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WEATHER

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## Spelling bee practice books to be available

Teachers who need practice books for the Howard County Spelling Bee need to contact the Herald with the amount they would like to order. The books are \$1 each. The county spelling bee will be held in early March; the exact date has yet to be determined. Teachers who need books should call the Herald at 263-7331 during normal working hours.

## WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge NO. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster.

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## Crossroads area receives some much-needed rain

Herald Staff Report

The Crossroads area received some rain today but residents should expect the next few days to be a little warmer before temperatures begin falling on Saturday.

According to Ray Fagen, National Weather Service meteorologist in Midland, the weather system which is bringing rain to the Crossroads area is expected

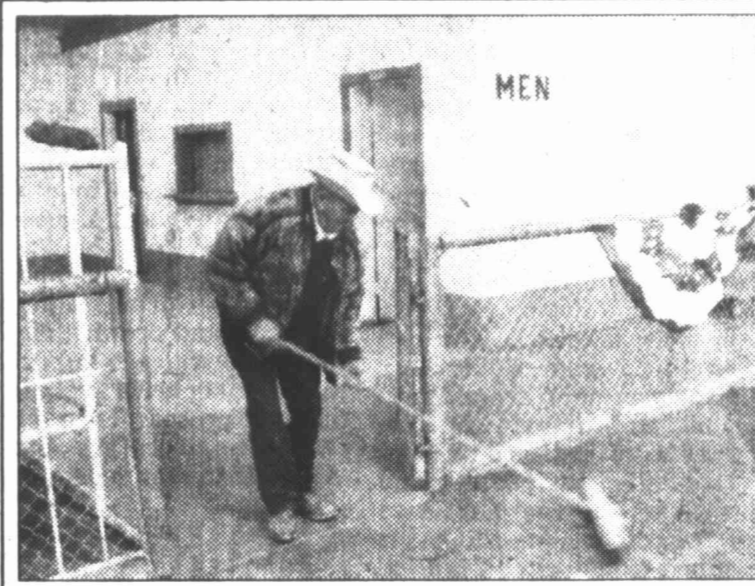
to move east tonight.

"We forecast a low in the upper 20s tonight," Fagen said. "On Thursday we forecast mostly sunny and warmer temperatures with a high in the 50s."

According to the National Weather Service in Midland, Big Spring received .37 inches of rain.

Mid-morning rainfall accumulations other coun-

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Howard Armstrong helps get ready for the Howard County Junior Livestock Show which begins today. The lamb show was set for 3 p.m., followed by the goat show. The four-day event continues through Saturday with the premium auction sale planned for 1:30 p.m. that day.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

## Security cameras go up at courthouse

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Howard County Courthouse is currently undergoing a security upgrade to help the sheriff's office monitor movement in and around the facility.



WALKER

"We are placing the cameras in the public hallways of the courthouse, not in any of the offices," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. "It was designed basically to monitor the movement at night."

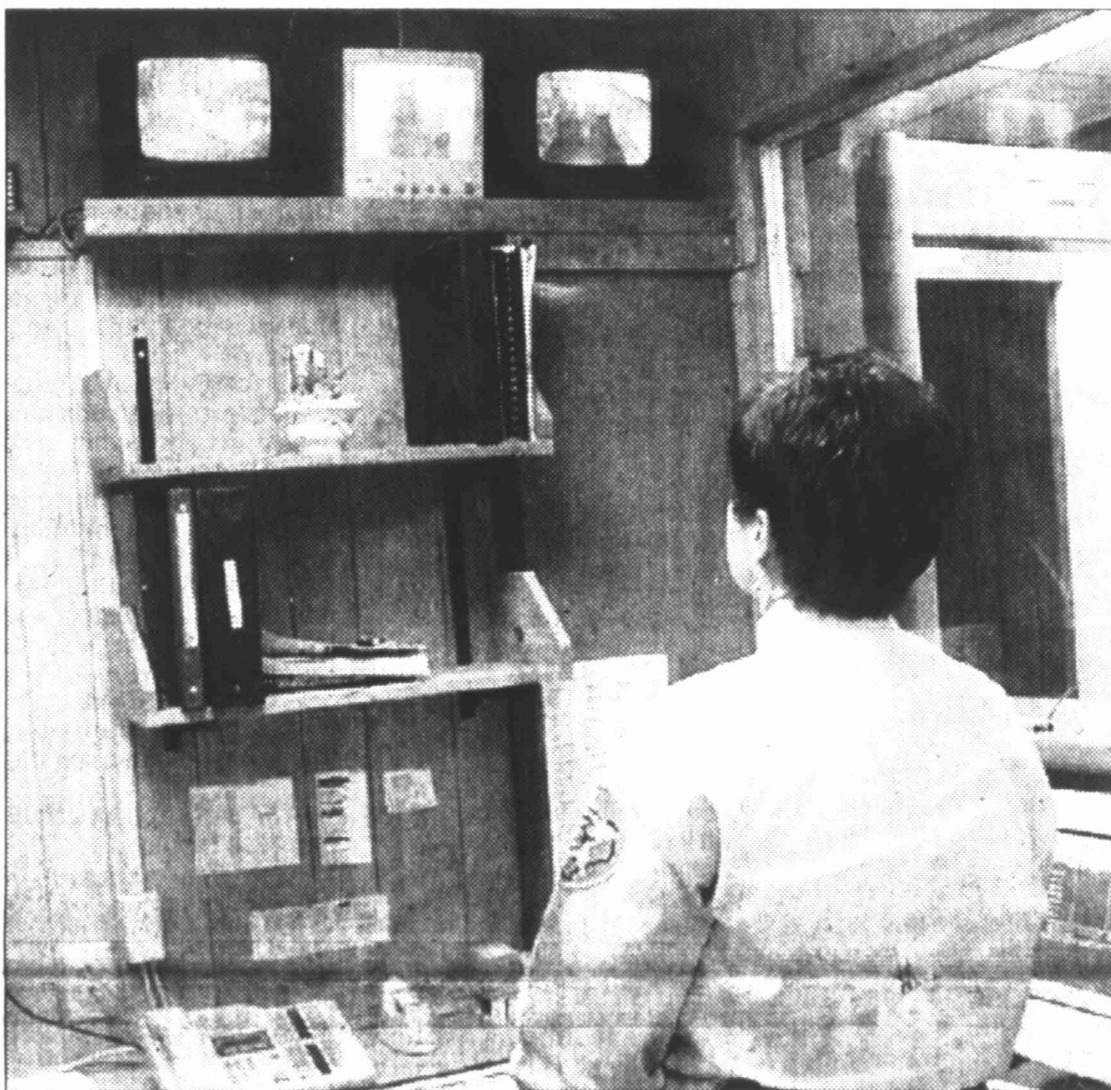
Last month, Howard County commissioners approved a bid of approximately \$27,500 by Systech to install color cameras in the courthouse.

According to Walker, Systech is currently installing one camera in each of the four hallways and a camera will be placed to monitor the outside of the south lawn area.

"One monitor will display all the views at all times," Walker said.

The monitor will be placed in the sheriff dispatch office so dispatchers can monitor the movements of the courthouse, especially during the night.

Walker said a camera monitoring the south lawn area will allow dispatchers



Nena Cruz, a dispatcher for the Howard County Sheriff's Office, watches a monitor showing activity in the jail. A company is installing several cameras to help dispatchers monitor movements in the courthouse, especially at night.

to both watch deputies transfer prisoners from the vehicle to the jail door and view someone requesting entrance into the courthouse at night.

Also, a communication

box will be located at the south door that will allow people to contact the dispatcher and request entrance into the courthouse, he said.

With the new system, the

dispatcher can push a button to let the person in, Walker said.

"The great thing is the dispatcher will not have to

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## Trial

Arson could have motivated shooting death, witnesses say

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Testimony Tuesday and this morning in the murder trial of an 18-year-old Big Spring man revealed the crime may have been related to the arson of a local residence.



YANEZ

Jose Yanez is accused in the June 17 shooting death of 19-year-old Patrick Gomez at his residence at the Courtyard Apartments in west Big Spring. His trial continued this morning in 118th District Court with closing arguments scheduled before noon.

Several witnesses, including the defendant, testified they had heard Gomez at various times confess to burning the home of his ex-girlfriend, Lisa Cantu, who was the defendant's aunt.

According to testimony Tuesday, Yanez and Gomez had been to a party together the night before the shooting. At the party, Gomez was said to have been bragging about setting fire to Cantu's house.

Amber Ramirez, a 17-year-old friend of both men, testified that she had driven Yanez, Terry Scott Diaz and three others to Gomez' residence the next day. Ramirez said the defendant and others said they wanted to talk to Gomez about the fire.

According to testimony, when they arrived at Gomez' apartment, Yanez and Diaz both exited the car; Yanez went to the door and knocked while Diaz stood back. Gomez and Diaz exchanged greetings before Yanez pulled a gun and fired one shot at Gomez, hitting him in the head, just below the eye, testimony revealed.

Yanez, questioned by defense attorney Rick

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## Roadway projects discussed by city council

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Farm to Market roads, U.S. highways, truck reliever routes — how motorists

get in and around Big Spring was the topic of discussion Tuesday for Big Spring City Council.

The primary focus of the meeting were proposed changes in the FM 700 frontage roads between Coronado Avenue and Goliad, but Texas



BARROW

Department of Transportation (TxDOT) area engineer Art Barrow also updated the council on some other projects. In synopsis:

• Renovations to U.S. Highway 87 from Interstate 20 to Third Street — most of which is Gregg Street — are 55 percent complete. "It doesn't look like it, but that's because a whole bunch of it is buried," said Barrow. He said the project is still on target to be completed in April.

• A public hearing is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at Dora Roberts Civic Center on the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor project. That project ties in with the pro-

posed U.S. 87 reliever route around Big Spring. "The implication that Ports to Plains is now eligible for funding is very good news for the truck reliever route," said Barrow. "While it is on TxDOT's long-range plan which is normally 15 to 20 years down the road, this project could be significantly accelerated. A lot of things are going to happen real quick."

• The highway widening project concerning the portion of U.S. 87 north of Big Spring that is two lanes is about to be let for bid. The portion of roadway begins about six miles north of Big Spring and is a nine-mile stretch to the Martin

County line. Actual work will likely begin in April or May.

• Reconstruction of I-20 from near the Martin County line to Business 20 at Big Spring will begin as early as March.

More confusing, however, are the proposed changes to the FM 700 frontage roads. Actually, the concept is simple — convert the two-way roads to one-way only. The south road, which runs in front of Wal-Mart and a number of other businesses, would direct all traffic east; the north road would direct traffic west. The idea is to relieve congestion at the

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## Pearson handling postmaster duties in Stanton, Fort Davis

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

STANTON — Before riding off to a new home, Stanton's new postmaster made a promise to the residents of his former town — he would return and attempt to rob the bank again.

Mike Pearson, who took over the position on Dec. 30, made the move from Fort Davis where he had served as the postmaster for the past nine years, but before he left he had to make some promises.

One of those promises is to return to play the villain in the Fourth of July Bank Robbery, a featured attraction in Fort Davis for the

past 20 years, he said.

"I get to carry a pistol with blanks and threaten all the ladies," he said. "I think one of the reasons they want me is that I am one of the few who can ride a horse."

Although riding a horse is a plus for someone in the mail delivery service, Pearson will probably use a vehicle in his new position.

