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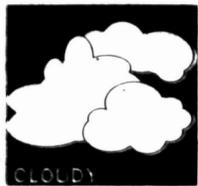
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Today:



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BSSH surplus sale is nearing

Big Spring State Hospital Surplus Sale will be Wednesday in the Receiving Building, west of Trip Griffins.

Surplus items will be for sale including desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, appliances and TVs. Viewing and bidding will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Wednesday.

The sale will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Call 263-0618 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

Women's Aglow will not meet.

TUESDAY

Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

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

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Texas Tech Ex Students Association, Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

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First-class postage stamp to increase a penny

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

It's time to buy some new stamps. That's because next Sunday, the U.S. Postal Service will increase the price of a first-class stamp to 33 cents.

The one-cent increase means in order to send a letter, customers will need to add one-cent stamps, or buy the new "H" stamp. The stamp, featuring a hat like the one on Uncle Sam, is available now.

"We have a lot of one-cent stamps available," said Perry Whitehead, supervisor at the

local post office. He acknowledged that longer lines at the office are common when the price of sending a letter increases.

"It's not a bad idea for them to start preparing now."

The designated "make-up stamp," features a rooster. Uncle Sam himself will be pictured on the 22-cent stamp.

Richard Saxton, postmaster, said in a press release that the planned increase is "less than half the rate of inflation and is the smallest rate increase since postal reorganization in 1970."

A one-ounce first-class letter

will cost 33 cents to send, but each additional ounce will now cost you less. That price drops from 23 cents to 22 cents, up to 13 ounces.

Money orders also decrease in price on Jan. 10, lowered by 5 cents each. That change, Whitehead said, was driven by competition.

"Other people were selling money orders cheaper than we were," he explained.

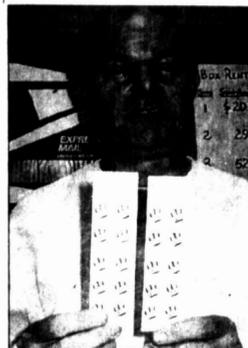
Postcard stamps will not change from their current price of 20 cents each. A stamped card will cost you 21 cents, while a stamped envelope will be available for 40 cents.

Some other fees have changed, and an increase in international rates is planned in the spring. Also upcoming are some new service, including one that will allow mailers to call a toll-free number to confirm delivery of their packages.

Whitehead said the post office tries to educate its customers for several weeks before a price increase is slated.

"We pass out handouts that explain the changes," he said, "and we're willing to talk with anyone that has questions."

For more information or a rate chart, call the post office at 263-7391.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
U.S. Post Office employee Jerry Myrick holds some of the new "H" stamps.

CRMWD enjoys 50 years of growth in West Texas

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

The Colorado River Municipal Water District turns 50 years old this year and despite fighting drought, endangered species, other water authorities and financial challenges, it has grown to be the major supplier of raw water for municipal use in West Texas.



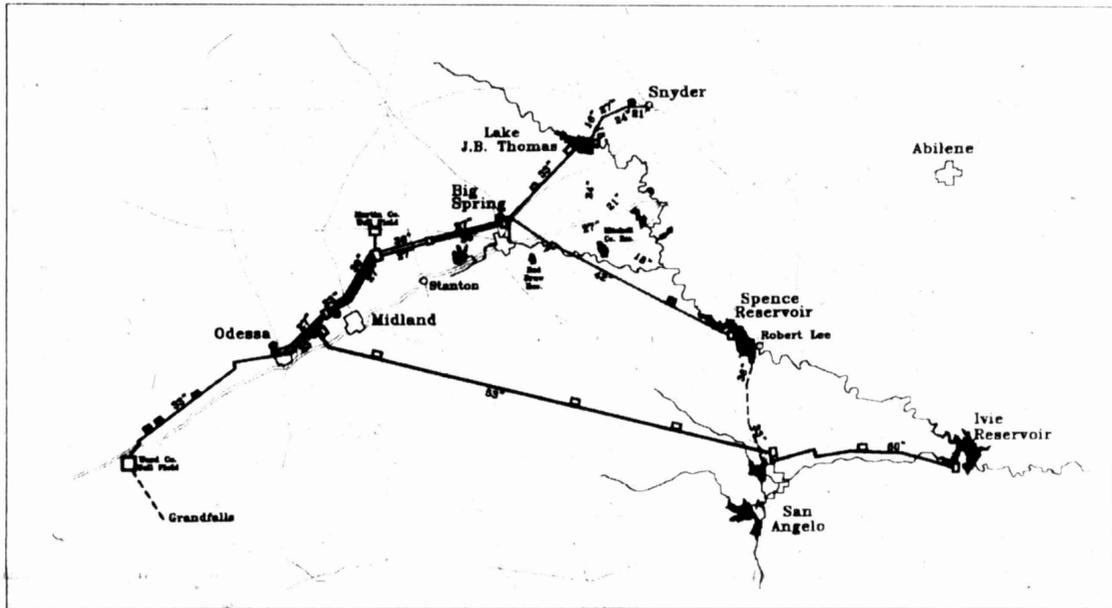
GRANT

"They had a vision for water in West Texas and started laying groundwork and planning," said John Grant, district general manager. "Obviously it was organized planning, starting with Thomas, the well fields, the Spence Reservoir in the late 60s and then Ivie Reservoir. This board of directors has continually been looking toward the future and planning for the development of new water supplies."

"I think that is the stage the district is in today. We don't have plans of building anything in the near future, but we want to make sure we've done the planning for the next 50 years," Grant said.

CRMWD was created by an act of the 51st Legislature in 1949 and began delivering water in 1952.

As the CRMWD moves into its 50th year, it boasts a service area of all or parts of 34 counties and more than 31,000



Since the Colorado River Municipal Water district was created by the Texas Legislature in 1949, it has increased its service from three million gallons a day to 54.8 million per day. It now serves more than 325,000 people in 34 counties.

square miles. Its deliveries, which started at three million gallons a day, now average 54.8 million a day.

The district serves all or a portion of the water needs of 325,000 people in West Texas. That number will grow to more than 425,000 when the City of Abilene constructs its pipeline from the Ivie Reservoir in 15 to 20 years.

"In addition to the board, the key to the success has been the people in West Texas. The three members cities and customer cities had to buy into this and realize the important of developing water supplies too," said Grant.

Permits for O.H. Ivie Reservoir — commonly called

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CRMWD Reservoir Report, Dec. 1, 1998

Lakes	Elevation	Present capacity	Full Capacity	Percent full
Thomas	2,208.25	6,785	204,000	3.33%
Spence	1,848.22	75,320	488,760	15.51%
Ivie	1,544.75	434,531	554,340	78.39%
Moss Crk.	2,324.90	1,822	3,441	52.95%

Thomas lingers in the drought, kept alive by Ivie Reservoir

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Puffs of dust scroll upward as a jackrabbit hops across roads that lead nowhere. A long, wide strip of concrete juts into space. It used to be a boat ramp, but the water is gone.

So are the people. The only store closed a few years ago and most of the small trailers and houses grouped around it show no sign of having been lived in for some time. A screen door creaks open in the light wind and falls shut.

Open and shut.

That's been the history of Lake J.B. Thomas, the sometimes summer playground of skiers, fishermen and campers from Lubbock, Abilene, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa. Decades ago, it boasted communities on three sides, with restaurants, boat houses, bait shops and a motel.

Most of those closed in earlier times of drought, never to open again. It's been since 1962 that Lake Thomas was full of water.

Today, there are few people living or even fishing there. The water — what there is of it — is murky from the silt. What keeps the lake alive is water pumped in from O.H. Ivie Reservoir, about 100 miles away. Thomas may not

support any recreational activity, but it still plays a vital role in providing water to Snyder.

"We are in a new drought of record for Lake Thomas, and probably for Spence (E.V. Spence Reservoir) as well. If we hadn't built Ivie, we wouldn't have any surface water out here. That's a fact," said John Grant, general manager for the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Through November, Lake Thomas had captured only 856 acre-feet — by far the lowest amount in the lake's history.

In fact, Grant pointed out, for five of the past six years, Thomas has experienced not only its lowest inflow, but its second lowest (3,100 in 1994), third low-

est (3,920 in 1996), ninth lowest (9,176 in 1995) and tenth lowest (10,473 in 1993).

As a result of the long drought, Thomas is at only 3.33 percent of capacity. The lake, which will hold 204,000 acre feet, contains just 6,785.

Perhaps surprisingly, that's not the all-time low. On May 28, 1971, Lake Thomas held just 2,206.3 acre feet and was at 2.37 percent capacity.

The reason it didn't dry up completely is simple.

"It rained," said Grant. "It rained." And the only reason Thomas hasn't hit a new low during this drought is because of the water being pumped in

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VA Medical Center sets sights on completion of clinic, remodeling

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Veterans Administration Medical Center will see the completion of a state-of-the-art outpatient clinic and surgical floor, remodeling and relocation within this year.

"We're looking forward to another productive year providing quality healthcare to our veterans," said Cary D. Brown, medical center director.

"The new ambulatory care addition project will be complete early this year. This pro-

ject will include state of the art outpatient clinic area and surgical suite," Brown said.

The VA system also has the use of six new primary care community based outpatient clinics, which have improved access to health care, he said.

The new clinics are located in Abilene, Fort Stockton, Odessa, San Angelo, Stamford and Hobbs, N.M.

"The VA Medical Center has moved forward in providing training that is current for all departments by contracting with a satellite training company to deliver 10 hours of hospital training each working day," Brown said.

By bringing training and professionals to the hospital, time and money management is improved for all employees, he said.

Also, more employees have an

opportunity to receive training by having the sessions on-site, he said.

"The training will keep skills and knowledge current with the ever-changing health scene and result in better patient care for our veterans," Brown said.

Community support adds to the quality of care available at the medical center. Generous employees help make each holiday season special for the veterans who live at the hospital's nursing home center, he said.

This Christmas season, medical center staff adopted each of the 40 residents and provided Christmas presents during a special holiday party.

And other community members add to the quality of life at the medical center.

"Many volunteers, service

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Becky Raney of the Downtown Barber Shop gives Wade Kirkwood a new look for the new year on Saturday.

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Blowing snow and ice shut down travel across Midwest

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A huge snowstorm blew across the Midwest on Saturday with whiteout conditions and drifting snow, canceling hundreds of airline flights, chasing motorists off roads and keeping mail deliverers from their appointed rounds.

"I knew it was going to be here one way or another," said snowplow driver Kerry Morris in Des Moines, Iowa.

By midday Saturday, snow was 13 inches deep in western Indiana's Parke County, and 10 inches of new snow had fallen at Eldora, Iowa, and in southwestern Ohio. Up to 15 inches was forecast in Missouri, and 10 inches was possible in Illinois on top of 10 inches that fell Friday.

Wind gusting to 40 mph created blizzard conditions. Snow drifted over roads almost as fast as plows could open them in parts of northern and

central Indiana.

"It's nasty. I wouldn't want to have to go out," Vickie Berkey said from her home near Angola, Ind. "There's a drift in front of the garage and it just keeps getting bigger."

Thirty-four Indiana counties plus seven cities declared snow emergencies, banning unnecessary travel.

"The roads are impassable," said Pam Bright of the Indiana Emergency Management Agency.

The Postal Service even quit delivering mail in the Indianapolis area. The threat of freezing rain, along with below-zero wind chills, made it too dangerous for carriers to walk their routes, said Postmaster Mike Lamborne.

Thousands of travelers found themselves without a ride as hundreds of flights through major Midwest airports

were called off.

"It's been crazy, extremely hectic, madness," said Sara Shillito, a worker at a coffee shop in Ohio's Port Columbus International Airport, where one of the two runways was shut down. "Lots and lots of people, waiting around, walking around."

TWA canceled nearly 400 morning flights at St. Louis, its main hub. At Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, American canceled all flights through midnight Saturday and United shut down everything after midafternoon.

United spokesman Matt Triaca said anyone planning to fly out of O'Hare should wait until Monday — or Tuesday.

That set up more delays and cancellations elsewhere across the country. At least 26 flights at Denver were

called off. Northwest Airlines shut down about 150 flights systemwide.

Delta Airlines in Atlanta canceled dozens of its flights, including everything headed for Cincinnati, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit, said spokeswoman Jackie Pate.

Blizzard conditions were forecast in the Chicago area. The city put more than 700 pieces of snow-fighting equipment on the streets by early morning and closed Lakeshore Drive, which gets hit by waves from Lake Michigan.

All trips out of the Greyhound Bus station in Milwaukee were canceled Saturday, stranding about 20 people, said terminal manager Maxine Malone. She was thinking of just spending the night there herself instead of trying to get home.

One of the stranded Milwaukee trav-

elers was 20-year-old Frank Ramos, who had ridden a bus from New York City and was trying to get to Appleton, Wis., 100 miles north of Milwaukee, to give his girlfriend an engagement ring and meet her parents.

"I'm trying to have a good attitude," Ramos said. "I don't know when I'm going to get there. If I have to go walking I probably will."

Freezing rain along the southern edge of the storm pulled down power lines in Arkansas and some 85,000 customers were in the dark Saturday, down from more than 100,000 the night before.

Utilities said more than 11,000 customers lost power during the morning in northern Illinois, with widespread outages in other parts of the state, and some 3,000 were blacked out in Indiana.

Clinton pledges billions in defense spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed \$100 billion in new Pentagon spending Saturday, his answer to criticism of the armed forces' readiness to satisfy expanded commitments abroad despite aging weaponry and falling recruitment.

"Our troops continue to execute complex and dangerous missions far from home with flawless precision, as we've just seen in the Persian Gulf," the president said in his weekly radio address.

"Our challenge is to retain the ability to do this as we carry out our entire defense strategy."

If approved by Congress, the \$12 billion increase for the next fiscal year would combine \$4 billion in new money and \$8 billion made available from the Pentagon budget by lower-than-forecast inflation and fuel prices. It would mark the first time since 1991, the year of the Persian Gulf War, that Pentagon spending rose above the level of inflation.

It also would be the largest increase since President Reagan's Cold War buildup of the mid-1980s.

Plotted over six years, the Clinton administration's proposal would commit \$100 billion

additional funds to shoring up Pentagon readiness, recruitment and modernization programs. The president's overall Defense Department request for the budget year beginning Oct. 1 would bring total military spending to \$268.2 billion, a \$10-billion increase over levels planned for this year, administration officials said.

