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**SATURDAY** 55°-59°

## Lions to offer free eyeglasses this Saturday

Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions. Lions Club members will assist people in finding glasses that offer the best correction for their needs.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

## WEEKEND TICKET

**TODAY**

□ 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.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

□ Boss Hog Chili Cookoff, Harley Davidson Shop, 8:30 a.m. Chili cooks pay a \$15 entry fee. Chili will be served for \$5. Live music will be provided. Judging begins at 1 p.m., followed by the chili feast.

□ Glasscock County Junior Livestock show continues with the goat show at 7:30 a.m. Photographs will be taken at 10 and the pig scramble and barbecue begin at noon. Awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m. with the premium sale to follow at 2.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No specific displays are currently available at the museum, although visitors can learn about the Crossroads role in the development of the region, as well as the history of Big Spring and Howard County through standing displays.

□ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

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## Harley Owners Group hoping to spice things up a bit Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Sometimes, Harley owners just want to have fun.

That's what members of Big Spring's Harley Owners Group (HOG) are planning Saturday. The highly visible service organization, with a membership made up of people who ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles, says its annual Boss Hog Chili Cookoff is all about a



BARNETT

good time.

"This is the one fundraiser that HOG will have for the group itself," said Barry Barnett. "Everything else we do is usually to benefit someone else, but we need money to operate on, so we do this."

Chili cooks are invited to join the event by paying a \$15 entry fee and showing up Saturday at the Harley Davidson Shop at 8:30 a.m. Anyone who just wants to eat some chili, meet HOG members and listen to live music, is welcome about 10 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Judging begins at 1 p.m., and after that, the chili feast begins.

"Then, everybody who's paid their \$5 can go to all the pots of chili and try

them," Barnett said. Crackers, cheese and other "chili fixins" will be available. Local band Wild Texans will perform from 1-3 p.m., and radio station 94.3 The Mix will broadcast live.

This is the 10th annual chili cookoff for the HOG group.

"It just keeps getting better and better every year," Barnett said. Those years have included below-freezing temperatures, pouring rain, ice, snow, and of course, beautiful West Texas weather.

"We've had just about everything Mother Nature can throw at us," Barnett said. "And we always have a good turnout."

They say it's all in fun, but some cooks

become highly competitive. Take Howard Walker, owner of the Harley Davidson Shop. He and the owner of Midland's Harley Shop have an unofficial competition of their own going, and plan to continue it this weekend.

"We're having another go at it this weekend," said Walker, who lost at their last meeting. But he said he's confident he will do well this year.

"I'll eat my own chili, I'll put it that way," Walker said.

The veteran chili cook said he was particularly upset when, last year, Barnett's children won second place at the Boss

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## Fuchs, Hirt take Grand Champions as 62nd Glasscock Jr. Livestock Show opens

Show continues today with swine, steer exhibitions

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

GARDEN CITY — Michelle Fuchs and Erin Hirt took show grand champion honors in rabbit and sheep, respectively, as the 62nd annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show moved into high gear here Thursday with competition in 11 classes of rabbits and five of sheep.

Fuchs won with her heavy weight New Zealand rabbit while Hirt's light weight finewool took top honors in the sheep class. Reserve Grand Champion honors in the rabbit class went to Brandi Halfmann while Ashley Hirt took Reserve Grand Champion in the sheep class.

The show continues today and Saturday with the swine and steer show today and the goat show, pig scramble, barbecue, awards presentation and premium auction set for Saturday.

"It's a good show," said Steve Sturtz, who was recently named as the new county extension agent-agriculture. "We've got a lot of kids who have worked really hard to get



Tiffany Wheat grooms one of her rabbits prior to Thursday afternoon's competition. Tiffany took a third, fourth, two fifths and a sixth in the competition.

### SHOW SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
9 a.m. — Swine show  
2 p.m. — Steer show  
(Goat weigh-in to follow steer show and continue until 6 p.m.)

**SATURDAY**  
7:30 a.m. — Goat show  
10 a.m. — Photographs  
Noon — Pig scramble and barbecue  
1:30 p.m. — Awards presentation  
2 p.m. — Premium sale

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to this point and it's fun to see them have some fun winning."

Rabbit competition judge Mary Jo Terry of Wichita Falls encouraged the youngsters to go to other shows and compete.

"There are a lot of nice animals here," she said. "I would encourage you to go to some other, bigger shows like Lubbock or other ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders



Katie Schmitz (left) and Erin Hirt walk one of Erin's lambs back to the pen after taking it for a quick shave prior to Thursday afternoon's Glasscock County Jr. Livestock Show's lamb show. Erin won in two classes and took the show's grand champion with her light weight finewool.

Association) shows ... a lot of your rabbits here are better than the rabbits in those shows."

In the rabbit show, Fuchs showed the champion commercial rabbit while Shaun Maxie exhibited the reserve champion, a heavy weight Californian.

Brandi Halfmann's Mini Rex under six months took champion fancy honors while Mikela Barton's Holland lop took reserve champion honors.

In the sheep show, Erin Hirt took champion honors in both the finewool and finewool cross while Jason Flores won the

Southdown class with his lone entry and Deidra Hirt took top honors in the champion medium wool.

Keith Batla took reserve honors in finewool while Ashley Hirt took reserve honors in finewool cross and Deidra Hirt took medium wool reserve.

"There's not a lot (of entries) in your show, but there's a lot of quality," said Ira's Richard Long, who judged the sheep.

"Any of these sheep in the ring (for grand champion of show) could do well down the road and some of them will sell well," he told exhibitors.

## Tobacco

Howard County to get \$571,212 from settlement

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Howard County and other area communities will receive a lion's share of a windfall from the state comptroller's office this week.

Checks totaling \$300 million — with Howard County receiving \$571,212 — were mailed from Carole Keeton Rylander's office Wednesday.



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"The funds being distributed today amount to 'found money' for Texas cities, counties and hospital districts," Rylander said.

"The money is the result of a clause in the Texas tobacco settlement increasing payments from the tobacco companies as a result of the 'Most Favored Nation' provision. When the state of Minnesota and the tobacco industry reached an agreement, the clause kicked in the extra revenue for Texas," Rylander said.

Each county in the state will receive funds from the settlement in proportion to population. Along with the funds being distributed this month, more money will be paid in 2000 and 2001.

"Texas cities, counties and hospital districts that provide care to indigent patients will receive just under \$2.3 billion over the next five years. The checks mailed (Wednesday) are the first down payment," Rylander said.

Howard County paid \$343,000 in indigent health care in fiscal year 1997. The county budgeted \$540,000, said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

"We are required by state law to set aside 10 percent of our tax levy for indigent health care. We are thinking of investing this money and earmark all of it to pick up the indigent health care bills," Lockhart said.

Each year, the county

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## A more 'user friendly' tax time has arrived; Lots of changes in store this year, CPA says

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

If you had any doubt, the appearance of a tax booklet in your mailbox has probably by now made it certain: Tax time is here.

Dozens of new rules this year are expected to have many people calling their accountant or the Internal Revenue Service for more information and clarification.

"We're getting ready," said Big Spring certified public accountant Mark L. Morgan. "Once people start getting their W-2s and 10-99s, things will really get busy."

Employers have a deadline of Feb. 1 to get those forms to their

employees. Many new rules will this year will affect middle and lower-income taxpayers — many more people than in a typical year of changes in the tax code.

"These are a lot of things that were passed in a big tax legislation package in 1997," Morgan explained. "A lot of that is finally starting to be phased in. That's where a lot of these changes are going to come in."

Morgan said most tax forms may take longer to prepare this year. People will probably need to gather more information before starting to fill out their returns, and accountants will have more questions to ask their clients.

Among the changes this year are:

- A credit of \$400 per child under age 17 for middle-class parents.
- Education credits of up to

\$1,500 per child for the first two years of college, subject to income limits.

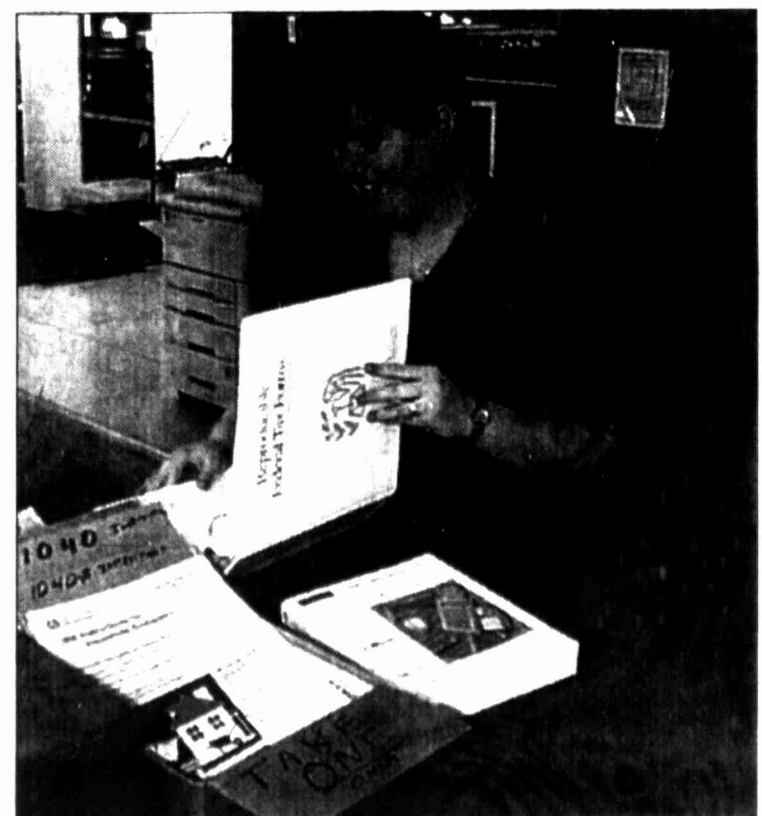
• Assets such as stocks and bonds held for just over a year — instead of 18 months — now qualify for lower capital gains taxes.

• Certain IRA withdrawals can be spent on educational tuition and other costs, or the purchase of a first home, without penalty.

In addition, new features are planned to make electronic filing more popular among taxpayers. An IRS official recently said the goal is to make "e-file," as it is called, the preferred way to file tax forms in the near future.

Changes have also helped to make the agency more "user-friendly," including 24-hour help telephone line. Call the general help line at 1-800-829-1040 for more information on specific services.

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Howard County Library employee Patty Mauldin looks over tax forms available to the public.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Daniel Oon Keong Mar**

Burial for Daniel Oon Keong Mar, 69, Fort Worth, will be in Montreal, Canada. No services are planned.

Mr. Mar died Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in Fort Worth.

He was born on April 13, 1929, in China. Survivors include: two sons, Daniel Mar of Clyde, and Danny Wong of Montreal, Canada; one daughter, Polly Speaker of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home, Fort Worth.

**Willie Dee Arnold**

Graveside service for Willie Dee Arnold, 86, Big Spring, will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at the Coahoma Cemetery with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Arnold died Thursday, Jan. 7, in a local nursing home.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1912, in Upsher County. He married Mary Ballentine on Feb. 23, 1935, in Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Arnold worked in civil service at the Big Spring Bombardier School. He owned and operated Dee's Garage for 25 years until retiring. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Arnold of Big Spring; two daughters, Audrey Rich of Austin, and Dorothy Metcalf of Melbourne, Australia; and several nieces.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121 or a church of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

**Dixie Cramer**

Dixie Cramer, 88, Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, in a local hospital. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1910, in Howard County, and married Raymond Douglas Cramer on Sept. 1, 1928, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 1986.

Her parents were Wayne and Mattie Ingram, pioneer Howard County settlers. Dixie was a lifelong resident of Howard County and moved to Big Spring in 1966. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of 11th

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Carl Summers, 68, died Wednesday. Private graveside services today at Coahoma Cemetery.

Abbey Manning, 92, Memorial services 4:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Lottie B. Green, 61, died Thursday. Services are pending.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

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and Birdwell Church of Christ. She was a member of the American Contract Bridge League, the XYZ Senior Club of Wesley United Methodist Church and the Pot Luck Club in Sand Springs.

Survivors include: two sisters, Anna Roden of Alexandria, VA., and Lowie Wilson of Abilene; two brothers, Lafayette Ingram of San Jose, Calif., and O.J. Ingram of Vincent; several nieces and nephews, including Patsy Self of Big Spring, and Jean Roberts of Midland.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one sister, and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

The family will be at 3300 Fordham. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

**Lottie B. Green**

Service for Lottie B. Green, 61, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

**COOKOFF**

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Hog. "The little stinkers," Walker said. "It really upset me they were that young, and whipped us who've been doing this a long time."

Chili is judged on its appearance, aroma, taste and "aftertaste," Barnett said. "You want to know you've had something to eat."

