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## Odessa man killed in wreck

An Odessa man was killed Tuesday night in a traffic accident south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

Dwayne Roger Murchison, 41, of Odessa, was pronounced dead at the scene by a justice of the peace from Glasscock County, reports said. The accident took place about 17 miles south of Big Spring, inside the Glasscock County line.

Murchison, driving a Toyota sedan, was heading south on 87 about 8:30 p.m. when he hit a pickup driven by Quentin Contreras, 76, of Welch, head-on.

"Based on the physical evidence, he apparently crossed over the center line," said Sgt. Lawrence Meadors of the Department of Public Safety. "The accident is still under investigation."

Contreras and his wife, Margarita, were both transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with broken bones and other injuries. He was in the intensive care unit at the hospital this morning, according to reports, and listed in stable condition.

Mrs. Contreras was admitted to the hospital also, but was listed in good condition this morning.

It was the year's first fatal accident in the Crossroads area.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ 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.

### FRIDAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

### SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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## No problems anticipated with Canterbury South pact

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

A 20-year contract between the federal Housing and Urban Development and Canterbury South expires in August, and an application for renewal has been submitted.

And all reports indicate the apartments for



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the retired and handicapped will continue as a Section 8 project-based housing assistant program.

"I don't see any problem. I have already approved the paperwork and passed it along to the final authority," said Riley Henderson, HUD senior project manager in the regional office in Fort Worth.

"We don't deny contracts that comply with all the regulations. Ninety-nine percent of those contracts are renewed," he said.

Canterbury executive director Jo Anne Hyer said providing 180-day notice to residents of the impending contract

renewal is required by law.

"We are well ahead of the deadline for getting in the applications. Congress no longer allows 20-year contracts, and we will have to apply every year from now on," Hyer said.

Hyer said her paperwork has increased three-fold within the past 10 years and the paperwork and application process changes each year, by order of Congress.

Hyer said she keeps abreast of the needed forms and signatures and tries to stay ahead of any approaching deadlines.

"We are in great physical shape and great financial shape. We're still in as good a shape as we were in 1979," she said.

Hyer also said she can understand the concern some residents might have with the new contract negotiations, but she and Henderson said they can foresee no reason for the contract to be denied.

"We've been blessed with an extremely dedicated staff and board of directors. There is no problem," she said.

And Henderson readily agreed. "I don't see any reason why this won't be approved."

## City has its New Year's baby...finally

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Isabel Marie Solis must have really wanted to be Big Spring's new year's baby.

So she sent her mother, Stephanie Hernandez, to Scenic Mountain Medical Center on New Year's Day with labor pains.

After about eight hours of observation, however, staff determined it was a false alarm and sent Hernandez back home. When she returned, in labor for real, on Monday morning, Hernandez thought her chance of having the first baby of the new year was gone.

"I felt sure someone else had already had it," she said. But the excitement of the labor and delivery staff told her otherwise.

When she delivered little Isabel at 3:24 p.m., she gave Big Spring its first new citizen of 1999.

"She was shaking," said Jaime Solis, the baby's father, who was by Hernandez's side during delivery.

"I was crying, and just so happy," Hernandez said of the moment she first held her daughter. "All my pain went away."

The 7-pound 8-ounce baby was 21 1/2 inches long, and born with a full head of dark hair.

It is the first child for both



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
**Isabel Marie Solis, Big Spring's new year's baby of 1999, is shown with her parents, Jaime Solis and Stephanie Hernandez. Isabel was born at 3:24 p.m. Monday, the first baby born at the local hospital this year.**

parents. Hernandez had decided on the name "Isabel" after seeing the movie "Fools Rush In," which has a main character with the name.

"I thought that was a cute movie," she said. "And I just like the name."

Both new parents were spending time with their daughter Tuesday, and looking toward the future.

"I'm going to have a lot of sleepless nights," said Solis, cradling his new daughter.

"And I don't mean just right now."

The young father was already thinking about what it meant to have a girl — and looking ahead to many challenges.

"Yeah, like when she's dating," he said, shaking his head, "when she's 29 or 30."

For bringing Big Spring's first baby of 1999 into the world, Hernandez and Solis have a host of gifts waiting, including baby clothes and toys, cosmetics and comfort aids for mom.

## Despite problems, library's lower levels are functional

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Despite occasional water leaks and unpleasant odors, the Howard County Library's lower levels continue to serve patrons and provide meeting rooms for programs.

"We're still able to use the rooms downstairs. We've got some leaks that need to be repaired, but there's not been a flood and there's been no damage. This is really not that big a problem," said librarian

Lorraine Redman.

She said reports following a recent county commissioners meeting, where the county learned the repairs might cost as much as \$18,000, may have indicated the problems were worse than they really are.

"We've had no one complain, although we did have some ask us if we had flooded after they read the story. This is just not a terrible problem, and we're going to fix it," she said.

According to reports from the Nov. 23 county commissioners meeting, areas in the new, asphalted parking lot pool rain water, which seeps through the asphalt into the lower levels.

The odor that occasionally permeates the newly created Children's Program room, the

Joe Pickle Family Genealogy Room and the Kathryn Bettle Lamb Community Room downstairs might have a number of causes, she said.

County judge Ben Lockhart suggests that the odor might be mildew from the leaks, although no definitive decision has been made about the cause.

"I know, with that we've already spent, we're going to fix this," Lockhart said.

