THURSDAY January 14, 1999

Tonight:



TONIGHT 25°-30° 65°-73°

Community asked to help with project to feed the inmates

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights committee will be feeding the Wilderness Camp inmates Friday and is asking the community to participate.

The group plans to feed approximately 125 inmates and personnel.

Organizations, churches, clubs and individuals interested in helping with the Friday's project or future projects in March, June, September and December are asked to call Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

→ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-

■ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

→ Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

→ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

☐ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4).

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

☐ The Heritage Museum. 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ☐ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

MONDAY

☐ Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard County Cactus Room.

☐ Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association will be special guests at the Howard College vs. Midland College "Red Raider Night" Basketball games starting at 6 p.m. for the ladies game and staying for the men's game. Please wear Texas Tech clothing, if possible, or at least wear something red.

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m, 1607 E. Third.

 □ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

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Crossroads area sales tax decline mirrors West Texas plunge

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

January 1999 sales tax rebates for the Crossroads Area were down 9.1 percent over the same period a year ago according to the first statewide report issued by state comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

The greatest dollar drop was shown in Howard County, while the greatest percentage drop was in Dawson County.

Howard County,1999 receipts fell more than \$18,000 short of the rebate check sent to

Howard County's rebate for 1999 was \$234,532.77 — down 7.22 percent from last year's \$252,807.01

In Dawson County, the 1999 rebate check was for \$48,208.71 32.81 percent less than the \$71,541.82 received last year.

In Mitchell County, the 1999 rebate check was for \$21,285.85, or 28.46 percent less than the \$29,757.08 received last January.

Martin County was the only area county to show an increase, with receipts up 10.91 percent over a year ago.

Receipts for January 1999 were \$6,016.66 compared to \$5,424.97 a year ago.

Statewide, a total of \$163.8 million in monthly sales tax payments were sent to 1,096 cities and 118 counties. That total represents an increase of 5.1 percent over the same period a year ago.

While Rylander said the statewide increase is a sign that "consumers continue to show their confidence in the growing Texas economy," things are not that rosy in West Texas where the agriculture and

petroleum 'industry's are both in a downward spiral.

Only Ector Martin and Upton counties out of the 16-county Permian Basin recorded an increase in the amount of money received from the state this year compared to last.

Decreases varied from 1.97 percent in Winkler (Kermit) County to 36.42 percent in Crane (Crane) County.

Overall, nine counties recorded double-digit losses.

January totals for the 16-county Permian Basin include (this year, last year, percent change:

Andrews \$33,741.79, \$43,610.22 -22.62 percent;

Crane \$14,871.88, \$23,392.67, 36.42 Dawson \$48,208.71, \$71,541.82,

32.61; Ector \$778,320.17, \$699,432.86 +11.27:

Gaines \$30,495.00, \$36,143.74, 15.62;

Howard \$252,807.01, -7.22;

Martin \$6,016.86, \$5,424.97. +10.91:

Midland \$798,252.13,

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Goats have their day at county livestock show

Wegner's heavy weight tops field

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Landon Wegner's heavy weight goat and Meagan Kothmann's medium light weight goat took grand champion and reserve grand champion Wednesday night out of a field of 63 goats exhibited on the opening day of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show. The show continues today

with the market hog show at 5 Wegner, a member of the Big Spring High School FFA, captured the heavy weight class

with his 115-pound goat that judge Preston Faris said was at the head of the class.

"When I saw this goat, when I handléd it, I knew it was going to be at the top of the class," the Sutton County extension agent-agriculture

Wegner's goat won over Kothmann's 83-pound medium light weight goat that Faris described as "structurally sound" and "really, really attractive." Kothmann is a member of the Howard County 4-H Club.

Also competing for the grand champion was a pair of goats shown by Howard County 4-H member Blake Coates. Coates had won the light weight class with his 71-pound entry, then came back to win the medium heavy class with his 93-pound

Four other goats were considered for reserve grand champi-Kyle Kight's 72-pound light weight, Coates 85-pound medium light weight, Brett Bennett's 92-pound medium heavy weight and Justin Cline's 111-pound heavy weight

Overall, Faris was pleased v 'h the field.

The meat goat industry is one of the few parts of agriculture that's positive now," he



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Judge Preston Faris of Sonora checks the width of the back of Landon Wegner's heavy weight goat during the championship drive of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show's market goat competition Wednesday night. Also in the drive were Jud Oppegard (white shirt), Meagan Kothmann and Blake Coates (right). Wegner's goat claimed grand champion of the show while Kothmann's medium light goat took reserve champion. Oppegard was showing one of Coates' goats.

HOWARD COUNTY SHOW SCHEDULE

Today

5 p.m., Hog Show

Friday

9.am., Rabbit Show 1 p.m., Lamb Show 5 p.m., Steer Show

Saturday

noon, Buyer's Barbecue 1 p.m., Awards Program

"You can see that these kiddos put in a lot of work. Their goats show that they've worked with them and they've done a

The show continues today with the judging of 127 market hogs by David Graff of Brownfield, which begins at 5 p.m. Barrow weight cards were due in at 9 this morning.

Also today, steers were weighed and classified at 1 See STOCK SHOW, Page 2A

p.m., while heifer papers were checked at the same time. The lambs were due in place at 4, while lamb weight cards are due in tonight at 7.

The show continues Friday

Borden County show opens today; Martin County gets a Friday start

the stock show spirit today awards ceremony at 9 a.m. and with youngsters in Martin the premium auction at 9:30. County to join in the fun on Friday.

The Borden County show starts at 6 p.m. today with the steer show, followed by the lamb show at 9 a.m. Friday and the swine show at 10:30.

The annual ranch breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. Community Center.

Borden County youth get into Saturday, followed by an Martin County holds its lamb

> show at 9 a.m. Friday, followed by the swine show at 11. Saturday's activities begin with the goat show at 8 a.m. and the steer show at 10.

The awards banquet is set for 7 p.m. Saturday at the

Tutors needed to assist with

Literacy

the illiterate

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Can you spare an hour a week to teach another person to read? A volunteer meeting for all

persons interested in reducing a 44 percent illiteracy rate Howard County been scheduled for 4 p.m.Friday at the Howard Count library.

about 15 volunteers for the lit-

eracy program. We're down to two right now," said Lorraine Redman, Howard County literacy coordinator and librarian. She has scheduled this reor

ganization meeting to explain the literacy program, introduce volunteers to the materials available, **and t**o form a volun teer force ready to reduce illiteracy in Howard County.

"This is for reorganization, and to see how many people are interested in tutoring," she said.

The rewards for teaching another how to read are immeasurable, Redman Practical, day-to-day experiences that readers enjoy are unknown to the illiterate.

tremendous. A feeling of accomplishment, and literally opening a whole new world for the student happens when they learn to read," Redman said. The county reported a 44 per

"The benefits for the tutor are

cent illiterate rate in 1997. Redman said illiteracy is defined by an inability to read a newspaper And she said reading is an

important skill that many take for granted. The illiterate miss many of

the benefits a reading nersons enjoys every day. Along with literature that remains out of reach, an illiterate person cannot read a menu in a restaurant, or help-wanted advertisements in the newspaper.

"They can't read TV listings to know what to watch on TV. By reading, they might be able to get a better job, or any job," Redman said. Anyone who accepts the chal-

lenge of the job to tutor should have a high school diploma, she said. The program is set so that one hour a week is required to complete the year and half course. "We use the Laubach method,

with a teacher's manual, and four books along with work books. These are very nice books and it's a very nice program," Redman said.

The entire course is free of charge to the tutor and the student, as the program's literature is provided by the county, she said. Tutors and students arrange

their own meeting schedule, she said. Most tutors meet with students at the library, but that is not a requirement, she said. "This is a one-on-one situa-

tion, and the time and place depend on the tutor and student," she said.

Tutors will have a two-hour training session at the begin-

for the facility are a \$295,000

YMCA to get fit with renovation project

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

The Big Spring YMCA began an \$835,000 renovation project recently, and the first impro-

be a \$195,000 fitness center. "This building was built in 1960, and there while have been several additions

vement is set to

- a new pool in 1994 and a

gym center in 1986 – the original facility has n't had any type of renovations except minor cosmetic work. This is long overdue," said Pete Thiry, director of the YMCA.

Thiry said the first installment in the new look for the YMCA will be a state-of-the-art fitness center. Equipment that will be purchased and installed includes a 14-piece Nautilus equipment set, a combination of free weights and cardiovascular

equipment. Also, in one area of the fitness center, television sets will be wired to individual pieces of equipment, so that a person may watch news or a daytime

soap opera while exercising, he

There will be headphones and earphones hooked into stations that are showing ESPN or CNN and maybe a music station," he said.

Another new piece of equipment will be a cross-trainer, which Thiry explained is a combination stair climber and treadmill.

"This will be all totally new, in a new 3,200-square-foot area," he said.

