

## WEDNESDAY

January 19, 2000

### WEATHER

#### Tonight:



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**TONIGHT 36°-39° THURSDAY 53°-55°**

### Blood drive going on at Coahoma CC

A blood drive at Coahoma Community Center continues until 7:30 p.m. today. The drive began at 4 p.m. United Blood Services representatives are urging people to donate because blood supplies in West Texas are in critical shortage. All blood types are needed, as demand has exceeded supply and some hospitals not able to provide the pints needed are postponing elective surgeries, according to Elizabeth Escobar, technical director for UBS in El Paso. Anyone 17 years of age or older may donate blood, provided they weigh more than 110 pounds.

### WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.
  - Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
  - Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Rackley-Swords Chp. 370 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
  - American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.
  - Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.
- FRIDAY**
- AMBUCS, noon.
  - Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
  - Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.
- SATURDAY**
- Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.
- MONDAY**
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
  - Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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## Big Spring joins most West Texas cities in seeing tax rebate increase

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Most West Texas cities — including Big Spring — began the new year with increases in sales tax rebates. Big Spring's payment was up more than \$30,000 for January, with the city receiving \$261,905.51 compared to \$231,129.40 last year — an increase of 13.31 percent. The year-to-date total is the same, since it is the first payment of the year. It was the second month in a row that the

city had shown an increase over the previous year. January's rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in November and reported to the State Comptroller's Office in December. Seventeen of 18 West Texas communities showed increases in sales tax rebates, comparing the current month with January 1999. Only Snyder received less money this year than last. Both Coahoma and Forsan also showed increases for the

reporting period. Coahoma received a check for \$2,749.66 compared to \$2,398.29 a year ago, while Forsan got \$1,563.46 back compared to \$1,005.08 last year. Stanton showed an increase of 36.72 percent, receiving \$8,226.42 from the state, compared to \$6,016.86 last January. Part of Stanton's increase came from the location of a new discount store in the community. San Angelo's sales tax rebate was up a whopping 81.84 percent, reflecting a half-cent tax increase approved by voters last

July. The Tom Green county seat received \$957,464.11 this month, compared to \$526,534.26 last year. Colorado City received more than \$11,000 over the amount it took in last January. The city received \$32,525.74 for the month, compared to \$20,632.69 last year, an increase of 57.64 percent. A new Alco store, as well as a discount store downtown, helped the Mitchell County seat. Snyder's January payment was \$96,010.24 — down 11.08 percent compared to \$107,954.62

received last year. Odessa received \$887,426.48 in January, an increase of 14.37 percent when compared to the \$775,916.27 taken in last year. January's payment to Midland was \$892,038.68, up 11.74 percent compared to the \$798,252.13 received in the same month last year. Abilene received a payment of \$1,756,294.76, up 18.01 percent over the \$1,488,237.25 received in January 1999. Lubbock's payment was

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City of Big Spring employees Jay Lopez, left, and Chad Harbour perform a pressure test of the water lines on Lancaster and Martin Luther King Boulevard Tuesday morning. The city was called after receiving complaints of low water pressure from some residents on that block.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

## Mayor Garcia becomes third candidate to declare, second to file for post

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Garcia on Tuesday became the third person to declare as a candidate for mayor, and the second to officially file the paperwork. "As mayor pro tem, it's a natural step to take to mayor," said Garcia, who represents District 2 on the council. "I represent my district and the community as a city council member but I think I would be able to represent the whole community better as mayor."



GARCIA

In filing the necessary paperwork, Garcia joins former councilman Russ McEwen in seeking the mayor's post, followed by former mayor Tim Blackshear filed as a candidate for the House of Representatives' District 70 seat. Greg Biddison, District 6 city councilman, has announced he will run for mayor, but has not returned the paperwork, according to the city secretary. Garcia is employed by Howard College and teaches English through Cornell Corrections. He is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and is on the parish council. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Downtown Lions Club and Rotary Club. Garcia received his bachelor's

degree in humanities from the University of Texas Permian Basin. "Right now we have a really good team working on the council," said Garcia, who completes his first full term as councilman in May. "I think the council has a good, well-focused idea on the direction are heading. We've got growth coming to Big Spring and I think the council is very much involved in that growth. As mayor, we wouldn't have to look at someone else coming in, not knowing what his likes or dislikes would be. "With someone new coming in, it would be like a new team. I think keeping the council as much together as possible is good for the community right now. "I want to encourage the community to get out and vote. This is one of the last elections of the millennium, and one that will set us forth into the new century. The people need to have a say-so in what direction their community leaders should take." The deadline to file in the March 4 mayoral election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the city secretary's office at City Hall. On May 6, the city council election will be held. Seats up for election are Garcia's District 2 post, Biddison's District 6 post and the District 4 post held by Tommy Tune. Basic requirements to run for mayor or city council are that the candidate be at least 18 years old and have lived in the city limits for the past 12 months. State law also applies.

## Airpark receives notification of \$700,000 grant for lighting system

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark recently received a \$700,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to upgrade the landing strip lighting system. "This project will completely



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upgrade the whole landing light system at the airpark," said Emma Bogard, Big Spring assistant city manager. The TxDOT aviation airfield light project for McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will use both state and federal money for the upgrading of the airpark's lighting system. The city of Big Spring will be responsible for 10 percent of the grant money, about \$70,000, according to Bogard. "This project will bring the

airpark up to today's standard," said Nelda Reagan, airpark administrator. "Most of the airpark lighting is left over from the old Webb Air Force Base." According to Reagan, the money will be used to relocate and build a new electrical vault that supplies energy for the airpark. The beacon will be moved closer to the location for the new terminal. The project includes installing a new directional

lighting system for the airport, and a Runway End Identifier Light system, that may be radio controlled, she said. Because McMahon-Wrinkle is not controlled by a tower, pilots use radio frequencies to turn up the lighting system at night. "TxDOT will take this project to the state commission in March where we should be formally approved," Reagan said. "Once approved, we will be receiving all the paperwork and sending out bids for engineer-

ing consultants. We should see some action on the project about mid-summer." According to Reagan, airport services should not be disrupted or only have minimal disruption to the pilots who use the airport. "The engineers who will work on the project must have the expertise in working on running airports," Reagan said. "We are not anticipating any major disruptions in airport service."

## Unseasonably warm temperature to stay around for awhile

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Tuesday's high temperature of 83 degrees exceeded a record set in 1982 of 77 degrees, and weather experts predict the warm weather will continue for the next seven days. "We see no change in this weather pattern for the next seven-day forecast. We're looking at a continuing warm and dry weather pattern until our severe weather season in April," said Ray Fagan, meteorologist in Midland. And while comparatively cooler temperatures may be experienced this winter season,

the forecast is that those temperatures will just reach normal winter highs. "Our normal high temperature for this time of year is 56 degrees, so we're already 25 degrees above normal. Even if we go back to the normal temperatures, it'll feel cold. We're expecting a similar dry and warm winter to what we had last year," Fagan said. And meteorologists are also predicting severe weather for April and May, similar to 1999's spring, he said. "We're looking at more severe weather patterns, large hail and tornadoes, in the spring when the atmosphere basically starts trying to reverse itself. We're

expecting the severe weather season to be like last year," Fagan said. In the spring of 1999, more than 70 tornadoes hit Oklahoma City in one day, leaving devastation and death in their wake. Fagan said this type of severe weather is caused by warm, moist air rising and colliding with cold, dry air, which tends to sink. And he also said dry conditions are expected to continue, at least until the severe weather season of April and May. "Looking at the seven decades we've been recording the weather, since the 1930s, the

## Skywarn classes coming up

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

The National Weather Service Office in Midland offers classes that teach weather spotting in a program dubbed Skywarn, and the first class in our area is in Garden City Thursday at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. "This class teaches how to spot weather and monitor it as it is developing. It also teaches where to stay in a safe place while this weather is developing, so that a tornado does not

head right for you," said Ray Fagan, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Midland. The basic classes are free of charge and once the two-hour course is complete, a student has an opportunity to become a national weather spotter. Highlights of the course include learning how to identify severe thunderstorm structures, learning appropriate safety precautions and learning new weather service tech-

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OBITUARIES

**Manuel B. Gutierrez Sr.**

Manuel B. Gutierrez Sr., 76, Big Spring, died at 1:55 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a long illness.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 17, 1923, in Charlotte. He came to Big Spring in 1958 from San Antonio. He worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center until retiring in 1986. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in Europe and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in combat. He

married Sharon Skalicky Nov. 13, 1970, in Lovington, N.M.

He is survived by: his wife, Sharon Gutierrez of Big Spring; two sons, Manuel Gutierrez Jr. of Big Spring, and Rudy Gutierrez and his wife Lupe of Big Spring; one daughter, Janie Lazario and her husband Roland of San Antonio; one sister, Irene Moreno of Amarillo; one stepson, Clifton Skalicky of Big Spring; and one stepdaughter, Lisa Brakeen of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Fermin and George Gutierrez, and one sister, Lily Gutierrez.

Grandsons, Paul Gutierrez, Mark Gutierrez, Rudy Gutierrez, Fermin Gutierrez, Jonathan Hilario and Michael Martinez, will serve as pallbearers.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**David R. Rawls**

David R. Rawls, 80, Sand Springs, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at his residence following a long illness. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1919, in San Saba. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He worked as a security guard at the San Diego Naval Training Center for a number of years, retiring in 1965. He had been a resident of Howard County for 10 years moving here from San Diego. He was preceded in death by his wife Aunita.

He is survived by four daughters, Nita Rawls of Sand Springs, Margie Cochran of Sand Springs, Carolyn Inga of San Diego, Calif., and Wanda Barker of Whitesboro; one sister, Minnie Pearl Rawls of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Consuelo Willis**

Graveside service for Consuelo Willis, 75, Sand Springs, will be held today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ricky Carstensen, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Willis died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

She was born on April 29, 1924, in El Paso. She had been a resident of Howard County for 20 years. Mrs. Willis was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986.

There are no known survivors.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Margaret Reidy**

A wake vigil for Margaret Reidy, 82, Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Reidy died Monday, Jan. 17, at the Fort Worth Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following a long illness.

She was born on April 14, 1917, in Ballinger. She married James Reidy in November of 1950 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in October of 1982. Mrs. Reidy had lived in Big Spring for almost 40 years before moving to Fort Worth in 1988. She graduated from Howard College School of Nursing and was a licensed vocational nurse at Hall Bennett Memorial Hospital, the Bennett House and later the Veterans Administration Medical Center, retiring in 1982. Mrs. Reidy was a long-time member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

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She is survived by: two sons, James Reidy of Richardson, and Tony Reidy of Mansfield; and one sister, Ruth Helbing of Hurst.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association; 2910 Swiss Avenue, Dallas; 75204.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Martha Harp**

Service for Martha Harp, 88, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City following a long illness.

**E.R. Brown**

Funeral service for E.R. Brown, 92, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Carroll Kohl and Pastor Steve Stutz, both of St. Paul Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Brown died Monday, Jan. 17, in a local hospital.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1907, in Palo Pinto. He married Lillie Pachal on March 9, 1981, in Stanton. He worked for the railroad as a conductor for 50 years. Mr. Brown was a Baptist and a member of the local railroad union.

