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## Grand jury will get 15-20 cases

Howard County Grand Jury members will meet Wednesday to consider between 15 and 20 cases presented by the district attorney's office, Hardy Wilkerson said.

"We're in the process of reviewing those cases to see which ones we will present," said district attorney Wilkerson.

A grand jury member is selected through a process prescribed by law, he said. First the district judge appoints three grand jury commissioners.

These commissioners then about 20 individuals within the community who might be candidates for grand jury duty, he said.

The judge ultimately interviews each of the nominated individuals until 12 meet the qualifications and are selected.

Then, jury duty consists of one term of court. The process is repeated for each of the four terms of court each year.

In Howard County, the grand jury meets twice a month during the term of court, Wilkerson said.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ 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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## Your best advice for tax season: Get an early start

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

It's tax time, and the best advice is to get an early start, according to a local tax preparer.

"The longer you wait, the more tax returns are going to be in Austin," said Gladys Custer, who works with H&R Block.

"Even if you owe, if you come in early, we can look for things that might help you out. If you wait until the last minute, you don't have time for that."

Filing early also means your tax return — if you are due money back

from Tom Sam — will be speeding back to you sooner.

Another way to get the refund check more quickly is filing electronically. Information from your return is filed directly with computers at the IRS, speeding the whole process.

For the last several years, the number of local users of electronic filing has remained steady, Custer said. Nationwide, 24 million returns — one-fifth of all individual returns — were filed that way.

And IRS officials have said they plan to make "e-file," as it is called, the preferred way to file a return.

Using direct deposit, which allows the

IRS to deposit your refund directly into your bank account, may also speed the refund, Custer said.

"You're going to be looking at two to three weeks getting your refund, rather than the usual six weeks," she said.

In addition, special software for home computers will help filers get their returns in — and their refunds back — more quickly. People who use some software programs can also pay their tax bills immediately with credit cards.

If your return is very simple, consider TeleFile, which involves filling out an uncomplicated booklet and finishing the return with an average 10-minute telephone call. About six million filers used

this method last year.

However you plan to file, have everything ready before you start, Custer advised.

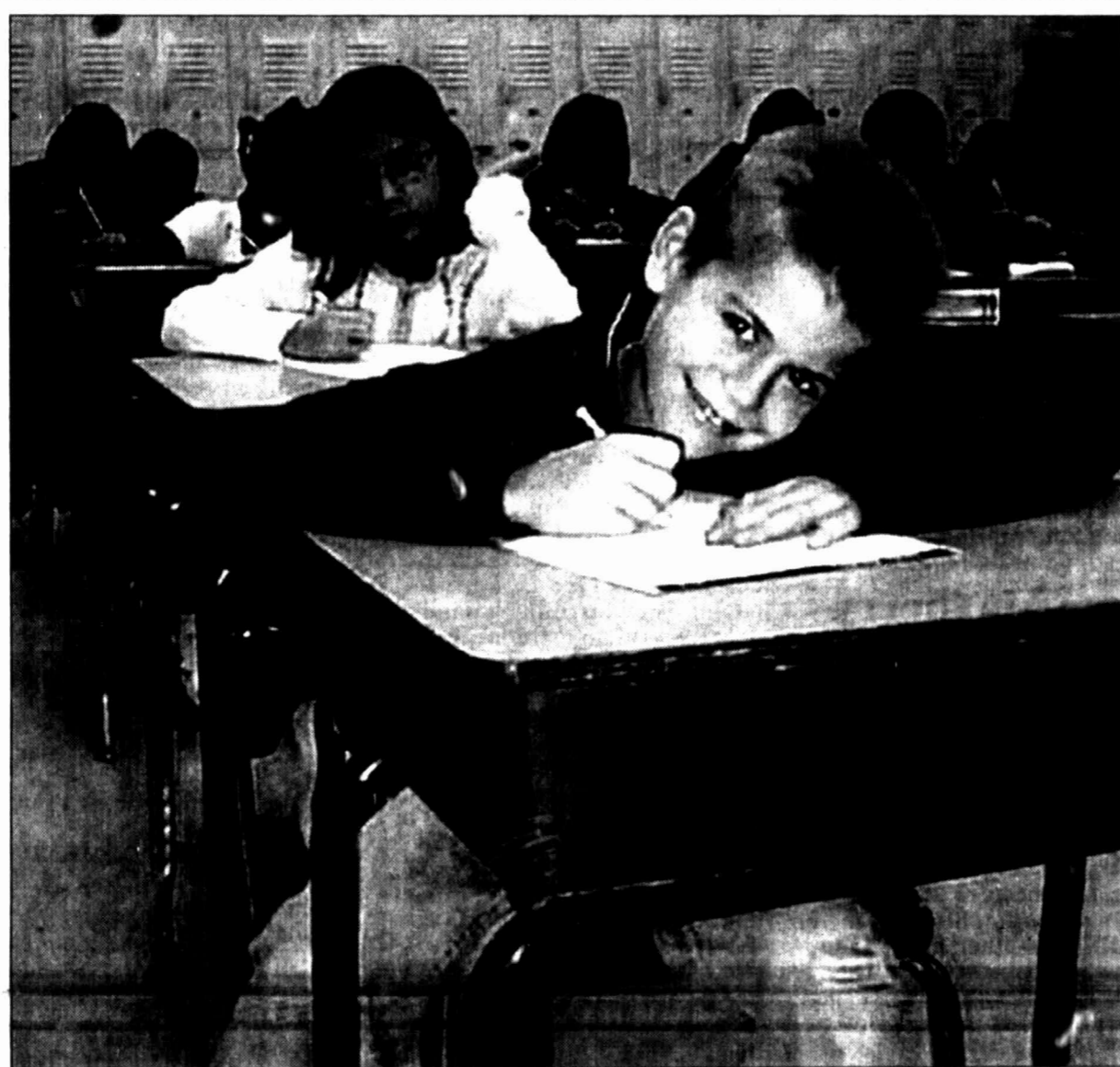
"Have your children's Social Security numbers, have all your W-2's and any other income made," she said. "If you can itemize, have all your deductions ready. It makes it much more convenient."

But her best advice is still — start now.

"We'll have customers coming in today," Custer said.

Remember also, if you must file an extension, that doesn't relieve you of

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Washington Heights fourth grader John Northcut seemed pleased to be back in Linda Marino's class this morning. There was plenty of news to share and then it was back to work for the first school day of 1999.

## Murder

### Big Spring police continue to investigate woman's death after severe beating

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Big Spring police are waiting for results of information sent to the Department of Public Safety lab in Austin before presenting the city's third murder case of 1998 to the district attorney.

It was on a Sunday, Oct. 4, at 8 a.m. when officers responded to the report of an aggravated assault in the 400 block of East 13th. There, they found 42-year-old Dorinda Long unconscious and severely beaten.

She was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, then transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock. She died Oct. 19, having never regained consciousness.

"We were never able to talk to her to find out what happened," said Sgt. Roger Sweat. "We've just been piecing information together, and we've sent some of that to the DPS lab in Austin."

"Now we're waiting to hear back from them. That may take a while. It's kind of a first-come, first-serve basis and they get stuff from all over the state."

Sweat said when the information comes in, the case will be presented to the district attorney for consideration.

"It's up to him as to whether he feels we have a strong enough case, based on the evidence," said Sweat.

Long's death was the third homicide in Big Spring last year, and the only one still unsolved. In May, 20-year-old Barbara Villegas was strangled. Her boyfriend, John Ruben Gaitan, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and received a 20-year prison sentence.

In June, Vietnam veteran James Milton Neely, 51, died after falling from the U.S. Highway 87 bridge during an apparent altercation with two other men.