The fitness center will be in the old swimming pool area, which has been filled in and covered with cement to make a smooth surface from which to build.

and the entire interior of the area is being redesigned, to take advantage of the space. Once the renovation is complete, Thiry said additional trained staff will be hired to

Windows are being covered

equipment. "Trained staff will also be available to set up exercise programs, and there will be a complete aerobic program," he said.

The fitness center should be

complete by mid-February, he

offer supervision and proper

instruction on the use of the

Also, the multipurpose room will be enlarged by including

enlarging the room to include



Electrician Jeff Thompson of TNT Electric works on a panel of fuses during the renovation at the YMCA.

the old free weight room, Thiry "We're estimating a completion of Feb. 15, and we're anticisaid. pating it will be finished no Security will be enhanced with the child care center later than March 1," Thiry said. redesign by installing double Once the fitness center has doors, and the restroom partibeen completed, the next project tions, fixtures and drinking will be the child care center. fountain will be replaced. This renovation is estimated to The other projects scheduled cost \$110,000, and will include

renovation to the locker room the conference room.

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OBITUARIES

Helen **Earlene Willis**

Graveside service for Helen Earlene Willis, 83, Stanton, will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, in Trinity Memorial Park, Big

Mrs. Willis died Tuesday, Jan. 12, in Stanton.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1915, in Henryetta, Okla. She moved to Stanton five years ago from Forsan. She married Stanley J. Willis on April 17, 1934, in Henryetta, Okla.

Survivors include: her husband, Stanley J. Willis of Stanton; four sons, Stanley Eugene Willis of Longview, Tom L. Willis of Midland, Fred Dean Willis of Lawn, and Jacky Ray Willis of Crane; two daughters, Corrina Mae White of Longview and Marketta Fae Wright of Grantsville, Utah; a sister, Roberta Lipps of Wagnor, Okla., 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchil-

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Mrs. Eugenia **Pattillo**

Service for Mrs. Eugenia Pattillo, Caswell County, N.C., will be 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, in the Kerrs Chapel, Caswell County, N.C.

Mrs. Pattillo died Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the American Health Center in Burlington, N.C., following ill health for several

Survivors include: three brothers, Alan Kernodle of Big Spring, Graham and Donald Kernodle, both of Burlington, N.C., and one sister, Marjorie Hughes of Graham, N.C.

Arrangements under the direction of Graham and McClure Funeral Home, Burlington, N.C.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 59 Wednesday's low 24 Average high 56 Average low 27 Record high 83 in 1957 Record low 8 in 1982 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.29 Year to date 0.00 Normal for the year 0.29

YMCA

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areas, a \$180,000 renovation and remodel to the entrance and lobby area, a \$35,000 improvement to the court areas and the aquatic center, and \$20,000 worth of outdoor improvements that includes a new parking lot. A grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation, among other local anonymous donors, has made this renovation possible, Thiry

"This will benefit the YMCA and benefit the community. Our enrollment has dropped from 1,100 to 500 since 1992, and one reason for that is the Y's inability to keep up with changing technology," Thiry said.

"These improvements will be a real boost and a real shot in the arm for the YMCA and for

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the community," he said.

LITERACY

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ning of the program, to become familiar with the material, she

Also, immediate support for any questions that might occur during the program is available for all tutors, she said.

"We need tutors who will teach adults to read, and also tutors who will help students prepare for the GED. And we're looking for tutors interesting in tutoring the mentally challenged," Redman said.

STOCK SHOW

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morning with the arrival of fryer rabbits at 8 and the rabbit show at 10. The lamb show begins at 2 p.m., followed by the steer and heifer show at 5 p.m.

Richard Long of Ira will judge the lambs, while Billy Rash of Sweetwater will judge the steers and heifers.

On Saturday, the buyers/supporters barbecue will begin at noon followed by the awards program at 1 p.m. and the premium auction at 2. Last year's premium auction brought more than \$50,000.

SALES TAX

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\$907,653.34, -12.05;

Mitchell \$21,285.85, \$29,757.08,

Nolan \$113,149.83, \$121,176.22, Pecos \$54,135.03, \$69,269.03,

Reagan \$11,854.59, \$15,669.73,

Reeves \$48,896.92. \$50,958.75,

Upton \$8,920.47, \$8,466.64, Ward \$55,137.83, \$62,776.48,

Winkler \$24,496.23, \$24,989.57,

Totals \$2,282,315.56, \$2,423,070.13, -5.81

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

·A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October. November. January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

 Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-

·Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at

·Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountair Medical Center small cafeteria.

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



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Sciences Buidling Health Sciences Lecture Hall, Room 203. The cost is \$25 for professionals and \$5 for family member (at registration, state "Special Fee"). Continuing Education Units will be available through the college. For more information call 1-800-682-

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THE ICE HOUSE AND Mel's Catfish will be holding a benefit for the family of Billy Bingham on Saturday at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third Street. It will include a chili-stew-bean cook-off for a \$10 entry fee. Cooking starts at 10 a.m. with judging at 5 p.m.

There will also be a cake walk and a live band. Call 263-6973 for more information.

FREE GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE available now for children and teens needing an eye exam or eyeglasses

Call Prevent Blindness Texas. Permian Basin Branch Office,

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

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday

Neighbors say man's arrest in horse shootings not a surprise

killing 34 wild horses for sport was described by neighbors as a cocky sort who used to blast birds outside his apartment with a shotgun and once gutted a deer on his living room car-

Anthony Merlino, 20, a construction worker, was arrested Tuesday after the granddaughter of a sheriff's department employee overheard a conversation about the horse slaughter at a party, according to

investigators. Also arrested were Lance Cpl. Scott William Brendle, 22, and Lance Cpl. Darien Thomas Brock, 21, high school buddies of Merlino who authorities said joined the slaughter while on home leave from their bases in

California Former neighbor Melissa Sarenana, who lived in the apartment next to Merlino for more than a year, said she was not surprised to hear of his

"He is dumber than a bag of hammers.'' she said in Wednesday's Reno Gazette-Journal. "He is the kind of person who would brag about doing something like this. He would just brag and brag all of the time about the animals he 'It was like he thought he

could do anything and get away with it," she said. The Dec. 27 shootings on the

hillsides outside town sparked

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

outrage. The horses were picked off with rifles, and sevmisery

A reward fund grew to \$35,000, and hundreds of tips

and Georgia.'

Merlino was charged with offenses including grand larceny and maiming, poisoning or killing another person's animal. He was jailed on \$60,000

Brendle was being held at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, and Brock was in custody at Twentynine Palms east of Los Angeles. The Marine Corps said it would cooperate fully with the defendants' extradition to Nevada.

Shootings likely spawned case, police say

self Wednesday.

just last week.

shotgun on himself after gunning down Janette Jeffers, 43, of Richardson; her mother, Margaret Compton, 67, of Midland; and their friend, Mary Roland, 63, also of

The 12-year-old son of Ms. Jeffers current husband safely RENO, Nev. (AP) — A man escaped a second-story window accused with two Marines of and was in the front yard when police arrived. Officers said they don't believe he witnessed the shootings. The boy's father, Doug Jeffers, was in California on business.

be an October order from a Midland judge that required Price to pay \$38,029.70 in back child support and interest for their now-college-age daughter, Jennifer.

motive, but it's obviously going to be a factor in something here." Hauver said, adding what little is known about the case came from conversations with relatives.

Hauver said the 12-year-old told of Price causing "a history of some problems like theft of mail and tire slashing," but nothing recently. The officer added that the boy was a poor source because his parents tried to shield him from the problems.

Richardson police first dealt with Price on Jan. 3, when he was pulled over for running a red light. When officers learned his car was an overdue rental, the vehicle was impounded, along with a loaded shotgun in the back seat.

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eral had limped away and lay dying when authorities found them and put them out of their

about the crime poured in.

"It's amazing the number of everyday people that were interested in helping us," sheriff's Sgt. Bill Petty said. "I've been getting checks for \$5 and \$10 from as far away as Florida

by child support

RICHARDSON (AP) - A man who owed his ex-wife more than \$38,000 in back child-support ambushed and murdered the woman, her mother and their friend before killing him-

Allen Dale Price, 48, of Gorman, was found dead the home in this Dallas suburb, along with a shotgun police had impounded but returned to him

Police said he turned the

Police Lt. Michael Hauver said the motive was believed to

Price was ordered to pay \$500 per month starting last November to clear the debt, but did not do so. He originally was supposed to have paid \$250 per month starting in 1982.

"I hesitate to say that's the

n't require to be registered.

13 points; Feb. crude 12.34, up 3

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The Big Spring Police

• THREATS were reported in

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ed in the 700 block of East 11th.

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ALLAN'S

Big Spring, Texas

DISORDERLY CON-

Department reported the follow-

ing incidents between 8 a.m.

Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

the 1800 block of Marcy

the 1800 block of FM 700.

1800 block of South Main.

