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**FRIDAY**  
January 29, 1999

Tonight:



**TONIGHT** 26°-32°  
**SATURDAY** 44°-46°

## Tax return help available each Monday

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 1998 income tax returns for individuals beginning Monday.

They will help individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park.

The service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

Those requesting assistance are asked to bring their tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing their 1998 income, as well as last year's tax return.

Those who are handicapped, cannot make it to the Senior Citizens Center, and who need help are invited to call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628, or First Presbyterian Church at 263-4211.

## WEEKEND TICKET

**TODAY**  
□ High school basketball — Snyder at Big Spring, 6 and 8 p.m.; Wall at Forsan, Rankin at Garden City and Sands at Borden County, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

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

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

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

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## A little moisture, a lot of cold bearing down on Crossroads Area

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Rain, freezing rain and even some snow is possible tonight and Saturday morning in the Crossroads Area, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Midland.

While snow accumulations are expected to be an inch or less as a slow-moving system crosses the region.

Temperatures are expected to dip to the mid-20s tonight, reach the mid-40s by Saturday afternoon and be back in the mid-60s on Sunday as one of the warmest Januaries on record comes to a close.

According to NWS forecaster George

Matthews, the moisture we began getting late Thursday is from the backside of the system that brought thunderstorms and flooding to north and north central parts of the state.

While Midland and San Angelo each got more than a quarter-inch of moisture, the USDA Research Station recorded just one-tenth of an inch, which brings the monthly total to .22-inch — or .34-inch below normal.

Matthews said the possibility of rain and snow exists into Saturday afternoon, when the slow-moving system clears the area.

The forecast calls for a continued chance of precipitation today and

tonight, with some snow possible this afternoon and tonight. A few snow flurries are possible Saturday morning, with skies becoming partly cloudy by early afternoon.

The extended forecast for the Crossroads Area calls for lows ranging between 30 and 35 degrees through Tuesday with highs reaching into the mid-60s.

A winter storm warning remains in effect today and tonight for the South Plains and Southern Panhandle with periods of snow, heavy at times, forecast to continue. Accumulations of up to five inches are forecast.

Persons headed toward the Amarillo

area are urged to use caution following sleet and freezing rain Thursday night that left roadways icy, despite sanding operations by city, county and state maintenance crews.

Highs today were expected to be in the 30s over most of the Panhandle and South Plains with lows tonight and Saturday in the 20s and 30s and highs Saturday in the 30s and 40s north and 40s and 50s south.

Sleet or freezing rain was expected for much of the region today, changing to snow by mid or late morning.

A chance of light snow continues on Saturday with snow ending by mid-afternoon.

## BSISD hits homer with new softball complex

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees Thursday walked through the new, \$308,000 softball complex before a special board meeting.

"We are 99 percent complete, and we should finish up, take possession of the complex and pay the last portion of the contract next week," said Ron Logback, BSISD business manager.

Logback directed trustees to several features of the complex that make it "one of the best," he said.

Both dugouts are covered, and were built with a storage shelf for players to place their belongings, he said.

Also, a concession stand has both boys' and girls' restrooms, along with an equipment storage room.

Bleachers on the both sides of the diamond will seat 300 people each. The field itself is covered with red brick-colored Diamond Pro over a clay and sand foundation, he said.

"The kids will have to get used to playing on this surface, because a popped fly ball will only bounce about half as high as a regular field," Logback noted, explaining that ground balls and line drives will provide a truer bounce.

The infield has been sterilized, to prevent weeds and grass from growing, and maintenance of the field should be minimal, he added.



Big Spring Independent School board trustees Frank Long, left, along with business manager Ron Logback and deputy superintendent Murray Murphy, toured the new, \$308,000 softball complex Thursday prior to the school board meeting.

The outfield grass is a sodded carpet of Bermuda that will not come in and seed the rye so that the outfield should be a bright green at this time next year.

A state-of-the-art scoreboard has been placed in outfield, along with a flag pole. A public address system is installed in

the announcer's booth.

The two-story announcer's booth has a large opening on the first level for announcers who cannot or choose not to climb the stairs, Logback noted.

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## Local fire, police officials get more WIPP training

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

In preparation for low-level radioactive waste to pass through Howard County, local police and fire-fighters have spent the past three days in training in case a problem should ever arise.

"The chances of having a



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problem are very slim. They have extremely tight security," said Big Spring Fire Department deputy chief Brian Jensen.

"The containers are built to withstand extreme stress and at this point, it's just low-level radiation that will be transported."

All of the waste from the East Coast that will be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) east of Carlsbad, N.M., will travel down Interstate 20, Jensen said.

A number of the officers have received the training before — this week's refresher was held

because shipments are expected to start soon.

The waste will consist of everyday items such as rags, rubber gloves, shoe covers and some tools.

"Primarily it is just an alpha emitter, one of the least hazardous of the radioactive materials," Jensen said.

The training has focused on identifying any waste, isolating it, denying entry to the site, and notifying the proper authorities.

"We're not going to be the ones to clean up the waste. They have rapid response teams to do that that can be here within a

few hours," Jensen said.

The 38 to 40 police and fire officials who participated in the training also went through some skills participation. Cobalt 90 was hidden and the trainees were required to find it using radiological meters.

The training was conducted by the Texas Department of Health and Department of Energy, along with information from the WIPP site.

"It's primarily an awareness thing. We don't anticipate a problem, but of course we have to be ready if that ever happens," said Jensen, local coordinator for the training.

## Howard County going through the process of weeding out possible problems with Y2K

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Howard County desktop personal computers, those that are used daily within various departments at the courthouse, received a look-see for Y2K problems this week.

"Commissioners approved Hank Smoot, who had the lowest bid of less than \$500, to check the PCs for Y2K problems," said Jackie Olson, county auditor.

"He checked all the computers in this office, about 50, within 15 minutes, and he found only minor problems that his software corrected," Olson said.

The county's mainframe computer has been adapted for Y2K, a situation that occurs with

computers when the year 1999 rolls into the year 2000.

Apparently, older model computers will not accept a date of 00, or will interpret that date to mean 1900 instead of 2000. This may cause input difficulties within the system, officials have speculated.

And a computer glitch of a different nature is being checked also, she said. Apparently, a computer recognizes the numerical 9-9-99 as a malfunction.

This may create a problem on Sept. 9 of this year, Lorraine Redman, Howard County librarian said at the commissioner's meeting.

And Olson said she has also learned that the year 2000 is a Leap Year, and some computer problems may occur Feb. 29, 2000.

"But we are having Mr. Smoot check out all these questions," Olson said.

She said the computer check should be completed within the next day or two.

## Jobs

### Conoco Forsan staff to remain, despite cutbacks

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Conoco's announcement that it is eliminating 195 jobs — including 165 in its Midland region office — is not expected to impact the 25 employees in the company's Forsan office, Steve Theede said Thursday.

"Right now, we don't have any plans to reduce the number of employees in Forsan as a result of this," said Theede, Conoco's regional manager. "We feel pretty comfortable with our operating costs out in the field, and for the most part, those jobs haven't been affected. It's mainly in the Midland office."

"As long as we have the assets, we still have to operate them and we've already been downsizing in the past," Theede said. "There may be some minimal effect that flows through as we work through this, but we expect it to be minimal, if any."

The Conoco Mid-Continent Region operates oil and gas properties from North Dakota to South Texas and has 350 employees. Some 195 of those will lose their jobs, company officials said, including 165 of 230 in the Midland headquarters and 90 of 120 in the field.

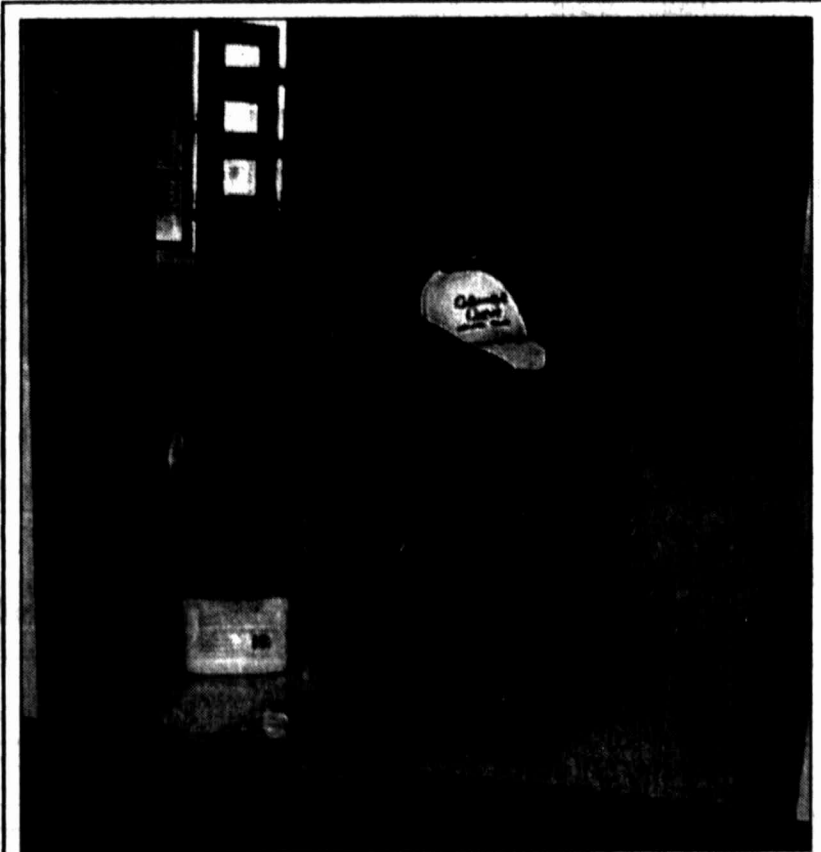
Conoco Mid-Continent Region encompasses almost all of Conoco's onshore assets. Conoco pulls about 15,000 barrels of oil a day from the Permian Basin, but little gas.

Theede said the cuts are due to low oil prices and a decision to focus on core projects.

Some 65 employees — primarily geologists, land and other professional and clerical employees — will remain in Midland. Another 60 will have an opportunity to keep their jobs by relocating in Houston or other Conoco offices.

Termination date is March 31, but Theede said Conoco will work with those employees who

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Cody Hudson of Callaway's Carpets in Abilene secures the finished edging to the new carpet in one of the classrooms at the new Big Spring Junior High School. Hudson said 5,500 square yards of carpet are being installed.

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OBITUARIES

Reatha Isabell Carter Burleson

Reatha Isabell Carter Burleson, 89, a retired sales clerk, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1999 in DeSoto.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 W. Fourth, Big Spring, where she held membership. Rev. Herbert McPherson and Rev. Hollis Bond will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Survivors include: two sons, Stanton Johnson and Howard Johnson, both of Odessa; one daughter, Frances Mason of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home, Odessa.

Survivors include: his wife, Geraldine Merrell of Whitney; a son, Paul Merrell of Big Spring; a daughter, Elizabeth Rasmus of Marietta, Ga.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Memorials may be made to the King Memorial United Methodist Church of Whitney.

Arrangements under the direction of Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors, Whitney.

Survivors include: her daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Hollis Bond of Mansfield; daughter-in-law, Marvlyn Buford Burleson of Marble Falls; one brother and sister-in-law, Elmo and Louise Carter of Talihina, Okla.; and one sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Carter Garrett and Ed Garrett of Talihina, and one sister, Marjorie Carter Sweeten, of Talihina; eight grandchildren, Hollis Bond, Jr., of Las Vegas, Philip Bond of Arlington, Beverly Bond Deacon of DeSoto, Janet Burleson Baxter of Juneau, Alaska, Gary and Shawn Burleson and Marce Burleson Ewing, all of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jennifer Burleson Jones of Wasilla, Alaska.

She is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Emerald Hills Funeral Home, Kennedale.

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Henry Floyd "Rip" Merrell

Graveside service for Henry Floyd "Rip" Merrell, 82, Hillsboro, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999, at Whitney Memorial Park with Rev. W.L. Armstrong officiating.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1916, in Sterling City. He was employed as a supervisor for Fina Oil Company in Big Spring for 38 years, retiring in 1979. He moved to Grand Prairie and lived there 11 years. He married Geraldine Bishop Farmer on May 17, 1979, in San Angelo.

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BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be presented Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1-2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This will include a one hour lunch. Both sessions must be attended and AARP membership is not required.

This is a review course designed to sharpen and enhance the driving skills of those age 50 and over. There are no written tests or exams. Tuition is \$40 and includes a valuable workbook to keep. Upon completion of the course, a certificate is issued which entitles the recipient to a 10 percent discount in auto insurance premiums good for one year.

To enroll, call the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628.

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 and Thursdays.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL'S monthly surplus sale will be Feb. 3, at the Recycling Building west of Rip Griffin. Surplus items will be for sale including desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, appliances and television sets.

Viewing and bidding will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the sale will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more information.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9776 for more information.

HOWARD COLLEGE IS OFFERING free adult basic education, including reading, writing, math, English as a second language and GED preparation.

Child care services are also now available at the Howard College campus. Call Howard College Special Services for more information at 264-5020.

TEXAS TECH EXES WILL meet 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at 309 South Main in the Sparenberg Building.

For more information call Roxie at 267-3388 or Pat at 267-7828.

SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Simon at 915 728-2746 or email her at ezresort@bitstreet.com or call group president Vic Sylvester at 915 368 4667.

The group also has a website at www.odssa.com

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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Tax assistance will be available from Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH a grade point average of B or better and college students with a grade point average of B+ or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship.

To receive an application, send a request by March 16 to: Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation; 721 North McKinley Road; P.O. Box 5012; Lake Forest, Ill.; 60045-5012; fax a request to (847)295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecsf.org"

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate grade point average, and year in school during the 1998-99 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only on or about April 9.