Survivors include: his wife, Lillie Brown of Big Spring; a son, Bill Brown of Abilene; a daughter, Betty Hass of Hobbs, N.M.; a step-son, Richard Pachal of New Braunfels; two step-daughters, Eloise McMurray of Big Spring, and Peggy Clauss of Rancho Murietta, Calif.; three grandchildren; and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church; 810 Scurry; Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

**Raymond Burnett**

Raymond David Burnett, 51, Stanton, died on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, in a Midland hospital. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Additional services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000, at the Newberry Chapel with interment in Newberry Cemetery in Alma, Ark.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1948, in Roseburg, Ore., and married Deanna McClain on Jan. 23, 1969, in Fort Smith, Ark.

He grew up in Arkansas and had lived in Stanton for 18 years. He was a former employee of H-E-B in Midland. Mr. Burnett loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren and he was an avid football fan.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Deanna Burnett of Stanton; two daughters, Stephanie Cox and her husband, Bill of Stanton, and Rachel Burnett of Arlington; one son, Jonathan Burnett of Stanton; his mother and stepfather, Alene and Jack Huffstetter of Van Buren, Ark.; a sister, Linda Travis of Alma, Ark.; three granddaughters, Ashley Cox, Rebecca Cox and Elizabeth Cox and one grandson, Marshall Cox, all of Stanton; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family suggests memorials to The American Heart Association; 3525 Andrews Hwy, Suite 111; Midland, 79703.

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

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AROUND THE TOWN**

**SALES TAX**

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\$1,983,107.79, an increase over last year's payment of \$1,695,037.53 by 16.99 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 46.79 percent for Lamesa, which received \$69,039.81 this month, compared to \$47,029.94 in January of 1999.

Pecos received \$60,434.08 this month, compared to \$48,201.50 last year - up 25.37 percent.

Monahans took in \$58,761.85, a 16.36 percent increase when compared to the \$50,497.51 the city received last year.

Rebates for Fort Stockton amounted to \$82,063.32 for the month, a 67.15 percent increase over the \$49,094.93 received a year ago.

Sweetwater received \$136,209.70, up 22.65 percent over the \$111,049.24 received in January of 1999.

Seminole received \$34,136.31 - up 27.75 percent - while Kermit was up 3.12 percent to \$23,359.29.

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1990s were the second driest decade on record. The 1950s were actually the driest. And interestingly, the 1980s were the wettest decade of the seven," he said.

He added that rainfall was so scarce in 1998 and 1999 that the total combined rainfall of the two years was still less than the normal rainfall in one year.

The current weather pattern is a La Nina-type pattern, which is to say that sea surface temperatures are pushing jet stream air, causing warmer weather in the south and much colder weather in the northern United States.

"That's what's causing the severely cold weather in the northeast," Fagan said.

And he said neither area may expect much different weather in the future.

"We will probably still get some colder air shots that will lower temperatures this winter, somewhat," he said.

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"We'll have video from last year's severe weather events including the Oklahoma City tornado," said George Mathews, a meteorologist who coordinates the classes.

"Currently, severe weather is monitored by a specialized team based in Norman, Okla. with the National Severe Weather Service. This team uses portable Doppler radar to measure and track tornadoes," Fagan said.

Fagan said the team visited the Midland-Odessa area in 1999, when a tornado struck south Midland County.

A Skywarn class is set for Big Spring Feb. 15 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Another is set for Feb. 29 in the Martin County Community Center. All these classes begin at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Mathews at 915-563-5006, ext. 223.

**POLICE**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from the period ending 8 a.m. today:

• **STEVE RODRIGUEZ**, 18, was arrested on a charge of class C assault by threats.

**TEXAS LOTTERY**

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

• **JOSEPHINE MITCHELL**, 38, was arrested on a U. S. Marshall warrant.

• **FRIDA TRUELOVE**, 47, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **WILLIAM GRAVES**, 59, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHNNY SANCHEZ**, 17, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of East Third, the 1100 block of West Sixth, and the 1600 block of East Sixth.

• **ASSAULT** was reported at the police station.

• **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 1800 block of South Goliad, the 1300 block of Stadium, and the 1600 block of Avion.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg.

• **THREATS** were reported at the police station.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of West Fifth.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of East 12th, the 2900 block of West Highway 80, and the 500 block of Westover.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2000 block of East FM-700.

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

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 2900 block of West Eighth.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

**SHERIFF**

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activities:

• **PHILLIP ARNOLD PRICE**, 36, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. (BSPD)

• **ALICE RIOS GUZMAN**, 27, was arrested on warrants for judgment of sentence driving while license suspended and judgment of sentence displaying fictitious inspection. (HCSO)

• **MARY ANN RODRIGUEZ**, 28, was arrested on a warrant for insurance of bad check and displaying expired registration. (HCSO)

• **GERALD T. LORD**, 33, was arrested on a Parker County warrant for theft more than \$50 less than \$500. (DPS)

• **VICKY BRADLEY**, 30, was arrested on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance. (BSPD)

• **CHARLES JEFFREY KILCREASE**, 34, was arrested on warrants for violation of promise to appear, two counts of burglary of a building, theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. (BSPD)

• **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS**, 34, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief of more than \$50 less than \$500. (HCSO)

• **MICHAEL DON GRESSETT**, 42, was arrested on warrants for driving while intoxicated, third or more, and no driver's license. (HCSO)

• **BILLY JAMES CLAYTON**, 65, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon. (DPS)

• **ROSENDO JIMENEZ**, 37, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more. (HCSO)

• **DAVID WAYNE O'BRIEN**, 20, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. (BSPD)

• **THADDEUS ALVIN FOSTER**, 34, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (DPS)

• **CHRISTOBAL OCHOTERNA CHAVEZ**, 48, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

• **CAMILO CARRILLO GARZA JR.**, 56, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second. (BSPD)

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506** will have a fish fry Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. For more information call 263-2084.

• **A PLANNING MEETING** for the Big Spring High School classes of 1950 and 1951 members will take place Friday at noon at Spanish Inn restaurant. For more information, call Joyce Choate, 393-5231; or Sue Guthrie at 267-6068.

**BRIEFS**

**A BLOOD DRIVE IS** planned today from 4-7:30 p.m. at Coahoma Community Center. United Blood Services will be conducting the drive. Call 394-4277 for an appointment or more information.

**PHILADELPHIA** who refuses to protest of the activities is Supreme Court. "I'm deeply sorry going to hear the look at other taxes without efforts," Prisc Tuesday's court. "I will continue the government for the purpose said.

**SUSPENDED** RANGER (AF) in this old oil b are sure of the series of suspicious. "This is Ranger," said Tom Adams, v was one of nine burned in one town of about miles west of F In his year police chief, T made extra effort a no-tolerance what he terms 'drug problem that has been u Mayor Ken Tuesday that officers have done four drug mar over the past ye "The only thing think of is the tion against th ment and what Parrack said rebelling again they don't want business. "My feeling i doing somethin Before the fir reported Mond protesters pick

**WILSON** following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

**TUESDAY** 4:14 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:49 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:40 p.m. - 700 block Lorilla, gas leak.

6:29 p.m. - 1200 block E. Third, trauma call, service refused.

6:31 p.m. - I-20 mile marker 176, traffic accident, service refused.

7:43 p.m. - 3300 block East I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:40 p.m. - 1900 block Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:00 p.m. - 15th and Austin, report of smoke, false call.

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21th & Johnson 267-8288  
Consuelo Willis, 75, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.  
David Rawls, 80, died Saturday. Private family Memorial Services will be at a later date.  
James W. Gibson, 76, died Saturday. Military burial will be Thursday at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery in San Antonio.  
Manuel B. Gutierrez, 76, died Tuesday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.  
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Martha Harp, 88, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
E. R. Brown, 92 died Monday. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Raymond David Burnett, 51, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church. Additional Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Newberry Chapel with interment in Newberry Cemetery in Alma, Arkansas.  
Wayne W. Allen, 90, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Grace Armstrong Kinney, 82, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday in the old sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## House GOP developing plan to pay off national debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaker Dennis Hastert is ready to announce that House Republicans will develop a long-term economic plan that envisions paying off the public debt by 2015.

GOP aides, speaking Tuesday night on condition of anonymity, said the Illinois Republican's pledge anticipates setting aside all of the projected Social Security surplus as well as some portion of projected general government surplus funds to eliminate the \$3.7 trillion public debt for the first time since 1835.

No details were available.

"If we eliminate this debt, that money can be freed up for use on other priorities like tax relief, investing in our schools, or fortifying our national

defense," according to remarks prepared for delivery today by the Illinois Republican.

Hastert made his first public mention of retiring the national debt at a news conference two weeks ago. His decision to expand on the issue several days before Congress convenes underscores the extent to which Republicans are hoping to lay out a legislative agenda to compete with President Clinton's State of the Union address.

Hastert is expected to call on Clinton to join Republicans in their debt retirement effort when he addresses the issue in New Mexico on Thursday.

Republican aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said money would still be available for tax cuts that majority Republicans want to enact this

year, including relief from the so-called marriage penalty. One aide said the booming economy meant the GOP blueprint could also accommodate the \$483 billion multiyear tax cut that GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush advocates.

Beginning last spring, Republicans sought to position themselves as strong defenders of Social Security, declaring that in a reversal of long-standing practice, Congress wouldn't spend any of the retirement program's surplus on general government needs.

Revised budget estimates expected to be made public next week will show that Republicans met their goal for the current fiscal year. And under current law, excess Social Security funds are used

to pay down the national debt.

The speaker is expected to say he is directing the Budget Committee to begin work on legislation to present to the GOP leadership before a budget is passed in the House, and no later than April 15.

In addition, he will touch indirectly on a second GOP election-year initiative, a drive to reduce wasteful government spending, by saying that cutting out waste is essential if the nation is to be public debt free in the next 15 years.

The total national debt now totals an estimated \$5.76 trillion, of which \$3.7 trillion is owed the public in Treasury bills and savings bonds. The remaining \$2 trillion is owed by the government to Social Security and other trust funds.

## Three dead in dorm fire, university spokesman says

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — A smoky fire swept through a Seton Hall University dormitory early today, killing three people and injuring about 25 others. Hundreds of students were forced to flee into bitter pre-dawn cold.

The blaze in the six-story Boland residence hall began at about 4:30 a.m., university spokeswoman Lisa Grider said. It appeared to start on the third floor, pouring thick, black smoke out of the windows.

She said the cause of the fire was unknown, as was the extent of the damage.

Witnesses said some students leaped from windows to escape the heavy smoke. Others started tying sheets together to climb down from windows, before firefighters arrived and rescued them, said Jake Archer, 18, a second-floor resident from Trenton.

The building, which houses about 600 students, was evacuated and the fire was extinguished quickly. Firefighters searched rooms to account for all of the residents.

About 25 students were taken to hospitals with burns or smoke inhalation, officials said. Grider said three people died.

The conditions of the injured were not immediately known.

Twelve students were taken to St. Barnabas Medical Center

in Livingston. They suffered burns and smoke inhalation, hospital spokeswoman Ellen Greene said. Their conditions were not immediately available.

Four others with burns and smoke inhalation were taken to University Hospital in Newark, said hospital spokesman Rogers Ramsey.

