise became a burst of flame.

Her children Brandon and Krystal were visiting their grandmother overnight. Sherman and her husband, Lee, were unharmed.

"This was my home," Sherman said recently, walking through the burned-out shell of the trailer that still sits on the family's land. It is a mess of charred remains that were once the family's belongings — a television set, VCR and furniture are still visible.

"Mom, there's your sewing machine," Brandon said, eyeing the rubble. He and his sister lost all of their toys, their clothes and books, and two cats.

"I saw it in the newspaper Monday, 'there was a fire...'" Sherman said. "But does any-

one know the result of that fire?"

Life after the fire, Sherman said, is "a nightmare." "I don't know how to react," she said. "Am I still sleeping? Some day I think I'm just going to wake up."

Uninsured, the mobile home was a total loss. Sherman and her family have been sharing the homes of relatives in the area.

Some churches and individuals have donated clothing, a few furniture items and money to the family. With \$250 she received, Sherman put a down payment on another trailer, which her relatives have moved onto her land.

But the trailer has some major problems: holes in the floor, electrical wires hanging down from the ceiling. It is also full of junk and trash.

"This is my new home," Sherman said. "I've got a lot of work to do."

But she can't do the work alone. Sherman said she badly needs help preparing the trailer so she and her family can move in. Some of the items they need are beds, a refrigerator, a stove, dishes, carpet and vinyl flooring. But more than anything, they need skilled labor — Sherman admits she knows very little about the work that needs to be done, and has no

money to pay professionals. She also needs help moving the burned-out shell of the old mobile home. "I've been trying to do all I can do," she said. Sherman has been picking up debris from the charred trailer, taking it one bucket at a time to the trash dump. "This was a nice place," she said. Sherman said she had each room in her home decorat-



Patty Sherman, with kids Krystal and Brandon, lost everything in a Jan. 18 fire. They are struggling to prepare a new mobile home, but need help.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

ed — southwest style in the living room, flowers in the master bedroom, cows in the kitchen.

Black and white spots are still painted on a partially-burned table that was removed from the home.

"It wasn't anything great to someone else," Sherman said. "But it was my home. I was proud of it."

Sherman treasures one snapshot that firefighters saved

from the blaze — a picture of her father holding a birthday cake she had made for him. Her father died 10 years ago, and it is the only photograph she has of him.

Sherman said the birthday photo has special meaning to her now, because she had her 28th birthday Friday.

To help Patty Sherman's family, call her at 263-1883 or leave a message for her at 268-9087.

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Air bag warning

Air bags are standard equipment in almost all new cars and are designed to supplement the protection provided by safety belts in frontal crashes.

Federal safety standards require that all new passenger cars and light trucks be equipped with both driver and passenger-side air bags by 1999. While air bags have a good overall safety record and have saved more than 2,000 lives as of the end of 1997, they pose several risks for children.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

An infant in a rear facing safety seat must never be placed in the front seat of a motor vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. During a forward impact, the rapidly inflating air bag could strike the safety seat with enough force to seriously injure or kill the infant. Infants under the age of 1 and who weigh less than 20 pounds must ride in a rear-facing safety seat placed in the back seat of the vehicle, especially if the vehicle is equipped with a passenger-side air bag.

Forward-facing safety seats, as used with toddlers and older children, typically place children several inches closer to the dashboard than the normal adult seating position. Therefore, the safest practice is to place all child safety seats in the back seat of the vehicle. If it is absolutely necessary to place a forward-facing safety seat in the front of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag, the vehicle seat should be adjusted as far back as possible from the dashboard.

Air bags pose special hazards for any children who ride unrestrained or incorrectly restrained in the front seat. Like all occupants, children should be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts. Unfortunately, surveys indicate that as many as 35 percent of young children ride unrestrained. Pre-crash braking may throw an unrestrained child against the dashboard or near the passenger air bag location. When this happens, the inflating air bag and its casing cover can violently impact the out-of-place child with such force that in can injure or even kill the child. The safest place for all children is correctly restrained in the back seat of the vehicle.

To ensure that your children ride safely, remember these rules: The back seat is the safest place for children of any age to ride. Never place an infant in the front seat of a car equipped with a passenger-side air bag. Infants must always ride in the back seat facing the rear of the car. Make sure everyone is buckled up. Unbuckled occupants can be hurt or killed by an air bag. For more information regarding children and air bags, contact the Passenger Safety Education Office with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service at (409) 845-3850.

Runnels SIGNAL goes Medieval Memories of historic gym, cafeteria buildings

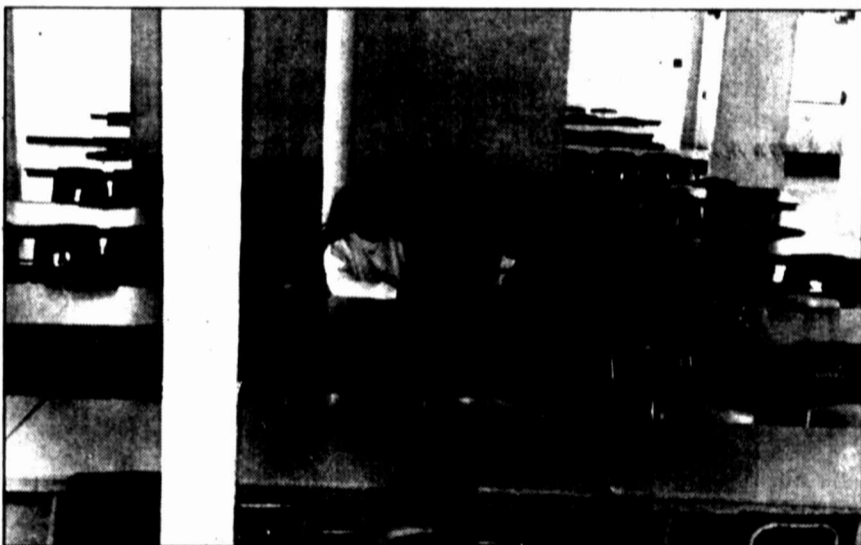
It has been about one month since we got back from Christmas vacation and many activities are taking place. Teachers are busy preparing for TAAS testing, basketball is in full swing, and there are a few other special events. This year,

Runnels is taking the TAAS test in March. Since we are in one of the years in which we must take both the science and history tests, in addition to reading, writing and math, almost every teacher is doing TAAS practice exercise with their students.