The rest of the year, HOG members will devote their time to raising money for community causes that have included the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the MDA Ceta Canyon camp for kids, Kids Zone, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Salvation Army.

On Saturday, they're just going to enjoy themselves, and hope plenty of local residents will join them.

"You can be sure we're going to put our money back into the community," Barnett said. "That's what we do."

**TAXES**

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Tax forms are available locally at the Howard County Library, where the staff will make you a copy of any needed form for 10 cents per side of a page. The library has a few instruction booklets available, but once those are gone, will also make copies of instructions for anyone who needs them, also at 10 cents per side.

Big Spring's Post Office has instruction booklets available in the lobby, but its supply of tax forms has not arrived yet. They are expected at any time.

Anyone with access to a computer on the Internet can also download and print forms from the Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.ustreas.gov. Staff at the Howard County Library will also help patrons access the IRS site to get information or forms.

Some forms are required in duplicate or triplicate, so copies won't work. Those, or any other forms, can be received in the mail by calling the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-3676.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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reviews health care applications for residents that are deemed ineligible for the program, he said.

Occasionally, the ineligibility results from an income that may only be \$10 over the acceptable limit, he said.

"Sometimes we'll pay those because that just doesn't make sense," he said, continuing that an income that close probably indicates an inability to pay.

However, the \$571,000 does not have to be used for indigent health care, the judge said.

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"We can use this for whatever we want," he said.

This \$300 million is in addition to the \$15 billion negotiated by the state with the tobacco companies. The Texas Legislature will determine how to spend that money, but each city, county and hospital district has autonomy over the use of this money, the comptroller said.

He (Howard County) joined in the suit on the tobacco claims early on, Lockhart said.

"We joined early because we thought our taxpayers should have the right to share in the settlement. It's certainly good for Howard County taxpayers," he said.

In addition to the money being distributed this week, another \$1.8 billion will be set into a permanent trust fund that will be divided among the state's counties and hospital districts on a population basis, in proportion to their amount of unreimbursed indigent health care expenses, Rylander said.

Glascok County will receive \$25,555 as their portion of the payment.

The Martin County Hospital District will receive \$87,528, while Mitchell County Hospital District will receive \$141,571.

**BRIEFS**

**THERE WILL BE A** cholesterol and diabetes screening Monday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Medicine Shoppe, 1001 S. Gregg. There is a \$6 charge and you may call 263-7316 for more information.

**BIG SPRING CHAMBER OF** Commerce needs baby food jars to be used for decorating at an upcoming dinner. Anyone who can donate some empty, clean jars is urged to bring them by the office at 215 W. Third before Jan. 20. Call 263-7641 for more information.

**SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER** will have a community blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 268-4960 for an appointment.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF** HEALTH and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program will be closed for all services on Jan. 18-19. The office will open again for services Jan. 20 at 8 a.m.

Internal Revenue Service instructors will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Monday, Jan. 11, until Friday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for working with the VITA program. Tax assistance will be available from Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

**THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF** Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**FRIDAY** •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

•Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter will have a caregiver education series on Jan. 22. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and the presentation will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Midland College Davidson Family Health Sciences Building Health Sciences Lecture Hall, Room 203. The cost is \$25 for professionals and \$5 for family mem-

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ber (at registration, state "Special Fee"). Continuing Education Units will be available through the college. For more information call 1-800-682-1174.

**SATURDAY** •Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Cusey, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group (Cellacs helping Cellacs) will meet Jan. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital room E-18, 2200 W. Illinois, in Midland. We will sample foods from Menu Direct. You may bring a gluten-free goodie and recipe to share. For more information call (915) 520-2119 or (915) 684-4671, or write to Glute Free Awareness, 11809 WCR 54; Midland; 79707.

**MARKETS**

March cotton 59.06 cents, up 22 points; Feb. crude 12.98, down 11 points; Cash hogs steady, at \$3 higher at 26; cash steers steady at 60 even; Feb. lean hog futures 36.80, up 7 points; Feb. live cattle futures 61.97, up 25 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

Thursday's results 62nd annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show

**RABBITS**

**GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW**  
Michelle Fuchs  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW**

Brandi Halfmann  
**CHAMPION COMMERCIAL**  
Michelle Fuchs  
**RESERVE CHAMPION COMMERCIAL**  
Shaun Maxie  
**CHAMPION FANCY**  
Brandi Halfmann  
**RESERVE CHAMPION FANCY**  
Mikela Barton

**Class results**

**Light weight Californian**  
1. J.Layne Niehues; 2. Ridge Saverance; 3. Tina Saverance; 4. Dendra Maxie; 5. Michelle Fuchs; 6. Krystal Halfmann.

**Heavy weight Californian**  
1. Shaun Maxie; 2. Michelle Fuchs; 3. Krystal Halfmann; 4. Angela Schraeder; 5. Jessica Saverance.

**Light weight New Zealand**  
1. Angela Schraeder; 2. K'Lann Niehues; 3. Shaun Maxie; 4. Tracey Machicek; 5. M'Lynn Niehues; 6. Whitney Kellemeier.

**Heavy weight New Zealand**  
1. Michelle Fuchs; 2. Michelle Fuchs; 3. Michelle Fuchs; 4. Angela Schraeder; 5. Angela Schraeder; 6. Angela Schraeder.

**Light weight OPB**  
1. Anthony Wheat; 2. Anthony Wheat; 3. Grant Willis; 4. Heather Willis; 5. Tiffany Wheat; 6. Tiffany Wheat.

**Mini Rex - under six months**  
1. Brandi Halfmann; 2. Michelle Fuchs; 3. Ridge Saverance; 4. Tina Saverance; 5. Ryan Machicek.

**Mini Rex - over six months**  
1. Jessica Saverance; 2. Ryan Machicek; 3. Michelle Fuchs; 4. Michelle Fuchs.

**OPB Fancy - under six months**  
1. Mikela Barton; 2. K'Lann Niehues; 3. Heather Willis; 4. Heather Willis; 5. Heather Willis.

**OPB Fancy - over six months**  
1. Heather Willis; 2. Tracey Machicek; 3. Angela Schraeder; 4. Grant Willis; 5. Heather Willis; 6. Angela Schraeder.

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TUES.-THURS.: 7:00-9:20  
JACK FROST (PG)  
FRI.-MON.: 2:10-4:30-7:10-9:30  
TUES.-THURS.: 7:10-9:30  
RUGRATS (G)  
FRI.-MON.: 2:20-4:40  
TUES.-THURS.: 7:20  
STAR TREK INSURRECTION (PG)  
FRI.-MON.: 7:20-9:40  
TUES.-THURS.: 9:40  
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PICK 3: 1,3,6  
CASH 5: 12,29,36,38,39

Wheat; 6. Tiffany Wheat.  
**Heavy weight OPB**  
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**Mini Lop - over six months**  
1. Brandi Halfmann; 2. Mikela Barton; 3. Whitney Kellemeier; 4. M'Lynn Niehues; 5. Shaun Maxie.

**SHEEP GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW**  
Erin Hirt  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW**  
Ashley Hirt  
**CHAMPION FINEWOOL**  
Erin Hirt  
**RESERVE CHAMPION FINEWOOL**  
Keith Batla  
**CHAMPION FINEWOOL CROSS**  
Erin Hirt  
**RESERVE CHAMPION FINEWOOL CROSS**  
Ashley Hirt  
**CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN**  
Jason Flores  
**CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL**  
Deidra Hirt  
**RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL**  
Deidra Hirt

**Class results**  
**Finewool**  
1. Erin Hirt; 2. Keith Batla; 3. Ryan Batla; 4. Colby Hirt; 5. Erin Hirt; 6. Jared Bradford.

**Light weight finewool cross**  
1. Erin Hirt; 2. Ashley Hirt; 3. Colby Hirt; 4. Colby Hirt; 5. Anna Flores; 6. Jason Flores.

**Heavy weight finewool cross**  
1. Ashley Hirt; 2. Colby Hirt; 3. Ashley Hirt; 4. Ryan Batla; 5. Erin Hirt; 6. Keith Batla.

**Southdown**  
1. Jason Flores  
**Medium wool**  
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PICK 3: 1,3,6  
CASH 5: 12,29,36,38,39

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•FORGERY was reported in the 3000 block of West Hwy 80. Two reports of forgery by check were reported.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at the city park and in the 2600 block of Gregg.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Main.

•LESLYE ROGERS, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

•KURT MIRANDA, 18, was arrested for assault.

•THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 1800 block of Gregg and the 900 block of Willia.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 1200 block of Gregg.

•DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 500 block of Northeast Ninth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia.

•CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

•RUDY JAQUEZ, 28, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF less than \$50 was reported in the 500 block of Goliad. A window was shot out, according to reports.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of Gregg. Windows valued at \$300 were reported shot out.

**FIRE/EMS**

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

**THURSDAY**  
12:36 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th. medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:26 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:55 p.m. - I-20 mm 167, medical call, service refused.

8:35 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.



# Country singer, friend indicted for murder

UVALDE (AP) — A Uvalde County grand jury has returned a murder indictment against country singer Johnny Rodriguez and a lifelong friend in the August shooting death of a Sabinal man who also knew the entertainer. The case took an unexpected twist with the revelation Thursday that Carlos Tovar, who grew up with Rodriguez in Sabinal, also is involved. Both men were named in the indictment regarding the Aug. 29 slaying of Israel Borrego, 26.



RODRIGUEZ

"They were indicted together," District Attorney Tony Hackbeil told the San Antonio Express-News after the grand jury's decision. "We believe the evidence shows that Johnny Rodriguez was the shooter and (Tovar) was involved sufficiently" to be indicted on a charge of murder, the district attorney said. Rodriguez, 46, has been charged with murder since shortly after Israel Borrego, 26, was killed at a home owned by the singer's mother. Tovar's involvement wasn't publicly known before the indictment. A Jan. 19 arraignment was set for both defendants to enter a plea before a judge, although Hackbeil said Rodriguez already has indicated he will waive the hearing. Rodriguez remains free on a \$50,000 bond. Tovar, a heavy-equipment operator, is believed to be living in San Antonio. "We issued a subpoena (Tuesday) for Tovar to appear as a witness, but we were

unable to serve the subpoena," Hackbeil said. An arrest warrant was to be issued for Tovar on Friday, the prosecutor said, adding that the suspect is not considered a flight risk. Alan Brown, who represents Rodriguez, could not be reached for comment Thursday, the newspaper reported. Brown has said the shooting occurred at the Sabinal home of the singer's mother when Rodriguez thought he was encountering an intruder in the pre-dawn darkness. Borrego, also an acquaintance of the country singer, died from a single gunshot wound to the abdomen. Hackbeil said the case, originally presented to the grand jury Sept. 24, required extensive investigation. "There was a lot of ground to cover," he said. "We wanted to

make sure of our ability to disprove their contention that (Borrego) was an intruder." Even though only one shot was fired, a person assisting or aiding in the commission of a homicide can be held criminally accountable for the conduct of another, the DA said. In another twist in the case, Hackbeil said the grand jury also returned a Class A misdemeanor indictment against Richard Gippich, alleged to have been working as a private investigator for Brown. The grand jury indictment charges that Gippich was "engaged in the conduct of a private investigator" without being certified by the state. Rodriguez had more than a dozen Top 10 country albums and singles in the 1970s. Among his hit songs was "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)."

# Experts: Higher awards show juries more willing to punish big business

BOSTON (AP) — Reflecting what legal experts described as anger at big business and a desire to send a message, juries awarded \$2.8 billion in the nation's 10 biggest verdicts last year. Eight of the 10 topped \$100 million each, according to Lawyers Weekly USA, a Boston-based publication that has been compiling such a list since 1989. The combined figure was nearly four times the total of the 1997 top 10, and would be the highest tally ever, if not for a bizarre case in 1996 in which jurors awarded a single \$22 billion judgment against former Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos. That verdict has since been overturned. "Inflation is under control in the country, but not in the courtroom," said Thomas F. Harrison, publisher of Lawyers Weekly. The biggest winner on the 1998 list was a Russian inventor in Houston who was awarded \$1.5 billion after his business partners forced him out of a company he founded. In 1989, the largest verdict was \$75 million, a figure that wouldn't have even made it onto this year's list. "Now you can have a \$50 million award and it is not even in the newspaper," said Victor Schwartz, general counsel to the American Tort Reform Association. Legal experts attribute the steady increase to factors including the publicity from previous verdicts, as well as the fact that juries seem to be angrier at big businesses, and more willing to make them pay for their wrongs. In some cases — like last year's No. 5 award in a Ford Ranger rollover accident in Jackson, Miss. — punitive damages made up \$120 million of the \$144.9 million verdict. "Juries are starting to think that maybe you need to award this much money to get the message across," Harrison said. A change in the composition of the bench over the last three decades also has made an impact, said Richard Samp, chief counsel of the Washington Legal Foundation, a watchdog group that supports tort reform. Many judges were former plaintiff trial lawyers themselves. "The judges who are hearing such cases no longer believe that there should be realistic

limits set by the law on an amount of an award that can be given," Samp said. The list only includes verdicts that the editors at the publication believe have a chance of being collected. A \$525 million verdict against an imprisoned rapist out of Greenville, N.C., was kept off the list. The defendant — imprisoned for life — has no assets and no way to pay his victim, Lawyers Weekly said. Most of the verdicts are likely to be significantly lowered on appeal.