One of them, Ramon Cisneros, See **MURDER**, Page 2

## Stock show season blows in with cold

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Managing Editor

Ever wonder why the weather turned cold?  
It's easy. It's stock show season.

Just like washing one's vehicle is said to be a sure way to get it to rain, the start of the stock shows in January seems to be a sure-fire way to get the temperatures to drop and conjure up visions of ice and snow.

With the completion of the annual Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show over the weekend, competition turns to the local show rings with the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show set to kick things off this Thursday.

The following weekend, shows are scheduled in Howard, Martin and Borden counties.

Odessa's show is the first of six larger shows in which local

and area youth compete for awards in the ring and money in the premium auctions.

After the mid-month completion of the local shows, a number of youngsters will hit the road to show their animals in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo.

Set-up of pens for the Glasscock County show will begin at 9:30 Wednesday morning. On Thursday, rabbits, hogs and lambs will begin being weighed at 8 a.m. while entries for steer, heifer and goat exhibitors will be accepted from 8-11 a.m.

Rabbit showmanship will kick things off Thursday at 11 a.m., followed by the rabbit show at 1 p.m. and the sheep show at 4 p.m.

On Friday, the swine show will begin at 9 a.m. and will be followed at 2 p.m. by the steer show. At the completion of the

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## Area youth take home honors from Sandhills Hereford show

HERALD Staff Report

Youngsters from Howard and Martin County took home ribbons following the completion of the Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show this weekend in Odessa.

Howard County's Meagan Kothmann placed fourth to lead a trio of contestants in the goat show. In addition, Whitney Oppgard placed seventh and Jud Oppgard placed 12th in the goat show.

In the steer competition, Howard County's Cathy Gover placed 10th and Travis Roberts placed 16th.

Seven Martin County 4-Hers exhibited 10 steers and one

heifer at the show, with Dakota Newman taking first place in Class 5, followed by Candice Howard in second, Samantha Yates in fourth, Meagan Mims in fifth and Eric Tunnell in 20th.

In Class 2, Kelsi Howard finished 14th, while Candice Howard placed third in Class 3. In Class 4, Samantha Yates finished fourth and Josh Tunnell 15th.

In the heifer competition, Candice Howard took first place in Class 4.

In addition, Candice Howard was named Champion Showman while Meagan Mims placed third.

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Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, left, County Judge Ben Lockhart, Commissioner Bill Crooker and newly elected Commissioner Gary Simer, along with Emma Brown (not pictured) approved bonds for all newly elected officials in a special meeting Monday.

## Dobbs takes well to 'first real job'

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Newly elected justice of the peace Quail Dobbs said his first day in county government went well.

"But there's a lot more to this than meets the eye," Dobbs said from his office in Coahoma. "I'm relying on my secretary Martha Beene to teach me quite a bit."

A former rodeo clown, Dobbs said after 36 years in the arena, dodging bulls and climbing in and out of barrels, he needed a change.

"I've always been interested in law enforcement. After 36 years, the arenas are getting bigger and the bulls are getting faster," Dobbs said.

His first duty Monday was to attend probable cause hearings

to determine the need for hospitalization for about six Howard County residents, he said.

"These folks, five at the state hospital and one at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, all said they wanted help. There was some drug and alcohol abuse, but not all," he said.

Dobbs' role in these hearings is to determine if the individuals need hospitalization, and he has the authority to commit a person to a hospital for 14 days.

At the end of the two weeks, further hospitalization requires a 90-day commitment and warrants the county judge's authority, he said.

"I can marry you, pronounce you dead and put you in jail. I guess the worst is an inquiry, where I have to pronounce people dead. But I haven't done that yet," Dobbs said.

Thus far he hasn't done either task, and he's preparing to attend 40 hours of justice of the peace training in Austin.

"I'm looking forward to it. All first year JPs go to school in Austin. I've been to a couple of

others, but all they said was how easy it is for the public to sue you, and what not to do," Dobbs said.

As a rotating, on-call justice of the peace, duties he shares with China Long and Marilyn Carson, Dobbs will be required to answer all the county calls for his select services every third week.

He may also be required to sit in for city judge Gary Tabor from time to time, and he will attend specific hearings and arraignments, he said.

"This is more than anticipation, this is a challenge. My wife said this is my first real job, and so far I'm like a duck taking to water."

"I was at the courthouse, and somebody hollered at me. 'hey clown.' I said to him, 'this city's full of clowns,'" he said.

Dobbs said he is greatly honored by the support shown him from the people in Coahoma, and he feels blessed.

One of his greatest honors was two years ago when the See **DOBBS**, Page 2

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Fowler Walters

Service for Ruby Fowler Walters, 84, Duncan, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, was 40 a.m. today in the Don Grantham Funeral Home Chapel, Duncan, Okla., with Randy Southerland officiating. Burial followed in the Duncan City Cemetery.

Mrs. Walters died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at her home in Duncan. She was born in Stephens County on March 6, 1914. She was self-employed for many years in the restaurant business and owned a custom drapery shop in Big Spring for 18 years. She married Leon (Dutch) Walters on May 12, 1984, in Duncan, Okla. Mrs. Walters was a longtime Sunday School teacher and an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Dutch Walters of Duncan, Okla.; three sons, Clifford Fowler of Ardmore, Okla., Jerry Fowler of Marlow, Okla., and Randle Fowler of Garland; one brother, Charles Gordon of Duncan, Okla.; three sisters, Mozelle Sanner, Retha Gill, and Janelle Presgrove, all of Duncan, Okla.; four grandsons and five granddaughters, including Andrea Gee of Big

Spring, and eight great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home, Inc., Duncan, Okla.

Sarah Estelle "Sally" Holsenbeck

Service for Sarah Estelle "Sally" Holsenbeck, 92, Lamesa, will be 3 p.m., Jan. 6, 1999, at the Second Baptist Church with Rev. Clifton Igo, Pastor Emeritus, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Jody Boudreaux. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Holsenbeck died Sunday, Jan. 3, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She was born on Feb. 13, 1906, in Brackenridge. She married David Holsenbeck on Dec. 18, 1925. He preceded her in death in March 1974. She moved to Lamesa in 1944. Mrs. Holsenbeck worked at various businesses in Lamesa, including the old Egg Plant, her family laundry, Sybil's Drive-In, and the Frontier Restaurant. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include: four daughters, Christine Medlin, Jean Lee, both of Lamesa, Laverne Meeks of Tahoka, and Mae Kotal of Baytown; one son, Leon Holsenbeck of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa.

dent of Howard County and graduated from Knott High School in 1953. She had worked at Cosden Refinery for several years and had also worked as a bookkeeper for Planters Gin in Knott for several years. She was a homemaker, a devoted mother and a loving grandmother.

Survivors include: Robert Beall of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Shari Beall and their son, Steven Croft, and Joe Paul and Rene Beall and their sons, Jerrod and Stuart Beall, all of Knott; one daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Darin Clements and their children, Allison, Garrett and Preston Clements, all of Midland; her father, J.W. Fryar, Jr. of Big Spring; one sister, Bernell Bayes of Sand Springs; and four brothers, Roland Fryar of Fairview, Ronald Fryar of Big Spring, Tommy Fryar of Donna, and Claud Fryar of Vealmoor.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Imogene Fryar. Pallbearers will be Ken Maxwell, Jay Fryar, Grady Grantham, Woody Long, Jerry Roman, Richard Parker, Delmer Turner and Tim Hall. Honorary pallbearer will be Eddie Herm.

The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121 or the Allison Cancer Center; 301 North N. Midland; 79701. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Ouida Jeannette Wylie

Service for Ouida Jeannette Wylie, 79, Collinsville, Okla., was 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Collinsville, Okla., with Elder James O. Wylie and Samuel G. Wylie officiating. Burial followed in the Ridgeland Cemetery, Collinsville, Okla.