Since my last column, the SIGNAL (gifted and talented) English class has taken part in its annual Medieval Feast. We have been studying Shakespeare and the Elizabethan theater. This was a final to the unit.

The feast was held the last day before Christmas vacation. We performed scenes from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We also had court jesters' monologues and a modern rap music interpretation of the storyline of "Romeo and Juliet," and some history on Shakespeare. The menu was based on what people really would have eaten back then, and the authentic costumes were provided by the Midland Community Theater. It was a lot of fun.

Basketball is one sport reach-



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

The Runnels cafeteria, where students Amanda Sheedy and Heather Houston are shown, used to be a junior high school when Runnels was a high school building. It was renovated in 1967.

ing its peak right now. Both the Yearlings and the Lady Yearlings are having great last seasons practicing and playing in the Runnels gyms.

What is now the boys' gym was built in 1934 with the help of U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt's WPA program. The WPA was a plan during the Great Depression to give people jobs since so many were unemployed. The federal government put up half the money to finance the gym and the city paid the other half. This gave local citizens temporary jobs in the construction of the gym, which is now 64 years old! It has served us well.

The basketball program has been an exciting activity here for many years. According to Mr. Joe Pickle, in the 1920s, basketball was played outside on concrete courts. Then, the coach decided to turn the study hall into a gym. The gym was on the second floor of the main building that we use now. The ceiling of the first floor, howev-

er, was not strong enough to support the equipment, spectators, and the pounding of the players' feet over time. One day, only one hour after school let out for the day, the ceiling of the first floor rooms directly under the gym collapsed. This dropped the gym and everything in it onto the classrooms below it.

Luckily, no one was hurt. But if it would have happened during school, many students and teachers could have been injured or killed. The school was later repaired and the new gym was built in 1934.

People at the new junior high will look forward to two new gyms. According to Principal Mr. Tarleton, one gym will seat approximately 1,200 people and the other will hold approximately 600. The old Runnels gyms may continue to be maintained and used for some functions.

A building on the Runnels campus that also will be no longer used for students is the

Drive to succeed can come from hardship

QUESTION: Do childhood traumas inevitably twist and warp a person in the adult years?

DR. DOBSON: No. It is well

known that difficult childhoods leave some people wounded and disadvantaged, but for others, they fuel great achievement and success. The difference appears to be a function of individual temperament and resourcefulness.

In a classic study called "Cradles of Eminence," Victor and Mildred Goertzel investigated the home backgrounds of 400 highly successful people. The researchers sought to identify the early experiences that may have contributed to remarkable achievement. All of the subjects were well-known for their accomplishments; they included Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Winston Churchill and many others.

The backgrounds of these people proved very interesting. Three-fourths of them came from troubled childhoods, enduring poverty, broken homes or parental abuse. One-fourth had physical handicaps. Most of those who became writers and playwrights had watched their own parents embroiled in psychological dramas of one sort or another. The researchers concluded

that the need to compensate for disadvantages was a major factor in the drive toward personal achievement. One of the best illustrations of this phenomenon is the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, the former first lady. Orphaned at 10, she underwent a childhood of utter anguish. She was homely and never felt she really belonged to anybody. According to Victor Wilson of Newhouse News Service, "She was a rather humorless introvert, a young woman unbelievably shy, unable to overcome her personal insecurity and with a conviction of her own inadequacy."

The world knows, however, that Mrs. Roosevelt rose above her emotional shackles. As Wilson said, "From some inner wellspring, Mrs. Roosevelt summoned a tough, unyielding courage, tempered by remarkable self-control and self-discipline." That "inner wellspring" has another appropriate name: compensation!

Obviously, one's attitude toward a handicap determines its impact on his or her life. It has become popular to blame adverse circumstances for irresponsible behavior — i.e., poverty causes crime, broken homes produce juvenile delinquents, a sick society imposes drug addiction on its youth. There is some truth in this assumption, since people in those difficult circumstances are more likely to behave in destructive ways. But they are not forced to do so. To say that adverse conditions "cause" irresponsible behavior is to remove all responsibility from the shoulders of the individ-

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Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lions will screen eyesight of children

Lions of Big Spring, Coahoma, and Sand Springs are joining forces in a screening program to detect visual defects in local children. Anderson Kindergarten Center will be the site of the first screening beginning Wednesday.

The camera, from Medical Technology and Innovations Inc., will be used by the Lions to photograph the eyes of the younger children who don't realize they have a vision problem and are unable to tell parents or teachers.

The camera does not touch the child, and no eye drops or medication are used in the procedure. After starting the program, Lions hope to expand it to other schools in the area.

Lions also conduct an adult eyeglass clinic the second Saturday of each month at the Lions Building, 1607 E. Third St.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Spelling bee set

The Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, has been set for March 17 at Howard College Auditorium.

The bee features school winners in grades 1-8, including home school students. For information on receiving booklets, which contain practice words and rules for the bee, call Pat Williams at the Herald, 263-7331.

Do you use day care?

Are you a working parent who relies on day care for your children? The Herald is planning a series on this issue at a future date, and we want to talk to you about it. Please call Carlton Johnson, 263-7331, to be part of this feature.

THE LAST WORD

An act of justice closes the book on a misdeed; an act of vengeance writes one of its own.

Marilyn vos Savant

A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are the portals of discovery.

James Joyce

True power is knowing that you can, but you don't.

Juliet Alicia Jarvis

RUNNELS
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cafeteria/shop class building. This structure, built in 1924, was once its own junior high when the main building was the high school. It was renovated in 1967, with the cafeteria and kitchen on the first floor and the shop classes on the second floor.

It is hard to imagine going to school there because the cafeteria is so small that two lunch sessions are needed to accommodate everyone. The cafeteria at the new school will have a stage inside for programs, which will be nice. It will be called a "cafetorium."