For Clinton, the proposal represented a big political shift from his presidency's long-exclusive focus on domestic spending. He was responding to complaints by military leaders and Republicans about a deteriorating level of readiness in a

military under strain from declining recruitment, aging equipment, expanding anti-terrorism commitments and increasing overseas campaigns from Bosnia to Iraq. The budget proposal, which also includes a 4.4 percent military pay raise, the largest since 1982, "will help us to do right by our troops by upgrading and replacing aging equipment, barracks and family housing," Clinton said. The money would also pay for joint exercises, flight training, spare parts, recruiting and "the next generation" of ships, planes and weapons systems.

Killings are down, but gun deaths still high among youth, Justice Department announces

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's murder rate fell in 1997 to a level last seen 30 years ago, but young Americans with firearms still are killing each other at a relatively high rate, the Justice Department reported Saturday.

The nation's murder rate was 6.8 per 100,000 people, about the same as figures for the late 1960s and the lowest since 6.2 per 100,000 in 1967. The rate was down from highs of 10.2 per 100,000 in 1980 and 9.8 in 1991. In 1950 the rate was 4.6 per 100,000.

"Our cities are now the safest they have been in a generation," the White House said in a written statement. "A variety of studies show that crime, and especially homicide, should continue to decline into the next year, and that is good news for Americans in 1999."

The Clinton administration attributed the declines to a 1994 crime law strong support-

ed by the president. The Justice Department's statistical arm, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, released its analysis of FBI crime data for 1997 showing that while city dwellers remained more likely to be murder victims, much of the decline in the murder rate was posted in the nation's largest cities. In cities with populations above 1 million, the murder rate fell from 35.5 per 100,000 in 1991 to 20.3 per 100,000 in 1997.

The sharp increase in killings in the late 1980s and much of the subsequent decline are attributable to a rise and fall in gun violence involving young people, the report said.

Still, while firearm killings by 25-year-olds and older plummeted by roughly half to about 5,000 between 1980 and 1997, gun killings by young people 18 to 24 increased from about 5,000 in 1980 to more than 7,500 in 1997.

GOP to press again for end to marriage tax penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans will resurrect legislative efforts in the new Congress to give married couples a tax break by getting rid of the "marriage tax penalty" in existing law.

GOP lawmakers "will work to make elimination of the marriage tax penalty our top tax relief priority to help families in 1999," Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Ill., said in the party's weekly

radio address. With Weller as chief sponsor, the House last year passed legislation that would have given some 28,000 married couples tax relief. But the measure died because the Senate never acted on it.

"Republicans believe it is wrong and unfair that today's tax code imposes higher taxes on married working couples," Weller said.

"In fact, an average married working couple pays almost \$1,400 more in taxes than an identical couple living together outside of marriage," he added. In his district, he said that is equal to a year's tuition to a community college or three months of day care.

Although the marriage penalty measure died, the old Congress was successful in other efforts to provide

Americans with some tax relief. For instance, Congress enacted a \$500-per-child tax credit, which Weller said will let parents of more than 48 million children keep more of their income. Congress also increased deductions for student loans expenses. Weller said that will let some 3 million taxpayers this year deduct up to \$1,500 in student loan interest costs.

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BEALLS-STAGE

FIREFIGHTERS READY TO WALK, CHIEF PLANS TO RESIGN AND FIREFIGHTERS PROMISE TO GO WITH HIM.

This is a very scary headline if you happen to live in the county and depend on volunteers to help protect your life and property in the event of an emergency. This is magnified by the numbers and size of fires that swept the world this last year.

Volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel are a very distinct and dedicated breed of individuals who willingly elect to go out and risk their own lives to insure the safety and property of others. So, what could have us so frustrated that we could even contemplate walking away from the job we have elected to do?

The County fire chief plans to resign. It is not because the Commissioner's Court has not bought us a new truck. The Chief plans to resign because he has made enemies of some members of the court and feels that this animosity is effecting the working relationship between the fire department and the court. He finally decided that if he completely walked away from the fire department, then maybe the department could elect a new leader and that leader would be able to establish a better working relationship with the court and thus be able to provide the quality of service that the county deserves. He is willing to give up everything he loves and has worked toward in the hopes that in the end, the citizens of the county would be better served. For those in the county who personally know the County Fire Chief, you can begin to understand just exactly what he is willing to sacrifice for your benefit.

The escalation of tension comes from the firefighters themselves. This is our leader, our elected official. This is the person in whom we place our trust and lives. If you were witness to the major fire in early May, you may have seen fire department members literally drive through a firestorm of thirty foot flames because the fire chief simply told them, "I need you here right now to help save these people and their house." If the court is unwilling to work with our leader, then how can we work for them? This show of unity has been voiced as "You Go, We Go" and this unity applies to every facet of our operation. This unity has also created a new set of problems.

If we go, who is there to protect you, the citizens of the county? This one question dominates most of our decisions and is one that we ponder very seriously. Our concern for the safety and protection of the residents in the county has been very effective in preventing us from throwing up our hands in frustration and walking away many times. If we leave, you will be protected by the city fire department. This will cost a considerable amount of money. The firefighters will have to be paid for these services, they do not work for free. They will have to be supplied with equipment; they would not take most of our equipment to a demolition derby on a bet. Then figure in insurance, retirement, new facilities to house the firefighters and equipment and you can begin to see the magnitude of this option. In the end it equates to you the citizens of the county having to fund this venture with tax dollars. This certainly is not in the best interest of the citizens of the county. Unfortunately, the court is counting on us sacrificing our leader for the good of the county and we, the firefighters, are to the point of saying no. We have had enough. We will walk away from the department before we desert our chosen leader.

The court would like for you to believe that we want to be exempt from the budget process. This is not true. The court would like to compare us to spoiled children who raise a fuss if they do not get their way. This too is a false impression. We try, through our elected chief, to work with the court. When they choose to ignore our leader we bring our concerns to you, the citizens. What we ask of you is to hear our concerns and decide if we are truly being unreasonable. We are, after all funded by you and the service we provide directly impacts your everyday lives.

We are not asking the court to give us everything we want. No department or agency could realistically expect such a request be granted. We are not asking the court to grant us a blanket amount of money and then turn us loose to spend that money as we see fit. There has to be a set of checks and balances to insure that all county funds are legitimately and legally used and accounted for. We depend on the courts' guidance and knowledge of the law for such matters. What we are asking the court to do is extend the basic courtesy of not spending our budget behind our backs.

The County Fire Department created long range goals for the department and submitted them to the court. These goals include the systematic replacement of expensive equipment, mainly the replacement of county fire trucks. To coincide with this plan, we asked the court to allocate money to provide for the replacement of an aging truck this last year. This item along with other itemized budget items were approved by the court and our budget reflected these requested amounts in the different categories of our budget. This shows that the court has been very gracious in granting us the money requested for our budget and that they are doing everything in their power to be accommodating to us. However, when it came time to request bids for the purchase of a new truck we start having a problem. First, our County Chief was inadvertently left off of the agenda. Come back next month. Next, there was a problem with the bid specifications, rewrite the specifications and submit them next month. Then finally, you do not have enough money in your budget to purchase this equipment. We will try to find a way to come up with some more money somewhere down the line.

Why was there not enough money? Because members of the court decided that they needed to purchase some equipment and place it at one of the rural stations in the county. When the County Fire Chief asked why he was not apprised of this decision he was specifically told that the court did not have to consult with him. Legally, the Volunteer Fire Department does not exist and the court has the right to purchase what equipment they deem necessary and place it where they want. Legally, they are correct. Morally, this is a slap in the face.

The court will stand by its legal right and claim they have done nothing wrong. Within the letter of the law I have to agree with them. But for them to treat anyone in a manner such as this is a disgrace. This man has given the citizens of Howard County his all for years. He has willingly traded time with his family to guarantee your protection. He has missed birthday parties, baseball games and wedding anniversaries. He left his mother and family standing beside his father's coffin at the cemetery all because he made a commitment to protect the citizens of this county. What has he asked for in return? Nothing! He is content in the knowledge that if his efforts have helped save a single life or kept a single family from losing their home then he has been amply compensated. What do we, the Volunteer firefighters of the county ask for him? We ask that the Commissioner's Court of Howard County recognize his position as Our Chief and Our Leader not because they have a legal obligation to do so but because he has earned the privilege. Not only from us, the firefighters, but from every citizen he has sworn to protect.

One of the commissioners wrote a letter to the people running for a seat on the Commissioner's Court. In that letter was this statement: "The County Fire Department is a mess. The best I can tell you is to ignore them and hope they go away." Citizens of Howard County, he is dangerously close to getting his wish.

Pepper Sullivan Firefighters, EMT-Paramedic Secretary, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Heading into 1999 with hope, promise of a kindergartner

There's a familiar saying that goes "out with the old and in with the new" ... well, the old is out and the new is here as we find ourselves three days deep into the last year of the 20th Century.

For many Baby Boomers, this is a year, for whatever reason, that perhaps we never really expected to get here. After all, if you were born in 1950, think how far away 1999 sounded!

But here we are, talking about things like the new millennium, Y2K, whether or not we want to be flying when the clock rolls over to 2000 and dozens of other things we never expected to be considering.

One thing the calendar does for us is allow us the opportunity once a year to start over ... to renew life, if you will ... and that is where we find ourselves now.

With new desk and wall calendars ready for notation, we head into 1999 with all the hope and promise of a kindergartner heading to school for the very first time.

And while we might not be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, we enter the new year with an optimism of things that might be, of things we would do differently if only provided the opportunity and with an attitude that allows us to face the challenges that pop up around every corner.

Many people consider New Year resolutions as a light-hearted ritual ... things we say we'll do but don't really care if we follow through or not.

But perhaps we should consider resolutions as something more serious — a road map, if you will, to help us successfully navigate the twists and turns that lie ahead of us in the year to unfold.

Always, there will be forces outside our control that will impact our lives and our ability to do the things we want, but if we can ease our task by taking the time to plan ahead a bit, wouldn't it make for a better year for us all?

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As another holiday season draws to a close, I would like to commend the Big Spring Herald for its efforts to obtain a sponsor for each Angel on the Salvation Army's Angel Trees. Each year my husband and I sponsor as many Angels as we can. I would hope each family in Big Spring would do the same. Part of the reason so many Angels go unclaimed is the simple fact that the toy the

child desires is outrageously expensive. It is understandable that the child wishes to have a Nintendo 64, a new bicycle, a life-size Barbie, etc. However, an adult fills out the Angel card. They should encourage the child to choose a less expensive item. Many families would love to help the children in need, but can't afford such extravagance.

LINN HUGHES
GARDEN CITY

OTHER VIEWS

It is an unlikely venue for a bribery scandal: Salt Lake City Olympic organizers are alleged to have used bribery and the services of influence-peddlers to land the 2002 Winter Games.

The International Olympic Committee and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee have launched inquiries into reports that a scholarship fund run by the Utah bid committee had benefited IOC members and their relatives, and that expensive gifts ... were part of the consideration. The stakes went up with the announcement that a federal criminal investigation had also been launched.

The stakes are high, for the main stock in trade of the Olympics is its image as the

embodiment of clean, fair athletic competition among the nations of the world. That image is the drawing card for the corporate sponsorships and public viewing interest that generate the money to run the Olympic organization. ... The various investigations should be conducted with the intention that anything suggesting criminal activity be followed to its logical conclusion. Only a thorough and credible investigation taken to a credible end result and shared exhaustively with the public can mitigate the damage these allegations will do to the future of the Olympic Games.

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Don't sell quality of life for chicken feed

Having grown up in the Deep South, I find it interesting that the poultry industry is an area of economic development being studied for Howard County. And I use the term interesting because I've never thought about West Texas as being chicken country.

Of course, poultry is the "uptown" word for the industry. Folks who raise chickens for a living call them chicken farms and their odor — especially the one generated by wet feathers — makes the most foul odor coming from the oil patch smell like French perfume.

South Mississippi-based Sanderson Farms — the company many members of my family contracted with while they were in the business of raising chickens — has expressed an interest in at least studying the feasibility of establishing a broiler operation in the area.

As a result, Moore Development and a number of

persons in the community are working with the county agent's office to get information together for Sanderson.

Many's the time when I've heard those Sanderson trucks roll down what we knew as Fellowship Road, slowing to turn onto the property and heading up to the houses.

It was generally about 4 in the morning when they rolled in, either to pick up the chickens that had been raised or to drop off chicks for the next growing cycle and the bad thing about it was that once you were up, there was no sneaking back to bed, even for a 12-year-old kid spending the summer with a cousin.

The need to diversify our economy, whether through the development of kenaf as an alternative crop or poultry, is never more evident than when we've missed another cotton crop and the oil economy is flat.

While the prospect for jobs is high, with up to 1,400 mostly minimum wage-type jobs being talked about at a processing plant alone, there are drawbacks related to the industry — the least of all being a risk similar to that already faced by cotton farmers.

A lot depends on the contract negotiated between the contract growers and the compa-

ny, whether it be Tyson, Bo Pilgrim or Sanderson. I recall that years ago, Sanderson either carried the note or helped arrange financing for the chicken houses.

At one time a few years ago, there was legal action taken by contract growers because the contracts were basically airtight and risk-free for the company.

Until the chickens are picked up and loaded on the truck, the risk rides solely on the shoulder of the grower.

In Northwest Arkansas in 1993 and 1994, millions of birds died in the summer heat. Those same two years, in Washington and Benton counties, roofs on dozens of houses collapsed under the weight of ice and snow — again, thousands and thousands of birds died.

During a Leadership Fayetteville tour of a Benton County poultry operation, I remember the grower telling us that the week before he had lost 75,000 birds in the three minutes between the time he lost electrical power and his emergency generators kicked on.

You see, the birds were packed so tightly in the houses — at least under his contract — that without electricity to keep his cooling system going,

there was no air for the chickens to breathe and they suffocated.