## TOP VERDICTS OF 1998

- \$1.5 billion for Anatoly Sverdin, an inventor forced out of a Houston-area company he founded.
  - \$250 million against a nursing home in Bedford, Texas, where 80-year-old Bryan Sellers died after allegedly being neglected.
  - \$247.5 million against Iran for a bus bombing in the Gaza Strip that killed Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow.
  - \$153.1 million against Ford Motor Co. for not alerting customers about a parking brake defect that led to the death of 3-year-old Walter White, of Elko, Nev.
  - \$144.9 million against Ford for not warning customers about the Ford Ranger's propensity to roll over. Dale Robinson, 19, died after his Ranger rolled over on a Mississippi highway.
  - \$125 million against FMC Corp., which built the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Test engineer Henry Boisvert claimed the amphibious tank sinks.
  - \$116 million for the family of Tina Patel, who suffered severe brain damage at birth at a New York City hospital.
  - \$103 million for the family of Abraham Gold, a quadriplegic who was born premature after treatment of his mother's seizures was delayed at a hospital in Johnson City, N.Y.
  - \$81 million for a woman who was sexually harassed by her United Parcel Service co-workers and demoted for complaining.
  - \$80 million for Francis Ford Coppola, who sued Warner Brothers for interfering with his contract with a rival studio to make the movie "Pinochio."
- Source: Lawyers Weekly USA

# One woman killed in attempted bank heist

LONGVIEW (AP) — A bank robber opened fire, killing one bank employee and wounding another after he was told the branch bank did not have the \$50,000 he demanded, a relative of the slain employee says. Federal and state authorities had one man into custody on Thursday and hunted late into the night for a second man. The women were shot at the First Federal Savings Bank shortly after noon. FBI spokeswoman Lori Bailey said one of the two bandits entered the bank while the other waited outside in a car. Betty Paddie, 60, died at Good Shepherd Medical Center from a gunshot wound, hospital spokesman John Gilchrist said. Elizabeth "Libby" Flahie, 53, was reported in good condition with a gunshot wound, he said. Ms. Bailey identified as Charles Stephens of Marshall a man whom Henderson County sheriff's deputies arrested after pursuing him on vehicles and on foot. "We're trying to determine if he was the shooter, and he could be charged with capital murder," Harrison County Sheriff's Capt. Frank Garrett said. Authorities sought to arrest an associate of Stephens and believed him to still be in the Marshall-Longview area. Ms. Bailey said. She said they know his identity. Ms. Paddie, of Longview, was shot once in the upper chest, said B.H. Jameson, Gregg County Precinct 1 justice of the peace. He said both victims were employees of the Northeast Texas bank. "Once the officers got there, there were two victims down on the floor in the bank," said Wade Turner, a Longview Police Department spokesman. Ms. Bailey said cash was taken from the bank, but would not say how much. Ashley Weathermom, 16, of

Diana, granddaughter of the slain woman, told the Longview News-Journal the family was told by the wounded woman that the robber was upset when he was told the bank did not have as much money as he demanded. "My grandmother had opened a car loan and put the money the counter," she said. "The man bent over and came up with a gun and demanded \$50,000. "Libby said they didn't have that kind of money at the branch office. My grandmother was shot first, in the neck, and died instantly. Libby was shot second, in the side."

Huntsville prison where executions take place. "If people arrive armed, we'll take care of it," he said. Graham, 35, has been on death row since he was 18 for the May 1981 shooting of an Arizona man, Bobby Lambert, during a robbery outside a Houston supermarket. A lone witness, sitting in a car in the supermarket parking lot, identified Graham, then 17, as the man who shot Lambert and made off with the man's change from a \$100 bill he used to buy groceries on May 13, 1981. Graham and his supporters insist the witness was mistaken.

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# Team will carry Graham to death chamber if necessary

AUSTIN (AP) — Condemned killer Gary Graham will be shackled and carried to the Texas death chamber by armored guards if he follows through on a promise to resist next week's execution, a prison official says. Graham told reporters this week guards will have to drag him, kicking and screaming, to the gurney for his lethal injection, set for Monday. He added he will "fight like hell" against death row guards. Larry Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, told the Austin American-Statesman Graham can't stop the execution by fighting guards. "If need be, we will keep him shackled," Fitzgerald said. "If he refuses to come out of his cell, we will use an extraction team — correctional officers suited up in body armor, basically — to remove him from the holding cell into the execution chamber." "No matter what he does, we will carry out the sentence of death in this case if that's what we're instructed to do."

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# Lottery officials hope more winners will go public

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery officials, eager to boost sagging sales, are urging their most satisfied customers to help generate good PR by holding news conferences after lottery wins. The lottery has put together a four-minute video to persuade winners that talking to reporters actually can be fun. Lottery Director Linda Cloud says lottery winners have become increasingly camera shy, mostly because of lawyers. "Their attorneys are getting more educated, so when they come in to file their claim for their jackpot they are very reluctant to be interviewed by any of our staff or, especially, do a press conference," Cloud told the Texas Lottery Commission Thursday. News conferences, complete with a ceremonial, oversized check, are strictly optional for jackpot winners. State law requires the lottery to release minimal information about winners — just name, hometown, prize amount and where the winner bought his or her ticket. But the lottery loses lots of free publicity whenever a winner requests to have minimal information released. "It's very important to the lottery that we have the exposure that we do have winners out

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

This week we salute:

- **ISABEL MARIE SOLIS**, the first baby of the New Year in Big Spring, and parents Jaime Solis and Stephanie Hernandez.
- **OUR FIREFIGHTERS**, who on New Year's weekend, while most were reveling, battled three fires.
- **COLORADO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**, which becomes 50 years old this year.
- **DORA ROBERTS REHAB CENTER**, which recently opened a wellness center.
- **ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**, Big Spring Chapter 67, for sponsoring a stuffed animal drive for children of Howard County.
- **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AND THE HOWARD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**, who are working to put aside their differences for the good of the county.
- **YOUTH AND SPONSORS IN HOWARD AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES**, who are participating in or about to participate in their county stock shows.
- **THE FEW (WE HOPE MORE) FOLKS**, who made a New Year's resolution and a week later have still stuck to it.

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

OTHER VIEWS

Judging by the sex scandal that swamped Washington in 1998, turning the nation's highest elected officials into spiteful brawlers, one might think that this country is going to, well, heck.

Nothing could be further from the truth, according to a detailed analysis by Gregg Easterbrook in the *The New Republic* and other sources. For instance, crime is down considerably, as the FBI reported a short time ago.

Accidents have been declining since 1995. The rate of accidental death has dropped 12 percent since 1985.

Highway fatalities are decreasing even though there are more cars, driving faster, on the road.

In many big cities the decline in downtowns has stopped.

It's puzzling to learn that only 15 percent of Americans think the country is getting better, although overwhelmingly they think their own lives are better.

Why this optimism gap? Maybe because segments of the media tend to accentuate the negative. And much news emanates from Washington, where the Bill Clinton-Monica

Lewinsky-Kenneth Starr saga was so degrading and pervasive that most Americans tuned out.

THE COLUMBUS (OHIO) DISPATCH

The North American Free Trade Agreement had a hard birth. Opposition to it was so intense that it sometimes seemed as if it might die in the womb.

But it turned 5 on Jan. 1. The pact has blossomed into a healthy whelp and seems destined for a happy and productive adolescence. Its parents, the United States, Canada and Mexico, are right to be pleased.

But not everyone is satisfied. Trade unionists, protection-minded businessmen and their allies on the environmental and political fringes have wanted to smother the child in its cradle. To them, it costs U.S. jobs, encourages pollution and violates U.S. sovereignty.

What nonsense. People should accept North American free trade for what it really is: neither savior nor agent of doom but overall a boon to its makers. ...

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Most serious charge not even on the table

As the Senate takes up impeachment, the most serious charge yet leveled against the president won't even be on the table -- namely, that in pursuit of trade and campaign contributions, President Clinton allowed the transfer of highly sensitive technology to communist China, where it is now being used to build better weapons.



LINDA CHAVEZ

When these charges were first raised more than a year ago, some Democrats were quick to dismiss them as right-wing fantasies. Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., reassured one administration witness at a hearing last June not to be too concerned about "this malarkey about the transfer of technology through satellites to China." In a similar vein, when the House approved a select committee to look into the matter, Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., likened the investigation to a "Pink Panther" movie. "It is the Congress of Inspector Clouseau," he said, in reference to the bumbling character immortalized by the late Peter Sellers.

Democrats aren't laughing any longer. Last week, all 4 Democrats and 5 Republicans on the House Select Committee on the People's Republic of China Technology Transfers issued a unanimous 700-page report documenting that U.S. national security has been compromised by the transfers. Although the report remains classified for the time being, Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., who chaired the committee, said he will urge the House to declassify it quickly.

About half of the report contains new information about China's efforts to obtain military technology, according to Cox. One reason why Democrats joined Republicans in adopting the report, however, is that some of the allegations refer to incidents that occurred during past Republican administrations, many of which have been previously reported. The most serious breaches that occurred during Republicans' watch involved poor security and thefts of classified data at federal installations during the 1980s at the Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico and the Lawrence Livermore lab in California.

Under Republicans, it seems, the Chinese were forced to steal U.S. technology, but the Clinton administration appears to have allowed the Chinese to buy what they wanted outright. American companies began selling previously prohibited

sensitive technology shortly after the president took office. As first reported by *The New York Times'* Jeff Gerth, in 1993 President Clinton met with Silicon Valley executives who complained bitterly that U.S. government rules prevented them from selling high-speed computers and other technology that might be put to military use by the Chinese, leaving Americans at a competitive disadvantage.

The president promised the computer executives he'd fix their problems -- and he did. "Over the next five years, the president delivered, personally presiding over what industry executives and government officials agree was one of the most sweeping relaxations of export restrictions in American history," Gerth reported. But as the *Times* noted, the transfer of much of this sophisticated technology ended up in the hands of the Chinese military. Although we don't know the full extent of the harm this has done, experts suspect it has allowed the Chinese to more accurately aim their intercontinental ballistic missiles at targets, including the United States.

The problem increased dramatically when President Clinton ordered responsibility over monitoring technology transfers shifted from the State and Defense departments to the Commerce Department under former secretary Ron Brown, who was far more interested in improving the trade imbalance

with China than in maintaining national security. Brown, who died in a plane crash on a U.S. trade mission to Bosnia in 1996, was the head of the Democratic Party and its chief fund-raiser before he became commerce secretary, and was widely criticized for improperly using trade missions to increase Democratic Party campaign contributions.

In 1994, the Clinton administration eased export-license restrictions on high-tech transfers, making it difficult if not impossible to trace who was buying what and for what purpose.

Under the old rules, the Pentagon scrutinized license applications to determine whether the technology might have military application. But the new rules allowed American companies to police themselves, deciding on their own if they needed to even bother with a license.

As might be expected, the request for licenses for trade with China declined by 60 percent since 1994, even though sales increased rapidly in the same period.

Congress should make a redacted version of the Cox committee report public as soon as possible. At the very least, it might encourage a few Democrat senators in the coming weeks to put aside their partisan interests in defending a president who has not only defiled his office but jeopardized the future security of the nation.



Former governor a unique politician

I worked at one time for a Florida governor who had three qualities very unusual for a politician: He was honest, he was courageous and he had a great sense of humor.

It was his sense of humor that caused me the most headaches, because part of my job was to be concerned about his relations with the press. But he refused to cater to the press, and I loved him for it, despite the damage it caused him.

This former governor's name is Claude Kirk. He's retired now and to my knowledge is the only Florida governor since the War Between the States to leave office poorer than when he went in. Most Florida governors, like most politicians these days, have remarkable good luck with their investments and job offers after leaving office. But in politics, honesty is definitely not the best policy in a monetary sense. You get my drift, I'm sure.

One liberal editor of a major paper was particularly malicious in his constant attacks on the governor. I once told the governor, "Most of these guys

are all ego and easy to flatter, so why don't you call (name excluded) now and then and ask his advice on some subject?"

"Why should I call (the editor)?" the governor replied. "I don't even like the (expletive deleted)." And that was the end of that topic.

Florida has a cabinet form of government, and the cabinet meetings are usually long, routine and dull. It was the custom at that time for *The Associated Press* or the *United Press* guy to sit through them and then share the story with the rest of the press corps.