Speaking of stages, some former students of the late '20s and early '30s remember a special event on the stage of Runnels. Frequently, morning assemblies were held and programs would be presented on the stage. In one of these assemblies, everyone got quite a surprise.

As the curtain was being opened, a cow was standing on the stage mooring loudly to the shock of the teacher. To this day, no one knows who pulled this practical joke.

The year is half over now. Everyone is busy making memories and studying for TAAS. Runnels Junior High has less than 80 school days left in operation.

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ual. The excuse is hollow. We must each decide what we will do with inner doubt or outer hardship.

The application to an individual family should be obvious. If a child has gone through a traumatic experience or is physically disadvantaged, his or her parents need not give up hope. They should identify his or her strengths and natural abilities, which can be used to overcome the hurdle. The problem that seems so formidable today may become the inspiration for greatness tomorrow.

QUESTION: You have described two extremes that are both harmful to kids, being too permissive and being too harsh. Which is the most common error in Western cultures today?

DR. DOBSON: Permissiveness is still more common and has been since the 1950s. But harshness and severity occur frequently as well. These dual dangers are equally harmful to children and were described by Marguerite and Willard Beecher in their book "Parents on the Run." This is how they saw the two extremes.

"The adult-centered home of yesterday made parents the masters and children their slaves. The child-centered home of today has made parents the slaves and children the masters. There is no true cooperation in any master-slave relationship, and therefore no democracy. Neither the restrictive-authoritative technique of rearing children nor the newer "anything goes" technique develops the genius within the individual, because neither trains him to be self-reliant."

The way to raise healthy children is to find the safety of the middle ground between disciplinary extremes.

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

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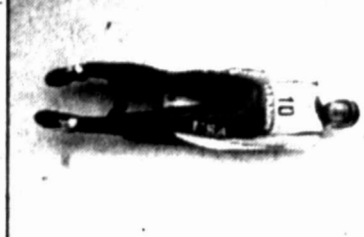
By BETTY DEBNAM

A Kid's Mini Guide

Winter Olympic Sports

On snow

Luge
Racers, called sliders, lie on their backs on a special sled. Luge racers can go 80 miles per hour (mph).



Bobsleigh

Two- or four-man teams zip down mile-long icy runs at speeds from 80 to 100 mph.



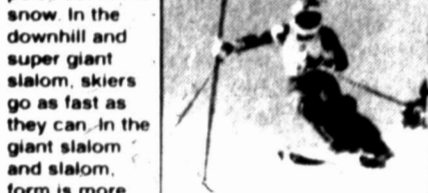
Downhill skiing

Skiers race very fast down a mountain, reaching speeds of more than 80 mph. The skier with the fastest time wins.



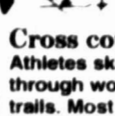
Slalom

Athletes zigzag down a course marked by "gates" or poles set in the snow. In the downhill and super giant slalom, skiers go as fast as they can. In the giant slalom and slalom, form is more important.



Biathlon

This sport combines cross country skiing and rifle shooting. Athletes ski along a course, stop, and fire a rifle at a still target. They shoot standing up at one stop and lying down at the next.



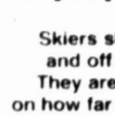
Cross country skiing

Athletes ski over fields, through woods and along trails. Most of the race is level, but there are downhill slopes.



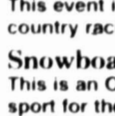
Freestyle

Skiers make high-speed turns on a course with many moguls, or snow bumps. They perform moves in the air while skiing.



Ski jumping

Skiers ski down and off a ramp. They are judged on how far they go and their gliding style.



Nordic combined

This event includes ski jumping and cross country racing.



Snowboarding

This is an Olympic medal sport for the first time this year. Athletes compete for time and technique on slopes or half-pipes, using skateboard-like equipment.



On ice

Ice hockey



In this fast-paced game between two teams of six players each, the object is to hit a puck into the other team's goal. Women's ice hockey became a medal sport this year.



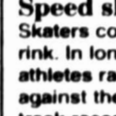
Figure skating

Skaters skate to music, doing compulsory and freestyle routines. Figure skating includes singles, pairs and ice dancing.



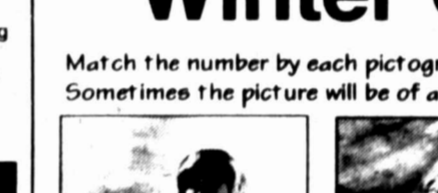
Curling

In this new medal sport for men and women, teams of four players try to move stones to the center of the opposing team's goal.



Speed skating

Skaters compete on an oval rink. In long-track races, athletes race two at a time against the clock. In short-track races, athletes race against each other in packs of four to six.



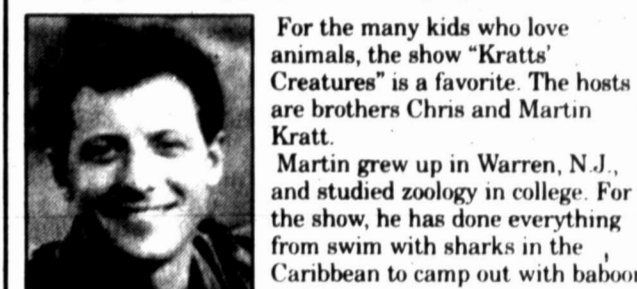
MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHY DID THE ELEPHANT SIT ON THE MARSHMALLOW?
SO HE WOULDN'T MELT INTO THE HOT CHOCOLATE!
(sent in by Katie Jenkins)

Q: What do you call a bean that likes to jump rope?
A: A jumping bean!

Q: What do you get when you cross a mouse with a backpack?
A: A pack rat!
(both sent in by Michael Ross)

Meet Martin Kratt



For the many kids who love animals, the show "Kratt's Creatures" is a favorite. The hosts are brothers Chris and Martin Kratt. Martin grew up in Warren, N.J., and studied zoology in college. For the show, he has done everything from swim with sharks in the Caribbean to camp out with baboons in Africa.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Tasty Teriyaki Chicken

You'll need:

- 1 20-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained (save syrup)
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 2 teaspoons powdered ginger
- 2 chicken breasts

What to do:

1. Combine pineapple syrup, soy sauce, garlic and ginger in a bowl. Mix well.
2. Place chicken breasts in an 8 by 8 inch baking dish.
3. Pour sauce over chicken. Marinate at least 1 hour.
4. Add pineapple chunks to dish.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 30 minutes.