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MARKETS

Police couldn't take any

PICK 3: 2,6,3

LOTTO:3,12,20,24,27,29

action against Price because • MINOR ACCIDENTS were the rental car company had not filed proper papers and because reported in the 2000 block of he was legally in possession of Gregg, 1000 block of Hearn, and at Sixth and Gregg. the gun, which Texas law does-

 ATTEMPTED SUICIDE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

 RUNAWAY was reported in the 1600 block of Wren.

 CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 2000 block of March cotton 58.85 cents, down

· DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 200 block of East 10th, 2500 block of Hunter, 2000 block of Marcy, 1500 block of Aylesford and 700 block of East 12th.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Lancaster.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 1100 block of North Lamesa.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today: · JOSH HYDEN, 23, was

arrested for parole violation. · LINDA KELLY, 24, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/burglary of a habita-

 WILLIAM CHARLES WILLIAMS IV, 22, was arrested for driving while intoxicat-

• RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 54,

was arrested for public intoxi-

• SAMMY VILLA JR. 17. was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring , Department/EMS reports

WEDNESDAY 1:46 a.m. — 300 block Nolan, medical call, patient transport-

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center 6:06 a.m. — 3600 block Connally, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC 1:42 p.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, medical call, patient transported to Midland

Memorial. 4:47 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC 5:54 p.m. - 1100 block

Goliad, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units. 6:30 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist

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makers are looking at budget numbers and a somewhat smaller than expected surplus, Gov. George W. Bush says his budget proposal still will include a tax

The Republican proposed \$2.7 billion in tax cuts during last year's campaign.

He says those figures were based on a \$6.3 billion budget surplus being projected at the

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But even with the extra revenue now estimated at \$5.6 billion, Bush said Wednesday, "I'm still going to introduce a budget that prioritizes public warned colleagues there isn't

Bush earlier had called for a \$2 billion school property tax cut, \$400 million in sales tax reductions and \$300 million in business tax cuts. .

"I can tell you I was going on a set of numbers," the governor said of his campaign proposal. "It's going to be changed somewhat, like everybody's else's numbers will have to be." But he didn't say what changes might be made.

Introducing a \$91.7 billion spending plan Wednesday, the Legislature's top budget writers

education and that will cut enough extra money to fund islative every tax cut and spending idea that has been proposed.

"There is not enough money to do everything that every politician has promised they would do to the extent they. promised," said Rep. Rob Junell; D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations

Committee. Added his Senate Finance Committee counterpart, Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant: "My job and Junell's job is to bring a little sobriety to the party."

The 2000-2001 budget plan the two introduced — which will serve as the blueprint for legincludes about \$3.3 billion more than current spending, which the Legislative Budget Board

puts at \$88.4 billion. More than three-fourths of that increase would go to public and higher education.

"I think that properly reflects the priorities of the people of the state and of the legislators," Ratliff said.

Beyond the \$91.7 billion total budgeted the bill proposes another \$1.8 billion in spending of money that will come from the state's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

The plan calls for devoting

endowments. If adopted, that \$93.5 billion, a \$5.1 billion hike.

leaves about \$2.5 billion in what Ratliff termed "discretionary"

those funds to health care pro- funds to be spent as lawmakers grams and health education see fit. Ratliff noted a long list of proposals, including tax cuts, would bring total spending to higher spending on public schools, more for colleges, and The budget bill introduced higher spending on the state's Child Protective Services pro-

louse managers start presenting evidence

months after Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr brought the impeachment drama to Congress, House prosecutors seeking President Clinton's removal are getting to make their case in a Senate trial.

The House managers start presenting their evidence today without knowing whether the Senate will accede to their stion team would focus on "layrequest for witnesses, including ing out the case and showing former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and, perhaps, Clinton himself.

The lead prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and the rest of the House managers have discussed calling Clinton but have next week with a vigorous

ing to prosecution officials. Under Senate rules, Clinton is the only witness who could not be subpoenaed to appear.

Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers rejected a House request to interview her.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said his opening statement on behalf of the prosecuvery clearly that the president committed an impeachable offense."

The House case will continue Friday and possibly Saturday. Clinton's lawyers will follow

guilty of perjury or obstruction of justice and that the charges, even if proved, do not rise to the level of "high crimes and miswarranting demeanors' removal from office.

In a preview of the White House rebuttal, a trial brief submitted Wednesday asked. "If the Senate removes this president for a wrongful relationship he hoped to keep private, for what will the House ask the Senate to remove the next president, and the next?"

Whatever the "decide is perfectly acceptable to me. I won't lose sleep over either ... verdict. But I will lose

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four made no final decisions, accord-defense contending he is not sleep if we lay down on the job and didn't do our level best," Hyde said on ABC.

The White House lawyers and the House prosecutors each can make arguments for 24 hours spread over three days, if all the allotted time is used.

The charges relate to Clinton's attempts to cover up his sexual relationship with Ms.

In addition to prosecution staff members contacting Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, two House prosecutors joined staff members in speaking with another potential witness, Kathleen Willey, legal sources said on condition of anonymity



Bipartisan panel urges

gressionally appointed commisincluding improvements in two of the most popular of all government programs: the GI Bill's educational program and home loan guarantees. The GI Bill proposal is the

mendations by the 12-member bipartisan panel. If adopted by Congress, the government would pay for full college costs veterans who served at least four years on active duty, regardless of the cost of the college or university, plus throw

'So many youth today see the military as a detour, not as a path to a college education," said chairman Anthony J.

The bipartisan panel also recommended combining some military and veterans' healthcare benefit programs and allowing those in the military to invest in tax-deferred retirement accounts, similar to 401(k) tive in the face of rising tuition accounts available in the pri-

Principi said the panel's rec-

While conceding that the legislative package cuts across the jurisdiction of many congressional committees and federal agencies, Principi said: "I think it will fly."

The 12-member Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance was created by

"The system is broken, and the commission took a no holds barred approach to fixing it," who was deputy director of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Bush administration.

Youthful veterans of World War II and Korea used the education and housing provisions of the GI Bill to put themselves through college and buy homes.

Although the programs remain on the books, they have become less generous and effec-

overhaul of vets programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A convate sector. sion recommended today the ommendations would help first major overhaul in veterans reverse a long slide in morale benefits since World War II, in the military and to help personnel retention.

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OUR VIEWS

'Hammer' does a bang up job with our youth

s the school year moves along, we take this op rtur v to remind our readers that one of the est educational and most unconventional programs we've seen in many years is available right here in Big Spring.

"If I Had A Hammer," a program designed by Tennessean Perry Wilson and targeted for fifth-grade students, is offered to local and area students through Howard College and is drawing rave reviews.

The program brings together a class of about 20 students as a "work crew" building a house. There are four adults who serve as crew leaders and the job boss, who oversees the project.

What "Hammer" does is make the students aware of the fact there is very little we can do alone. It builds teamwork skills.

It also shows students how important all aspects of an education is in life through hands-on examples using math, language arts and other courses to be able to complete the project.

Those lessons are driven home time and again through the discussion of a strong foundation being required for a successful building project — just as a strong foundation is required for a successful educational and life experience.

Howard College was a bit of a guinea pig, if you will, in that it was the first community college in the country to host the program. Prior to that, Wilson was successful in taking the program to museums in large cities, but the community college in small town America was something entirely different.

Today, Perry Wilson is back in Big Spring to visit Howard College as educators from Angelina College in Lufkin and Tyler Junior College join representatives from Howard College's San Angelo campus as well as South Plains, Midland and Odessa colleges in viewing and considering "If I Had A Hammer."

Through the Herald's participation in the program, we can tell you we believe you can make no better decision than to associate your college and community with Perry Wilson and "If I Had A Hammer."

Oddball survivalism at the South Pole

t's summer in Antarctica, but it's not balmy. .

Life for the 1,000-plus Americans who spend the austral summer there is no walk on the beach in constant belowzero temperatures. An independence, eccentricity and oddball survivalism tends to infect those who live and work at the bottom of the earth.

The United States has several science stations and "camps" on the icy continent under the aegis of the National Science Foundation, with American taxpayers footing the bill. The science is solid, but the expense is exorbitant. It requires about four support staff for every scientist.

The support staff does everything from construction work to cooking and cleaning, and inevitably get involved in some madcap "MASH"-type antics to combat the hostile working conditions. The same kind of Yankee ingenuity and insanity evidenced on that long-running television show relieves the boredom and tension at these isolated outposts

Our associate Dale Van Atta once had the privilege of going there on an NSF-sponsored journalism look-see. He spent a week longer than expected, because the weather was so bad his ski-equipped U.S. Navy transport plane couldn't fly

Unexpectedly spending Thanksgiving there -- the summer runs from November to March or so -- he participated in several make-do manic



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diversions.

Without a slope to slalom down, he "skied" behind a truck on a tow rope across an ice sheet named for a bulldozeoperator whose machinery crashed through it, plummeting driver and bulldozer to an icy death. This was at 3 a.m., bright and sunny because during the summertime, the sun never sets -- it just goes slewly around the horizon in a circle.

Then there was the Penguin Bowl, a football game arranged on short notice, but featuring everything a fan could want.