Kirk, however, was unpredictable, so when he instructed me to inform the capitol press corps that he would make an important announcement at the next cabinet meeting, they had no choice but to show up.

I had asked him what he intended to announce.

"Well, if I don't tell you, then you can't tell them. Right?" he said with a smile. "Go post the notice."

The day of the cabinet meeting, the entire press corps showed up, visibly annoyed. The governor proceeded through the long, routine agenda with no hint at all about what his announcement would be. As the hours passed, the press corps was getting angry and restless.

Finally, after the last trivial item had been handled and some four and a half hours had passed, Governor Kirk said, "I

now have a very important announcement to make. On the next Apollo mission, the astronauts are going carry real Florida orange juice instead of Tang." Then he abruptly left the room.

It was like a stun grenade had exploded. There was a second of silence. The journalists, their morning shot, stood there with their mouths open like dead fish. Then there was an eruption of profanity, cursing and tossing of notebooks as they stormed out of the room.

In the meantime, the governor was in his private office, where he was practically falling on the floor laughing. It is not a good idea for a politician to play practical jokes on the press, particularly a liberal press that didn't like the Republican governor to begin with.

But, by God, it was funny. He showed the same courage on more serious occasions.

When Rap Brown came to Florida, Kirk went to the city where he was speaking to a large crowd and, unannounced, walked through the crowd alone up onto the stage, where he snatched the microphone out of Brown's hand and began to engage him and the audience in a debate. The "burn, baby, burn" demagogue was completely deflated. I've never seen Kirk's like again among politicians.

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Senators

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Democrats are combing through the records of a former senator to determine if he was involved in a scandal. The investigation is part of a broader effort to uncover any wrongdoing by members of the Clinton administration. The Senate is expected to vote on impeachment charges against Clinton in the coming weeks.

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RENO, Jan. 8 (AP) — Investigators remain baffled by a film buff who was shooting a movie in a state where it was planned to be a comedy. The filmmaker was arrested on charges of obscenity. The case is being handled by local authorities.

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# Senators search for common ground to avoid partisan impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — After swearing to judge President Clinton fairly and impartially, senators are working feverishly to keep the first presidential impeachment trial this century from becoming a model of partisan discord.

Majority Leader Trent Lott and his Democratic counterpart, Tom Daschle, are combining a heavy dose of symbolism with intense closed-door negotiations to forge agreements on how to conduct the trial.

They invited their rank-and-file members to an extraordinary informal meeting today in an ornate room that was the Senate's chamber, and scene of great debates, in the first half of the 19th century.

An attempt to hold the same meeting in the Old Senate Chamber collapsed

Thursday, after partisan rancor broke out only moments after President Clinton was formally made a defendant in the first presidential impeachment trial since the Andrew Johnson case in 1868. The primary cause of the rupture was a dispute over the need for witnesses, which Republicans favor and Democrats oppose.

Republicans on Thursday had scheduled votes on their proposed ground rules and also on a Democratic alternative. With a 55-45 advantage, the GOP would have won the fight, but at the price of setting a partisan tone that might never be overcome in the proceedings.

Lott pulled back from the brink and kept negotiating, deciding senators should "keep calm and cool and digni-

fied." His move prompted Daschle to proclaim: "I think there is some common ground."

"We don't want the first vote to be a partisan vote, and it came very close to being one," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

Despite such hopeful statements, the two parties were unable to bridge the gap during the day — especially over the prospect that witnesses such as former White House intern Monica Lewinsky would testify about sex in the tradition-bound Senate.

Clinton is charged under two articles of impeachment, both related to his attempts to conceal his extramarital affair Ms. Lewinsky.

One article charges the president with perjury before a federal grand

jury, the second with obstructing justice.

Sen. Ted Stevens, an Alaska Republican serving since December 1968, echoed the thoughts of many Democratic senators, commenting he had "serious questions" about calling Ms. Lewinsky to testify about her sexual escapades with the president at the White House.

House prosecutors have failed to allay such concerns, despite expressing a willingness to avoid questions to witnesses on explicit sexual material.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters, "We are convinced we can make a compelling case that will lead the United States Senate not to remove the president."

He added that the president's lawyers

were "ready to go" and ready to accept evidence in the Lewinsky matter in exchange for a ban on witnesses.

But, he added, if the House insisted on calling witnesses it would cause a delay, "because bringing witnesses in and not stipulating to a record opens up a whole area of motions, discovery and depositions. And that takes time."

The charges against Clinton were brought in the name of the House of Representatives and "of the people of the United States of America." But as every senator was aware as the trial opened, the articles were approved by a House that voted along mostly partisan lines.

"We are now jurors," Stevens said. "We don't want chaos."

## Starr grand jury indicts woman for obstruction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Julie Hiatt Steele, the friend whose testimony undermined Kathleen Willey's claim that President Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance, has been indicted on charges of lying and obstructing justice.

Ms. Steele was charged Thursday with three counts of obstruction of justice and one count of false statements by a grand jury in Alexandria, Va., working with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Among other things, the indictment accused Ms. Steele of filing a false affidavit in Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against Clinton, lying to two grand juries and attempt-

ing to influence the testimony of other witnesses.

"I'm just shocked," Ms. Steele was quoted as saying in today's editions of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "I can't believe it's all come to this."

Mrs. Willey told the newspaper, "I regret Julie brought this on herself."

Nancy Luque, a lawyer for Ms. Steele, called the indictment reckless and said it "is a glaring example of Mr. Starr's gross abuse of his prosecutorial power."

"Mr. Starr has clearly timed this baseless accusation in a transparent attempt to unfairly influence the pending impeachment proceeding," Luque said

in a statement.

Luque said she began receiving phone calls from reporters three days ago indicating that Ms. Steele was to be indicted and accused Starr of "unlawfully leaking confidential grand jury information to the media."

The president's lawyers had used Ms. Steele's testimony in an effort to cast doubt on the credibility of Mrs. Willey, a former White House volunteer who alleges Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance toward her in the Oval Office in 1993.

Clinton denies Mrs. Willey's accusation, which became a focus of Mrs. Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit. In his tes-

timony in the Jones lawsuit, the president said Mrs. Willey "was not telling the truth" and that her credibility had been "pretty well shattered."

The indictment notes that a lawyer for Clinton approached Ms. Steele in January 1998 to get her to file the affidavit and that she initially refused, then changed her mind. Ms. Steele eventually filed an affidavit in the Jones lawsuit alleging that Mrs. Willey never told her about the alleged advance as she had claimed.

But Starr alleged Thursday that the affidavit and Ms. Steele's subsequent testimony before two federal grand juries were false.

## Boulder County commissioners give more money for Ramsey grand jury investigation

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Boulder County commissioners have endorsed the work of the grand jury investigating the JonBenet Ramsey murder, authorizing nearly \$80,000 more for its work.

The money was requested to fund the grand jury's work through March.

"I think we're pretty well committed as a community to doing everything we can to solve the crime if it can be solved," Commissioner Paul Danish said Thursday.

Prosecutor Bill Wise said he will be back to ask for more money if the work isn't completed by the end of March.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled Dec. 26, 1996, in the basement of her family's home in Boulder.

Police say her parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, remain under suspicion. The Ramseys haven't yet been called by the grand jury, which began its work in mid-September.

Boulder County approved the new money despite a bill for the case that already had reached nearly \$390,000.

City police have spent more than \$1 million on their probe.

## Shooter wanted to mock America's appetite for violence

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Investigators and psychologists remain baffled by a 20-year-old film buff who claims that his shooting rampage on an interstate was the first step in a planned cross-country killing spree intended to mock American violence.

"I can honestly say I don't have a clue on this man," Ole Thienhaus, chairman of the psychology department at the University of Nevada, Reno, said Thursday.

Christopher Lee Merritt, of Mankato, Minn., was scheduled to be arraigned in Washoe Justice Court in Reno today on eight counts, including attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Arrested Monday in Las Vegas, Merritt has confessed to

being the sniper who opened fire on Interstate 80 earlier that day near Reno. One man was wounded in the chest and several vehicles were damaged.

The highway was closed for hours and school children were ordered indoors while more than 100 law officers searched the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Since the arrest, a county prosecutor has touched off a battle with local media by serving search warrants on three television stations and a newspaper for interviews they had with the suspect, who says he planned the murder spree "for the thrill of killing."

Merritt originally told police he planned to shoot motorists so they would crash and he could rob them.

But in interviews beginning

Tuesday night, he said he planned to shoot more than 10 people throughout the country — a spree he thought would make some kind of "satirical" statement about America's appetite for violence in books and films.

Merritt told The Associated Press he planned the shootings "for my own enjoyment ... my own amusement."

He referred to violent books and movies, including "Natural Born Killers" and "Pulp Fiction." But, he said, he didn't want anyone to blame a particular work for his behavior, because "I had a pre-existing interest in this subject."

The American public seems to set dual standards about what is acceptable, condemning real-life killers while glamorizing mur-

ders in films, he said.

"Nobody seems to have a problem about two hit men killing people, possibly because it is fictionalized," he said. "There's not a whole lot of difference between contemplating an act and actually going through with it."

By planning his own shooting spree, Merritt said, he was "more or less making fun of America, I guess. Making fun of what everybody finds interest in."

"Also, in a way, I was mocking it, saying well, 'If you find interest in a murder happening in a somewhat stereotypical lawless town, what will you do if it actually happens?' Just kind of sit back in the corner and watch everything as it unfolded," he said.

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## HMO battle under way

WASHINGTON (AP) — This year's battle over HMOs began in earnest on Capitol Hill as a maverick Republican again cast his lot with President Clinton, complicating the hot political issue for his own party.

Clinton, congressional Democrats and now Rep. Charles Norwood, R-Ga., have pledged to battle through 1999 to give patients new rights to sue their health insurance companies, choose their doctors and get needed treatments in the era of cost-conscious managed care.

"Last year, we allowed partisanship and scandal to defeat a truly nonpartisan effort," Norwood told reporters Thursday. "We will not make that mistake again."

Of course scandal continues to preoccupy Congress, with the Senate's impeachment trial officially under way.

Norwood's HMO news conference was a rare moment of policy on display on Capitol Hill this week.

Last year, faced with Democratic momentum on the issue and polls showing voter dissatisfaction with health maintenance organizations, House Republicans wrote their own legislation and pushed it through the House on a party-line vote. Democrats denounced it as a sham, saying it did not address the core issues. The bill died in the Senate.

Norwood went along with his party in 1998.

But he insisted Thursday that this time he will fight for a bipartisan plan. He also refused to back off of the most contentious issue in the debate: the right to sue health plans, an idea that is anathema to business, insurance companies and many Republicans.

## Web site puts a bounty on abortion doctors, attorney contends in court

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Attorneys defending an anti-abortion Web site that checks off slain abortion doctors like items on a grocery list say it is merely a form of political protest, not a blueprint for murder.

The site records the names of hundreds of doctors who perform abortions, and catalogs such personal information as addresses, license numbers and even the names of their children. Defense lawyers said it does not make outright threats.

"This is a case about the threat to kill or injure, which is simply not there," attorney Chris Ferrara said Thursday during opening statements. "Opinions? Yes, sometimes harsh. But no violence."

Plaintiffs, including Planned Parenthood and a women's health center, filed a civil suit claiming the site violates a fed-

eral law that bars activists from inciting violence against abortion doctors and their patients.

Defendants include the American Coalition of Life Advocates, an umbrella group for several anti-abortion groups nationwide, and Advocates for Life Ministries, a Portland-based group.

On the site, called "The Nuremberg Files," the names of doctors killed are crossed off. Wounded are shaded in gray.

"Just like bounty hunters of the Old West, the defendants want to stop the doctors by any means — dead in their tracks," said Maria Vullo, an attorney for a group of doctors who also sued to shut down the site.

Lawyers for the defendants maintain the site and a set of posters distributed by its backers are part of a political debate, and protected by the Constitution.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Abundant Grace Family Church

Abundant Grace Family Church will have a dedication service with guest speaker Dr. Jerry Savelle on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 10:15 a.m., 1005 E. 11th Place.

Dr. Jerry Savelle has a worldwide ministry with headquarters in Crowley, Texas and Kenya, Africa. He has a school of ministry in Fort Worth and is also a television evangelist.

We are asking those planning to attend from the Big Spring area to please carpool if possible due to limited parking space. Seating will also be limited to about 350 and the doors will open at 9:15 a.m. Please DO NOT line up outside the doors before 9 a.m. Reserved seating will be available only to ministers and staff members and guests participating in the service from out of state.

There will be no childcare provided for that service so that our members can participate in the dedication service. Thank you for your cooperation.

For more information call 263-4190 or 268-9957.