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

Call Prevent Blindness Texas, Permian Basin Branch Office, at 915 683-0003.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at Healthsouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

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MARKETS

March cotton 60.00 cents, down 45 points; Feb. crude 12.47, up 2 points; Cash hogs steady at 28 even; cash steers steady at 61 even; Feb. lean hog futures 41.40, down 55 points; Feb. live cat futures 62.45, up 27 points.

No. 1 quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Index 9262.53  
Volume 287,848,330

ATT Asarco Inc 89% - 1/2  
Atmos Energy 14% - 1/2  
BP Amoco 29% nc  
Calenergy Inc. 80% - 1 1/2  
Chevron 31% nc  
Cifra 7% - 2  
Coca Cola 10% to 1 1/2  
Compaq Computer 64% - 1/2  
Cornell Correc. 47% + 1/2  
DuPont 19% + 1/2  
Exxon 51% - 1 1/2  
Halliburton 70% - 1/2  
IBM 28% + 1/2  
Intel Corp 180% + 2 1/2  
Mobil 138% + 1 1/2  
NUV 87% - 1/2  
Palex Inc. 9% nc  
Pepsi Cola 7% + 1/2  
Petrofina 39% - 1/2  
Phillips Petroleum 45% - 1  
SBC Com. 38 - 1  
Sears 53 - 1 1/2  
Texaco 40% - 1/2  
Texas Instruments 46 - 1/2  
Texas Utils. Co. 97% + 1 1/2  
Unocal Corp 44% - 1/2  
Wal-Mart 27% nc  
Ampac 85% + 1/2  
Europacific 18.39-19.51  
Prime Rate 29.28-31.07  
Gold 7.75%  
Silver 286.10-286.60  
5.26-5.28

THEFT was reported in the 500 block of Benton.

•TERRY WHISENHUNT, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of East 10th.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Dixie and 15th Street.

•ROBBIN KEMPER, 42, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels. Male and female buckskin-colored pit bull dogs, valued at \$1,000 each, were reported stolen.

•THEFT OF GAS was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•JOSEPHINE MITCHELL, 37, was arrested for local warrants.

•BELINDA VELA, 35, was arrested for local warrants.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 600 block of Caylor.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of East 16th Street.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

•THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. A television, valued at \$249, was reported stolen.

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

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2:04 p.m. - 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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# Laney makes committee assignments

AUSTIN (AP) — State Republican leaders are crying foul over committee assignments made by House Speaker Pete Laney.

The Democrat placed 14 Republicans in key positions Thursday but deposed several veteran GOP chairmen, and he left Republicans outnumbered on several key committees.

"Pete Laney and the Democratic Party seem intent on bringing Washington D.C. style partisan politics to the Texas Legislature," said Susan Weddington, Republican Party chair.

She pointed to the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, where Republicans hold only eight of 27 seats, and the Calendars Committee, where they have four of 11 seats. The Calendars Committee decides which bills reach the House floor for debate.

On the Public Education Committee, only two of the nine members are Republican.

"The political season apparently did not end on Nov. 3 for Speaker Laney," Ms. Weddington said. "The Speaker's politically motivated committee assignments ran contrary to Republican hopes of having a bipartisan session."

Ms. Weddington also said she was disappointed that several long-time GOP chairmen had been demoted.

Laney didn't specifically address his decisions. But he said some committee heads had been replaced "with talented members who have shown the kind of leadership that I believe is needed in the House — leadership that is committed to working with all members of the House and the Senate and the governor — leadership that

brings people together for the best interests of all of our citizens."

Democrats, who hold a 78-72 edge in the 150-seat chamber, now lead 23 of the House's 36 permanent committees. A select committee appointed to consider a constitutional rewrite will be headed by a Republican.

"I have tried to accommodate the requests made by each member as much as possible and to apply the talents and interests of each member to their best use," said Laney, of Hale Center.

"The major objective of any speaker is to ensure that the work of the House gets done in an orderly manner while giving every member an opportunity to contribute to the process."

Among the biggest changes is that Rep. Rene Oliviera, D-Brownsville, will replace Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as

the head of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

"He (Laney) has invoked partisanship on to the House floor today," Craddick, who had headed the committee for six years, said of Laney.

Craddick attributed the demotion to his work to get more Republicans elected.

He also has been considered a leading contender to replace Laney as speaker if the GOP gains a House majority in the future.

Committee chairpersons wield extensive power over legislation assigned to their committee and are instrumental in deciding whether a bill lives or dies.

Laney also created a nine-member select committee to consider a proposed revision of the Texas Constitution and appointed Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, to head it.

# 120 students suspended, face misdemeanor charges

ALVIN (AP) — A dress code protest at a Houston area high school has ended up with misdemeanor citations against more than 100 students who participated.

The students at Alvin High School say they were protesting a dress code requirement that shirt tails be tucked in and belts worn.

"It doesn't have anything to do with our education," said one protester, Joshua Martinez, a 14-year-old freshman.

He said some students ran through the high school's hallways on Thursday, screaming and knocking over empty trash cans during the protest.

But there was no property damage during the demonstration and no one was injured, campus police said. Still, Class C misdemeanor citations were issued to 120 students who took part in the dress code protest.

The students were accused of disrupting classes and face up to a \$500 fine, officials said. The students were also suspended from school after they refused to return to class after their first period ended at 8:40 a.m.

Two charges of disorderly conduct, a Class C misdemeanor, also were filed against a student and the mother of another student for allegedly using foul language.

The mother was identified as Sharon H. Carlisle, 38, of Alvin.

She is accused of cursing and using abusive language after she came to pick up her child at the high school auditorium, where the student demonstrators were ordered to wait for their parents, said Dave Barber, chief of the school district police force.

The dress code requirement regarding shirt tails and belts has been in existence three years.

Students said the requirement hasn't been strictly enforced until recently.

Alvin Superintendent Dr. Virgil Tiemann said students were warned about 10 days ago that enforcement of the dress code had become lax and would soon be enforced more rigorously.

Tiemann said the dress code is designed to deter students from bringing contraband, including weapons and drugs, to school.

"We're not going to tolerate classroom disruptions," he said. "When they were admonished to go to class, they wandered from building to building."

Tiemann said he doubts the school board will relax the student dress code, saying most of the high school's 3,100 students comply with the rules.

# Pentagon all but ends use of armed troops on border

HOUSTON (AP) — Use of ground troops along the U.S.-Mexico border has almost ended after the Pentagon issued new rules that require special permission for armed anti-drug units there, the military says.

Defense Department spokesman Lt. Col. Mike Milord said permission must come from the secretary of defense or his deputy.

The policy change comes well over a year after a high school sophomore was shot and killed by Marines in the small town of Redford, a village that straddles the Mexican border just west of Big Bend National Park.

Esequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, was shot to death after U.S. Marines contended he opened fire on them.

The youth was tending his family's goat herd at the time of the shooting.

The incident prompted Defense Secretary William Cohen to suspend similar missions.

Troops continue to carry out other anti-narcotics duties along the border as part of a joint task force with federal authorities, including civil engineering projects, air reconnaissance and intelligence analysis.

"The policy change really gives the secretary of defense oversight for these missions," Milord said.

The decision was made in October, Milord said, but was never officially announced.

Marine Cpl. Clemente Buelos fired the fatal shot from about 200 yards away after he said Hernandez raised his rifle to fire a third time.

Two Presidio County grand juries refused to indict Buelos and his fellow Marines.

A civil rights probe by the Justice Department also failed to bring charges against the troops, in part because they had

received permission to fire by radio.

A Marine Corps inquiry cited "systemic failures at every level" during the mission.

Lamar Smith, a congressman from San Antonio, also issued a scathing report, saying the Justice and Defense departments undermined criminal investigations into the incident.

In December, a Texas Ranger who investigated the killing contended the militia objected an inquiry into the goatherd's death.

He said he wants a grand jury to consider the case a third time.

# Students overheard planning to to overtake school

GROESBECK (AP) — After several recent well-publicized tragedies in schools across the nation, school officials in Groesbeck say they couldn't just overlook a report that 10 students were plotting to arm themselves and take control of the school.

Janie Gray, principal of an eighth-grade school in Groesbeck, a Limestone County farm town of about 3,500, said 10 eighth graders are being disciplined for a conversation that was overheard during a Jan. 21 school lunch period.

"There were some reports that reached my office that some students were planning to bring guns to school and take the school hostage, rounding everyone up," principal Janie Gray told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

"That was the phrase repeated over and over — they are going to take over the school," she said.

In recent years, a series of shootings have killed students in Pearl, Miss.; Paducah, Ky.; Jonesboro, Ark.; and Springfield, Ore.

Four girls and a boy were

placed Thursday on one-day, in-school suspensions.

Three boys thought to be the ringleaders in the idea will be placed in an alternative school.

And officials are still looking into the involvement of two other boys, superintendent Glynis Rosas said.

Students who overheard the conversation reported it to parents, who contacted authorities, the superintendent said.

Police Chief Danny Mott said his investigation indicated the students had no access to firearms.

"It's safe to say a young person can find a weapon if he's really intending to do something," Mott said. "But I don't think what they were planning ever was a serious consideration."

Mott described the students' conversation as "mushrooming on them before they knew it. They sort of got carried away," he said. "You know we have to take those kinds of conversations seriously these days."

# Inmate's family sues over death that followed trip on hot prison bus

HOUSTON (AP) — An inmate's family is asking for at least \$1.5 million in damages because he died last June after being transported from a state prison in Lubbock on a bus with no air conditioning.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Houston, alleges that Archie White Jr., 48, was not allowed by prison doctors to work in direct sunlight or to be in extreme heat because of medication he was taking for depression.


According to the lawsuit, the

trip took almost three hours, including a 15-minute stop "so that the guards could get cold drinks."


White was forced to remain in direct sunlight for two hours and "complained to the guards that he was feeling ill from the heat," the suit said.

When the bus arrived in Lubbock, according to the suit, White and the other prisoners were forced to remain on the bus for another hour in direct sunlight.

White collapsed after getting off the bus.



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## OUR VIEWS

### We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments. We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute:

- **OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS and JUDICIAL SYSTEM**, for the swift apprehension and prosecution of the juveniles who vandalized the festival lights and golf course at Comanche Trail Park.
- **JAMIE SOTELO**, who will be starring in Midland Community Theater's production of "Carousel," which opens next week.
- **BEN BANCROFT AND PAT SIMMONS**, who were selected Man of the Year and Woman of the Year at the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.
- **BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, its employees and volunteers, for putting on an entertaining banquet.
- **THE HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP**, who began a fund-raiser this week to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the fire department.
- **THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**, which is proceeding with construction of the chapel at the Vietnam Memorial.

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

## OTHER VIEWS

A doping scandal dominated sports headlines in 1998. And 1999 has started with a bang: the Olympics, the symbol of sports, is in the hot seat. After the health of the athletes, the health of the organizations is at stake. Dodgy intermediaries, lost files, empty purses, shadow companies, manipulation, all come at the taxpayer's expense.

The fall of Samaranch would not solve anything if the Olympic organization is not thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom.

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The moral virtues of amateur sports were renounced a long time ago in exchange for an explosion of commercialism. But never before has there been so much money involved in sports. "Jordan Inc." brings in more than the gross national product of a Third World country, the soccer market rivals France's national budget and the Olympic games have seen their television rights multiply by 2000 over the past thirty years.

We all know how crooked the world is, how money talks in every field of activity. The International Olympics Committee members who took bribes to vote for a certain country to be host have done no worse than many politicians and business leaders, right? But we prosecute crooked politicians, so we should also not forgive these crooked IOC members. Sack them all. ... Those easily-influenced guys are two things: crooked and untrustworthy, and a bunch of lazy slobs. ... It's natural to want more money (we all do) but hello, welcome to the real world! Just work for it!

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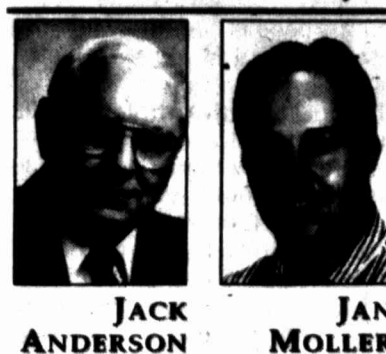
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# Government's Y2K readiness is doubtful

In 1993, Mary Bandar became one of the few people keenly aware of an impending computer crisis now referred to as Y2K. The Winona, Minn., resident was 104 years old at the time, born in 1889. But a federal computer system, programmed as almost all computer systems are to assume the first two digits of a year are "19", read her birth date as 1989 and issued Bandar a notice to attend kindergarten. This wasn't the government's first warning that there would be problems with the six-digit dateline inscribed in billions of lines of computer code.



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The programming industry recognized by the mid-80s that the six-digit convention, adopted in the early years of computer programming when space was at a premium, would cause most systems to go awry. But the federal government has taken its sweet old time responding to the crisis and is now paying the price for its indolence. Most agencies waited until a few months ago to begin repairing computer code for thousands of "mission critical" systems. Computers that generate Social Security and Medicare payments, position satellites in space, monitor airplane traffic, dispatch emergency services, monitor the parole of prisoners, and control ground-based missiles have all yet to be fixed, according to Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who is tracking the government's Y2K compliance. The president's response has

been to establish a high-profile - but utterly toothless - commission to monitor progress. The commission's job is to monitor government-wide deadlines, but it has no authority to force compliance. Nor does it have any means of verifying the information it's given. With \$6.4 billion already spent, and many key departments like Defense, Energy and Treasury missing last month's deadlines to correct all mission-critical systems, time is running out. Of course, all agencies report they will be completely ready by the end of the year. But both Horn's committee and a Senate panel chaired by Robert Bennett, R-Utah, are worried that federal agencies aren't reporting accurate numbers - and that there's no way to double-check and make sure that agencies are telling the truth. A major point of concern is Medicare. The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), which oversees Medicare, has consistently received the lowest marks for

Y2K remediation. This agency dispatches payments to the elderly and disabled and their health providers. Any lapse of service within the agency would disrupt treatment for patients and cash flow for hospitals.