Phil Furqueron, Howard County construction administrator, and architect for the \$500,000 remodeling project that converted the basement into the lower level rooms, said the asphalt leaks might be corrected by removing sections of concrete and replacing them once the area is waterproofed.

Lockhart said all possibilities will be explored and the cause of the odor located before any final decisions are made.

Commissioners agreed to seek bids for the repair work, as required by law for any project that carries a price tag of more than \$10,000, during that commissioners meeting.

Original estimates to repair the leaks were about \$5,000, which is in the county library budget. With the suggested increase in cost, the commissioners have not determined exactly how they will proceed, although they are seeking bids.

Redman said the problems are not preventing anyone from using the rooms, and she theorizes the problems might be weather related.

"We think maybe a pipe backs up when it rains, but that's pure speculation. I don't know what's causing the problems, and there really isn't a big problem," she said.

Children's programs continue in their special room downstairs, she said. Each Wednesday at 10 a.m. a preschooler Reading Story Hour is conducted, she said.

Preparation for the summer reading program will begin soon, and a new Literacy Coordinator is expected to be appointed at Monday's county commissioners meeting, she said.

Redman said it will be difficult to replace Rose Von

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## Simer getting acclimated to commissioner's duties

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

For newly-elected Precinct 4 county commissioner Gary Simer, a tough budget year and internal controversy mark his first few days on the job.

"It seems to be going all right I think I'm going to like it, and I think I'm going to fit in," said Simer.

Commissioner education, based on a point system for each school attended, is a top priority with Simer.

He plans to attend a school in Austin within the month, he said.

"I'll be trying to learn something, such as bid laws and what to say and not to say. Also,

things I can't promise anyone, mostly the same things that were in the oath I took," he said.

Simer, who graduated from Gail High School, said he knows the upcoming year will be difficult for the county financially.

"This past year was a tough budget year, and this next year will be twice as hard, with oil prices down. Forty-five percent of the county revenue is oil, and balancing the budget will be tough this year," Simer said.

Along with being a steward of the county taxpayer dollar, Simer said he is also responsible for county employees and roads within his precinct.

Simer said giving speeches and talking in front of groups of people is not his favorite activity, and he's glad campaign business has concluded.

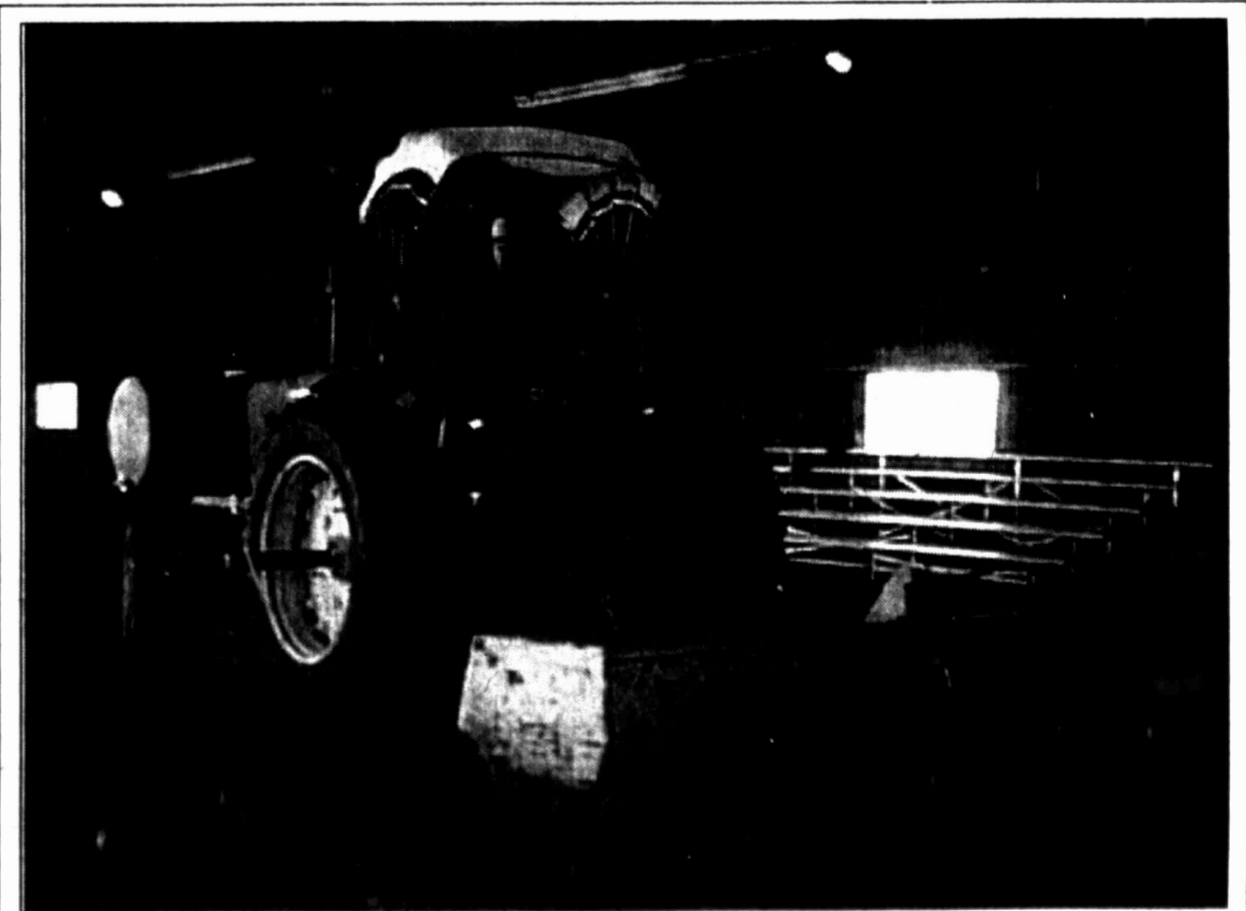
"Everyone at the courthouse has been super nice," he said.