### First Baptist Church

This Sunday morning at 8:15, Dr. John Key will begin teaching a doctrine class in room 115. If you are interested in this class, park at the southeast parking lot and enter the church through those doors. Room 115 is the third door down on the left.

We will be celebrating our Lord this Sunday with a "Praise Day" at the 10:50 a.m. worship hour. Come praise the Lord through choruses and hearing His word preached by our pastor, Eddie Tubbs. If you cannot attend, you may watch us on Cable Channel 6.

Our Family Life Center has been closed for the last couple of weeks to undergo renovations. We are now open at our regular times and invite you to come and see our new look. The basketball league has started playing their games on Thursday evenings. If you would like more information, call 267-3633.

### Hillcrest Baptist Church

A prayer conference entitled, "Our Lord's Life of Prayer" will begin Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. Rev. Keeney Dickenson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eunice, N.M., will lead the conference. Rev. Dickenson is widely used as a conference leader across the Southwest.

There will be a separate class for grades 1-6. Evelyn Lacey and LaDell Musgrove will lead these classes.

If you are interested in deepening your prayer life, plan now to attend. There will be something for all ages.

The Prayer Conference will be Jan. 10-13. The Conference begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Monday through Wednesday the Conference will begin at 7 p.m. A nursery will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church Women will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 10, following the 10:30 service. The

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## 'Millennium fever'

### Pastor says Christians should not fear 2000, neglect their commission

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

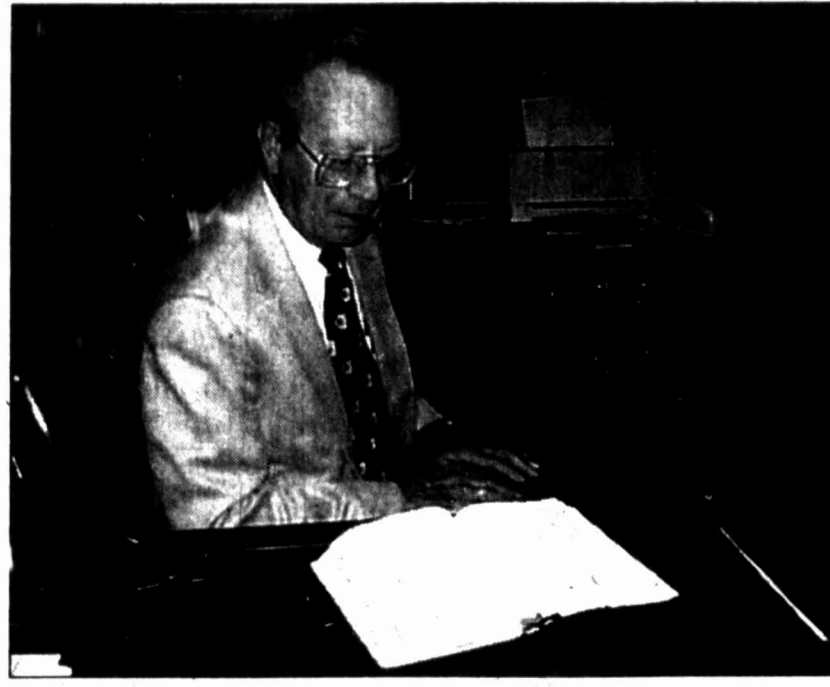
With all the concern over Y2K, and the beginning of a new millennium, local pastor R.T. Havener has a warning for Christians.

"I want to tell people not to get too excited about all this, but to stay with the basics, stay with what they are to do as a Christian," said Havener, who will preach Sunday evening on "How to Avoid Millennium Fever."

"This is a phenomenon that has happened over and over," Havener said, explaining that near the beginning of 1900, there were thousands of people in Europe who stopped caring for livestock, gave away their possessions and just waited for Christ's return.

"Since then there have been recurrences of this," Havener said. "Lots of people have come out and said Christ will return on a certain date."

And as we get closer to the year 2000, Havener said he



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R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God, works on his sermon on a laptop computer in his office earlier this week. Havener will preach Sunday evening on "How to Avoid Millennium Fever."

expects that trend to continue. One such group that predicted the return of Christ was the

Millerites, a movement that planned for Jesus to return in 1844.

Of course, that didn't happen as the group had predicted.

"I'm going to tell folks that the greatest message of prophecy is not knowing the date," Havener said. "But we know God has a plan."

Christians, no matter what the year, should remember "the great commission," he said, which tells Christians that their task is to go out into all the world and spread the "good news" to others.

At this time especially, Havener said, we should "focus on those things that are real."

Even the Y2K computer problem will be part of his Sunday evening address.

"It will bring some disruption, I guess," said Havener, who uses three computers of his own. "But there are all kinds of opinions about how much. We did operate in this world before there were computers."

First Assembly of God's Sunday evening service begins at 6 at the church, Fourth and Lancaster streets.

## Are we a team?

I remember growing up and playing many kinds of sports. I love basketball, football, and baseball the best.

Every coach I ever had reminded us of the importance of team play. While we had several players who were stand-outs above the rest, they realized, too that if we were to win, we needed them to play as

a team with the rest of us. Each member of the team needed to play their position to the best of their ability at all times for the team to be a winner.

Of all the sports I played, this is more true in basketball than any of the others. There are only five people on the court for one team at any time, and no one can be a "ball hog" and try to win the game by himself. I played for several different coaches and they all had a play book that was just a little different than the previous coach, but the bottom line was always "team effort."

I say all of this to underline the importance of the various churches and denominations with which we are blessed in this community.

The Bible teaches some very basic principles of the Christian faith. They are: the Bible as the inspired Word of God, The Trinity of the Godhead, Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, the call to a repentant and holy lifestyle that is different than the world, the call to share the Good News of God's love to the world through Jesus Christ and some others that I won't take the time to list here and now.

While some feel their church is the only right church and their teaching is the only right teaching, I find great comfort and strength in knowing there are churches in this community who stand on the basic Biblical principles upon which I stand, who are meeting needs in people who I will never touch. Not because I don't want to touch them, but because they are at ease in a different environment than my church.

If "Eternal Kingdom" building is what we are about, then I rejoice with my brothers and sisters in Christ who are effectively reaching people for Jesus.

Chuck Colson shared a story about a youth group from the Shively Christ Church who was challenged by their Youth Pastor to ask and answer the question "What Would Jesus Do?" He then gave them two hours to go into the community and answer the question with their actions.

One group did yard work for an elderly gentleman in the church. Another group went to a nursing home and sang songs to the elderly folks, another visited a church member in the hospital. But one of the groups went to the "arch rival" church, Shively Community Church, and asked the pastor if there was anyone in their church who needed some help.

He told them about an elderly lady who desperately needed



ROGER HUFF

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## CLUB NEWS

### Texas Tech Exes Association

The Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association met Jan. 4. "Red Raider Night" at Howard College will be Jan. 18, when Texas Tech alumni will be guests at the Hawks vs. Midland College games beginning at 6 p.m. University Day will be Feb. 19, in Lubbock at which high school and transfer students are welcome to come to campus for an informative tour of the campus. No RSVP needed, registration begins at 8 a.m.

The Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament committee was established and notices will go out soon concerning the tournament.

Scholarship applications are now available at The Sparenberg Building for any person needing one.

Next meeting of the Big Spring Chapter is Feb. 1, 6 p.m., at the Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

Call Roxie McDaniel at 267-3388 or Pat at 267-7828 for more information or questions.

### Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters' Club of Big Spring had its meeting on Jan. 6, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

The word of the day was incongruous which means out of place. The sentence used was "The English lord looked incongruous at the rodeo." Toastmaster was Bailey Anderson, and topic master was Greg Parde. Best table topic was Virginia Martin on "My best Ketchup." Best speaker was Joelle Ford, speaking on "The Adventures of Becassine," and best evaluator was Virginia Martin.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters meet weekly on Wednesdays, August to June at 6:30 a.m.

## Ban on hula at Hawaiian Masses reversed by Bishop

HONOLULU (AP) — After months of negotiating with the Vatican, Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo is allowing hula and other Native Hawaiian "sacred gestures" to be performed during Roman Catholic services.

Rome banned these central elements of the Hawaiian culture from local churches earlier this year after a parishioner complained they were being used for entertainment, not worship.

DiLorenzo went to Rome last summer to appeal Hawaii's case. Now, with the Vatican's approval, the Honolulu bishop has issued new guidelines for allowing sacred gestures during Mass. They took effect Jan. 3.

Psalm 149 offers Scriptural support, saying, "Let them praise his name in the dance."

"Sacred gesture is a way for Pacific Islanders, Asians and those who have embraced the culture to worship as baptized Catholics," DiLorenzo said in directives mailed to all 66 parishes in the islands. "For many, their cultural and religious experience are interwoven."

DiLorenzo specifically avoided the word "hula" because other cultures here — Asian, Filipino, Samoan and Tongan, for example — use native expressions during Mass, diocese spokesman Patrick Downes said. Of the 1.2 million residents of Hawaii, about 730,000 are Pacific Islanders or Asian. About 215,000 residents are Catholic, Downes said.

At least 200,000 people in Hawaii claim some Hawaiian ancestry. And it was the use of hula, a Native Hawaiian dance, at a Maui church that hatched the controversy.

Hula uses the hands, body and feet to tell a story. Ancient Hawaiians danced for their kings in both religious and secular settings.

The dance now has been per-

formed during all types of church services, including First Communion, weddings and funerals, by both men and women. It even was performed at DiLorenzo's installation as bishop in 1994.

The dance can be accompanied by religious chanting and the playing of native instruments such as the ipu, a drum made from a gourd, and the nose flute.

The hula performed during liturgies is not the same hula danced by women wearing coconut, leis and grass skirts at the famous Kodak Hula Show.

Church hula is performed in the "strictest, most beautiful, spiritual sense," said John K. Lake, a hula teacher for more than four decades.

"Some movements are done in church only and wouldn't be done outside the church," Lake said. "The dance changes according to the knowledge that's presented in the context."

Last year, a Maui woman was offended by a hula performance during Mass and complained to the diocese. She then took her complaint to Rome. The church won't release her name.

In June, Sister Mary Lange of the diocese's Office of Worship told parish priests the Vatican said "there should be no dance of any kind in the churches of the Diocese of Honolulu."

That touched a nerve among Hawaiians, whose language and cultural practices were banned by New England missionaries in the 1820s. Hula was banned from public and private performances because it was considered "enchanted," Lake said.

"With the missionaries, anything Hawaiian was debasing Christianity," he said. Hawaiian traditions "were considered valueless."

Hawaii newspapers also crit-

icized the Vatican's ban.

"Clearly, if the church is to continue to be relevant in an increasingly cynical age, it cannot keep itself at a distance from the people it serves by sending down orders that deny an important part of their culture," The Honolulu Advertiser said Dec. 8.

DiLorenzo said the church's ban on dance within the liturgy remains in effect "as entertainment has no place within the sacred liturgy."

What is allowed is sacred gesture — defined as movement that expresses praise, thanksgiving, adoration, petition and penitence. It is permitted during designated Masses, at certain times in the ceremony and with appropriate attire that respects the liturgy, the congregation and the culture.

"This form of gesture is considered as a form of praying with one's whole being," DiLorenzo said.

The Advertiser on Dec. 29 praised the ruling, saying "the church is promoting openness and inclusiveness in the best tradition of the Islands. Accommodation rather than flat has thankfully carried the day."

Native expression and dance during Catholic services is used by churches in Africa and Oceania, and sometimes is performed for the pope.

Just this past November, barefoot, shirtless tribal people performed for Pope John Paul II during a Vatican synod for bishops from Oceania.

John Paul told worshippers then that the church is "searching for new impulses ... in the drive to announce the kingdom of Christ in the diversity of culture and of human tradition, social and religious, and in the marvelous multiplicity of their people."

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## WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

(NAPS) — Car electronics are leaping into the "Jetson" age. New products on some 1999 model cars will offer buyers new functions such as navigation help, road speed monitoring and even surfing the Web.

Some cars will come equipped with cellular phones, voice recognition equipment and built-in news services that can provide stock quotes and other information.

It's enough to remind drivers of the cartoon version of the future seen on "The Jetsons."

Some of the applications for these new products include:

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**THE BIG SPRING EVENING** Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

## THE LAST WORD

Television has proved that people will rather look at anything than each other.

Ann Landers

Coffee in England is just toasted milk.

Anonymous

A timid question will always receive a confident answer.

Lord Darling

Big Spring Herald  
Friday, January

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tion of officers for the coming year and making all sorts of important plans. All the women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Kids' Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at St. Mary's Church. Come join the fun at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

An Inquirers' Class for adults interested in learning more about the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church, will begin soon. There will be an initial meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m. in the church office to determine the best day and time for the class. Everyone is invited and it strengthens the class when long-time Episcopalians attend.