The night before, a king and queen were chosen to reign over the next day's festivities. The pre-game parade was a little ragged, but the marching band performed admirably under the circumstances.

With temperatures hovering around zero, the musicians had to keep heating the mouthpieces of their instruments at a large hot-air blower to keep from losing their lips. The quality of the music wasn't up to symphony standards, though a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" was genuinely moving.

YOU SHOULD JUST SEND

A field had been laid out on the frozen ground, and goalposts erected. Female cheerleaders in long underwear exhorted the crowd on the sidelines and in makeshift grandstands.

There were, of course, certain drawbacks traceable to the environment, like a lot of slipping and sliding on the blinding white Antarcto-turf. And the skuas, the scavenger birds of the frozen continent, occasionally intruded, mistaking the pigskin for a morsel of raw

The birds downed more than a few potential touchdown passes

Life on the ice has not changed since our visit, according to several folks who have been there this summer and last winter. For example, the "300 Club"

we first exposed at the South Pole is still going strong. The rules are simple: When the temperature gets down to 100 below, a sauna is stoked up to 200 degrees

The participants run from the sauna, clad only in boots, to have their pictures taken at the pole.

Because women have long since joined the ranks of the club, the official scrapbook of the birthday-suit club members is kept under lock and key.

Scrapbook voyeurism is not the only problem the 300 Club has created, though.

A former base doctor told us that one gentleman experienced "a very unusual case of frostbite in a protruding part.' An alleged problem with the film in the camera occurred,

"so the guy waited around too long -- frostbite on the nose, the ears, the fingertips and, uh, one other place.

At the South Pole station, which is currently being rebuilt, there have also been 🥏 golf tournaments -- using black balls and spray-painted greens that keep blowing away in the sub-zero winds.

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It seems American workers in Antarctica can abide just about any behavior -- except tourism. Despite the antics described above, the Americans are generally respectful of Antarctica's pristine environment. But tourists are not so observant.

Thousands come now every summer on cruises and, sometimes, lone-adventure ships, expecting warm greetings, food and other supplies from the budget-strapped scientific stations.

Worse than that, some fly or travel by other means (like dog sled) to the South Pole station -- without permission.

Since the continent is owned by no nation, there's no real way to stop them. And once they've made it, the code of the ice means no American is likely to turn them away without some warm food, respite and perhaps some supplies.

For all their hijinks, the Americans who serve at the Pole and elsewhere respect and understand the hostility of the environment and are prepared for it -- minimizing injuries and deaths over the years. But tourist and tourist-adventurers out for a lark often underestimate it, and expect the U.S. to pick up the pieces.

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Education important, even for college athletes.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR: I believe John Walker's col-

umn on Sunday concerning chicken processing plans was "Right On." For years, poultry proces-

sors have defied all laws they could that pertain to pollution, both air and water.

Most jobs that would be created would be minimum wage jobs. The industry has a very high injury and accident rate and many of its employees suffer from repetitive task injuries. It is an industry that apparently places more emphasis on getting the job done than it does on the welfare of its employ-

The processors use tremendous amounts of water in their day to day operations. I wonder if West Texas could spare that kind of water.

The water that is then released is contaminated with chicken fat, entrails, fecal matter, etc. Do we

think we could handle millions of gallons of such waste water every year? I don't think so.

In the state of Arkansas the industry has been cited for contaminating whole rivers.

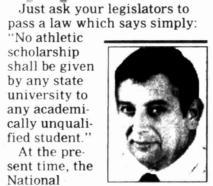
If you have any doubts about the smells that would be generated just drive by a processing plant in Arkansas or East Texas and take a whiff. You'll be convinced.

And what would the farmers do with hundreds of tons (yes tons) of chicken manure? That's not a very appetizing smell either.

I realize our farmers need a means to diversify to be able to make a living in our harsh climate. But I hope the Moore Board and our City Leaders don't think this is

the way to do it. Let's look for more viable alternatives that won't spoil our community.

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CHARLEY REESE

Association, both big, cold-hearted businesses, are using America's colleges and universities as a free minor league in which to develop talent for their businesses. If they want minor leagues, let them pay for it.

College athletes ought to be college students first and college athletes second. It's embarrassing to hear alleged college student athletes barely able to

talk. Nor does it speak well of the present state of college athletics that stories of college athletes being arrested for various thug-type crimes have become all too common.

Nothing, it seems, can escape the corrupting influence of money and greed. Universities want winning teams in order to attract TV coverage and big TV fees. Many alumni, it seems, care nothing about

sports except winning. Not all colleges and universities hand out scholarships to the academically unqualified, but far too many do. It's time to put a stop to a practice that causes injuries to two groups of student athletes

One group injured by this sordid practice is those academically qualified student athletes who are not quite as fast of foot or as strong as the unqualified player who gets waived on his academic incom-

The second group injured is those very athletes who are given scholarships despite being academically unquali-

Listen, it's a rule of human nature that humans will do what they have to do to get what they want -- but no more. By rewarding academically unqualified athletes, colleges are sending the wrong message to high-school students: "Hey, if you are good enough on the field, we'll find a way to get around the academic stuff.'

The right message that should be sent to high-school athletes is: "If you want to play college sports, you're going to have to hit the books as hard as you hit the tackle dummy.'

That's a hard sell to youngsters who see functional illiterates become millionaires by playing hoops or football. Nevertheless, even if a kid has the potential to make millions, he still needs an education.

There are three reasons. One, the number of positions in pro sports is very limited compared with the population of wannabes. Most college varsity athletes are not picked up by the pros. They just aren't good enough, fast enough or big enough

Too, every athlete, amateur

or pro, is always in constant risk of an aborted career

because of a disabling injury Three, unless a kid is smart even if he can make millions the probability is that agents and other hangers-on will end up with most of his money. Many a great professional athlete has died broke.

The saddest example is Joe Louis, in my book the greatest heavyweight fighter of all time. Despite his long reign as world champion and all the money he made, Louis -- who was a simple and decent man -- ended up hopelessly in debt and penniless. It made you want to cry to see the great champion doing menial jobs like being a door man and a bouncer. I doubt Louis ever knew what happened to all his money.

College sports are great, but it is up to us to see that the greed for money and obsession with winning at all costs does not corrupt what can be one of the better things in American

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All-state band Two local students place among best

Features Editor

If you want to know what it takes to become one of the best high school musicians in the state, ask Dusty Clayton or Matt Holt.

The Big Spring High School seniors earned the right to play in the Class 4-A All-State Band at auditions last weekend. Dusty, on



trombone, and Matt on trumpet, will play with the band Feb. 6 as part of the Texas Music Educators

ssociation Convention. "These are the best players from all over the state," said Rocky Harris, Big Spring High School band director.

added, "has got to give you a sense of confi-

L o Maines, piccolo player, was named as an alternate, meaning she will join the band if anothpiccolo player drops

dence."

Both Matt and Dusty said they felt rewarded for many hours of hard work.

"I worked so hard for this," said Matt, adding that his practice sessions have been "about an hour a day at least, since pretty much the beginning of school."

A trumpet player since the sixth grade, Matt has never taken a private lesson. But he has worked at his skill in band practices and other contests.

"(Harris) is a wonderful' very hard."

Placing among them, he director," Matt said. "It makes it easier to work hard." Dusty said his placement in

> the band is "unbelievable." "It's a dream come true," he said. "It's been my goal for the

> last year and a half He also practiced an hour a day, at least three times a week, since he got the required music at mid-summer.

Harris said students these days typically have a lot of activities after school, limiting their time for practice.

"But we find it works to their advantage. Kids that do a lot of things are good time-managers," he said.

Taking two spots, and an alternate place, in the state's top band is good for the Pride Drive of Big Spring High, the director added.

"It's very competitive," Harris said. "This is one of the most competitive things we do. You get to beat somebody, or you get beat by somebody.

"These guys have worked

Family life in 1950's was less threatened than today

QUESTION: Everyone talks as I came through the adolesabout how rebellious teens are cent years? How did you feel today. I don't believe my par- about these ents went through this kind of anxiety when my sisters and I were young. We were all relatively happy and none of us rebelled. Am I right in assuming that good family life was easier to achieve in those days?

DR. DOBSON: I'm sure your memory is generally correct despite the exceptions we can all recall. The majority of parents in earlier years spent less energy worrying about their children. They had other things on their minds. I remember talking to my dad about this subject a few years before his death. Our children were young at the time and I, like you, was feeling the heavy responsibility of raising them

I turned to my father and asked, "Do you remember worrying about me when I was a People worried about the kid? Did you think about all Depression that was just end-

associated with being a father?'

rather embarrassed by my question. He smiled sheepishly s a i d "Honestly, Bo'' (his pet name for me)

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DOBSON "I never real-

ly gave that a thought." How do we explain his lack of concern? Was it because he didn't love me or because he was an uninvolved parent? No. He was a wonderful father throughout my childhood. Instead, his answer reflected the time in which I grew up. the things that could go wrong ing, and the war with Germany

and Japan, and later the Cold War with Russia. They did not invest much effort in handwringing over their children ... at least not until some kind of problem developed. Trouble was not anticipated.