But Gary Christoff, a Y2K specialist contracted by the agency, says such worries are premature and that Congress is relying on a year-old scoring system that doesn't reflect the agency's recent preparations. "The way our system is structured is very complex - it involves many contractors, many different systems," Christoff told our associate Kathryn Wallace. "We doubled our original cost estimates, and since then we doubled them again, but we are convinced Medicare will be functioning Jan. 1, 2000."

Don Meyer, spokesman for Bennett's committee, is still cynical. "I don't think anyone seriously believes HCFA could turn around the system so fast," he says. "The senator is used to people lying to him. (All the agencies) say they are going to make (the March 31, 1999 deadline); there is no way they are all going to make it." The official line from all the agencies we spoke with is cheery, but reports issued by the Inspector General - the watchdog of the government - paint a far more sobering picture.

At the Department of Defense, for example, we found 142 audits of critical systems that all indicate the same

thing: The Pentagon's reporting is shoddy and unreliable, and the majority of systems remain untested. Worse, computer jockeys there are grabbing the low-hanging fruit first - correcting low-priority systems and leaving critical ones for later.

The Army's Global Positioning System, for example, has yet to be tested for Y2K. This is the satellite system used to track international military movement, which is so precise that it managed to find downed Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady after his plane crashed behind enemy lines in Bosnia in 1995.

Investigators also found problems with the Pentagon's Chemical Agent Disposal System, which is used to destroy chemical warfare agents. A November audit discovered that the military falsely reported that all its systems were ready for Y2K. Every week that the plant is down will cost taxpayers \$2 million. We found much of the same when reviewing Y2K readiness on a state level. While some states, like North Dakota, are ready for the millennium, the vast majority aren't even done assessing the problem. Many states, like West Virginia, Alabama and Ohio, don't even have a Y2K budget yet.

Rosy scenarios, we've learned over the years, are a common Washington staple. Nobody likes being the bearer of bad news. A year from now, we fear these forecasters will have a lot of explaining to do.



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## Left-wing conspiracy out to get Americans

You remember, of course, Mrs. Clinton going on national TV and claiming there was a right-wing conspiracy out to get her poor innocent husband. Well, suppose there is a left-wing conspiracy of Rhodes scholars out to "get" Americans?



CHARLEY REESE

Oh, pshaw, you say. What kind of nonsense is that? Well, recall again that Bill Clinton, around his first inauguration, mentioned that a man who had great influence on him was Carroll Quigley, professor of history at the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University. Dr. Quigley, who died some years ago, was a certified liberal elitist, but he said something quite intriguing in his excellent book *Tragedy and Hope*, a 1,348-page history of modern

times. On Page 950, after mocking conservative theories of international influence, Quigley wrote:

"There does exist, and has existed for a generation, an international Anglophile network which operates, to some extent, in the way the radical Right believes the Communists act. In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so. I know of the operations of this network because I have studied it for twenty years and was permitted for two years, in the early 1960s, to examine its papers and secret records. "I have no aversion to it or to most of its aims," he wrote, "and have, for much of my life, been close to it and to many of its instruments. I have objected, both in the past and recently, to a few of its policies ... but in general my chief difference of opinion is that it wishes to remain unknown, and I believe its role in history is significant enough to be known."

Poor Dr. Quigley didn't know, when his book was published in 1965, just how much "it" wished to remain unknown. The publisher, not long afterward, took the unusual step of taking the book out of print and destroying the plates without consulting Quigley. I verified this myself in a telephone interview with his widow. She said he had been extremely upset when he learned of it. He died not long afterward.

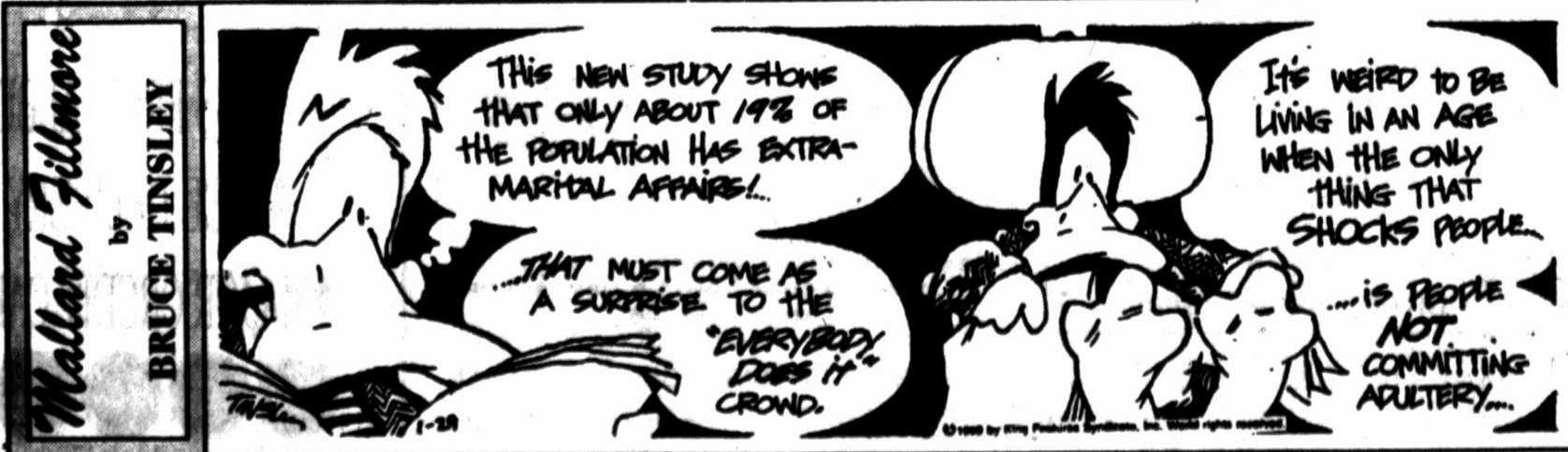
Betcha a beer you've never heard much about Round Table Groups operating secretly in the United States to influence public policy. All of this started, according to Quigley, with John Ruskin, a professor at Oxford. Ruskin developed this strange and frankly racist notion that the English upper classes were possessors of a magnificent tradition, but, in order to save themselves, must uplift the downtrodden masses - both in England and around the world. Cecil Rhodes became one of Ruskin's ardent disciples. Rhodes was also, of course, a dirty rotten imperialist who, with financial support from

Lord Rothschild and Alfred Beit, monopolized South Africa's diamond mines as DeBeers Consolidated Mines and built up Consolidate Gold Fields. Let Quigley take it from here:

"These purposes centered on his (Rhodes) desire to federate the English-speaking peoples and to bring all the habitable portions of the world under their control. For this purpose Rhodes left part of his great fortune to found the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford to spread the English ruling class tradition ... as Ruskin had wanted."

This was born country-club liberalism, and from these Round Table groups came the Council on Foreign Relations and what is called in America "the Eastern Establishment." Shucks, folks, I think this toney, high-class conspiracy is lot more interesting than those blue-collar right-wing conspiracies. I wonder if anybody's ever been called a racist for speaking to the Council on Foreign Relations.

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WASHINGTON state senators representatives Clinton administration and Congress to intervene Thursday and help the oil industry survive the most severe economic downturn in decades. "If we do nothing, things will get worse," Sen. Frank R-Alaska, declaring of a hearing and Natural Resources Committee on the economic woes has called a sev

# Senate

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# Hutchinson introduces legislation to help boost oil industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil state senators and industry representatives called on the Clinton administration and Congress to intervene Thursday and help the oil industry survive the most severe economic downturn in decades.



HUTCHINSON

"If we do nothing, things are going to get worse," Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, declared at the opening of a hearing by his Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the oil industry's economic woes — what some have called a severe depression.

The committee members expressed support for legislation that would give modest tax relief to small oil operators. Some witnesses at the hearing suggested the Energy Department should buy oil for its emergency reserve in hopes of giving prices a nudge upward.

Legislation introduced Thursday by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas, would give a tax credit to operators of marginal oil wells and tax relief to those willing to restart some of the thousands of wells that have been shut down because they're not profitable with the currently depressed prices.

Murkowski and some industry witnesses chided the Clinton administration for not buying

oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve at a time when prices are the lowest since 1986, and some say the lowest in 50 years, adjusted for inflation.

Federal oil purchases for the reserve likely would raise worldwide oil prices only slightly, said John Lichtblau, an analyst for the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve contains 563 million barrels, purchased over two decades for use in case of a sudden oil shortage.

But no oil has been bought since 1993. While the Energy Department has acknowledged it might be prudent to buy oil for the reserve now that prices are the lowest in 12 years, no decision to do so has been

made.

But the industry's problems, stemming from a 55 percent decline in crude prices over the last two years, have seen thousands of workers lose their jobs, with no improvement in sight. Small companies are threatened with bankruptcy, while larger ones such as Exxon and Mobil are pushing toward consolidation to reduce costs.

The price of a barrel of benchmark West Texas Intermediate was at just over \$11 a barrel last month, compared to \$25 a barrel in December, 1996. And some lesser grades have been sold for less than \$6 a barrel, Jay Hakes, head of the federal Energy Information Administration, told the committee.

And, he added, "the recovery

may take some time," with prices not likely to rebound to the \$20 a barrel level until 2000 or 2001.

Lichtblau attributed the collapse to an oversupply and unexpected drop in worldwide demand, largely because of the Asia economic crisis and warmer winter weather.

"The single most important reason was, and still is, the Asia-Pacific economic recession," said Lichtblau. This region had accounted for 80 percent of the annual growth in worldwide oil demand.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said Iraq also was to blame for problems in America's oil patch.

Iraq's oil exports were allowed to increase from 700,000 barrels

a day in late 1996 to 2.5 million barrels a day at the end of 1998 under a U.N.-approved program, in which the country's oil revenue is used to pay for humanitarian assistance. The added supply increased the downward pressure on prices, analysts said.

Still, while the oil industry suffers, others are benefiting. With gasoline prices dipping below a \$1 a gallon in many places around the country, motorists are enjoying the lowest gasoline prices in inflation-adjusted terms since 1942, and possibly the lowest ever, according to government analysts.

And the impact has been felt on the economy as a whole, contributing, economists say, to overall economic prosperity.

# Senate OKs blueprint for trial; Lewinsky testimony tapes could be public

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Senate approved a blueprint for completing President Clinton's impeachment trial, with a provision that could bring Monica Lewinsky to the Senate floor, live or on videotape.

Majority Republicans made some concessions to Democrats and the White House in their proposal, but primarily muscled their own ideas through the Senate on a 54-44 party-line vote Thursday.

The proposal calls for the trial to end by Feb. 12, unless more witnesses are called, with a vote on perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Clinton.

Before that, however, Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan, and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal would give videotaped deposi-

tions, beginning Monday with the former White House intern and going through Wednesday.

The plan would allow witnesses to be questioned on the Senate floor following the depositions, if a majority agreed.

The trial resumes Feb. 4, at which point the Senate could consider any objections raised but not resolved during the depositions. Any requests for additional witnesses or discovery would require the agreement of the Senate Republican and Democratic leaders.

Once those issues are resolved the Senate would act on any motions to allow the videotapes to be shown or to call the three witnesses to testify in the Senate chamber.

Democrats had opposed live witnesses or deposition videotaping, fearing the public would

see Ms. Lewinsky talking about sexual relations with the president, even though House prosecutors have pledged to stay away from sex in the depositions and some GOP senators have expressed reservations about Ms. Lewinsky testifying live.

But the Republican majority prevailed in Thursday's voting. "This is 1999, we're about to go into the year 2000," Republican leader Trent Lott said. "To not have videotape available for senators, and maybe even beyond that, is not defensible."

In opposition, Democratic leader Tom Daschle commented, "We're very concerned about live witnesses. We don't want the spectacle of Monica Lewinsky or anyone else having to be brought in the form that is

anticipated under this resolution. ... We don't need salacious material."

Republicans took their plan to the Senate-turned-impeachment court only after two days of swapping proposals with Democrats for conducting the rest of the trial. A bipartisan agreement, like the pact that governed the trial until now, proved elusive this time.

The Senate voted 55-43 Thursday against a motion by Daschle to go immediately to closing debate and votes on the two articles of impeachment. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., was the only senator to cross party lines, consistent with his maverick vote Wednesday against a Democratic motion to end the trial now and in favor of a GOP motion to depose the

three witnesses.

Party lines held, however, for a 54-44 vote that defeated Daschle's alternative to the Republican plan. The Democratic proposal, in part, would have limited public evidence of the depositions to written transcripts.

Clinton's lawyers were displeased with the latest turn of events.

"It's clear the spirit of bipartisanship evaporated ... and that this has become a Republican impeachment trial," spokesman James Kennedy said. "The plan that was adopted is vague and it has no certain end. It appears to contain trap doors that could significantly extend this trial."

Lott said the successful Republican plan granted a White House request to delay the depositions until next week, and gave Daschle veto power

over calling additional witnesses beyond the three already approved. The proposal gives the White House the opportunity to ask for defense witnesses.

But Democrats voted against the plan, in part because they opposed provisions that could allow the current witnesses to testify in the Senate, summon additional witnesses and allow the Senate to find that Clinton committed wrongdoing but not remove him from office.

The latter "finding of fact" provision could be approved by a majority vote, while it would take an apparently unattainable two-thirds majority to convict Clinton and remove him from office.

Any videotape played during public trial sessions would be seen during regular television coverage of the proceedings.

# 'Wrong-number' angels help save woman's life

NEW YORK (AP) — Elizabeth Hartley listened a few seconds to a wrong-number caller and heard volumes in the slurred speech of a forlorn woman who had "just called to say goodbye."

Ms. Hartley and co-worker Emyln Philbert said they never gave any thought to hanging up. They kept the Virginia woman on the phone for nearly an hour as she drifted in and out of consciousness — and they saved her life long-distance.