In addition to running the Stanton Post Office he will conduct field work with the Midland office, helping to coordinate 29 post offices spread out over five counties.

Pearson said some of his duties include training new postmasters and performing audit checks.

## Ackerly officer in charge was once Big Spring's only female mail carrier

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

ACKERLY — The new postmaster in Stanton could teach a few things to Pasty Blevins, who will soon apply for the Ackerly postmaster position. In fact, he already has.

"Mike Pearson, the new-

post master in Stanton, started me in the job," Blevins said. "He was my mail carrier in Andrews and use to bring bubble gum to the kids."

Blevins said Pearson was the person who started her in the mail delivery service, and he also trained her to become a mail carrier.

Starting out as a mail carrier in 1985, Blevins has worked in three different post offices including Snyder and Big Spring.

At one time, she was the only female mail carrier in Big Spring, Blevins said.

Recently, Blevins has been serving as officer in

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Until a replacement is found, Pearson will continue as postmaster in Fort Davis as well as in Stanton, working one week in one

community then the next week in the other. "I am working at both offices because they have not replaced me in Fort

Davis," he said.

Pearson's wife, a first grade teacher, will be join-

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OBITUARIES

Garland L. Brown

Funeral service for Garland L. Brown, 79, of Seagraves, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Smith officiating. Burial will be at Seagraves Cemetery. Mr. Brown died Monday, Jan. 8, at his residence. He was born Jan. 6, 1922, in Dawson County. He married Margie Geraldine Baker on March 23, 1946, in Big Spring. He had lived in Seagraves since 1947, moving from Ackerly. He was an operator for Gaines County and a World War II Navy veteran. He was a Baptist. Survivors include: his wife, Margie G. Brown of Seagraves; two daughters, Nelda Sue Taylor of Brownfield and Linda Kay Winslett of Glen Rose; one brother, Jimmy L. Brown of Sweetwater; two sisters, Mamie Ferguson of Lamesa and Jackie Doering of Hobbs, N.M.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home in Seagraves.

James W. Haynes

Funeral service for James W. Haynes, 85, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Haynes died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, in a local nursing home.

Lockie Beach Schooling

Funeral service for Lockie Beach Schooling of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Beach died Wednesday, Jan. 10, in a Midland hospital following a nine-week illness. The family will be at 2806 Clanton St. in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

WEATHER

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ies included Stanton, .33 inches; Colorado City, .35 inches; Lamesa, .4 inches, and Snyder, .31 inches. Fagen said temperatures are expected to drop to freezing again Thursday night and Friday morning but should warm to the high

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Lockie Beach Schooling died Wednesday, January 10, 2001. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday, January 12, 2001 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. James E. Haynes, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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50s later that day. The Crossroads area may see more rain on Saturday as Fagen forecasts the high in the middle 40s with chance of precipitation.

TRIAL

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Hamby, said he had planned to "beat up" the victim because of his bragging about the fire. But the victim's attitude, he said, made him angry and he found himself bringing out the gun.

Other testimony was given by Roy Gomez, brother of the deceased, who said he discovered his brother had been shot around 7:30 a.m. He further testified that he never heard the shot that killed his brother and had no idea what happened until discovering the boxer shorts-clad body in the doorway that morning.

Cantu was called to the stand by the defense and testified that she had thought Gomez was to blame for the fire at her house because he was angered over their breakup.

Tricia Castillo, another woman who had a relationship with Gomez, testified the victim had told her he started the fire, citing anger toward Diaz and jealousy over a relationship between Diaz and Cantu.

COUNCIL

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major intersections, particularly FM 700 and U.S. 87.

A U turn on the U.S. 87 bridge would allow traffic to go west to loop back toward the major shopping center.

The major problem with the plan is that it limits access to the north Coronado subdivision — the area south and west of Coronado Plaza and First Baptist Church. Without being able to turn right on the south service road of FM 700, motorists that area would have to go to Wasson Road, or enter through Comanche Trail Park off U.S. 87. The area, for obvious reasons, is called the southwest quadrant.

There are other problems to be addressed, to be sure, and all of those will be considered at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 27.

"None of this is set," said Barrow. "A possibility of the southwest quadrant being two-way still exists."

"There are two major concerns. One is access of emergency vehicles. If we cannot provide emergency access to that half of the neighborhood we have a real problem," Barrow said. "The second issue is public convenience."

Alternatives are possible, including one that would include acquiring land to construct a new road into the area. Barrow estimated that cost at some \$200,000. He explained that \$1.01 million has been set aside for the project and that some of those funds could possibly be used toward the new road.

"However, adding 20 percent to a project... well, you have to ask yourself where is that additional money going to come from," he said.

And while some of it might come from TxDOT discretionary funds, it would be the city's responsibility for acquisition of right of way and the relocation of any utilities in the area. The bottom line could be a major cost to the city.

Barrow said the question of discretionary funds is being researched and he should have more accurate information available for the public hearing in February.

In other business the council approved:

A bid of \$40,242.50 from MWC Inc. of Atkinson, Neb., for sanitation containers, including 100 curb-side

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rollout bins, 50 one-half cubic-yard bins and 75 three-cubic-yard bins;

A bid of \$19,432 from Zoll Medical of Burlington, Mass., for two defibrillators for the EMS department;

A bid of \$14,990 from Farsight Computers of Odessa for 10 laptop computers for the police department.

The council also decided to talk with State Rep. David Counts about the possibility of introducing legislation that would allow cities to charge a monthly fee for ambulance and fire-fighting service.

Council members Stephanie Horton, Chuck Cawthon and Joann Smoot were named to a committee to develop criteria for redistricting process once city census numbers are made available in March or April.

SECURITY

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leave the office to open the doors, which was the case before," he said.

The new system will also include keyless entry so courthouse employees will use a card to enter the courthouse at night, Walkers said.

According to Walker, the new cameras record in color and are preferable to black and white.

"Color cameras are much better than black and white cameras," Walker said. "People give a better description when they see in color than black and white."

Systech is expected to finish the update in approximately two weeks, Walker said.

BLEVINS

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charge of the Ackerly post office, and, she said, the community has given her a warm welcome.

"I have had a few people stop in, not to buy anything, but to introduce themselves and say hi," she said.

Before taking the position at Ackerly, Blevins was a supervisor at the Big Spring post office and she transferred for a new challenge and to return to working with the public, she said.

She continues to enjoy and take pride in her carrier.

"I have a lot of pride when I wear that uniform," she said. "I am proud to be working for the postal service. There are not many places you can work that you have a good feeling about yourself."

Blevins, who lives in Coahoma, has three children—two sons, Niska, a doctor from Missouri; Namon, who works for National Oil and lives in Odessa; and a daughter, Atyka Croft of Coahoma.

PEARSON

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ing him in Stanton at the end of this school year, he said.

The move is excellent timing said Pearson, whose younger son will soon be graduating from high school and enrolling in Abilene Christian University.

His other son, a military police officer stationed at

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Fort Bliss in El Paso, soon will be marrying his high school sweetheart, Pearson said.

Martin County is not new to Pearson, who served as postmaster in Tarzan for three years before making the move to Fort Davis.

Although he said he will miss his former town, Pearson jokes he is being run out of Fort Davis by area farmers and ranchers.

"When I moved there a drought started," he said. "I tell people that the farmers and ranchers are running me out as an excuse for leaving."

Pearson has 28 years of service to the post office and began his career in Abilene as a letter sorter machine operator.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

HOME HOSPICE and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

BRIEFS

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to a reception honoring Howard County librarian Loraine Redman on Thursday, Jan. 11, from 2-5 p.m., at the Howard County Library. Redman has accepted a position in Garland, and her last day here will be Friday, Jan. 12. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library in appreciation of Redman's support while serving as Librarian.

RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES is seeking volunteers to start in a training program on Feb. 5. Volunteers, who must be 18 years old, undergo 40 hours of training and an interview process before they can begin to assist local victims of violent crime.

RC/VS advocates are available 24 hours a day to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies. The non-profit agency also provides follow-up services with victims and refers them for further services, and gives educational programs for the community. Training will be Feb. 5-10, and 12, 14, 15 and 16. Call Linda Perez, 263-3312, for

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT for a program that offers free tax preparation assistance to local citizens.

Internal Revenue Service instructors will conduct a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) workers and other interested people at the Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The class continues until Friday, Jan. 19, with sessions from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Persons who take the classes must pass a test before they begin assisting taxpayers with their returns.

For information, call the senior center, 267-1628 or Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522.

The West Texas Opportunities, Inc.

(TRAX) office will be closed on Jan. 15, in observation of Martin Luther King's birthday. Those who need transportation on Jan. 16, should call the office at 267-9536 by Jan. 12.

RECORDS

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AUSTIN (AP) — pomp and circumstance behind them, lawmakers are moving business by proposition the state will spend over the next two years.

After celebrating leagues, friends and members of the state and House adjourn on the opening of the 77th legislative session Tuesday.

The legislative session is a more serious time when "we'll be filling appropriations bills."

TWA

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines agreed to acquire Trans World Airlines Inc. in a deal that will end the financial troubles of TWA.

The agreement is along with a separation under which TWA would buy some Airways' assets from Airlines, would American and control of about 1 nation's air travel.

Under the agreement Wednesday, TWA for Chapter 11 protection and will of its assets to Air subsidiary of AT for \$300 million in American will assume responsibility for TWA's plane lease.

The agreement will provide \$200 million in debt financing for a Louis-based airliner.

In a concurrent American is acquiring US Airways.

Therapi

GLENDALE, Cal. Almost three years telling police he "Angel of Death, respiratory therapist arrested for involvement in the death of hospital patients.

Tuesday's arrest Saldivar, 31, lengthy probe of Glendale Advent Center.

"Today we care that we believe found the truth, in that that truth Chief Russell Siv.

He also said in have an "initial" that Saldivar killed patients at a pitals where he

Saldivar, arrested at his job as a technician's apprentice without bail.

"He's very He's very shocked," said Goldberg, who has representing Saldivar series of wrongful lawsuits filed in Glendale and

Investigators tight-lipped about since it surfaced 1998 when Respiratory Care Center Saldivar

That month allegedly told permitted dozens killings at the center between 1991. He told police he himself the "Death."

Police said Saldivar was terminally ill and alive and kills injecting muscle drugs into their lines.

In later TV Saldivar recant had lied because depressed, but wanted to be in row. He was finally hospitalized and his revoked.

Investigators deaths of 171 died while Saldivar working at the center. Fifty-four case noted because Saldivar was cremated.

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## Ceremonies concluded, Texas lawmakers get down to business today

AUSTIN (AP) — Putting pomp and circumstance behind them, Texas lawmakers are moving on to business by proposing how the state will spend money over the next two years.

After celebrating with colleagues, friends and family, members of the state Senate and House adjourned early on the opening day of the 77th legislative session Tuesday.

The legislative scene takes a more serious tone today when "we'll be filing the big appropriations bill," said

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

"It's the big picture tomorrow: what the numbers are and how it's in with the comptroller's revenue estimate," he said after ceremonies in the Texas House.

The big picture isn't as rosy as it was two years ago, when lawmakers had a surplus nearly double the projected \$2.9 billion surplus expected in the 2002-2003 budget cycle, according to Texas Comptroller Carole

Keeton Rylander.

No major tax cuts or tax increases are anticipated.