Thursday, January 14, 1999

Why not? Because there were fewer land mines for kids in that era. I attended high school during the "Happy Days" of the 1950s, and I never saw or even heard of anyone taking an illegal drug. It happened, I suppose, but it was certainly no threat to me. Some students liked to get drunk, but alcohol was not a big deal in my social environment. Others played around with sex, but the girls who did were considered "loose" and were not respected. Virginity was still in style for males and females. Occasionally a girl came up pregnant, but she was packed off in a hurry, and I never knew where she went. As for

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Can you spell t-i-f-f?

Ban on Jamaican spellers sparks controversy in national bee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The national spelling bee - as Jamaica, which has sent innocent as apple pie, right? has spawned an international twice — both with good results.

incident of sorts. Young spellers from Jamaica, home of the reigning champ, have been banned from th 3 year's competition. The island nation is in an uproar. A spelling coach is quoting scripture in his defense. Even the Rev. Jesse Jackson has entered

the fray. And it doesn't end there. Some people in spelling bee land wonder whether Jamaica is drilling students to be super

spellers to beat the Americans. crop of kids spelling their change until two weeks before minds out in a spelling factory is not accurate at all," says O'Neil Hamilton, a spokesman for Jamaica's embassy in

Washington. It all started last May when 249 spellers from the United States and a handful of other countries traveled to the 71st spelldown Washington. The event is sponsored by Scripps Howard, part of the Cincinnati, Ohio-based E.W. Scripps Co., which operates newspapers and television stations.

Worried that some youngsters might be getting extra time to study, spelling bee officials imposed a new rule: To be eligible for this coming May's competition, spellers had to win a qualifying regional or local contest held no earlier than this Feb. 1. That would require a change in Jamaica, which for nearly four decades has held its spelling bee the August before the event.

Jamaica's bee, however, was held again in August. Scripps Howard then disqualified the sponsor, Phillips & Phillips Stationery Supplies Ltd., from sending spellers to this year's

competition. action as anti-Jamaica. We have not banned the country," says Paige Kimble, director of the spelling bee. "It's a specific country.

But the action hit hard in spellers to Washington only In 1997, Jamaican speller Jason Edwards James placed eighth and last year, Bettina McLean finished sixth and Jody-Anne Maxwell became the first non-U.S. citizen to win the competition by successfully spelling her final word C-H-I-A-R-O-S-C-U-R-I-S-T (an artist who works in lights and darks).

"She's a folk hero. She's like Michael Jordan." Hamilton said of Jody Anne.

Karen Thomson of sponsor Phillips & Phillips says she did "The idea that there's this n't get written news of the rule Jamaica held its bee on Aug.

Bee officials claim the sponsor tried to qualify two contes-. tants for this year based solely on their previous qualification to last year.

Ms. Thomson says that's not that she only was true in inquiring about rules for repeat contestants. "We basically are a Third

World country. We have a very small voice - like a squeak and nobody listens," says Ms. Thomson, who claims she's spent nearly \$1,500 since August on long-distance calls to resolve the dispute.

Some U.S. spellers wonder if Jamaica isn't taking the bee a bit too seriously.

"Jody-Anne was really nice and that's why I feel bad about it," says termer contestant Yan Zhong, 13, of Vero Beach, Fla. "But I guess they broke the rules.

The Rev. Glen Archer, a high school religious studies teacher who has coached nearly a dozen spelling champs in Jamaica, says Jamaica must accept the decision and look to the future.

''I do my work well. It's taken "Some people have taken this very seriously here. If people want to call that a spelling bee factory, that's their problem," Archer says. Then he quotes Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatsoever move against a sponsor, not a thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'



These goats lined up waiting their turn to show at the **Howard County Junior** Livestock Show earlier this week. The goat show was Wednesday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Ultra-white skin makes splash in Japan

by sculpted lions and gilded furniture in her glamorous new office, Sonoko Suzuki looks so pale her face seems to glow beneath the glittering chande-

Her unusual looks have some Japanese jokingly comparing her to the mother in the Addams Family television com-

But her mail-order cosmetics and diet-food company is all

And it has revived a fashion rage for white skin

Lines form at the cosmetics counter of her first retail outlet, which opened two months ago in the glitzy Ginza shopping district. Suzuki has become a fixture on TV variety and comedy shows. She does makeovers — even for men.

TOKYO (AP) - Surrounded Teen-agers cheer her on the streets.

Tokino, which Suzuki founded in 1974 as a small mail-order firm that sold low-fat food, has grown to become one of the few bright spots in Japanese business at a time when the nation is wallowing in a recession.

The success of the beauty line from Tokino, which means "timely," comes as Japan's notoriously finicky and fad-loving consumers are starting to tire of the recent fashion of deep tans and bleached hair.

"A woman who looks beautiful with a tan will look even better with white skin," said the demure, wrinkle-free Suzuki, who is 66.

"White skin can hide shortcomings in your looks. It's always better to have white

That concept is hardly new to the Japanese.

Geisha are famous for painting their faces white; brides still do so in traditional wedding ceremonies, as do actors in the Kabuki theater.

But Suzuki's makeup products, which debuted to her mail-order clients in 1989, are rekindling the popularity of white skin — not merely by covering up the skin, but also actually lightening its tone.

It's not an easy — or cheap A whitening mask, cleanser,

lotion, three creams and two foundations — whose ingredients Suzuki refuses to disclose erase blemishes to produce an almost ghostly white face at a cost of \$540.

The \$30 lipstick is blood-red to accentuate the whiteness.

Furby banned

Spy agency fears toy poses security threat

WASHINGTON (AP) - First, they foiled thousands of weary parents, desperately scouring store shelves to buy their kids "the" holiday toy

Now, the five-inch plush gremlin-like creatures are wanted again, this time by the nation's supersecret spy agency: Furbys could pose the latest threat to national security interests.

Because of its ability to repeat some of what it hears, NSA officials were worried 'that people would take them home and they'd start talking classified.

The National Security Agency has banned the popular pets from its Fort Meade premises in Maryland. In an internal message to workers, the NSA issued a warning about the toy, which is embedded with a computer chip that allows it to utter 200 words 100 in English and 100 in "Furbish.

"Personally owned photographic, video and audio recording equipment are prohibited items. This includes toys, such as 'Furbys,' with built-in recorders that repeat the audio with synthesized sound to mimic the original signal," the Furby Alert read. according to Wednesday's editions of The Washington Post.

The Furby resembles an owl, with tufts of hair between its huge pink ears.

Because of its ability to repeat some of what it hears, NSA officials were worried "that people would take them home and they'd start talking classified," one Capitol Hill source told the Post.

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

EDUCATOR NAME: Jeannine McKimmey

POSITION/SCHOOL: Fourth grade teacher, Moss Elementary YEARS TEACHING: 30.

UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB: I teach each child as if they are individuals with individual strengths and weaknesses (within a group). I also make sure I show each student respect and treat them with fair-

the positives rather than the negatives. WHY I BECAME A TEACHER: My mother began teaching when I was 13 years old, and I really enjoyed her children. I

love kids and always have. SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Reading, traveling.

FAMILY INFORMATION: Husband, Clyde McKimmey, senior buyer at Fina Oil and Chemical; Todd McKimmey, mechanical engineer for Koch Industries and Drew McKimmey, senior at Big Spring High School.

PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THEY KNEW: My husband and I are taking up a little "off-roading" in our new Jeep.

MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: ness and dignity — the same thing I ask of them. I stress have many former students call and come see me to check on how I am and let me know what is going on in their lives. Many say I built their self-esteem because I would never accept "I can't."

> IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT WOULD BE: For students to feel less pressure due to increased curriculum and state based tests.



THE LAST WORD

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few students were open about their lifestyle, but I didn't know them personally. There were certainly no posters on our bulletin boards advertising Gay Pride Month or Condom Week.

Most of my friends respected their parents, went to church on Sunday, studied hard enough to get by and lived a fairly clean life. There were exceptions, of course, but this was the norm.

Today's kids, by contrast, are walking through the Valley of the Shadow! Drugs, sex, alcohol, rebellion and alternative lifestyles are everywhere. Those dangers have never been so evident as they are now, and the worst may be yet to come.

QUESTION: When do children begin to develop a sexual nature? Does this occur suddenly during puberty?

DR. DOBSON: No, it occurs long before puberty. Perhaps the most important concept suggested by Freud was his observation that children are not asexual. He stated that sexual gratification begins in the cradle and is first associated with feeding.

Behavior during childhood is influenced considerably by sexual curiosity and interest, although the happy hormones do not take full charge until early adolescence. Thus it is not uncommon for a 4-year-old to be interested in nudity and the sexual apparatus of the opposite sex.