Mrs. Wylie died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, in Tulsa, Okla. She had been a resident of Collinsville for seven years. She was a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include: six sons, Charles Wylie of Big Spring, Gene Wylie of Stansbury Park, Utah, Roland Wylie, Henry Wylie, both of Memphis, Tenn., David Wylie and Grover Wylie, both of Collinsville, Okla.; one daughter, Jeannette Hamlin of Palatine, Ill.; two brothers, Ray Bevers of Muleshoe, and Hubert Bevers of Artesia, N.M.; three sisters, Lillian Hillis of Brownfield, Bernice Hale of Abilene, and Mary Lee Bernard of Bakersfield, Calif.; 26 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Collinsville Funeral Home, Collinsville, Okla.

Ida Lou Beall

Ida Lou Beall, 63, Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in a Midland hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of Knott Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on April 30, 1935, in Howard County. Ida Lou was a lifelong resi-

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

YOUTH

Continued from Page 1. Other recognition for the Martin County youngsters came when Katie Yates was awarded one of the Sandhills Hereford Shows annual scholarships and Candice and Kelsi Howard were elected to the Texas Junior Hereford Association as a senior and junior director for 1999.

Lee and Celia Howard were selected as sponsors to the Texas Junior Hereford Association board of directors.

SHOW

Continued from Page 1. steer show, the weigh-in of goats will get under way and will continue until 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the goat show will get things started at 7:30 a.m. Photographs are scheduled from 10-11 a.m. with the pig scramble set for noon. The barbecue will follow the scramble, with the awards presentation set for 1:30 p.m. and the premium sale at 2 p.m.

Judges for the Glasscock County show include Tadd Knight of Plains for cattle and cattle showmanship and swine and swine showmanship, George Ahlschwede of San Angelo for meat goats and goat showmanship, Richard Long of Ira for lamb and lamb showmanship and Mary Jo Terry of Wichita Falls for rabbit and rabbit showmanship.

TAX

Continued from Page 1. paying your tax bill. You must usually send an estimate of the amount you owe when you file for more time, Custer advised.

With this year's number of changes in tax laws, she said customers are already calling and coming in to ask questions. This year, that's probably a good idea.

"Whatever you do," Custer said, "don't wait until the last minute."

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- THEFT was reported at 400 E. Fourth and in the 1300 block of East Fourth.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the alley behind the 100 block of East 15th.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Park.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird and the 100 block of Canyon.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between Dec. 28, 1998 and today:

- MICHAEL PATRICK MORIARTY, 36, was arrested for driving while license invalid or suspended.
- ANDREW (ANDY) GARZA, 24, was arrested for failure to stop and render aid, parole violation and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

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• JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 23, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and resisting arrest.

• JOSEPH RAY BRIM JR., 28, was arrested for motion to revoke probation for evading arrest and driving while license suspended or invalid.

• LARRY JOHNATHAN LEE, 22 was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• WILL WASSON GUTHRIE, 42, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• BONNIE MAY GRETT, 21, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense and abandonment/endangerment of a child.

• LANA RUTH MUNOZ, 35, was arrested for driving while license invalid or suspended, enhance.

• MICHAEL PHILLIP THOMPSON, 27, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• DANYEL CASEY IVIE, 20, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest.

• MICHAEL JAYE PIERCE-FIELD, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• RUPERTO REFUGIO RAMOS, 27, was arrested for failure to report an accident at once.

• CLAY ATKINSON, 27, was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• CHERYL LYNN EDMONDSON, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• RONALD RALPH LEE, 52, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury/family member.

• ROY DEAN BOYD, 43, was arrested for driving while license invalid or suspended.

• MICHAEL WARREN LOCKHART, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• EUSEBIO GUILLERMO RAMOS, 27, was arrested for first offense driving while intoxicated.

• FRANK DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, 51, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• MICHAEL ANTHONY PRYOR, 36, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• DWAYNE ANTHONY SMITH, 36, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• VINCENT MENDEZ, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• MARY JEAN BERRY, 28, was arrested for unrestrained child under 4 years of age.

• HECTOR ROBLES MELENDEZ, 19, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• MERLE JEAN BERRY, 55, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• MATTHEW CLAY YEATS, 21, was arrested for a third degree felony of possession of cocaine.

• WILLIAM RYAR LOCKE, 24, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• BRYAN CRAIG GRESSETT, 45, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

• TARA NICOLE PETERSON, 23, was arrested for theft more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000.

• PATRICK G. SULLIVAN, 45, was arrested for driving while intoxicated third or more offense.

• DUTCH WESTON BARR, 26, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• JONETTA TATE, 34, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• LOUIS RAY was arrested for possession of marijuana less than four ounces more than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• LARRY DEAN WHITE, 28, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• LEE ANN SIMPSON, 24, was arrested for injury to a child and issuance of a bad check.

• MICHAEL RAY BURCHAM, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• LEWIS G. GRANTHAM, 46, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ARMANDO SANTIAGO DELEON, 40, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• STEVEN CRAIG CROFT, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

• MICHAEL LEE HODNETT, 33, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

• TANYA WILLIAMS, 23, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

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Ida Lou Beall, 63, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Abbey Manning, 92, died Thursday. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

John T. Dunham, 75, died Sunday. Graveside services were 10:30 AM Tuesday at Tuscola Cemetery, Tuscola, Tx.

Arnulfo Hernandez, Jr., 68, died Saturday. Services were 10:30 AM Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church. Burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Prairie View facing more penalties

PRAIRIE VIEW (AP) — Prairie View A&M reportedly is considering leaving the Southwestern Athletic Conference because of sanctions resulting from a fight among band members last fall. The school used student fees to pay a \$31,000 fine to the league, but the school's future in the SWAC is unclear, the Houston Chronicle reported. The conference imposed the fine because the Prairie View ignored a two-game suspension that was imposed after its band fought at halftime with members of the Southern University band. Prairie View has been ordered to write an "open letter" to other schools in the Southwestern Athletic Conference by Sunday. The letter must detail the school's commitment to the ideals and values of being a conference member.

Fire at old courthouse believed arson

BIG LAKE (AP) — A fire that destroyed a historic courthouse is being treated as an arson, investigators say. A two-story structure that once served as the Reagan County Courthouse was destroyed by the blaze Sunday afternoon. Eight volunteer firefighters poured 35,000 gallons of water on the blaze, draining a nearby windmill tank and sucking water from two oil field tankers. Monday, ashes still smoldered inside the gutted building. The building was built in 1911 in the community of Stiles and abandoned 16 years later when Reagan County residents voted to move the county seat to the new oil boomtown of Big Lake. Stiles is 18 miles northwest of Big Lake. Since Dec. 6, several vacant structures have burned in the area — three in eastern Upton County, two in northeast Pecos County, one in southern Midland County and two houses and the Stiles courthouse in Reagan County. Big Lake fire chief Doc Robertson said Monday that investigators believe that the same method of operation was used in all seven fires. For instance, the fires were all set in the afternoon, between noon and about 4:30 p.m. The rectangular courthouse was built with limestone quarried near the building site. After the county seat was moved to Big Lake, the Stiles building was used as a community center until the 1960s. Since then, it has been used as a storage site for county equipment.