Junell refused Tuesday to discuss details of the appropriations bill, but he has said part of the anticipated surplus will go to balancing overruns in the state's Medicaid and prison programs.

House Speaker Pete Laney asked lawmakers Tuesday to be mindful of the slowing economy during the 140-day session.

"We face an economic future that, according to the

comptroller's estimates, is not as certain or as prosperous as it appeared two years ago," Laney said.

"We know a slowing economy places greater demands on government services and slows revenue growth. We must manage the coming budget with even greater caution because of this uncertainty," said Laney, D-Hale Center.

Going into the next biennium, legislators will have an estimated total \$106.8 billion to work with. Of that, \$60.8 billion will be avail-

able for general purpose spending while the \$46 billion remaining from federal and other sources is directed to specific programs.

Typically, a bulk of the state budget goes to funding public education, Medicaid and prisons.

The state's revenue primarily comes from tax collections and things such as fees for state services, the lottery and interest. There is fierce competition among state agencies and interest groups for the surplus, or money that comes in above

revenue estimates.

That competition is expected to be even more intense this session, when after balancing overruns in the state's Medicaid and prison programs, only an estimated \$1 billion to \$2 billion of the projected surplus will be left.

Among the high-profile contenders are advocates for higher education, public school employees who want state-funded health insurance benefits and state and prison employees who want raises.

## TWA agrees to American's buyout offer

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines has agreed to acquire most of 75-year-old Trans World Airlines Inc.'s assets for about \$500 million in a complex deal that will bring an end to the financially troubled TWA.

The agreement with TWA, along with a separate pact under which American would buy some of US Airways' assets from United Airlines, would leave American and United in control of about half of the nation's air travel market.

Under the multipart agreement unveiled Wednesday, TWA has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and will sell most of its assets to American, a subsidiary of AMR Corp., for \$300 million in cash.

American will also assume responsibility for TWA's plane leases and provide \$200 million in immediate financing for the St. Louis-based airline.

In a concurrent move, American is acquiring certain US Airways assets for

\$1.2 billion in cash and the assumption of \$300 million in aircraft leases. It will also pay \$82 million for 49 percent of startup DC Air, which will fly out of Reagan National Airport in Washington.

The latter portions of the deal are contingent on federal regulators approving United parent UAL Corp's \$4.3 billion proposal to purchase US Airways. Antitrust regulators have pressed United, the largest carrier in the world, to sell off some of its operations before they approve its purchase of US Airways, the nation's No. 6 carrier.

If everything is approved, it would leave the Chicago-based United and American, the nation's No. 2 carrier, head and shoulders above the rest of the U.S. airline industry, each with roughly 25 percent of the U.S. market. They are slightly larger than No. 3 Delta, which has 15 percent, according to industry figures.

American chairman and chief executive Donald J.

Carty said in a statement that the three deals "dramatically increase the scope, efficiency and desirability of American's network" and allow the carrier to increase its share of the valuable business-travel market.

American would add TWA's hub in St. Louis to its hubs in Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago and greatly increase its presence in busy East Coast cities including New York and Washington.

"The agreement will protect air service in St. Louis and maintain St. Louis's role as a major transportation center," TWA said. "The agreement also calls for American to offer employment to almost all of TWA's 20,000 employees."

The deal would bring an end to TWA, which traces its roots to the 1925 founding of Western Air Express, catered to popes and movie stars, once ruled skies around the world with Pan Am, and held that world in rapt attention during a 1985

hijacking and the 1996 crash of a flight from New York to Paris.

TWA, the nation's eighth-largest carrier, has failed to turn a profit since 1988 and has filed for bankruptcy twice before. It's possible that had fuel prices not almost doubled last year, the airline might have finally made money.

Instead, TWA lost \$115.1 million through the first three quarters of 2000. That comes after 1999, when the carrier's \$353 million loss made it the only major airline not to show a profit.

The decision by TWA to seek a white knight in American comes after the airline started the fourth quarter with just \$157 million in cash.

Consumer groups criticized airline consolidation immediately after news of American's planned deals became public earlier this week, and the American Society of Travel Agents said the result would be higher prices and lower customer service.

## Linda Chavez withdraws as labor secretary choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush is searching anew for a labor secretary, saying he was saddened by the withdrawal of Linda Chavez in a controversy over her relationship with an undocumented immigrant.

"I absolutely believe she would have been a great Cabinet secretary," Bush said Tuesday night at Andrews Air Force Base after arriving for a three-day visit to the nation's capital.

Still, "I understand her reluctance to move forward," Bush said.

The president-elect scheduled a Pentagon visit today to meet with outgoing Defense Secretary William Cohen and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He also was to meet with budget advisers in the afternoon. Trying to divert attention from the Chavez flap, Bush was considering

making several high-level appointments during his visit.

Republican advisers suggested Bush might fill the post of U.S. trade representative as early as today.

Top contenders include Robert Zoellick, a former assistant secretary of state for economic affairs during the administration of Bush's father, and Richard W. Fisher, a Democrat who is currently the deputy U.S. trade representative.

Chavez on Tuesday withdrew her name from consideration for the labor post, saying the controversy over an illegal immigrant who once lived with her had become a distraction.

Chavez said she should have been more candid about the circumstances surrounding Marta Mercado, a Guatemalan woman who lived with her for about two years in the early 1990s.

## Therapist booked in six hospital deaths

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Almost three years after telling police he was the "Angel of Death," a former respiratory therapist was arrested for investigation of murder in the deaths of six hospital patients.

Tuesday's arrest of Efrén Saldívar, 31, capped a lengthy probe of deaths at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

"Today we can announce that we believe we have found the truth, as disturbing as that truth is," Police Chief Russell Siverling said.

He also said investigators have an "initial inkling" that Saldívar may have killed patients at other hospitals where he moonlighted.

Saldívar, arrested as he arrived at his job as an electrician's apprentice, was held without bail.

"He's very distraught. He's very shocked and distressed," said Terry M. Goldberg, who has been representing Saldívar in a series of wrongful death lawsuits filed against him and Glendale Adventist.

Investigators have been tight-lipped about the case since it surfaced in March 1998 when the state Respiratory Care Board suspended Saldívar's license.

That month, Saldívar allegedly told police he committed dozens of mercy killings at the medical center between 1989 and 1997. He told police he considered himself the "Angel of Death."

Police said Saldívar told them he was angry at seeing terminally ill patients kept alive and killed them by injecting muscle-paralyzing drugs into their intravenous lines.

In later TV interviews, Saldívar recanted, saying he had lied because he was depressed, suicidal and wanted to be sent to death row. He was fired from the hospital and his license was revoked.

Investigators reviewed the deaths of 171 patients who died while Saldívar was working at the hospital. Fifty-four cases were eliminated because bodies had been cremated.

Of the remainder, 20

deaths were determined to have been suspicious, and paralyzing drugs were found in the bodies of six.

"We found evidence to conclude that these patients were in fact murdered," the chief said.

Siverling referred other questions to the Los Angeles

County district attorney.

The hospital issued a letter to patients and visitors from its president, Fred Manchur.

The letter said the hospital has cooperated with police and that doctors met with more than 250 families to review medical records.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Redman deserves our thanks

There comes a time when everyone needs to move on to a new chapter in life. That's what Howard County librarian Loraine Redman will do at the end of this week, when she leaves to take a position in Garland.

Redman will leave her position as director of the Howard County Library to become the assistant director for the central library with the Nicholson Memorial Library.

She will be moving to a larger community, with a population of 210,000; included in the new job is an increase in salary and a chance for advancement.

Redman is also moving back to the North Texas area, with which she is already familiar. She lived in Denton while earning a master's degree in library science at what is now Texas Women's University.

Redman told the Herald in an interview earlier this month that she has accomplished her goals here and is excited about the chance to try something new. Indeed, she has guided our library through several major phases of growth.

When Redman started to work here, the library was still in the old post office building across the street from the courthouse pending a move. Books were being shelved on the floor due to a lack of shelf space. The library had just two working computers.

During her seven years of service, Redman has overseen the renovation and relocation of the library, and a technology upgrade to include 32 networked computers plus a new computer lab.

Besides duties with the literacy council, Redman has also been instrumental in developing a good working relationship with the Friends of the Library organization. This effective group has in turn been able to purchase and donate numerous pieces of equipment for the library's use.

We will be sorry to see Redman go. But as we have said, it will be a move on to bigger challenges.

Please join Friends of the Library, library staff and patrons for a reception honoring Redman from 2-5 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library.

While you are there, take a look around. Then shake Redman's hand and tell her, "Thanks."

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# 'Shocking' truth about Bob Jones University

Well, it looks as if former senator John Ashcroft is the Adolf Hitler of the month, replacing Katherine Harris. There always has to be a Hitler around so the leftists can feel the thrill of virtuous opposition, fighting the good fight — and, not incidentally, collecting lots of money as their mass-mailings are sent out.



JEFFREY HART

What would People for the American Way or Kate Michelman or Jesse Jackson do without the latest Hitler?

Of course, they are shocked — shocked that Mr. Ashcroft is the recipient of an honorary degree from Bob Jones University. They were shocked when George W. Bush actually visited that campus during the primary season. Bob Jones University, they cry, is anti-Catholic, bigoted, says bad things about the pope, shocking.

Of course, these leftists are widely known for their fawning solicitude for the pope and their regard for the Catholic Church. It is a fine thing to see them entering the lists in defense of Thomism, perhaps even the Immaculate Conception and other doctrines, against those bigoted detractors of the papacy at Bob Jones.

But really, what a laugh. Why in the world shouldn't the leadership of Bob Jones University have had harsh things to say about the papacy?

I've touched on this subject before, but it is worth

returning to during this flurry over Ashcroft. I have listened to Dr. Bob Jones III, the current president of that university, being interviewed by Larry King, and he acquitted himself very well. He is learned and intelligent. When was the last time you heard that pioneer of Reformation John Wycliffe discussed on television?

Now, I am a Catholic, not by inheritance but through reflection and conviction, but I understand the position of Bob Jones University perfectly. Its theology has respectable historical roots. It goes back through Luther, Calvin and other 16th-century reformers to St. Paul, perhaps especially his Epistle to the Romans. That theology also remembers Paul's dramatic personal conversion on the road to Damascus.

With the central thrust of the Reformation, this theology believes in salvation "by faith alone," by which is meant intense personal belief in Jesus as savior. And it holds that the Bible is the direct source of Christian truth, which is not to be mediated and distorted by pope, bishop, priest, sacraments or anything else.

Of course, people scratched their heads when the founder of Bob Jones University used the term "anti-Christ" in connection with the pope. People just don't talk like that anymore — and certainly not at a time, old John Paul II.

But the elder Bob Jones was perfectly serious. From his point of view, the pope — yes, the very institution of the papacy — stands between the Christian and the direct experience of sal-

vation through Jesus. The papacy is literally "anti-Christ," interfering with the Christian's relationship with Christ. In that sense, the papacy is evil. This does not mean hatred for individual Catholics but, perhaps, pity.

If the term "anti-Christ" grates on the modern ear, just glance through the pages of Luther or Calvin or John Milton and see what they have to say about the pope.

And Reformation theology rejects all notions about "specialists" in religion — priests, nuns, monks, the whole Catholic structure. The Reformers held to "the priesthood of all believers." The minister of the gospel is a man like the rest of us. We are all sinners like Paul on the road to Damascus.