**Baptist Temple**

Would you like to know how to manage your money? Baptist Temple will offer a class on how you can learn to get out of debt and stay out of debt. This class will start Jan. 21, and will continue for 8 weeks on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. If you are interested in this class, please call the church office by Jan. 10, so we can order books. The only cost to you would be the book (\$10) and your time.

Also, Baptist Temple will have their 5th Sunday Sing on Jan. 31. Following the morning service, there will be a fellowship meal, followed by a recognition of our new members and the 5th Sunday Sing will follow the recognition. Everyone is invited to attend and worship with us.

**First Assembly of God**

"How to avoid Millennium Fever," is Pastor R.T. Havener's message this Sunday in the evening service at 6. We find ourselves in fast forward, in our world, headed for the New Millennium. There is a great deal of talk about Y2K, and all that is related to the ushering in of a New Millennium. You are invited to hear this message Sunday night. In the morning service, Pastor Havener will be continuing a Series on the "Ministry and Work of the Holy Spirit."

Worship and special music will be a part of both services. The congregation of First Assembly of God, located at Fourth and Lancaster, invite you to join them for an outstanding day in the presence of the Lord.

**First United Methodist Church**

"The Only Sure Thing In Life" (Exodus 20:14) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the central focus of our lives, and how we can make that our priority. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

We have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister, Vergil Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Partee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394.

There is also the children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday mornings.

The United Methodist Men will meet for their monthly breakfast on Jan. 9, in Garrett Hall at 8 a.m. and everyone is invited. The weekly Wednesday noon Bible study will meet in Garrett Hall and lunch will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to start attending for your new year resolution. Please call 267-6394 for more information.

**Some Catholic colleges question to shift control**

BOSTON (AP) — Some academics at Roman Catholic colleges fear a proposal to shift control to local bishops could compromise academic standards and erode their national standing.

The dispute centers on a proposal that would transfer control of the 236 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States from their boards of trustees to local bishops, rewriting the schools' charters to put them under Vatican law. The proposal was floated in November during the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The bishops gave schools until May to make comments before a final vote later this year.

The plan would require presidents of Catholic colleges to take an oath of fidelity to the church and require theologians to get permission to teach from local bishops. The universities also would be urged to recruit for their faculties only "faithful Catholics."

"It is an attempt to clarify the meaning of Catholic, when you use that as an adjective before your institution," the Rev. Terrence Toland, who headed the committee that drafted the proposal, said today.

Critics, including some college presidents, say the proposal could hurt faculty recruitment, prompt lawsuits over hiring and free-speech issues, and threaten federal funding for student loans.

"You want people in the colleges and universities who are certainly comfortable and supportive of the church, but if you start having a litmus test of who is a faithful Catholic, that can be very divisive in an academic community," Charles Currie, president of the 28-member Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, told The Associated Press today.

"These kinds of intrusions into the academic community are just going to wave red flags in front of academic bulls," Thomas J. Reese, editor of the Jesuit magazine America, told The Boston Globe. "The universities are caught between a rock and a hard place. Clearly they want to be Catholic, but they also want to be a credible institution," he said.

In 1990, the Vatican released a document containing overall guidelines for ways to ensure that Catholic higher education stayed Catholic. At that time, the Vatican left the issue up to the local bishops.

The U.S. Bishops agreed on a version of the document in late 1996, but the Vatican rejected it, sending it back a year later with a demand for tighter language to guarantee the bishops' control over the schools. That meant having veto power rather than a consultant's role in the operation of the schools.

The bishops maintain the November proposal isn't final, but it has raised concerns.

"It will alienate the faculty and prevent us from hiring the kind of faculty we want, who will support academic excellence and Catholic nature," said the Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, president of Fordham University in New York. "Imposing any kind of loyalty oath will only deter people from working here."

Reese said the dispute could even threaten the very ties between the schools and the church.

**RELIGION BRIEFS**

**U.S. has third largest Catholic population**

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The United States has the world's third largest Catholic population, behind Brazil and Mexico, according to the 1999 Catholic Almanac. As No. 3, it edges out two large and traditionally Catholic nations, the Philippines and Italy.

The almanac, published by Our Sunday Visitor Inc., puts U.S. Catholic membership at just over 61.5 million, or 22.7 percent of the national population. The states with the biggest Catholic populations are California, New York, Texas, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Besides statistics, the annual almanac provides summaries of church teachings and practices, biographies, historical data, religious information by country and a rundown on all Catholic organizations and religious orders in the United States.

**Russian Orthodox limits role in World Council of Churches**

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian Orthodox Church is taking a passive role in the World Council of Churches while it attempts to deal with complaints about the ecumenical body.

Orthodox leaders in various nations contend that liberal Protestants have too much influence in the WCC. Orthodox churches in Bulgaria and the Georgian republic have ended WCC membership.

Leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, by far the largest member body in the

WCC, discussed the situation at a meeting of the Holy Synod, two weeks after a WCC assembly ended in Harare, Zimbabwe.

A statement from the Moscow Patriarchate said the Russians will "suspend participation in the work of the (WCC) Central Committee and will attend its sessions only as observers." It indicated that a decision on continued membership depends on results from a special commission set up in Harare to consider changes in the WCC.

In a separate action, the Moscow Patriarchate announced the formation of an Interreligious Council of Russia to address national problems with representatives from Islam, Judaism and Buddhism.

**Major grant to computerize church data**

NEW YORK (AP) — The "Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches," a standard reference work on Christian organizations, will use a \$635,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to computerize its 67 years' data on church memberships and finances.

The grant was announced by the National Council of Churches, which produces the annual. The 1999 yearbook, edited by the Rev. Eileen Lindner, who works for the council in New York, will be published Feb. 1 by Abingdon Press.

The council plans to improve the print edition and supplement it with a CD-ROM containing data from yearbooks dating to 1916.

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work done because she was sick. They spent two hours working very hard and getting several jobs done. She thanked them after they completed their tasks and said how nice it was that the Shively Community Church youth group would do this kind of thing for her. The teens did not correct her and when they shared their story with the rest of the group, the Youth Pastor spoke up and said certainly they corrected her. They simply replied, no we didn't — we didn't think it mattered because we were trying to do what Jesus would do.

I am not trying to be critical of any church or congregation.

I am simply trying to point out that if the "church" which is made up of those who have trusted Christ as their Savior, cannot work together on earth, why should the world come to us for answers?

I am pleading with the church community of Big Spring to come together, demonstrate Christian love, join forces in "Kingdom building" and create a "team" of God's people that can break down the spiritual barriers that keep our city in the dark concerning God's unconditional love.

Roger Huff is pastor at First Church of the Nazarene.

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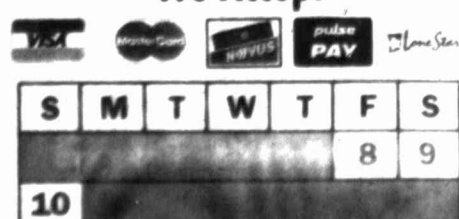


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### IN BRIEF

#### BSHS Golf Boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Golf Boosters Club will hold its first meeting of the school year at 7 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring golfers and other supporters of the high school golf program are urged to attend and make plans for the coming season.

#### Stanton's Himes records top time of night at rodeo

Clyde Himes of Stanton turned in the fastest time of 4.8 seconds in the second go-round third performance of steer wrestling at the Sandhills Rodeo & Stock Show in Odessa on Wednesday.

Himes' clocking of 4.8 edged out the 5.2-second times posted by Sid Steiner of Austin and Shane Paschal of LaPorte for the night.

However, Himes' time was well off the top time of 3.8 seconds posted by Beaumont's Darrell Petry, the second go-round's leader.

#### 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.

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

#### Thompson resigns Georgetown post

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Thompson, whose tough love emphasis of academics as well as athletics turned Georgetown into a respected national basketball powerhouse in the past quarter century, resigned today as coach.

Craig Esherick, an assistant under Thompson for the last 16 years, replaces him.

Thompson said he was quitting because his basketball duties were interfering with unspecified "things I need to give attention to in my personal life."

"I am not tired of basketball," Thompson said. "I do it because I love it. I am not retiring. I have resigned as head basketball coach at Georgetown University."

A tearful Esherick said he tried to talk Thompson out of resigning.

### TODAY

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.  
• Coahoma at Stanton (girls and boys).  
• Ozona at Forsan (girls).  
• Water Valley at Garden City (girls and boys).

7 p.m.  
• Borden County at Sands (girls and boys).  
• Ira at Grady (girls and boys).

7:30 p.m.  
• Big Spring (boys) vs. [unclear] (girls).  
• Sweetwater at Big Spring (girls).

### ON THE AIR

TODAY:  
HOCKEY  
8 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Calgary Flames, FXS, Ch. 29.

GOLF  
6:30 p.m. — PGA Mercedes Championships, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Survey shows superintendents favor current playoff system

AUSTIN (AP) — School superintendents favor the current football playoff system, which crowns two state champions in class 2A through 5A, according to a survey released Thursday by the University Interscholastic League.

The UIL conducted the survey after hearing requests to change the current playoff format.

The current format advances three district teams with the largest of the three going into a 32-team Division I playoff, and other the two into a 64-team Division II. Each division crowns a state champion.

The survey gave superintendents four options, including a plan by the Texas High School Coaches Association to advance three district teams into the playoffs but crown just one champion in each class.

Of the 695 superintendents surveyed,

366 favored the current system. The single-champion format was second with 263. Both of those options easily outdistanced two others that would have flipped playoff brackets every other year or advanced four teams in 5A districts to the playoffs.

"Schools seem to be very satisfied with the current system, particularly those schools who haven't been to the playoffs very much but can go under this system," said UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt.

Coaches association Executive Director Eddie Joseph criticized the current system as doing too little to reward a district champion. Its plan would have given district champions a first round bye.

"We have people who are very, very unhappy with the format that we have. You get two 10-0 teams playing each

other while two 3-7 teams play each other. The district champion gets no advantage whatsoever for winning the district. It doesn't make sense," Joseph said.

The current system also creates too many state champions, said Midland Lee coach John Parchman, who sits on the coaches association board of directors. Football is the only Texas high school sport that crowns two champions in each class.

Midland Lee won the 1998 Class 5A Division II state championship for its first state title.

"It's too watered down. There's too many champions," Parchman said.

Class 5A has been using the two-champion format since 1990 and Class 4A since 1996. Last year was the first two-champion season for classes 2A and 3A. Class 2A was the only classification to

favor the one-champion format.

Breithaupt says he thinks the 2A and 3A schools will learn to like the two-champion system. "It bears out the experience factor," he said. "The bigger classes have been doing it longer."

Joseph questioned the timing of the survey. The UIL said the survey would be conducted in January but it was sent out and returned in December, Joseph said.

The coaches association had little time to rally support for its option, Joseph said.

Breithaupt conceded there was "miscommunication" on the survey dates, but said the coaches have known since June the UIL would consider alternative formats.

The coaches association will ask its members if it should continue to lobby for changes, Joseph said.

## 'Bubba' Franks eyeing future

### Miami standout feels real year for 'Canes is '99

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Having earned first-team All-Big East Conference honors and helped lead his Miami Hurricanes teammates to a win over North Carolina in the MICRON PC Bowl, former Big Spring Steers star Daniel "Bubba" Franks is understandably excited about what the future holds.

After all, he's just three semesters away from his bachelor's degree in sociology, has two seasons of collegiate eligibility and will join a seasoned 'Canes team that many expect to contend for a national championship in 1999.

For the time being, however, Franks is enjoying a couple of weeks rest in Big Spring, visiting with friends and using the opportunity to take up golf.

"It's always nice to slow down for a little while," the somewhat reserved Franks said Thursday afternoon during a visit with Dwight Butler and other members of his Big Spring coaching staff at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

"Miami is not a bad place to be, but it did take me a while to get used to life there," he explained. "Life is so much faster in a big city ... it's just wild sometimes, but I've got the hang of it now. I really love it



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Former Big Spring Steers standout and current University of Miami tight end Daniel "Bubba" Franks (left) takes time out during his holiday break to visit with Big Spring coaches Tim Tannehill (center) and Dwight Butler at the BSHS Athletic Training Center on Thursday. Franks, who earned first-team All-Big East Conference honors at tight end this season, says he believes the Hurricanes will have a chance to contend for the national collegiate championship in 1999.

there, but it's nice to be home and have some time to relax."

Franks, who was red-shirted during his freshman year, does look forward to his junior season of eligibility, admitting he's ready for the 1999 season to begin now.

"We had such a great season that we're all looking forward to next year," he explained. "I

really wish it would come sooner."

"We're only losing three senior starters on offense and I definitely believe we'll have a shot at contending for the national championship," Franks added. "The last two years, we've had a lot of young players. That means we're going to have a lot of experi-

ence ... it's going to be exciting."