The elementary school years are an important time in the forming of sexual attitudes. Parents should be careful not to express shock and disgust over this kind of curiosity, even though they have to disapprove of exploratory behavior. It is believed that many sexual problems begin as a result of inappropriate training during early childhood.

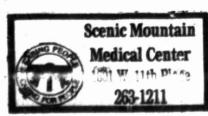
EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the appears Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

BEST SELLERS

- 1. "A Man In Full" by Tom Wolfe (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
- 2. "The Simple Truth" by David Balducci (Warner) 3. "The Poisonwood Bible"
- by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperFlamingo) 4. "Seize the Night" by Dean
- Koontz (Bantam) 5. "When the Wind Blows"
- by James Patterson (Little, Brown) 6. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by
- Arthur Golden (Knopf) 7. "Rainbow Six" by Tom
- Clancy (Putnam) 8. "Bag of Bones" by Stephen King (Scribner)
- 9. "Billy Straight" by Jonathan Kellerman (Random House)
- 10. "Angels Flight: by Michael Connelly (Little,

NONFICTION/GENERAL

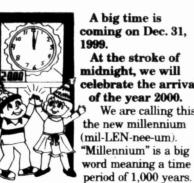
- "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
- 2. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday) 3. "The Century" by P.
- Jennings and T. Brewster (Doubleday) 4. "The 9 Steps to Financial
- Freedom'' by Suze Orman (Random House) 5. "Blind Man's Bluff" by S.
- Sontag and C. Drew with A. Drew. (Public Affairs) 6. "If Life Is a Game, These
- Are the Rules" by Cherie Carter-Scott (Broadway)
- 7. "The Professor and the Madman'' Simon bу
- Winchester (HarperCollins) 8. "One Day My Soul Just
- Opened Up" by Iyanla Vanzant (Fireside) (NF-P)
- 9. "Something More" by Sara Ban Breathnach (Warner)
- "Conversations With God, Book 3" by Neale Donald Walsch (Hampton Roads)





By BETTY DEBNAM

The Year 2000 Is Next! A Big Time Is Coming



coming on Dec. 31, At the stroke of midnight, we will celebrate the arrival of the year 2000. We are calling this the new millennium (mil-LEN-nee-um). 'Millennium" is a big



Since you will be hearing a lot about this BIG TIME, The Mini Page decided to write about it now, as we all watch the countdown

and make plans to welcome the year 2000. Throughout this year and next, people will pause to

look at the past to see what went on during the last 100 or even 1,000 years.

To the past We will also look to the future to see what lies ahead for us in the new millennium.



many years, millions of people have celebrated the arrival of the new year watching on TV or going to an event held in Times Square in New York City.

New York City

The Times Square celebration for 1999-2000 will last for 24 hours. New Year's events from around the world will be shown on giant television

Many ways to celebrate

While there will be big parties and many souvenir sales, there will also be worthy projects.

There will be projects to preserve our country's buildings, monuments and other treasures. There will also be efforts to save the environment.

There will be many opportunities for kids to take part.

Y2K computer problem

"Y2" stands for the Year 2000. "K" stands for Kilo, which means thousand

You will hear a lot about the Y2K problem. Because of the way they were first set up, many computers might not be able to understand dates beyond the year 1999.

For this reason some systems might not work correctly unless they are brought up-to-date. Computer experts are working to straighten this out.

the year 2001. However, everybody is so saving that the millennium is starting in the

excited about the event that most people are

The millennium does not really begin until

The Mini Page thanks Geoff Chester, public affairs officer, U.S. Naval Observatory, for help

Will everybody be celebrating

No, because people all over the

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We use a calendar

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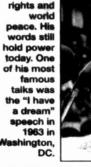
CALENDARS IN USE

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Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke out for human



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader in the fight for equal rights for black Americans.

He believed in using peaceful means to change laws that were unfair to black people. He was arrested and jailed many times for breaking laws that were unjust He was born Jan. 15,

1929 in Atlanta. We celebrate his birthday with a national holiday the third Monday in January. This year it comes on Jan. He became a Baptist

minister when he was 18.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, he led hundreds of marches, demonstrations and boycotts. (When you boycott a business, you refuse to spend any money there until it changes something you think it is

doing wrong.) In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent leadership.

He was loved and respected by many people, white and black. But an assassin shot and killed him in 1968. He was only 39 years old.

The Mini Page Dinosaurs. from

The ABC's of Dinosaurs! nside you'll find: Illustrations; the name of each dinosau with its meaning and pronunciation;

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B.C. dates come after prehistoric

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birth of Christ. The dates go from

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MIGHTY Mini Jokes WHAT DOES A DUCK LIKE TO EAT? QUACKER Q: What did the firefly say when it was run over by a la A: "I'm delighted!" (sent in by Daniel Brown) Q: What kind of fish play poker? A: Card sharks! (sent in by Sherry M. Hahn)



below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: TIME, MIDNIGHT, MILLENNIUM, COUNTDOWN, FUTURE, EVENT, CELEBRATION, CELEBRATE, PARTIES, SOUVENIR, CJAJVMUINNEL LIM THE HOURGLASS









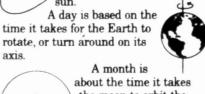
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The year is based on the 365 days that it takes the Earth to go around the



A month is about the time it takes the moon to orbit the Earth. The year is divided into 12 months. Eleven of these

months have 30 or 31 days February usually has 28 days. However, every four years another day is added to this month. These years are called "leap" years. The year 2000 will be a leap year.

What do B.C. and A.D. mean? The calendar we use in this country is based on the year Christ was thought to have been born

Years before his birth are written as B.C. (Before Years after his birth are

To do: Look through your newspaper for

Long, long ago ... About B.C.

Calendars and Centuries

Dinosaurs lived 225 million to 65 million years ago, in what is

called prehistoric times "Pre" means before, "historic" means history. "Prehistoric" means before humans could write. We often don't give exact dates. We just say how many

We call dinosaurs prehistoric

Long ago to today

About A.D. We count the years after the birth of Christ in centuries. A century is 100 years. When the year 2001 arrives, we will begin the 21st century.

The years go from lower numbers to higher numbers. The higher the number, the later the date. This chart will help you understand why years and centuries don't seem to match up.

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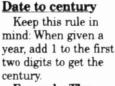
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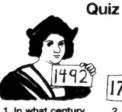
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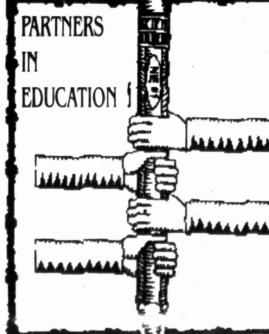
Century to date When given a century, subtract 1 from the first two digits to get the

Example: The 14th century Years: 1300s

Name the years: 3. The 20th century

4. The 19th century

Answers: I. 15th, 2. 18th, 3. 1900s, 4. 1800s. To do: Look through your newspaper and circle at least 10 different dates.



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IN BRIEF

BSHS golf boosters set first meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Golf Boosters Club will hold its first meeting of the school year at 7 tonight 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.

Hunter Education course scheduled for Feb. 20-21

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be conducted Feb. 20-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at the corner of Third and Gregg

Boyce Hale will be the instructor for the classes which are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A few of \$10 per person will be charged.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

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

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

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.

Incaviglia selected as player of century

Former Oklahoma State star Pete Incaviglia is college baseball's player of the century in the eyes of Baseball America magazine readers.

Incaviglia was selected No. 1 by fans and a panel of voters that included announcer Bob Costas and columnist George Will.

In 1985, Incaviglia set NCAA single-season records for home runs (48), runs batted in (143), total bases (285) and slugging percentage (.915). All four marks still stand.

He also set NCAA career records for home runs (100) and slugging percentage (.915).

The Montreal Expos drafted Incaviglia in the first round of the 1985 draft and traded him to the Texas Rangers. This off season, he signed with the Arizona Diamondbacks and will vie for outfield position.

Oklahoma State will honor Incaviglia by retiring his jersey at the Cowboy Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet on Feb.

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JUCO BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. * Howard Lady Hawks at Western Texas College.

* Howard Hawks at New Mexico Military Institute.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Men 8:30 p.m. — Cincinnati at N.C. Charlotte, ESPN, Ch. 30. 9:30 p.m. - California at UCLA, FXS, Ch. 29.

11 p.m. - Long Beach Stàte at New Mexico State, ESPN, Ch.

6:30 p.m. — PGA Hawaiian Open, first round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers host Andrews as District 5-4A boys' chase begins

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

After going through the first 21 games of their season with a 7-14 mark, Big Spring's Steers finally begin their first District 5-4A basketball campaign under new coach Jimmy Avery on Friday night, playing host to Andrews' Mustangs.

Although the Steers' hopes of contending for a playoffs bid suffered a serious drawback during the Christmas holidays when bothers Chauncey and Colby Ford opted to leave the team, Avery is approaching the the district schedule with the belief that anything is possible.

"Everything we've done to this point has been geared toward getting ready for the next 10 games," Avery explained. "Right now everyone is 0-0 ... it doesn't matter how many games you've won or lost until now. The important thing is how you play the rest of the way."