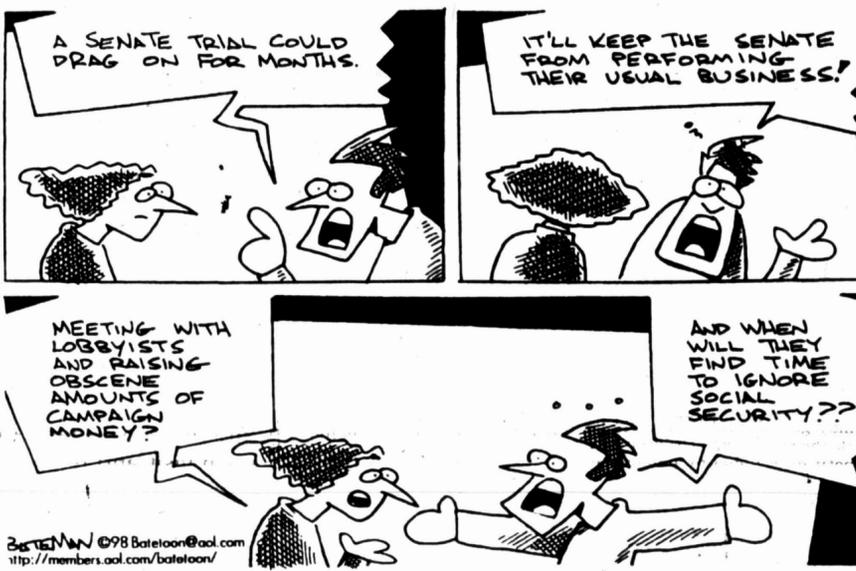
There are other concerns as well, such as the high demand for water and the fact the water used in processing of poultry is so contaminated that the cost of treating it is sky-high.

Another concern is what to do with the poultry droppings, which will contaminate the groundwater if not disposed of properly.

There are several processing facilities in Texas, including one that Sanderson operates in Bryan and two that Pilgrim has in Mount Pleasant, so there's a track record to follow and people in communities to talk to regarding the potential strengths and weaknesses of having such an industry here.

As I said, I agree that we have a desperate need to diversify our economy and, by and large, we have "clean" industry here — that is, industry that doesn't pollute the air and environment like the steel mills of the east — and which ever direction we seek to go to help our economy, we need to ensure that we don't sell our quality of life for minimum wages.

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Starting, beginning and commencing

The Court of Peeves, Crotchets & Irks resumes its winter assizes with a petition from Ruth Richards Meyer of Waynesville, N.C. She asks for an advisory opinion on verbs of initiative. When do we write of starting, beginning, commencing or launching?

The court will venture an opinion that in most contexts, the difference between "to start," "to begin" and "to commence" is roughly the width of a cat's whisker. If we are writing about a symphony concert, a day in court, or a meeting of the ladies' sodality, we can alternatively start them, begin them or commence them, and no one will object.

Yet there are manifest exceptions. We do not begin a car or commence a car; we start the stubborn thing. We do not commence the beguine; we begin it. We do not begin court proceedings; we commence them or initiate them. We launch satellites, ships and political campaigns.

All the verbs convey the idea of setting something into continuing motion. "To commence" is more formal — more measured, more deliberate — than "to begin." The court supposes that "to start" often suggests an element of spontaneity: The fight started when Bob stepped on the cat.

The writer's unending task is to grasp the nuances that lend depth and texture to his or her work. In that endeavor, a good thesaurus is a great help. Roget and Rodale spread before us a glittering array of jewels. Consider a particular light. Does it glow, gleam, glitter, glare or dazzle? Is a particular sound a cry, a sob, a wail, a moan, a groan or a whimper? Good writers start or begin or commence to think about these riches in the cradle. The really good ones never stop.

Fred Wood of Greenwood, S.C., asks the court for an order banning "hard" in the sense of "difficult." The motion will be denied — the virtually synonymous usage is standard English — but with an admonition to consider the tone of a given piece of writing. In casual writing we have hard jobs; in more formal passages we have difficult tasks.

Fred C. Smyth of Oak Harbor, Wash., is irked by "whether or not." He contends that "the word 'whether' offers a choice, and 'or not' is thus

redundant." He offers in evidence a sentence from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer last April: "Whether he's guilty of the accusations or not, Moorehead has built a strong community likely to thrive with or without him."

The evidence does not support the complainant's contention. In this instance the "or not" sharpens the Seattle sentence and gives it punch. The court does agree that "or not" often can be profitably omitted. The court would trim "whether or not" to an unadorned "whether" in such constructions as, "Tell me whether or not the cast murders Shakespeare" ... "A written examination will determine whether or not a nonresident will be enrolled" ... "The barflies were trying to decide whether or not she was wearing a bra" ... "The president took his case to wavering Republicans, and asked whether or not his apologies had satisfied them."

In these instances the "or not" is mere clutter that adds nothing of value, but the court notes that in some constructions the "or not" is required: "Whether or not one regards the president's conduct as impeachable, it has to be said that Mr. Clinton has behaved badly."

The Court of Peeves, Crotchets & Irks rarely hears

motions that deal with the spoken word, but an irk from James J. Pillar of Urbana, Ill., is sufficiently irksome to merit an exception. He is irked — and well he should be — by the pervasive mispronunciation of "forte" in the sense of one's special skill or strong point: "Jazz is her forte."

The word is pronounced FORT, for Pete's sake. It rhymes with snort, port and abort. The only FORTAY is an adjective used to describe a musical passage. The concluding measures of "The 1812 Overture" are to be played forte, rhymes with short day and court may. Pay no attention to Random House in this regard. Editors of its college dictionary cite a sentence such as, "She draws well, but sculpture is her forte," and say that a two-syllable pronunciation (fortay) "is increasingly heard, esp. from educated speakers, and is now also considered standard."

Harumph! The court does not know where these educated speakers got their education. Standard? Egad, sir, the two-syllable pronunciation is not considered standard in this court!

On that huffy-puffy note the court takes a recess, and looks forward to resumed assizes in the spring.



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HOROS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JANUARY 3

Expect to make a year. An associate your financial life. You learn partner in a manner. Be careful. The Stars Show Day You'll Have Positive; 3-Average Difficult.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
You want to see at what goes on remember that agree. Do your to discover. Emphasize love, ingenuity. Let me from chasing. Tonight: Where TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

You are for uncomfortable someone in character surrounds you; how to proceed partner to guide little down on. Tonight: Stay close GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

What you thought someone's ill your realistic unclear; frustration reings with some flowing. Join the afternoon. chatter.***

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
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LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
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PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 3:

Expect to make money this year. An association enhances your financial and emotional life. You learn to work with a partner in an unprecedented manner. Be careful with funds. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You want to shake your head at what goes on. Listen, but remember that you need not agree. Do your own sleuthing to discover what is up. Emphasize love, children and ingenuity. Let nothing stop you from chasing your dreams. Tonight: Where the fun is.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are forced into an uncomfortable situation with someone in charge. Uncertainty surrounds you; you don't know how to proceed. Count on a partner to guide you. You are a little down or out of sorts. Tonight: Stay close to home.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you hear fogs your thought processes. Don't let someone's illusions become your realities. Plans are unclear; confirm them. Frustration results from dealings with someone. Keep talks flowing. Join friends later in the afternoon. Tonight: Full of chatter.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pull back, and let someone else take charge. You need to handle practical matters before you plunge into yet another adventure. Pressure from someone you respect could become uncomfortable. A friend chips in and makes a project much more manageable. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your magnetism makes up for some confusion. Plans change, but somehow you make the best of it and turn the situation around. A friendship warms up because of your flirtatious manner. Be careful! You could be heading down the path of regret. Tonight: It is your pick.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sit back, and be an armchair traveler. You have done way too much and it is all likely to catch up with you. If you must, finish up thank-you notes. Others are full of punch and energy; let them do their thing. Sneak in a nap if you can. Others don't always need you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Confusion surrounds an amorous attachment. Be realistic about this person. Take off your rose-colored glasses. You could be sublimating some anger dealing with someone, rendering you unable to communicate. Tonight: Visit a friend.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone demands your respect. You can only do so much. You are sitting on a lot of anger and frustration. Take time to think, feel and recharge. Too much might be happening too fast. Do what you must, but take care of yourself as well. Tonight: Make it an early night.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take an overview with a difficult child or loved one. Be gracious and look the other way. Do your best anchoring plans; there could be a vagueness. Being more open to the creative process can make a big difference. Accent spontaneity. Tonight: Take in a movie.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Relate to partners on a one-to-one level. Pressure is high to do something someone's way. Let a family member know your limits. Many demands are made on you. Consider what is appropriate now. You are slightly negative. Tonight: Listen to a friend.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have an inkling that you aren't hearing the whole story. Listen patiently, stay centered and defer judgment. Though you can see what is going on, someone might not get the message. Don't commit to spending anything you don't want to. Tonight: Dinner with friends.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Dive into a project. Listen to friends who offer assistance. They are there for you. You have an unsure feeling. Let it go; it's not likely to be accurate. A family member or parent makes a demand. Go out of your way for him. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.***

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Brothers learn hard lesson: child support isn't forever

DEAR ABBY: My father paid my mother child support until my twin brother and I turned 18. Then he quit. He said, "It's time for your mother to support you."

Abby, he doesn't understand how much our mother has done for us. She gave us all her time and enormous moral support after he left.

My brother and I are now 18, Dad is no longer legally responsible for us, but that law is unfair!

I understand that years ago most kids graduated from high school and went to work, but today it's different. Education is vital.

I don't like seeing Mom work two jobs and make sacrifices while my father and his new wife have a new house, a new boat, a new car and lots of vacations. Dad says his financial responsibility to us is over -- we're adults, and we're on our own. If it weren't for a scholarship, we would be unable to attend college.

Abby, is there a way to get our political leaders to change the law to make fathers pay child support until their children graduate from college?

DEAR ABBY: Child support laws vary from state to state. In some (not all) states, fathers of college students must continue supporting their children beyond the age of 18. In Georgia, I am told, child support stops when the child reaches majority -- unless an order has been made by a judge that the support continues for the college education. However, even though the original order may go only until the child is 18, the mother and child can petition a judge to amend the order to continue or resume it. Whether or not to order child

support through the college years is at the discretion of the judge.

If that approach doesn't work, there's still a way to complete your education without depending on your mother to carry the entire financial load. You could apply for student loans, or extend your education over a longer period by taking fewer classes each semester -- thereby allowing you to hold a job. Many young people work their way through college, and if need be, you can, too. That would also lighten the load on your mother.

DEAR ABBY: I teach elementary art and was explaining to my fifth-graders how to incorporate their experiences into their art. As an example, I showed them an oil painting I had just completed that was inspired by a recent traumatic event. I had been robbed in my home and left bound and gagged. I took pains to describe the various emotions I experienced while waiting helplessly for my husband to return home and untie me. I showed the students how the painting reflected those emotions.

The class listened very intently. When I finished talking, one of my students raised his hand and asked very seriously, "Mrs. K, how did you ever manage to paint that with your hands tied behind your back?" -- BOUND TO KEEP TRYING, NEW HOPE, PA.

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Bush, Forbes stand tall in GOP presidential field

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush's celebrity and billionaire Steve Forbes' money may give them an early edge among a crowded field of potential Republican candidates for president in 2000.

Yet the first presidential primary is more than a year away, so there is ample time for any contender to rise or fall -- or both.

"Forbes and Bush have to be considered the top tier candidates" based on their advantages, said Leslie Goodman, a California-based GOP consultant.

"But there's still a long distance to go between now and the spring when the field will begin to gel. I wouldn't close out the field yet."

And a big field it is. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander has built strong organizations in the early primary states and Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri is a good bet among the longshots. Dan Quayle already has had "president" as part of his job title.

Jack Kemp was the party's 1996 vice presidential nominee. Sen. John McCain, the maverick Arizona senator and Vietnam War hero, will campaign as an anti-Washington politician who works in Washington.

Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, the House budget chairman, could catch fire under the right conditions.

Besides Ashcroft and Quayle, other social conservatives likely to run are activist Gary Bauer, broadcaster Pat

Buchanan, Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire and radio talk show host Alan Keyes.

Darkhorse Republicans who are not likely to seek the nomination but could enliven the race include retiring House Speaker Newt Gingrich, American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Though he says he will not run, former Gen. Colin Powell belongs in this category in case he changes his mind.

Bush, with perhaps the highest profile among the 31 Republican chief state executives, is not the only governor considering a bid for president. George Pataki of New York, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and Pete Wilson of California also could join the race.

Bush wears the mantle of front-runner, if only by name recognition, although it may not be fair to use that label so early in the campaign.

He is the son of former President George Bush and brother of the incoming Florida governor, Jeb.

He won reelection in November by a landslide, racking up impressive numbers among women, Hispanics and independent voters.

Yet he is largely unknown on the national scene and untested.

Bush will decide in the spring whether to run. If the answer is yes, he must decide whether to accept federal matching money for the race. There is talk he might not take the U.S. Treasury contributions, freeing him from the spending limits

that come with the money. "I would absolutely forego the matching money," said Tony Fabrizio, a GOP pollster who worked for Bob Dole, the 1996 GOP nominee.

"Our concern running against Steve Forbes in 1996 was we knew we would run out of money. You can't afford to run out of money against Steve Forbes."

Candidates who take matching money will be able to spend about \$40 million, with individual caps in every state.

The question is whether Bush could raise more than that if his spending was unregulated.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 30, 1998, Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 23.23(b) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed a Petition with the Commission seeking final reconciliation of all eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the reconciliation period of July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1998. TU Electric is also seeking an accounting order from the Commission that will allow certain costs incurred to facilitate the use of coal as a supplemental fuel at its Monticello lignite-fueled generating plant and costs relating to the internal rail transportation systems at its Monticello and Martin Lake lignite-fueled generating plants to be treated as eligible fuel costs and billed pursuant to TU Electric's Rider FC - Fuel Cost Factor. All of TU Electric's customers and classes of customers and all territories served by TU Electric are affected by the Petition. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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In the midst of our sorrows, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our beloved son, brother, grandson, and nephew, Adam Andrews. Thank you for each visit and prayer, for the delicious food and lovely floral tributes, the memorials and to each one whom attended his service. Special thanks to Pastor Dwayne Wheat and Pastor Monroe Teeters and the congregation of Berea Baptist Church. Special thanks, also, to the kind staff of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Trinity Memorial Park.