Unfortunately, the Hurricanes' handful of seniors don't figure to be the only players leaving Miami this year.

Franks' roommate, All-Big East running back Edgerrin James, is expected to forego his

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## All-conference honor simply living up to potential

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

It was just a few days shy of a three years ago that Daniel "Bubba" Franks signed a letter-on-intent to play college football for the University of Miami Hurricanes.

The news caught some people off-guard.

It shouldn't have, because Miami's coaches had learned during the recruiting process what Big Spring High School head coach Dwight Butler already knew — that Bubba Franks could play football at the next level.

Since then, following a red-shirt year as a freshman, the 6-foot, 5-inch, 225-pound Franks has proven to a wider audience that he's capable of playing at the next level.

Following the completion of this year's Big East Conference

schedule, Franks was named to all-conference first-team at tight end.

Butler thinks things will get better as Franks matures.

"If he doesn't get hurt, we'll be watching him play on Sundays (in the NFL)," Butler said of the young man he previously called "the best athlete we've had in my years here."

Local fans had the chance to see Franks play several times on television this season, but none as good as Miami's Micron PC Bowl win over North Carolina State.

Franks, who had 13 receptions for 179 yards and three touchdowns in Miami's first 11 games, hauled in four passes for 72 yards and a near-score in the 'Canes win.

But Franks was most impressive in his blocking.

"He stays after 'em," Butler said. "He goes full speed from

the snap to the whistle."

That was clear on at least one play in which Franks' soon-to-be-former roommate Edgerrin James took the ball on a sweep. Franks, who had gone about five yards off the line on a short curl, came back to deliver a brutal block on the linebacker to help spring James.

The relatively young Miami team expects to contend for the national championship next season, even considering that James will be playing in the NFL.

"They think that even without him (James), they have a shot at it," Butler said.

Franks was recruited by Texas, Texas A&M and TCU in addition to Miami, but dropped the Longhorns and Aggies after they made it clear they wanted him to play defensive end.

"That put them out (of consideration)," he said at his 1996

signing ceremony. He narrowed his list to Miami and TCU, then visited Miami on Jan. 26 and committed to the Hurricanes on Jan. 30 — the same day he canceled a scheduled visit to Texas.

The fact Franks wound up on Miami's recruiting list was chance, at best.

Hurricane national recruiting coordinator Pete Garcia saw Franks in a film of a scrimmage between Big Spring and Midland High while Miami was looking at Midland (and current Tennessee) punter David Leaverton.

"He (Garcia) called me that very day as he was going to the airport," Butler said. "He asked me to send him some film of Daniel and I did. In fact, the film beat him back to Miami."

The rest, as they say, is history.

## There's good and bad to NBA's return from the dead

This is the cloud: Latrell Sprewell definitely will be back.

And this is the silver lining: Michael Jordan is a maybe.

What the NBA will attempt to do during the next few months, come back from the sports world's equivalent of purgatory, is hardly without precedent.

The NHL did it in 1995, after a strike wiped out 21 1/2 months of its season. The NFL found a way to get rid of the bad taste that was left after a few games with replacement players. Even major league baseball, coming off what was arguably the greatest season in its

history, has managed to paper over much of the resentment caused by a strike that made the World Series disappear.

It won't be easy for the NBA. There is a backlash out there just waiting for a target. Commissioner David Stern might consider growing back the beard he hid behind for the first few months of the lockout, and some players should consider doing the same.

Then again, if the polls tracking fan interest in the NBA are any indication, it just may be that most people couldn't pick Stern or his employees out of a lineup, anyway. The exception, of course, is Jordan.

His return won't make everything right, not even with 50 games and a full complement of playoff games. Without him, the odds of the NBA coming all the way back don't even make it on the

board. Stern is still the shrewdest man in sports and anybody who thinks he put a padlock on this season without some very specific changes in mind underestimates his resolve even more than the players' union did.

The NBA had plenty of trouble on its hands before the lockout. Merchandising sales have been flat for several years. And then there's the occasional player who tries to choke his coach and grabs way too many headlines.

None of this comes as news to the commissioner. It's possible that nobody bothered to take the pulse of the game while the money was rolling in, but now that it's been done, the depth of the problem is easily measured. An ESPN poll in the last few days found that 54.7 percent of the respondents said

they have "no interest at all" in an abbreviated season. Another 27.9 percent expressed "mild interest." Only 11.3 percent said they were "excited," a number that was trimmed almost by half, to 6.3 percent, when the characterization was "very excited."

Stern apparently got most of what he wanted — cost certainty, which lends itself to competitive balance; a code of conduct. And if he gets what he most needs — Jordan's return — the lockout may yet turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

He's already assured of chastened players, solicitous owners and a new TV contract coming on line that bumps every team's revenues from \$9 million a year to \$22 million. And because of the compressed season, he's got every team in the league playing four times every week.



JIM LITKE

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Tony Fossalis on a minor league contract.

National League

MONTREAL EXPOS—Claimed LHP Roberto Duran off waivers from the Detroit Tigers.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

—Agreed to terms with LHP Chris Haney, LHP Pedro Borbon, LHP Matt Jarvis, LHP Gavin Osteen, RHP Jamie Arnold, RHP Matt Hergeles, INF Kevin Grijak, INF Pete Rose Jr., INF Jason Thompson, C Tim Laker and C Hector Ortiz on minor league contracts. Announced the resignation of Derrick Hall, publicity director.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed LB Troy Dumas. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed CB Emmanuel McDaniel from the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

—Named Kevin Gilbride offensive coordinator.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

—Named Mike Riley coach. TENNESSEE OILERS—Fired Greg Brown, defensive backs coach, and Rex Norris, defensive line coach. Announced Russ Purnell, special teams coach, will not return.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Agreed to terms with G Fred Brathwaite. Assigned F Greg Pankewicz to Saint John. MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned G Jose Theodore and C Matt Higgins to Fredericton of the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS

—Assigned LW Esa Tikkanen to Hartford of the AHL. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled RW Mark Greg from Philadelphia of the AHL.

COLLEGE

AUBURN—Announced S Brad Ware will enter the NFL draft. Named Kevin Youkilis strength and conditioning coach.

CORNELL

—Announced the retirement of Charles Moore, athletic director. KENTUCKY—Announced QB Tim Couch will enter the NFL draft.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild Cards

Saturday, Jan. 2 Miami 24, Buffalo 17 Arizona 20, Dallas 7

Sunday, Jan. 3

Jacksonville 25, New England 10 San Francisco 30, Green Bay 27

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 9 San Francisco at Atlanta, 11:35 a.m. (FOX) Miami at Denver, 3:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 10

Jacksonville at New York Jets, 11:40 a.m. (CBS) Arizona at Minnesota, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 17 AFC TBA NFC TBA

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 31 At Miami AFC champion vs. NFC Champion, 5:18 p.m. (FOX)

COLLEGE SCORES

MEN'S GAMES

EAST Cent. Connecticut St. 70, St. Francis, Pa. 62 Fairleigh Dickinson 75, Long Island U. 65 Massachusetts 67, Fordham 65 Md. Baltimore County 53, Wagner 49 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 80, Robert Morris 74 St. Francis, N.Y. 79, Monmouth, N.J. 78

SOUTH

Cent. Florida 90, Campbell 79 E. Illinois 68, Tennessee Tech 63 Georgia St. 87, Florida Atlantic 70 Liberty 94, Tusculum 65 Maryland 71, Virginia 66

Midwest

Northwestern St. 69, Northwestern St. 63 Mercer 86, Jacksonville St. 63 Morehead St. 93, Austin Peay 78 N.C. Wilmington 72, William & Mary 61 NE Louisiana 68, Lamar 64 SE Missouri 73, Middle Tennessee 63 Samford 71, Troy St. 61

South Florida

80, Memphis 70 Sletson 62, Jacksonville 47 Tennessee St. 86, E. Kentucky 79 Tulane 70, N.C. Charlotte 67

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 70, Ball St. 68 Detroit 58, Loyola, Ill. 39 Evansville 96, N. Iowa 84 Ill. Chicago 89, Cleveland St. 77 Ind. Pur. Indpls. 53, Chicago St. 50 Indiana St. 91, Wichita St. 57 Iowa 84, Illinois 62

Oral Roberts

80, Missouri-Kansas City 72 Valparaiso 76, Oakland, Mich. 72 Villanova 93, Notre Dame 62 W. Illinois 81, Youngstown St. 70 Wis. Green Bay 74, Wis. Milwaukee 66

SOUTHWEST

Ark. Little Rock 83, SW Louisiana 78 Houston 64, Southern Miss. 57 Nicholls St. 75, Sam Houston St. 67 Rice 77, Wyoming 52

SW Texas 72, Stephen F. Austin 53 Texas-El Paso 66, Hawaii 53 UT-San Antonio 83, UT-Arlington 77 Tulsa 74, Colorado St. 62

FAR WEST

Arizona 98, Washington St. 87 Arizona St. 96, Washington 72 Boise St. 87, Cal Poly-SLO 75 Gonzaga 105, Loyola Marymount 78 Long Beach St. 58, Nevada 58 Montana 73, Idaho St. 61

N. Arizona

80, E. Washington 67 New Mexico 90, San Diego St. 60 New Mexico St. 61, Cal St.-Fullerton 54 Oregon St. 65, UCLA 63

Pacific

84, Utah St. 73 Pepperdine 64, Portland 51 Portland St. 93, CS Northridge 90, 20T San Jose St. 91, Fresno St. 64 Southern Cal 85, Oregon 84 UC Irvine 71, North Texas 59 UC Santa Barbara 74, Idaho 62 Weber St. 84, Montana St. 70

WOMEN'S GAMES

EAST

Boston College 69, Seton Hall 49 Connecticut 106, Pittsburgh 52 George Washington 82, Massachusetts 54 Rutgers 55, Villanova 40 Syracuse 82, Providence 64 Wagner 57, Quinnipiac 52

SOUTH

Austin 73, Alabama 69 Austin Peay 77, Morehead St. 73, 0T Cent. Florida 75, Campbell 68 Charleston Southern 69, Coll. of Charleston 52 Clemson 77, Florida St. 65 Duke 113, Georgia Tech 46

E. Illinois

63, Tennessee Tech 60 E. Kentucky 72, Tennessee St. 58 Georgia 84, Florida 72 Hampton 65, Delaware St. 62 Kentucky 70, Vanderbilt 69

Louisiana Tech

71, Fla. International 64 N. Carolina St. 87, North Carolina 70 NE Louisiana 54, Lamar 49 New Orleans 72, Texas Pan American 67 Northwestern St. 76, McNeese St. 58 Southern U. 52, SW Louisiana 48 Tennessee 87, South Carolina 58

MIDWEST

Butler 87, Wis. Milwaukee 69 Chicago St. 62, Ind. Pur. Indpls. 57 Creighton 80, Illinois St. 69 N. Iowa 75, S. Illinois 47 Notre Dame 111, West Virginia 90 Oral Roberts 80, Missouri-Kansas City 71 Valparaiso 75, Oakland, Mich. 67

SOUTHWEST

Stephen F. Austin 52, SW Texas 58 UT-Arlington 61, UT-San Antonio 47

FAR WEST

CS Northridge 75, Portland St. 65 Colorado St. 87, Tulsa 54 E. Washington 59, N. Arizona 57 Montana 65, Idaho St. 52 Montana St. 65, Weber St. 56 New Mexico 66, San Diego St. 53 Washington 86, Arizona St. 54 Washington St. 87, Arizona 77

NHL

Thursday's Games

Boston 2, Toronto 1 Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1 Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 1 Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 0 Pittsburgh 4, Carolina 2 St. Louis 4, Chicago 2 San Jose 4, Nashville 3 Edmonton 7, Phoenix 1 Los Angeles 4, Buffalo 2

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at Calgary, 8 p.m. Florida at Vancouver, 9 p.m. Phoenix at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Colorado at Detroit, Noon Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6 p.m. Washington at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Carolina at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m. Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9 p.m. Buffalo at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m. Detroit at Ottawa, 1 p.m. Florida at Calgary, 5 p.m. Colorado at Chicago, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Anaheim, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Washington, 9:30 p.m.