And what Avery wants from his team is simply to walk out and give its best

"I'm still not going to criticize our kids for making execution mistakes," Avery explained. "As long as these guys are giving their best ... working hard for four quarters ... I can't ask for anything

Senior swingman Andy Hall paced the Steers with 15 points, while junior Lance Brock added 14 more in Big Spring's final warm-up for the district chase, a 63-49 loss to Midland Trinity's Chargers on

Friday's varsity action at Steer Gym begins with the Lady Steers playing host to the Lady Mustangs at 6 p.m.; both teams looking for their first district win.

The Lady Steers saw their record tumble to 4-17 on the season Tuesday night as they dropped their second 5-4A game in a row to Snyder's Lady Tigers, 48-25. The Lady Mustangs dropped a 54-49

Tuesday after having opened district play with a loss Snyder last week. Elsewhere in Crossroads Country, the Friday schedule sees Stanton's Buffaloes

loss to San Angelo Lake View on

hoping to remain unbeaten in District 3-2A play when they travel to Tahoka, while Coahoma's Bulldogs will be trying to keep pace they they travel to Seagraves. Forsan's Buffs and Queens' will take on Sonora teams in District 2-2A play, while Garden City's Bearkats and Lady Bearkats take a break from District 4-1A competition with a road date with Eden. The District 18-1A schedule has Sands' Mustangs and Lady Mustangs traveling to Ira, while Grady's

Westbrook. For Stanton, which got another late start on the basketball season following a lengthy run in the Class 2A football playoffs, the Buffs' showdown with the Bulldogs promises to be just as exciting a contest as that Tahoka played against Coahoma on Tuesday.

Wildcats and Lady Wildcats journey to

this district." Buffs boss Doug Gordon said. "You've got four teams that went to the playoffs last year in this district in us, Coahoma, Tahoka and Plains ... three ning at home and managing a few upsets of us were district champions.

"That's kind of a scary thought when you've just got nine games under your belt and everyone else has play 20 or so," he added. "If this isn't the toughest Class 2A basketball district in the state, it's one of them. And we're going to be going up against a team that beat the No. 5ranked team in the state there last Friday when they upset Plains. We'll have to have a big game."

Coahoma's Kim Nichols echoed Gordon's sentiments.

"There are just too many good teams in this district to think you're going to go through it undefeated," Nichols explained.

"We've known all along ... at least since they announced the realignment last year ... that this was going to be a tremendously tough district and that you were going to have to be ready to play "Every game is going to be a big one in your absolute best basketball the minute you step onto the court," the Bulldogs boss added. "We can't take anything for granted. The big key is going to be win-

It's official: Jordan's retired

This time around he's 99.9 percent sure it's for good

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan couldn't say goodbye without one last tiny, tantalizing tidbit of hope for everyone who thought it was a little too early for the greatest athlete in the world to call it quits.

Declaring himself "99.9 percent" retired, Jordan bid farewell Wednesday to the Chicago Bulls, the NBA and the game that made him the quintessential superstar and a millionaire many times over.

"I never say never, but it's 95, 99.9 percent," Jordan said. "I'm very secure with my decision.' He's just not 100 percent sure that this retirement, his second, will be his last.

Jordan's hedge was about the only unexpected event to transpire at his retirement press conference, which was held at center court of the arena where his No. 23 was once again raised to the rafters.

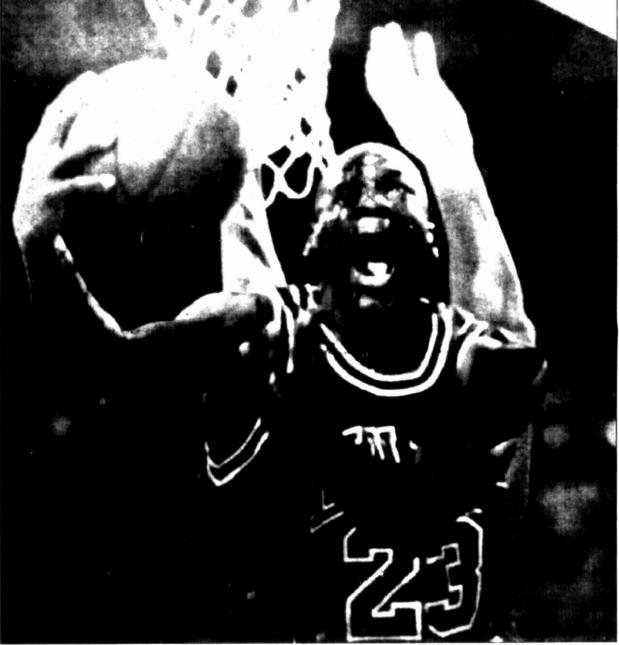
Jordan sat alongside his wife, Juanita, with commissioner David Stern and Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf flanking him, and kept his poise and composure except for the brief moment when his eyes got watery watching his number being re-retired.

"I knew it was coming, so I'm happy that I chose to walk away knowing I can still play the game," Jordan said. "And that's exactly how I've always wanted my career to end.'

Saying he is content with his accomplishments and his place in the game and is looking forward to a new life, Jordan noted that the NBA will go on without him — even though he knows there will never be another one like him.

He also took a few parting shots at many of his rivals, saying the likes of Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing and Karl Malone will never have the satisfaction of saying they won a championship while Jordan was playing.

"That's why I was so glad that Magic (Johnson) played and (Larry) Bird played when I won my titles, because I had to go through Boston and L.A.," he said. "They won't be able to live with themselves because they never beat Michael Jordan, and I will always hold that in high regard when I see those guys socially.'



Michael Jordan, shown here putting up a reverse layup during an overtime win over the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 3 of the 1991 NBA Finals, Innounced his retirement from the Chicago Bulls for the second, and he's almost sure, final time Wednesday.

As for the younger generacould match what he accom-

about the six championships, five MVP awards, 10 scoring titles and the endless accolades.

"You can be a Grant Hill, you can be an Anfernee Hardaway. you can be a Kobe Bryant, but Michael Jordan is Michael

Jordan," he said. Jordan looked dapper as always, wearing a dark blue suit and a gold earring dangling from his left lobe. The only thing that looked out of place was the bandage wrapped around his right index finger. Jordan said he severed a ten-

don while cutting a cigar, an injury that needs surgery and

would have sidelined him for tion, he said none of them the first two months of the season had he not retired.

The injury had no bearing on And he wasn't only talking his decision, which he said he made several months ago, but waited to announce until the lockout ended.

"Mentally, I'm exhausted. I don't feel I have a challenge. Physically, I feel great," the 35vear-old Jordan said. "This is a perfect time for me to walk away from the game.

Asked if there was any chance at all that he might one day change his mind, Jordan couldn't completely turn his back on the game that turned him into a worldwide icon and made him a millionaire many times over.

"Ninety-nine point-nine is as

you read it. It's not really 100 percent, but it's close. So that's where I stand. I'm not going to say 'never, never.' I'll say 99.9 Take it for what it's worth."

Pressed on why he wouldn't say 100 percent, Jordan shot back: "Because it's my 1 percent and not yours.

Jordan, who has three children, said he looked forward to being a parent and would "live vicariously through my kids,' whether or not they played bas ketball. "My life will take a change,

said Jordan, adding that he will tend to his many business interests. He made an estimat ed \$45 million a year from endorsements, although that number could shrink if he stays away from the game.

Johnson will stay in Miami

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Johnson changed his mind about retiring and will remain coach of the Miami Dolphins, The Associated Press learned



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Huizenga apparently persuaded Johnson to stav in a meettoday, hours after the news surfaced that coach

planned to resign at the end of his third season with Miami.

"There was a big get-together this morning," a source close to Huizenga said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Players were putting some pressure on him as well.

Huizenga rushed back from the baseball owners' meeting in California, where he completed the sale of the Florida Marlins. A news conference to explain the stunning series of events was scheduled for this after-ESPN and Miami radio sta-

tion WQAM also reported today that Johnson was staying. Johnson's retirement plans

surfaced late Wednesday and were confirmed by his father. That surprising news came less than a week after the Dolphins were eliminated from the NFL playoffs with a 38-3 loss in Denver

"Jimmy told me he was ready to retire and wanted to start enjoying himself," Johnson said Wednesday from his home in Port Arthur, Texas. "He said the season wore on him. I told him I was glad and that was the best news I had heard in a long time.' Johnson, 55, coached the

Miami Hurricanes to the 1987 national championship and led the Dallas Cowboys to consecutive Super Bowl titles in 1992-93. He was hired by the Dolphins in January 1996 and said he would have the team in the NFL title game in three years, but he won only one playoff game with Miami.

His expected resignation as coach and general manager was first reported by Fox Sports

Huskers, Cyclones get first league wins; Texas still perfect

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nebraska Coach Danny Nee has been around the Big 12 long enough to know that it isn't necessarily the fancy things

that get a league win. "What we needed was to maintain an energy level for 40 minutes," Nee said after the Husker's 70-61 win over Kansas State Wednesday night. "We played hard for 40 minutes. Other than that, it was nothing special."