Dozens of soot-faced students milled around the student center after the fire, some of them wearing pajamas and bundled in overcoats.

Andrew Landers, a 19-year-old freshman who lives in the hall, said he was awakened by fire alarms.

"A lot of people (were) running around and a lot of people screaming," he said.

He saw a couple of women in a window.

"They were screaming and they were trapped," Landers said. "They looked like they had nowhere to go and they were hanging out the window because the whole floor that they were in was filled with smoke, black smoke."

Classes for the university's 10,000 students were canceled today because of the fire, Grider said.

Some students said they initially thought the fire alarm may have been false. Archer said four false alarms emptied the building on the first night of final exams last semester.

## Kaczynski contends guilty plea coerced, asks for trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Convicted Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski says he would rather die than spend his life in prison, and was coerced into pleading guilty to three fatal mail bombings.

Kaczynski has filed a handwritten brief, seeking to withdraw his plea despite the risk of a death sentence.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will decide the issue after reviewing prosecutors' arguments, which are due in 10 days. The court ruled last October that a federal judge may have violated Kaczynski's

rights by allowing his lawyers to use his mental condition as a defense, over his objections, and denying his request to represent himself.

The guilty pleas "were induced by the threat of a mental state defense that Kaczynski would have found unendurable, as well as by deprivation of constitutional rights," wrote Kaczynski, who referred to himself in the third person.

"Kaczynski's counsel's portrayal of him as a grotesque lunatic would have been broadcast nationwide, and this was a prospect that anyone might

have found unendurable. Suicide to avoid public humiliation is by no means unknown," said Kaczynski, who attempted suicide in jail after his lawyers told him of their plans.

He also said he "repeatedly made it clear to his attorneys that if presented with a choice between life imprisonment and a death sentence, he would just as soon have the death sentence."

His brief was filed Dec. 28. Kaczynski is in a maximum-security federal prison in Colorado.

Kaczynski, a Harvard-trained

mathematician who became a forest recluse, pleaded guilty in January 1998 to mail bombings that killed three people and injured 23.

Kaczynski's writings have connected the attacks to his campaign against what he considered the tyranny of technology.

The Justice Department initially sought a death sentence for Kaczynski but accepted a life sentence after a court-ordered psychiatric examination, conducted over his objections, concluded he was a paranoid schizophrenic.

## Quaker vows to withhold her taxes despite Supreme Court's decision

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Quaker who refuses to pay part of her taxes in protest of the government's military activities is standing fast despite a Supreme Court rejection of her appeal.

"I'm deeply saddened that they aren't going to hear the case, but they needed to look at other ways that I could pay taxes without contributing to war efforts," Priscilla Adams said after Tuesday's court's action.

"I will continue to refuse to pay until the government stops using my money for the purpose of killing people," she said.

The nation's highest court turned away appeals by Ms. Adams and two other members of the Religious Society of Friends who said the Internal Revenue Service violates religious freedom by charging fees and interest for delays in paying the portion of their federal tax that funds the military.

Ms. Adams, of Burlington, N.J., owes the federal government thousands of dollars in back taxes and interest. She withheld a portion of federal income taxes paid for five years in the 1980s and '90s and was assessed late fees and

interest.

Gordon and Edith Browne, Quakers who own homes in New Hampshire and Vermont, also refused to pay a portion of their taxes. The Brownes sued the IRS in federal court in Vermont; Ms. Adams sued in U.S. Tax Court. Both lawsuits unsuccessfully sought refunds for the fees and interest the Quakers were forced to pay.

Their appeals did not contest having to pay 100 percent of their tax bill when the IRS forces their hand. Instead, the Quakers cited a "religious hardship" and argued they should be

able to pay the back taxes without any penalties or interest.

The justices let stand rulings that had gone against the Quakers, allowing the IRS to impose late fees and interest in addition to back taxes.

Ms. Adams said she will not pay the taxes, even if her beliefs land her in prison.

"They could create a peaceful tax pool that would collect taxes that would only go to non-war activities, but they chose to not listen to reason," she said.

Her resolve is not uncommon,

according to Quakers and members of the War Resisters League, a New York-based pacifist group. They say the rulings against Ms. Adams and the Brownes will do little to deter those who do not pay.

"If people hadn't refused to respond to the draft, there wouldn't be conscientious objection statutes like there are now," said Ruth Benn, the league's director.

"Someone has to have the courage to stand up for what they believe in. Until that happens, there won't be any opportunity for change."

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State and federal officials, including federal arson investigators, are taking part in the probe.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has assigned state troopers to help Million increase patrols throughout the area.

## Suspicious blazes in Ranger stem from effort to stop drugs, some believe

RANGER (AP) — Ask anyone in this old oil boom town. They are sure of the motive behind a series of suspicious fires.

"This is retaliation to Ranger," said lifelong resident Tom Adams, whose hay barn was one of nine buildings that burned in one night in this town of about 2,800 people, 80 miles west of Fort Worth.

In his year as the town's police chief, Tom Million has made extra efforts and instilled a no-tolerance policy to stop what he terms "a large ongoing drug problem here in Ranger that has been uncontrolled."

Mayor Ken Parrack said Tuesday that Million and his officers have destroyed at least four drug manufacturing labs over the past year.

"The only thing that I can think of is that this is retaliation against the police department and what it is doing," Parrack said. "They are rebelling against him because they don't want to be put out of business."

"My feeling is maybe we are doing something right."

Before the first of 12 fires was reported Monday night, several protesters picketed city hall,

demanding the chief's resignation.

The mayor said some of those who demonstrated are involved in drugs, but said there were no indications that there would be anything more than picketing.

"The city council would take no action, and once that was all over is when the fires started breaking out," said Million, who called some of the protesters "known criminals and known felons."

The first fire was reported about 7:20 p.m., before the city

council had adjourned but after it had refused to take action against the police chief.

Before the night was over, eight vacant houses and Adams' steel-beam barn filled tightly with about 1,000 large bales of hay had burned.

Three small grass fires were also reported.

While the other fires had been extinguished, the hay valued around \$150,000 continued to burn early today under the steel beams that wilted and buckled in the intense heat of the

flames.

Adams, 58, knows his barn just off Interstate 20 was a deliberate target because of its location.

"We had, I'm sure, the biggest bonfire spot there was sitting right out on the hill. They say it can be seen from all of Ranger," Adams said.

"Everybody around here knows everybody; there's nothing accidental here."

Robert Rains, an investigator with the Eastland County Sheriff's Department, said three

sets of motorcycle tire tracks led up to the barn, then away.

Rains said a single match could have set the dry hay ablaze.

Million said investigators are still trying to determine how the fires were set and whether accelerants were used to start any of the blazes.

Fire Chief Darrell Fox said all the fires, as many as four of which were burning at one time, appeared to have been set deliberately.

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even though every Ranger resident has a good idea about who is responsible.

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OUR VIEWS

Theatre group deserves our praise, support

Because of the acclaim received by the Christmas season's production of "A Christmas Carol," a group of almost 30 local residents are now in the process of forming a community theater in Big Spring.

While community theater is nothing new to Big Spring, it has been more than a decade since productions have been regularly staged.

The result has been a void, of sorts, in the community's arts scene.

All that should soon be a memory, however, if the plans being made by the group of theater enthusiasts come to fruition.

Rather than simply deciding they want to stage a play, this group is in the process of laying a solid foundation — establishing steering and media committees that have been charged with recruiting members for a board of directors and inform the public of their plans and needs.

The plan, according to Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle is to have a board of directors composed of community leaders, as well as professionals with expertise in fund raising, law and finance.

A great deal of work will still remain when that board of directors is formed, however.

The group plans on creating a production board once the troupe comes closer to scheduling its first performance, and it will also be searching for a permanent home for its productions.

It seems only fitting that a community that prides itself on being the smallest in Texas to boast a professional symphony would support the dramatic arts in the same manner.

Community theater, as Grizzle has noted, is something almost uniquely American. And there's no reason why Big Spring couldn't be like other nearby communities such as Midland, Lamesa and Colorado City that boast theater groups.

We here at the Herald applaud the work of volunteers who've shown their interest in a community theater and encourage broad-based support for their efforts.

OTHER VIEWS

Thankfully, President Bill Clinton has nominated Alan Greenspan to his fourth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

In this post, Greenspan has held inflation in check while still stimulating one of the longest periods of growth in the history of the United States.

Greenspan has never held an elected office, yet he is one of the most powerful men in the nation. In his post, he determines the interest rate we pay for consumer loans, mortgages and businesses loans,

among other things.

Just a word from Greenspan about inflation and interest rates can cool Wall Street's heels when it becomes overheated. Not all of us may like it at the time, but sometimes that is what the stock market needs when it becomes overinflated and stock prices exceed stocks' true value.

Managing today's diverse, global economy is a difficult task, but the 73-year-old Greenspan is up to the task.

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Let's don't leave it to the environmentalists

I get nervous when Bill Clinton does something I approve of.

That's how I felt last week when I found myself silently cheering President Clinton's designation of a new national monument on the north cliff of the Grand Canyon. Arizona's Republican governor and its entire Republican congressional delegation criticized the move as a power grab by the federal government, so how could a good conservative like me be pleased? It's a question I ask myself every time I visit a national park and thank heaven that the panoramic vistas I enjoy are in public, not private, hands. These are heretical views for a conservative, aren't they?

Well, maybe not. At least not according to Peter Huber, author of "Hard Green: Saving the Environment from the Environmentalists. A Conservative Manifesto."

Huber, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, who holds an engineering degree from MIT and a law degree from Harvard, argues that "to conserve wilderness legacies and to expand them is not to abandon conservative principle; it is to affirm it." As we grow older and richer, we want to conserve more: "more law, more history, more freedom and more public land, too. And so we should, political conservatives especially. This is the most conservative conviction we can embrace."

But conserving public lands — in the grand tradition of Republican Teddy Roosevelt — should not be confused with what has become the obsession of the environmentalist movement, regulating private property, controlling growth — both human and economic — and trying to predict and alter the future.

Environmentalists, Huber contends, have long since abandoned conservation as their primary goal. Indeed, a purely conservationist move like President Clinton's designation of the million-acre Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument last week is as likely to draw criticism as well as praise from radical environ-

mentalists, who worry that the new status will attract more people. In the environmentalists' universe, human beings are always the enemy, or so it seems.

The conservationist wants to conserve land, forests, rivers and oceans for man's enjoyment. The environmentalist wants to protect them from man. Radical environmentalists see man as a cancer on the earth, metastasizing until he destroys or devours everything else, which is why they favor population control by whatever means.

As Huber points out in a chapter he calls "Ethics in the Green Lifeboat," radical environmentalists imagine earth as a lifeboat with limited carrying capacity. He quotes Finnish environmentalist Pentti Linkola: "Those who hate life try to pull more people on board and drown everybody. Those who love and respect life use axes to chop off the extra hands hanging on the gunwale."

No wonder environmentalism makes so many conservatives uncomfortable.