The unlikely connection came about Wednesday when the 55-year-old woman, whose identity was not released, misdialed and rang the J. Streicher securities firm where Ms. Hartley and Ms. Philbert work in sales.

"She asked to speak to Liz and I got on the phone," Ms. Hartley, of Rutherford, N.J., recounted Thursday.

Right away, she knew the caller was in trouble. "Nobody loves me," the woman told her, slurring her words. "I just called to say goodbye."

Ms. Hartley said she never considered hanging up. "You hear something in somebody's voice and you know something's terribly wrong."

She motioned for Ms. Philbert to pick up the phone and for the next 45 minutes they talked and pleaded with the woman until she gave them her name, address, telephone number. Ms. Hartley called police in Hampton, Va.

"She was just so sad," said

Ms. Philbert. "Such a sad, sad person."

The woman drifted in and out of consciousness all the while, speaking haltingly about her broken life.

She talked of being all alone, of wanting "Brian" to hug her. She spoke about a son who was murdered four years ago.

Ms. Philbert didn't ask too many questions for fear "it would push her over the edge." Instead, she posed as the friend, Liz, and kept telling the woman that she loved her.

"I just kept talking and talking," Ms. Philbert said. "Elizabeth says I can talk paint off the wall. I don't know if that's bad or good, but in this case it was good."

Police arrived to find the woman semiconscious in a bed-

room, still on the line with Ms. Philbert.

The woman, who had overdosed on a combination of alcohol and prescription pills, was taken to a psychiatric facility, said Sgt. Jeff Walden, a Hampton police spokesman.

Ms. Hartley and Ms. Philbert believe they were guided by a guardian angel. A friend of Ms. Philbert who died this week meant for them to help the despondent woman, they said.

"What are the odds that this lady dials a wrong number and finds us in the city of New York," asked Ms. Philbert, 44. "You gotta believe."

Ms. Hartley, 48, agreed. "We're all supposed to have a guardian angel, right?" she said. "I think Emyln's friend just earned her wings."

# Highway worker killed when tunnel collapses

TIMBER, Ore. (AP) — As rocks and dirt rained over him, David Gattuccio struggled to dig out his boss who was calling for help from beneath a pile of debris in a collapsed tunnel on U.S. Highway 26.

Gattuccio couldn't get there in time. Dennis L. Edwards, a 25-year veteran with the Oregon Department of Transportation, died Thursday after being crushed in the cave-in of the tunnel's waterlogged roof.

"We tried," said Gattuccio, 33, who suffered minor injuries. "I

guess God wanted him home today."

Transportation officials said the bridge crew was working at the eastern end of the two-lane Sunset Tunnel when the sheet metal-and-timber roof suddenly gave way shortly after noon. Edwards, 49, was in a cherry picker bucket inspecting the roof.

Agency spokesman Dave Davis said the arched tunnel has heavy wooden timbers supporting the interior, and some workers were tapping on them

to detect weaknesses and determine whether to add new timbers.

The 60-year-old tunnel goes through a sloping hillside at the 1,200-foot level of the Coast Range, 27 miles northwest of Portland.

Hours after the accident, crews were able to reach Edwards' body, which was buried beneath an estimated three to four tons of dirt and debris in the mist-shrouded tunnel.

It's the only wood-braced tun-

nel still in regular use on Oregon highways.

The collapse shut down traffic in both directions along the key route between Portland and the Oregon coast.

The area has been hit by days of steady rainfall, with more than an inch in the 12 hours prior to the collapse.

The 800-foot tunnel was surveyed twice last year, the first time in September when an inspector noticed rotting wood near the concrete entrances of the tunnel.

# Vigilance pledged despite drop in steel imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steel industry leaders and supporters concerned with last year's surge in cheap imports are pledging to remain vigilant despite a one-month drop in shipments.

As the Commerce Department hinted at a reversal in import trends, steel executives and lawmakers from steel-producing states complained that monthly imports still were too high.

"These moderate reductions must not be allowed to serve as the administration's latest excuse for failing to enforce our trade laws and protect American steelworkers," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Steel Caucus.

The department said Thursday that imports dropped 31 percent in December. More dramatic reductions were recorded for imports from Japan and Russia, two of the countries blamed for a recent import surge that contributed to

more than 10,000 U.S. layoffs.

Commerce Secretary William Daley acknowledged that no pattern can be drawn from only one month's worth of figures. He promised to continue monitoring the data to determine whether to seek trade sanctions.

Despite the one-month drop, import levels were still higher than those of 1997, before the Asian economic crisis lowered demand for steel abroad and forced foreign producers to seek U.S. outlets.

U.S. steel producers contend that much of the product is being illegally dumped in the United States at prices dramatically below production costs. Formal complaints are pending against Japan, Russia and Brazil.

"These numbers are nothing to us," said Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio. "They're still higher than before and we're not going to stop until justice is done for those steel workers."

Daley, speaking with reporters by telephone from the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, attributed the reductions in December to actions taken by the Clinton administration, notwithstanding criticisms

from the industry that President Clinton has done too little.

In November, the Commerce Department threatened that any duties applied against Japan and Russia might be retroactive to mid-November.

# Prosecutors seek public's assistance in Ramsey probe

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A foot-long toy bear in a Santa suit may become a crucial clue in solving the JonBenet Ramsey slaying.

Prosecutors posted a photograph of the white, furry bear on an Internet site Thursday in a plea for public help with the investigation, now in its third year.

District Attorney Alex Hunter said investigators are hoping someone can identify the stuffed animal's manufacturer and retailers where it was carried in 1996 or before.

Suzanne Laurion, Hunter's spokeswoman, refused to say more about the toy, including what role it may play in the investigation, how the bear came to the attention of police and whether police had it in their possession.

The indistinct photograph, which may have been cropped from a larger image, shows the bear on crinkled paper or material, but not posed in a manner to enhance identification.

The toy was reportedly among stuffed animals found in

JonBenet's room, but family members said it did not belong to the little girl.

"It wasn't hers," the child's aunt, Pam Paugh, told the Denver Rocky Mountain News. "I believe it was on the (twin) bed in JonBenet's room."

The toy is about a foot long, with a red hat, bolero jacket and pants all trimmed in a curled white wool material.

"I make this public request for assistance, knowing that it will give rise to considerable speculation about the status of the Ramsey case," Hunter said in a statement.

"I intend to let this speculation take whatever course it will since to confirm or deny theories about what this all means would most certainly damage the ongoing investigation," he said.

JonBenet, 6, was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home Dec. 26, 1996, about eight hours after her mother discovered a ransom note demanding \$118,000 for her safe return. There have been no arrests.

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### QUICK TRIVIA

◆The Kentucky Derby's fastest winner since 1986 has been Secretariat in 1973. He ran the mile and a quarter in one minute, 59 and two-fifths seconds.

◆Three U.S. Presidents have been elected despite the fact their opponents have received more popular votes: John Q. Adams, in 1824, Rutherford Hayes in 1876 and Benjamin Harrison in 1888.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

# Trinity Baptist adding new life to neighborhood

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

The members of Trinity Baptist Church are bringing new life to an old building.

The church bought the former Furr's Grocery Store that sits next to their church building, 810 E. 11th Place. During November and December, they used the empty building as a makeshift sanctuary while theirs was being refurbished; soon, however, they plan to add the building permanently to their church.

"We bought it three or four years ago, and we've had plans to use it ever since," said Jo Ann Cotton, church secretary and wife of pastor Randy Cotton.

Before long, the church expects to start renovating the old grocery store into a fellowship hall and Sunday School classrooms.

"We expect it to take six months to a year to get it done," Mrs. Cotton said. "We'll work on the inside and then

the outside."

Organized in the early 1940s, Trinity Baptist moved to its current location before 1950. Members have seen the neighborhood grow, as Big Spring High School was built across the street, and school administrative offices were added.

Then they added some growth of their own to the area, building a gym and adding to their facilities. A continuing problem as the church grew was finding enough parking spaces.

Members park in the church's lot, across the street in the high school lot, and at the former grocery store.

Mrs. Cotton said some church members remember using the high school lot long before there was a high school on the property, when the lot was still just dirt.

Church growth was what caused the need for the new building, said pastor Randy Cotton.

"We're really anxious to get started on it," he said. "We've

got our plans drawn up for what we want to do with the Furr's Building and we have a Deacons meeting at the first of February. I expect that will be a topic of discussion then."

The church averages 425 people for Sunday school each week, and nearly fills its auditorium with about 550 at Sunday morning worship. They have a small fellowship hall, but it won't come close to holding Trinity's congregation, so church-wide activities are usually planned for the gym.

Rev. Cotton said church members have supported the building project in many ways — including increasing their offerings.

"They've been good to give for this," he said, "and we're real excited about the projects."

Members have been giving extra money to a building fund, and Trinity has been setting aside money each month.

"We're hoping by the time we get started, we can get this done without having to go into debt," he said.



Earl Permenter, janitor for Trinity Baptist Church, works in the site of the former Furr's Grocery Store on 11th Place. The church purchased the building and will renovate it for a fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms.

# Love God and have no doubt

A recent item in the news indicated that the diaries of Madalyn Murray O'Hair are going to be auctioned to help pay off creditors, as well as back taxes. Mrs. O'Hair was instrumental in removing prayer from the public schools as a result of a Supreme Court decision in 1963. Her outspoken atheism had made her one of the most familiar names and influential personalities in America. She has been missing, along with one of her sons and a granddaughter, since 1995.



RUSSELL MULLINS

In her diaries, Mrs. O'Hair pleaded as many as six different times, "Somebody, somebody, please help me." Here was a woman who desperately wanted to know that someone loved her. There is no more lonely or disheartening feeling than to never be certain whether you are loved.

People spiral down into substance abuse and sexual promiscuity because they are uncertain whether anyone loves them. People commit suicide because they believe that there is no one who loves them. Everyone wants to be loved; everyone needs to be loved.

Unfortunately, some people like Madalyn Murray O'Hair, are never really certain that they are loved because they don't know the One who always loves them.

Not everyone knows it or believes it, but God, the Creator of all things, loves them with a magnificent obsession. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). This is perhaps the most famous verse in the Bible.

It seems that there is someone at every televised football game who holds up a sign for the television cameras that points to that Scripture reference. The sign holders simply want other to have the same certainty that they have: God loves you!

No matter what life throws at us, whether it is cancer or poverty or disappointment or sorrow, one thing is certain — God loves us. "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God. To those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

For many people, the best evidence that God, if he exists, is not a loving God, is what life throws at them. In such thinking, surely a loving God would keep complication from messing up life. In truth, the greatest evidence of God's love is how He works things out despite what life throws at us.

Those who love God, who trust His goodness and love, never need doubt His love. Those who love God are ever convinced that He always acts for their highest and ultimate good. Such faith liberates us from the despair of loneliness.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Women's Aglow

Women's Aglow of Big Spring will be meeting Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at Miracle Revival Center. We are excited to announce Sam Solyen as our speaker. The public is invited to attend, and men are welcome too! You will be blessed.

### San Angelo Diocese

The Beginning Experience Weekend, an international ministry for the widowed, separated and divorced persons who want to make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience of hope, has come to the San Angelo Diocese. The next scheduled weekend for 1999 is March 5-7 at Camp Butman in Merkel.

The Beginning Experience Weekend is open to persons of all faiths. For more information, or to register, please call George Watts in Midland at (915)686-0605.

### Iglesia Bautista La Fe

Free E.S.L. (English as a Second Language) classes are being taught at Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 408 State on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information call 263-0462.

### Hillcrest Baptist

Zambian Acapella, an internationally acclaimed singing group from Lusaka, Zambia, in south central Africa will share in concert on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.

We invite you to come join us for this special time. A love offering will be taken for the group.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The 1999 annual meeting of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be this Sunday, following the 10:30 Eucharist.

Annual reports will be received and elections will be held for Vestry members, Delegates and Alternates to Convention. Parishioners are encouraged to come and give their support.

### First United Methodist Church

"Two Men and Two Ways of Looking at Honor" (Matthew 21:28-32) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how we deal with what is in our minds and what is in our hearts. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Do you have teenagers who need guidance in morality and a friendly group of other teenagers to have as healthy friends? We have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister, Vergil Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Pardee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394.

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

This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday, and we are designating this for a special local mission project called "Soup-er Bowl Sunday!" The Missions Committee will set out a large box to collect cans for the needy of our town in the foyer of the sanctuary, and everyone is encouraged to bring cans of food stuff on Sunday.

For more information, call 267-6394.

### East Fourth Street Baptist

East Fourth Street Baptist will host the Ambassador Singers, a choir of young people from South Korea, for a concert Feb. 12 at the Municipal Auditorium. Admission is free and an offering will be taken.

The choir has traveled all over the world, and is currently touring the United States. Homes are needed to host members of the group while they visit Big Spring. Call the church at 267-2291 to volunteer your home or for more information.

### First Christian

First Christian Church would

like to take this opportunity to invite the community of Big Spring to a farewell reception for Gary Groves and his family Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us in expressing appreciation for the many ways they have blessed us and to wish them well as they continue their ministry at First Christian Church in Midland where Gary will be serving as Associate Pastor.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet at noon on Thursday, Feb. 4, for a covered dish luncheon. Two ladies from the Area Agency on Aging - Ann Dunbar of Midland, and Pat Porter of Big Spring - will be bringing information about the agency and services they have available for families in the Permian Basin. Please write out your questions or areas of interest and give to Jackie Simpson or Undine Kernode by Wednesday, Feb. 3, or leave with Lisa in the office.

### Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

The Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church will have Elder Jeff Harris, pastor of the Eureka Primitive Baptist Church in Chula, Ga., as the guest minister for a series of three services on Jan. 30-31. The public is invited to attend these worship services, especially Elder Harris' many friends in Big Spring.