And, of course, the divine does not enter the world through holy sacraments administered by a priest. Far from it. God enters the world through his word, and that word is the Bible, period.

To say that Bob Jones University is anti-Catholic is idiotic. What, pray tell, has "Protestantism" been protesting against since the 16th century?

A powerful awareness of sin is also central to this tradition. Hence the famous strictness of regulations governing students at Bob Jones. The world, the flesh and the devil are ever-present temptations. Wide is the road to hell, but narrow is the gate that leads to salvation.

All of this represents an important religious tradition in the West, and I have reason for regarding it as a very imperfect expression of the full Christian reality; but to call it "bigotry" is pathetic.

Until very recently, most Christian Americans subscribed to some form of it.

I mentioned that I am a Catholic. One reason is that I find it impossible to credit the idea that the history of Christianity was a 1,500-year mistake until the Reformers appeared in the 16th century.

No, the major issues were being discussed with great care beginning in the first century. Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Tertullian and others in the second and third centuries were well along in a process of continuous reflection and development. What was new and often startling was Reformation theology and church theory.

It also seems obvious to me, historically, that the papacy has been the anchor against frivolous doctrinal change. The most recent Catholic catechism is consistent with what went before. The mainstream Protestant churches have little or no anchor and are at sea doctrinally.

The "priesthood of all believers" was utopian. Most people could not do the hard biblical work that sustained the Protestant thrust.

I view the emphasis on sin in Reformation theology to be dangerously exaggerated, life-cramping and joyless. If sin is a deliberate turning of the will away from the good, then great sinners are fairly rare.

About the Bob Jones ban on inter-racial dating, I will not comment, since it has been dropped. It had some biblical excuse or whatever, but no one — not even the pope — could tell me whom to date. And we might even go out for a beer.



# No place for firecrackers in the classroom

I met a man the other day who had a firecracker experience while in high school and it reminded me of something my father did when he was a teenager.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

He exploded a firecracker in class one day and nobody told on him. My dad was well liked and respected by his fellow students and graduated as class valedictorian. If the teachers ever knew who popped that cracker, they never did anything about it.

The man I met was Vastine Jawn Jan of La Grange, where he was born and raised. People call him Big John.

When Big John was a junior in high school, he

was made captain of the basketball team. It was a high honor because the school system in La Grange had just consolidated several rural schools and brought those students in, so it was a real challenge to make the squad. The team won most of its games because of the number of players.

The roster listed 17 members and the coach played five at a time.

When one group of five got tired, the coach sent in another five.

"It kind of made my head big to be captain," says Big John.

One day after the Christmas holidays Big John was sitting in study hall when a classmate pulled out a firecracker. He told Big John "I bet you a dollar you won't light it."

Big John took the challenge. He planned to light it, throw it on the floor real fast and step on it before it exploded. That way, he

would still win the bet. It didn't work out that way.

"When I lit it, it burned my fingers and I dropped it and it went off. That building was glass and steel and made a perfect echo chamber. It was a loud boom that went back and forth about three times, ricocheting off the walls."

But luck was with him. People thought it was an explosion in the chemistry lab and Big John talked that up because he didn't want to get caught.

"Those days they used a board. And they hit pretty hard. We had a superintendent that went crazy when he was giving somebody a paddling."

In a few days, interest in the incident faded. John was feeling confident that he had pulled a good one. Then the superintendent called John into his office.

"He told me he was going to expel me from school during mid-term exams. That would bust me out of

basketball automatically because I couldn't make the grades without taking the tests. I asked him if he had anything else. He told me he had the board. I told him to get it out."

The superintendent gave Big John a severe beating.

"I was bruised from my fanny to my ankles. If that happened today, they'd put him in jail."

John didn't tell his parents.

"I didn't think they would take up for me and I was afraid my daddy might whip me again."

Many years later, Big John was on the school board.

The superintendent came before the board and announced some boys had brought some firecrackers to school and he needed a vote on the punishment. Big John excused himself. The boys got three days suspension.

No spanking.





### BSSH volunteer's Christmas party performance was his last

By VALERIE AVERY  
Herald Correspondent

The highlight for Covie Williams every year was strumming his guitar alongside his family for patients at Big Spring State Hospital's annual Christmas party.

His family feared that the party in 1999 would be his last because of failing health, but he couldn't be stopped this past holiday, picking and grinning at the patients who stomped their feet and clapped along.

Nothing could be better than having his daughter, Shirley Kountze on the piano and her husband, Van, at his elbow following his every lead. That snapshot of a chilly night in December was no different than all the Sundays spent in the living room of the family farmhouse.

But this evening was bittersweet. After Covie packed his guitar one last time, the close-knit family's life would change forever. The man who led them for the past 63 years checked into a Lubbock hospital the next morning and never

returned to the family home in Ackerly.

Williams played one last concert and then let go at the age of 85.

"He played the best he played in months," said his youngest daughter, Shirley Kountze. "I praise the Lord that he was able to play that night. It's just what we needed. It was the icing on the cake. The state hospital has been an important part of all of our lives. And it was just very special. It is the living memory that we'll have."

Shirley said as her mother served sandwiches and Christmas treats to the patients, her father played and played, much longer than he was accustomed to as of late.

Within the last few years, his health had begun failing and there were many Sundays he wasn't able to play.

Every week, Van and Shirley Kountze drove from their home in Lubbock to spend the afternoon with her parents. A major part of the visit was spent playing the guitar and piano. They played because



Courtesy photo

Covie Williams had logged 6,976 hours of volunteer time at Big Spring State Hospital since 1979. He died Jan. 5 after completing his wish to play at one more Christmas party for the patients.

that's what they loved to do, and it prepared the three for their annual Christmas performance at the state hospital - an event that he truly

enjoyed, said his wife of 63 years, Murlie.

Covie almost didn't go to the state hospital that night, but around four o'clock that

afternoon, he felt as if he could do it, Murlie Williams said. "I was real happy he could go. Shirley said he enjoyed it more than ever. He was excited about being there."

Shirley also didn't think her father could play this one last party. About a month before the party, "Van told me on the way home one Sunday that he wouldn't be able to play, and I just cried."

"But about one week before the party at the state hospital, we went to the house and played and he played well, and Van said 'Your daddy will be able to play.' We were just elated that this was the send-off that he needed and we all needed."

"That night will always be so special to us," Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations Billie Russworm said. "It was something that was meant to be. Playing that night was one of the last things he wanted to see happen even though his health was failing him."

"Some way or another, he was going to play that

Christmas party. The staff all talked that there was this flow he had about him that night. It was a sign of contentment that he was able to complete something. This was his mission, and we never realized how important it was to him until it was complete."

Covie Williams began volunteering for Big Spring State Hospital in 1979 after his wife began washing hair on the patient units with her friend Faye Wallace. Retired from farming, Covie Williams accompanied Murlie to the unit and played dominoes with the patients on one of the most difficult to manage units.

"Covie probably got started volunteering because his wife made him," Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "But over the years he developed his own niche for helping our patients. When he came to the hospital, the patients not only looked forward to it, but they talked about it after he left."

"He was a buddy to the hospital, and he was a

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### Fox's 'Temptation' called assault on marriage

DALLAS (AP) - An new Fox television series that uses scantily clad men and women to test the willpower of four couples was attacked as shameless and destructive by critics who urged the network to drop the program.

"The idea that it is sport and amusement to see if one can destroy a relationship for the purpose of securing ratings and profit is just unacceptable," said Rabbi Kenneth D. Roseman of the Temple Shalom in Dallas.

In a letter mailed to local Fox affiliate KDFW-TV on Dec. 12, Roseman called the six-week reality series an "assault on marriage" and urged the station to pull it from the air.

According to Fox's Web site, "Temptation Island" sends four unmarried couples "at a crossroads in their relationship" to a remote island for two weeks where 26 eligible singles try to woo them. It debuts at 8 p.m. CST today.

The network said the couples are willing to test their relationships and will be set up on dates with three singles who best reflect their ideal

mate. At the end of the two weeks, they decide whether to stay together.

"We do respect Rabbi Roseman's right to his opinion. It would be premature, however, for anyone to form a judgment based solely on promotional footage," Fox Broadcast Corp. said in a statement. "We hope that viewers will watch 'Temptation Island' and decide for themselves."

Fox executives said last year that they would try to be classier with their reality specials after taking heat for "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" which featured the ill-fated TV marriage of Rick Rockwell and Darva Conger. The show was criticized when it was learned that a former fiancée had served Rockwell with a restraining order, and Conger quickly moved for an annulment.

The American Family Association, a conservative watchdog group based in Tupelo, Miss., urged visitors to its Web site to contact the network and ask it to improve programming.

L. Brent Bozell, chairman of the Parents Television Council, called "Temptation Island" typical Fox fare.

"It is not just a potentially dangerous show because of its message, but coming from Fox network it's pretty much guaranteed to be offensive," he said.

"Not even a relationship is considered to be honorable anymore," Bozell said. "It tells me that the people participating are pathetic, the network and the producers putting this together are shameless, and the public that would sit down and watch this ought to be embarrassed."

It's not the first time residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth area have protested risqué programming.

In 1993, Dallas ABC affiliate WFAA-TV decided before the show's national debut not to carry "NYPD Blue," after several conservative groups picketed the station.

The same year, WFAA refused to air an episode of "Donahue" that featured shock jock Howard Stern. The network dropped the talk show for good in 1994, in part because of an advertising boycott launched by a Fort Worth dentist, Dr. Richard Neill, who objected to the show's sometimes racy subject matter.

### Holidays brought guests, extra pounds to deal with

Another holiday season has come and gone, but those extra pounds seem to keep hanging on. So... what to do to get rid of those unwanted "guests?"

These days it seems as though everyone is concerned with weight loss, and it is probably a warranted concern.

The average American will gain 20-30 pounds in the 20 years following graduation from high school, and many people gain much more. Extra body weight is a concern because it puts an individual at greater risk for diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, cancer and other chronic diseases and problems. So what can you do?

Read on for some tips: Combining healthy eating habits with physical activity is the best way to reduce weight and keep it off. Most people know that they should increase their activity level through walking, aerobics, swimming or some other activity to help with weight loss.

Just remember, changing any habit is difficult and can take several tries before really making it work. It has to become a habit, so give it some time and keep working at developing it. Increasing your activity level can have great impacts on your health right now and later in life.

You didn't put on the weight overnight and regardless of what you try, you won't take it off overnight and keep it off! Try changing one thing at a time when it comes to your eating habits - they have

been developed over many years.

Take small steps and when you have mastered one step, start working on the next.

Always eat sitting down and make eating a singular activity, don't watch TV or talk on the phone. Enjoy your meal. Keep foods out of sight, try brushing your teeth just before preparing food or chewing gum to keep you from nibbling while you are cooking.

Serve meals buffet-style so you won't have dishes of food sitting around handy for those second helpings. Avoid eating the last bite in a bowl; ask someone else to clear the table and clean up.

Plan meals in advance and before shopping. Make a shopping list and stick with it. Eat before you shop so you are not hungry, when you are likely to buy more. Put the groceries in the trunk so you won't snack on the way home.

Eat slowly, put your utensils down between each bite. In the middle of the meal, stop for two minutes. This gives food time to digest and signal your brain that you are beginning to feel full. Use a smaller plate - this helps smaller portions look larger. Leave the table as soon as you have finished and do something to signal the end of the meal - like brushing your teeth.