Simer owns Ponderosa Nursery north of Big Spring.

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HERALD photo/John H. Walker  
**Sammy Kellermeyer works to level the dirt to be used for the arena floor at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show, which begins Thursday morning. The show continues through Saturday afternoon's premium sale.**

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# Revived proposal to raise Medicare eligibility age pondered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans would have to work two years longer or risk retiring without health insurance under a revived proposal to raise the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67.

with minimal disruption to people's lives. "We know the downsides on it," Breaux said. "I think there's been some good discussions on how to alleviate some of the obvious problems that are created by increasing eligibility age."

have to enact any changes to the program, which now provides health insurance to more than 38 million elderly and disabled Americans. Breaux helped achieve Senate passage in 1997 of a proposal to raise Medicare's eligibility age, only to see it rejected as too controversial in later negotiations with the House and Clinton administration.

age to 67, increasing it by about a month each year. People now age 62 and older would not be affected. People 38 and younger would feel the full brunt of the change, not getting Medicare benefits until age 67.

Others suggested those problems could be avoided by letting at least some people younger than age 67 pay an extra fee to enroll in Medicare early.

tions are formally submitted. Clinton has proposed opening Medicare to people as young as 55 who are willing to pay \$300 to \$400 a month to buy into the program.

# Clinton's impeachment trial to begin Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Split even among themselves, Senate GOP leaders are struggling for agreement with Democrats on how to proceed when President Clinton's impeachment trial begins Thursday.

over the first impeachment trial of a president in 130 years. Some two weeks after a House vote made Clinton just the second impeached president in history, the 106th Congress takes its seats today with the trial at the top of the agenda.

The White House signaled this week it would present an aggressive defense if the Senate conducted a full-blown trial. Fresh criticism surfaced among Republicans on Tuesday over the bipartisan plan for a proceeding as short as a week — a proposal mostly favored by Democrats looking for a vote to censure the president rather than remove him from office.

well into next month. "I am not at all worried about a two-to-three week process that could take us into mid-February," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, a member of the GOP leadership.

# 106th Congress is convening with new speaker, old scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 106th Congress opens with a new House speaker promising a more bipartisan spirit and a Senate impeachment trial sure to make that difficult.

In its first order of business today, the House will elect Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., a self-effacing former high school teacher, to succeed Newt Gingrich as speaker. Hastert will then deliver the oath of office to the other 221 Republicans, 211 Democrats and one Democratic-leaning independent.

# United States in 'period of challenge' from Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — American and British warplanes patrolling the "no-fly" zones over Iraq may well be facing "a period of challenge" from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Clinton administration says.

miles apart, Bacon said. In all, between 13 to 15 Iraqi aircraft attempted to violate the no-fly zone in a rash of eight incursions that Bacon termed "suspicious."

missile batteries, or may be marks of his "frustration" in the wake of the surprise December air attacks by U.S. and British forces. On Capitol Hill, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he believed the current provocations by Iraqi aircraft reflected the fact that "they lost the initiative which we feel they are trying to regain now."

# Weapons inspectors may have aided U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — United Nations weapons inspectors may have been used to help collect sensitive Iraqi communications for U.S. efforts to undermine Saddam Hussein's regime, according to published reports.

# Hate Diets? Try Vinegar to Lose Pounds, Inches



No wonder Ms. Galend is smiling. She found an easy way to lose pounds without pills, diets or caloric counting. Her secret? The healthy vinegar plan.

# Woman to be honored for saving life

AUSABLE FORKS, N.Y. (AP) — A woman who hid and protected her badly beaten neighbor after a violent, two-hour sexual assault will be honored by two nearby Adirondack towns.

have stood much of a chance." Rouse, 26, was arrested and charged with rape, robbery and possession of a weapon.

Usually, people run away when something like this happens," Black Brook Town Supervisor Steve Godlewski said Tuesday. "I don't know that I deserve all this," Smith said.

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# EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Stenholm deserves praise for standing behind convictions

Several months ago we had the opportunity to visit with U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm in our conference room. It wasn't an unusual visit in that two or three times a year, he visits Big Spring and always sets aside some time for us.

On this particular prelection visit, we asked Rep. Stenholm what he thought about the brewing problems facing the president at that time.

Rep. Stenholm was quick to point out that he was embarrassed and angered by the president's actions and, if it came down to voting for or against impeachment, he would face a tough task.

Would he vote to impeach the president, a member of his own party, if the investigation showed the president had violated the law, we asked.

Again pointing out that such a vote would not be an easy one, Rep. Stenholm told us in no uncertain terms that if the investigation revealed the president broke the law and if an impeachment vote came to pass, then he would vote his conscience and vote to impeach.