The church is located at 201 East 24th St., and services are scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday night, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Elder Harris is a former pastor of the Big Spring church and has traveled extensively among the Primitive Baptists in the U.S. and also in several foreign countries.

### Baptist Temple

The Weigh Down Workshop will be offered this spring beginning on Monday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Although the focus of the program is on weight loss, this course is open to anyone wishing to conquer any addictive habit. The class will meet for 12 weeks at Baptist Temple Church.

The orientation meeting to find out more information and

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## CLUB NEWS

### Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will celebrate the chapter's 111th birthday at our stated meeting Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

### 1905 Hyperion Club

The 1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, Jan. 21, in the home of Lucy Bonner. Doris Huihregtse was cohostess. Fifteen members attended. Susanne Cranford was a guest.

Kathy Johnson, Director of Community Relations at the Big Spring State Hospital, presented the program outlining the various functions of the hospital. She explained how the community can participate in enriching the lives of patients by volunteering time and furnishing needed items.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President: Paulette Turner, Vice President: Linda McDaniel, Treasurer: Connie Gary, Secretary: Jacque Thomas, and Corresponding Secretary: Bobbie Thomas.

Officers will be installed in May.

### DAR

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at noon on Jan. 16, at the Big Spring Country Club.

After traditional ritual, pledges to the American, Texas, and DAR flags, prayer was led by Mrs. Stanley Reid, Chaplain. Business meeting was conducted by Mrs. William Pollard, Regent, and members were reminded of the 100th TSDAR State Conference to be held March 18-20 at the Doubletree Lincoln Center, Dallas.

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter was organized April 19, 1974, and the Silver anniversary will be celebrated at the George Washington Tea, Feb. 21, at the home of Mrs. John Key, 801 Scott.

Members attending were Lola Kelley, June Reid, Martha Cummings, Lora Mae Pollard, Carole Lawson, Sue Ann Damron, Sara Tipton, Fern Alexander, Charlene Ragan and

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Milli Cunningham.

### Big Spring Art Association

Kay Smith presided at the Big Spring Art Association meeting Jan. 19 at WTCA, Howard College.

Judy Gibbs, show chairman, announced plans for the club's 44th annual area show to be held in the spring. Linda Ruppard demonstrated the art of collage painting. Members took turns painting and completed a collage.

Betty Conley won first place in the Tipping of the Brush and her painting will hang at Citizens Credit Union. Other winners were Gibbs, whose painting will be displayed at First Bank of West Texas; Pam Hoggard will have collages at court house annex and Al's Bar-B-Q; Smith's painting and Estelle Howard's painting at Dell's Cafe.

Howard, Gibbs, and Conley won the monthly theme contest. All members' winter scene paintings will be displayed at the Heritage Museum.

### Concerned Women for America

January is the Concerned Women for America (CWA) annual membership drive month. All across the nation, some 500,000 women are renewing their membership in CWA. CWA is the nation's largest pro-family women's organization with over a half a million members nationwide. Through prayer, education and individual action, CWA enables individuals to make a difference.

Without any extra cost to you, you can benefit your local CWA financially.

Send all memberships, renewals and donations to CWA of West Texas; P.O. Box 2508; Big Spring; 79721-2508.

We will forward your check to the National CWA Office, providing a local record and enabling the local CWA Prayer Chapter to make you aware of events. If your donation is \$20 or more, you will receive CWA's national magazine, the Family Voice. Contributions sent to CWA through the West Texas office will benefit the area. Please

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## S L I C E

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be celebrating February as Black History Month — in style. An authentic African fashion show will feature Nigerian born Deun Shonowo, acclaimed designer of African fashion and owner of DE African Elegance, Inc. in Little Rock.

The first showing of this special spring collection will be at Howard College's cafeteria in the Dora Roberts Student Union, Feb. 3 at noon.

A second display will take place that evening at 7, at SWCID. The community is invited to see this show of electrifying colors, animal prints and blends. Her designs include everything from loungewear to evening wear.

Admission will be free. Students will serve as models, and Shonowo plans to share part of her heritage and history during the program as well.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be presented Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1-2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This will include a one hour lunch. Both sessions must be attended and AARP membership is not required.

This is a review course designed to sharpen and enhance the driving skills of those age 50 and over. There are no written tests or exams. Tuition is \$8 and includes a valuable workbook to keep. Upon completion of the course, a certificate is issued which entitles the recipient to a 10 percent discount in auto insurance premiums good for one year.

To enroll, call the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628.

### THE LAST WORD

Be intent upon the perfection of the present day.  
William Law

Life is a stranger's solium, a night at an inn.  
Marcus Aurelius

Growth is the only evidence of life.  
Cardinal Newman

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help build your local CWA, the office is listed in the telephone directory. If you have questions, call Deede Cauley, Area Representative, 263-0140. You can also contact Janet Wolfe, Reta Faught or Diane Fox.

Feb. 26 and 27 in Amarillo, the CWA Area Steering Committee will have a booth at the "Understanding the Times: A Worldview Weekend 1999" sponsored by The American Family Policy Institute, Summit Ministries and The American Family Association. Admitted on AFR (91.5 FM) as a weekend to prepare you biblically to defend your faith, family and freedoms. The weekend includes nationally known speakers, the real-life Christian "Indiana Jones" - Bob Cornuke, Dr. David Noebel, Branon Howse, Tim Wildmon and Kerby Anderson.

Workshops will be held for adults and teens (12-17 years of age). This is an excellent antidote for Christian teens to be prepared for the different worldviews that will confront them when they leave for college.

Donations sent to the West Texas Office of CWA will provide support for future West Texas activities. In the past, local CWA members in the Big Spring Area, have held Candidate Forums and hosted events of nationally known speakers including David Barton and Little Bear Wheeler. By contributing to national through the local West Texas office, one also affiliates with the local Chapter.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Might Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist Church met at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in the fellowship hall for their regular luncheon and business meeting.

Bro. Dudley Mullins led the opening prayer. President Ida Belle Bankston presided over a brief business meeting introducing the new officers and discussed plans for the club in the year.

January birthday honorees were Thelma Roberts, Cletha Clayton and Dorothy Taylor. Nineteen members enjoyed a time of fellowship after the business meeting.

Next club meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the fellowship hall. Guests and new members are welcome.

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club of Coahoma held its January meeting in the community room at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library. Bonnie Hale introduced guest

speaker Carol Scott who gave a lively review of the book "Outlaws in Petticoats." Scott highlighted the life of Ma Ferguson who was the first woman governor of Texas.

Following the program, president Eula Bell Fowler held a short business meeting in which plans were made to attend Midland Community Theatre's presentation of Carousel. Refreshments were served to 14 members and one guest by cohostesses Patricia Barr and Bonnie Hale.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club met in the Fireplace Room of the Dora Roberts Community Center on Jan. 21. Cohostesses for the even were Katie Lara and Mary Ann Phillips. Special guest for the day was Susan Zack Lewis who presented slides of Texas wildflowers. The narrative accompanying the pictures made the trip down Texas roads more personal as well as entertaining and informative.

In the subsequent business meeting, president Zula McCrary reported on previous activities and read and thank you letter for the club's participation in Christmas parties at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club met for their regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center. The meeting commenced with Lion Quail Dobbs being presented with a 20-year pin by Boss Lion Bruce Griffith.

There was discussion of the next project coming up in March - the annual Pancake Supper. This event is always held in conjunction with open house at Coahoma Elementary, Junior High and High School during National Education Week.

Lion Bill Gressett reported that United Blood Services in San Angelo collected 18 pints of blood during the recent blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 20. The drive sponsored by the Coahoma Lions is held approximately four times a year at the Coahoma Church of Christ fellowship building. This is a community wide blood drive. The next blood drive is scheduled for March 18. Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to give the "gift of life." Each pint of blood given can help three people.

A commendation to the Coahoma Lions Club for being a 100 percent club in contributing to the Eye Tissue Bank concluded the meeting. The Coahoma Lions Club will next meet on Monday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

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to sign up for the course will be Monday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Session 1 will begin on Feb. 8 and continue through May 3. There will be no class over Spring Break. For more information you may call Brenda Banks in the evenings at 264-9608 or Baptist Temple Church at 267-8287.

First Baptist Church

At First Baptist Church, every Sunday is a super Sunday, and we invite you to come and worship with us at 10:50 a.m.

Our senior adults meet Tuesday, Feb. 2, for their monthly luncheon and program at the noon hour. If you are a

senior adult and would like to have a great meal and enjoy a good program, come join our LLL (Live Long and Like it) for this wonderful time together. The meeting this month will be in the Family Life Center instead of the dining room, but come in the southeast doors like always.

A new ministry is beginning Sunday, Feb. 7, at 8 a.m. in the lounge at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop for the truckers who have stopped there to rest, refuel, or eat. Many never have the opportunity to attend church services, so we are taking the church to them. Would you like to be a part of this ministry? Call the church, 267-8223.

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and disease and hopelessness. And it frees us to live with joy even in the face of death because we are not alone.

"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:37-39).

The most unfortunate people in the world are not who are suffering physical pain or alienation, but the people who refuse to believe in God because they don't know the LOVE of God.

Russ Mullins is the minister at Coahoma Church of Christ.

Poll finds more U.S. women accept religious politicking

NEW YORK (AP) - American women have moved markedly toward accepting religious activism in politics, according to a poll released Wednesday by a feminist group.

Respondents split 50-50 when asked whether elected officials should be guided by religious values and whether "religion and politics shouldn't mix." In a comparable survey done in 1992, 63 percent of women picked the second choice.

On abortion, a prime topic for church politicking, 53 percent of those surveyed in the poll conducted in mid-1998 said it should be illegal except for rape, incest and saving a woman's life, or else forbidden in all cases. That's an 8 percent shift away from abortion rights in a poll done two years ago.

"The changes on abortion are pretty dramatic," said Diane Colasanto of Princeton Survey Research Associates, which conducted the telephone survey for the Center for Gender Equality.

The survey also showed that American women are becoming more devout, with 75 percent considering religion "very important" in their lives. That's a 6 percent increase from 1996. Women who said they prayed daily increased 11 percent in the same period.

Those identifying themselves as "born-again or evangelical Christian" totaled 51 percent, an increase of 6 percent since 1996.

The 1998 poll showed 76 percent of women think religious leaders and groups have a "somewhat" or "very positive" effect on the country. Responding to a series of questions about the influence of such groups on government, politics and public schools, those surveyed showed little worry that it was excessive.

By a 2-to-1 ratio, respondents had a favorable attitude toward the Christian Coalition's impact on women's lives.

Virtually all the women polled favored equal treatment in employment, promotion, pay raises, education and access to loans.

The survey was conducted among 1,000 women who were 18 and over. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percent.

North Dakota man makes his mark by starting Christian tattoo group

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Randy Mastre is a tattoo artist of Christian themes. He inks Jesus into his customers.

His tattooed Biblical inscriptions and portraits of Christ provide startling contrast to more typical flaming skulls and "Born to Raise Hell" markings adorning the leather-clad bikers he rubs elbows with at national tattoo conventions.

It was at one of those conventions that he met the Rev. Daniel Ostrowski, a born-again Christian and Word of Faith pastor who runs a tattoo parlor in Wausau, Wis.

Last year, the two decided to unite other Christian tattooers. Since then, almost 100 tattoo parlors across the nation have heard the call of the Christian Tattoo Association.

"Our idea is: Let's take Christianity out of cloistered halls and put it right in the forum where people live, and let's make it so real, so up-to-date, so today that it impacts peoples' lives," Ostrowski says.

Adds Mastre, who is studying to be a Pentecostal pastor, "I think the best way to put it is a few like-minded people that are trying their very best to share the word of God in a place where it's never heard."

At tattoo conventions, they put up a table and work the crowd.

Some members adopt tattoos

that cover their entire backs. Tattoos of St. Michael slaying the devil and the Last Supper are popular.

"I've seen hundreds of full-back Christian tattoos," Mastre says.

Mastre says he's wanted to start a Christian tattoo group for years. He said Christians in the industry need to encourage each other.

"We don't want everybody in the world to think that tattooing is the work of the devil because it isn't," Mastre says. "It's a beautiful art form."

Rand Johnson, a tattooer in Willmar, Minn., describes the group as a ministry focused on people in the tattoo industry - and whoever else will listen.

"For the most part, the world of tattoos and tattooing and such is a pretty dark world, and as a Christian you want to shed a little light in there," Johnson says.

Some members of the clergy aren't wild about the idea.

Fargo Bishop Rick Foss says that if somebody has to have a tattoo, he'd rather it have a Christian theme. But, he adds, there are better ways to spread God's word.

"I'd be really surprised if anybody could make a very good case in the Bible or on the basis of Christian tradition that this is somehow a really good thing," says Foss, who heads the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Some clergy members who are against tattooing cite a Biblical passage in Leviticus, which they say warns, "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you..."

Mastre argues that the passage is part of the Old Testament, and that many rules were changed in the New Testament.

"If they want to live by the Old Covenant, they have to do it all," Mastre said. "They just can't pick out one thing or the other."

Christian tattoos have always comprised a sizable piece of the tattoo market, Ostrowski says. What's new is the effort to organize.

From small Biblical quotations to portraits of Jesus, Mastre works in his tattoo parlor in a Bismarck mall. A sign saying "Praise the Lord" hangs above one of his studios, where he'll make a small tattoo for \$40 to \$100. Larger works run from \$300 into the thousands.

Mastre says he also removes about 40 tattoos a month.

"I know that several times people have come in with demonic type of tattoos, and they've become Christian and wanted them removed or covered," he says.

Prosecutors: Lyons misused money for burned black churches

LARGO, Fla. (AP) - When the Rev. Henry Lyons accepted a \$225,000 check to rebuild burned black churches, he sunk \$60,000 in his savings account and spent part of the money to redecorate his house and pay off bills, prosecutors said.