Five to six smaller meals (if possible) may be better. Never skip a meal. Control intake of high calorie foods by eating smaller portions, rather than cutting them out completely only to find yourself eating the whole pie later.

Remember that one step at a time puts you on the road to success. Gradual changes that last a lifetime result in the greatest success.

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DANA TARTER

### Saving the tree

#### Potted Christmas celebration centerpiece can have new life in yard

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) - A Christmas tree can be a gardening challenge and adventure if you want to save it for another round or a different decorative role. Eventually, it could even become a handsome 40-foot giant for your grandchildren to admire.

We're talking here of live, potted trees, of course, and not the already cut ones that make up the vast majority of holiday trees decorating our living rooms. These, too, are now having another life as city sanitation departments rescue them from the streets to grind and recycle as mulch.

In a throw-away age, you might wonder whether it's worthwhile to save a small tree that you paid \$25 to \$40 for. Why not just dump it and buy another one next year?

Okay, but presumably you bought it in the first place because it was alive. It promised to last longer indoors and not start dropping its needles and turning yellow. And now that the holidays are ended, your nurturing instincts take over. You hate letting a live plant die.

So what can be done to preserve it?

If the ground is too frozen for digging a hole in January, you can dig earlier and preserve the soil from the hole in a warm place until you replant the tree after the holidays. Or, if you want, you can keep the tree in its container in a sheltered spot outdoors and replant it when the ground loosens up for digging.

Actually, the saving of the tree begins well before it starts out as a yuletide cen-

terpiece. It's wise to shop early for one because the selection is greater. Varieties most suitable for replanting are white pines, blue and white spruces and Douglas fir. The trunk should be straight and the needles firm and green.

Once bought, you should keep the tree outdoors in a wind-protected place and not bring it inside until a day or two before Christmas. Keep the soil moist all the time, outdoors as well as in. Some horticulturists advise not to use electric lights on the tree because the heat could interrupt its dormancy, with severe if not fatal consequences when you replant it outdoors.

The less time you have it indoors, the better, but you can go through the New Year festivities before mov-

ing it out. If you're not going to replant it until spring, keep it in its pot in a place protected from direct sunlight and wind. Mulch around it with a thick cover of straw, wood chips, pine needles, dead leaves or other such material to give the soil ball warmth.

If you've done the preliminary digging, or live in a warmer climate, and are ready to plant right after the holidays, the technique is much the same as for planting any other young tree. The hole should be twice as wide as the ball and deep enough to accommodate the tree up to the point where the trunk begins. Remove any burlap or twine from the ball and loosen the roots apart a bit before inserting it in the hole. If you've

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES** is seeking volunteers to start in a training program on Feb. 5. Volunteers, who must be 18 years old, undergo 40 hours of training and an interview process before starting to assist local victims of violent crime.

RC/VS advocates are available 24 hours a day to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies. The non-profit agency also provides follow-up services with victims and refers them for further services, and gives educational programs for the community. Training will be Feb. 5-10, and 12,14,15, 16; Call Linda Perez, 263-3312, for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT** for a program that offers free tax preparation assistance to local citizens. Internal Revenue Service instructors will conduct a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) workers and other interested people at the Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The class continues until Friday, Jan. 19, with sessions from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Persons who take the classes must pass a test before they begin assisting taxpayers with their returns. For information, call the senior center, 267-1628 or Dorothy Kernemur, 398-5522.

#### LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive 'letters from home.' Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to: bsherald@xroadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing.

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## Regular workouts benefit moms-to-be

EL PASO (AP) — Eduvina Mota, 31, is eight months pregnant. Like many other expectant mothers, she is concerned about her health and the health of her baby.

To make sure she is doing her part, Mota walks every day.

"I walk to keep active and in shape," Mota said.

Although her busy schedule — working at Las Palmas Medical Center and taking care of her 3-year-old son — doesn't allow a lot of time for exercise, she manages.

"I walk back and forth within the departments," Mota said. "I also walk inside the mall."

Being pregnant is no excuse to become a couch potato. Mild exercise can benefit the mother during and after pregnancy.

Dr. Christine Brandl, a faculty physician at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said exercise during pregnancy is good if the mother doesn't overdo it.

Brandl said if a woman was physically fit before the pregnancy, she probably will be able to continue her workout with only a few modifications. If a woman was not physically fit before her pregnancy, her workout could be limited.

For someone who wasn't physically fit, Brandl said "walking and swimming are good."

Brandl said pregnant women should also be aware of their center of balance while exercising.

Lying on the back is not recommended. "As the uterus gets really big, it compresses the major blood vessels," she said. "It can cause blood pressure to drop." Brandl advises women who like doing exercises like sit-ups to get on all fours and flex their backs instead.

"It will look like an angry cat," she said.

Mota is aware that exercise is important. During her first pregnancy, she was a bit more active.

### Brandl said the No. 1 thing a woman can do to get rid of increased weight from pregnancy is to breast feed.

"I stretched more, and I did low-impact aerobics," she said. "I would also do laps around the swimming pool."

Now in her second pregnancy, she was advised by her doctors and her husband to limit her exercise because of early contractions, but she still thinks exercising is important.

"It keeps you in shape and it gets your body ready for the delivery," she said. "It keeps your muscles active."

Studies show that women who exercise during pregnancy not only have easier pregnancies but also have easier labors and feel better about themselves after delivery, according to an article on the online magazine Fit Pregnancy, [www.fitpregnancy.com](http://www.fitpregnancy.com).

Upper-body work is an important factor because the extra strength is needed to carry the baby after it is born.

Women should not hold their breath while lifting — this can impede blood flow to the fetus — or lie on their backs while lifting, the magazine said.

Walking is also recommended. Women should take long walks, of more than 30 minutes, three or four days a week. The walks should be at a comfortable pace, with the pace increasing after five minutes, doctors said.

Water exercises are also good. Women should try swimming laps, deep-water running or shallow-water calisthenics.

"It gives you the buoyancy effect — it makes you float and the water takes the weight off," said Donna Juarez, fitness director for Gold's Gym in El Paso.

When doing water exercises, pregnant women should get into a water that is chest-high, otherwise, the

buoyancy effect is missing, Juarez said.

The most important thing a woman should do when pregnant and exercising is to listen to her body and consult her doctor, Juarez said.

She said women who didn't exercise before their pregnancy should not start while they are pregnant. "In strength training, when you start you go through a period of soreness," Juarez said. Stretching is also important.

"Women should not overstretch, and they should always have a warmup," Juarez said. "When you do cardiovascular activities, look for low- or non-impact activities."

Juarez recommends walking with running shoes, which are designed not to slip.

She also suggests the recumbent bike and the elliptical machine, which help support the spinal cord, and water exercises.

After the delivery, Juarez suggests women should wait at least six to eight weeks before starting their routine again.

"They should start back gradually," Juarez said. "Women also have to remember it only takes three hours a week, 30 minutes for the heart and 30 minutes for muscle to get in shape."

Brandl said the No. 1 thing a woman can do to get rid of increased weight from pregnancy is to breast feed.

"It takes the body so much energy to produce milk, it burns fat out," Brandl said. "It's good for the baby, good for bonding and good for weight loss."

Coming Sunday:  
"Heartbreak Hotel"

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## VOLUNTEER

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By the time he died Jan. 5, Covie Williams volunteered 6,976 hours at the hospital. That comes out to more than 320 hours a year.

Covie Williams performed nearly every volunteer activity but spent most of his time at the Big Spring State Hospital resale clothing shop, The Chalet. Every Wednesday, the couple would drive to town to do their grocery shopping and spend the afternoon sorting and selling items and greet-

ing customers like longtime friends.

The Williams raised three daughters — the middle child, Dorothy Harry said her father always put others first, especially his wife.

"He was always thinking of other people," said Harry. "He was very unselfish. He just loved everybody and everybody loved him. I'll just always remember how good he was to our mother and how good he was to us."

Music was an important catalyst in the development of Murlie and Covie's relationship. They laid eyes on each other nearly 70 years

ago when he was playing in a band in the community near her home of Flowers Grove.

They raised their three daughters on music in a Christian home.

"I would say it was perfect," eldest daughter Wanda Chapman said. "I think the number one thing was we grew up in a great decent family and we had the love of Jesus Christ flowing into our family. I attribute it to God putting the love in his heart. If you have the love of Jesus Christ in your heart, you can do anything."

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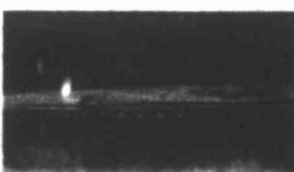
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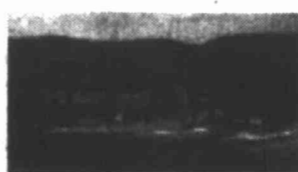
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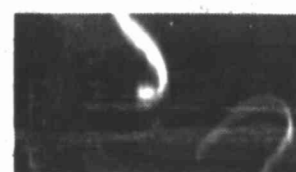
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### IN BRIEF

#### Black Attack event offers free admission

In an effort to encourage fans to come out to support the Steers and Lady Steers, the booster club has come up with the Steers Black Attack. Anyone who wears black to Friday night's game will receive free admission to the game.

Big Spring plays host to Levelland with varsity girls' action starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

#### Softball boosters to meet Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Lady Steers players and others interested in the Big Spring softball program are invited to attend.

#### Quarterback Club still offers highlight video

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will continue taking orders for the 2000 Steers video highlight film through Jan. 15.

Each video is priced at \$15. To order, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

#### Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

#### ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

#### Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, according to Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association officials.

Those interested will be working games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahan, Odessa, Pecos and Snyder.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

### ON THE AIR

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**Men**  
6 p.m. — North Carolina at Maryland, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
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7 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT, Ch. 28.

**NHL**  
6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Atlanta Thrashers, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Plainview rolls to sweep over Steers, Lady Steers squads

By KEVIN LEWIS  
Herald Correspondent

PLAINVIEW — Brian Ellington could have been speaking for all four Big Spring basketball teams after their District 4-4A games in the dreaded "Dog House."

"I'm glad that's over," the boys coach sighed.

Glad because it's not easy for visiting teams to win here, and none of Big Spring's — not even the previously undefeated junior varsity girls — did on Tuesday night.

The varsity Lady Steers stayed with top-ranked Plainview for the first six minutes, and even took a 14-13 lead. But the Lady Dogs began making the most of their relentless pressure defense and scored 22 straight points — many on uncontested lay-ups after steals — as they cruised to a 98-47 win.

"Plainview's got a great team," Lady Steers coach Jim Avery said. "We knew this would be a tough game to even get close."

In the boys game, Big Spring fell behind 8-0 and never caught up, eventually going down 55-34 to remain winless in district.

"We played well in spurts, maybe very short spurts," Ellington said. "Plainview is very athletic. We had a lot of missed opportunities."

The Lady Steers (15-5, 4-2) saw exactly why Plainview (21-1, 6-0) has won 16 straight games since suffering its only loss, a two-point setback to Duncanville on Nov. 18.

The Lady Dogs were a model of consistency, scoring between 22 and 27 points in each quarter. Incredibly, Plainview exploded for 14 points in the final 1:37 of the first quarter after back-to-back buckets by Big Spring's Christina Gwyn had given the Lady Steers a one-point lead.