Serves 2

OLYMPICS TRY 'N FIND

Words about the Olympics are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: OLYMPICS, SPORTS, WINTER, SKIING, ALPINE, SLALOM, SKATING, SPEED, FIGURE, BIATHLON, CURLING, MARMITE, NAGANO, ICE, HOCKEY, DOWNHILL, SKI, JUMPING, BOGIE'S, RINK.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is in the Olympics curling competition. See if you can find:

- carrot
- word MINI
- snake
- letter Z
- net
- exclamation mark
- bowl
- ruler
- ice-cream cone
- sailboat
- question mark
- caterpillar

Winter Olympics

Match the number by each pictogram to the pictures of that sport. Sometimes the picture will be of a Snowlet, the 1998 Olympics mascot.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

Answers: 1. giant slalom; 2. figure skating; 3. cross country skiing; 4. snowboarding; 5. super giant slalom; 6. bobsleigh; 7. Nordic combined; 8. freestyle skiing; 9. ice hockey; 10. short-track speed skating; 11. luge; 12. curling; 13. biathlon; 14. speed skating; 15. ski jumping.

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Baltimore gives up on Bam Morris while he's serving jail sentence

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens said good-bye to troubled running back Bam Morris on Wednesday and reiterated their desire to sign former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly.

The Ravens, eager to retool an offense that sputtered in the latter portion of the 1997 season, said Kelly would step in as the No. 1 quarterback if he decides to come out of retirement and proves he can still play.

If Kelly doesn't sign with Baltimore, then Vinny Testaverde probably will

compete with Efic Zeier for the starting job.

The overriding question now seems to be: Who will they hand off to in running plays?

Morris, 26, led the Ravens in rushing in each of the last two seasons but missed time both years while serving NFL-mandated suspensions for substance abuse. An unrestricted free agent, Morris is serving a four-month jail term for violating probation in connection with his 1996 arrest for marijuana possession.

"I wish him the very, very best," owner Art Modell said. "He's basically

a good young man who needs direction, needs discipline and needs to assume responsibility. ... We just felt it was time to go in a different direction. This is something we've been discussing for a long time."

The Ravens also said that 35-year-old running back Earnest Byner will not be asked back. That leaves three players in the backfield, all with just one year of experience — Jay Graham, Kenyon Cotton and Priest Holmes.

Therefore, general manager Ozzie Newsome said the Ravens will be looking to add a running back or two via free agency or through the NFL draft.

Kelly, 37, retired after a difficult 1996 season with the Bills. He served as a color analyst for NBC this season, and coach Ted Marchibroda is interested in seeing whether the quarterback is interested in once again testing his battered knees in game conditions.

"We have talked to Jim Kelly. He said he could be interested in playing, and if he is, we would certainly be interested," Marchibroda said.

Kelly reached the zenith of his career when Marchibroda was an assistant with Buffalo from 1987-91, and is quite familiar with the Ravens' offensive scheme. But can he still play, and does

he really want to?

"If the situation is such that he had a great opportunity to win a Super Bowl, then he would consider coming back and playing. To this point, he still has not made that decision," Newsome said.

That would only be Step 1.

"We have not finished with our evaluation of Jim. Part of that would be to actually see him throw and take a physical," Newsome said. "There are some hurdles that have to be crossed before we can say Jim will be a part of our plans."

If Kelly signs, the starting job is his.

BSHS swimmers going for crowns

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After having taken more than a month off from the rigors of competition, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers should be well rested Saturday when they head for Monahans and the District 4 swimming and diving championships.

The Big Spring swimmers haven't been taking it easy, however.

Instead, coach Harlan Smith has put his team through grueling workouts in preparation for the meet.

"We'll see if my theory about working them extremely hard and then giving them time to get well rested is the way to go," Smith said Wednesday, acknowledging that Big Spring and Pecos should battle for both the boys' and girls' division team titles.

The top six finalists in each event at the district meet will advance to the region meet in Lubbock.

"We worked extremely hard the week after Christmas and then started working our way down in the intensity of our workouts," he explained. "They started out swimming 10,000 yards a day and have gradually tapered down to 1,000 yards today. They'll swim 500 today and all we'll do Friday is take pictures."

Both Big Spring teams are packed with individuals who will be favorites in their specialties, but the key to chalking up district titles involves strong runner-up finishes.

"We've had strong swimmers almost every year," Smith noted, "but it's been a while since we've had the depth to be contenders for the district championship, especially in the girls' division."

Among the Steers figuring to take top spots Slate Broyles, Billy Beckworth, Stephen Smith and Brent Sisson, while the Lady Steers will be led by Somer Leubner, Melissa Sheedy, Allison Thomas and Michelle Tuttle.

Broyles, a junior, is favored in both the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke. With season bests of 56.75 seconds in the butterfly and 56.06 in the back-



HERALD photo

Big Spring Lady Steers swimmer Melissa Sheedy goes through workout paces in preparation for Saturday's District 4 swimming and diving meet in Monahans. Expected to contend for the 100 butterfly title, Sheedy is among a number of Big Spring swimmers who'll carry favorite tags into the meet.

stroke, he also figures to be among Big Spring's best bets to challenge District 4 records in his events.

To chalk up records, however, Broyles will have to trim more than a second off his 100 butterfly time to erase the 55.75 mark established in 1995 by Pecos' Evan Bates, but needs to shave just two-tenths of a second off his backstroke time to erase the 55.90 posted by Monahans' Chuck Rogers in 1993.

Beckworth also figures to be the favorite in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, having posted times of 23.84 in the 50 free and 1:08.16 in the 100 breaststroke.

Stephen Smith will be the favorite in the 200 individual medley, having posted a 2:12.44, but is expected to face a strong challenge in the 100 freestyle from Pecos' Kevin Bates. Smith's best in the 100 free is 52.44 seconds.

Sisson, who is the Steers No. 2 swimmer in the 200 IM, is expected to battle with Pecos' Scott Pounds for the district's one meter diving title.

