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January 7, 1999

Tonight:



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Appeals court grants extension

The 11th District Court of Appeals recently approved an extension to file for Ricky Dewayne Howell, and a dismissal of an appeal filed by Caitano (Tano) Chavarria.

Howell was convicted in late February by the 118th District Court on charges of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with intent to commit sexual assault.

Prior to the Howard County convictions, Howell received two life sentences for sexual assault in Lubbock.

Howell is appealing all the convictions.

The sentence handed down by the 118th District Court, coupled with those from Lubbock, means that Howell will not be eligible for parole until the year 2118.

The Court of Appeals in Eastland reviewed the second motion for extension of time to file a brief in the criminal conviction of Howell, and granted the motion.

And a motion to appeal was dismissed as requested for Caitano (Tano) Chavarria. He is serving a seven and half year sentence for a conviction of possession of a controlled substance.

Chavarria was convicted in January 1998 for his fourth felony drug charge by a jury of his peers. He was also convicted in 1972 for felony possession of marijuana, in 1984 for cocaine distribution, and in 1993 for cocaine possession.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.
- Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Spring City Senior Citizens dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

- Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
- Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m, 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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With reservations, committee qualifies student as disabled

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A Coahoma High School student will have a room to herself for the next few weeks, after a school committee on Wednesday qualified her under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mandy (Amanda) Hanslik was originally expelled Nov. 19 for bringing a gun on school property, and had her punishment reduced by Superintendent Michael Hartman. He gave her 20 days in Coahoma's Alternative Education Program (AEP).

Her family claimed attending the AEP, which required taking a bus to Stanton each day and doing on schoolwork in an isolated cubicle, was making their daughter sick. They appealed to the school's committee that deals with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the committee on Dec. 16 denied the request for special accommodations.

But based on a report from Dr. Jarvis Wright, who evaluated Hanslik during the Christmas holidays, the committee reconsidered the case, and recommended she be placed in an alternative setting.

"We really didn't have a place for that," Hartman said Wednesday. "She will be moved from Stanton to a room in the back of (Coahoma) City Hall."

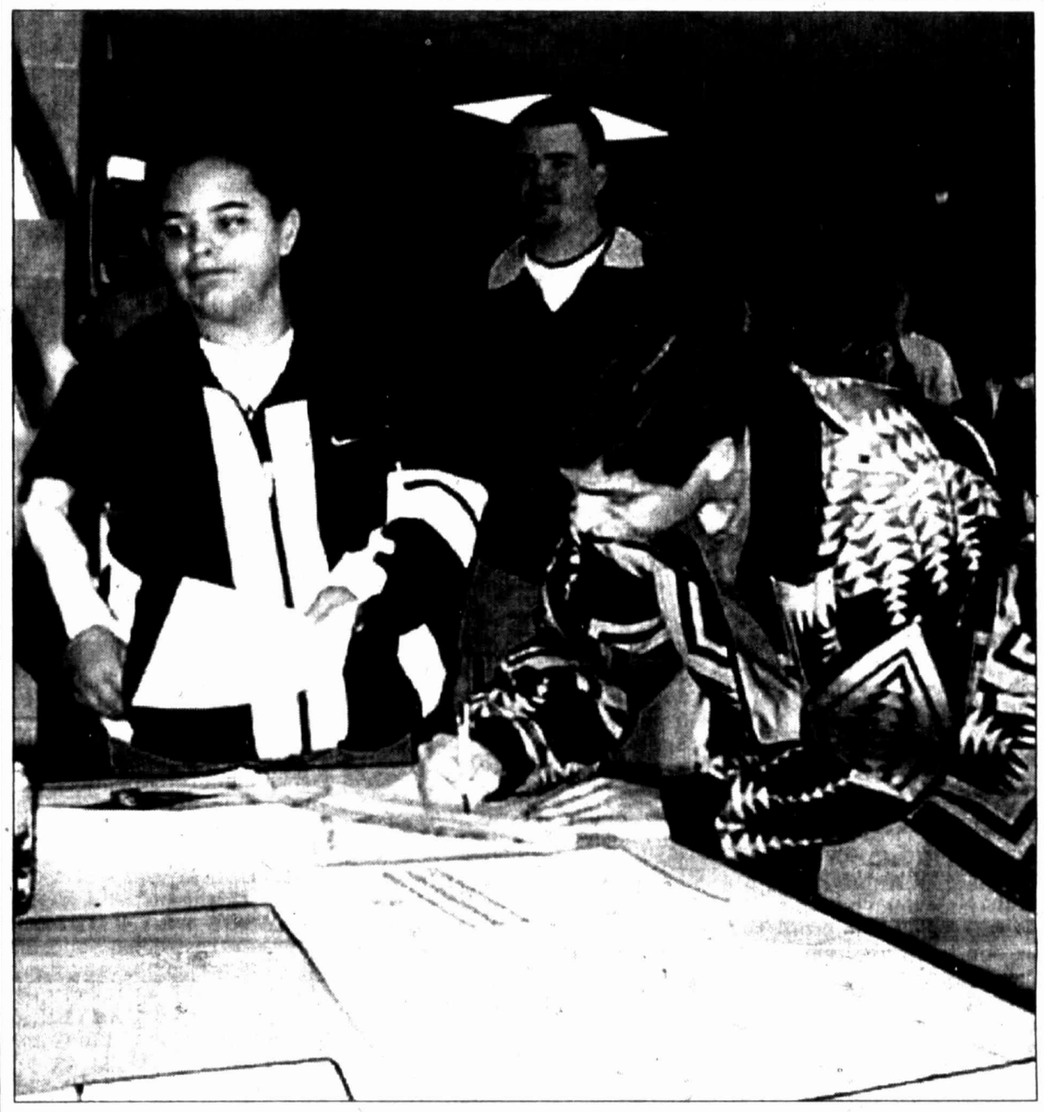
"The committee agrees with Dr. Jarvis that, with parental support, Amanda could serve out her expulsion in the Stanton Alternative Education Center as originally assigned with no serious discomfort," according to a written release from the school district. "However, because of health issues," the change was recommended, the release says.