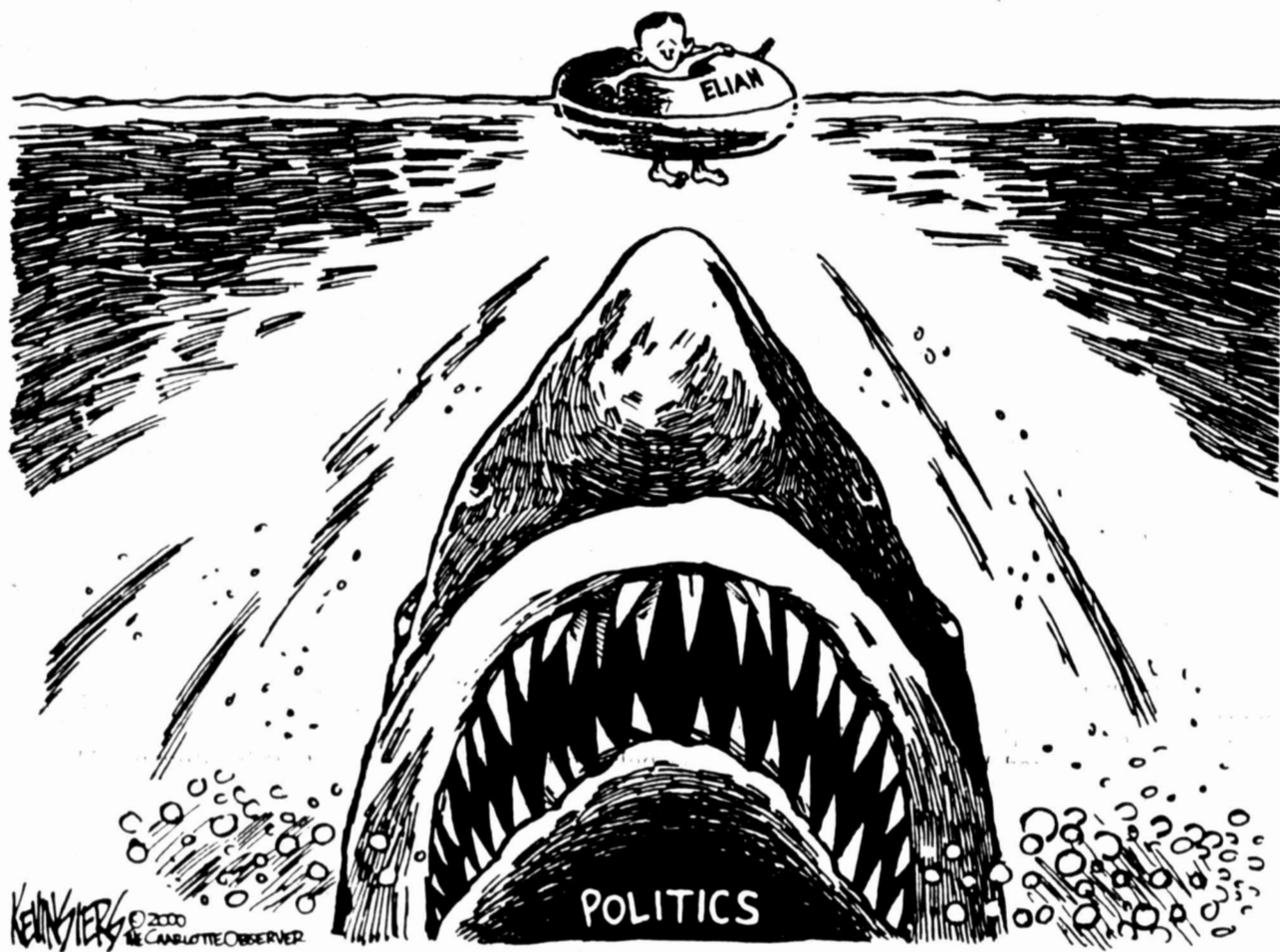
But Huber offers a different vision — a conservative one — of how to keep the earth green. Creating wealth, he notes, is

the best birth control. As people, and nations, become wealthier, population declines. Moreover, human beings are not the problem, they're the solution. "There is no inherent scarcity of food, fuel, metal, mineral or space to bury our trash," he declares. Human ingenuity coupled with free markets will transcend such limits, he says — and he provides convincing evidence to back up his claim. The one real scarcity is "scarcity of wilderness and the wildlife that dwells there," which is why Huber and other conservative conservationists want to maintain and extend forests, wetlands and wilderness.

If you're really worried about global warming, Huber told me in an interview last week, the kind of conservation President Clinton practiced last week is likely to have measurable effect. Maybe the means the president used weren't the best — he invoked a 1906 law that allows presidents to act unilaterally to preserve American antiquities instead of seeking legislation. But conservatives shouldn't decry the end itself. It's time conservatives seized wilderness conservation as their issue, rather than leaving it to the environmentalists.



LINDA CHAVEZ



Bonham's character in residence

For years, Sam Rayburn has been the most prominent name around Bonham. He served as speaker of the house during the Roosevelt and Truman years. The Sam Rayburn library in Bonham has a replica of Mr. Sam's Washington office.

Down in the basement of the Rayburn library is an impish little guy that reminds people of an Irish leprechaun. His name is MacPhelan Reese. Besides being an expert on Sam Rayburn and the author of a book about the famous speaker, Mr. Reese is a former boxer, former vaudeville performer, an ex-Hollywood gag writer, an artist, a poet and above all, a thinker who puts his thoughts down on paper. He has written four books, all steeped in philosophy.

This bearded, tweed-coat-wearing dynamo is in his 90s and gets around like he's still fighting as a welterweight. He weighs about 120 pounds. He

wears the beard, he says, to keep from being called a bald-faced liar. He walks everywhere, can drive but doesn't. He walks straight and fast and is at home at his desk piled high with books, papers, records, photos and audio tapes. He speaks with an Irish brogue, even though he was born in Bonham.

His heart, though, like his roots, is Irish. He is a literary Napoleon. He regales visitors with tales, poetry and good information about Mr. Sam. You can't ignore MacPhelan Reese.

He writes, "Ignorance is crime's masterpiece." He concluded that the person to be most afraid of is one with no sense of humor.

He chooses his words well. He writes about himself: "I am what I sham. I'm the unsheltered, helter-skeltered, failed or flouted, often daunted, much unjoined, memory-haunted, still unwanted, self-concealing, self-revealing, seldom healing, quite unneeded, quite unheeded, hoping, groping, leaping, creeping, bird-watching, word-botching, pie-eyed Piper of Bonhamlin. I am the has been who never was."

While I was interviewing him, he told me, "Sir, there isn't a poorer interview subject

in this state than myself."

Wrong, Mr. Reese. I treasure the book he gave me and signed in his classic, beautiful, calligraphy style of handwriting. It's called Gullible's Travails and contains all sorts of essays, thoughts, poems. For the ladies he writes: "It's sad when you think, though they're colder, yet bolder, that 20 years hence they'll be five years older."

He muses, "Platonic love is a curious blend of less than a lover yet more of a friend." And "Time is not a gift. Don't misuse its loan."

He writes Socrates, an alphabetized section in which he lists words and gives his meanings to them: "Addiction: Pill kill. Why this hurry for your last farewell. Is there a tardy bell in hell?"

Beauty Parlor: A narcissalton? Chastity: An unchased waste below the waist? Divorce: Wreckconciliation? Earthquake: A seismic sneeze?"

One of his philosophical essays states: "We think we're thinking when we quote thoughts of others learned by rote."

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## What's in a name?

### Some popular baby monikers stay at the top of statewide list from year to year

Did you guys miss my column last week? Well, I've been battling this flu which ended up turning into bronchitis. I hope I'm finally over all of this stuff. I just want to be normal, whatever that is!

Anyway, I found something interesting on favorite names.

How many of you had a hard time naming your baby or perhaps you wanted to have the "in" name for the year?

When my son was born, his name was already waiting for him. We named him Matthew (which ended up being my dad's idea). I looked up to see what his name meant. It means a gift from God. Well, he truly is a gift from God!

When I had my daughter, she also had her name waiting for her. We named her Angela, which means a messenger of God.

I tried to be sure my children's names meant something very special, so hopefully they would have a jump start in life in being something special; they already are.

Well, anyway, back to the popular names. In 1998, Texas resi-

dents had more babies than in any other year since births were first recorded in the state in 1903.

The top 10 most popular male names for 1998 were: Jose, Jacob, Michael, Christopher, Joshua, Matthew, David, Brandon, Jonathan and Daniel. The top 10 female names were: Emily, Ashley, Alexis, Samantha, Sarah, Victoria, Hannah, Jessica, Jennifer and Madison.

As far as 1999 goes, some of the names stayed on the list, but many new ones appeared.

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**GINA GARZA**

The top 10 female names were: Emily, Samantha, Madison, Ashley, Sarah, Hannah, Jessica, Alyssa, Alexis and Kayla.

As you can see, my son's name stayed in the top 10 list for both 1998 and 1999. I guess I chose well.

My daughter's name, on the other hand, didn't even make the lists. That's okay, though; she's unique like her name!

Have fun choosing your baby's name and I hope you have a great week.

**Source: Texas Department of Health (TDH).**

Gina Garza writes a weekly column of family tips and information.

## Where do you start?

### Getting organized

Get organized — that seems to be a popular resolution. The question is, where do you start?

If you look at the whole house and the clutter about, magazines, knick knacks, filing, etc., you might become overwhelmed, so it is best to divide the task into small jobs.

Set some goals for yourself such as a time line, a schedule of when and how you want to complete each task.

Remember in high school when you needed to complete a book for a book report? You would take the number of pages and then determine how many pages you would have to read each day to finish the book and complete the book report. Well, the same technique will work here.

For instance, if you are cleaning and organizing, obviously you will be getting rid of some things, so set a date for a garage sale. You can then create a timeline to help keep you on track. You may want to set aside some time on the weekends or designate a couple of hours one night a week. Decide what will work best for you. When you divide the chore into smaller parts, the job seems more manageable.

Now you are ready to get started. You will need some simple tools. Boxes labeled "trash, keep, charity (or sale) and route," markers, paper, pencil and a timer. Before you begin, decide how long you want to work and set your timer. Allow yourself five extra minutes and when the timer goes off, clean up and straighten and then stop. This will help to keep you on track and will also help to keep you from becoming overwhelmed as you work.

As you go through the items in the room (closet or drawers) place the items that don't belong in the room in one of the boxes.

The box labeled "keep" is for items that you want to keep. Be careful with this box because it can become an overflowing mess. Be honest with yourself and place only those things you really may want to keep. You may want to write a future date on this box, a time when you can go back through it and make some final decisions about its contents.

The route box is for items that you want to keep but belong in another place. The trash and charity or garage sale boxes are self-explanatory. As you are working, try not to become distracted. You know, looking through the old picture box, sorting through old bills, etc. This is where the paper and pencil come in, as you are cleaning out you may need to make some notes for yourself, such as needs: new photo album, buttons to finish sewing project, file box for old records.

You may even want to write yourself a "to do" list to start

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**DANA TARTER**

## Boy's story of battle with cancer published after his death

PHELPS, Ky. (AP) — Even when it was clear that he was dying, 13-year-old C.B. Wolford pressed on, hoping to finish a journal to help inspire other kids with cancer.

After his death, his family completed the task.