Plainview went on to notch the first eight points of the second quarter, and by the time Big Spring finally ended a 51/2-minute scoring drought, Plainview was in command, 35-14.

"You've got to take your hat off to them," Avery said.

Junior forward Chelsi Welch deserved a special tip of the cap after scoring 30 points, 24 of those in the first half which she capped with an unlikely running 3-pointer just before the buzzer that put

Plainview ahead at the break, 49-26. The Lady Dogs pulled further ahead with an 18-2 spurt in the third quarter. They never let up, barely failing to put up 100 points for the first time this season.

Three Plainview players scored more points than the Lady Steers' top scorers, Gwyn, a sophomore, and junior LaTrisha Rollins who had 10 points each. Besides Welch's career high 30 points, Tojainay Thompson and Alesha Robertson — both sophomores — put in 19 and 12, respectively, for the Lady Dogs, who hit 28 of 33 free throws and forced 37 turnovers.

"Obviously we don't have as much skill as Plainview," Avery said.

The boys game was much closer, with the Steers (5-15, 0-4) looking like they might make a game of it when they pulled to within 33-22 midway through the third quarter. But Plainview (11-11, 2-2) went on a 12-2 run to push its lead to 21 points early in the fourth quarter, and the Steers never got closer than 16 after that.

"We felt a little uncomfortable with the tempo. We wanted a little slower tempo," Ellington said. "At

times we were pretty passive, and that hurt us."

So did Plainview's "big three" of Bryson Davis, Maurice King and Brylon Bradic. The trio combined for 34 points and 17 rebounds.

"Those three are all really good players," Ellington said.

Big Spring got all but eight of its points from juniors Clarence Wilkins, who had 15, and Mic Fleming, who added 11.

Plainview also won both junior varsity games, 72-38 in the boys contest and 67-55 in the girls game to hand Big Spring its first loss of the season after 20 wins. Big Spring next hosts Levelland in a double-header starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

**Plainview 98, Lady Steers 47**  
BIG SPRING — Gwyn 10, Rollins 10, Robertson 12  
PLAINVIEW — Welch 30, Thompson 19, Robertson 12  
Score by Quarters: 14 12 11 10 47  
Big Spring 27 22 24 25 98  
Three-point goals: Big Spring 3 (Byant, Rollins, Braxton); Plainview 4 (Welch 2, Renett, Bates). Records: Plainview is 21-1, 6-0; Big Spring 15-5, 4-2.

**Plainview 55, Steers 34**  
PLAINVIEW — Davis 15, King 10  
BIG SPRING — Wilkins 15  
Score by Quarters: 10 17 16 17 55  
Plainview 7 8 9 20 34  
Three-point goals: None. Records: Big Spring 5-15, 0-4; Plainview 10-11, 2-2.

## Lady Buffs narrowly edge Colorado City

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

COLORADO CITY — Stanton's Lady Buffaloes rallied behind a 23-point second half to steal a 49-48 District 3-2A victory from the Lady Wolves Tuesday night at The Pit in Colorado City.

The Lady Wolves broke open a 10-point lead going into halftime with a run led by sophomore guard Alison Lopez at the 5-minute mark. Colorado City began the game in dominating fashion, causing Stanton to force bad passes inside against a 2-3 zone.

Stanton, on the other hand, began the second half with a more aggressive zone, which forced Colorado City to take more perimeter shots.

As a result, Colorado City only scored 12 second-half points — shooting an alarming 28 percent from the field in comparison to their sizzling 48 percent start.

Lady Wolves head coach Darrin Leverton said, "We start off on fire but we don't finish that way. We have to be able to make the shots in the second half that we make in the first. We have to play 32 minutes of basketball instead of 16."

Stanton's surge began with a close call. Erica Grant tried to draw a charge on the Lady Buffs' Jessica Thompson as she drove through the lane.

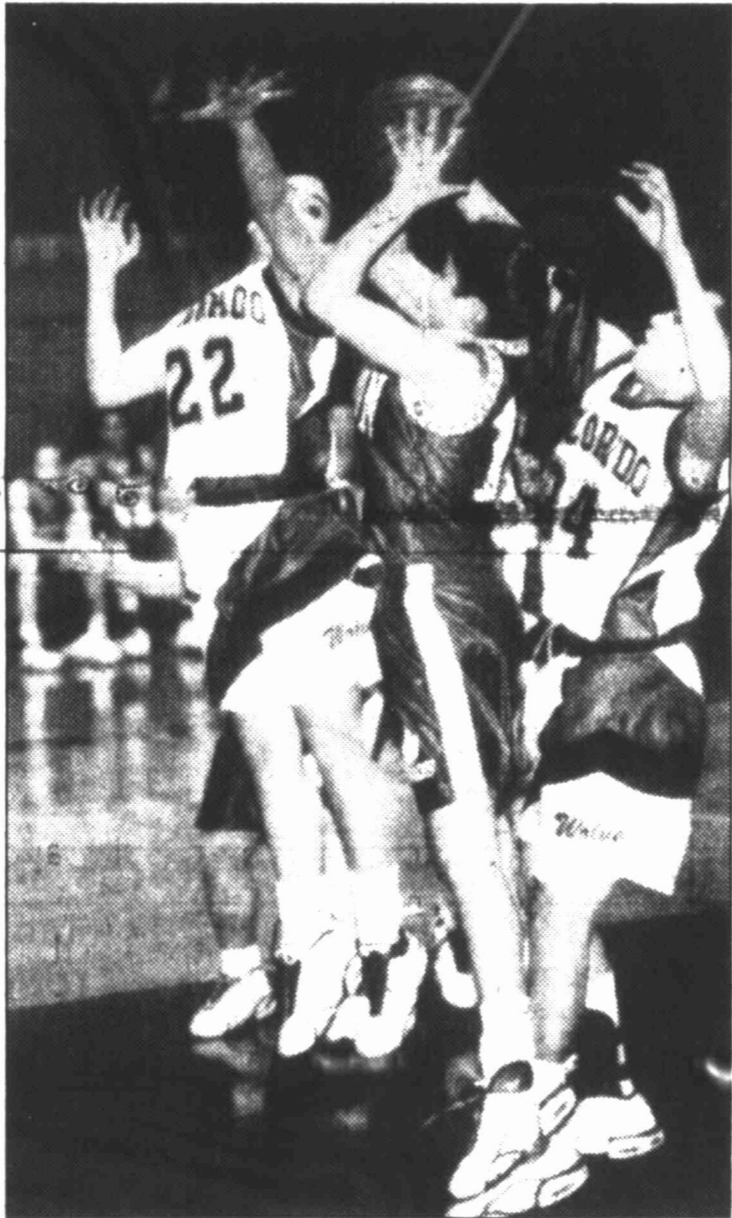
The hard foul ended with a block called against Grant and three points on the board for Stanton as Thompson completed the 3-point play. That sequence cut the lead to five points, with Colorado City ahead 43-38 with less than a minute to play in the third quarter.

Stanton opened the fourth quarter with a quick basket to cut into the lead with a dish from sophomore Emily Benavidez to Thompson. The 1-2 punch connected again off of a Colorado City time out when Benavidez dished a no-look pass to Thompson, cutting the lead to one.

Colorado City struck back as Kim Rivera's drive to the basket turned into a 3-point play and a 4-point lead at the 5:58 mark.

Stanton's Benavidez would then continue her second half surge completing a 3-point play at the basket.

The 5:22 mark would be the last time Stanton would trail in the game. After taking a full time out at the 4:20 mark, Stanton's Kenzie Williams drove to the basket and dished to an open Benavidez for two points.



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Stanton's sophomore guard Emily Benavidez takes a shot over Colorado City's Kim Rivera and Alison Lopez in Tuesday night's District 3-2A game. Benavidez and the Lady Buffaloes improved their record to 2-0 in district play as they took a 49-48 victory over Colorado City's Lady Wolves.

the Lady Wolves to turn the ball over a total of 17 times.

Lady Buffs head coach Tim Van Hecke thought his team had good effort going into the second half.

"We were hoping to get them tired with our defense being that defense is our forte," he admitted.

The Lady Wolves would not go down without a fight. A missed 3-point attempt by Lopez led to a charge at the other end of the floor.

Colorado City's Vanessa Quintero, one of three players in double digits for the Lady Wolves, tied the game at 48-all with 1:30 left. Then Colorado City senior forward Kim Rivera stole the ball midway down the court and called a time out.

Stanton, in the bonus, got the ball back on a foiled inbound play. Some 29 seconds came off the clock before the Lady Buffs called a timeout.

With 12 seconds left, Kristi Bridges drove to the basket drawing a foul. She made the first free throw but missed the second.

Kassi Redwine gave the Lady Wolves one more chance, grabbing the rebound with 8 seconds on

the clock, only to dribble the ball off her foot at the other end of the floor as time expired.

Stanton was led by 5-foot-11 senior Jessica Thompson, who had 14 points, 3 rebounds in 15 minutes of playing time.

Colorado City was led by sophomore guard Alison Lopez with 16 points and 3 rebounds, senior forward Kim Rivera and junior forward Vanessa Quintero had 11 points apiece.

Both teams will resume District 3-2A play Friday. Stanton will play host to Coahoma, while Colorado City will match up against Fersan.

**Stanton 49, Colorado City 48**  
STANTON — Emily Benavidez 3-10 2-3 8; Kristi Bridges 2-7 1-2 5; Misty Adams; 1-1 0-0 2; Krystal Christon 1-2 0-0 2; Lindsay Newell 3-6 1-2 7; Veronica Rios 1-2 1-4 3; Misty Christon dnp; Amber Langford 0-1 0-0 0; Kenzie Williams 0-3 0-0 0; Jessica Thompson 6-8 2-4 14; Kaci Moore 3-9 0-0 6; Christy Salgado 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 21-50 7-15 49  
COLORADO CITY — Amanda Guerra 0-0 0-0 0; Hannah Basham 0-0 0-0 0; Kim Rivera 4-6 3-3 11; Vanessa Quintero 5-10 1-2 11; Kassi Redwine 1-5 0-0 3; Alison Lopez 6-15 4-5 18; Erica Grant 0-1 0-0 0; Kelle Russell 0-0 0-0 0; Teri Pharris 3-10 1-2 7. Totals 19-47 9-12 48.  
Score by Quarters: 15 11 12 11 49  
STANTON 19 17 7 8 48  
COLORADO CITY  
Three-point goals: Stanton 0-5 (Benavidez 0-3, Christon 0-1, Moore 0-1). Colorado City 1-4 (Redwine 1-3, Lopez 0-1). Rebounds: Stanton 28, Colorado 20. Turnovers: Stanton 7, Colorado City 17. Steals: Stanton 1, Colorado City 8. Total fouls: Stanton 15, Colorado City 11. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Records: Stanton 11-4, 2-0; Colorado City 10-9, 1-1.

## Bulldogettes win, set up showdown with Lady Buffs

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Double-digit scoring from four Coahoma players sparked the Bulldogettes to a 73-30 rout of Plains' Cowgirls in District 3-2A girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

The win improved the Bulldogettes' record to 16-6 on the season, but more importantly left them at 2-0 in district play, shared with Stanton's Lady Buffaloes for the 3-2A lead.

Senior guard Kortney Kemper led the way for Coahoma with a game-high 17 points, while classmate Brandi Hart added 12. Kynzie Roberts also had 11 points for the Bulldogettes and Kayla Smith chipped in 10 more.