The written release said the committee "remains uncertain as to the legitimacy of Amanda's claim of temporary disability..."

A substitute teacher will be hired to supervise her for the remainder of the sentence. Hartman said he would consider reducing the time she has left to serve, which he estimates at 10-12 days. After beginning her time in the AEP, the 16-year-old was frequently absent from school, and at one point, hospitalized.

Hanslik's parents, Iva Jo and Sid Hanslik, and their attorney had originally appealed the school's punishment to

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Amy Puga, left, and Pete Rosas were on line early this morning at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to sign up for the spring semester at Howard College. Open registration is this evening from 4-7 p.m.

Indicted

Grand jury hands down indictments against 15

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County grand jury returned 16 indictments Wednesday for charges ranging from first-degree felony possession of a controlled substance to aggravated sexual assault of a child.



WILKERSON

"We presented 18 cases, but two of those cases the grand jury requested we send to the county attorney for further investigation," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

"We're comfortable with the indictments issued by the grand jury and we are ready to go to trial in all the cases," **Wilkerson said.**

Alfred Covarrubias, 29, was indicted for first degree felony sexual assault of a child. Testimony was presented by the Howard County Sheriff's office. The victim in this case is a 6-year-old child, Wilkerson said.

Emiel Jozef Vandermissen, 40, was indicted with possession of a control substance with intent to deliver, a first degree felony. Testimony was presented by the Big Spring Police Department. The offense is dated Nov. 30, 1998.

A first degree felony conviction carries a five to 99-year sentence, with a maximum fine of $10,000, Wilkerson said.

Antonio Armijo, 20, was indicted with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second degree felony, for an offense that happened Nov. 17. Testimony was presented by the BSPD.

At that time, Armijo was arrested for an altercation at a garage on East First Street, including shots being fired and an alleged hostage situation.

Armijo was also indicted for a possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram of crack cocaine, a state jail felony. Wilkerson said the charge concerned an offense dated July 5, 1998.

Adrian Jermaine Sneed, 22, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, nearly six grams of cocaine, for an offense dated Aug. 18, 1998. Testimony was presented by BSPD.

A second degree felony con-

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Sullivan calls truce with county

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief Tommy Sullivan, who had a few weeks ago threatened to resign, has written a letter of apology to the county commissioners court, saying he let personal feelings get in the way of cooperation.