Lyons had told the Anti-Defamation League the money would go immediately to "the wheels that are squeaking the loudest." But prosecutors said he gave \$12,000 to his wife, and sent money to love interests in Tennessee and Indiana.

"Rev. Lyons made it seem there was an urgency to this ... He indicated there were some churches that needed instruments of worship - pews and Bibles," Amy Goldstein, former assistant director of national leadership for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, testified Tuesday.

"It seemed to me they were in desperate need and the money would be disbursed immediately."

Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, is charged with racketeering and grand theft, accused of swindling money from corporations seeking to do business with the convention and stealing the ADL funds intended to rebuild churches.

Mark Medin, the ADL's director of national leadership, said the organization's leaders first began questioning where the money went when they received telephone calls from reporters in the St. Petersburg area after prosecutors began investigating Lyons' finances.

Lyons accepted the \$225,000 check at the ADL's annual meeting in New York City in 1996, where he introduced three ministers from rural and impoverished burned churches.

Prosecutors say Lyons actually had distributed less than \$40,000 to burned churches - \$10,000 each to three churches and \$3,000 each to their pastors.

Lyons' defense lawyers told jurors in opening statements Monday that Lyons held the money in bank accounts while researching how best to distribute it, and returned the funds when the ADL asked him to do so.

Lyons and codefendant Bernice Edwards are charged with racketeering. They are accused of devising elaborate schemes to divert more than \$4 million from corporations seeking to do business with the convention and then spending the money on expensive homes, diamond jewelry and luxury cars.

Bill would make it OK to take a gun to church

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Holy heat. There could be a gun under that choir robe or churchgoer's jacket.

A legislator has introduced a bill to let people with concealed-gun permits bear their arms in church.

Constituents want the privilege because sometimes they must go straight from work to weeknight church services and can't get home to drop off their guns, state Rep. Stephen Simon said.

He introduced a bill Monday to relax the state's concealed-weapons ban in houses of worship, as well as in parks, sports events and bars. Guns still would be barred from schools, state offices, courthouses and airports.

Simon doesn't think there will be any danger.

"Statistics will show that there have been no instances where guns have been pulled and innocent people have been hurt," he said.

Ministers and church officers in Kentucky may carry guns inside church, under a provision enacted last year.

In addition to Arkansas, states that prohibit people with concealed-weapons permits from carrying guns in church are Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Wyoming.

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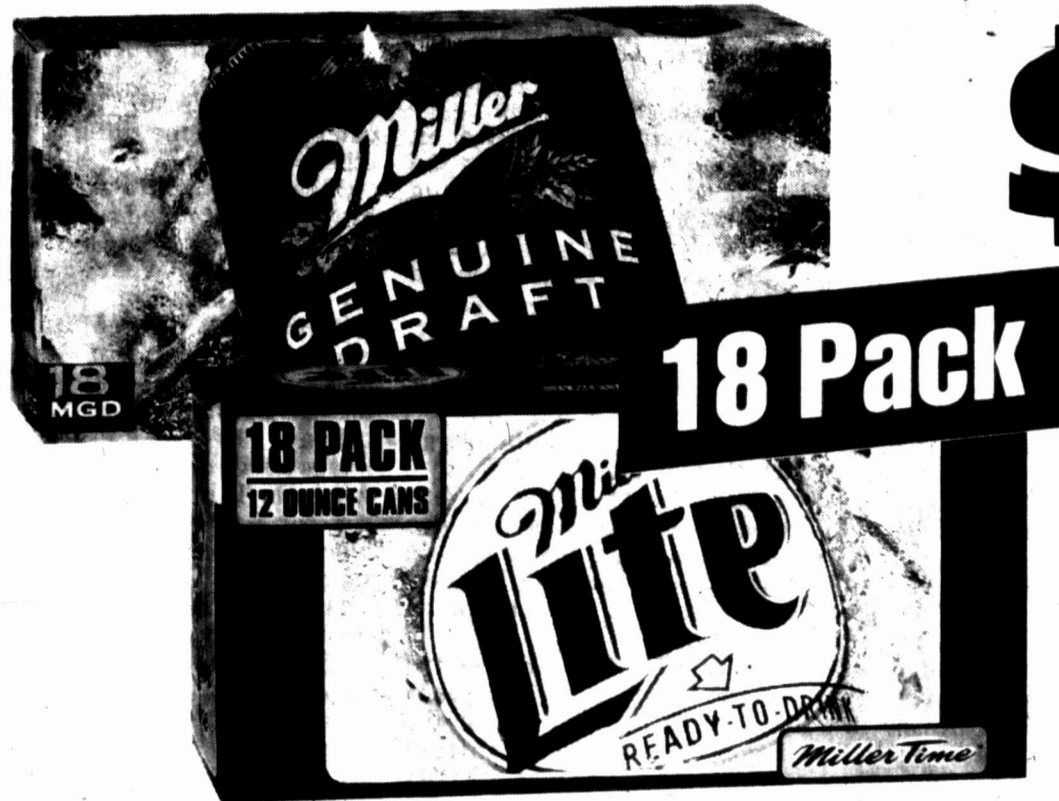
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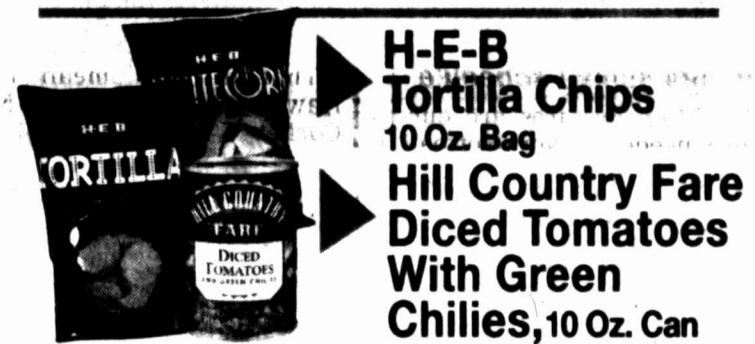
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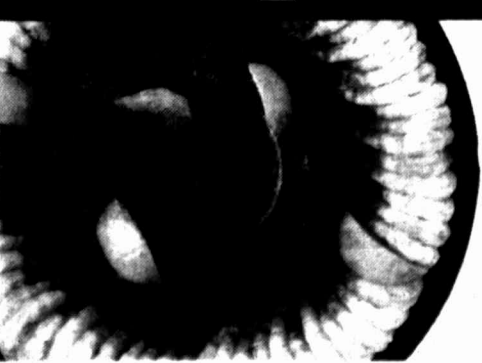
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### IN BRIEF

#### UGSA slates its first meeting for Monday

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled an open public meeting for 6 p.m. Monday at the Howard County Library's community room.

A board meeting will follow. For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 263-3623.

#### 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 streets.

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 Pass.

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

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

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

#### Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

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

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

#### Gonzalez denies seeking a \$100 million contract

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Juan Gonzalez is denying a Puerto Rican news report that he wants a new contract worth more than \$100 million.

El Nuevo Dia reported on Thursday that the two-time American League Most Valuable Player would seek as much as free-agent pitcher Kevin Brown, who recently signed a \$105 million contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"A pitcher cannot be worth more than an everyday player, much less one who has won two Most Valuable Player awards in three years," Gonzalez was quoted as saying.

But Gonzalez says he never made such a demand.

"The Puerto Rican and Dominican papers asked me about the big contracts. I said all I'll talk about is my numbers on the field. My job is to put up numbers," he told the Star-Telegram by telephone from Puerto Rico.

### TONIGHT

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- 6 p.m.
  - Snyder at Big Spring (girls and boys).
- 6:30 p.m.
  - Coahoma at Tahoka (girls and boys).
  - Wall at Forsan (girls and boys).
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### ON TV

**TODAY:**  
**HOCKEY**  
6 p.m. — Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

**TENNIS**  
8:30 p.m. — Australian Open, women's championship, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## BSHS swim teams head to District 4-4A meet as underdogs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

After having won a boys' championship as well as the overall team title a year ago, Big Spring's Steers swimmers head into this weekend's District 4-4A swimming and diving championships gunning for second-place finishes.

"We've known all along that we just didn't have the number of kids it was going to take to defend our boys' championship and our girls just aren't strong enough to challenge with Monahans and Pecos for the girls' title," Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said going into tonight's 6:30 start of the meet with one-meter springboard diving competition.

Although the Steers figure to be a solid contender for second place in the boys' division, Pecos' Eagles are favored to

retake the championship Big Spring copped in 1998.

Big Spring's boys will battle Andrews' Mustangs and Monahans' host Lobos for the runner-up's position in a field of seven teams that also includes Fort Stockton's Panthers, Seminole's Indians and Abilene Wylie's Bulldogs.

Big Spring's top contenders include several favorites. Senior Slate Broyles is a solid favorite to take the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke championships, while Billy Beckworth was content for both the 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke title.

Justin Williams should make a strong showing in the 200 freestyle, while Doug Willberg figures to be among the leaders in both the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

The remainder of the Steers' contingent includes J.P. Vazquez in the 50 and

100 freestyle, Marcus Hernandez in the 100 and 500 freestyle races and Cody Clark in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

The district's girls' title figures to be hotly contested between Pecos' Lady Eagles and Monahans' Lady Lobos, with the Lady Steers figuring to be a solid third-place finisher with a possibility of slipping up on one of the front-runners for second.

"If we can get most of our girls into the finals, then we've got a chance at surprising some people," Smith explained. "It's going to take everyone of them swimming at their best, but we're capable of doing it."

The Lady Steers' best bet figures to be Melissa Sheedy in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, while teammate Michelle Stokes figures to medal in the 100 freestyle and at least reach the

finals in the 100 breaststroke.

TZ Marsch figures to reach the finals in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, while Rene Flores will be gunning to finish in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

Heidi Robinson and Amanda Morris also figure to provide points in the freestyle events, Robinson in the 50 and 100, while Morris will swim the longer 200 and 500 races.

The Lady Steers will also have Vanessa Yanez swimming in the 200 and 500 freestyle events, Stacy DeLosSantos in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, Monica Hernandez in the 50 and 500 freestyle, Nadia Torres in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke and Bond Moughon in the 50 and 100 backstroke.

Swimming event prelims are slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with finals starting at 5:30 p.m.

## Clarendon no match for Howard blitz

### Lady Hawks break loose for 84-48 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

It was a mismatch almost from the outset.

Clarendon's Lady Bulldogs managed to get on the scoreboard first Thursday night when Roni Henderson hit a jumper from close range, but that lead would last for exactly 19 seconds.

And once Howard College's No. 11-ranked Lady Hawks got rolling, the rout was on. Clarendon would not enjoy another lead.

When all was said and done, the Lady Hawks had improved their record to 20-2 on the season and 5-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play with an 84-48 romp.

That did not mean Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery was completely pleased with his team's showing — his primary concern was its inability to shut down 6-foot post Kiri Neptune inside the paint during the first 20 minutes.

Corkery used every combination of personnel at his disposal in the first half, but Neptune — a sophomore from Trinidad, Tobago — seemed almost unstoppable, scoring 14 of her team-high 20 points.

Neptune's production was all that kept Howard from running away and hiding at the very start.

"We did a better job of stopping (Neptune) at the post in the second half," Corkery said. "She's an awfully good player and we had a lot of trouble with her early. When we went in, at halftime, we said we wanted to concentrate on denying her the ball and did a better job of it."

In addition to holding Neptune to just six points in the final 20 minutes, the Lady Hawks put together some scoring inside of their own with sophomore Jovanae St. Cyr leading the way.

St. Cyr scored 10 points from close range, while freshmen Caryn Ross and Nacol Beaudion added seven points each from the paint.

"That's one of the things that we keep wanting to see ... more balanced scoring," Corkery said, acknowledging that the Lady Hawks guard tandem of Karlita Washington and Latasha Moore continue to carry most of the team's scoring burden. "We needed production from the paint ... Jovanae got more involved offensively



Howard point guard Karlita Washington (22) puts up a jump shot from the lane, scoring two of her game-high 22 points as Clarendon's Kiri Neptune (55) and Sharla Odhams (15) can only watch the shot during Thursday night's game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Hawks improved to 20-2 on the season with an 84-48 win.

and defensively inside and we needed that."

Washington paced Howard's offense, scoring a game-high 22 points from her point guard's position, while Moore added 15 to round out the Lady Hawks' double-digit production.

Like Neptune, the lion's share of Washington's offense came in the first half, as she scored 18 points in leading the Lady Hawks to a 41-26 halftime edge.

In the second half, Moore took the lead, scoring 12 points as the Lady Hawks became a little more democratic — all but two players on the Howard roster contributing to the blowout.

After Neptune hit a baseline jumper to trim the Lady Hawks' lead to just nine, 35-26, with 1:52 remaining in the first half, Washington got busy and scored six unanswered points down the stretch to account for Howard's 15-point halftime advantage.

The Lady Bulldogs would get off first in the second half and trim Howard's lead to 10 with a quick five points, but in keeping with Corkery's philosophy of making a big run at the start

of the second half, the Lady Hawks promptly reeled off eight unanswered points that ignited an 18-3 run that ended any hope of a Clarendon comeback.

Howard then added insult to injury on the final 21/2 minutes, Neptune's final field goal closing out Clarendon's production at the 2:36 mark while the Lady Hawks mopped up with an 11-point run down the stretch.

Neptune's 20 points was Clarendon's only double-digit performance, as Henderson's nine was the best the Lady Bulldogs could muster in support.

The Lady Bulldogs dropped to 10-7 on the season and 1-4 in WJAC play, while the Lady Hawks' victory allowed them to stay one game behind league-leading Midland College's Lady Chaps.

In other WJAC women's games Thursday night, Midland maintained its lead on the league with a 91-71 win over Odessa, while South Plains

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### Hawks throw 79-61 shock at upset-minded Bulldogs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

After having upended Odessa's Wranglers and Midland's Chaparrals on the road, Clarendon College's Bulldogs headed into Thursday night's showdown with Howard College's league-leading Hawks with thoughts of another upset.