Broyles, Beckworth and Smith will also swim on the Steers' strongest relay teams. The trio will team with Manfred Robinson in the 200 medley relay, and with Justin Ball in the 400 freestyle relay.

"The relays will be another big key because they count double in the points standings," the Steers coach added. "Our times in the medley relay are just about the same as Pecos', so it'll come down to who wants it the most. In the freestyle relay, our times have been at least three seconds better than everyone else has been able to do."

Ball, Robinson, Justin Williams and Dustin Navarro will man the Steers' 200 freestyle relay team and have the third best time in the district behind Pecos and Fort Stockton.

Tuttle figures to give the Lady Steers top spots in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, bringing the district's best times in both events — a 26.87 clocking in the 50 free and a 1:10.49 in the 100 breast. Leubner's best of 2:24.14 in

the 200 individual medley should make her a favorite in that event, but is expected to draw a strong challenge from Pecos' Liz Parent in the 500 freestyle. Leubner's best in the 500 free is 5:53.04.

Parent is also expected to challenge Thomas in the 200 freestyle. Thomas is the favorite in that event, however, bring the season's best time of 2:10.54. She is also the top entrant in the 100 free, having posted a 59.23 clocking this season.

Sheedy is also expected to have an excellent opportunity to win the 100 butterfly, having posted a season best of 1:10.93, and could add crucial points in the 200 IM.

Leubner, Sheedy, Thomas and Tuttle will combine their talents on both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"Monahans has beaten us all year long in the medley relay," Smith said of his girls' relay events. "We're putting our four top swimmers in the two freestyle relays ... kind of putting all our eggs in one basket."

Stanton players earn TSWA's all-state honors

From staff and wire reports

Stanton's Chad Smith and Jody Louder, two of the key defensive performers in the Buffs' march to a state championship, earned first-team recognition on the 1997 Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A All-State football team.

In addition, Stanton's Mark Cotton was selected as the TSWA's Class 2A Coach of the Year.

As was the case in balloting for the Associated Press Sports Editors, however, Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm was forced to take second-team honors behind Rogers' record-setting Patrick Hutka.

Hutka, who teamed with wideout Josh Whatley, to establish state passing records last season both were first team selections. Hutka was also named Offensive Player of the Year.

Buff split end Tyron Davis, who was a first-team pick on the APSE team, was also a second-team selection in the TSWA balloting.

Herm and Davis were two-way performers and earned spots on the defensive team as well — Herm as a second-team defensive back, while Davis was a third-team pick in the secondary.

Another Rogers star, Kyle Eaton, was a two-way first-team selection as an offensive and defensive lineman.

The TSWA Class 2A All-State team:

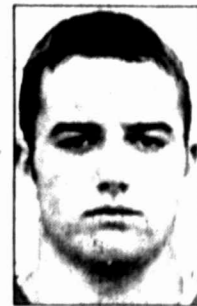
FIRST TEAM
Offense
Quarterback: Kyle Herm, Stanton, 5-10, 170, Jr.
Running backs: Bill Bisby, Refugio, 5-10, 230, Sr.; Kellon Jordan, Kerens, 5-6, 158, Sr.; Jammell Ward, Alto, 6-2, 215, Sr.
Placekicker: Luke Taylor, Goolley, Jr.
Defense
Linebackers: Felipe Bernal, Iran, 6-1, 295, Sr.; Adarryl Crawford, Lexington, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Beau Hodges, Elysian Fields, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Demetric Tucker, Bangs, 6-6, 255, Sr.
Linebackers: Matt Halley, Iola, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Shane Hensley, Harleton, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Burt McKinney, Refugio, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Waylon Strain, East Chambers, 5-10, 210, Sr.
Backs: Kyle Herm, Stanton, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Kellon Jordan, Kerens, 5-6, 158, Sr.; Jammell Ward, Alto, 6-2, 215, Sr.
Punter: Heath Fults, Pinedale West Sabine, 6-5, 235, Sr.
Kick returner: Jamie Thompson, Rosedale/Lott, 6-1, 165, Jr.

SECOND TEAM
Offense
Quarterback: Kyle Herm, Stanton, 5-10, 170, Jr.
Running backs: Keyou Craver, Harleton, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Johnny Moxley, Elysian Fields, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Chris Spivey, Groveton, 5-9, 175, Sr.
Placekicker: Chad Lancaster, Kerens, 5-10, 166, Sr.
Offensive Player of the Year: Hutka, Rogers
Defense
Linebackers: Dale Adams, White Deer, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Kyle Eaton, Rogers, 6-8, 270, Sr.; Brandon Green, Industrial, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Chad Smith, Stanton, 6-3, 220, Jr.
Linebackers: David Evans, Celina, 6-1, 180, Sr.; Brian Gamble, Alto, 6-4, 217, Sr.; Ryan Kleiber, Schulenburg, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Jody Louder, Stanton, 6-0, 190, Jr.
Backs: Cody Evans, Iola, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Ryan Gentry, Groveton, Jr., 6-1, 190, Jr.; Andrew Poole, Alto, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Chad Rhea, Crawford, 5-10, 180, Sr.
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Kick returner: Adrian Hackney, Alto, 6-0, 175, Sr.
Defense Player of the Year: Gamble, Alto
Coach of the Year: Mark Cotton, Stanton.

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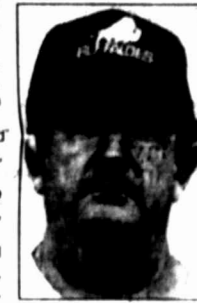
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Jones to meet with Lewis for a second interview

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones scheduled another meeting today with Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis about the Cowboys' head coaching vacancy, according to published reports.

The Dallas Morning News and

Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that Lewis would be in Dallas today to discuss the position.

Lewis is at least the third candidate Jones has interviewed to replace Barry Switzer, who resigned Jan. 9.

Jones declined to say if there are additional candidates for the job. He also declined to say

if he plans to ask the Denver Broncos for permission to talk to offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak.

So far, it is known that he has met with Lewis, former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue.