"My Story About Cancer," by Charles B. Wolford with Faye Wolford, was published posthumously this month and is about C.B.'s battle with Ewing's Sarcoma.

"He wanted to let other kids and other families know what we had been through and that we were just normal people," says C.B.'s mother, Faye. "He loved everybody and everybody loved him."

C.B. wrote his story on a laptop computer provided by the Make-A-Wish Foundation while he was being treated for a rare form of cancer that starts in the bones. Although it was only 14 months from the time he was diagnosed to his death on Oct. 28, 1998, he touched many people — including President Clinton — with his endearing personality.

With much candor, C.B. talks in his book about his treatments and disease, and gives readers a glimpse of his inner thoughts and fears.

In one excerpt, he writes:

"Sometimes I cry myself to sleep. I wonder, why me? Why did it have to happen to me? But I guess I am just as good a choice as anybody. If it hadn't happened to me, it would have happened to somebody else.

"You just have to keep your faith. That's what's kept me hanging on. Maybe I will get better and everything will go back to normal."

Scattered throughout the book are pictures of C.B. with his family and some of the celebrities he met, including Clinton, Cleveland Browns quarterback Tim Couch and country singer John Michael Montgomery.

The book also contains chapters by his mother, his father Ballard and younger brother Eddie, now 13. Their excerpts complete the story. They also fill in when C.B. is too sick to write any more.

Mrs. Wolford tells about C.B.'s trip to the White House two weeks before his death, where he met Clinton and played with the president's dog, Buddy.

Clinton's eyes welled with tears when C.B. asked for assistance to pay for a bowel transplant for a local teacher and for more funding for cancer research for children, Mrs.

*'I have met a lot of people, and if I have not mentioned their names, it does not mean that I don't think about them or remember what they have done for me. I am very grateful and I love each and every one of them.'*

**C. B. Wolford**

Wolford writes.

"I wish I had met you a long time ago," the president told C.B.

"There aren't many people in the world that think the way you do."

Although it was hard to write about C.B.'s last months, Mrs. Wolford said she wanted to help others. One story she shares in the book is about the time when C.B. — too sick to talk — scribbled on a piece of paper to his father: "How is Momma?"

"I can't even believe he was mine," she says, then pauses, "but he wasn't. God loaned him to me for 13 years, then he took the little angel home."

Dr. Jeffrey A. Moscow, one of C.B.'s doctors who wrote the forward to the book, said he believes C.B.'s story provides a glimpse at childhood cancer that will be beneficial for caregivers.

"When you read the book, you can understand the joy and you can certainly feel the pain," he said.

Moscow said he is especially glad that Eddie was included in the book. "A lot of times the parents focus on the child who is going through it and the people who it is often most difficult for are the siblings," the doctor said.

Despite having separate rooms, the two brothers often slept in the same bed because they were so close.

"I miss him a lot," said Eddie, who had such bad sympathy pains in his leg after C.B.'s death that his parents feared he might also have cancer.

Married at 14 and a mother to C.B. at 17, Mrs. Wolford said she felt like she grew up with the two boys. "He was my best friend," she said of C.B.

After C.B.'s death, Mrs. Wolford wondered if the book would ever be published until she received a call one day from James Riordan, publisher

of the Santa Ana, Calif.-based Seven Locks Press.

Riordan had read about C.B. in a local newspaper and wanted to publish his story. The book was released with an initial run of 1,000. All royalties will go into a fund to pay for Eddie's college education.

The book's cover shows C.B. wearing a University of Kentucky T-shirt just a few weeks before he died. Although thin, he's smiling and looks like a healthy teen-ager. In reality, C.B. threw up several times on the way to his photo shoot, and could barely hold his head up for the picture, Mrs. Wolford said.

After all C.B. went through and did for others, Mrs. Wolford said she doesn't want her son forgotten.

"I have met a lot of people, and if I have not mentioned their names, it does not mean that I don't think about them or remember what they have done for me," C.B. writes at the end of his journal. "I am very grateful and I love each and every one of them."

"May God bless everybody, and I thank him for letting me into your life — and you into mine."

"Always remember me in your prayers."

## British government sets limits on spanking children

LONDON (AP) — Britons would no longer be allowed to discipline their children by spanking them with anything other than their hand under government proposals released today.

All implements, such as canes, belts or slippers, would be forbidden to be used in physical punishment, along with smacking a child's head, eyes or ears.

The document, which is still only a recommendation, stops short of an outright ban on physical discipline, however.

"We are determined to ensure that nothing undermines a parent's right to discipline a child in a loving and caring environment," Health Minister John Hutton said. "We do not believe the criminal law should dictate to a parent's responsibility for their children."

The government was forced to review the rules regarding physical punishment after the European Court of Human Rights criticized Britain's legal acceptance of the Victorian-era concept of "rea-

sonable chastisement."

The court found in 1998 that a British father who "repeatedly and severely" beat his son was guilty of assault. The man had been acquitted by an English court after claiming "reasonable chastisement," which allows a parent to contend an assault was justified in order to discipline a child.

The latest recommendations were welcomed by children's rights groups, although many called for the government to go further and ban all forms of physical punishment.

"Our years of experience in the field has shown that smacking doesn't work and can have a very detrimental outcome on a child's development," said Kate Harper of Save the Children. "We have carried out extensive consultations with children on smacking and found that children see no distinction between smacking, hitting, slapping and a whack."

Interested groups and members of the public have three months to respond to the proposals.

## Study confirms tall men have advantages

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If it seemed as if the tall guys got all the girls in high school, it wasn't your imagination. New research suggests taller men are more likely to marry and tend to have more children than short guys.

What's behind the phenomenon — whether women prefer taller men or those men are simply more outgoing — is up for debate. The numbers clearly stack up against shorter guys.

Polish and British scientists studied the medical records of about 3,200 Polish men ages 25 to 60 and found that childless men were on average 1.2 inches shorter than men who had at least one child.

Bachelors were about an inch shorter on average than married men.

That was true even after researchers took into account the fact that men's heights increased in recent decades because of better nutrition and health care.

The records, which were collected in Wroclaw, Poland, from 1983 to 1989, showed that tall men in their 20s, 30s and 40s all had more children than their shorter peers.

Height didn't seem to matter for men in their 50s. Robin I.M. Dunbar of the University of Liverpool said that is because those men came of age after World War II — a catastrophe that claimed the lives of many Polish men and reduced women's mating options.

Dunbar said the numbers clearly show that women favor taller men — something that other research suggests is true across all cultures.

"Basically, height is a proxy for other variables that women find desirable — men who can protect them, provide them with resources, have

good social status and aren't easily dominated by other men," said Dunbar, the study's co-author.

The findings were published in a recent issue of the journal Nature.

Out of the military service records of 4,400 men, the researchers excluded men who were abnormally short or tall. The average height of the 3,200 men whose records were part of their final sample was 5-foot-6.

The researchers meant to study men whose height and reproductive success were not so gargantuan, or so small, as to have skewed their results. Their methodology would have excluded someone like Wilt Chamberlain, the 7-foot-1 basketball star who bragged of sleeping with 20,000 women.

While other studies have shown that taller-than-average men have higher incomes and social status than shorter men, this study is the first to demonstrate a direct link between height and reproductive success, said David Buss, a professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin.

Buss, who has written two books on human mating habits, said the female preference for taller males harkens back to the earliest stages of human evolution. That was a time when prehistoric women chose mates who could offer them the best protection and provide for their needs.

"This study shows that even in modern times the kind of selection we might think of as prehistoric continues to operate," he said.

Dunbar said he undertook the research after noticing that in personal ads men advertised their height only if they were tall or taller than average.

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### SCHOOL NEWS

## S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G-B-E-E

Spellers, start your brains! It is almost time for the Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*. This year's event is set for Feb. 24 at Big Spring Junior High School Cafeteria. Schools will be conducting their individual bees in coming weeks, and those winners will be announced in the Herald prior to the big contest.

This contest will be conducted according to Option A of the rules stated in the practice book. The winner will represent our county at the Regional Bee in Lubbock.

If you need more information about the bee, or how to qualify, call the Herald office at 263-7331, and leave a message for Pat Williams, coordinator.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**A PLANNING MEETING FOR** the Big Spring High School classes of 1950 and 1951 reunion will take place Friday at noon at Spanish Inn restaurant. For more information, call Joyce Choate, 393-5231; or Sue Guthrie at 267-6068.

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**A BENEFIT FUND HAS** been set up at Norwest Bank for Isidro Gonzalez, 9, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Donations to the fund will help his family with medical and travel expenses while he undergoes treatment in Lubbock.

Donations can be made to "the Isidro Gonzalez Benefit Fund" at Norwest, or you can call Niki Brorman, 268-9858, for information.

### THE LAST WORD

Humble people don't think less of themselves — they just think about themselves less.

Anonymous

Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut save you 30 cents?

Peg Bracken

Eating words has never given me indigestion.

Winston Churchill

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### Can new drama 'City of Angels' help cure TV's lack of diversity?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In "City of Angels," attractive doctors wrangle over power, tryst in dark hospital corners and labor valiantly to save lives. All the elements of an "ER"-style, contemporary medical drama are in the new CBS series — with a twist.

"It's a black thing," two bemused African American physicians inform a white doctor in one scene after he misdiagnoses a common black skin ailment as life-threatening. So, it would seem, is "City of Angels" — a bold effort to put minority characters center stage.

The staff is mostly black, and so are the patients at Angel of Mercy Hospital, an inner-city Los Angeles hospital run on a shoestring by the county.

Blair Underwood ("L.A. Law") stars as the acting chief of surgery. Vivica A. Fox (the movies "Independence Day," "Soul Food") portrays the new director brought in to resuscitate the failing hospital and Michael Warren ("Hill Street Blues") is a smarmy executive.

Black writers and directors are key members of the production, including co-executive producer and co-creator Paris Barclay. A piercing gospel number, from composer Mike Post, trumpets the drama's opening credits.

While "City of Angels" mines ethnicity as a rich, freshly approached source of drama, it also transcends it. The cast is attractive, the characters are compelling, the stories sharply written — all the elements that give a program universal appeal.

At a time when broadcasters are under fire for underrepresenting minorities, the show is a badge of honor for CBS, which began developing it with producer Steven Bochco ("L.A. Law," "NYPD Blue") before the NAACP and others protested a fall slate of mostly white shows.

It's inevitable that "City of Angels" will be seen as a test of the TV audience's openness to diversity that could influence future efforts.

The handful of critically acclaimed dramas that have focused on black characters failed to draw viewers. These included the family saga "Under One Roof," which starred James Earl Jones, and the award-winning civil rights-era series "I'll Fly Away," with Sam Waterston and Regina Taylor.

CBS has made a 13-episode commitment to "City of Angels," and is on the record as saying its ratings expecta-

tions are modest. The cast and producers of "City of Angels," which moves to its regular 8 p.m. slot today, know even that standard is a challenge.

"One of the reasons I think that shows haven't worked in the past is because they've been too specific to the black experience every minute of every hour," Underwood said when the series was announced. "And I love those shows. I relate to them. But I think it helps to marginalize ourselves if we're looking to a broader audience."

In a recent interview, Bochco suggested image may be as important as content. "Right or wrong, people tend to perceive those shows about being black in America," Bochco said. "People didn't want to sort of be taken to school. I'm not saying that's what they were doing, but it could have been the perception of those shows."