On Dec. 19, the House of Representatives was faced with the decision as to whether or not the president should be impeached. Rep. Stenholm, after openly soliciting input from the constituents in his vast district, voted three times to impeach the president of the United States of America.

We believe Rep. Stenholm should be saluted for his actions — not only because we agreed with his vote, but because he gave those decisions the thought and study they deserved.

We salute him because he is a man of moral and ethical convictions who could have cowered under the pressure of his own party ... who could have joined in on the chorus of cries of partisanship echoed by his party and who could have taken the easy way out by voting no.

But Rep. Stenholm understands, as do millions of Americans, that once you take the easy way out ... once you eschew your morals and your ethics, it only becomes easier to do so the next time.

When we endorsed Rep. Stenholm for reelection last November we said we needed a man with his strengths and convictions. We believe his votes on impeachment underscore those strengths and convictions even more today.

## OTHER VIEWS

Earlier...Texas Attorney General Dan Morales filed lawsuits against six health maintenance organizations, claiming they illegally compensated doctors who limited patients' medical care and penalized those who would not. Each lawsuit accused the HMOs of fixing budgets for services like hospital admissions and forcing doctors to stay within those limits.

Doctors who came in under budget were given a percentage of the surplus. They were expected to compensate the HMOs when they went over budget, according to the lawsuits.

Morales contends that these arrangements give HMOs leverage to limit treatment to improve their bottom lines. His suits further assert that the HMOs in

question gave patients deceptive or untruthful coverage information.

The HMOs deny those assertions and maintain their policies are approved by Texas and federal regulators.

Until the lawsuits come to trial and the evidence is heard and weighed, it will be impossible to judge the merit of these charges.

However, there have been so many complaints by patients and doctors themselves about lawyers and administrators limiting care and making medical decisions to warrant a careful consideration of these complaints.

It's time the courts helped test these allegations so that changes can be made if in fact they are needed.

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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# Finish sordid Clinton impeachment trial

Senators, since they are to act as jurors, ought to keep their mouths shut and get on with the impeachment trial of Bill Clinton.

Instead, of course, they are buzzing around the beltway like flies around a dead possum, talking this deal or that, this procedure or that, and other such nonsense.

The trial is supposed to be Clinton's day in court. Let him have it. Present evidence, present the defense, and vote guilty or not guilty and have done with this sordid business.

I checked an old book about the Constitution which reproduced two pages of the notes made during the debate on the impeachment clause at the convention that wrote the Constitution. Quite clearly, it

was designed to remove a president for any fairly reasonable cause, including even incompetence.

The reasoning behind it is quite simple. It is difficult to prosecute a sitting president for ordinary crimes since he commands the federal police, the federal prosecutors and the armed forces.

It's hard to visualize, for example, a Washington, D.C., detective trying to get past the Secret Service in order to handcuff the president and read him his rights.

Therefore, the delegates decided the only way to deal with a sitting president gone astray was impeachment by a coequal but separate branch of government. By assigning the impeachment power to the House and the trial to the Senate, they hoped to head off any politically motivated impeachment.

But just as a crooked public official who happens to be black invariably cries racism when he gets caught breaking the law, practically everybody who has been impeached has cried partisan politics. Hey, the

theory seems to be "any defense is better than no defense."

My favorite impeachment anecdote is a true story involving now Rep. Alcee Hastings, a Florida Democrat. Hastings was impeached and removed from the federal bench, where he had been a U.S. District judge. Later, he ran for a state office and appeared before my newspaper's editorial board seeking an endorsement.

In his final pitch, Alcee (I know him personally and like him even though I don't agree with him on most issues) said with the straightest face, "Other than my impeachment, I have an outstanding record of public service." Now that's aplomb. One can easily imagine Clinton telling some future listener, "Other than my impeachment, I was a great president."

On one of the talking-head shows, a Japanese journalist described Japan's reaction to Clinton's impeachment as "incredulous." She was later asked what she meant by that. "Incredulous that he hasn't resigned," she said with a

smile. In Japan, where honor has not been stored in a museum as a relic of the past, Japanese officials routinely accept responsibility for problems and resign. This includes Japanese business executives.

In America, things are quite different. It's as impossible to imagine an American CEO resigning over his company's failure as it is to imagine Clinton resigning. In America, you need a hammer and chisel to pry their fingers off their positions.

I've often thought we ought to change the U.S. motto from "In God We Trust" to "It's Somebody Else's Fault."

At any rate, just like the cold, dripping winter, the impeachment of "Zipper Bill" will pass, the Washington press corps will become obsessed about something else, and the public will wonder what all the fuss was about anyway.

I, at least, won't miss Clinton. I'm very good at not missing certain people.

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### Those !@#&%& basketball players

There are a few thousand people who have been directly affected by the professional basketball players' strike.

My son, for one.

He is into sports broadcasting. He is technical director and/or on-line editor for the television broadcasts of the Texas Rangers baseball team, the Stars hockey team and the Mavericks basketball team.

These days, he's not working the Mavericks broadcasts because there is a strike by National Basketball League players, so there are no professional basketball games being played right now.

My son is only one of many whose income has been diminished because of the strike. The peanut vendors. The beer salesmen. The people who sell

hot dogs and cold drinks and jackets, caps, t-shirts and other NBA merchandise. The arena people, who are scrounging around trying to find events to fill their empty arena. The broadcasters, whose fall schedule has been totally put in disarray and whose revenues have dropped drastically. The advertisers, who had planned to unleash new campaigns during the playoff games. The people who take tickets, the security people, the people who print the programs. And on and on.