Jones interviewed Lewis for more than two hours Monday

morning, the day after Denver beat the Packers, 31-24, in Super Bowl XXXII. And the Cowboys owner also met for second interviews Monday with Donahue and Seifert.

Jones said Wednesday he planned to speak to Seifert and Donahue again later in the day and added that it is likely he could meet with them again.

Miami, Seattle win conference showdowns

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Miami Heat won a big battle in the East, while the Seattle SuperSonics prevailed in a Western showdown.

In their first meeting since last year's stormy seven-game playoff series, the Heat beat the New York Knicks 86-82 Wednesday night behind Tim Hardaway's 27 points.

Hardaway scored 15 in the fourth quarter at Miami, including a long 3-pointer with one minute left that put the Heat up 82-80.

"It was time for me to get aggressive," the All-Star guard said. "I saw open shots. I took them. I made them."

Miami increased its lead over second-place New York to three games in the Atlantic Division.

NBA ROUNDUP

The teams meet again Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Vin Baker had 28 points and 10 rebounds as the Sonics defeated the Utah Jazz 101-93. The Sonics forced 21 turnovers and survived a fourth-quarter comeback by the Jazz to snap Utah's seven-game home winning streak.

"They forced us to turn the ball over, and then they capitalized on the other end," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "There were whole stretches of the game when we couldn't get the shot we wanted."

NBA-best 34-10 record. Karl Malone had 27 points and 15 rebounds for the Jazz (28-14), who fell 1) games behind Midwest-leader San Antonio.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 104, Washington 102; Detroit 91, Orlando 86; Indiana 93, Philadelphia 90 in overtime; San Antonio 109, Los Angeles Clippers 86; and New Jersey 106, Los Angeles Lakers 95.

Nets 106, Lakers 95

Rookie Keith Van Horn scored 30 points and Kerry Kittles added 24 as New Jersey beat Los Angeles for the first time in four years.

The Nets had lost six in a row to the Lakers since beating them at the Forum on March 18, 1994. New Jersey won for only the fourth time in 25 games.

Sul Ross' Martin makes All-America team

HERALD Staff Report

Former Big Spring Steers star Stacey Martin, a two-time all-conference pick at Sul Ross State University, has added all-America honors to his credit.

Named among the American Southwest Conference's top defensive backs as both a junior and a senior, Martin was named to the Senior All-American Team selected by USA 3 magazine this year.

In addition, he will represent Sul Ross in the National Collegiate All-Star Game in Dallas on April 11.

That honor comes on the heels of being credited with seven solo tackles and two knocked down passes during the Martin Luther King

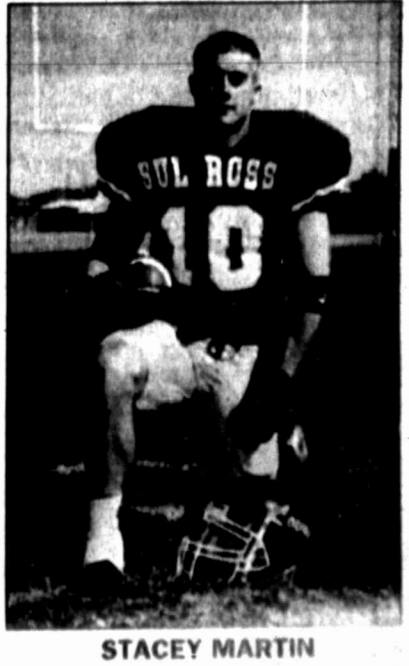
Holiday Classic Bowl in Fayetteville, N.C., on Jan. 19.

Martin was the first player in Sul Ross State University history to represent the school in the NCAA Division III showcase game.

Martin said getting a chance to play against the nation's top Division III players was an exciting honor.

"It was an honor to play with the best players in Division III and to see how I stacked up against the others in the game," he explained.

A 1993 Big Spring High School graduate, Martin was an all-District 4-4A defensive back for the Steers in addition to being named to all-area and the Class 4A all-state football teams.



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of what doesn't. You might be
more sensitive than you have
been in years prior. If you are
single, be careful; you could fall
in love with someone unavail-
able. Check out new prospects.
If attached, reveal more of your
vulnerabilities and sensitivities,
so your mate can become more
open to you. PISCES shares sen-
sational money ideas.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A dream sends you into a
tizzy. Your basis of making a
decision could be off. As you fig-
ure out what to do here, use
sugar rather than vinegar. You
make points in the meantime.
Feedback from others presents
different perspectives. Tonight:
Yawn and stay home.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Aim for what you want.
Hedging isn't going to help. A
partner is difficult and touchy.
You feel pressured, though you
do come through. Look for a
more effective manner of operat-
ing. Choose the high road. A
call brings good news. Tonight:
Start a spontaneous party.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your eyes twinkle, and you
have a wonderful treat ahead of
you. A loved one appreciates
you and your efforts. Examine
what is needed here. Be forth-
right, and discuss a problem
away. Let go of a difficult per-
sonality in your life. Tonight:
Out with co-workers.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take in all possibilities, and
break past rules. Find solutions
rather than problems. A partner
is gentle with you. Get feedback
when you can. Listen carefully
to an offer, and don't accept it if
you aren't ready for complete
commitment. Tonight: Take off
ASAP!*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A loved one acts up beyond
your limits. You can tell him
off, but waiting and having an
in-depth discussion could work
as well. Your caring approach
allows insights and the possibili-
ty of transformation. Tonight: Enjoy
close exchanges.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are out of kilter this
morning, and a family member
does little to support you.
Consider alternatives that pro-
vide more freedom and neces-
sitate less control. Let others
express their opinions and sug-
gestions. Let good will become
your main sentiment. Tonight:
Be where there is good fun.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Emphasize health and work.
You can get a lot done if you let
go and be yourself. Honor what
is important to you. Make sure
to tend to your interests. Start a
new health regime; don't put it
off any longer. Someone close
makes you feel wonderful.
Tonight: Take a health night!***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You might be limited by a risk
or financial expense. The truth
is that you need to let your cre-
ativity surge. Honor more of
your needs. A loved one appre-
ciates your creativity, ingenuity
and high energy. You are a role
model for a child. Tonight:
Whatever you wish.*****