"We want to be a compelling hospital melodrama. It is about black characters and I don't think you can completely eliminate that as one of the elements that gives the show a somewhat different sense or sensibility."

There are other aspects that distinguish it from "ER" or "Chicago Hope." The machinations that swirl around a county facility are on prominent display, with Robert Morse playing a politico who is a dubious friend to the beleaguered hospital.

The kind of outrageous humor featured in other Bochco series is here as well; there are misplaced patients and a couple whose sexual hijinx go awry. One over-the-top sequence that opens the show, however, has been toned down.

The scene, which sets the stage for the firing of the hospital's administrator and hiring of Dr. Lillian Price (Fox), shows the drunken administrator (Garrett Morris) snapping a photo of himself with a dead celebrity in a bit that almost looks like a "Saturday Night Live" skit. A shot of Morris ogling the nude corpse was edited out.

Bochco acknowledged the sequence drew mixed reactions when he previewed it for friends, some of whom criticized it as stereotypical. "This how carefully will this series have to tread?"

"The truth is, I can't do this show the way I want to do this show if I'm worrying about whose toes I'm stepping on," he said.

### Texas study bolsters idea that folic acid cuts birth defects

ATLANTA (AP) — Women in 14 Texas border counties who had babies with birth defects and then took folic acid during a subsequent pregnancy greatly reduced the chance of having a second baby with spinal birth defects, according to government researchers.

The report, published Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, bolsters earlier findings that the B vitamin can help prevent neural tube defects (NTD).

In 1990 and 1991, there was a surge of babies born without brains around Brownsville, Texas. A 1993-1998 study found that the Texas counties that border Mexico — which have a predominantly Hispanic population — have an NTD rate of 1 per 750 births. The national rate is 1 per 1,000.

Researchers tracked 124 women who had babies with birth defects. All took folic acid during a subsequent pregnancy, and only one woman had a second baby with a birth defect. And in that case, researchers could not locate the woman during her pregnancy to provide the folic acid and track her progress, said the project director, Dr. Russ Larsen.

Folic acid is found naturally in leafy green vegetables, beans, tuna, eggs and other foods. The Food and Drug Administration ordered manufacturers to begin fortifying foods with folic acid in January 1998.

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working on once you have completed your "getting organized" job. Writing these down will help you remember the things you need to do in the future and will help keep you on track and concentrating on the job at hand.

Once you have gone through all the closets, drawers, cabinets and under the beds, you will probably have several boxes to deal with, so don't waste any time. Deal with them appropriately. If you are planning a garage sale, set the date, advertise and get it done, get a couple of friends together and have a multi-family sale.

For all the things you keep, there are a multitude of storage bins, baskets, shelves and containers out there, so you might want to invest in some to place in cabinets and closets. Heavy boxes also make good storage containers. Here is a tip for labeling them: Tape a clear page protector on the end of the box, write the contents of the box (include everything) on a sheet of paper and slide into the page protector.

When the boxes are stored you can tell what each box contains without having to open it; it is also easy to change the page as the contents change.

Invest in a filing cabinet and organize family records, auto information, insurance papers, tax papers, bank statements and other important papers. Then there is no more searching through desk drawers to try to find what you need.

Of course, once you have gotten organized, there is the task of staying organized, but with a place for everything, it will be much simpler. Remember the key is to put things up as you are finished with them.

Over the past few weeks, we have discussed weight management, time management, exercise and organization. Hopefully you have found some tips that will help you keep your resolutions in 2000.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Entertainer Marie Osmond, the co-host of the "Donny & Marie Show," has split from her music producer-husband of 13 years.

In a statement released by her publicist, Miss Osmond said that the separation from Brian Bosil was amicable. "We hope the media will respect our privacy during this period of our lives," Miss Osmond said. Her publicist, Marleah Leslie, said no other details were being released.

The couple had seven children, including several who were adopted and Miss Osmond's son from a previous marriage.

Miss Osmond gave birth in Provo, Utah, to the couple's seventh child, Matthew R. Bosil, in July.

In October, Miss Osmond revealed that after having the baby, she left her family for a

few days in a bout of postpartum depression.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even during a night of celebration, Gloria Estefan and Andy Garcia couldn't put the plight of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez, caught in a tug-of-war between the United States and their native Cuba, out of their minds.

"All I do is pray for that boy and his family," Ms. Estefan said Monday night backstage at the American Music Awards, where she received an Award of Merit. "Every time I see his little face I feel he's in a tough spot ... I don't think anybody wins in this issue."

Elian was rescued at sea Nov. 25 after his mother drowned trying to reach the United States on a raft. U.S. immigration authorities have ruled the boy must be returned to his father in Cuba.

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### Cher tops Mr. Blackwell's annual worst-dressed list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mr. Blackwell's annual list of fashion frumps includes Cher, Celine Dion, Queen Elizabeth and Martha Stewart, who he dressed down as "dull, dowdy and devastatingly dreary."

Blackwell, a former fashion designer who writes a column for a supermarket tabloid and entertains on ocean cruises, did have something nice to say. He declared that Gwyneth Paltrow, Sophia Loren, Oprah Winfrey, Camryn Manheim, Barbra Streisand, Halle Berry, Helen Mirren, Nicole Kidman, Sharon Stone and Princess Caroline of Monaco were "fabulous fashion independents."

Mr. Blackwell's 40th annual worst-dressed women list and his comments:

- 1. Cher: "A million beads and one overexposed derriere."
- 2. Celine Dion: "In her backward tuxedo there's no way of knowing whether Diva Dion is coming or going — a profusion of confusion."
- 3. Queen Elizabeth: "Was she the palace Christmas tree or just a royal clown?"
- 4. Martha Stewart: "Dresses like the centerfold for the Farmer's Almanac."
- 5. Fiona Apple: "A kinked and curled Kewpie Doll wrapped in a collection of yesterday's fatal fashion frights."
- 6. Britney Spears: "This belly-baring songbird is better heard than seen."
- 7. Sarah Jessica Parker: "From 'Sex and the City' Sarah's fashions are a mix-and-match pity."
- 8. Jennifer Aniston: "She's a fashion bore and a snore."
- 9. Cameron Diaz: "On 'Any Given Sunday' Cameron falls prey to a freaky fashion curse and as the week continues, she just slips from bad to worse."
- 10. The Dixie Chicks: "They look like a trio of truckstop fashion tragedies trapped in a typhoon."

ly pristine" and even had "my little signature on it."

He brought the book home to Edmond and reread it, but he took "Snow Dog" back to Illinois during the holidays. Ogg's mother returned the book on Dec. 29 — the 40-year anniversary.

He also sent a check for \$292.20 to cover late charges for each of the 14,610 days that the book was overdue, calculated at 2 cents a day. He said the money will help support the library in Dwight, which is in the process of remodeling.

"It was in perfect shape," Ogg said Monday. "It was absolute-

### ODDS-N-ENDS

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Art Ogg has finally returned his library book, 40 years overdue.

He checked out the adventure novel "Snow Dog" in 1959 as a 15-year-old and described it as "a really neat story written through the eyes of a trapper in the Yukon."

Ogg, now 56, lost track of the book after he joined the Navy at 17. He stumbled across it again about three years ago while helping his mother tidy up her attic in Dwight, Ill., 70 miles southwest of Chicago.

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## IN BRIEF

### Former Howard assistant MC's first baseball coach

Former Howard College assistant baseball coach Steve Ramharter, has been hired as head coach of the new baseball program at Midland College.

Ramharter, who has spent the last four years coaching at Trinidad (Colo.) State College, was selected from a field of 57 applicants for the job.

Midland College athletic director Joe Williams said one of the primary reasons for hiring Ramharter was his having consistently fielded nationally-ranked teams at Trinidad while being limited to recruiting only in Colorado.

The Chaparrals will not begin playing baseball until the 2001 season.

### Junior high Lady Steers post sweep of Greenwood

Big Spring Junior High School's Lady Steers chalked up four wins over Midland Greenwood teams Monday night.

In seventh-grade "B" action, Cicely Tuitt scored eight points and Crystal Sturm added five in leading Big Spring to a 29-10 win.

The seventh-grade "A" squad got 10 points from Alex Watkins and nine from Karissa Mattson in a 23-17 win over the Rangerettes.

Ashley Johnson scored seven points and Laura Olague added six more in leading the Big Spring eighth-grade "B" team to a 27-11 win, while Leina Braxton scored 11 and Karissa Majers added 10 more in a 38-20 win in the eighth-grade "A" game.

### Softball boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club has scheduled an organizational meeting of all players' parents for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members will discuss the year's activities.

All parents of BSHS softball players are encouraged to attend.

### National Little League meeting set for Feb. 3

The National Little League of Big Spring will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Allan's Furniture.

Officers for the league will be elected during that meeting.

For more information, call Jim Wilson at 263-0062 or Jerry Baker at 263-3242.

### Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

The class is also offered as a home study course, allowing students to attend a one-day, hands-on skills course and take a written exam.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957.

## IT'S MISSING

Results from Tuesday's high school games involving Stanton and Grady are not included in today's edition of the Herald.

Coaches from those schools did not report their scores.

## ON THE AIR

### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Men**  
6 p.m. — North Carolina State at Duke, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8 p.m. — Wake Forest at Maryland, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**NBA**  
6 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Washington Wizards, FXS, Ch. 29.

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
9:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Anaheim Mighty Ducks, FXS, Ch. 29.

# Baseball's owners prepare for overhaul strengthening powers of commissioner

PHOENIX (AP) — Moving to overhaul the game off the field, but not between the foul lines, baseball owners plan to eliminate the American and National league offices.

Deciding the changes they made six years ago to weaken the commissioner's office were a mistake, owners intended today to consolidate all authority under commissioner Bud Selig and toss aside more than a century of tradition.

But it won't alter anything on the field: the AL and NL will still exist on paper. Even the DH distinction will remain — the AL will keep it and the NL won't adopt it.

Gone will be AL and NL umpires. The staffs will be intermingled.

Gone will be league presidents issuing suspensions. Discipline will be taken over by the commissioner's office.

And coming up will be another push for more realignment and perhaps more interleague play.

The National League organized at a meeting in New York on Feb. 2, 1876, and the American League formed when the Western League, then a minor circuit,

changed its name to the AL on Oct. 11, 1899.

It took a full season for the junior circuit to gain national recognition, and it finally reorganized as a major league on Jan. 28, 1901.

For two years, it fought with the NL over players, but the leagues met on Jan. 9, 1903, at Cincinnati and agreed to a peace treaty — which led after the season to the first World Series.

While the leagues recognized each others contracts, they had separate presidents, umpires, officials, statisticians and balls — with most of the traditions continuing into the 1970s and beyond.

And on the field, they met annually in the All-Star game and World Series.

But the distinctions started to blur when the AL moved from Boston to New York in 1974 and the NL followed from San Francisco three years later. Commissioner Peter Ueberroth ordered them to move into the same building as the commissioner's office in 1985, and the staff of the commissioner has increased from dozens to hundreds, dwarfing the league staffs.