Phony lottery tickets circulating

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Lottery officials are not amused about the statewide sale of "gag" instant tickets that claim to be \$10,000 winners. They are checking to see if any state laws have been violated, Lottery officials said Monday. The tickets, which apparently have been available in Texas novelty stores since last spring, are worthless, officials said. "These 'gag' tickets are not a product of the Texas Lottery and are not associated with, endorsed by or approved by the Texas Lottery," according to the warning. Officials say they are seeking legal advice from the Texas Attorney General's Office to see if the scratch-off tickets, which make no mention of the Texas Lottery, violate consumer-protection or other laws. Real lottery tickets, sold by various retailers, have information on the back about how to redeem them at Texas Lottery claim centers around the state. The bogus tickets, some of which say "Mega Cash — win up to \$10,000," have humorous information on the back, such as "\$5,000 and \$10,000 prizes may be redeemed at Yo Mama's House or by mail using a claim form supplied by the Tooth Fairy. Please sign and mail your winning ticket and claim form to Santa Claus, P.O. Box 777, North Pole. All winners are subject to people laughing at you. Valid only in your dreams." The phony tickets are no laughing matter to Texans who have gone to the 24 claim centers around the state seeking to cash their "winning" tickets. "There's a lot of disappointment there," said lottery spokesman Leticia Vasquez. "We're seeing an average of four a week in every claim center."

Blues club owner associate pleads guilty

AUSTIN (AP) — An associate of blues club owner Clifford Antone has pleaded guilty to laundering drug money, just a week before Antone heads to federal trial on charges of selling nearly five tons of marijuana. El Paso lawyer Richard Esper, 46, admitted trying to hide the source of \$75,000 he obtained from marijuana sales. In a hearing before U.S. District Judge James Nowlin Monday, Esper also agreed to forfeit the cash. Federal prosecutors in return agreed to press no further charges and proposed a 30-month prison sentence for Esper, who had faced up to 20 years. Assistant U.S. Attorney Charlie Strauss told Nowlin in court that he agreed to the sentencing because Esper helped negotiate plea bargains with some of the 26 other defendants in the case. Nowlin must still approve the deal. Federal court documents say Esper introduced Antone to an El Paso drug smuggler, Victor Bruce Hackfield, who allegedly made the club owner a link in a drug ring between 1994 and 1996. Hackfield, 40, told authorities that Antone began receiving pot shipments in May 1994. In one instance in 1995, Hackfield told authorities, Antone paid \$880,000 for 3,300 pounds. Strauss would not say whether Esper provided any information implicating Antone. Antone, 48, said he does not blame Esper or any of the other defendants for entering plea bargains. "I don't know what he (Esper) said to prosecutors," Antone told the Austin American-Statesman. "He probably just went in and did a plea bargain. Whatever anyone does is their business. I have no hard feelings toward anyone." Antone, whose club is one of the top venues nationwide for blues artists, faces 10 years to life in prison if convicted. He was sentenced to five years in federal prison in 1984 for possessing more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana, but served only 14 months.

Hastert says he'll work to restore faith in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dennis Hastert says his main goal when he is chosen speaker of the House is to end the political divisions that have held legislation hostage, and thereby restore the nation's faith in Congress.



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"This Congress has to go to work, we have to start to produce good things that the American people want,

policy that addresses the needs of the American people," the Illinois Republican said before a meeting with GOP leaders.

"That's our first and most important step in restoring faith in this U.S. House of Representatives."

House Republicans will meet late today to choose Hastert, a little-known six-term lawmaker, to succeed Newt Gingrich as their leader.

On Wednesday he is to be formally elected speaker with the convening of the 106th session of Congress.

Hastert's surprise rise to the leadership spot followed

Gingrich's decision to resign in the wake of Republican losses in the November elections and the announcement last month by Gingrich's expected successor, Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., that he had had extramarital affairs and would not seek the speakership.

Hastert takes over a House deeply divided by the impeachment of President Clinton and paralyzed by partisan clashes. He pledged to reach out to Democrats.

"One of the things that I want to do is to open the possibilities for this House to work together. We need to work together, espe-

cially on very substantive issues, on a bipartisan basis."

He said that his top legislative goals include reforming Social Security and Medicare, improving the nation's education system, providing tax relief and boosting national defense.

"I will be me and I'm not going to try to emulate Newt or anybody else," Hastert, the 57-year-old former high school teacher said when asked how he would differ from the outspoken Gingrich.

"We need to start our agenda now," he said. "We intend not to talk about those issues but deliver."

IRS offers more taxpayer help as filing season begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax time will tell whether the IRS is really more helpful and responsive to taxpayers this year. But as tax filing season begins, officials say at least it will be easier to get through on the telephone.

On Monday, the Internal Revenue Service opened its taxpayer help lines (1-800-829-1040) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the past, those lines were staffed 16 hours a day, six days a week leading up to the April 15 deadline.

"During this year's filing season, we'll never close," IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti told reporters.

Rossotti and Treasury

Secretary Robert Rubin said the longer help line hours, along with other improvements, will mean fewer busy signals and less time spent on hold.

In addition, IRS offices in 250 locations will be open on 13 Saturdays between Jan. 16 and April 10. Last year, such "help sessions" were held only on the last few Saturdays at a few locations before the tax filing deadline.

Taxpayers should call IRS to find the office nearest them that will be open on Saturdays.

These changes are part of the 1998 reform law intended to transform the much-maligned IRS into a friendlier, more service-oriented agency.

"We hope that by doing our job better, people will understand that the IRS ... is not an enemy of the taxpayers at all," Rossotti said. "Our job is to be an agent to help the taxpayer meet the obligations."

For people with computer access to the Internet, the IRS site on the World Wide Web (www.irs.ustreas.gov) features tax forms, changes in tax law, publications, tax tables, answers to frequently asked questions and links to other tax-related sites.

Rossotti said IRS has finished testing some 70,000 computer programs to ensure they are ready for 2000, when computer systems may be disrupted.

Tax bite: \$2.6 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tax bite on Americans from all levels of government is projected to top \$2.66 trillion in 1998, according to an independent analysis.

The non-profit Tax Foundation estimates that federal, state and local governments will collect an average of \$26,434 for every household in the country — or an average of \$9,881 for every U.S. resident.

Of those total collections, the federal government accounts for almost 68 percent at about \$1.8 trillion. The biggest chunk is individual income taxes, at \$792 billion.

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OUR VIEWS

Stand behind our elected officials as we enter a new year

Can it be that 1999 is already rolling along? Sure enough, we are five days into it — and we've barely had time, it seems, to have packed up the ornaments and finished off the last of the turkey left over from Christmas 1998.

The new year brings a lot of excitement with it. One thought leaps to mind is that 1999 sets the stage for the new century. For some reason, the Year 2000 symbolizes technology, though exactly whether that will be the trash of a whole society or the dawn of new discoveries is still being debated.

We might even find ourselves hurrying 1999 by, in anticipation of what the future will bring. But that wouldn't be prudent.

As family members, business owners and workers, we all know the planning that has to be in place for us to make it through these times of drought and low oil prices. We must draw up budgets, save where we can, cutback where we can, grow where we can grow, so that we prosper in the future.

Likewise, our elected officials have that same mandate. They are the ones who develop budgets that allow our county and community to thrive, even when economic times are not at their best. They are the ones who make the unpopular decisions to cut services or raise taxes.

With that in mind, we'd like to welcome our newly elected officials — especially those sworn in for the first time this year — and thank them for taking on jobs that most of us don't have the time, the patience or the desire to deal with.

We ask only that they look at all sides of issues before making decisions, be responsive to questions and suggestions, and to work with the best interest of Howard County in mind.

As we start the new year, let's us, as citizens, also remind ourselves that theirs is not an easy job. They deserve our respect and our patience.

Together, however, we can continue making Howard County flourish. Together, we can continue to map out a path that will take us on to the new century and beyond.

OTHER VIEWS

Texans should watch a proposal in Virginia to offer warranties ensuring the competence of its high school graduates. The idea could have applications here.

Under the plan being considered by Virginia's Council of Higher Education, the cost of remedial studies incurred by state-supported colleges and universities would be passed on to the high schools that failed to produce freshmen ready to pursue college-level work.

Critics assail the idea, noting that public schools cannot be selective about who they serve, unlike colleges where admissions officers can be choosy, reports the Associated Press.