There would be no Western Junior College Athletic Conference shocking win for the Bulldogs.

Instead, there was only the shock of suffering a 79-61 loss that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

In fact, the Hawks held sway by more than 20 points for most of the second half as they improved to 16-5 overall and remained perfect in WJAC play with a 6-0 mark.

Perhaps the real surprise was Hawks head coach Tommy Collins' assessment of his team's performance.

"It was a win ... that's what's most important," Collins said following a slopping finish to the affair that saw the Bulldogs parade to the free throw line six times in the closing three minutes and trim a 25-point Howard lead to the final 18-point margin.

"We didn't get up emotionally and didn't play as well physically as I'd like to have seen us play," Collins added. "Of course, we were coming off three big road games ... that's always a little draining."

"The problem, though, is that we've got to go back on the road Monday," he continued, already looking ahead to the Hawks' 8 p.m. tip with Frank Phillips' Plainsmen. "What concerns me most about that one is that we've already played them ... beat them by something like 17 points during the WJAC Shootout here before the holidays."

Although the Bulldogs, who went into the game with a 12-6 mark overall and a 2-3 record in WJAC play, would take a quick 3-0 lead on a 3-point shot by freshman Nate Jones, the conference's leading scorer, the Hawks quickly answered with a 3-pointer from freshman forward Derrick Franklin.

After both teams swapped field goals to deadlock the score at 5-all, Lamont Roberts hit a three-point shot that gave Howard a lead it would never surrender.

The Bulldogs answered with a layup by point guard Danny Anaya, only to see Franklin hit

back-to-back three-pointers and Greg Lewis tip in a teammate's miss that provided a nine-point margin.

Jones, who would finish the night just shy of his 20 points per game average with a team-topping 18, tried to keep the Bulldogs in the game as Clarendon reached the midpoint of the first half trailing by just five, 20-15.

The Hawks, however, rattled off 12 unanswered points to make it 32-15 and only a couple of brief furries by the Bulldogs allowed Clarendon to trim Howard's halftime lead to just 11 at 39-28.

Although the Bulldogs would open the second half with tiff-for-tiff scoring and remain somewhat in contention by staying within 10 points during the first eight minutes of the final 20 minutes, the Hawks refused to allow Clarendon a chance put together any sort of an unanswered run.

Instead, it would be a Hawks run — ignited by a pair of dunks by 6-foot-6 freshman post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar — that made it a 21-point Howard lead with 8:48 remaining.

There would be no more challenges from the Bulldogs, especially after Jones was forced to make an early exit, drawing his fifth personal foul with 4:06 to play.

Anaya would finish the night with 16 points for the Bulldogs and freshman forward Charney Ephriam would add a couple of late three-pointers to give him eight for the night, but Clarendon simply didn't have the offensive tools to stop the Hawks.

Lewis led the Hawks offensively with 23 points — 13 of them coming in the second half — while point guard Larry Alloway added 15 more.

Franklin rounded out Howard's double-digit scoring with 12 points, while all but two of the players on the Hawks roster contributed to the offensive run.

**Hawks 79, Clarendon 61**  
CLARENDON — Anaya 5 0 6 6 16, Moreland 3 0 0 0 6, Yates 2 0 1 4 5, P. Marshall 0 0 0 1 0, Ephriam 2 2 4 8, Jones 6 1 3 6 18, St. Rose 0 0 0 0 7, Marshall 1 0 1 2 3, Dixon 1 0 3 4 5, Chandler 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 18 3 16 27 61.  
HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 0 4 0 2 12, Justin Rhodes 0 1 2 2 5, Scooter Owens 1 1 2 6, Lamont Roberts 1 1 0 0 5, Larry Alloway 6 0 3 4 15, Don Peace 1 0 0 0 2, Greg Lewis 11 0 1 2 23, Darryl Martin 0 0 0 0 0, Donald Ceasar 3 0 1 3 7, Myron Brown 1 0 2 4 4, Fred Lewis 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 24 7 10 19 79.

**Halftime score:** Howard 39, Clarendon 28.  
**Three-point goals:** Clarendon 3 (Ephriam 2, Jones), Howard 7 (Franklin 4, Rhodes, Owens, Roberts). **Total Fouls:** Clarendon 19, Howard 24. **Fouled Out:** Jones. **Technical Fouls:** None.

## Who will win? Super Bowl's answer comes in two more days

MIAMI (AP) — Shannon Sharpe has all the answers, and yet the Super Bowl questions keep coming.

Will Ray Buchanan wear his dog collar Sunday? Will Paul Tagliabue do the Dirty Bird if the Atlanta Falcons win? Will John Elway ever quit? Will Sharpe ever quit talking?

The game is only two days away, and we still don't know. But the final day of media access to players Thursday yielded a few clues.

**— WHICH TEAM IS HUNGRIER?**  
The Falcons are in the Super Bowl for the first time in their 33-year history, and linebacker Jessie Tuggle has been with them for 12 years.

"I was part of the problem; I wanted to

be part of the solution," he says. "We're not satisfied. It has been a long time coming, and I'm just trying to seize the moment."

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chocolate chip cookies.  
Edge: Falcons.

**— WHICH TEAM IS MORE INTIMIDATING?**

The taunt-trading between Sharpe and Buchanan escalates into a war of words worthy of pro wrasslin'.

"Shannon looks like a horse," says Buchanan, the Falcons' Pro Bowl cornerback. "I'll tell you, that's an ugly dude. You can't tell me he doesn't look like Mr. Ed."

Buchanan's comments are quickly relayed by reporters to Sharpe, the Broncos' Pro Bowl tight end.

"Ray said that?" Sharpe responds. "Well, I think he's ugly, but did I ever call him that? No. Tell Ray to put the eyeliner, the lipstick and the high heels away. I'm not saying he's a cross-dress-

er; that's just what I heard."

Edge: Broncos.

**— WHICH TEAM IS QUICKER?**

A reporter asks Atlanta's Cornelius Bennett, "Do you feel the game is getting closer?"

"It is," Bennett responds quickly. Meanwhile, the 38-year-old Elway fields one final question before playing perhaps his final game.

"John, you say you're a smarter quarterback as you've gotten older. How much smarter are you having Terrell Davis in the backfield?"

"I'm a genius," Elway responds quickly.  
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SPORTS EXTRA

JUCO-MEN

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 25:

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team Name, Record. Lists top 20 JUCO-MEN teams.

AP TOP 25-WOMEN

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NFL franchise price zooms toward \$1 billion

MIAMI (AP) — Like an out-of-control slot machine with bells ringing and sirens whining, the pricetag of an NFL expansion franchise seems headed straight for the ultimate jackpot — \$1 billion.

Carmen Policy in September and the \$800 million bid for the Washington Redskins this month.

Roski and Eli Broad, who hope to renovate the existing LA Coliseum — and the Houston bidders headed by Robert McNair.

Nobody was blinking at that number as two ownership groups representing Los Angeles and one from Houston laid out their plans before the NFL expansion and stadium committees.

The Redskins bid remains on hold as the NFL finance committee seeks a way to include John Cooke, son of the late owner Jack Kent Cooke, in the ownership. No decision was reached on that issue after the committee met first with executives of the team and bidders.

Both cities lost previous NFL teams. LA has been without a franchise since the Raiders and the Rams moved in 1995. The Houston Oilers left for Tennessee in 1997.

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SURE?

Atlanta's 45-year-old Steve DeBerg is surrounded by four cameras, five tape recorders, 10 notepads and Hall of Fame quarterback Sonny Jurgensen.

Disc player in one hand and his cell phone in the other.

Meanwhile, Falcons defensive tackle Esera Tualo demonstrates his vocal skill for a camera crew by singing the national anthem and the gospel song "Eyes On The Sparrow."

EDGE — WHICH TEAM IS HEALTHIER?

Bennett is 0-4 in Super Bowls, so it's not surprising to learn he's a bit queasy. "I have one of the worst stomach problems in the history of the league," he says.

WHICH COACH IS ON THE VERGE OF CRACKING UNDER THE PRESSURE?

Denver's Mike Shanahan dismisses the suggestion he's a candidate for burnout.

LADY HAWKS

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BRONCOS GUARD MARK SCHLERETH IS ALSO HURTING, AND NOT JUST BECAUSE HE HAS UNDERGONE SURGERY 22 TIMES.

"It's a real pain to sit in this hot tent and answer the same questions over and over," he says.

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"How valuable is Morten Andersen to you?" the reporter asks.

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"Where are you from?" Reeves says. "Denmark," the reporter answers.

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Edge: none. — WHICH TEAM IS BETTER PREPARED? Atlanta offensive lineman Bob Hallen sits with nine empty chairs at an interview table reading a sports column headlined, "This war to be won in trenches."

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# Councilman talks to FBI on IOC cash

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Former City Councilman Tom Godfrey has told his tale of the nervous Salt Lake Olympics official with the large bag of cash to the FBI.

Godfrey told FBI agents Wednesday night what he had told reporters earlier in the week: A bid committee staff member told him of carrying \$50,000 in cash to Budapest, Hungary, in 1995 just before the 2002 Winter Games were awarded.

He said Thursday he promised the FBI agents he would not disclose what he told them.

But he recounted the conversation he said occurred in the summer of 1996, when he and the man were reminiscing about what they had been doing the year before. Godfrey, who was a councilman at the time and traveled to Budapest, has declined to name the man.

"He was saying that his trip to Budapest was a bit uncomfortable because he had to carry \$50,000 in cash. So it wasn't a pleasant flight for him," Godfrey said. "He didn't say what it was for. He said he gave it to another staff member for expenses and that was it."

Godfrey said he didn't press the man for details, but after revelations that Salt Lake's bid committee lavishly courted International Olympic Committee members before the IOC vote, the information seemed more interesting, he said.

Besides the Justice Department, an ethics panel for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the United States Olympic Committee are investigating the extravagant payments, gifts, free medical care and scholarships for IOC relatives.

The IOC during the weekend said its investigation had found Salt Lake's bid committee spent more than \$800,000, including cash payments, on 14 specific IOC members.

In other developments Thursday:

The Justice Department has issued subpoenas to the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, Utah Valley State College and Intermountain Health Care for information on IOC officials and relatives who attended the schools or were given medical care by IHC.

Two children of IOC members previously were identified as attending Utah schools. Swaziland IOC member David Sibandze's son, Sibor, reportedly received bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah. Libyan IOC member Bashir Attarabulsi's son, Suhel, said he attended BYU and UVSC. He said Olympic organizers paid his tuition bills and provided him with \$700 each month for living expenses.

Two proprietors of a defunct Salt Lake escort service were quoted by The Salt Lake Tribune as saying their escorts entertained IOC members at downtown hotels while they were visiting in the spring of 1995.

George and Milena Georgiev, who opened Snow White Escort Services in 1993, said two escorts performed stripteases for IOC officials. They could not say who arranged or paid for the escorts.

It's long been rumored that escorts were provided to IOC members, but officials said there never was any confirmation. KTVX two weeks ago quoted unidentified sources it said were close to SLOC and the escort industry as saying IOC members asked SLOC staffers both in Salt Lake City and at IOC meetings overseas to arrange escorts and the SLOC leaders were flabbergasted at the much higher cost overseas.

Tom Schaffer, attorney for former bid committee and SLOC leader Tom Welch, quoted his client as saying he knew nothing of escorts being provided.

USA Today said Welch and IOC member Jean-Claude Ganga of the Congo shared a bank account. Schaffer said Welch's name was on the account so Welch could procure funds for him from the account in the event Ganga was out of the country. He said Welch said he never made a deposit or withdrawal from the account.

An IOC report said Ganga received \$216,000 in gifts and payments from organizers.

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## Trusting & Accepting God's Ways



Recently, a friend of mine told me about his meeting with a financial adviser, and how for the first time he truly understood what he was being told. He felt he could trust and accept the advice because the financial adviser explained simply and at his level of understanding.

Our relationship with God should also be simple and easy to understand. We may not fully understand everything about our faith or why certain things happen to us in this world, but that's okay. We simply have to realize that God cares about us and that His ways are not always our ways. God's unending love and support for us is always there. In return, He asks us to love, trust, and accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

Almighty God, how happy are those who trust in you!

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Let your hair down and plan to have more fun this year. Sometimes you can be very serious-minded. Open up to more creative thinking. Allow others a greater role in your life. Sometimes you might be confused about choices, especially with relationships in general. You will push to grow both professionally and emotionally. Sensitivity to your needs is important; you could easily put too much on your plate. If you are single, romance flourishes, and you meet others easily. Expand your social circle. If attached, you might not exactly be grounded about a loved one, but may not care. Work on communications. Leo often confuses you.