The fans are not really affected. Fans are crazy, anyway. They will pay a hundred dollars to go see a bunch of rich guys in shorts bounce a ball around. They really don't care or even consider that the players' main motivation is greed.

Athletes are gifted people who play. They don't work. They can't seem to make it on 5 million dollars a year. They need 10 million.

There is an appeal being circulated by email asking people to adopt a pro basketball player for two thousand dollars a day. It says the amount could mean

the player could trade in his year-old Lexus for a new Ferrari or enjoy a weekend in Rio.

Donors will get a complete financial report on the player containing detailed information about his stocks, bonds and how he plans to use the five million dollars he receives upon retirement.

Those wishing to adopt a player can dial 1-800-TOO MUCH.

Although the player won't know the name of the donor, he will be able to make collect calls to the donor's home via a special operator just in case additional funds are needed for unexpected expenses.

The appeal is facetious, but it puts the situation in perspective.

Sports are bigger and more popular than ever. The players are taking advantage of the situation in a big way.

The meteoric rise of salaries of people who play on professional sports teams will continue until the fans get fed up and stop buying tickets.

Meanwhile, my son is looking into real estate.



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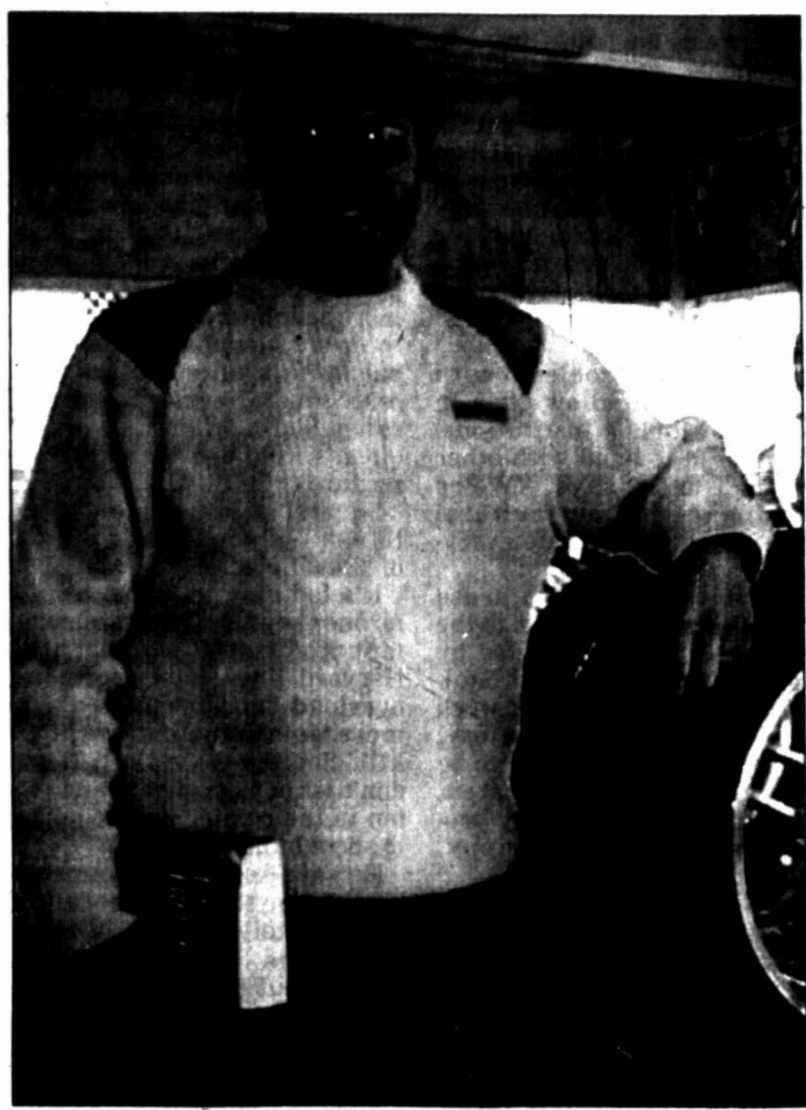
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## An every-day ministry Business owner also leads congregation

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

For Malcolm Pointon, ministry is not his day job, but it is a full-time commitment. The native of New Zealand, part-owner of Tire Time Rentals, uses his teaching skills each Sunday morning at Christ's Community Fellowship. The non-denominational church has a regular attendance of about 100 people. "You show me a church that's growing, and I'll show you a church that's broken from tradition," said Pointon. Since he can't be full-time minister to the church, others take on some of the duties, such as visitation. "I don't worry about it," Pointon said. "I do the best I can." Having a part-time minister can be good, he added, "because it mobilizes a church." But the ministry is never far from Pointon, who keeps a Bible at his Gregg Street store. His skills came in handy recently when two men who were bicycling around the country stopped by the store. Pointon's staff repaired their bicycles and enjoyed fellowship with the two men. "You can't take the ministry away from the Christian just because he's at his paid employment," Pointon said. "Ministry is not just turning up at church on Sunday." In fact, Pointon said the face of religious worship is changing — must change. "Generally I don't have the answers, but I know there's a problem," he said. "I don't exclude myself from this." Churches, Pointon said, must become a "movement" again.