They weakly argue that they cannot guarantee the success of all students.

If not the public schools, then who can or should?

The impetus for the Virginia proposal is simple: Schools should be held accountable for the students they produce.

Taxpayers in San Antonio, who foot an enormous bill for remedial education at the community college level,

would stand to win under such a plan. Consider that most first-time, incoming Alamo Community College District students require remedial classes, costing the district about \$5 million annually.

Students also would come out ahead because they wouldn't be sidelined until they're ready for college work. Of course, some still might need help. But the numbers at ACCD, which surely are mirrored in other communities, are too staggering to ignore.

Minnesota now has a program similar to the one being eyed in Virginia that reimburses colleges for lapses in their students' skills, the AP reports.

The Virginia proposal would be voluntary, with officials hoping public pressure would boost participation.

It's hard to imagine the public wouldn't get behind the plan as it goes to the heart of what people say they want from schools: accountability.

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New year, new Congress and new pork

One thing is sure this year besides death and taxes: With the convening of a new Congress, there will be new mouths to slop up precious dollars from American taxpayers.

In decades of reporting, the rare diamond on Capitol Hill is the Congressman who does not bring federal funds to the folks at home.

For instance, for all his preaching about fiscal prudence, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich brought beaucoup federal bucks to his Georgia district in the form of unnecessary subsidies — which were certainly not in the interest of federal taxpayers. Just last year, Gingrich brought home billions of dollars by slipping funding into the budget for several C-130 cargo planes that the Pentagon doesn't need and never asked for.

But it isn't only the congressmen who are to blame. They say their constituents made them do it.

Indeed, the pious sermons on Capitol Hill about God, country and a balanced budget wouldn't have such a hollow ring if the sermonizers practiced the economy they preach.

But on the home front, they speak out of the other side of their mouths. The spending they denounce in Washington, they praise at home — as long as the money is spent in their own backyards.



JACK ANDERSON



JAN MOLLER

This double-speak is routine for members of Congress, who like to pose as statesmen while they engage in politics as usual. Since the inner workings of Congress are largely shielded from the public, and since no single member can be held accountable for what the whole Congress does, they can sound noble while they behave otherwise.

Few legislators have the power to shape bold national policies or the authority to make great decisions. More characteristically, they bargain selfishly for patronage and pork as the price of their support for national programs.

Their favorite, if mythical, gathering place is around the "pork barrel" — an unsavory, 19th-century metaphor taken from the practice of doling out meat out of a barrel to hungry field slaves who had to fight for their share.

Similarly, members of

Congress crowd around the money barrel, jostling to grab some. This annual scramble for pork is dressed up in solemn rules and lofty language. But, by any other name, it is still money grubbing, and the politicians' purpose is to ingratiate themselves with voters.

If a defense contract or a public boondoggle will keep a few folks back home off the unemployment rolls, it will gain the ardent support of their loyal legislators who are quick to decry similar boondoggles in someone else's territory.

Sadly, the taxpayers themselves are accomplices in this masquerade. Nearly \$1 million spent on lowbush blueberry research in Maine may look like a boondoggle to the taxpayers in Arkansas. But the folks in Maine are just as outraged about the \$4.7 million spent for a Rice Germplasm Center in Stuttgart, Ark.

And in both Arkansas and Maine, voters will enthusiastically re-elect the members of Congress who brought home the federal bacon. Polls consistently show that voters think everyone in Congress is a profligate spender, except their own member.

We remember Sen. Quentin Burdick, who left a trail of pork that will not easily be forgotten — and to make sure, his proud staff put it all on paper.

Burdick died in 1992 at age 84 after a career in which he left

his mark as a low-profile but high-powered soldier for his home state of North Dakota. He was known for his iron handshake, his wry wit, and an uncanny ability to siphon federal funds into North Dakota.

On the national stage, Burdick was an obscure figure — even though he'd been in the Senate since 1960. But obscure doesn't mean ineffective, judging by the list his staff prepared of all the federal projects and grants he helped secure for North Dakota from his spot on the Appropriations Committee. The list filled two single-spaced, legal-size pages. It added up to nearly half a billion dollars.

Burdick's brush with national notoriety — and some infamy — came after he procured a \$500,000 federal grant in 1990 to help build a German-Russian museum in Strasburg, N.D., the birthplace of Lawrence Welk. Before it was finally withdrawn, the grant became a national symbol of wasteful, constituent-driven spending.

Burdick had an unapologetic in-your-face rejoinder: "I'll get everything North Dakota is entitled to now."

If pork didn't generate votes, the pork barrel would be replaced with something more politically productive. Voting for the representative who brings home the most pork has become democracy, American style. But it shouldn't be.

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The trial of the century, or of all time?

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before President Clinton was impeached, the congressman who will be the lead prosecutor said the House decision was "merely" that there was enough evidence for a Senate trial.

There's nothing mere about it now — one Republican senator said it is not only the trial of the century but of all time.

And Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania also said it should be a full trial, with witnesses testifying before the Senate. He said so outside the White House Monday, after watching Clinton propose a tax break for long-term health care. Specter complimented Clinton for a good job in handling that business as usual.

In the unprecedented situation awaiting the Congress convening Wednesday, the incongruous is ordinary.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, leads the 13 managers who will prosecute the impeachment case when it begins — locking the normally talkative Senate into a rigid and silent role as Clinton's jury.

"Now we seek impeachment, not conviction nor censure," Hyde said on Dec. 11, as the committee brought its party-line charges against Clinton. "Those are decisions for the

other body, the Senate. We merely decide if there is enough for a trial."

That was decided on near party-line votes in the House for two counts of impeachment — perjury and obstruction of justice — in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. Republican leaders blocked a vote on censure, scrapping that Democratic alternative, 230 to 204.

Republicans said flatly that censure was unconstitutional, although Hyde and others had earlier suggested it might be an option for the Senate.

It may yet be — there are Republicans who see it as a way to settle the case short of firing the president, which Americans overwhelmingly oppose in public opinion polls. Of course the polls registered majority opposition to impeachment, too, and the House went ahead.

Since the impeachment votes on Dec. 19, the House tone has hardened, with Hyde and his prosecution team demanding a full Senate trial to prove their case for conviction of the president.

But Senate leaders are talking of compromise, on trial and punishment.

Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the majority leader, has guardedly endorsed the idea of an abbreviated trial without witnesses, followed by a test vote to determine whether two-thirds of the Senate considers Clinton's con-

duct, if proven, to warrant conviction.

Assuming, as Senate leaders do, that there are not the votes to convict — with 55 Republican senators, 45 Democrats and 67 votes required — the impeachment trial could be adjourned by majority vote, and the Senate could consider censure. But that would take advance agreements; it isn't envisioned by the rules.

"They hear the country, they want to get it concluded, and that's a way to get it concluded," said Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., one of the House managers. Hutchinson said on ABC that there should be a trial, with witnesses, and that Ms. Lewinsky would be on the short list to testify "in a very dignified way."

But neither the dignity nor the duration of a Senate trial would be manageable once testimony began, although a majority could vote at any point to end the whole proceeding. Were Democrats to hold their lines, that would take the votes of at least six Republican senators.

Lott's hints of a three-day trial led Hyde to write him that "the Senate should hear from live witnesses ..." and should not short-circuit the case the House brought against Clinton.

He said the "extensive factual record" compiled by special prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr was sufficient for House

impeachment, but that the managers will want to summon witnesses at trial.

Democrats called that inconsistent. Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said it was noteworthy that the House chose not to hear from "the characters that have become all too familiar" in the Lewinsky scandal, and that he is not widely interested in having them called before the Senate.

During the House debate, Hyde said, "We have been attacked for not producing fact witnesses," but the House didn't need them, with 60,000 pages of Starr evidence in hand. "We had the facts — under oath," he said then.