The Family of Adam Andrews

Correction Notice
There are two errors in our January 3rd ad. The computer software title Myth II Soulblighter is not yet available due to manufacturer delay. We are offering rainchecks on this item. The Motorola pager (model LS 550) advertised for \$29.99 is actually priced at \$49.99. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks get overtime win over Central Arizona

Howard College's Lady Hawks improved their record to 14-1 Friday with a 78-74 overtime win over defending national champion Central Arizona at the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Classic.

The Lady Hawks took the win, battling back in the second half behind the 33-point performance of Karlita Washington.

"This was a great game for our club," Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery noted. "We had to battle back from behind. I hope this gives us some momentum going into the second half of the season."

Sophomores Latasha Moore and Ricka McKee also finished in double figures for Howard, Moore scoring 12 points and McKee adding 11 more.

The Lady Hawks return to action Thursday, playing host to Blinn Junior College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Hawks rebound for win at Las Vegas Shootout

Howard College's Hawks got back on track Friday in the second round of the Las Vegas Shootout, knocking off Lashing (Calif.) College, 75-73.

The Hawks, now 10-4 on the year, faced Utah Valley College in Saturday's third-round action.

Greg Lewis paced the Hawks' victory on Friday with 21 points, but Lashing's Glen Rickey blistered the nets for 38 points to take game-high honors.

"We were very flat to start the game, but made a good comeback in the second half," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said following the victory.

"We are not playing with confidence and we've lost the chemistry we had right before the Christmas break," Collins added, expressing more than a little concern. "But our effort is still there ... that's what's most important right now."

Parents of BSHS frosh baseballers to gather

A meeting for parents of all prospective freshman baseball players at Big Spring High School has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The meeting has been slated by the Steers Baseball Boosters Club in order to let parents of new players meet the club's officers and provide answers to questions concerning the program, as well as the booster club's operation.

For more information, those interested in the program can contact James Clements at 267-1069.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:
AUTO RACING
11 p.m. — NASCAR Goodwrench 400, TNN, Ch. 35.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
3 p.m. — Illinois at Indiana, CBS, Ch. 7.
4 p.m. — Washington at Washington State, FXS, Ch. 29.
Women
2 p.m. — Missouri at Nebraska, FXS, Ch. 29.

FOOTBALL
11:30 a.m. — AFC Wild Card game, New England Patriots at Jacksonville Jaguars, CBS, Ch. 7.
3 p.m. — NFC Wild Card game, Green Bay Packers at San Francisco 49ers, FOX, Ch. 3.

GOLF
11:30 a.m. — Senior Match Play Challenge, ESPN, Ch. 30.
Noon — Celebrity Sports Invitational, FXS, Ch. 29.
1:30 p.m. — Long Drive Championships, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GYMNASTICS
3 p.m. — Rock 'N Roll Gymnastics, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY
7 p.m. — Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

SOCCER
7 p.m. — English FA Cup, third round, teams TBA, FXS, Ch. 29.

Cardinals knock Cowboys out of playoffs, 20-7

IRVING (AP) — Playoff pressure didn't faze the untested Arizona Cardinals, who stunned Dallas 20-7 Saturday for the franchise's first postseason victory since 1947.

Jake Plummer, who recently signed a \$29 million contract that included a \$15 million bonus, showed why he was worth it, burning the heavily favored Cowboys with two touchdown passes. Arizona's low-rated defense stymied the Cowboys, who were shut out until the final four minutes of the NFC wild-card game.

The Cardinals, playing in the NFC playoffs for the first time since 1982, will meet the NFC Central champion Minnesota Vikings in the second-round next Sunday. Minnesota had the league's best record, 15-1, while Arizona was 9-7.

Dallas, champions of the NFC East with a 10-6 record — and no losses in the division — Cardinals twice in the regular season but Plummer showed no play-off nerves in the third meeting.

Arizona, which led 10-0 at halftime, shocked the playoff-hardened Cowboys to start the second half on a 74-yard run by Adrian Murrell, followed by a 3-yard touchdown pass by Plummer to a wide-open Larry Centers. The run was the longest against the Cowboys in their 52-game playoff history.

The Cardinals last won a playoff game when they were in Chicago and beat Philadelphia 28-21 in the NFL championship game. They last made the playoffs in 1982, a strike year, and 1975 before that.

By contrast, the Cowboys have been in

the playoffs 23 years and won three Super Bowls in the 1990s. The Cowboys hadn't lost at home in the playoffs since 1983, winning seven straight.

Dallas beat Arizona 38-10 and 35-28 in the regular season. The Cardinals had lost nine consecutive games in Texas Stadium and 16 of the last 17 to the Cowboys.

But the Cardinals made Dallas look inept for much of the day.

On Arizona's second possession, Plummer hit Frank Sanders with a 59-yard pass to position the Cardinals for their first playoff touchdown in 16 years. Facing a third-and-8, Plummer caught the Cowboys in an all-out blitz and simply shoveled a short pass to Murrell, who scored from the 12.

Arizona made it 10-0 when Chris

Jacke, who won Arizona's last three games with field goals — his last-second 52-yarder got the Cardinals into the playoffs last weekend — made a 37-yarder with 19 seconds left in the half. Jacke also made a 46-yard field goal early in the fourth period after Aeneas Williams' second interception of Troy Aikman, who was 11-2 as a starter in playoff games.

Arizona beat back two Dallas scoring attempts in the first half. Richie Cunningham missed a 36-yard field goal on one drive. On another, Dallas got to the Cardinals 9-yard line before Mark Maddox stopped Emmitt Smith with no gain on fourth-and-1.

Aikman was sacked four times, twice by linebacker Jamir Miller, and intercepted three times.

Cooperstown waits for greats

Ryan figures to join Brett, Yount in Hall

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the final day of the 1993 season, before the final game of their major league careers, Nolan Ryan and George Brett met at home plate to exchange lineup cards and handshakes.

That afternoon in Texas, the talk already was about their futures. As in, it sure would be nice to see baseball's career strikeout leader and one of its greatest hitters replay that scene at the Hall of Fame.

"I'd love it if it worked out that way," Ryan said at the time. "I don't think there's any doubt George is going to be inducted and I hope it works out that way for me."

No need to worry, Nolan. The call from Cooperstown is certainly coming Tuesday when results from one of the most eagerly anticipated elections in Hall history are announced.

In a ballot studded with standout rookie candidates, Ryan and Brett figure to be shoo-ins. Robin Yount might also make it, with Carlton Fisk and Dale Murphy expected to do well in the voting.

Even the list of holdover hopefuls is outstanding, led by Tony Perez, Jim Rice, Tommy John, Gary Carter and Bruce Sutter.

Not since the initial election in 1936, when Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner and Christy Mathewson were chosen, have three first-timers been picked.

In fact, the last time 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America voted in three players at all was 1991 — Rod Carew, Ferguson Jenkins and Gaylord Perry.

And the last time the BBWAA took four new members was 1955 — Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Dazzy Vance and Ted Lyons.

Overall, the BBWAA has been rather stingy in recent elections. Its members have selected a total of only five players in the past six years, with Don Sutton making it last January.

That's likely to change as Ryan and Brett should zoom past the 75 percent required for election and increase the current Hall membership of 237.

Induction ceremonies are set for July 25, with an appropriate Hall of Fame exhibition game the following day — Ryan's



Former Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan is shown in the multiple exposure file photograph delivering a pitch against the California Angels during the final season of his 26-year career. Ryan figures to be a lock to join the Baseball Hall of Fame during his first year of eligibility along with Kansas City great George Brett and Milwaukee's Robin Yount.

Texas Rangers vs. Brett's Kansas City Royals.

The Veterans Committee will meet March 2 in Tampa, Fla., and can choose up to four more new members. Bill Mazeroski, Dick Williams and Gil Hodges will be among the candidates.

Ryan and Brett already are well-represented at Cooperstown. Brett's pine-tar bat is on display at the shrine, as are balls and caps from each of Ryan's record seven no-hitters — by late July, their plaques likely will be hanging in the Hall, too.

Ryan struck out 5,714 in a 27-year career that began after he signed with the New York Mets in 1965. He went 324-292 for the Mets, California, Houston and Texas, tying him with Sutton for 12th in victories.

When Ryan threw his final pitch at age 46 — he was forced to leave after tearing a ligament in his right elbow in a game two weeks before that farewell meeting with Brett — he held or shared more than 50 major league records.

Up until the final few years of his career, Ryan had his critics. They claimed he was too wild (2,795 walks in 5,387

innings), never won a Cy Young Award and did not win enough — but he finished with a .526 winning percentage, compared to the .503 mark of his teams.

By the way, Ryan will wear a Texas Rangers cap on his plaque.

Brett, a 13-time All-Star, ranks 13th on the career hits list with 3,154. The third baseman hit .305 in a 21-year career spent entirely with the Royals, and was a .337 lifetime hitter in the postseason.

Yount, a three-time All-Star, had 3,142 hits in 20 seasons, all with Milwaukee. He won AL MVP awards at shortstop and center field. His .285 average, however, may hold him back this time.

Brett (317 HRs, 1,595 RBIs) and Yount (251 HRs, 1,406 RBIs) both got their 3,000th hits in September 1992, plus they share this rare distinction: They both are their franchise leader in home runs, triples, doubles and singles. In the modern era, only Willie Mays (Giants) and Stan Musial (Cardinals) can claim the same honor.

Fisk holds the AL record for

catchers with 24 seasons and hit 376 home runs. His most famous homer, and one of the most memorable ever, won Game 6 of the 1975 World Series at Fenway Park.

Murphy was a two-time NL MVP with Atlanta and hit 398 home runs. He was a seven-time All-Star and won five straight Gold Gloves in center field.

Perez, on the ballot for the eighth time, came close to election last year when he was picked on 67.9 percent of the ballots. He had 1,652 RBIs for the Big Red Machine — every eligible player ahead of him is in the Hall.

"I'm proud of my RBIs, because a lot of them helped win games for us," he said.

John (288 wins), Bert Blyleven (287), Jim Kaat (283) and Sutter (300 saves) also appear on the 28-man ballot. So do Rice (4,298, 382 HRs, 1,451 RBIs), Carter (11 All-Star teams) and Dwight Evans (385 HRs, eight Gold Gloves).

Mickey Lolich, 217-191 and MVP of the 1968 World Series, and Minnie Minoso, a 298 career hitter, are on the ballot for the 15th and final time.

Reeves named NFL's top coach for second time

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neither heart problems nor the losing history of the Atlanta Falcons could stop Dan Reeves from being selected as The Associated Press' NFL Coach of the Year on Saturday.

Reeves, sidelined for the final two regular-season games after undergoing heart surgery, led the Falcons to their best season (14-2) and their first NFC West title since 1980. He is expected to coach the Falcons in next weekend's home playoff game, although he might work from the coaches' box upstairs rather than the sideline.

Reeves, 54, won the top coach award for the second time; he also got the honor in 1993 with the New York Giants. Previously, Reeves also led the Denver Broncos to three AFC championships, although they lost each time in the Super Bowl.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Reeves, the NFL's winningest active coach (170-124-1). "When you look at the people that could have won it — Denny Green, Bill Parcells, Mike Shanahan, guys that have had fantastic years — you feel honored."

"For me, it's a thrill because of coming in here and turning this thing around; it certainly happened a lot bigger than what I thought. There was no way I could tell you I thought we were going to win the NFC West. We wanted to challenge for the playoffs."

"I was extremely proud of our team last year being 1-7, then finishing 6-2 in the second half. That was rewarding. It was probably one of the most fun years I had coaching to see a team do that. Then, to come into this year, expecting to challenge for the playoffs, and to have the year we've had is just unreal."

So unreal that a team generally picked to finish as an also-ran wound up with the second-best record in the league, tied with Denver. Only Minnesota (15-1) was better, and one of Atlanta's losses, to the New York Jets, came when quarterback Chris Chandler was injured.

Reeves received 23 votes from a nationwide panel of 47 sports writers and broadcasters. Minnesota's Green was next with 14 and the Jets' Parcells got nine votes.

"I have a very strong personal feeling for him, not only as a coach but a guy that I think highly of personally," Parcells said of Reeves. "He's one of my peers, right in the same group I was in, there, so there is something a little extra there."

Williams closes out career with big Cotton Bowl win

DALLAS (AP) — Ricky Williams closed out his collegiate career in impressive style, punctuating it by striking a Heisman Trophy pose.

He rushed 30 times for 203 yards and scored two touchdowns as the No. 20 Texas Longhorns beat No. 25 Mississippi State 38-11 in the Cotton Bowl on Friday.

Williams got some running room after redshirt freshman quarterback Major Applewhite burned the blitzing Bulldogs for three touchdown passes in Texas' first Cotton Bowl victory since 1982.

Heisman winner Williams, who thrived in the foggy, rainy conditions

before a sellout 72,611 fans, scored on a 37-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Upon reaching the end zone, he froze into the famous stiff-armed pose seen atop the Heisman trophy.

"It was something the guys were trying to get me to do all year but I wanted to win the Heisman first," Williams said. "We had a big lead and I knew the penalty wouldn't hurt us."

Williams scored again on a 2-yard third-period run against the tiring Mississippi State defense and finished with a school bowl-record rushing yardage. The Texas rushing record for a bowl game was 164 by Eddie Phillips against Notre Dame in 1971.

"State had a tough defense but we had a size advantage on them," Williams said. "The offensive line did a good job

of handling the crazy blitzes and Major and Wane (McGarity) kept them honest with the passing game."

Williams, who set 16 NCAA records during his career, had 248 all-purpose yards. He caught five passes for 45 yards and his rushing total was the third-highest in Cotton Bowl history.

"It was a lot of fun for me to watch our offense and defense play like they did," Williams said. "I was glad I came back for my senior year."

The game was dedicated to the late Doak Walker and Williams noted "my first touchdown run was his old number, No. 37. That run was for him."

The Bulldogs hounded Williams' every step, but they were forced to pay for their blitzes by Applewhite, who hit two touchdown passes in the first half for a

14-3 lead. Applewhite, noting the Bulldogs' jamming at the line of scrimmage, twice hit McGarity for touchdown passes on plays of 59 and 52 yards, victimizing cornerback Kendall Roberson both times.

McGarity capped off a 97-yard drive with his first touchdown reception in the first quarter as he slipped behind Roberson. In the second period, McGarity caught a short pass, shook off Roberson's tackle and sprinted the rest of the way for the score.