Big Spring's Cathy Jaure signs her letter of intent to play volleyball at Cisco College next year, while her mother, Cheyenne Harrison looks on. Standing behind are Cisco volleyball coach Susan Moore (left) and Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce.

# Lady Steers rally for 45-43 win, Steers stumble

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers battled their way into the thick of the District 5-4A girls' basketball race Tuesday night with a 45-43 come-from-behind win over San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

Now 13-10 overall, the Lady Steers improved to 2-2 in district play with, grabbing a share of third place in the 5-4A standings going into Friday's home date with Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

The Lady Steers' rebound from an 0-2 start in district play not only puts them in a position to contend for a spot in the Class 4A playoffs, but might also serve as a rallying point for their male counterparts.

The Steers suffered their second straight loss in as many as 5-4A outings Tuesday, as Lake View's Chiefs broke open a close game in the final three minutes of play to escape with a 66-55 victory.

Tuesday's varsity split followed similar patterns, as both losing teams made crucial mistakes at crunch time that cost them dearly.

The evening's opener saw the Lady Steers take an early lead that they increased to as many as eight points in the second quarter behind the scoring of post Meghan Pudliner before the Maidens rallied behind the lay of guard Hillery Lee.

As a result, the Maidens were able to pull to within four, 22-18, at halftime.

The second half, however, was a different matter.

Lake View took advantage of a scoring drought by the Lady Steers, scoring 13 unanswered points to outscore Big Spring, 17-7, and take a 35-29 lead.

The Lady Steers responded with a run of their own in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, though.

Big Spring's 10-4 run in the first three minutes of the period allowed them to pull even at 39-39.

But for the next three minutes, the only scoring was a single free throw by Lake View's Jennifer Hill.

Freshman post Christina Gwyn gave the Lady Steers a 41-40 lead when she



Big Spring's Christina Gwyn (32) puts up a shot from the key and scores two of her six points during the Lady Steers 45-43 win over San Angelo Lake View.

scored from the paint at the 1:47 mark, but Lee responded with a baseline drive seconds later to put the Maidens back on top.

Big Spring recaptured the lead just as quickly when Melissa Flenniken put back a miss with 1:07 remaining, only to see Lake View's Erica Hernandez tie the game at 43-43 with a free throw.

Forth drew a foul on the next trip down the court and hit a pair of free throws that proved to be game winners.

Lake View had three more chances to score in the closing seconds, but missed a pair of shots and threw the ball away on the other.

"We finally had some luck," Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter said fol-

lowing the win. "That's only the second time we've come from behind this season."

Forth finished the night as the Lady Steers' leading scorer with 13 points, thanks in no large part to her 7-of-9 shooting from the free throw line. Pudliner and Flenniken added 10 points apiece in the win.

Lee led all scorers, pacing the Maidens with 21 points, while Hill added 10 as Lake View dropped to 9-14 overall and 2-2 in district play.

In the nightcap, Big Spring got off to a strong start with an Arthur Belvin three-pointer and a pair of drives into the lane by Jason Woodruff and John Purcell had the Steers on a run.

When Belvin, Clarence Wilkins and Blair Nutting all scored from close range, the Steers owned a 14-6 lead, but would score just once more in the first period while the Chiefs roared back to within one, 16-15.

The two teams see-sawed their way to halftime, Lake View managing to take a 28-26 edge at the intermission.

While the two teams continued to swap scores for much of the evening, Big Spring would never again take the lead, but did pull to within two, 52-50 with three minutes remaining to play.

Three Steers finished the night in double figures, paced by Nutting's 13 points. Belvin added 12, while Woodruff had 10.

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GIRLS' GAME	
Big Spring 45	Lake View 43
LAKE VIEW — Hill 4 0 2 4 10, Russell 0 0 0 0 0, Lee 8 0 5 7 21, Phillips 0 0 0 0 0, Hernandez 1 1 1 2 6, McDonald 0 0 0 0 0, Teague 1 0 1 2 3, Caples 0 0 1 3 1, Baker 1 0 0 0 2, Totals 15 1 19 38 43	BIG SPRING — Bryant 0 0 0 0 0, Churchill 0 0 0 0 0, Gates 0 0 0 0 0, Gwyn 2 0 2 2 6, Rollins 2 0 0 0 4, Forth 3 0 7 13 13, Johnson 1 0 0 2, Pudliner 5 0 0 10, Flenniken 5 0 0 10, Totals 18 0 9 11 45

Score by Quarters:  
 LAKE VIEW: 9 9 17 8 43  
 BIG SPRING: 11 11 7 16 45  
 Three-point goals: Lake View: 1, Hernandez; Total fouls: Lake View: 14, Big Spring: 18; Fouled out: Rollins, Technical fouls: None. Records: Lake View 9-14, 2-2; Big Spring 13-10, 2-2

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BOYS' GAME	
Big Spring 66	Lake View 55
LAKE VIEW — Cortez 1 0 0 2 0, Blankenship 0 0 0 0 0, Greenblatt 1 0 0 0 2, Moore 7 3 4 4 27, Lewis 3 0 3 4 9, Garcia 4 0 0 1 12, Abbott 2 0 3 7, Kohlbrecher 0 1 0 0 3, Power 0 1 0 0 5, Shaw 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 20 5 10 12 66	BIG SPRING — Dille 2 1 0 7 7, Smith 0 0 0 0 0, Wilkins 3 1 1 0 6, Belvin 4 1 1 12, Purcell 3 0 0 6, Woodruff 3 1 1 5 10, Hernandez 0 0 1 4 1, Brock 0 0 0 0 0, Nutting 6 1 2 13 Totals 21 3 14 59

Score by Quarters:  
 LAKE VIEW: 15 16 12 17 55  
 BIG SPRING: 15 13 14 24 66  
 Three-point goals: Lake View: 5 (Moore, Smith, Kohlbrecher, Fowler, Bryant); Big Spring: 5 (Dille, Belvin, Woodruff); Total fouls: Lake View: 15, Big Spring: 14; Fouled out: None; Technical fouls: None; Records: Lake View 10-13, 1-1; Big Spring 13-12, 0-2

# Bulldogettes even 3-2A mark with win over Plains; 'Dogs fall

HERALD Staff Reports

PLAINS — Coahoma's Bulldogettes evened their District 3-2A mark to 2-2 Tuesday night with a 49-28 win over Plains Cowgirls.

The evening's varsity nightcap was a different matter, however, as the home-tandling Cowboys rolled to a 63-47 win over the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogettes, now 13-9 overall, were sparked by Karen Sterling's 12 points, while Jayci Roberts added 10 more. Coahoma also got nine points from point guard Kortney Kemper.

Plains, which brought an impressive 17-3 mark into the boys' game, had all it wanted in dealing with the Bulldogs until midway through the third quarter when the Cowboys began to pull away.

After outscoring the Bulldogs by 10 points in the third quarter, Plains simply coasted to the win that improved its record to 2-0 in District 3-2A play.

The Bulldogs, who dropped to 8-13 overall and 0-2 in district play, got 14 points from sophomore post Chase Ward, while Brett Bennett added 12 more.

Post Jamie Howard chipped in eight more points in the losing effort.

The two schools also split junior varsity games, the young Bulldogettes taking a 58-51 win, while the the Cowboys' JV took a 45-30 victory.

The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes will again be on the road Friday when they travel to Post Varsity girls' action is slated for a 6:30 p.m. tip.

### Eldorado perfect in 2-2A after knocking off Forsan

ELDORADO — Forsan's Buffaloes dropped their second District 2-2A game in as many outings Tuesday night, as Eldorado's Eagles rolled to a 78-55 win on their home court.

The Eagles improved their record to 19-4 overall and 2-0 in district play.

The Buffs, now 8-11 overall, got 19 points from David Stone, but the best his teammates could offer in support was Daniel Whetsel's nine markers, while Eldorado put five players in double figures.

Forsan will play host to Junction on Friday night with girls' varsity play scheduled for a 6:30 start.

### Garden City falls victim to Irion County sweep

MERTZON — Irion County's Lady Hornets took sole possession of first place in the District 4-1A standings Tuesday night with a 47-34 win over Garden City's Lady Barkats.

In the nightcap, the Hornets made it an

Irion County sweep by rolling to a 47-29 win.

The evening's opener saw Irion County jump out to an 18-3 lead after the first quarter and never allow the Lady Kats an opportunity to really get back in contention.

The Lady Hornets did most of their damage by holding Garden City junior post M'Lynn Niehues to just eight points and senior guard Kyndra Batla to six.

Summer Eoff paced Garden City with 10 points.

The Lady Hornets improved to 21-4 overall and 4-0 in district play, while the Lady Barkats are now 17-3 and 2-1.

The boys' game saw Irion County take a 20-12 halftime lead and build momentum from there, as they improved to 20-3 on the season.

Trevor Hoffman paced the Barkats with 10 points.

### Borden County splits road games with Ira

IRA — Borden County's No. 8-ranked Lady Coyotes continued to roll through the District 18-1A field Tuesday night with a 57-26 win over Ira's Lady Bulldogs.

Ira did manage some measure of revenge, however, as the Bulldogs took a 57-30 win over the Coyotes in boys' varsity play.

Lindsey Smith led the way for the Lady Coyotes, as they improved to 19-4 overall and 3-0 in district play. Smith scored 18 points for Borden County, while Julie Mayes added 17 and Valerie Wootan chipped in 11 more.

The Coyotes were never really in the nightcap, however, as Ira took a 10-4 lead after the first quarter and increased that margin to 25-7 at halftime.

Justin Lawrence led the way for Borden County, scoring 14 points.

### Lady Mustangs roll to huge 90-51 win

WESTBROOK — A 30-point first quarter wasn't all Sands' Lady Mustangs needed to win Tuesday night, but it was certainly the right way to start.

By halftime, the Lady Mustangs had scored 55 points and that was enough to win, as they chalked up a 90-51 win over Westbrook's Lady Wildcats in District 18-1A play.

The Lady Mustangs put four players in double figures and every player on the roster contributed to the scoring.

Westbrook countered with a 62-51 win in the boys' nightcap, holding off a furious Mustangs rally that proved to be too little, too late.

Stuart Beall paced the Mustangs with 22 points, while Coby Floyd added 20 more.

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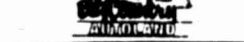
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 20:**

Understand more about yourself, and you'll read others more clearly this year. Personal growth comes from your willingness to face problems and deal with others. Recognize what doesn't work for you anymore. Greet radical change more positively. If you are single, romance knocks on your door, perhaps more than once, after May. You'll discover how much your values and tastes have changed. If attached, your relationship becomes far more secure this spring, and burns brightly this summer. CANCER works well with 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) \*\*\*\*Aim for what you want, now that you feel revitalized.

Friends mean a lot to you and help you focus on what is important. Your high energy shines in negotiations and at meetings. Schedule a fun rendezvous with loved ones after completing your work. Taurus: Be kind to a friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like. Another has strong feelings, but he might not agree with you. Intuition guides you. Understand that you might need to close out a situation.