SULLIVAN

"I had let my personal feelings as a taxpayer become involved with my duties as a fire chief," Sullivan said this morning. "As a taxpayer, I can disagree with what the commissioners are doing but from the standpoint of chief I have to respect their decisions."

Tension has existed between the volunteer fire department and commissioners court for some time, with most of the problems centered around firefighters believing they have not had enough input into how funds were being spent for the department.

Most recently, Sullivan and other firefighters had threatened to quit the department because they felt the court was not giving them the consideration they felt was due them.

They appeared at the Dec. 28 commissioners court meeting, but were not on the agenda and after answering a few questions, Lockhart moved on to other business.

This morning, Lockhart said both sides are trying to put their differences aside.

"We're trying to work everything out," said the judge, who has appointed a committee of commissioners Bill Crooker and Gary Simer and county attorney Mike Thomas to work with the volunteer fire department.

"Whatever it entails, their differences, budgets, just whatever needs to be talked about, they'll sit down and talk it out," Lockhart said.

Sullivan said that he made the

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Glasscock County show under way with weigh-in

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

GARDEN CITY — Beginning today, between 100 and 150 Glasscock County youngsters will show more than 400 animals in the annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show.

The show is being held in the school bus barn, located just behind the high school football stadium.

The show got under way at 8 this morning when the weighing-in of rabbits, hogs and lambs took began. Entries for steer, heifer and goat exhibitors also began at 8 and continued until 11.

"We think we'll have a good show," said Glasscock County Agent-Agriculture Steve Sturtz. "We had about 75 kids in last year's premium auction, and expect another good one this year."

Sturtz said there were 136 goats, 135 pigs, 100 rabbits, 30 sheep and eight steers entered in the show and that each exhibitor could take one animal to the premium auction.

Rabbit showmanship began at 11 this morning, while the rabbit show was held at 1 and the sheep show at 4.

Activity continues Friday with the swine show at 9 a.m.

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Veterans Home progress going well, Smith relates

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Progress on the four Texas State Veterans Home facilities is on target, their future director said Wednesday — and that includes the one planned for Big Spring.

"I don't think there will be any kind of delay. There was some question about having to deed over the land in Temple but I understand that has all been done," said Fred "Skip" Smith, regional vice president for The Park Associates, Inc. and future director of the four homes.

"We're doing everything as timely as we can."

Smith said he expects construction on the home in Big Spring to begin in late March or early April.

"That's about as close as we have to an exact date right now, but I expect to have a better one real soon," Smith said.

He said the first set of plans for the Big Spring and Bonham facilities have been turned in to the Veterans Land Board for approval, and he expects to receive a notice to proceed with construction in Temple within a week to 10 days. Plans for the fourth site, Floresville, are also on target, he said.

The interiors of each of the four 160-bed facilities will be the same, Smith said. But the exterior will be different for each.

The facilities will all feature more than 76,000 square feet of space, with what builders call a "neighborhood" concept. They will feature more natural lighting, shelves in each room for the residents and a play area for children visitors.

The Park Associates and its partners, Rees Associates, Inc., a Dallas-based architectural and

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Hercules and Batman went into battle this morning at Profitt Day care with a little help from Jarrod Doty, left, and C.W. Kinny.

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OBITUARIES

Carl Summers

Private graveside service for Carl Summers, 68, Big Spring, will be Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, in the Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Summers died Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1930, in San Francisco. He was a veteran of the Army serving from 1948 to 1950. He moved to Big Spring in August of 1990 from El Paso. Mr. Summers had been employed by a moving company until retiring in 1990.

Survivors include: his wife, Barbara Ann Miller Summers of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Willie Dee Arnold

Service for Willie Dee Arnold, 86, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, in a local nursing home.

STUDENT

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District Judge Robert Moore, who backed administrators. School officials said they were following the guidelines of the federal Gun-Free Zone Act.

On the day of the incident, Hanslik had driven her mother's car to school, which contained a handgun used for protection, reports said. Hanslik said she forgot about the gun's existence until she saw "drug dogs" patrolling the parking lot.

She then told school officials about the gun, and was soon notified of her punishment. School officials maintained they had no choice about the sentence, but were following the law, commonly referred to as "zero tolerance" policies among school districts.

GRAND JURY

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viction carries a sentence of two to 20 years and a $10,000 fine. Wilkerson said the difference in the lessor felony degree charges for possession of a greater amount of controlled substance stems from the ability to prove intent to deliver.