"And for that, I think God will have to move us." Too many people, he said, "think church is about a dynamic assembly, and getting pumped up for the rest of the week." But they should be there for God, not for themselves, he added. In addition, Christians should ask themselves, "am I doing the best I can do in the place God put me?" After meeting at a youth crusade in New Zealand, Pointon married his wife, Tammy, in 1981. They have three children who were all born in their father's country. They have lived in both countries, most recently moving to Big Spring in 1994. A former schoolteacher and Church of Christ minister, Pointon said he doesn't usually make certain plans about the future. "I take each day as it comes," he said. If the opportunity came for him to return to his native land, he said he might do so. But Pointon said he's proud to be a "Kiwi," as New Zealanders are known, living in Texas. And in the rent-to-own business, working with tires and wheels, he has found a work he enjoys. "I've always liked cars," said Pointon, whose father worked with large trucks. "I was fascinated by them." And then at least once a week, Pointon gets the chance to share his faith with others at the church, which meets at the old Cornerstone bookstore location, 1909 Gregg. "It's a kind of extended family," he said. "We want it to be there for the community."



Malcolm Pointon, a minister and part-owner of Tire Time Rentals, says he takes each day as it comes.

## Soup's on Rich in history and ingredients, soup makes a great meal

The word soup is an etymological first cousin of sop, a piece of bread sopped in liquid, then eaten. Today's translation of soup is a liquid food made from meat, fish or vegetables and other various ingredients. Soup is as old as the art of cooking. It goes back to ages before cooking was an art at all — the days when aborigines threw whatever fresh food they had into a kettle to cook over an open fire. La Soupe is the name given the evening meal in rural France. A time to enjoy the steaming, savory contents of a simmering kettle of soup. We have taken the word "supper" from this. However, we have left behind the soup that made the meal. Soups have been celebrated in song and story. Some soups have been known to cure various ailments. There was a soup called "Restaurant" popular in 16th Century France, that people believed had "restorative" powers. A chef printed the name over his door to let people know he was serving it. In time, "restaurant" came to mean a place where all kinds of foods were served. Soups is a cook's best friend. It is satisfying, nourishing and inviting. It serves two main purposes — to stimulate the appetite and to provide wholesome nourishment. For centuries, cooks have kept the soup pot bubbling to enrich family meals. There is nothing quite so comforting on a blustery, cold wintry day as a bowl or mug of piping hot soup. After a holiday season of overtaxing our digestive system with rich, decadent foods, why not consider giving the body some relief with a lighter fare of soup?



SUE HAUGH

## This year, resolve to lower weight and cut out fat

There are no shortcuts to weight maintenance. If you are looking for a more effective weight-maintenance method, you need to concentrate on a lifetime approach. Focus on making a long-term commitment, not struggling daily with good foods vs. bad foods. You can achieve a healthy lifestyle. Maintaining a healthy weight throughout life is important for long-term health. However, people tend to become more sedentary in adulthood which may lead to weight gain. Creeping weight gain can take its toll. Excessive fat is harmful to your health and can shorten your life. It increases the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers. The distribution of excess fat in the body is associated with

potential high risks. For example, recent research shows that people whose fat is concentrated in the waist and abdomen (common in males) rather than the thighs and buttocks, may be more prone to diabetes, hypertension and coronary heart disease. Although some people are within the healthy weight range for their height, they may not be fit. Exercise will improve fitness. However, many people are both overweight and unfit. In the United States, almost 30 percent of the adult population is overweight or too fat. More women than men are overweight. Being overweight increases with age and is more prevalent among black women than white women. Also, women of lower socio-

economic status are more at risk than are women of high socioeconomic status. Check with your doctor before beginning a weight loss program and establish a healthy weight range for you. Find a personal weight range that fits you and is reasonable given your family weight patterns, body type, age, lifestyle, and previous weight history. Your personal weight range may not fit your "ideal" body image, but it can allow you to succeed at weight maintenance.



DANA TARTER

A range will also provide you with your own personal comfort zone. It's best to have a five-pound range within which your weight can vary. This is because small weight fluctuations are normal, especially for older adults and for women. You may be used to jumping on the scale each time you have eaten or exercised. It's better to weigh yourself once every week or two, the same time of day, using the same scale and wearing the same types of clothing. Only when you reach either end of your range do you need to modify your tactics. Some people believe that eating meat or dairy products can make you fat. In efforts to lose weight, they may give up eating meat. Meats contain both protein and fat which both provide calories,

meat and dairy products will contribute to weight gain if you eat too much. Extra calories are provided by any food of which you eat too much, but both dairy products and meats provide some necessary nutrients that the body needs daily. Shedding off extra pounds and keeping them off is not easy for anyone. Knowing a few basic principles can help. There is only one way to lose weight — eat fewer calories and increase your activity. Generally to lose one pound a week you must decrease caloric intake by 500 calories a day. A steady loss of one-half to one pound per week is about right. If your New Year's resolution was like many others "to lose weight," following some of these basic guidelines will be helpful.



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Cooks at the Senior Center prepare food to be delivered to Canterbury and the local homebound for the Senior Nutrition Program. Meals are available to those who cannot get out to shop or cannot cook for themselves. Pictured left to right are Norma Perkins, Corlene Biddle, Jessie Little and Alfred Tidwell.