"Major did an outstanding job handling all the blitzes," said Texas coach Mack Brown. "He did throw the ball where it was supposed to be. He throws the deep ball well."

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BIG SPRING Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999

SPORTS

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HOBBY
Nashville: Nashville Long
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LOS ANGELES KING
Stephane Fiset from Montreal
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NHL

Friday's Games
Carolina 3, Florida 1
Ottawa 4, Washington 1
St. Louis 6, Nashville 7
Anaheim 7, Buffalo 2
Dallas 2, Phoenix 3

Saturday's Games
San Jose 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Detroit 5, Chicago 3
Carolina 4, Nashville 1
Anaheim at Boston
Washington at Toronto
Calgary at Buffalo
New Jersey at Ottawa
Pittsburgh at Florida
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis
Montreal at Vancouver
Colorado at Los Angeles
Today's Games at St. Louis
Philadelphia at Edmonton
Detroit at Chicago.

LOCAL BOWL

DOUBLE TROUBLE
WEEK 18
RESULTS-Looney 1
Four of Us 6-2, 4 for 1
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STANDINGS-Santa
95-49, Killer B's 85-5
80-64, The Four of Us
75-69, Professional Hea
Looney Toons 66-78,
Woodworking 31-113.

LADIES MAJOR
WEEK 18
RESULTS-Rainbow B
Peysters 6-2, Big Spr
Pack-Sender 4-4,
Photography 6-2, Barbe
2-6, Cine Construction
Auto Sales 0-7, Monett
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LONGHORNS

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LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated G Stephane Fiset from the injured reserve list. Sent G Muffey Legace to Long Beach of the IHL.

NHL

Friday's Games
Carolina 3, Florida 3, tie
Ottawa 4, Washington 3
St. Louis 6, Nashville 5
Kauaihi 7, Buffalo 2
Dallas 2, Phoenix 1, OT

Saturday's Games
San Jose 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Detroit 5, Chicago 2
Carolina 4, Nashville 1
Anaheim at Boston (n)
Washington at Toronto (n)
Calgary at Buffalo (n)
New Jersey at Ottawa (n)
Pittsburgh at Florida (n)
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis (n)
Montreal at Vancouver (n)
Colorado at Los Angeles (n)

Today's Games
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.

LOCAL BOWLING

DOUBLE TROUBLE
WEEK 18
RESULTS—Looney Toons 2-6, The Four of Us 6-2, 4 for 1 8-0, Killer B's 0-8, Bob's Custom Woodworking 0-8, Santa Fe Sandwiches 8-0, Strike Force 8-0, Professional Health 0-8; hi sc team game 4 for 1 7-39, Santa Fe Sandwiches 7-17, Killer B's 6-87; hi sc team series 4 for 1, Santa Fe Sandwiches 207-9, Killer B's 197-7; hi sc team game 4 for 1 8-28, The Four of Us 8-15, Santa Fe Sandwiches 808-1, Killer B's 7-10 for 1 2-428, The Four of Us 2-364, Santa Fe Sandwiches 235-2, hi sc game ABC Tony Shankles 255, Philip Ringener 244, Don Ewing 235; hi sc series ABC Philip Ringener 673, Tony Shankles 642, Don Ewing 612; hi sc game ABC Tony Shankles 265, Philip Ringener 244, Don Ewing 237; hi sc series ABC Philip Ringener 673, Tony Shankles 672, Brian Taggart 621; hi sc game WBC Peggy Huckabee 210, Judy Robertson 183, Wakenda Dunlap 176; hi sc series WBC Peggy Huckabee 553, Wakenda Dunlap 500, Monette Rowden 481; hi sc game WBC Peggy Huckabee 238, Judy Robertson 225, Wakenda Dunlap 224; hi sc series WBC Peggy Huckabee 637, Monette Rowden 631; most over ave game ABC Tony Shankles 68, Philip Ringener 44, Brian Taggart 41; most over ave series ABC Tony Shankles 81, Philip Ringener 73, Brian Taggart 45; most over ave game WBC Peggy Huckabee 45, Wakenda Dunlap 37, Judy Robertson 36; most over ave series WBC Wakenda Dunlap 83, Monette Rowden 70, Peggy Huckabee 58.

STANDINGS—Santa Fe Sandwiches 95-49, Killer B's 85-59, Strike Force 80-64, The Four of Us 78-66, 4 for 1 75-69, Professional Health Care 66-78, Looney Toons 66-78, Bob's Custom Woodworking 31-113.

LADIES MAJOR
WEEK 18
RESULTS—Rainbow Britte 2-6, Psycho Pysters 6-2, Big Spring Music 4-4, Pack-Sender 4-4, Green House Photography 6-2, Barber Glass & Mirror 2-6, Cline Construction 0-6, Neighbors Auto Sales 0-0, Day & Day Builders 0-0, Jim Hays 0-0, Rocky's 2-6, Something Else 6-2, Dream Team 6-2, A&B Farms

NFL FINAL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF
A.N.Y. Jets	12	4	0	.750	416
Y.Miami	10	6	0	.625	321
Y.Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	400
Y.New England	9	7	0	.563	337
Indianapolis	3	13	0	.188	310
Central					
X.Jacksonville	11	5	0	.688	392
Tennessee	8	8	0	.500	330
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	263
Baltimore	6	10	0	.375	269
Cincinnati	3	13	0	.188	268
West					
X.Denver	14	2	0	.875	501
Oakland	8	8	0	.500	288
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	372
Kansas City	7	9	0	.438	327
San Diego	5	11	0	.313	241
NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF
X.Dallas	10	6	0	.625	381
Y.Arizona	9	7	0	.563	325
N.Y. Giants	8	8	0	.500	309
Washington	6	10	0	.375	319
Philadelphia	3	13	0	.188	161
Central					
X.Minnesota	15	1	0	.938	556
Y.Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	408
Tampa Bay	8	8	0	.500	314
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	306
Chicago	4	12	0	.250	276
West					
X.Atlanta	14	2	0	.875	442
Y.San Francisco	12	4	0	.750	479
New Orleans	6	10	0	.375	305
Carolina	4	12	0	.250	336
St. Louis	4	12	0	.250	285

Colorado 51, Oregon 43
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Air Force 45, Washington 25
Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. 28, Bethune-Cookman 2
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri 34, West Virginia 31
Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
Miami 46, North Carolina State 23
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Purdue 37, Kansas State 34
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Arizona 23, Nebraska 20
Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Tulane 41, Brigham Young 27
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas Christian 28, Southern Cal 19
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Georgia 35, Virginia 33
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi 35, Texas Tech 18
Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State 26, Kentucky 14
Saturday, Jan. 2
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas 38, Mississippi State 11
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28

BOWLS GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13
Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall 48, Louisville 29
Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 31, Blue 24
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu

CITRUS BOWL

At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan 45, Arkansas 31

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Ohio State 24, Texas A&M 14

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Tennessee 12-0 vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

NCAA BASKETBALL

EAST
Army 64, Cornell 63
Bucknell 98, Carnegie-Mellon 52
Drexel 74, Maine 67
Hofstra 69, New Hampshire 56
Iona 83, Loyola, Md. 71
Massachusetts 55, Virginia Tech 40
Navy 81, Gettysburg 49
Penn St. 70, Michigan 52
Providence 65, Seton Hall 49
SOUTH
Auburn 90, Tennessee 62
Georgia 59, Alabama 58
Mississippi St. 66, South Carolina 60
North Carolina 69, Clemson 53
Southern Miss. 56, Tulane 49
Tennessee St. 80, Austin Peay 70
Va. Commonwealth 79, American U. 65
Wake Forest 69, Virginia 53
Winthrop 66, N.C. Wesleyan 44
Wofford at Furman, p.p.d., weather
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 70, Toledo 64
Butler at Ill. Chicago, p.p.d., snow
Houston at DePaul, p.p.d., snow
Minnesota at Purdue, p.p.d., weather
Missouri-K. City 93, Chicago St. 43
N. Illinois at Ball St., p.p.d., weather
Villanova at Notre Dame, p.p.d., weather
Wright St. at Loyola, Ill., p.p.d., snow
SOUTHWEST
Ark. Little Rock 69, Fla. International 67
Lamar 79, Texas-San Antonio 60
Oklahoma St. 75, Kansas St. 69, OT
FAR WEST
Denver 78, Manhattan 66

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild Cards
Saturday, Jan. 2
Miami 24, Buffalo 17
Arizona 20, Dallas 7
Sunday, Jan. 3
New England at Jacksonville, 11:40 a.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Green Bay at San Francisco at Atlanta, 11:35 a.m. (FOX)
Miami or New England at Denver, 3:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 10
Jacksonville or Miami at New York Jets, 11:40 a.m. (CBS)
Arizona at Minnesota, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 17
AFC
To be announced.
NFC
To be announced.
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Miami
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:18 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, TBA

Ohio State wins Sugar Bowl, keeps slim title hopes alive

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

By squandering so many scoring chances in the Sugar Bowl, Ohio State may have blown any chance of sharing the national championship.

The third-ranked Buckeyes beat No. 8 Texas A&M 24-14 Friday night in New Orleans, but the victory probably wasn't impressive enough to bolster their title hopes.

"I think we're the best team in the country, but unfortunately it's not in our hands right now," said Reggie Germany, who caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Joe Germaine.

For Ohio State to have any shot at the championship, second-ranked Florida State must beat No. 1 Tennessee in Monday night's Fiesta Bowl.

The Fiesta Bowl winner will automatically be crowned champion in the coaches' poll. But the Buckeyes were hoping that a convincing win over A&M, combined with a lackluster victory by Florida State, would lift them to No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll.

Those hopes were dimmed, though, by an erratic performance in the Sugar Bowl. The Buckeyes gained 432 yards and moved into A&M territory nine times, but failed to score a touchdown after the first quarter.

Still, coach John Cooper feels his Buckeyes should be considered for the national championship if Florida State defeats Tennessee.

"If it's a sloppy game and Florida State wins, you could make an argument that the Buckeyes are as good as anybody in the country," he said.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum, whose team lost to Florida State 23-14, agreed.

"I don't see a significant amount of different in Ohio State and Florida State," Slocum said.

"Ohio State is certainly as good as any team we've played this year."

In other bowl games Friday, it was No. 9 Wisconsin 38, No. 6 UCLA 31 in the Rose; No. 15 Michigan 45, No. 11 Arkansas 31 in the Citrus; No. 12 Georgia Tech 35, No. 17 Notre Dame 28 in the Gator; No. 20 Texas 38, No. 25 Mississippi State 11 in the Cotton; and No. 22 Penn State 26, Kentucky 14 in the Outback.

Late Saturday, No. 7 Florida took on No. 18

BOWLS ROUNDUP

Syracuse in the Orange Bowl.

Rose Bowl
Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31

Ron Dayne rushed for 246 yards and a record-breaking four touchdowns against UCLA's defense. Dayne scored on runs of 54, 7, 10 and 22 yards to lead Wisconsin to its first 11-victory season. UCLA lost its final two games of the season after winning 20 in a row.

Citrus Bowl
Michigan 45, Arkansas 31

Anthony Thomas ran for 139 yards and three touchdowns as Michigan beat Arkansas. The Wolverines blew a 24-10 halftime lead and trailed 31-24 in the fourth quarter before rallying. Michigan tied it on Thomas' 1-yard TD run with 5:45 left and then pulled away with two scores in the final 21/2 minutes — a 21-yard pass from Tom Brady to DiAllo Johnson and a 26-yard interception return by James Whitley.

Gator Bowl
Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28

Local product Dez White caught TD passes of 44 and 55 yards from Joe Hamilton as Georgia Tech reached the 10-win mark for the second time in school history.

Hamilton threw for 237 yards and three TDs, ran for 19 yards and caught a 5-yard TD pass from running back Joe Burns. Autry Denson ran for 130 yards and three touchdowns for Notre Dame.

Outback Bowl
Penn State 26, Kentucky 14

Kevin Thompson threw a 56-yard TD pass to Joe Nastasi, Chaffie FIELDS scored on a 19-yard reverse and Travis Porney kicked a bowl-record four field goals for Penn State.

Kentucky's Tim Couch threw for 337 yards but was intercepted twice and sacked six times in the first New Year's bowl game for the Wildcats.

LONGHORNS

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McGarity did his part. "We worked to perfection today," he said. "Major did a great job of getting some air under the ball."

"Nobody has covered McGarity one-on-one this year," Brown said.

Applewhite said he knew the Bulldogs would be blitzing on almost every down.

"We thought they would bring everything they had and if we picked it up we could do what we wanted to do," Applewhite said. "Ricky was amazing as usual."

Brown said it was a typical Williams performance.

"The rumor was he was fat," said Brown, "but I don't think he was out of shape at all. He looked pretty good to me."

Williams joked "I came up here this morning hoping my pants would fit and they did."

MSU coach Jackie Sherrill said of Williams: "We knew we had to tackle well or it would be a long day. Applewhite also hurt us with some of his throws. He did a great job of throwing the deep ball."

Bulldogs linebacker Barrin Simpson said Williams lived up to his billing. "With a great back like Williams you can't make many mistakes," he said.

Mississippi State scored on a 39-yard field goal by Brian Hazelwood, who also had a 41-yard attempt blocked by Aaron Humphrey on the final play of the first half.

The Bulldogs lost their top receiver and kick returner, Kevin Prentiss, with an elbow

injury in the first half and he never returned.

Texas scored 24 points in the third period. Williams scored twice and Applewhite hit Kwame Cavil with an 18-yard TD pass. Kris Stockton kicked a 47-yard field goal.

Applewhite completed 15 of 26 for 225 yards.

The Bulldogs scored in the fourth quarter on a 5-yard pass from Matt Wyatt to Lahitia Grant. James Johnson rushed for 112 yards on 22 carries for Mississippi State.

No. 25 Mississippi State (8-5) was playing in its first Cotton Bowl game. Sherrill had two

previous Cotton Bowl winners at Texas A&M.

In its first year under Brown, No. 20 Texas (9-3) won the Cotton Bowl for the first time since beating Alabama 17 years ago.

Williams was named the offensive MVP and Texas linebacker Aaron Babino was the defensive MVP.

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Dolphins knock off Buffalo, 24-17

MIAMI (AP) — In a game full of wild plays and crazy bounces, the last one surprisingly did not go Doug Flutie's way.