But now, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., complained, the House is trying to tell the Senate how it must proceed.

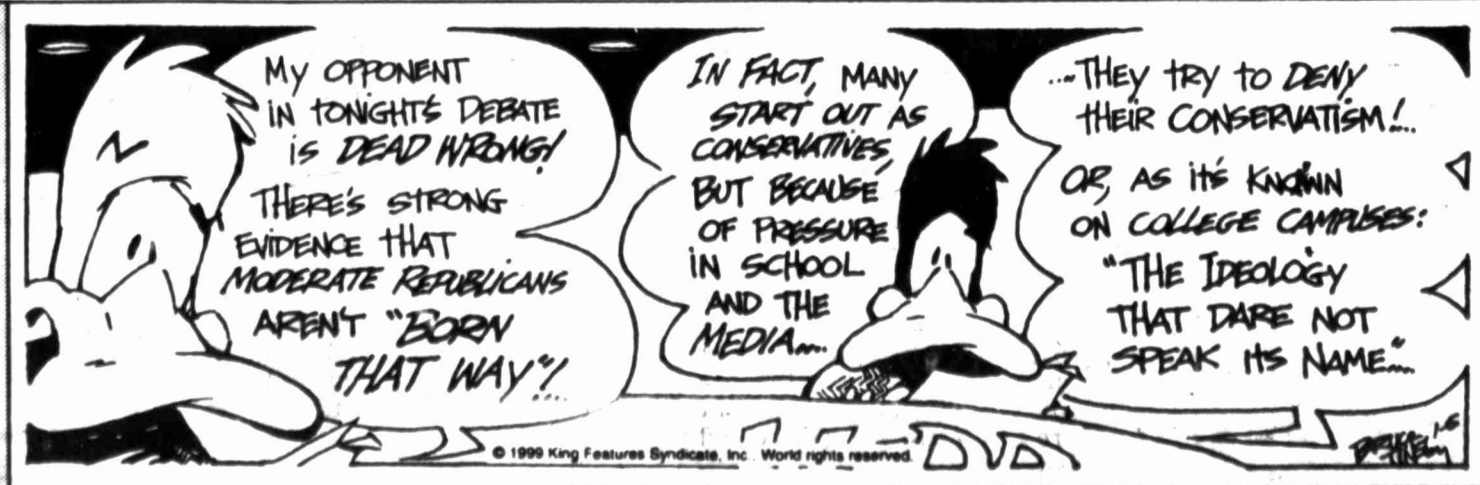
Worse still, he said, one of the House managers, Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, said senators don't have the attention span of the average juror, so the case will have to be simplified for them.

"That kind of condescending arrogance is not going well," Leahy said on CBS.

He was one of 16 senators on TV Sunday morning. Specter was another, and he said on NBC that even with witnesses, the trial can be expedited and brief.

"Probably less time than we spend on the Sunday talk shows," he said.

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### IN BRIEF

#### American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in the Panhandle and West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses.

#### Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

#### Holmes says fight is on, George Foreman says no

NEW YORK (AP) — The fight between old-timers George Foreman and Larry Holmes might still happen yet.

But promoter Roger Levitt says it will take place only if Foreman agrees to a different form of payment.

The bout between the aging former heavyweight champion is scheduled for Jan. 23 at the Houston Astrodome. But Foreman's camp contends the bout is off because the promoter has not met his financial obligations.

"The promoter had a deadline to meet and it was missed," Foreman lawyer Steve Kattelman told Houston TV station KRIV. "An extension was granted to provide a letter of credit and we had every expectation it would be taken care of. It didn't happen."

"We have told Roger Levitt there will be no further extensions. The fight is not going to happen."

Levitt said Monday he has secured an insurance bond that will guarantee Foreman the remaining \$9 million of his \$10 million purse.

Holmes is owed \$3.6 million of his \$4 million share, and Levitt said he will be paid.

"If George Foreman wants to fight, then it will happen," said Russ Sauer, Holmes' lawyer. "If Mr. Foreman agrees to proceed with the financial agreement in place, I don't see any problems working out an alternative arrangement for Larry in which he'll be guaranteed his money."

Foreman was expecting a letter of credit, which also guarantees the fighters to receive their entire purse. But two financial backers pulled out in recent weeks.

Holmes doesn't appear too concerned by the roadblocks, especially since he has waited nearly five years to get Foreman in the ring.

"I don't mind giving him (Levitt) the benefit of the doubt," Holmes said. "Especially since he has spent a lot of money already."

Levitt has already given Foreman \$1 million and Holmes \$400,000 — both of which are nonrefundable.

The fight has been called The "Battle of the Aged." Foreman will be 50 by the time of the bout and Holmes is 49.

#### Seifert returns to NFL to lead Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Two years of fishing, traveling and broadcasting were enough for George Seifert. The coach with the best winning percentage in NFL history resurfaced Monday to lead the Carolina Panthers.

Seifert will be the coach and will have the final say in all personnel matters for a 4-year-old franchise that has fallen on hard times since advancing to the NFC championship game in just its second season.

Seifert, 58, received a five-year contract that will pay him an average of more than \$2.4 million annually, according to sources who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

"There are a few moments in your life when you're kind of overwhelmed by the situation," Seifert said. "I've been involved in some pretty exciting times, but I don't know that I've been involved in one where I feel as proud and excited as I do right now."

#### ON THE AIR

**TODAY:**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
6:30 p.m. — Indiana at Michigan (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Notre Dame (ESPN2)  
8:30 p.m. — Kentucky at South Carolina (ESPN)

## Nolan Ryan poised to enter Baseball Hall of Fame

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite rumors to the contrary, Nolan Ryan did not invent the strikeout. He only perfected it.

Appropriately, Ryan on Sept. 11, 1966, struck out the first major-leaguer he ever faced — Braves pitcher Pat Jarvis — in his debut with the New York Mets.

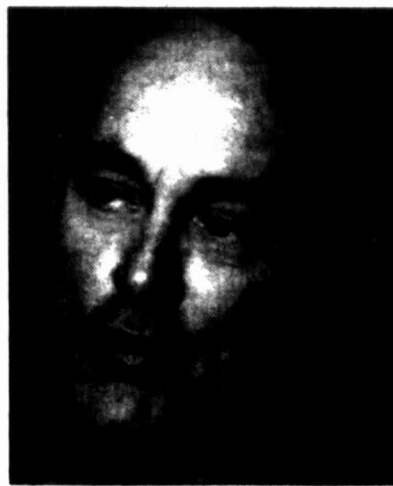
By the time his two-inning appearance was complete, Ryan had retired two future Hall of Famers, getting Eddie Mathews on a strikeout and Henry Aaron on a foulout to first.

"Coming from Class A ball into the big leagues and playing against the Braves it was pretty overwhelming," said Ryan, a lanky 19-year-old from Alvin at

the time of his debut. "A lot of guys on that team were people that it wasn't that many years before I had baseball cards of."

From that point, a 27-year path to the Hall of Fame was filled with more names than the phone directories for some Texas towns. Cesar Geronimo was Ryan's 3,000th strikeout victim, Danny Heep his 4,000th and Rickey Henderson his 5,000th. In all, Ryan racked up 5,714 K's, a record seemingly safe for eternity.

"They say you're nobody until you've struck out against Nolan Ryan," said third baseman Travis Fryman, a 21-year-old Detroit rookie at the time, before a game toward the end of



**NOLAN RYAN**  
Ryan's career.  
Fryman batted twice against

Ryan in the game, bouncing out to third and flying to left.

"I didn't strike out," Fryman said afterward. "I guess I'm still nobody."

By the time the Ryan Express retired in 1983 — at age 46 — he had amassed 324 victories and a record seven no-hitters while pitching for the Mets, Angels, Astros and Rangers.