Tonight: A command performance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*Your determination remains primary when dealing with another. Understand where another is coming from. Try being him for a moment! Your schedule overflows with meetings and a mandatory get-together. Realize what you expect from another. Tonight: Work with a change of plans.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*Your career makes unusual demands; you may need to move forward. Your perspective of another could change when you understand some of the aggravation he has been through. Though someone says he will pitch in financially, don't count on it. Tonight: Make yourself happy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* A lot goes on behind the scenes. You land on your feet because of your fast thinking and innate spontaneity. Others challenge you, but pull back instead of reacting. You might have some hard thinking to do about a relationship. Tonight: Mull over options.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*You might not feel right about a forthcoming decision. Others push you hard right now, wanting to clear their desks and drop the excess on yours! You can deal with problems easily, but you might want to eliminate some of the sources. Tonight: Join friends.

**HOROSCOPE**

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*You'll gain new information if you break away from tradition. Opt for greater creativity and humor. What is happening could cause you a problem if you continue on the same course. Move past the mundane. Do what you need to do for yourself. Tonight: Working late.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Plans could change, and you might need to regroup. Recognize how much work you have ahead of you. You have the ability to do a lot of research and the energy to follow through. Take a hard look to see if this work is to your liking. Tonight: Return calls; talk weekend plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*Reach out for another. Remain sure of yourself. How you communicate and what you have to say could change substantially over the next few weeks. Add more variety to your plans. Willingly let go of the tried-and-true. Tonight: Quality time with a friend.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*Listen to others, but consider the long-term impact of their ideas on you. Sometimes you need to establish stronger boundaries. Listen to another's wonderful ideas for home and family. Then make your own decisions about what feels right. Tonight: Let another

come forward.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*Do what you need to do. Make yourself more comfortable with co-workers, and with others in general. Establish limits. Remain aware of your needs. You often give away too much of yourself. A change in a key relationship appears imminent. Tonight: Win down from the workday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* A lot is going on with you that you might opt not to discuss. In the next few weeks, you'll be considering your long-term professional goals. Let your imagination flow, and you'll come up with some unusual, yet dynamic, ideas. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

**BORN TODAY**  
Astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin (1930), actor Lorenzo Lamas (1938), director David Lynch (1946)

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**Computer's photo memory leaves much to be desired**

**DEAR ABBY:** There is an explosion of computer-related activities in the photo industry. Between digital cameras, photo restorations and putting pictures onto

ink printed on paper and will fade rapidly. (This includes the paper designed for computer photos.)

What sets real photographs apart is the fact that they go through developer, bleach-fix and stabilizer. This assures that your memories will be around to be handed down to your children, and their children.

Another problem is: Computers crash, and you can lose images forever. Memories of your wedding, children, family gatherings and vacations are priceless. So always shoot some film, or have negatives made from PC photos. We try to educate our customers, but more needs to be done to let the general public know this.

As a professional photographer, and as a dad, I know how important it is for photographs to last for generations. — THOMAS S. ROBERTSON, PRESIDENT, 1-HOUR PHOTO CORP., OLD BRIDGE, N.J.

**DEAR THOMAS:** Your letter is sure to be an eye-opener for many who have been lulled into thinking that the new technologies have made sharing pictures as easy as "point and click."

Caution: Let the buyer beware. A little extra work may be required for families who would like their computer photographs to last a lifetime or beyond. Having negatives made as a backup is a sensible precaution.

**DEAR ABBY:** This is a long overdue thank-you. Nine years ago, I decided to go back to school to become a teacher. I didn't know if I really wanted to return to school at my age because I would be 40 upon graduating. Then I read a letter in your column about someone in a similar situation. After thinking about your answer to that question, I decided to enroll.

In no time at all, I completed my studies and went to work in a wonderful elementary school with a great staff and precious children. Now I actually enjoy going to work every day.

I'll be forever grateful, Abby, for that little "push" I needed to get me started. If you print this, please do not mention my name, city or state. — GRATEFUL IN THE GOLDEN WEST

**DEAR GRATEFUL:** Thank you for an upper of a letter. The item you are referring to was published many years ago and for anyone who is unfamiliar with it, here it is! It is a letter that I'm proud to say has changed many lives for the better. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 36-year-old college dropout whose lifelong ambition was to be a physician. I have a very good job selling pharmaceutical supplies, but my heart is still in the practice of medicine. I do volunteer work at the local hospital on my time off, and people tell me I would have made a wonderful doctor.

If I go back to college and get my degree, then go to medical school, do my internship and finally get into the actual practice of medicine, it will take me seven years! But, Abby, in seven years I will be 43 years old. What do you think?

UNFULFILLED IN PHILLY  
**DEAR UNFULFILLED:** And how old will you be in seven years if you don't go to medical school?

**DEAR ABBY:** Please publish the following plea. It may well save lives. As a deputy sheriff in a small county, I am called to the home of a citizen in a remote area at least once each duty day. Very often, I have a difficult time finding the right house because there is no address on the mailbox, or if there is an address, it's only on the side from which the mail delivery comes.

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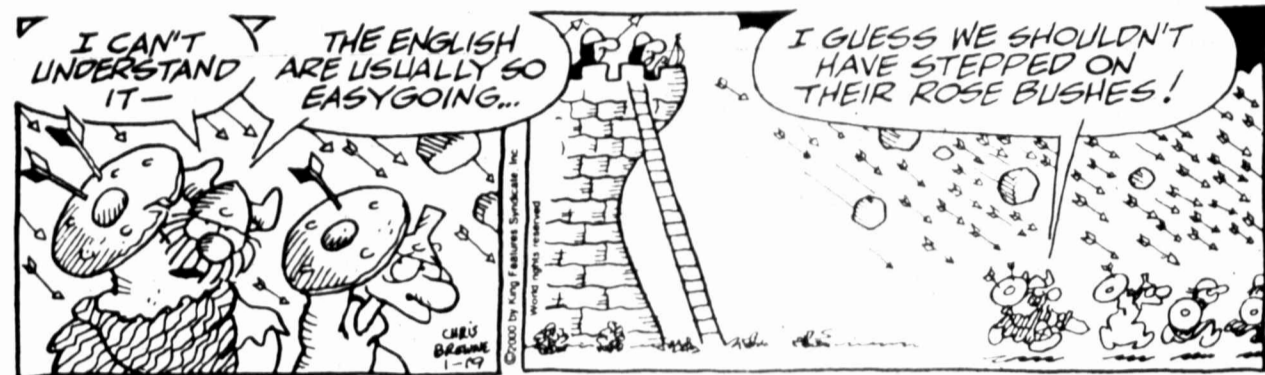
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2000. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 19, 1807, Robert E. Lee, commander in chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va. On this date: In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston. In 1853, Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome. In 1861, the state of Georgia seceded from the Union. In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute. In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with permission from President Eisenhower. In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India. In 1970, President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court. Carswell was never approved because of controversy over his past racial views. In 1977, in one of his last acts of office, President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who had made wartime broadcasts for Japan. In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months. Ten years ago: Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court justice, labor secretary and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was found dead in his Washington apartment at age 81. Five years ago: Russian troops regained control of the presidential palace in Grozny, the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya. One year ago: President Clinton delivered his State of the Union address, in which he proposed to protect Social Security with huge budget surpluses and announced the government would sue the tobacco industry for smokers' health-care costs. Hours earlier, at the president's impeachment trial in the Senate, White House Counsel Charles Ruff opened the defense with ringing statements of Clinton's innocence.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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By Bernice Gordon Philadelphia, PA 1/19/00

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved: A grid of words and their corresponding puzzle numbers.

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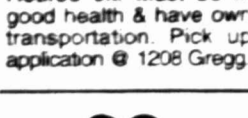
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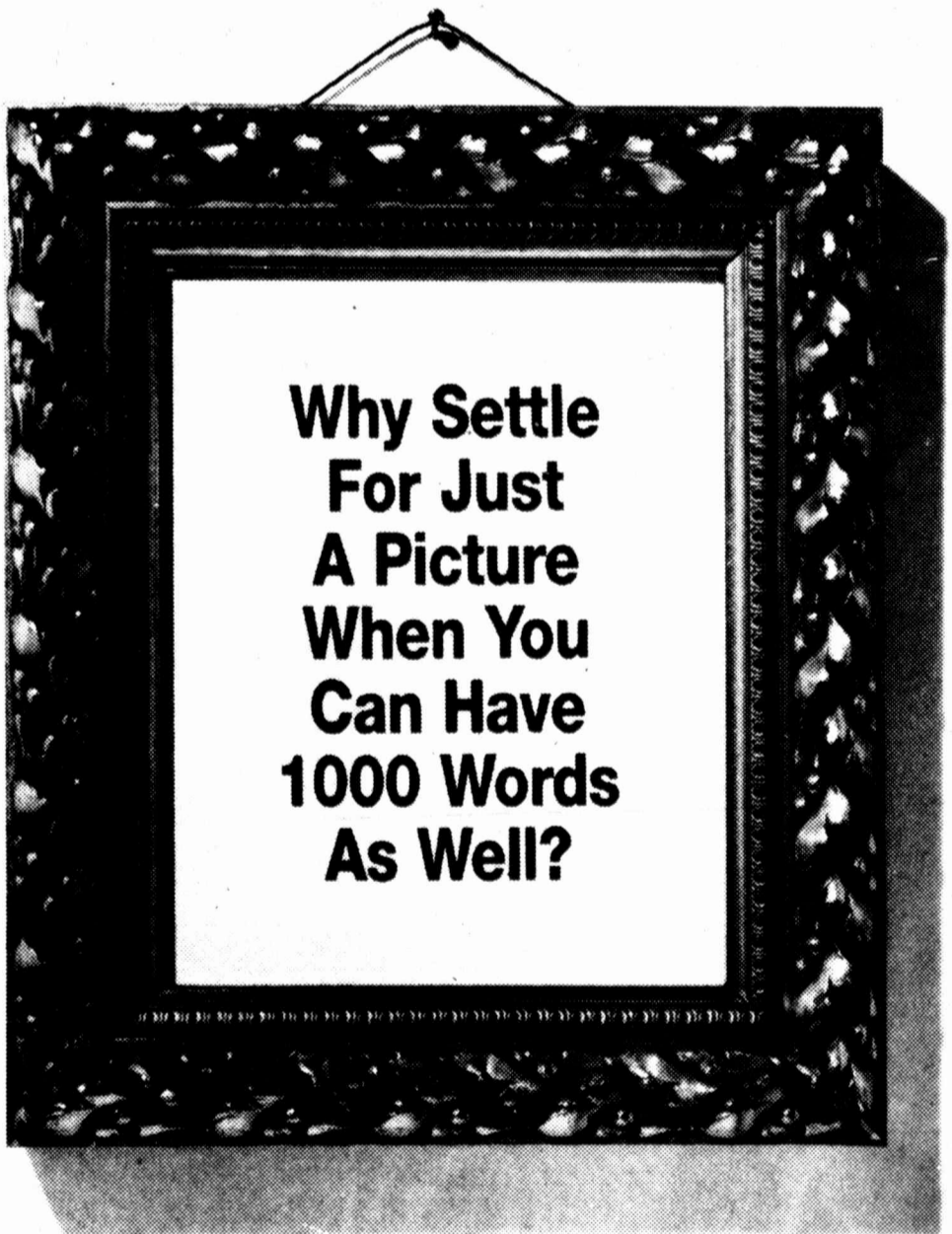


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