But that nothing special was enough to secure Nebraska's first Big 12 win of the

Venson Hamilton, who in the past hasn't played too well against the Wildcats (14 Toverall, 1-3 Big 12), scored 17 points and garbbed 12 rebounds to lead Nebraska (9-7, 1-2)

BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Kansas State rallied from a 35-25 halftime deficit, holding Nebraska scoreless for the first four minutes of the second half. The Huskers could have folded. Nee

said, but the team remained calm. "I didn't see any panic in their faces," Nee said. The Huskers were up 62-56 with 2:50

left, and effectively melted time off the

clock after every subsequent score. Iowa State also picked up its first conference win, as Stevie Johnson emerged as a scorer and the team got by Colorado

Johnson got a season-high 15 points, including a soaring dunk with one

1-3) win.

'We needed a win bad and we just wanted to come out there with some intensity," Johnson said.

Colorado (9-7, 0-3) had a 45-43 lead - its only one of the game — with 7:33 left. The Cyclones then used tough defense to half. stymie the Buffalos and pull away in the final two minutes.

Texas remained undefeated in Big 12 play, cruising to a 71-56 win over Baylor (6-11, 0-4).

The Longhorns got 22 points from Kris Clack and have now won five consecu-

Texas (8-8, 4-0) led 35-24 at halftime, and spent most of the second half with a double-digit cushion.

Texas Tech's Rayford Young had a sore ankle, but there was certainly nothing points.

minute left to secure the Cyclones' (10-7, wrong with his shooting hand as he scored 22 in a 82-68 win over Texas A&M

Tech (10-7, 2-2) was down 21-10 before Young scored 10 consecutive points, hitting a 3-pointer and three consecutive layups before finishing off the spurt with a free throw at the 6:37 mark in the first

The Red Raiders held a 38-33 lead over the Aggies (7-7, 0-4) at halftime.

Tech never trailed in the second half, dominating the Aggies, who have now lost 25 consecutive times on the road in Big 12 play.

'We did get off to a good start, then the wheels came off," A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "We did it to ourselves more than Texas Tech did it to us. It was

one thing after another. Clifton Cook led the Aggies with 17

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 15

You are a force to behold this year. Energy levels are high and you put 100 percent into your work. Do not compromise your values; be willing to support your beliefs. Others will clearly know who you are. Career will be important, though you will want special time for yourself and your domestic life. If you are single, romance has its ups and downs. You'll need to decide what you want in order to create it. If attached, work toward a greater commitment. You may have flashes of what could be. Capricorn doesn't always respond as you do!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be a powder keg to deal with. Be aware that others see you as a role model. Use your volatile energy and nervousness to clear your desk, get the job done and accomplish an unusual amount. You aren't particularly patient; be careful with your words and attitude. Tonight: Relax with co-work-

ers.**** TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Reach out and make an extra effort. You could be frustrated by another's response; it could be difficult not to overreact. Distract yourself by plugging into work. Concentrate on one item at a time. Use your high energy positively. Tonight: Off to the movies.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Discussions need to be kept on a one-to-one level to maintain effectiveness. You could feel as if another simply isn't getting the message. A light, jovial attitude could help them loosen up. Touch base with a child or loved one who is out of kilter. Tonight: Work out to relieve stress. ****

Others are clear about what is going on, though agreement could be difficult. Changes on the home front or with a family member challenge you. Fighting erupts where you least expect it. Listen to another; though you don't have to agree with them understanding helps. Tonight: Where the action

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Push hard to get your work done. Another's behavior is off the wall. Your temper could flare with a boss or co-worker. Pressure is very intense. You might have a lot of calls to make. Your sense of accomplishment will be high when you finish all you need to do. Tonight: Go for a massage.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A gamble could backfire emotionally or financially. Being conservative is a positive asset. Allow yourself to be a stick-inthe-mud, even if others pressure you. Practice the word "no"! Creativity is high, as is

charisma. Use these time-worn assets! Tonight: Make the most of the moment.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Anchor in, rather than continuing to gloss over situations. You could be a lot angrier than you realize. Rather than suppressing it or avoiding the issue, handle it. Your health and well-being are key. Releasing anger makes sense in the long run. Tonight: Tidy up around the house.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Reach out to others and ask for important feedback. Another clearly has strong feelings and lets you know. You could surprise yourself with an equally strong reaction. Conversations are important in clearing the air. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Though you have been on a roll, you need to settle in and handle financial matters. A friend could have a very different idea about what you should do. Avoid conflict, take charge and make your own choices. Your monetary wisdom comes into play. Tonight: Treat your self!****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You come on a lot stronger than you have in the recent past. A boss or someone you care about a lot creates uproar. Claim your power. Do what you must to manage key issues. Excellent communications allow others to understand where you are coming from. Whatever Tonight: want.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take a deep breath and think through decisions. You might want to break through a barrier; however, timing is off. Trust your instincts. Listen carefully to others right now. You get opposing points of view; rather than react, use these ideas to strengthen your concept. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Make time for meetings and getting together with others. You are personality plus; others want to be with you. Recognize that you could disappoint a partner by your choices. Be realistic. Think about how to make everyone happy Tonight: You are the party!*****

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DEAR ABBY: As a longtime member of our local traffic the cause of more motor vehisafety commission and past volunteer AARP 55-Alive driving instructor, I wish to comment on the recent letter from Tom Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Lynch suggested that the use of cell phones safe because truck drivers have $^{\rm CB}$ for many years. he failed to add is that accidents involv-

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

ing trucks have increased dramatically in recent years. Part of the reason is the increased number of trucks on the road but how many others are

due to inattentive driving

because the driver was on the

radio or otherwise occupied? He also suggested that you will next advocate passing laws against tuning the radio while driving, looking at your passenger and conversing while driving, adjusting the temperature while driving or driving without adequate sleep. While I don't advocate laws preventing those activities, if drivers could be convinced to refrain from

those practices, we would have

much safer highways.

cle accidents than any other single activity, although it's not always listed on accident reports as such, because it's too difficult to prove in a court of Thanks for your support of highway and driver safety, Abby. — JAMES G. SEIDL, MEDFORD, WIS.

DEAR JAMES: You put your finger on the problem when you said that inattentive driving is the culprit. I have received mail from many readers complaining about having been caught in traffic with commuters who apply makeup while driving, who turn around to converse with passengers in the rear seat, or to try to control animals that are loose in the car. What many people seem to forget is that the car continues to move while the

driver is distracted. So many drivers ignore stop signs and red lights that some cities have begun installing cameras at busy intersections to record the license plates of the scofflaws. Pedestrians shouldn't have to fear stepping off the curb.

In my own defense, I wasn't entirely off the wall when I suggested there ought to be a law

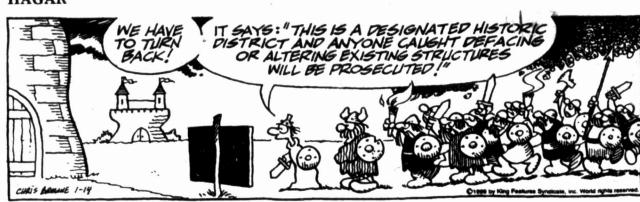
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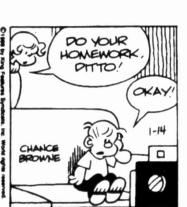
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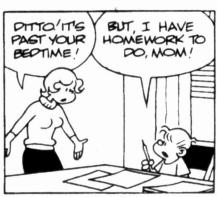












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"Fundamental Orders," was adopted. In 1742, English astronomer

Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85.

In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

In 1900, the Puccini opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its Rome world premiere.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show

premiered. In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was

elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament. In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "seg-

regation forever.' In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed in an

explosion that ripped through the ship off Hawaii. Ten years ago: President Reagan delivered his 331st and last weekly radio address, telling listeners, "Believe me,

Saturdays will never seem the

same. I'll miss you." Five years ago: In post-Cold War breakthroughs, President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed Kremlin accords to stop aiming missiles at any nation and to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine. In Phoenix, Ariz., Shane Stant. who admitted to being the "hit man" in the clubbing assault on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, surrendered to authorities.

One year ago: Whitewater prosecutors questioned Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House for 10 minutes about the gathering of FBI background files on past Republican political appointees. (Sources quoted Mrs. Clinton as saying she knew nothing about any such collection of files.) NBC agreed to pay Warner Bros. \$13 million per episode to retain the highly-rated TV show "ER."

Today's Birthdays: CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 80. Former CBS newsman George Herman is 79. Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., is 71. Country singer Billy Walker is 70. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 63. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 62. Singer Jack Jones is 61. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 61. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 59. Actress Faye Dunaway is 58. Actress Holland Taylor is 56. Actor Carl Weathers is 51. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 51. Movie writerdirector Lawrence Kasdan is