Today, Ryan figures to be among the newest electees to baseball's Hall of Fame. With Ryan considered a lock, Kansas City third baseman George Brett is also a favorite to be inducted in his first year of eligibility.

Robin Yount, Carlton Fisk and Dale Murphy are other

first-ballot hopefuls, with Tony Perez, Jim Rice, Tommy John, Gary Carter and Bruce Sutter among the top holdovers yet to be elected.

To gain Hall enshrinement, candidates must be named on 75 percent of the ballots turned in by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I think for any professional athlete, if they are fortunate enough to go into the Hall of Fame, it pretty much wraps up their career, sums up their career," said Ryan, who pitched for the Astros from 1980-88 and continues to live in Alvin, where he is involved in ranching.

## Tennessee ambushes Noles up on Rocky Top

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Tee Martin stood amid an ocean of orange and celebrated Tennessee's first national championship since 1951.

Marcus Outzen slumped in a corner, head in hands, dismayed by Florida State's defeat.

Martin, who spent the previous two seasons in the shadow of top NFL draft pick Peyton Manning, had touchdown passes of 79 yards to Peerless Price and 4 yards to Shawn Bryson to cap the Volunteers' perfect season with a 23-16 Fiesta Bowl win Monday night.

"We had to prove to everybody we were the No. 1 team in the nation," said Martin, whose Vols were underdogs in the game despite being undefeated and top-ranked. "We had a chip on our shoulders. We won all our games. And we still didn't get our respect."

The Volunteers, 13-0 for the first time in school history, received all 70 first-place votes in the final Associated Press media poll. Ohio State was second, followed by Florida State.

Under the new Bowl Championship Series format, Tennessee was crowned national champion in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll immediately after the game.

But the meeting of the nation's top two teams was far from the classic that organizers had envisioned when they set up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown in the Fiesta Bowl. It featured seven turnovers and 165 yards in penalties, and very little offense at times.

In many ways, the very imperfect victory was a microcosm of a Tennessee season in which the Volunteers stumbled but never fell.

"All year long we've been called a team of destiny," coach Phillip Fulmer said. "During the course of the year, we did what we had to do. It wasn't always perfect, it wasn't always pretty, but they found a way to get it done."

Florida State, which has finished in the top four in the final poll for the past 12 seasons, made too many mistakes and couldn't generate much

offense.

Sophomore quarterback Marcus Outzen, making his third start in place of the injured Chris Weinke, was harassed into a 9-of-22 performance for 145 yards. He threw two interceptions, one of which was returned 54 yards for a touchdown by Dwayne Goodrich, and was dropped for 54 yards in losses.

"I think I did some good things. Of course, I did some bad things," Outzen said. "In every aspect of the game, our team made mistakes."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said his team showed the effects of not having played in 44 days.

"We were a very, very rusty football team," Bowden said. "They made more big plays than we did. We had a hard time getting the ball to our threat, and they deserved to win."

The Seminoles' threat, wide receiver Peter Warrick, was held to one catch for 7 yards — though he did add an electrifying 51-yard punt return, evading four tacklers, to help set up one of Florida State's scores.

Martin, who had thrown just 16 passes the past two years in a backup role, did what Manning couldn't — win a national title. He was 11 of 18 for 278 yards against the nation's toughest pass defense, while Price caught four passes for 199 yards and was voted the game's MVP.

"(Martin) played an outstanding game," Fulmer said. "He knows how to manage a game. As the season has gone along, he's gotten better and better. I would not trade Tee Martin for anyone in the country."

The Vols took a 14-0 lead on a pair of touchdowns in a 25-second span of the second quarter and led 14-9 at halftime. Neither team scored in the third period.

Martin threw his second touchdown pass, the 79-yarder to Price, with 9:17 to go to put the Vols ahead 20-9 and Jeff Hall kicked a 23-yard field goal with 6:01 left.

But the Seminoles (11-2) rallied.

Florida State cut the lead to 23-16 on Outzen's 7-yard scoring run with 3:42 left. Sebastian Janikowski's ensuing inside kick was recovered by Florida State, but officials ruled the ball hit the kicker's hand after it had traveled only 7 yards and the Vols took possession.

Florida State recovered a Tennessee fumble two minutes later, giving the Seminoles a final chance. But on the first play after the fumble, Outzen's long pass was intercepted by Steve Johnson and the Vols ran out the clock.

"It feels great, it feels great," Martin said in the middle of a wild celebration at midfield. "All the adversity we faced — all the guys that went to the NFL last year, all the shoes we had to fill."

Said Price: "Nobody believed us. They probably do now."

### FINAL TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and ranking in previous poll:

|                  | Record | Pts   |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Tennessee(70) | 13-0   | 1,750 |
| 2. OhioSt.       | 11-1   | 1,673 |
| 3. FloridaSt.    | 11-2   | 1,574 |
| 4. Arizona1      | 2-1    | 1,535 |
| 5. Florida       | 10-2   | 1,463 |
| 6. Wisconsin     | 11-1   | 1,427 |
| 7. Tulane        | 12-0   | 1,252 |
| 8. UCLA          | 10-2   | 1,123 |
| 9. GeorgiaTech   | 10-2   | 1,122 |
| 10. KansasSt.    | 11-2   | 1,086 |
| 11. TexasA&M     | 11-3   | 1,071 |
| 12. Michigan     | 10-3   | 1,052 |
| 13. AirForce     | 12-1   | 980   |
| 14. Georgia      | 9-3    | 785   |
| 15. Texas        | 9-3    | 740   |
| 16. Arkansas     | 9-3    | 621   |
| 17. PennSt.      | 9-3    | 619   |
| 18. Virginia     | 9-3    | 544   |
| 19. Nebraska     | 9-4    | 454   |
| 20. Miami        | 9-3    | 426   |
| 21. Missouri     | 8-4    | 335   |
| 22. NotreDame    | 9-3    | 315   |
| 23. VirginiaTech | 9-3    | 256   |
| 24. Purdue       | 9-4    | 236   |
| 25. Syracuse     | 8-4    | 161   |

Others receiving votes: Colorado 46, Marshall 45, Oregon 28, Mississippi St. 10, Miami, Ohio 9, West Virginia 6, Idaho 2, Texas Christian 2, Ole Miss 1, Southern Cal 1.

## NBA lockout

### Owners reject offer, recommend canceling remainder of season

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners rejected the union's latest collective bargaining proposal Monday night and recommended canceling the rest of the 1998-99 season.

Commissioner David Stern left the door open for more talks, but said a settlement before Thursday — the owners' deadline for saving the season — "doesn't seem likely at all."

"I needed to see a proposal that reached for ours. Instead, I saw one that went backward," Stern said.

Union director Billy Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing delivered the proposal to Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik at a hotel across the street from NBA headquarters. A few hours later, Granik said the owners' labor relations committee had turned it down in a 9-0 vote and recommended canceling the rest of the season.

The union later said the players will meet Wednesday in New York to vote on the owners' latest offer, with the union's negotiating committee recommending it be rejected.

"There's always hope, but right now we don't have any meetings scheduled," Granik said. "Based upon how far apart we are, there's a lot more needed to be done than simply tweaking the offers."

News of an upcoming player vote came as a surprise, since the union had insisted it would not present any proposal for a vote unless its negotiating committee recommended it.

The reason for the vote, the union said, was "to assure that the owners understand the level of player resolve and the degree of opposition to the NBA's onerous demands."

Stern had been calling for a player vote for more than a week.

"The majority has a right to control the destiny of an organization, and that's between them and their leadership," he said.

Stern and Granik also said the owners' negotiating committee would meet in New York, perhaps Wednesday night. But it is uncertain if there will be a meeting with the players' committee.