The Miami Dolphins dug in at their 5-yard line to survive a frantic comeback by Flutie and the Buffalo Bills for a 24-17 victory in Saturday's AFC wild-card playoff game. With 17 seconds to go, Trace Armstrong sacked Flutie with a jarring tackle that shook the ball loose, and Miami's Shane Burton recovered.

The Bills, who trailed 24-14, got a 33-yard field goal by Steve Christie with 1:33 left, then recovered an onside kick and drove 64 yards in 10 plays.

Flutie, on first down, pumped to throw once and then cocked his arm again, but was leveled by Armstrong, knocking the ball loose.

AFC WILD-CARD

Coach Jimmy Johnson won in the post-season for the first time since his Dallas Cowboys beat the Bills in the 1994 Super Bowl. The Dolphins earned their first playoff victory in four years and beat a team that ended their season three times in this decade.

Miami's opponent next weekend will depend on Sunday's Jacksonville-New England game. If the Jaguars win, the Dolphins will play at Denver. If the Patriots win, the Dolphins will play the Jets in New York.

The Bills came from behind twice, but couldn't overcome five turnovers and 93

yards in penalties. Eric Moulds' nine receptions for 240 yards — an NFL playoff record — weren't enough, either.

Weird plays and plot twists dominated the game, beginning with a 65-yard pass to Moulds on the first play that Moulds then fumbled. But perhaps the deciding factor was a workmanlike effort by the Miami offense, which sputtered much of the year.

Karim Abdul-Jabbar rushed for 95 yards and the Dolphins controlled the ball for 37 minutes thanks to scoring marches of 57, 66, 77 and 50 yards. Each drive took at least eight plays.

Flutie, playing in his first NFL playoff game in 12 years, went 21-for-36 for 360 yards and a touchdown. But, ahead 7-6, he threw an interception at the goal line late in the first half.

Out of football two years, Haley signed by Niners

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Charles Haley was drenched in sweat and breathing hard after Saturday's light practice. And he wondered, along with everyone else, how ready he'd be to play his first game in two years with just one day of preparation.

"We'll find out on Sunday, won't we," Haley said.

In a stunning move borne out of the injury-riddled state of their defensive line, the San Francisco 49ers signed Haley on Saturday and will use him as a situational pass rusher in Sunday's wild-card game against the Green Bay Packers.

"I don't know if this was a desperation move," said coach Steve Mariucci. "Maybe it's a bold move. Maybe it's a surprising move. I don't know if anybody expected us to do this. I don't know if we expected to do this."

"Much of this has to do with the health of our defensive line. Going into the playoffs, we would be remiss if we didn't investigate any opportunity

that we may have to improve our situation."

Once one of the most feared pass rushers in the league, Haley hasn't played since 1996 because of back problems that forced him to undergo three operations. In 11 seasons — six with San Francisco and the last five with Dallas, Haley racked up 97 1-2 sacks.

He also played on a record five Super Bowl winning teams, two with the 49ers and three while with the Cowboys.

Haley wore out his welcome in San Francisco because of erratic off-field behavior and personality clashes with some of his coaches and teammates and he was traded to Dallas in 1992.

"We want to field the best team to win regardless of the baggage Charles Haley has," linebacker Ken Norton Jr. said. "Everyone knows how he can be at times, but he can play some great football."

"No one knows exactly what we're going to see. If he comes out there and he's good and he

puts pressure on the quarterback, then it's a great move. If he doesn't, if he starts huffing and puffing and spitting up, it's a bad move.

When Haley tried to make a comeback at the start of this season, the 49ers considered signing him but decided against it.

Since then, San Francisco's defensive line has been weakened considerably by injuries.

End Roy Barker has been playing with a sore knee all season, end Chris Doleman has been playing with a torn left pectoral muscle for the last month and star tackle Bryant Young was lost for the year when he broke his right leg Nov. 30.

The 49ers have only five sacks in their last four games and they fear Brett Favre could wreak havoc on their secondary, which has been vulnerable to big plays, if they're unable to mount an effective pass rush.

Haley said he's hoping he can produce for the 49ers.

"I think I'm OK. I think I can come in and help the team and that's what I'm going to do," he said.

Mariucci said the 49ers will use Haley to spell Barker and Doleman.

"For starters, he'll rush the passer," Mariucci said. "That's what he has been best at over the years. How many snaps, we'll have to wait and see. We'll try to work him in."

Mariucci said he discussed the signing with the team's leaders — the club's 13 players over 30 years old — before deciding to go ahead with it.

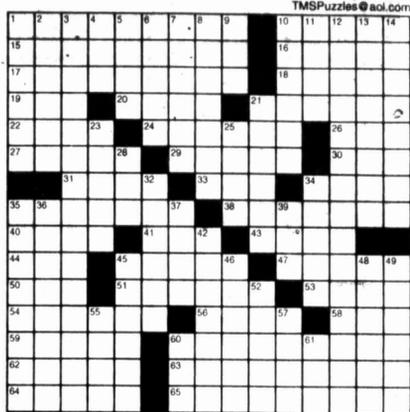
"To the man, we all felt that if he can help us in any way, we should do this," Mariucci said. "There was no hesitation by anyone."

Haley said he's not out to win any friends. He wants to play.

"I'm not one to put a lot of weight on whether someone cares whether I'm here or not," Haley said. "My job is simple and plain. Put my hand down and go get Brett Favre. That's what I'm here to do."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Washington, D.C.

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With Brown at helm, Longhorns can look ahead to '99

DALLAS (AP) — Sure, the most accomplished player in Texas history will play on Sundays this fall, leaving a void in the Longhorns' backfield.

But with Mack Brown and Major Applewhite returning, the UT football team should be just fine next season, even without Ricky Williams.

The outlook is a lot rosier this January than it was a year ago, when Texas was coming off a 4-7 season facing the transition from John Mackovic to Brown.

Now, the Longhorns' future is bright following a 9-3 season that was capped with a 38-11 victory over Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl on Friday.

"I think Texas football fans need to walk around with a swagger. They want to feel good about their football team and right now they do," Brown said a few days before the bowl. "That's a responsibility of us as coaches and players, to make sure that we continue to let our fans walk around with their heads up high."

Texas' second bowl victory in 11 years and the first in a New Year's Day game since 1982 was the final chapter of this storybook season.

Other highlights included Williams' record-shattering run to the Heisman Trophy, victories over top 10 teams Nebraska and Texas A&M, Applewhite's stunning development as a red-shirt freshman and the defense's dramatic in-season reversal from liability to asset.

"In a word, this season has been magical," said Applewhite, who went 8-2 as a starter in a year when he was expected to back up fifth-year senior Richard Walton.

"We broke Nebraska's 47-game home winning streak. We beat Texas A&M. Ricky won the Heisman. It's all been a big step for this program."

The next step will be a bit scary without Williams, but that's the nature of college football. Great players leave and it's up to coaches to reload rather than rebuild.

"Each team has its own personality and you have to play to the strengths of the team," said Brown, whose first-year success

will soon be rewarded with a raise and contract extension.

"Three years ago at North Carolina (his previous coaching job) we were really good on offense and defense, so we scored a whole lot of points. The next year we lost a lot of skill players and weren't as good on offense, but we averaged 30-something points because we had a great defense. We just played to the strength of our team again and took less chances."

A similar scenario may unfold next year when 10 Cotton Bowl starters return on defense, but only four on offense.

"I think next year we should be better on defense because most of the guys will be back ... (and) they should be more comfortable with the defense," Brown said.

"Offensively, it'll be really interesting, a real challenge for us. ... We'll obviously have more balance than we've had

this year. And we'll have to be much better in the kicking game to help our offense."

Applewhite, flanker Kwame Cavil, guard Roger Roesler and fullback Ricky Brown will be the only returning starters on

offense. It's a good nucleus, but there are some big holes.

"They'll be OK," Williams said.

There may never be another Williams, but Brown will have plenty of candidates.

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◆A recent study showed that, because of asthma, 51 percent of children missed some school.

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How's your HEART?

With help from Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center's wellness program, you can find out

Is your heart healthy? At Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, they want you to know. And if it isn't, they want to help you do something about it.

The center has recently opened a wellness program, including fitness machines, nutrition classes, and testing. The goal, said Guy Owen, exercise physiologist, is better health for a large segment of the community.

"We want the already healthy people, and we want those at risk (for heart problems)," Owen said. He also works for Howard College's Harold Davis Fitness Center.

Owen said the DRRC program will fill a gap that the college's center and the YMCA don't cover: those at risk.

DRRC will target people over 40, but anyone is welcome to join their program. A regular, supervised exercise class will cost \$30 per month.

To start, you must attend one of two classes, depending on your cardiac risk factors, including smoking, high blood pressure and sedentary lifestyle. Also planned later are special classes for different health issues, such as pregnancy, diabetes and asthma.

"This has really grown between our cardiac rehab, physical therapy and occupational therapy programs," said Wes Beauchamp, DRRC director. "We hope the community will support us."

The first session is slated to begin at mid-month, so Beauchamp urged interested people to call as soon as possible to sign up. The center will arrange as many classes as they need for the demand.

Participants will set up a regularly scheduled time for exercise, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They will spend about 20 minutes on aerobic exercise, 20 minutes on weight training and 20 minutes on flexibility.

Owen said there is a key element that will make this new program different.

"The education we will provide will be good for anyone," he said.

Beauchamp said the new program represents a change for DRRC, which will continue to offer its other programs.

"This was a need we saw in the community," Beauchamp said. "The medical world is certainly changing, and you have to diversify."

The center's plan is to become a sort of one-stop "shop" for people with rehabilitation and wellness needs, Beauchamp said. Some of its other programs include occupational therapy, physical therapy, hearing tests and hearing aid services and well as fitting for prosthetic devices. It is a non-profit agency.

Owen said he hopes the new wellness program will appeal to those who may not have previously thought about working out with weights.

"A lot of people think weights are not suitable for older people," he said, describing two of his patients in their 80s who are building muscle and improving their overall health with weight training.

For those who have made a new year's resolution to get in shape, DRRC will offer gift certificates.

Above all, though, Owen said he hopes to reach out to people with the risk of heart trouble — if they know it or not.

"Some people who do have these risks, they may be worried about working out," he said. "This combines safety, knowledge and the quality of exercise you need."

Call DRRC at 267-3806 for more information or to sign up.



Above, Guy Owen, an exercise physiologist, demonstrates on Wes Beauchamp, director of Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, using the blood pressure cuff. Owen will work with the center's new wellness program. At left, Owen tests out a new exercise machine that mimics jogging without the impact that can be harmful to joints.

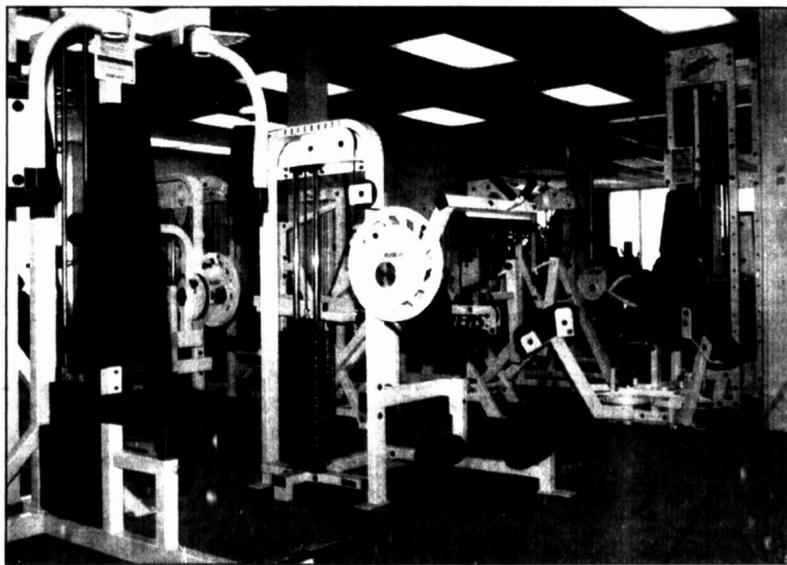
Health alert! Did you know...

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- ♥ The average person in the U.S. is at least 20 pounds overweight.
- ♥ Being a man over the age of 50 gives you an automatic cardiac risk factor.

— Guy Owen, Ph.D.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen
Photographs by Linda Choate

At right, DRRC has filled a large room with brand new exercise equipment for use with its wellness program. DRRC Director Wes Beauchamp said the machines are state-of-the-art, designed to maximize results.



Reflections on a year's worth of memories, friendships

Did you all have a nice Christmas? We didn't have a white one once again, but the pre-Christmas snow was impressive and put us all in the holiday mode.

At least the Golden Retrievers thought it was special; they ran and played until they dropped, and then ran some more, finally dragging into the house, smelling like wet dogs.

This was the first holiday season in many years I didn't bake and cook a lot; last year I used 70 pounds of flour, got hung up with the oven dragon when I tried to duplicate Neiman Marcus' baby cakes. Maybe I was better off not baking. Friends were most kind and

brought us baked goods and wonderful Mexican and other foods, so I can't say I didn't overeat, and enjoy every bite.

This is the time of year we are supposed to look back, as well as ahead, and plan our financial, health and every other aspect for the coming year. I am going to try to eat less, exercise more. I usually do pretty well on those for at least a month, but the financial presents a little problem.

The stock market has been volatile at best, perhaps this is a good time to lie behind the long like a fox and move carefully in stock market matters.

So, looking at our lives will remain on hold, sort of.

This year we managed to visit old friends and make some new ones.

Since Adrian and I don't have brothers and sisters, a fall reunion with a favorite cousin and her husband stands out. We call each other more often and will soon exchange E-mail. They discovered they enjoyed our homemade bread and biscotti, we all found we enjoyed



MARY RANDLE

being around each other and talking about growing up together.

This is the cousin with whom I pigged out on green peanuts in our grandfather's barn.

Our grandparents finally had to haul us down because we were so sick. The two of us also engaged in the "great berries from the mulberry trees experiment" resulting in effects on our bodies we still do not want to discuss to this day.

She and her husband met at church; both widowed for several years, losing their mates after long and happy marriages. Their five-year marriage seems stable, full of respect for each other, great the second time

around. They have just returned from a trip to China, full of stories of the great number of people working on building projects at their hotel.