## Author says it's a tough time to be a boy

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Sit still. Don't cry. Stop hitting your sister. Turn off the TV. It's not easy being a boy — especially at a time when America's adolescent males are in crisis, says author Michael Gurian, a leader of the emerging boys movement. The most dramatic and visible symptom is the recent series of deadly school shootings, all committed by boys. But, Gurian says, millions of young males are missing out on the nurturing they need. Gurian, now 40 and a psychotherapist, knows about tough boyhoods. When he was 10 he was sexually abused by a physician. And his family moved so frequently that he had trouble bonding with other children. "Every kid has sufferings," Gurian says, speaking from his Spokane home. "I wanted to do something in my adult life to make sense of what happened

to me as a kid." His best-selling 1996 book, "The Wonder of Boys," clearly struck a nerve with its insights into a boy's early years. In late 1998, he followed with "Fine Young Men," which examines ages 9 to 21 and suggests the violence they commit is predictable and avoidable. Statistics from recent federal studies of boys and girls make it clear that boys are in trouble, Gurian says. A sampling: —Boys are four times as likely to commit suicide as girls. —Boys are 15 times more likely to be victims of crimes, and they commit more crimes than men. —Boys are twice as likely to be diagnosed with a learning disability and four times as likely to drop out of school. "Though the reasons are complicated, Gurian believes many parents fail to provide boys

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2 carrots, diced  
3 stalks celery, diced  
6 bouillon cubes (chicken or beef)  
6 cups boiling water  
1 (16 oz) can tomatoes, chopped with juice  
1 small head cabbage, shredded  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 tsp. basil  
1/2 tsp. oregano  
salt and pepper to taste  
Chop all vegetables fairly fine. Dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water. Add vegetables and seasonings and simmer 45 minutes. Makes approximately two quarts. Only 30 calories per 8 oz. serving.
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**French Onion Soup**  
6 large onions, sliced thin  
1/2 stick margarine  
2 T flour  
4 cups water  
2 beef bouillon cubes  
4 (14 1/2 oz) cans clear beef broth  
1 T worcestershire  
1 tsp. Kitchen Bouquet (adds color)

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### PARENTING TIPS

- Teaching children 10 basic safety lessons can keep them safer while they're in school and throughout the year, according to the Risk Watch Program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association.
- Always buckle up when riding in the car; children 12 and under should ride in the back seat.
  - Stay in your seat when riding on a bus and hold on to bus handrails when getting on and off the bus.
  - When waiting for a bus, stay at least five giant steps (10 feet/three meters) from the curb until the bus has completely stopped.
  - Wear a helmet every time you ride your bicycle and make sure the helmet fits correctly.
  - Always walk your bicycle when you need to cross the street.
  - Use crosswalks for crossing streets and remember to look left, right, left before crossing. (Children under 10 should cross with the assistance of a grown-up)
  - No pushing or shoving anyone when lining up or playing on school grounds.
  - At lunch time, stay seated while eating; no running or playing.
  - Never accept medicine, vitamins, candy or other food from anyone other than your parent or caregiver.
  - When the fire alarm sounds, stop what you are doing and immediately exit the school.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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### THE LAST WORD

To govern is to choose.  
**Pierre Mendes-France**

The worst thing in this world, next to anarchy, is government.  
**Henry Ward Beecher**

The illegal we do immediately.  
The unconstitutional takes a little longer.  
**Henry Kissinger**

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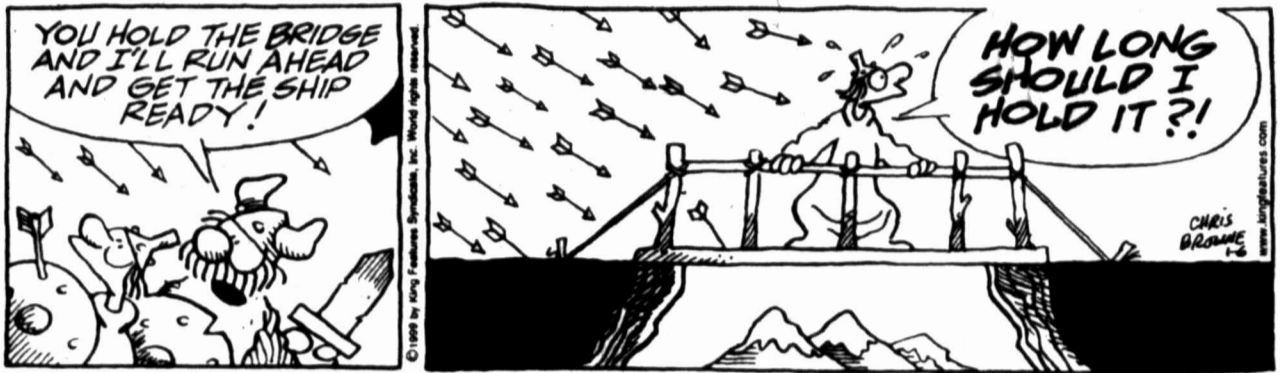