If no deal is reached, the league's Board of Governors — with one ownership representative from each of the 29 teams — could vote Thursday to scrap the rest of the schedule.

"Stay tuned and see on Thursday how close we are," Stern said. "In order to see who's more accurate in his depiction of where we are, we're going to have to lose a season."

Stern said the union would have to make major changes in its proposal for there to be any chance of saving the season, which was supposed to begin Nov. 3.

So far, the first two months of the season have been wiped out. It would take three to four weeks after a settlement to begin a season of 45 to 50

games.

"We don't anticipate making a deal," Stern said, opening the door for the first time to using replacement players in the 1999-2000 season. "It's not necessarily a pretty sight early on, but obviously if we have to rebuild the league, we'll rebuild the league."

Stern said if a new league was formed, it would probably take the top 100 players and leave the rest — the middle-class that the league has said it is fighting for — out of work.

The union presented its offer at a meeting that lasted roughly an hour and included Stern, Granik, Hunter and Ewing. It represented the first face-to-face talks between the sides since Dec. 27 when they met for five hours near Denver and the league made its "final" offer.

The union has told all 19 players on its negotiating committee to be in New York by Tuesday morning.

Herb Williams of the Knicks, a member of the union's executive committee, thinks the deadline might be extended.

"If a deal was done on the 9th or 10th, I'm sure David wouldn't say that just because we didn't do it on 7th the season is over. It's a business, and sometimes you have to posture," Williams said.

The union's new offer included a limit on how much any player can earn. If accepted, the NBA would be the only professional sports league to limit the amount of money a top athlete is paid.

If no agreement is reached, the NBA will become the first U.S. league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute. Until now, it had never lost a game to a work stoppage.

The key sticking point could center on how much revenue will be paid to the players during the six-year deal. The sides also differ on the length and terms of a new rookie salary scale and the dollar value of two salary cap exceptions.

In its proposal, the union wants 55 percent of revenue devoted to salaries in the fourth year, while owners have offered 53 percent. In the fifth year, players want 56 percent while owners are offering 53.5.

And in the final year, players want 57 percent — the amount they received last season — while the league is offering 54 percent.

Meanwhile, Michael Olowokandi, the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, signed with Kinder Bologna of the Italian League for \$3 million. The 7-foot-1 center can return to the NBA on Feb. 15 if the lockout is lifted and still would receive \$1 million.

Steven Woods, the agent for Toronto's Kevin Willis, refiled an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board against the union for allegedly breaching its duty of fair representation.

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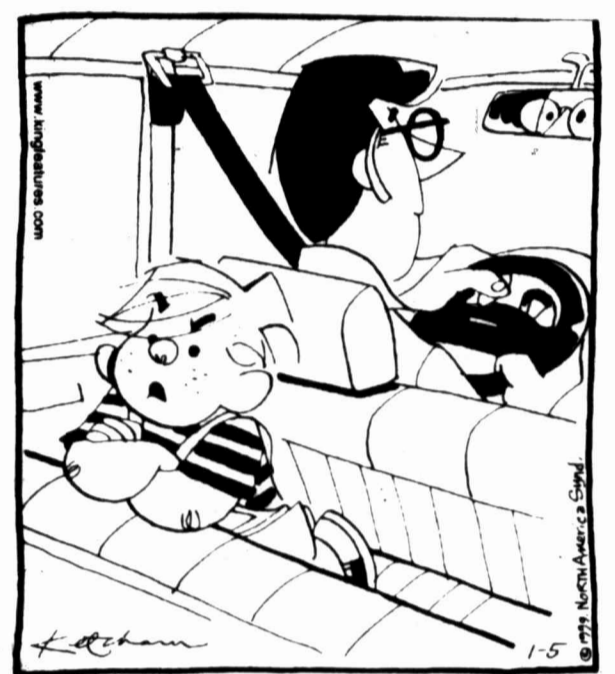
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 5, the

fifth day of 1999. There are 360 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian newspaper ("Wiener Presse") reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation

that came to be known as "X-rays." On this date: In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69. In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Truman labeled his administration the "Fair Deal."

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home.

In 1972, President Nixon ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1993, the state of Washington executed Westley Allan Dodd, an admitted child sex killer, in America's first legal hanging since 1965.

Ten years ago: Lawrence E. Walsh, the special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra case, asked for a dismissal of two charges against Oliver North, citing the Reagan administration's refusal to release material sought by North.

Five years ago: Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81. The Clinton administration said North Korea had agreed to allow renewed international inspections of seven nuclear sites.

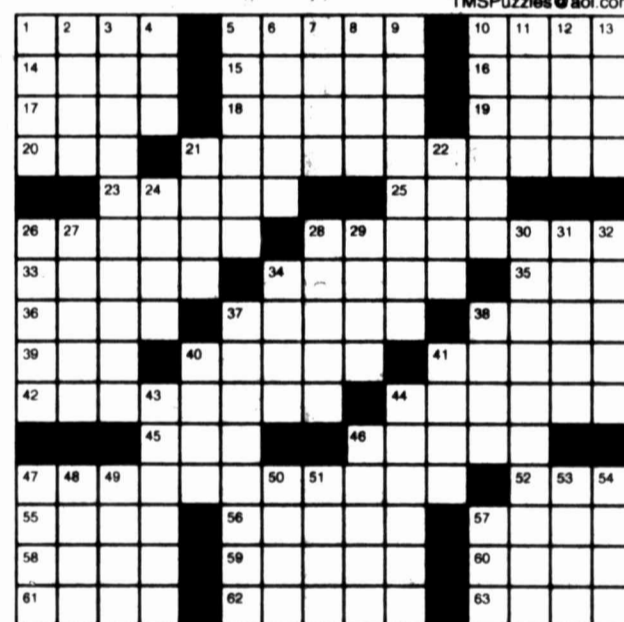
One year ago: Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; he was 62.

Today's Birthdays: Sun Records founder Sam Phillips is 76. Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 71. Actor Robert Duvall is 68. Raisa Gorbachev is 67. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Chuck Noll is 67. King Juan Carlos of Spain is 61. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 57. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 53. Actor Ted Lange is 52. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 50. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 49.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 Catcher's need
5 Meat jelly
10 St. Louis eleven
14 "The African Queen" screenwriter
15 Spanish lasso
16 John in Cardiff
17 Wrongful act
18 Minimum
19 Art
20 Make a mistake
21 Buffoon
23 Campfire whoppers
25 Director Spike
26 "The Avengers" star Patrick
28 Vain person
33 Leaderless
34 Of hours
35 Schedule info
36 Pack cargo
37 Turns, as milk
38 Forehead
39 DIY buy
40 Headliners
41 "Games People Play" author
42 Students
44 Got in the game
45 Leg slang
46 Bit of bread
47 Divide voting districts unfairly
52 Coffee container
55 Chills and fever
56 In - of
57 Profits partner?
59 Gaseous element
60 Dash
61 Requests
62 Parts of pipes
63 Racetrack figures



- DOWN
1 One of a pair
2 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
3 Material like huckaback
4 New Year in Hindi
5 Actress Dahl
6 Soothsayers
7 Jack of "The Tonight Show"
8 Teensy
9 Indian beans
10 Blush
11 State with conviction
12 Old-time club
13 Writer mantle
21 Sit-com equine
22 Simon or Diamond
24 Once more
26 Greasy sections
27 Playful prank
28 Decants
29 Ben and Bobby
30 Develop shoddily
31 Make amends
32 Deviated off course
34 Firm
37 Fumbles for words
38 Smile expansively
40 Dispatch a dragon
41 Obscure Dean
43 Female beast
44 Hogs the mirror
46 Computer insert
47 Festive occasion
48 Self images
49 Statesman
50 Med. sch. course
51 Bare
53 Enjoy a novel
54 Sisters
57 Zodiac sign



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