They used wheelbarrows, picks and shovels - no power equipment. The sheer number of people seemed overwhelming. I think we can all understand that. The Great Wall also fascinated them.

This year seemed to be the year of the reunion - also with old friends whose children we used to tutor, now are grown with children of their own.

We were at a fine time in our lives then. We shared lots of freezers of ice cream and

grilled burgers. Now we have low-fat diets and high cholesterol, medicine patches, etc.

I think that is the whole idea; we are still here. We may complain that we can't eat what we want, or do the things we used to.

There are entirely too many medicine bottles in the bathroom.

And old friend and I were talking about this very thing. I asked him what he did first every day.

"Well, I make a cup of decaf coffee, get the paper and check the obituaries. If I don't see my name, I give a sigh of relief, and get on with the day."

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WEDDINGS

Sturdivant-Jones

Marsha Elizabeth Sturdivant and Vance Ray Jones were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1998, in the Salvation Army Chapel with Maj. Roy Tolcher officiating.

She is the daughter of Sandy Sharp of San Angelo, and the granddaughter of Louise Burgess of Big Spring.

He is the son of Evans and Madeline Croad of San Angelo.

Given in marriage by her brothers, Allen York, and her father, Robert, Mike and Thad Loftis, the bride wore a white tulle and satin floor-length gown with a sweetheart neckline and lace sleeves.

Matron of honor was Jessyca Moore, daughter of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Rachel Loftis, daughter of the bride, Wendy Jones, daughter of the groom, and Alysha York, niece of the bride.

John Moseley served as best man.

Acting as groomsmen were Robert, Mike and Thad Loftis, sons of the bride, and John Moseley, brother of the bride.

Approximately 100 friends and family witnessed the vows.

Photographs were taken by Linda Choate, and Dixie and Bill McClellan, and Brad Moore produced a videotape.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at DJ's Big Spring Restaurant.



MR. AND MRS. VANCE JONES

The wedding cake was a double-layered cake with red roses, with a heart-shaped third tier with roses, made by Diane Farmer.

The bride is a graduate of Trinity High School in Eules and of Texas Women's University in Denton. She is currently employed by the Big Spring Herald.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo, and is employed by Newpark Environmental in Sand Springs.

The couple have made their home in Big Spring.

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Lewis-Massey

Archie Lewis, Garden City, and David Massey, Jr., Big Spring, were united in marriage on Jan. 2, 1999, in the Garden City Church of Christ with Royce Clay, retired minister, officiating.

Best men were Elmer Johnson and Sabrina Johnson.

Given in marriage by her husband, Brant Murphy, the bride wore a full length navy gown with beaded bodice.

She carried a bouquet of white and yellow flowers.

Matron of honor was Dorothy Taylor of Stephenville, and David Massey III, son of the groom, was the best man.

Dusti Murphy, granddaughter of the bride, and Sabrina Johnson, granddaughter of the groom, were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Garden City church hall.

The wedding cake was deco-



MR. AND MRS. DAVID MASSEY, JR.

rated with white and navy roses, and the groom's cake was a German chocolate cake.

Following a wedding trip to the Davis Mountains, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

There's no penalty for enjoying this mystery

"10 Lb. Penalty." Dick Francis. Berkley Publishing Group, New York, New York. October, 1998. 306 pages. \$6.99

Ben Juliard's father, George, has decided to run for Parliament. While Ben has no problem with his father's latest quest, it is just that he doesn't figure that has much to do with his life. His father, however, sees it differently.

Ben's life had been centered around his love of racing horses. He has won a few races here and there but his career will never be much more than it is today.

His father recognizes his limits, and manipulates the situation so that Ben is dismissed from his job as a jockey. As soon as he leaves the stable, he walks out onto the street to find

his father's limousine ready to pick him up and take him home. His father has determined that Ben will take an active part in his campaign.

At first this seems a daunting task, but as Ben follows the political path his father has

chosen, a new and mature bond forms between the two. Respect develops on the part of both men and they learn a give-and-take that gives them both an unspoken satisfaction.

One night a shot barely misses George. This incident, as well as others, convince Ben that someone is trying to kill his father. From this time on, Ben not only becomes his father's protector, but the pursuer of the person behind the threats.

Dick Francis has 38 published books, and all of them relate in some fashion to horses and racing.

He writes knowledgeably about horses, stables and the excitement that occurs around racing; however, in "10 Lb. Penalty," the plot focuses more on politics than on racing.

Francis has a subtle style in which he presents his characters as understated and his plots without gruesome and atrocious violence. He writes charming descriptions of his

characters that give intuitive glimpses into their personalities.

The author writes much as a skillful composer or artist when he repeats parts of the story as variations on a theme, keeping the reader apprised of the changes within the plot.

The title, "10 Lb. Penalty," refers to the handicap that some racehorses must carry to make them equal with others as they race.

Francis really stretched the point to have the title be representative of his story, but it doesn't detract from the well-written story. If you like mysteries, you won't want to miss this one that finishes in the money.

RATING: (***) three out of four= Very enjoyable!



PAT WILLIAMS

Parent's duty

Experts say they must teach discipline

DALLAS (AP) — You've seen it in malls, on airplanes, at the supermarket and even in your own family room: In some homes, children are spinning out of control.

Two-year-olds are having raging temper tantrums, 10-year-olds are refusing to obey their parents, and teenagers don't see the need to respect authority, even the law.

Their parents, rich or poor, stay-at-home moms or dual-wage earners, African-American, white or Hispanic, have become what some experts call "permissive parents."

"We are giving away power to children instead of accepting the power of being a mother and father and rearing children into resilient adulthood," said Brenda Wall, a Dallas family therapist.

At a time of sweeping societal changes and a confusing array of parenting advice, some parents want to be their children's friends. Others, consumed with guilt, compensate with materialism for what they don't have: money, time or a traditional family. Some are just overwhelmed by life's demands, exhausted past the point of delivering consistent discipline. But when children rule the roost, the results are predictable, experts said.

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"Kasey" Brown with white markings, short hair Boxer mix, 8 months old, spayed.

"JoJo" Brown with white

markings, short hair Boxer mix, 8 months old, neutered.

"Rosco" Black with brown markings, medium hair Rottweiler mix, 8 months old, neutered.

"Red" Red with white markings, Pit mix, 1 year old, spayed.

"Lilo" Black with brown markings, Doberman mix, 11 months old, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots, feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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IN THE MILITARY

Pvt. Joseph L. Lynch has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. to complete basic training.



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Joseph is the son of Darlene M. Nicholson of Stanton, and a 1993 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Edward P. Robertson has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Robertson is the son of Ricky L. and Rhonda J. Robertson of Big Spring and a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Staff Sgt. Officer 1st Class Duane Brooks, son of Frank V. Brooks of Big Spring, recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Johnston, currently assigned to the Western Pacific Command, San Diego, Calif.

Staff Sgt. graduate of Frion County High School, of Mertzson, joined the Navy in January 1987.

Sebastrien C. Goillandeanu, son of John and Martha Simmering of Coahoma, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

He attended Howard College and is currently scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force Jan. 28, 1999. Goillandeanu is scheduled to receive technical training in the aerospace ground equipment career field.

Cynthia R. Welch, daughter of Randy and Sonia Welch of Coahoma, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

Cynthia graduated from Coahoma High School in 1998

and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Feb. 24, 1999.

She is scheduled to receive technical training in the security career field.

Christina R. Welch, daughter of Randy and Sonia Welch of Coahoma, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

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MR. AND MRS. FOSTER, THEN AND NOW

Rick and Deborah Foster celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Jan. 2, 1999, at Midway Baptist Church with a reception and renewal of vows, hosted by their children. He was born in Tulia, and she was born in Fort Worth as Deborah Patton. They met on March 9, 1971, in the Howard Payne University Library. They were married on Jan. 5, 1974, at the First Baptist



Church in Ballinger. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have two children, Lisa and Jonathan, both of Big Spring. They have lived in Fort Worth, Tuscola, Abilene, Sweetwater and Big Spring during their marriage. Rick is the Director of Chaplaincy Services at the Big Spring State Hospital, and Deborah is a special ed teacher at Goliad. They are affiliated with Midway Baptist Church.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
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THURSDAY- Meatloaf, rice, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cake.
FRIDAY- Roast, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY- Corn dogs w/mustard, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, broccoli & carrot sticks, dressing, cake, milk.
TUESDAY- Bar-be-que ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, hot rolls, cobbler, milk.
WEDNESDAY- Tamales-salad, pinto beans, corn bread, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY- Chicken fajita salad, tortillas, ranch style beans, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY- Pizza, salad, corn, cookies, fruit, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-STUDENT HOLIDAY
TUESDAY- Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, peas, hot roll, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY- Hot dog/chili, potato salad, pickle, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY- Sliced ham, blackeyed peas, fried okra, cornbread, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY- Bar BQ rib on bun, tater tots, salad, pickle, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-STUDENT HOLIDAY
TUESDAY- Pizza, fries, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY- Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatos, pickles, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY- Tostada (corn-dogs), pinto beans, salad, fruit, pickle spears, milk.
FRIDAY- BBQ sausage (cheeseburger pockets), potato salad, baked beans, cookies, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY- Steak fingers and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot biscuits, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY- Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, brownies, applesauce, milk.
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kids who have never learned to take no for an answer. They don't have good self-discipline because they have never been taught," said Dr. Ruth Peters, a Florida-based child and family psychologist and author of "It's Never Too Soon" (St. Martin's Press, \$19), a book on child discipline.

"If you pay up front with discipline when they're young, you are not going to pay when they're teenagers," she said.

Not all experts take parents to task. Some said society has done little to help, despite the fact that parenting is more difficult in today's fast-paced lifestyle. Instead, blame and anger is heaped on parents.

"Until our government and society begin to support parents, to be angry with them is destructive," said Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, a nationally known expert on child development whose column appears in "The Dallas Morning News" on Thursdays.

Consider Michelle Folds of Dallas.

A single mom, she worries that her two-year-old daughter doesn't have a traditional family. Her toddler spends long hours in day care while she works and goes to college. And she frets over not being able to afford many material goodies.

She makes up for it in little ways. At the grocery store, she buys the youngster stickers. Chelsea can demand — and get — popsicles for breakfast. And if the toddler crawls into her mother's bed at night, even though Ms. Folds thinks she should sleep in her own room, she stays.

"After being at work and school, it just doesn't seem worth the effort to get into a huge fight with her," Ms. Folds, 22, said. "And yet I know it's essential that she learn you can't always get what you want."

METHOD AMONG MANY
Being a permissive parent is just one of many parenting methods to evolve over the past

five decades. In the 1960s, a new generation of parents turned to it as a way to unleash their children's creativity and to reject the authority under which they were once raised.

But in the following decades, permissive parenting disappeared as a philosophy and reappeared as a way to cope with drastic changes to the American family, parent education exploded and the world became a scarier place.

"It's a lot harsher world than the one we grew up in," said Beverly Hamilton, 36, of suburban Richardson, Texas, the single parent of a seven-year-old son.

"There are a lot more things possible for my son to be exposed to at a younger age than I ever was: drugs, alcohol or even getting picked up off the street."

Those fears, some experts said, have left some parents so afraid that they now prepare, protect and soothe their children rather than let them suffer the consequences of inappropriate behavior.

"We have a new model of parenting now," said Michael Medved, who, along with his wife, recently authored "Saving Childhood: Protecting Our Children From the National Assault on Innocence" (HarperCollins, \$24).

"Every American child deserves security. Unfortunately when people hear that, they think financially."

"But the most important security for a child is to know what to expect from parents and to know what is expected by parents," he said.

"We now think about everything very psychologically," said Diane Ehrensaft, a child psychologist and author.

"With the last generation, we have been emphasizing the irreparable damage that can be done to children in the early years. So parents are terrified of scarring their children," she said.

STORK CLUB

Richard Antonio Chavez, boy, Dec. 22, 1998, 12:20 p.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Julian and Marie Chavez.

Grandparents are Frank and Isabel Garza, Julian Chavez of Big Spring, and Bertie Chavez of Fort Worth.

Jason Jr. Ruiz Hernandez, boy, Dec. 23, 1998, 10:13 a.m., six pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Jason Hernandez and Mary Jane Ruiz.

Grandparents are Robert and Ledia Ruiz, Big Spring, and Felix and Mary Hernandez, Lamesa.

Beatrice Enequina Madrid, girl, Dec. 19, 1998, 8:15 p.m., nine pounds and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Adam and Nina Madrid of Snyder.

Grandparents are Adon and Beatrice Madrid of Loreine, and Enequina Lara and the late Raymond Lara, Snyder.

Gabriella Isabel Romo, girl, Dec. 24, 1998, 7:09 a.m., six pounds 14 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; mother is Veronica Romo.

Grandparents are Martha Moralez and Abel Trevino, Big Spring.

Weldon Tyler Vega, boy, Dec.

13, 1998, 8:48, seven pounds 14 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are John Vega and Genie Dolloff.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dolloff, Rosa Vega and Mike Vega.

Sterling Jaye Freeman, girl, Dec. 9, 1998, 5:46 p.m., six pounds and 19 inches long; parents are Kevin and Karen Freeman.

Grandparents are John and Carolyn Freeman of Big Spring, Marshall and Joy McCoy of Enid, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, and the late Rose Ann McCoy.

Great-grandparents are Jay and Lucy Hoover, Christine Freeman, Thelma McCoy, all of Big Spring, and Gordon Paulk of Lubbock.

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Stevi Faye Madry, girl, Dec. 27, 1998, 8:39, six pounds two ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Steve and Sonya Madry.

Grandparents are Clyde and Beverly McMahon, Charles and Carole Madry, Rebecca Cannon, all of Big Spring, and the late Harold Lee Hancock.

Ricky Neson Prater, Jr., boy, Dec. 18, 1998, 7:29 a.m., seven pounds three ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Rick and Paige Prater.

Grandparents are Jack and Sandy Griffin and Gary and Lonnie Prater, all of Big Spring.

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Lawmakers to tackle hot electric utility deregulation issue again

AUSTIN (AP) — Advocates of breaking up the state's utility monopolies contend it will lower the cost of electricity by as much as 30 percent, reduce pollution and improve service. Or it could do just the opposite, said Tom "Smitty" Smith, state director of consumer group Public Citizen.