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21)**
You cause yourself more prob-
lems than you realize. Consider
what you are doing, and try to
approach things in a more posi-
tive way. You opt to spend
money on you and your family.
Build rather than tear down;
that's the best game plan.
Tonight: Buy flowers on the way
home.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't push too hard to resolve
a situation that seems impossi-
ble. Put your best foot forward,
and be your loving self. Talks
flow, if you don't get too wor-
ried. Listen and relax. Clear
your desk, return calls and fin-
ish up extra work. Tonight: Feel
free as a bird!****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Listen carefully before you
decide that a situation is unten-
able. Someone you meet today
could be enticing but emotion-
ally unavailable. Carefully check
out this person. Instincts are
right on financially. Consider
an investment that can help you
professionally. Tonight: Shop!***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You are on a roll, so much so
that you ignore what a higher-
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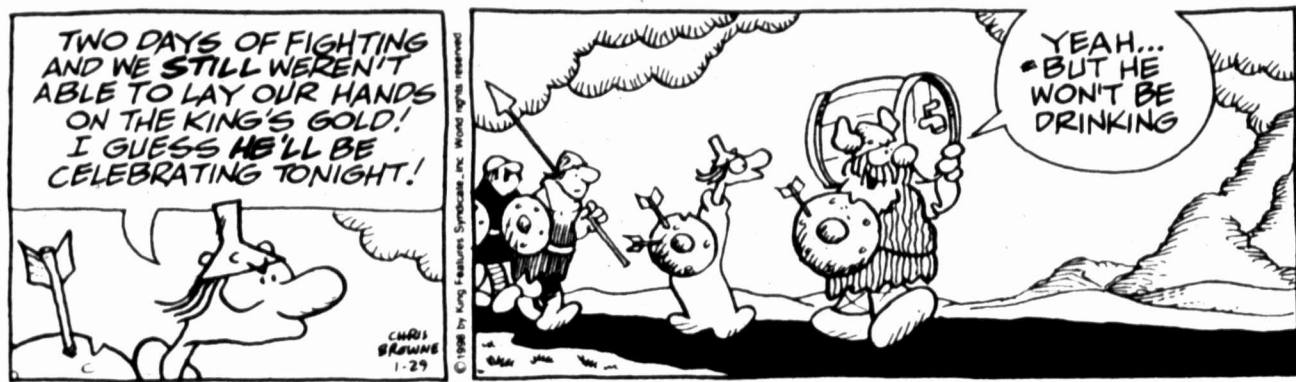
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3252 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27
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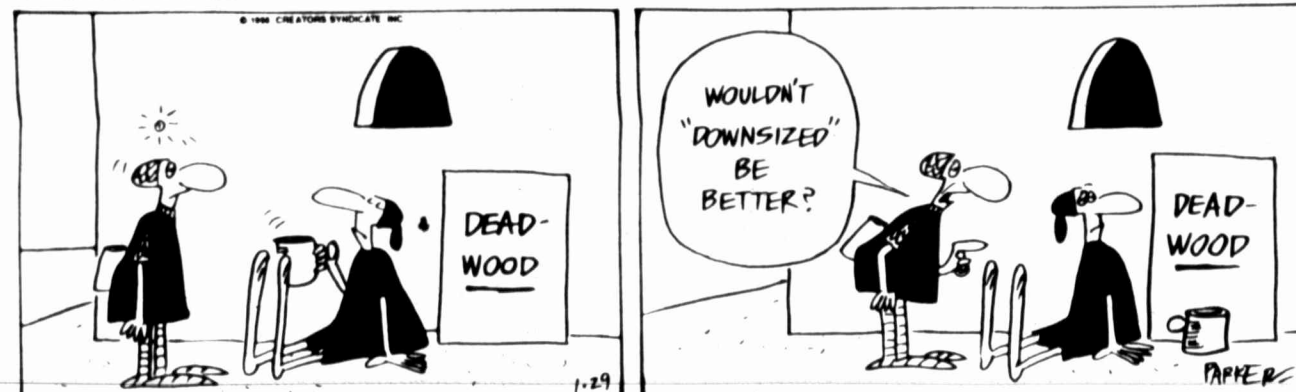
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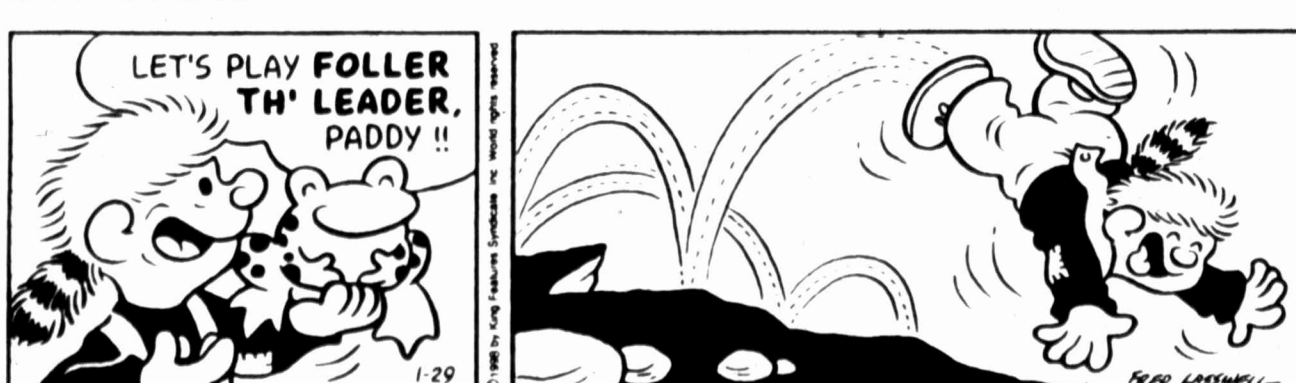
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 29,

the 29th day of 1998. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died insane at Windsor Castle...

On this date: In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery that included the admission of California into the Union as a free state.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1900, the American League, consisting of eight baseball teams, was organized in Philadelphia.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married.

In 1963, the first members of football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

In 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston.