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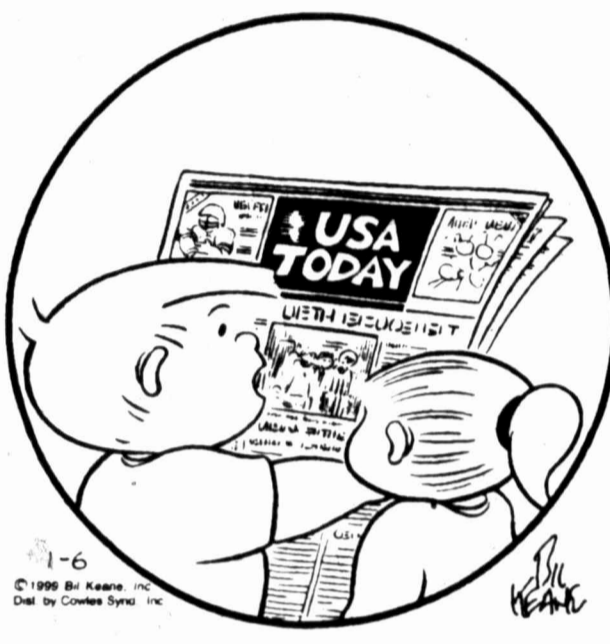
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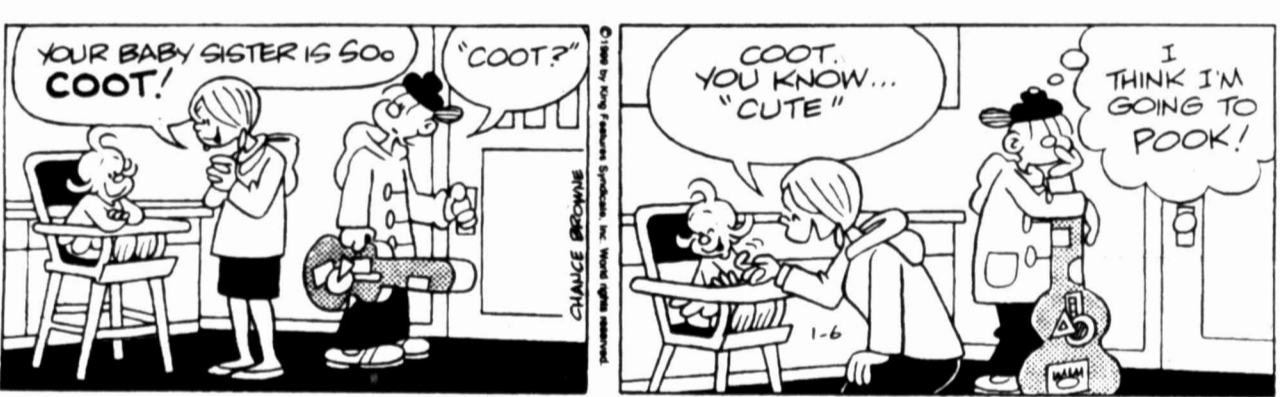
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 1999. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 6, 1412, according to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy. On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married. In 1838, Samuel Morse first publicly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown, N.J. In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' clues. Clues include 'Chills', 'Gridlock', 'Sci. classes', etc. The puzzle is partially filled with letters.

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

Solved crossword puzzle grid with the words 'MITT', 'ASPTIC', 'RAMS', 'AGEE', 'REATA', 'EVAN', etc. listed in the corresponding grid positions.

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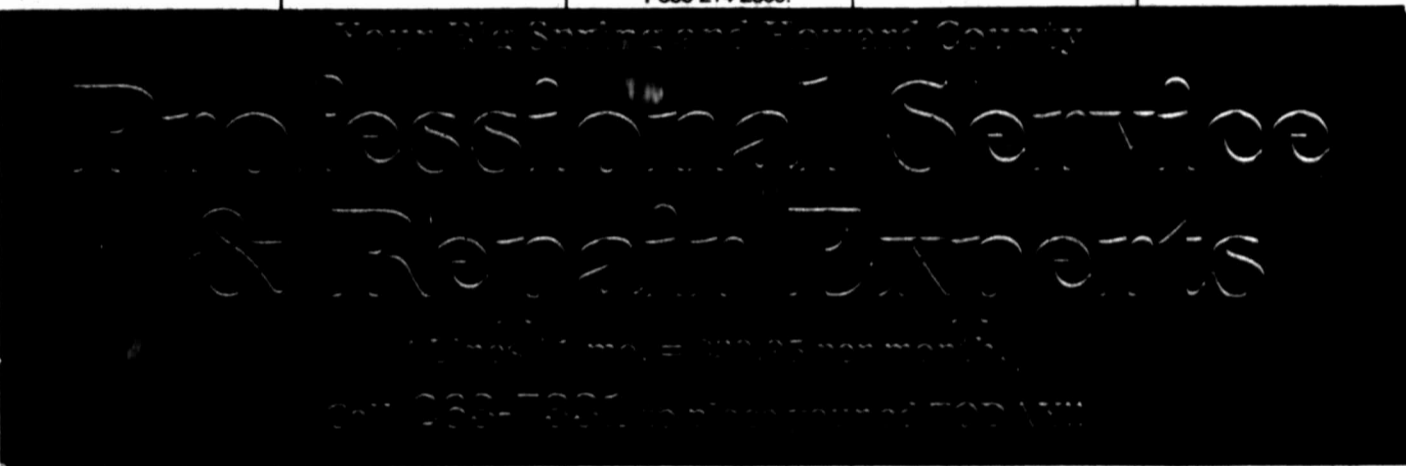
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