The Bulldogettes' defense kept Plains in check throughout the night. None of the Cowgirls' players managed to reach double figures.

Coahoma owned a 19-8 lead after the first period and by halftime had extended that edge to 40-17.

The Bulldogettes' win sets up a showdown for the 3-2A lead in Stanton at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

**COAHOMA 73, Plains 30**  
PLAINS — Bournt 8, Winn 5, Wagnon 4, O'Quinn 9, Willis 4.  
COAHOMA — Atkinson 5, Buchanan 5, Lang 2, Heart 12, Kemper 17, Nichols 2, Sterling 6, Sparks 3, Roberts 11, Smith 10. Totals 26-18 29-73  
Score by Quarters: 8 9 7 6 30  
Coahoma 19 21 16 17 73  
Three-point goals: Plains 2 (Bournt, Winn); Coahoma 3 (Kemper 2, Buchanan). Records: Coahoma 16-6, 2-0; Plains is 0-2 in district. JV score: Coahoma 42, Plains 36.

#### Bufs manage to edge Wall

WALL — Stanton's Buffaloes rebounded from a slow start in the first quarter to pull even midway through the game Tuesday and go on to edge Wall's Hawks in non-district Class 2A boys' basketball action.

Clay White paced the Bufs with 22 points, while Keith Cook and Jeremy Hull added 10 points apiece in the win.

The Bulls now prepare for Friday's District 3-2A opener when they play host to Coahoma's Bulldogettes at 8 p.m.

**STANTON 53, Wall 51**  
STANTON — Cook 10, Chandler 2, Cotton 7, White 22, Hull 10, Keele 2. Totals: 20 10 12 53  
WALL — Doyle 2, Weishuhn 10, Hohensee 2, Leitbather 8, Woner 13, Schriens 16. Totals: 19 9 10 51  
Score by Quarters: 9 13 10 15 53  
Stanton 15 7 10 15 51  
Wall  
Three-point goals: Stanton 3 (Cotton 1, White 2); Wall 2 (White 2).

#### Wolves suffer loss to Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — Colorado City's Wolves simply couldn't keep pace with Sweetwater's Mustangs in the second and fourth quarters Tuesday, as they suf-

fered a 61-47 defeat in non-district basketball action.

While Marquise Lenard paced the Wolves with 13 points and Chase Pharris and Basham chipped in 11 apiece, Colorado City couldn't keep the homestanding Mustangs from putting four in double figures.

**BOYS GAME**  
Sweetwater 61, Colorado City 47  
COLORADO CITY — Spear 8, Arthur 2, Pharris 11, Wright 2, Lenard 13, Basham 11.  
SWEETWATER — Daves 10, Adams 2, Thompson 16, Soto 5, Howard 13, Torres 13, Vargas 2.  
Score by Quarters: 18 10 12 7 47  
Colorado City 19 18 9 15 61  
Sweetwater  
Records: Sweetwater 10-9 JV score: Sweetwater 74, Colorado City 53.

#### Bearkats suffer loss in district opener

GARDEN CITY — An amazing fourth-quarter comeback went for naught Tuesday, as Garden City's Bearkats suffered a 57-55 overtime loss to Iraan's Braves in the District 8-1A opener for both teams.

Iraan's girls made it a varsity sweep with a 43-38 win over the Lady Bearkats, spoiling a 12-point performance by M'Lynn Niehues.

Iraan owned a 37-19 lead going into the final eight minutes of play, but Garden City's switch to a man-to-man defense created a number of Braves turnovers and ignited a 26-point scoring burst by the Bearkats.

Eric Halfmann paced the 'Kats with 16 points, while Max Batla had 10 in the losing effort that left Garden City with an 8-11 mark overall.

The Garden City teams travel to Water Valley Friday.

**GIRLS' GAME**  
IRAAAN — Ramsey 2, Smart 2, Bollin 7, Jernigan 1, Green 8, Jennings 2, A Jernigan 8, Villarueva 12. Totals: 14 12 8 43  
GARDEN CITY — Cooks 10, Jansa 6, Eoff 2, Mave 2, Niehues 12, Hoch 6. Totals: 13 11 12 38  
Score by Quarters: 8 14 9 12 43  
Garden City 14 9 11 10 38  
Three-point goals: Iraan 3 (Bollin, A Jernigan, Villarueva); Garden City 0. Records: Iraan 2-0, Garden City 1-1, 12-7. JV score: Iraan 24, Garden City 10.

**BOYS' GAME**  
IRAAAN — Collin 7, Williams 2, Gardner 14, Stove 15, Hems 7, Bigart 5, Pope 3. Totals: 21 12 25 57  
GARDEN CITY — Bedner 7, Schmids 6, Higer 8, Goodwin 8, Halfmann 16, M. Batla 10. Totals: 21 2 9 14 55  
Score by Quarters: 15 9 13 8 12 57  
Iraan 14 9 11 10 55  
Garden City  
Three-point goals: Iraan 3 (Collins, Stove, Pope); Garden City 4 (Bedner 2, Higer, M. Batla). Records: Iraan is 1-1 in district, Garden City is 8-11, 1-1. JV score: Garden City 41, Iraan 40.

#### Sands sweeps Midland Classical

ACKERLY — Sands's Mustangs and Lady Mustangs took solid wins over Midland Classical Academy teams in non-district action Tuesday night.

The Lady Mustangs opened the varsity sweep with a 59-36 romp over the MCA girls and the Mustangs capped things with a 52-40 win.

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Deal one-on-one with partners, friends and associates. You will gain emotionally, professionally and financially by giving others this extra care and attention. You have an unusual amount of energy, which allows you to do needed research. If you are single, romance blossoms later in 2001. This person could be special. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from your attention. Plan something special for the two of you this summer. Start arranging that special trip or happening. You experience LEO's intensity. 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) \*\*\*\*\* Stay upbeat. Keep talking and networking. You find an unexpected solution. You also might find that another does something odd. You cannot make a person predictable, when he is by nature spontaneous and erratic. Say no to a money matter. Tonight: Go where your friends are.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* You could be out of sorts, no matter what goes on. You will not see the silver lining in a cloud right now. You find bosses and those in control to be unpredictable and touchy. Stay with basics. Honor a family tradition. Spend money on a parent or someone important. Tonight: Be more aware of how others see you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Make calls and reach out for those around you. News might toss you into a tizzy, but you are able to read between the lines. Your positive outlook makes all the difference in what happens. Understand that even you get tired. Slow down if need be. Tonight: Do what you find most relaxing.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Use care with finances. You and a partner balk at how much a long-sought goal could cost. It will be your creativity that finds a solution. Work with someone carefully. Remember the power of teamwork. Tonight: Order in.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You draw others toward you, but it is not certain that they will be in a good mood. Your efforts to help someone do make all the difference. Be more

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upbeat and caring with an older relative or someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Help others laugh.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* Step back when you can. A boss or someone you care a lot about seeks you out for advice. Listen to what this person shares. You might not see news as positively as others do. Take off as soon as you can. You need some personal time. Your nerves are fried. Tonight: Do only what you want.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Find your friends and allies. A partner could be unusually sour over a financial matter. You might understand better than this person does what motivates him to shut down. Use your charm and creativity to help someone overcome his inhibitions. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* All eyes turn to you. You take a strong stand at work. You gain a family member's or loved one's support. Others might be cantankerous and touchy. Work around a difficult associate who could cause last-minute problems. Tonight: A must appearance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You might be thinking about travel and the weekend already! Meanwhile, others try to get your attention. Deal with associates in your customary manner. Avoid seeming harsh or abrupt. You know what you want. Avoiding a problem will not help you. Tonight: Take off ASAP. Do something very different.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Work with others. Be a team player, even if you like taking a leadership role. You accomplish a lot more as a group. Financial gain becomes a strong possibility because of what you hear. Don't take unnecessary risks. Tonight: Accept a loved one's invitation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Others dominate, but don't think for one moment that you need to go along with them. Make your own call. Head in your own direction if necessary. A domestic matter rains on your parade. Be sure of what you want from a child or loved one. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Think carefully about your words. Another might

misread what you say, or vice versa. You could draw a response that you might not be comfortable with. Be open with those in your day-to-day life. They need to understand what is going on. Tonight: Soak away stress.

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Medic gives advice to teens who are active

DEAR ABBY: While cleaning out some drawers, I discovered a column of yours I had clipped years ago. I'm now saving it for my great-grandchildren.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



Your column has helped lots of people, and perhaps this item can save other teenagers many heartaches and problems if you print it again. Thanks. — A GREAT-GRANDMA FROM INDIANA

DEAR GREAT-GRANDMA: You're right. It contains information every teen-ager should know — so here it is for young people who don't think things through before they do "everything but" or become sexually active.

DEAR ABBY: I weep every time I read a letter from a pregnant teen-ager pleading for help. So few people know that the sex act need not be completed for a female to become pregnant.

I was a medic in the service. When I got married, my ward doctor loaned me a medical book that he'd used in counseling young people. From that book, I learned that when a man becomes excited, a few drops of neutralizing fluid are released to neutralize any uric acid in the male urinary canal. It is nature's way of clearing a safe path for the delicate sperm cells to pass through at termination of the sex act.

Lab tests have shown that occasionally a few sperm cells are present in the fluid. This occurs most frequently in teen-agers, since that is when the male is at the peak of fertility.

Abby, please warn young people that if they plan to go beyond kissing and holding hands, they should take all necessary measures a couple would or should take in preventing pregnancy. "Fooling around a little" can be as dangerous as going all the way.

I am a father and a grandfather who is concerned about our youth, so if this information can help someone, you have my permission to edit it any way you like. — CONCERNED GRANDFATHER

DEAR GRANDFATHER: Thank you for a lesson in sex education that may save young people from an "accidental" pregnancy they are ill-prepared to handle.

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Puzzled Mother-in-Law," I had to write. She said she and her husband traveled for three days to their son and daughter-in-law's house for Thanksgiving, and then were ignored by the daughter-in-law. She kept to herself, reading books, sewing and staying in her closed bedroom.

I am a man in my 60s, and I think you missed this one, Abby. This behavior happened to me with two of my sons and a couple of friends.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Lindsay, and I recently turned 14. I wanted to go to the mall with this guy who is 16, but my mom said not until I am 16. She said I can go out with groups when I am 14 and 15 — but I can't go out with guys even if I'm not really dating them.

I feel she doesn't trust me because I really like to hang out with my guy friend, but she obviously has a problem with it. I think it might be because my older sister had a baby at 17. When I asked her, she said that wasn't it.

I need to know how to get my mother to let me go out so I can have some fun in my life and not feel I'm being imprisoned. Please help. — PRISONER AT 14

DEAR 14: Trust is built on confidence, and it takes time to build confidence. Your mother may seem overly protective to you, but she's only doing what many parents do these days. She wants you to have the protection of being in a group.

One way to increase your mother's level of confidence in you is by volunteering information about what you are doing and confiding in her. And when you are asked to do something, instead of complaining about it — do it. Don't make excuses. Perform like a mature adult and try to see things from her perspective, and you'll earn your mother's respect.

DEAR ABBY: I broke my hand playing high school football early in the season and had to get a cast. The doctor said I couldn't play football again until the cast was off or I'd run the risk of it never healing properly.