The issue is back for more debate this legislative session, and the outcome could affect consumers every time they flip a light switch or turn on the coffee maker.

"The cost for the average cus-

tomers could go up, reliability could decrease and people may start getting calls during dinner asking them to try a new provider," Smith said.

Texans currently pay an average of \$1,063 a year for electricity. The national average is \$850.

Last year, lawmakers grappled with an electric utility deregulation bill supported by Gov. George W. Bush, but it died during the last weeks of the session after losing support from the state's rural electric cooperatives. Bush appears poised to back another attempt.

"I support the idea of giving consumers more choice when it comes to electricity service, and I look forward to working with members of the Legislature to see if there is a fair way to do that," he said.

One of the most contentious aspects of the debate has been so-called "stranded costs," or the debts of current electricity providers. The Public Utility Commission estimates stranded costs at \$4.5 billion, or an average of \$2,200 per household.

Consumers already are paying for the debts, and utility compa-

nies want to keep it that way under deregulation.

"We feel that it's absolutely necessary," said John Fainter, president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas.

That has some consumer groups worried.

"We have not bailed out the telephone companies or the airlines, not the railroads, when their markets changed, so why should we bail out the utilities?" Smith said.

Smith and others argue the debt is the accumulation of expensive, ill-advised invest-

ments in nuclear energy and inefficient power plants. Consumers should not have to pay for utility companies' mistakes, he said.

Janeé Briesemeister, policy analyst at Consumers Union, said there should be assurances that stranded cost recovery "is not just a profit subsidy for the incumbent utilities."

Electric companies counter that everyone who has benefited from existing power plants should help pay for them.

"Those nuclear plants were very valuable this summer"

when electricity demand peaked during the heat wave, Fainter said.

Consumer protection has been another area of concern.

Texans should be shielded from problems that have plagued the telephone industry, including consumers being switched without permission or being charged for services they didn't ask for or use, Ms. Briesemeister said.

Also needed are measures to protect low-income consumers who may be rejected for service, Ms. Briesemeister said.

In The News

The U.S. Small Business Administration will hold its monthly orientation session for socially and economically disadvantaged business concerns who are interested in receiving business development assistance through the agency's B(a) Business Development program. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Lubbock office, 1205 Texas Avenue, Room 408.

A retirement reception for The State National Bank teller **LOU HUGHES**, was held Wednesday. **HUGHES** has retired after 31 years employment at the bank.



HUGHES

The State National Bank also announced that **AMY RINEHART**, administrative assistant, was chosen Employee of the Year for 1998. **RINEHART** was chosen by a vote of all employees.



RINEHART

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. in conjunction with the South Plains College Division of Continuing Education, is sponsoring a Successful Money Management Seminar this month.

The seminar will be held Jan. 14, 21 and 28 at the Science Spectrum, 2579 S. Loop 289 in Lubbock.

Tuition is \$69. A spouse or guest can attend at no charge.

Diner specializes in tamales

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A vision by David Dominguez, local business owner and entrepreneur, has resulted in establishing Big Spring's first restaurant that specializes in homemade tamales.

Dominguez Brothers Tamales and More, 411 W. Fourth, opened for business in early December, and according to manager Eddie White, has had a booming business ever since.

"We've been really busy, especially during Christmas. People like tamales at Christmas, it is traditional fare for some cultures," White said.

Homemade tamales wrapped in corn husks are available singly, in the half dozen and dozen order. The store opens at 7 each morning, and offers breakfast burritos as well.

"We've got tamales and we make them big. We make everything ourselves," White said.

The specialty of Tamales and More are hot tamales, made with red chili pods. White said these tamales are not for the timid.

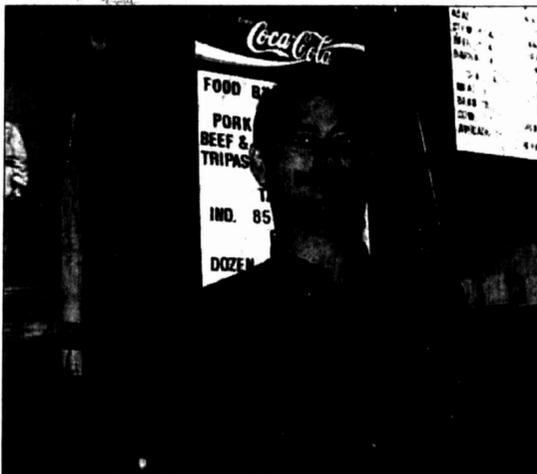
"These are really hot stuff. And they're not easy to make," he said.

Barbacoa tamales, as well as tripas and asado, are also available. The restaurant serves homemade tortillas.

The restaurant caters to take out orders, and will deliver with a \$20 minimum. About six tables are available for inside dining.

"We're hoping to put in about four more tables for our customers," White said.

Currently, the decor features western pictures, and some of



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Dominguez Brothers Tamales and More is open and has been doing a booming business, said manager Eddie White.

The Hispanic art work is for sale, he said.

White said the idea for a tamale store in Big Spring came to owner Dominguez on a trip to Midland, a fact Dominguez confirmed.

"I just thought, we ought to do one of these," Dominguez said.

The brothers featured in the name of the restaurant are actually Dominguez's sons. Since the early 1990s, Dominguez has created several businesses in Big Spring, which he plans to pass along to his sons upon his retirement.

Tamales and More is his fourth endeavor, the second within the past year.

Dominguez said he owes his success to good employees.

"That's what really counts. We couldn't be doing this without my employees," he said.

And to add to his list of enterprises - Burrito Express and D's One Stop Convenience Store on the west side of town, and Burrito Express No. 2 on Gregg and now Tamales and More, Dominguez has also branched into another profession.

"I've opened Dominguez Bail Bonds, and now I'm a bondsman too. It's pretty interesting," he said.

To contact Dominguez Bail Bonds call 267-8007.

To order from Tamales and More, call 263-4447.

And for large orders, White asked that customers call first so the food will be ready upon arrival.

NAFTA

Five years into it, the strong survive

McALLEN (AP) — For Victor Jaramillo and his family, NAFTA has been a gateway to the American dream. For Teodoro Guido, it's become a Mexican nightmare.

The North American Free Trade Agreement helped Jaramillo start his own U.S.-based business, Red & Hot Produce, to import and distribute dry hot pepper and other crops grown in his home state of Zacatecas in central Mexico.

"The mentality is different here, because only good merchandise sells," he said. "In Mexico, you can sell whether your product is good or bad."

Guido, a pork farmer from Guanajuato, another central Mexican state, has struggled to compete with cheaper U.S. imports. He blames the free trade accord for driving many of the farmers in his hometown of Iramuco out of business in recent years.

Five years after it started tearing down trade barriers between the United States, Canada and Mexico, NAFTA has become a survival-of-the-fittest test for businesses and farmers.

Big, innovative producers that have adapted to changing market conditions have prospered. Smaller producers sticking to old methods have sometimes been trampled over.

For labor, it's been more of a tossup. New jobs have been created; old jobs have been lost.

Those who had opposed NAFTA and warned, like Ross Perot, of a "giant sucking sound" of U.S. jobs moving to Mexico say time has proven them right. Advocates say the benefits have outweighed the drawbacks.

Both sides use statistics to support their case. The AFL-CIO estimates between 300,000 and 400,000 American jobs have gone to Mexico since 1994.

The U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce maintains that 1.7 million export-related jobs have been created in the United States since 1993 largely because of NAFTA. The U.S. government says trade between Mexico and the United States has soared, rising from \$80 billion before NAFTA to about \$200 billion now.

"The balance has been favor-

able for both countries," U.S. ambassador to Mexico Jeffrey Davidow said, noting that Mexico is now the United States' second-largest trading partner after Canada.

"Mexico's trade with the United States has been a primary factor in its continuing recuperation from the peso crisis," he said, referring to the economic meltdown of 1995. "And U.S. trade with Mexico has been a bright spot, especially during the last year, at a time when our trade with much of the rest of the world has declined or stayed flat."

NAFTA took effect Jan. 1, 1994, linking more than 360 million consumers in a \$6 trillion market. Over 15 years, it will gradually eliminate all trade barriers between the three nations.

NAFTA included side agreements intended to protect the environment and labor rights. It also gave Mexicans new opportunities to work in the United States.

Jaramillo, the hot pepper importer, became eligible under NAFTA for a U.S. trader/investor visa to open his own business two years ago in the border city of McAllen, Texas.

For years he had made little money trying to sell his peppers in Mexico City. Then he found out about the McAllen Produce Terminal Market, a project just 3 miles north of the border designed to help Mexican farmers become their own U.S. distributors.

Now he's enjoying a middle-class life in the United States and the chance to give his two children a better future.

"They will have more opportunities for all kinds of things; it's going to be a great advantage for them," he said. "Education is better here, and they will not have to worry about economic turmoil in Mexico."

In Iramuco, Guido's home town, residents are also heading north of the border — but under different circumstances.

"People are desperate because now there's no way to make a living," he said.

Small farmers say they have a tough time competing against U.S. farm imports.

Broiler operation possibility for Howard County

I feel that it is critical to the continued prosperity of agriculture in Howard County that we diversify and eliminate as much risk as possible to limit fiscal exposure.

One enterprise that could possibly assist in the elimination and diversification of risk is a broiler operation. Sanderson



DAVID KNIGHT

Farms, Inc. is a poultry operation that has expressed an interest in looking at the feasibility of establishing an operation in the Big Spring area.

The Moore Foundation and other key leaders in the community as well as myself have been working to get information that the company has asked for.

They have requested a survey of an area of approximately 60 mile radius of Big Spring to determine how much interest there would be in growing broilers on a contract basis.

Sanderson Farms has one other operation in Texas which is located in the Bryan-College Station area. That facility

processes 1.2 million birds per week so you can see that they would require several contract growers to meet the needs of the processing facility.

All contract growers will be required to furnish land, housing, labor and operating costs such as fuel, utilities, insurance and taxes. Sanderson Farms would furnish the birds as well as feed and an advisor to come by on a regular basis to assist with management of the operation. Normal operation size is one unit, consisting of four houses (40'x500' each). A producer is paid on the total of pounds of birds produced. Each house averages 6.5 groups per year. There are approximately

30,300 birds per house. A good, high-quality water source is necessary. Each unit requires approximately five acres of land.

If Sanderson Farms does put an operation in the Big Spring area, there is a potential for 1,400 jobs at the processing plant alone, not counting contract broiler growers as well as feed mills and hatchery.

If you have an interest in this potential agricultural enterprise, contact the Howard County Extension Office by Monday at 264-2236.

More detailed economic information as well as facility requirements is available upon request.

After taking hit, banks may be less inclined to loan to farmers

LUBBOCK (AP) — Helping farmers file for bankruptcy is a booming business in West Texas.

Since early November, bankruptcy attorney Gary Condra has barely been able to see over the pile of papers mounting on his desk. Sadly, each sheet represents a farmer, his family and the land that has sustained them for years.

But as the dust from the drought of 1998 settles, Condra said he feels even worse about the many loan-dependent farmers who apparently are in denial about their prospects for next year.

"There is a lot of integrity and a lot of courage out there, but some of these people think they're going to be in business next year and they're not," Condra said. "The banks are beginning to be a little more tight. When you have to show a bank that your only income for a year was your insurance policy, what is going to be the incentive for them to loan again?"

Those connected to banking and agriculture in the region predict that banks will be a lot less likely to finance farmers next year. Two punishing droughts in three years have taxed the limits of their tolerance.

"We're not in a panic, but of course a year like 1998 is going to be hard on banks and anyone else associated with agriculture," said Mike Wright, senior vice president in charge of agriculture lending at American Bank of Commerce in

"There is a lot of integrity and a lot of courage out there, but some of these people think they're going to be in business next year and they're not."

—Bankruptcy attorney Gary Condra

Lubbock.

Wright said banks in the region will have to be realistic in underwriting loans for 1999, realizing the risk of putting their faith in the notoriously fickle Texas weather.

"Going into 1998 we had as good underground moisture as we had going into the spring," Wright said. "The forecasts were that El Nino was going to make this one of the wettest seasons in a long time, but it didn't materialize. You're always an optimist, but you have to be a prudent lender."

Lance Thomas, a 58-year-old dryland cotton farmer in Slaton, said he took out a loan of several thousands of dollars to pay farming costs and household expenses, but had little money to repay it after most of his crop withered. He won't be able to plant again without a loan in 1999.

"Just like everybody else we'll have to ante up, see what we've got and see what the banks will give us," Thomas said. "It's not looking too good."

City Bank, with branches in Levelland, Lockney, Lubbock and Olton, will be cautious, but will continue to have a strong presence in agriculture, president Mike Linder said.

"We don't think there is a major problem out there," Linder said. "We didn't have too many people get themselves into big jams, but this next year is could be tough if things don't improve."

Contrary to common wisdom, rain alone doesn't seem to be the answer.

Bank officials said prices were so low on many agriculture commodities that farmers who irrigated their crop spent too much money to make a profit selling it.

And dryland farmers, who yielded almost nothing this year, would have been worse off if they had produced crops. The 80 percent to 100 percent crop failure made most eligible for insurance reimbursement.

Bankers speculated that a small yield would have negated their insurance policies but been too meager to earn them any money.

Condra also blamed farmers' woes on a lack of government fall-safe programs. The Freedom to Farm Act of 1996 provides for farm insurance in

place of government subsidies.

"Declining government support has really taken away the safety net that gave banks more of a reason to have confidence that a farmer would be back after a tough year," he said.

Farm Bureau legislative director Steve Pringle said farmers can never be sure how much money they'll have to repay loans for which they might apply.

"We're looking for ways to guarantee a certain amount of income for farmers," Pringle said. "It's not fair that being a farmer requires that you never be able to count on some amount of income every year. It makes it hard on us, hard on the banks and hard on this region."

On a positive note, while some banks may be more frugal next year, most are still in good position to dole out loans.

Texas Banking Commissioner Catherine Ghiglieri said that even the smallest banks have tried to make themselves drought-proof.

"They are diversifying their portfolios and not relying so heavily on agriculture," Ms. Ghiglieri said. "And a lot of the farmers that weren't going to be able to handle this year's drought were already weeded out by the 1996 drought. I don't see a systemic problem with banks being unable to give loans, but there are banks here or there that have a problem."

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