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) Don't worry about an unexpected obstacle. You could be wondering which direction to take with a contrary family member. Let creativity come into play. You could get angry with a partner, or vice versa. Remember, kissing and making up is fun! Minor confusion is just that - minor. Tonight: Love is all around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't take anything for granted. Avoid being heavy and pedantic. Listen carefully to your inner voice. You might not be comfortable with another's decision. Go within for answers. Clear the air with a partner. Tonight: Invite others for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Balance your checkbook before leaving the house. Your awareness of what you want from others is clear. However, you might not feel you can make it happen. Allow your happy-go-lucky self to come out after you feel sure of yourself. Verify plans. Others feel insecure. Tonight: To the movies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are all smiles. Make the most of a special opportunity. Loved ones show caring and want to move a project ahead. Listen carefully to another who comes on strong. You might not be sure what to do with a child or loved one who baits you. Be indulgent. Tonight: Don't worry, be happy!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take it easy in the morning. You could be overwhelmed by news that comes your way. A change in plans could upset you. Remember who you are and what you want. Listen to feedback from a family member who could be angry. Your personality melts barriers. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A partner might not be telling you everything he should. He is definitely out of kilter. You might not have been as sensitive as you needed to. Words seem to exacerbate matters; the full story remains obscured. Be understanding, but don't try to

resolve the issue. Tonight: A night off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Pressure builds, and you could easily blow a fuse. You might not see the big picture right now. Focus on work or deal with a parent. Realize exactly where a partner is coming from. You simply have been cutting this person off. Make time for friends and a get-together. Curtail spending. Tonight: With friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take an overview, not a stand. You are rather scattered and tired. Pursue a hobby you love. Take care of yourself, rather than responsibilities. Screen calls if need be; use your answering machine. Time off is just what you need. Tonight: Others seek you out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Find out what is really going on. Think carefully before verbalizing anger. You might need to regain perspective. A child or loved one seems to shut down. However, this might not be news! Hop in the car to explore a favorite place or two; invite a friend. Tonight: To the library.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Opinions ring out loud and clear. Let others air their feelings. A friend pushes to get exactly what he wants. Think before leaping into action. You might be pressured by a partner to do something you really aren't ready to do. Confusion surrounds an investment. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Plunge into a project and get it done! Don't let another push you around. Realize your restrictions, recognize what is important to you and follow through on your priorities. A close friend lures you out of the doldrums; go along with his plans. You might be confused about a key relationship. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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it would be only until the end of the month - less than two weeks away. "Alan" had been having trouble with the people he was living with and needed to get out before the situation exploded. He said he would move in with a co-worker in a week and a half. Well, that apparently fell through. So have four other "possibilities" he has since told us about. I've talked with my two roommates, and they are also tired of Alan's continuing to "hang out." Yet they do nothing about it.

Abby, I've tried everything I can think of. As the only early riser in the house, I'm usually up by 6 a.m. I have told Alan that it's past time he moved on and have left the "Room for Rent" section of the newspaper open and circled. I've even col-

lected "roommate wanted" information from the bulletin boards at the university I attend. I've blasted my stereo, turned on the TV, left the front door open in the winter air, pulled the blanket off him, and banged around the kitchen. He doesn't seem to get the idea. Short of changing the locks, I don't know what else to do. How can we get this thick-skinned freeloader out? - FED UP WITH OLD FISH

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FOR SALE: 2 bd., 1110 E. 13th. OWNER FINANCE. Start home or rental property. \$10,500. Call 915-995-0100.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1007 E. 16th. 2 bd. New carpet and paint. \$1,000/down, \$207 per month for 14 years. Call 915-520-3948.

FOR SALE OR LEASE BY OWNER Very nice brick home. 2308 Allendale. 3 bd., 2 bath, dbl. gar., fireplace, water well. \$100,000. 264-0022.

FSBO: 3/21 Kentwood Inground pool, tile, fenced, excellent condition. Mtd \$70,000. 263-5128.

HIGHLAND SOUTH HOME IN GREAT LOCATION! This is what you want when you see this nice 3-bedroom home that has all the comforts that YOU will call "HOME". Nice kitchen/dining combination super family room with all the amenities for enjoyment (wet bar and built-in bookshelves). Nice-sized back yard with fence. Low, low price that will surprise you - \$307k! Call Reader, Realtors 267-8266 or Branda Lawson 263-6462.

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3300 sq. ft., 2635/160. 2 Bedroom, Central Heat and Air, Garage, Fenced, 809 E. 14th. Must have excellent credit. 806-794-5964.

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OPEN HOUSE Just completed 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, total estate. 2679 Lynn. Open Saturday & Sunday: 1:00-5:00pm. 915-520-2645.

Very Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dbl. garage, fireplace, tile, in-law apartment, 2810 Central. Call 267-5551.

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\$200.00 Down New 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Only \$223.00 per month includes delivery, set-up, central heating, air conditioning, siding & 1 year insurance. 300 mos. 12.75% APR. Homes of America, Odessa. 48th & Andrews Hwy.

80 & 1/2 3 bedroom mobile home for sale, asking \$8,000. To see call 267-7133 leave message.

SARGAN HUNTERS New Year's Inventory Reduction. 36 decor & discontinued models. \$499/\$599 down with w/c. Ask about FREE Seminars. Dist. Only at Osterwald Homes 120 @ Pine St. - Abilene. 915-676-7122.

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FOR LEASE: Building on Snyder Highway. Call 263-5000.

Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-8944, 263-5341.

Furnished clean efficiency apartment. 400 sq. ft. \$250.00/mo. No Pets. 263-4622

2/1 Apartments. Move in Specials. From \$275-\$400 plus deposit. 407 1/2 E. 8th. Call 267-2296.

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Extra Nice 1 1/2 apt. w/car attached carport, washer-dryer combination. 267-7705 or 267-2079.

Largest, nicest THREE BEDROOM apartment in town. 2 1/2 baths, gas heat and water included in rent, two car attached carport, washer-dryer combination, private patio, beautiful courtyard with pool and party room, furnished or unfurnished and REMEMBER... YOU DESERVE THE BEST. Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 W. Marcy, 267-6500.

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One bedroom efficiency apartment. Stove & refrigerator. \$250/mo. + deposit. 407 1/2 E. 8th. Call 267-2296.

1 br. with stove & ref. furnished. Good location, fenced back yard. Come by 1904 Snyder for more information.

1909 RENTED bdr. \$32. No Pets. Sorry No F.

2 br. 1 bath Mobile Home in Coahoma. New carpet, partly furnished. Call 364-4986.

2210 Lynn Drive; 3 br.; 2 bath furnished, central AC, 1 yr. lease required. \$600/mo. \$400/dep. No. in d.o.r. Call P.etal Owner/Broker. 263-6514.

3 br., 2 bath, 2 living areas, CHA, fridge/stove. \$450/mo. + dep. Call 263-0438.

3 br. 2 bath duplex. 2107 Main #A. \$250./mo. 915-363-6243.

3 br. 1 bath duplex in Sand Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3/2/1 dan, clean ext. large, no pets. \$595. 267-2070

602 GEORGE: 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice neighborhood. Near Elementary. \$550/mo. plus dep. Call 267-2296.

For Rent: Country home Brick. 3 bd., 2 bath. 2 car garage. 6 miles S. of Ackerly on FM 2230. Sands ISD. Shown by appt. only call 363-4510.

Nice 1 bd. futn. apt. Bills paid. \$350/mo. \$150/dep. 1002 Furnace-Alex. 2 bd. unif. house. \$350./mo., \$150/dep. Call 263-9668.

Nice 2 bedroom. Good location. Central heat/air. No Petal Call 268-1888.

Small 3bd. Mobile Home. CHA, w/d, stove & ref. \$350/mo., \$150/dep. HUD Midway area. Call 363-5585 anytime or after 5pm 267-3114.

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And in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks, the preceding said day of sale, in the Big Spring Herald, a newspaper in Howard County, Texas, published on the 29th day of January, 1999, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., at the north courthouse door of said county, at the rights, title and interest of AUGUSTIN SALGADO and in and to the above described property, will be offered for sale, for cash, to the highest bidder.

Day and Evening Coats Hosiery. Apply at Red Moss Gift, 2601 Fong.

FOR SALE in Odessa. 2 bd, 1 bath on 3 lots. Close to school. \$7,000. Make Offer. Call 915-457-2346 leave message.

Owner transferred and READY TO DEAL 3/2, recently remodeled and updated with top of the line upgrades. Like new appliances. Adorable and decorated to perfection. Can also offer financing options with payments less than rent. House qualifies for NOTHING down to get you in. All credit considered. \$50's. Owner/agent (972) 219-1400 for information and appointment to see.

Newly remodeled Denny's now hiring all positions. Apply in person between 2-5pm, Mon-Fri. Salary based on experience.

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Carriage Needed For the Big Spring Herald. Call 263-7355 or come by 710 Sourry for an application.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The City Council has designated the City Manager to designate and maintain four (4) way stop signs at Main and 5th Street (2-way Stop Sign presently on 5th Street), with backing boards to be placed by Big Spring City Code Sec. 16-133. Stop Intersections. Authorize the City Manager to designate and maintain stop intersections on streets as directed by the City Council. 2171 January 29 & 31, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on March 4, 1999 at 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 for the purchase of two (2) 1999 1/2 ton trucks with regular beds. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the Big Spring Independent School District Office, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will be opened and read about publically at the above set time, place, and date.

Bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees on March 18, 1999, at 5:15 p.m. at their regular board meeting for their consideration. The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 2198 January 22 & 29, 1999

NOTICE OF SALE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued from the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas on a judgment rendered in said Court on Cause number 8908, in favor of CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, in the case of Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. AUGUSTIN SALGADO, in said Court, for the sum of \$18,000.94 and court costs and interest, the undersigned did on the 14th day of January, 1999, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., levy upon the following real estate lying and being situated in Howard County, Texas, as the property of the said defendant AUGUSTIN SALGADO: LOT FOUR, BLOCK THREE, SETTLES ADDITION HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

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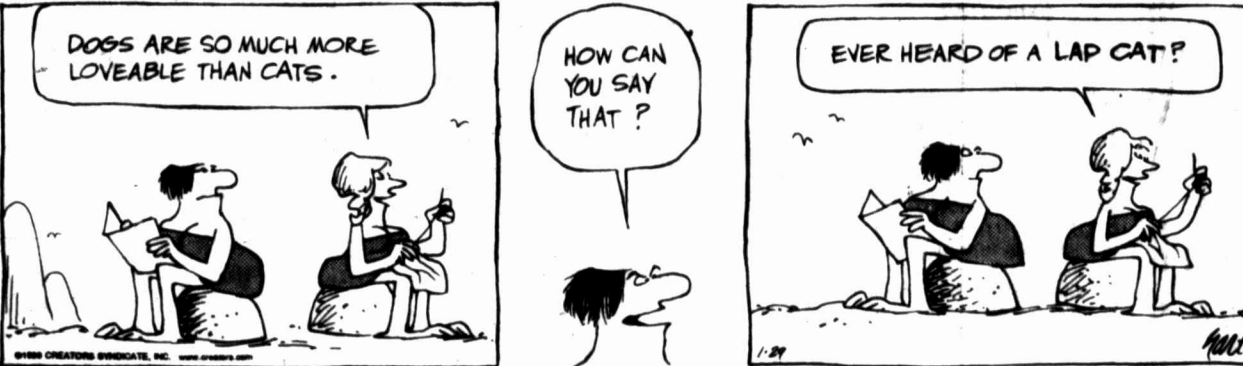
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 1999. There are 99 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

- Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
- 1 Winner's token
  - 6 Prognosticator
  - 10 Critic Siskel
  - 14 Make right
  - 15 Folklore monster
  - 16 Egg-shaped
  - 17 Island nation
  - 18 Dub
  - 19 Cup brims
  - 20 Hospital wing
  - 21 "The Dating Game" theme
  - 24 Let it stand
  - 25 Teachers' org.
  - 26 Business transaction
  - 29 Stand
  - 31 - Pyle, USMC
  - 36 Common man of ancient Rome
  - 37 One: it
  - 38 Beach shelter
  - 39 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" theme
  - 42 "A Night to Remember" star
  - 43 Take to court
  - 44 Thought
  - 45 S. Korean city
  - 46 Dugout stack
  - 47 Char slightly
  - 48 Arikara
  - 50 Come to a stop
  - 52 "The Doris Day Show" theme
  - 57 Egyptian cobra
  - 60 Do-others separator
  - 61 Smell
  - 62 Misrepresent
  - 64 False god
  - 65 Oscar... Hoya
  - 66 Privileged few
  - 67 Little lake
  - 68 First garden
  - 69 One cubic decimeter
  - 6 Short musical piece
  - 7 Alaska's first governor
  - 8 Weasel with a black-tipped tail
  - 9 Singer Della
  - 10 Links activity
  - 11 Wicked
  - 12 Back of the neck
  - 13 "Lohengrin" lady
  - 22 Examine
  - 23 "the Horrible"
  - 24 "Airport" co-star Jean
  - 26 Wet impact
  - 27 Hilo farewell
  - 28 Flood shield
  - 30 Latin beat
  - 32 Woodwinds member
  - 33 Bee Arthur sitcom
  - 34 Three fijos
  - 35 "M\*A\*S\*H" clerk
  - 36 Roman salad?
  - 40 Accustom
  - 41 Protestant denomination
  - 46 Formed drops
  - 49 Wear away
  - 51 Product sticker
  - 52 Witty remark
  - 53 Loosen
  - 54 Berkshire college
  - 55 Auctioneer's last word
  - 56 One-and-only
  - 57 Touched down
  - 58 Location
  - 59 Equal
  - 63 Actor Wallace

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died insane at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that saw both the American and French revolutions.

In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York "Evening Mirror."

In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery that included admitting California into the Union as a free state.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1900, the American League, consisting of eight baseball teams, was organized in Philadelphia.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married.

In 1963, the first members of football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

In 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston.

In 1978, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Ten years ago: West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union suffered a major setback in West Berlin municipal elections.

Five years ago: Japan's Parliament approved watershed measures to stem political corruption. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela kicked off his party's campaign for the country's first multiracial elections.

One year ago: A bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing Robert Sanderson, an off-duty police officer working as a security guard, and critically injuring Emily Lyons, a nurse.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian "Professor" Irwin Corey is 87. Actor John Forsythe is 81. Actor Noel Harrison is 65. Author Germaine Greer is 60. Actor Tom Selleck is 54. Actor Marc Singer is 51. Actress Ann Jillian is 48. Rock musician Louise Perez (Los Lobos) is 46. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 45. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 43. Actress Judy Norton Taylor ("The Waltons") is 41. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato (NRBQ) is 40. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 38. Rock musician Eddie Jackson (Queensryche) is 38. Actor Nicholas Turturno is 37. Rock singer-musician Roddy Frame (Astec Camera) is 35. Actor-director Edward Burns is 31. Actress Heather Graham is 29. Actress Sara Gilbert is 24.

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