In 1979, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1990, former Exxon Valdez skipper Joseph Hazelwood went on trial in Anchorage, Alaska, on charges stemming from the nation's worst oil spill. Hazelwood was acquitted of major charges and convicted of a misdemeanor.

Ten years ago: Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega received a coolly polite reception from Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. A Boston-bound Amtrak train derailed in Chester, Penn., injuring 25 people.

Five years ago: President Clinton announced that he was ordering the draft of a formal directive by July 15 to end the longstanding ban on homosexuals in the U.S. military.

One year ago: Threatened with lawsuits across the country, America Online agreed to give refunds to frustrated customers unable to log on after AOL offered a flat \$19.95-a-month rate.

THE Daily Crossword

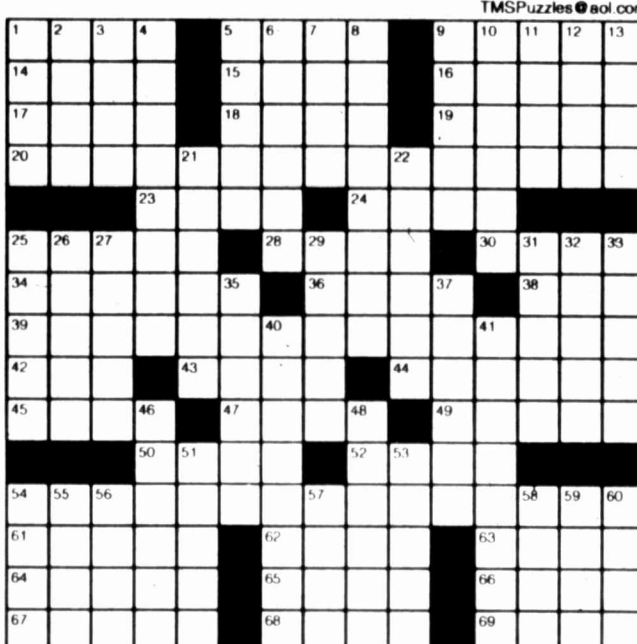
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By Betty Jorgensen Lake Oswego, OR

Wednesday's Puzzle solved.



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Today's Birthdays: Comedian "Professor" Irwin Corey is 86. Actor Victor Mature is 82. Actor John Forsythe is 80. Actor Noel Harrison is 62. Author Germaine Greer is 59. Actor Tom Selleck is 53. Actress Ann Jillian is 47. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 45. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 44. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 41. Actress Judy Norton Taylor ("The Waltons") is 40. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato (NRBQ) is 39.

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HELP WANTED

WANTED: Private instructor to teach Tumbling to small group. Call 263-4685 or 263-1091.

CDL Training, you take the test, we do the rest. Learners permit, truck & trailer furnished. Call 268-9557 for info.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

has an opening for an Accounts Payable Clerk, experienced in high volume, fast-paced office. Computer experience a must. We offer competitive wage and excellent benefits package with 401(k) retirement. Applications will be picked up at the switchboard between the hours of 7am and 3pm, 1601 West 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas or fax resume to (915) 263-6454, ATTN: C. New. No phone calls please. EOE.

Help Wanted: Child care for 2 children Washington school area. Must have own transportation. Call 268-9807 after 5:00pm, leave message.

LONG JOHN SILVERS Needed day time help & delivery drivers. Apply in person. No phone calls please.

Shift Manager positions available in high tech cotton yarn spinning plant located in Snyder, Texas. Management experience preferred but not required. Must be self-starter, motivated and have High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Please send resume to Lorber Industries of Texas, P.O. Box 640, Snyder, Texas 79550. EOE.

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LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA is now accepting applications for **MANAGEMENT POSITIONS**. Please call 915-520-8016, leave message.

New hiring 2 Licensed Plumbers. Must provide job references, must be willing to relocate to Big Spring, Tx. Send resume to 2308 Thorpe, Big Spring, Tx 79720.

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Don's Tire & Truck Ser. S. Service Rd 1-20 Taking applications for experienced Truck & Tractor Tire repair man. Pay according to experience.

VISTA PROPANE, a growing propane and fuel marketer, seeks motivated employees to drive delivery trucks and to handle office responsibilities for office in your area. CDL preferred, LP license a plus. Send resume to P. O. Box 190, Midland, Texas 79720 or phone 915-685-1855.

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Exciting route sale deliver job opportunity now available. Great benefits such as 401k, disability ins., vacation pay, Health insurance and much more! Meet people, use and develop your selling skills. Must be in good physical condition. Apply Now! Call 263-4186

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Brick Layer wanted for New Big Spring Jr. High \$20 per hour. Come by the job site between 8:00-4:30.

AVON \$8-\$18/hr. No Door-to-Door, Quick Cash, Fun & Relaxing 1-800-361-0466.

Farm help wanted: **References required.** 353-4450

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REQUIREMENTS ARE: 23 years old with 2 years semi driving experience of completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at **STEERE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 176, Phone #915263-7656.**

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

DRIVERS - TST Paraffin Service Co. (Div. of Yale Key) Looking for Truck Driver with CDL Licensed with less than 3 tickets in 5 years. Will have to pass DOT Physical and Drug Test. Must be 21 years old. Will take applications at the Stanton and Lamesa offices or call 1-800-522-0474 or 756-2975. Benefits include Health Insurance, Uniform's furnished, Profit Sharing Plan, 1 week vacation, after 1 year employment, 2 week vacation after 2 year employment. Will train qualified applicants with oil field experience.

MAINTENANCE MAN needed for apartment complex. Must have own tools, able to do make ready, and all types of maintenance. Must have a/c & heating knowledge. Can be part-time. Must apply in person. Ponderosa Apts. 1425 E. 6th.

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270 acres of farm land for sale. 8 miles Northwest of Big Spring. 264-6615.

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Big Round Bales of Hay! Alfalfa, Rye, Wheat & Red Top Cane & Oats. Call 263-8785.

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(1) 8 yr old Mare, rode in Playdays; (1) 5 yr. old Mare, good gentle pleasure horse; (1) 18 mo old App Stud, (3) saddles, (1) 5x16 trailer. 267-6856.

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