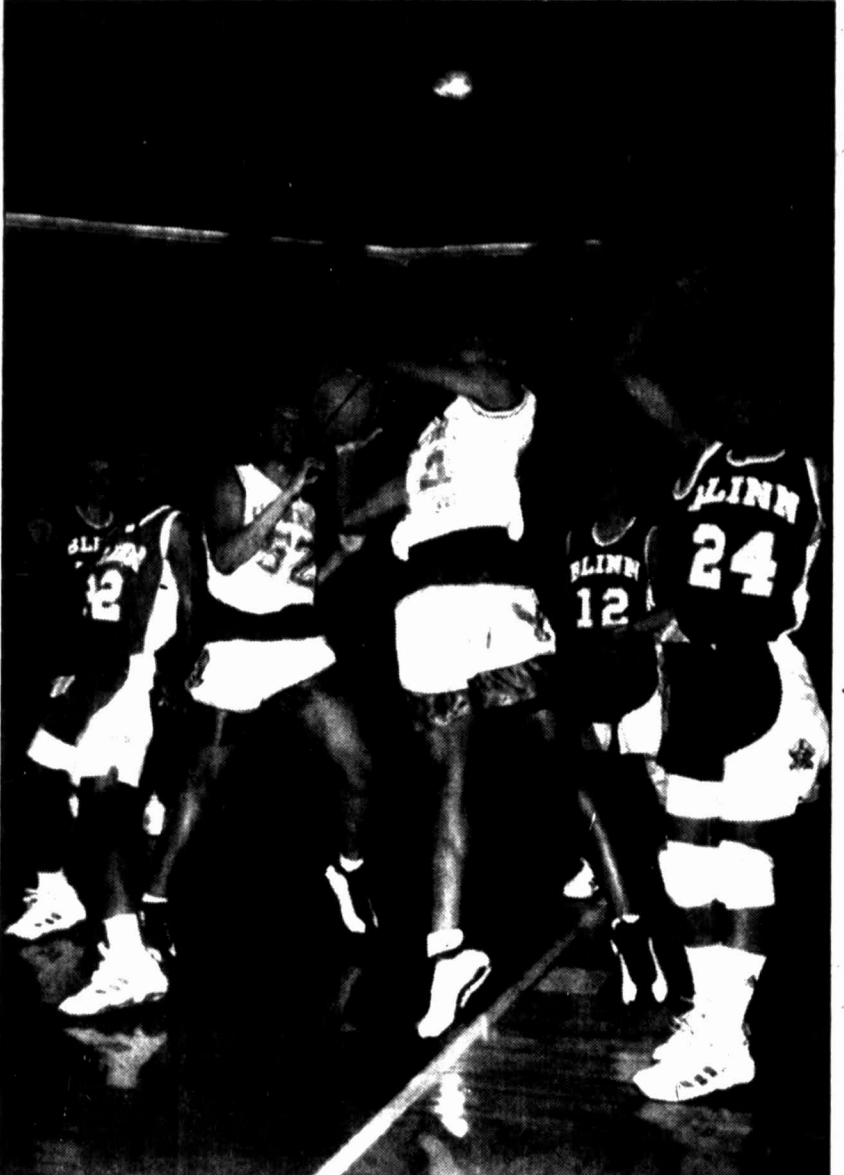
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Thursday's Games

Ab. de 3, Alexandria 2 Arkansas 5, Monroe 4, 50 Corpus Christi 11, Lake Charles 1 Fort Worth 5, Central Texas 4, 80 Waco 5, Tuptelo 0

Today's Games

No games scheduled Saturday's Game All-Star Game at Austin Sunday's Games No games scheduled Monday's Games No games scheduled Tuesday's Game Tuptelo at Alexandria



HERALD photo/Linda Choate Howard's Latasha Moore (24) puts up a shot and draws a foul from Blinn's Melanie Harrison (24) as teammate Nicol Beaudoin (52) battles for position in the lane.

LADY HAWKS

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before the Moore-McKee play that turned the tide.

"We were fortunate to win the game," Corkery admitted post-game. "We don't want to be in that position, but since we were there, we have to learn from it."

Thursday's game was one of "didn't's for the Lady Hawks. "We didn't trap, we didn't block out, we didn't rebound ... we just didn't play well," Corkery said.

Corkery, now in his third year at Howard, said the key to Howard's struggle against Blinn was that the Lady Hawks weren't mobile.

"We did too much standing and watching and they got too many second and third shots," he said.

"We weren't organized on defense in the second half and that's the coach's fault. I have to do a better job of coaching," he admitted.

The game was the final non-conference contest for the Lady Hawks, who take a 15-1 mark into Monday's WJAC opener against Odessa in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"The non-conference games are immaterial," Corkery said. "We have to get our heads straight, because our No. 1 goal is to qualify for regional."

In the win over Blinn, Washington led all scorers with 21 points while Moore added 17 for the Lady Hawks. Blinn was paced by four players in double figures — Jones with 19, Leatham with 18, Melanie Harrison with 18 and Murphy with 13.

Blinn outrebounded Howard 39-38 while the Lady Hawks forced 25 turnovers and committed 22. Howard led in steals, 8-2, and had four early blocks to one for Blinn.

HOWARD 79, BLINN 75 BLINN — Angie Rodriguez 1 0-0 2, Shawna Holland 2 1-1 5, Lakesha Jones 7 4 4 19, Melanie Harrison 8 0-2 16, Malika Leatham 6 6-11 18, Julie Murphy 3 5-6 13, Nikki Lawrence 1 0-0 2, TOTALS 28 16-24 75. HOWARD — Ricka McKee 2 3-4 7, Shaketha Ashley 0 1-2 1, Ashanti Nix 0 0-0 0, Karita Washington 10 0-0 21, Latasha Moore 7 1-1 17, Jovanae St. Cyr 2 3-4 7, Kim Robertson 0 0-0 0, Alesha Love 2 3-3 7, Yolanda Grant 2 0-0 5, Zakiya Gardner 0 0-0 0, Caryn Ross 4 1-2 9, Nacoi Beaudoin 2 1-2 5. TOTALS 31 13-18 79.

HALFTIME SCORE — Howard 38, Blinn 31. TOTAL FOULS — Howard 21, Blinn 14. FOULED OUT — None. TECHNICAL FOULS — None. REBOUNDS — Howard 38, Blinn 39. TURNOVERS — Howard 22, Blinn 25. STEALS — Howard 8, Blinn 2. BLOCKS — Howard 4, Blinn 1.

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senior season of eligibility and declare himself available for the National Football League draft this spring.

While he says he hasn't discussed the topic with James in the last few days, Franks says he's almost certain the Hurricanes' star tailback will opt for the NFL's riches.

"I think he'll go pro ... I would if I were him," he explained. "I really haven't talked to him about it lately. He has a couple of more days to make a final decision and he'll probably wait until the last minute ... that's the way he is."

Regardless of James' decision, Franks says the Hurricanes will have plenty of talent at the tailback's position, noting that both James Jackson and Najuri Davenport were impressive backups at the position during the past season.

While Butler and other Big Spring coaches say they believe their former star tight end and defensive end will be joining James in the NFL in a couple of seasons, Franks says that's not something he really thinks about.

"I can't look that far ... don't want to," Franks said when asked if he has ambitions to play professionally. "That will all take care of itself when the time comes. Right now, I'm just happy to be where I am."

Indeed. After having earned second-team all-conference honors as a red-shirt freshman a year ago, Franks admitted that he began the 1998 season with his sights set on earning first-team accolades this year.

"I went into the season with the attitude that I'd be the first-team tight end this year, but I really didn't think they'd give it to me, because I didn't catch as

many passes as I did my freshman year," he explained. "But I guess my blocking impressed them."

Franks' blocking was nothing short of devastating, as the Hurricanes chalked up a 9-3 record behind a running game that featured James' talents.

While it took some time, Franks said he now relishes his blocking role in the Hurricanes offense as much as he does when he's called on as a receiver.

"Our running game set up the passing attack this year," he explained. "We basically used the passing game to keep people honest."

"Sure, I'm like anyone else," Franks added. "I always would like to have the ball in my hands, but I've gotten to the point where I get a lot from being recognized as a good blocker. It really is a big honor, because it's something I've had to do a lot of work on."

Another role Franks has enjoyed this year was getting a chance to acquaint Big Spring speedster Tory Mitchell when he made his recruiting visit to Miami recently.

"Tory had a good time ... I took him to all the places I went when I made my recruiting visit," Franks said, admitting that he'd like nothing better than to see his former schoolboy teammate join him at Miami.

"I'm not trying to put any pressure on him, though," he added, remembering his own experience with the process. "He (Tory) has got to decide what's best for him ... just like I did," he added. "But it would be nice to get a chance to play a couple of years with him. Right now, I'm sure he's just ready for it to over with. You really get tired of people calling you all the time ... it just drains you."



FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 6. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 44 degrees; Black bass are fair on 6" chartreuse and black Power Lizards fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water around the docks and over brush piles in the river. Hybrid strippers are good on jigs and silver slab spoons fished in 30 to 35 feet of water. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 50 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are good on white Fat Free Shad, camo jigs and Pig Claw trailers. Crappie are fair on minnows and Road Runner jigs. White bass are fair trolling 5 Shad Raps. Striped bass are fair on live or cut shad. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 38 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are excellent on minnows fished around the dam and the bridge (use your electronics to find the fish and stay with them). Hybrid strippers are good on white jigs fished on the east end of the dam and by the Copperas Cove boat launch (fish slow and drift with the wind).

**SOUTH**  
AMISTAD: Water murky; 60 degrees; 27' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are good on slabs. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut and prepared baits fished in 60 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

**WEST**  
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 44 degrees; Black bass are fair on jig and pork combinations fished in the creek channels. All other fishing has been slow. Exercise caution at the boat ramp.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 54 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on orange buzzbaits. Crappie are good on shiners fished in 15 to 18 feet of water near the derricks. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on large shiners fished at night.

BRIDGEPORT: No report available this week.  
COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 44 degrees; 13' low; Redfish are becoming active near the hot water discharge (live shad and Rat-L-Trap working best). Few fishermen out due to poor weather conditions.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 45 degrees; 16.5' low; Hybrid strippers to 9 pounds are good on live shad fished in 4 to 6 feet of water on the west side of the lake. Blue catfish are good on shad fished in 4 to 6 feet of water on the west side of the lake. Few fishermen out due to poor weather conditions.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water fairly clear; 47 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are very good on minnows and jigs fished in the creeks in 8 to 12 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on live baits fished in 25 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on live perch fished in 25 feet of water.

KEMP: 11' low; No fishermen out due to snow and cold temperatures.  
NOCONA: Water clear; 48 degrees; 4.5' feet low; Black bass are fair on chrome jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. Also try black and blue jigs fished in 10 to 18 feet of water. Crappie are good on jigs and jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 30 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are good on chrome jiggling spoons fished in 15 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK RESERVOIR: Water fairly clear; 43 degrees; 9' low; Black bass to 12 pounds are fair on minnows, spinner and buzzbaits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are slow on stinkbait and minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

O.H. IVIE: Water clear; 48 degrees; Black bass are fair fished off the main lake points in 30 to 35 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night in 35 feet of water. White bass are good on slabs and minnows fished on the flats in 25 to 30 feet of water just out of the river channel. Channel and blue catfish are fair on prepared baits fished in 25 feet of water along the river channel and major creeks.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 48 degrees; 12' low; Fishing reported generally slow.  
SPENCE: Water stained; 61 degrees; No report this week.

STAMFORD: Water murky; 50 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, goldfish and perch fished in 2 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 56 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished in the shallows. Few people on the lake due to poor weather conditions.

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**Get Off That Lazy Chair**  
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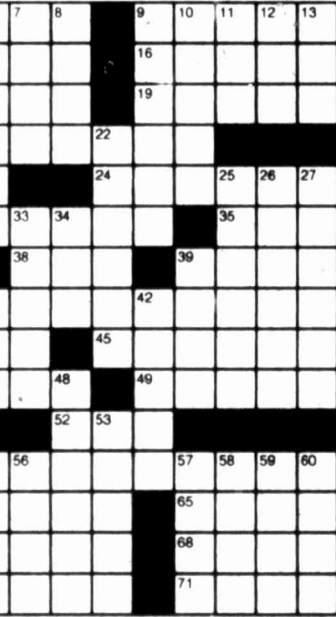
357 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 8, 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss. On this date: In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy. In 1815, U.S. forces led by

Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, the closing engagement of the War of 1812. In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I. In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic. In 1964, President Johnson declared a "war on poverty." In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris. In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing at age 78. In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies. In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25. In 1988, an Arizona state grand jury indicted Gov. Evan Mecham and his brother, Willard, on charges of concealing a campaign loan. (Both were later acquitted.) Ten years ago: Forty-seven people were killed when a British Midland Boeing 737-400 carrying 126 passengers crashed in central England. Five years ago: Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of a clubbing attack that injured her right knee. (The U.S. Figure Skating Association later stripped Harding of the title because of her involvement in the attack.)

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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One year ago: Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life imprisonment. Air traffic control over the Pacific broke down for 16 hours; officials said the outage posed no real danger. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia, Michelle Kwan received seven perfect presentation marks out of nine for her short program. Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 76. Actor Ron Moody is 75. Comedian Soupy Sales is 73. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 71. CBS newsmen Charles Osgood is 66. Singer Shirley Bassey is 62. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 59. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 57. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 53. Rock singer David Bowie is 52.