The cast was removed before the season was over, but I had already decided not to play again, even though the doctor said I could play. Now my coach and friends are angry at me. Do you think I was right to quit? — BROKEN IN KANSAS

DEAR BROKEN: You made the right decision. Football is an aggressive and violent sport. It's normal not to want to subject yourself to another injury.

See how you feel about playing next fall. Do not allow yourself to be talked into anything you don't feel comfortable doing.

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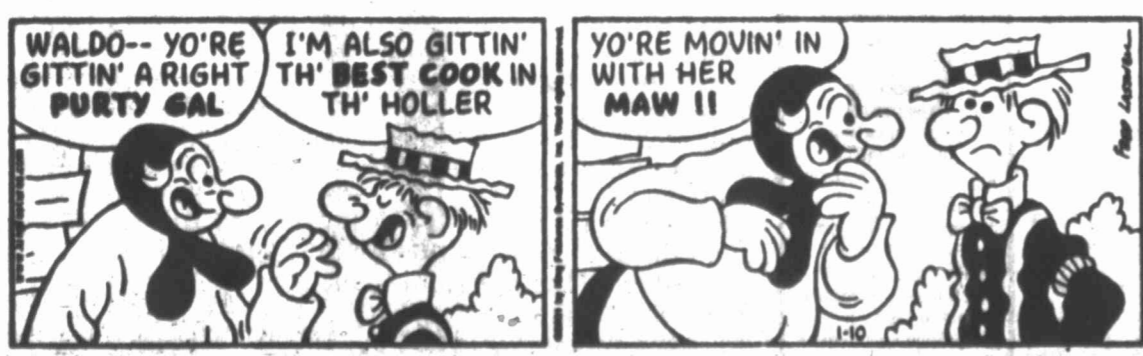
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press  
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2001. There are 355 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."  
On this date:  
In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.  
In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.  
In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.  
In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon

Trotsky.  
In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.  
In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.  
In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.  
In 1971, "Masterpiece Theatre" premiered on PBS with host Alistair Cooke introducing a drama series, "The First Churchills."  
In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard a Soyuz capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.  
In 1980, former AFL-CIO president George Meany died in Washington, D.C. at

age 85.  
Ten years ago: Five days before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, peace efforts intensified, with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar setting off on a mission aimed at averting war.  
Today's Birthdays: Singer Gisele MacKenzie is 74. Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 66. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 63. Movie director Walter Hill is 59. Singer Rod Stewart is 56. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 53. Boxer George Foreman is 52. Singer Pat Benatar is 48. Rock musician Michel Schenker (The Scorpions) is 46. Singer Shawn Colvin is 43.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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YOU sit and watch your child sleep. The hospital intercom serves as a constant reminder of where you are. You tuck in the blanket around his feet. He hasn't moved since you last tucked it in, but it gives you something to do. It's been two days since your child's friends carried him into the emergency room. The doctor says it's a losing battle. You're not ready for that.

**LISTING THE cause of death in the obituary is at the family's discretion.**

When the hospital called, you thought it was a minor cut, another broken collarbone. The hospital nurse mentioned inhalants. That was a mistake, you thought. But you soon learned "sniffing" inhaling household products to get high - was not a mistake. It was a habit. A habit that could be started with over-the-counter, everyday products like markers, correction fluid and spray paint. A habit that makes paraphernalia out of socks, soda cans, lunch bags. A habit that can damage the brain, heart.

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kidneys, liver. A habit that can even kill the very first time. You stare at your child, and wonder if maybe that wouldn't have been better.

**IT IS APPROPRIATE to include the child's nickname if well-known.**

It's been 16 hours since your child was pronounced dead. The relatives you phoned didn't know about inhalants. It seems no one did. You haven't slept in two days but somehow, you keep going. Because you have a funeral to arrange. And people to console. And someone from the obituary section is on the phone. They need to know about the child you just lost.

**FAMILIES will often prefer to have the funeral home handle the obituary.**

Could this be a mistake? We hope not. But inhalant abuse is on the rise. For more information about sniffing, please call 1-800-269-4237. There are signs to look for. You just need to know what they are.



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Your Personal Record

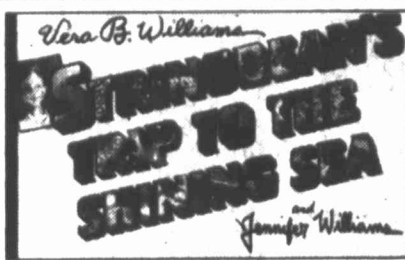
**Keeping a Journal**



In this Mini Page, we have given you some suggestions for your own journals, and examples of books written in journal, diary or letter form. Put a check if you would like to use these journal ideas.



In "A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy," Jim Murphy tells the background. But most of this true story is told through the actual journal entries of a teen-age American soldier.



"Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea," by Vera B. Williams and Jennifer Williams, is a fictional journal. It is filled with postcards two brothers, Stringbean and Fred, send home during their vacation.

A journal can be in many forms, including:

- a diary, with accounts of what you did and felt.
- a collection of your own fiction, poetry, songs, artwork or photos. You might add special works by other people.
- a record of where you've been, with postcards of these places.

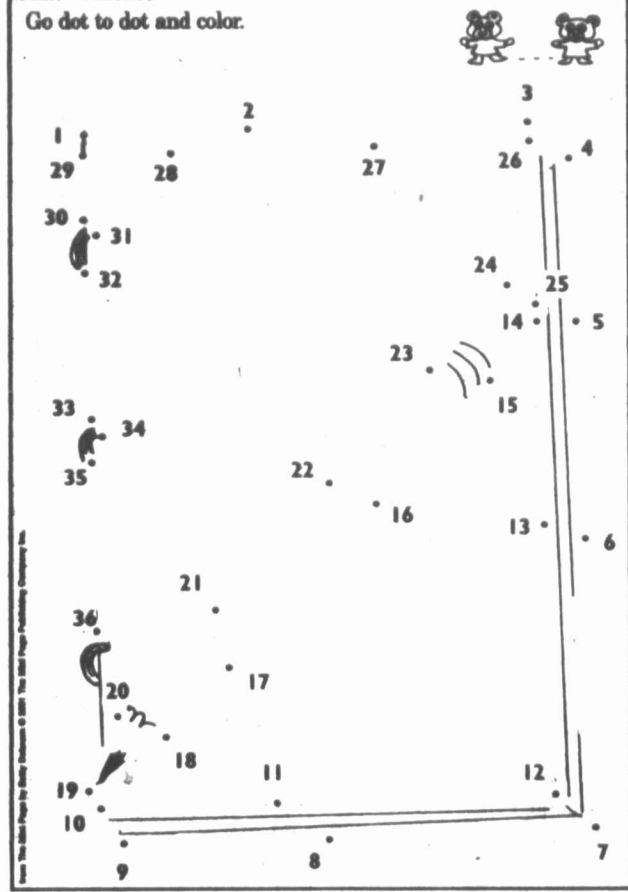
You can keep a journal in a special blank book, a regular school notebook or the computer. Later, when you go back and read your journal, it will remind you of what you saw or heard or felt.

Here are some ideas to help get you started on your own journal. Find new ways to express yourself.

- Write:
- fictional stories.
  - a script for a new TV show.
  - a song.
  - a poem.
  - Put in pictures of the same scene done in different ways. For example, put in a black-and-white photo, a colored photo, a crayon drawing, a pencil sketch and a watercolor painting, all of the same thing.

**About friends**

- What are your friends like?
- Write a letter telling private things you might want them to know. Don't mail the letter.
- What fun things do you do with your friends? Include photos and drawings.



**THE MIGHTY FUNNY'S FUNNY PHONICS**

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the CK blend, as in the word clock.

Q: What do you call a very smart duck?  
A: A wise quacker!

Q: What happened when the boy fell on the ice?  
A: The ice made some terrible cracks!

Q: Why did the bald man throw away his keys?  
A: Because he had lost his locks!

Q: What kind of teeth can you buy for a dollar?  
A: Buck teeth!

**Meet the Dixie Chicks**

One of the hottest groups around is the Dixie Chicks. The members are Natalie Maines (guitar and lead vocals), and sisters Martie Seidel (fiddle) and Emily Robison (banjo and dobro). They are from Texas. Martie and Emily began playing bluegrass music when they were very young. They also studied classical music. They formed the Dixie Chicks in 1989. They started off by performing on street corners in Dallas. Soon they were performing at parties and clubs. Natalie, who studied music at a school in Boston, joined the group a few years later. Natalie lives in Los Angeles with her actor husband. Emily and Martie live in Texas.

**A KID'S GUIDE TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

**Kids! You're Invited to the White House**

A Kid's Guide to the White House is a terrific behind-the-scenes look at a very special house. Written with the cooperation of the White House Historical Association, the book is full of fun, information, photos (some in full color) and puzzles that kids of all ages will enjoy.

**Goldie Goodsport's Report**

**Supersport: Amy Van Dyken**

Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 1-15-73  
College: Colorado State

One of the proud winners of a gold medal at last summer's Olympics was swimmer Amy Van Dyken. She won a gold in the 400-meter freestyle relay. At the 1996 Olympics, she won the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly. She was also on the teams that won gold in the 400-meter freestyle relay and the 400-meter medley relay. She began swimming when she was 6 to help relieve asthma symptoms. Amy knows sign language and would one day like to work with deaf children. Her hobbies include volleyball, basketball, and going to the mountains with her dog, Georgia. She works with several charities for children, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

**Rookie Cookies Recipe Crazy Carrots**

You'll need:

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 carrots, cut into small chunks

What to do:

1. Combine butter or margarine and sugar in a small saucepan. Cook 2 minutes over medium heat. Stir often.
2. Add juice and cinnamon. Mix well.
3. Add carrot pieces. Cook for 10 minutes or until carrots are soft. Stir often.

Serves 4.

**Keeping a Personal Record**

**About the world**

- Clip out newspaper articles about interesting events.
- Find out about someplace you'd like to visit. Include points of interest and pictures. Include a map.
- List some of the world's problems. What steps can you take to help?
- Research an endangered species. Put in pictures of that plant or animal.

**About you**

Discover how interesting you really are. Write about:

- your favorite things (foods, recipes, TV shows, things to do).
- your least favorite things.
- songs you love, including the words.
- things you are best at.
- what you do to stop being bored, sad or angry.
- the most fun thing you have ever done.
- acts you are especially proud of doing and why.

**JOURNALS TRY 'N FIND**

Words that remind us of journals are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: STORIES, ACTIVITIES, POSTCARDS, LETTERS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS, POETRY, DIARY, WISHES, FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, DREAMS, FRIENDS, SONGS, HOPES, MAPS.

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**About your family**

- Ask your grandparents what your parents were like as kids.
- Do you think you would like the jobs your parents have?
- Write a story about each of your brothers and sisters.
- Draw a picture of your family.
- Describe your last family vacation.

**About your town**

- What do you like the best about where you live?
- What do you dislike the most?
- Research your town's history. Take photographs or draw pictures of favorite spots.
- Volunteer to help in your community. Write about your experiences.

**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy is starting a journal of some of the special times she hopes to have this year. See if you can find:

- letter D
- sailboat
- book
- word MINI
- carrot
- key
- question mark
- bell
- letter Z
- tin can
- safety pin
- lima bean
- ice-cream cone
- arrow
- steak

**About your school**

- What do you like or dislike the most about school?
- What are your favorite and least favorite subjects?
- Write about your trip to school. What do you see on the way? Draw a map from your home to your school.

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