"Intent to deliver is a first degree felony," he said.

Anthony Tony Torrez, 19, was indicted for burglary of a habitation, a second degree felony. Testimony was presented by the BSPD.

The offense is dated Nov. 1, 1998, and involves a jar filled with $400 of unique coins and currency that was allegedly stolen from a residence, Wilkerson said.

Claudia Lauren Stevens, 39, was indicted for tampering with a government record, a third degree felony. The offense is dated Aug. 31, and concerns falsifying identification documents, he said. The Texas Department of Public Safety testified.

Andrew Wostal, 37, was indicted for hindering a secured creditor, a third degree felony, for an offense dated Dec. 15, 1994.

Evidence presented by the BSPD indicated this concerned a guaranteed loan secured by a local business, Wilkerson said.

Kelly Dawn Bradberry, 30, was indicted for a third degree driving while intoxicated for an offense dated Dec. 5, 1998. The Sheriff's Office testified.

Mark Richard Hadlock, 35, was indicted for a third degree driving while intoxicated. The offense is dated Aug. 7, 1998 and DPS testified.

Thomas Wayne Skelton, 33, was indicted for a third degree felony of driving while intoxicated for an offense dated Sept. 5, 1998. DPS testified.

Tyrone Deion Smith, 18, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony. The offense, dated Sept. 25, concerns less than a gram of cocaine, and evidence was presented by the BSPD.

William Leroy Davis, 22, was indicted for burglary of a building, a state jail felony. The offense is dated Nov. 21, 1998, and evidence was presented by the BSPD.

Jeffery Paul Luck, 21, was indicted for theft more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, a state jail felony. The offense is dated Oct. 3, 1998 and concerns theft by check, Wilkerson said. The BSPD testified.

Mindy Jean Luck, 37, was indicted for theft more than $1,500 but less than $20,000 for the same offense. The BSPD testified.

Reginald Scott Shaw, 35, was indicted for credit card abuse. The offense is dated July 27, 1998 and testimony was presented by the BSPD.

State jail felony convictions carry a sentence of 180 days to two years in a state jail facility and an undetermined fine, Wilkerson said.

SHOW

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and the steer show at 2 p.m. The goat weigh-in will begin immediately following the steer show and will continue until 6 p.m.

On Saturday, the goat show will get things started at 7:30 a.m. A photograph session is scheduled from 10-11 a.m., followed by the pig scramble and barbecue at noon.

The awards presentation is set for 1:30 p.m. and the premium sale is set for 2 p.m.

Rabbits will be the first group of animals to be sold, followed by hogs, goats, cattle and sheep with grand champions, reserve grand champions, champions and/or reserve breed champions selling ahead of the regular placing stock.

As with all junior shows, the monies received by the youngster in the premium auction are theirs to keep and they also retain ownership of their animal to exhibit in larger shows around the state.

The West Texas stock show season traditionally begins with the Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show in Odessa the first weekend of the year, then continues over the next two weeks with county shows.

After that, a number of youngsters will hit the road for the five remaining big shows around the state — Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso and San Angelo.

Judges for the show include Todd Knight of Plains for cattle and cattle showmanship as well as swine and swine showmanship; George Ahlschwede of San Angelo for meat goats and goat showmanship; Richard Long or Ira for lamb and lamb showmanship and Mary Jo Terry of Wichita Falls for rabbit and rabbit showmanship.

VOLUNTEERS

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decision to try to mend the relationship between the court and department after a lot of thought.

"I set down and evaluated what had been going on and decided there were two ways to settle this. One was for me to resign and have the firefighters elect another chief. The other was for me to write a letter of apology to the court," Sullivan said.

In his letter, Sullivan said "I offer you the assurance that actions I have taken in the past will not happen again, and that I will honor and respect the positions that the citizens of Howard County have elected you to represent them in."

He also asked to address the court on Monday and read a statement of apology.

Judge Lockhart said discussion of the volunteer department will be on Monday's agenda.

HOME

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planning firm and MW. Builders from Temple are designing, building and will operate the four homes.

Graeber, Simmons & Cowan, an architectural design firm in Austin, will serve as construction management oversight representative for the state during construction.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Big Spring facility were held Aug. 10 and officials showed architect's plans in a public meeting on Oct. 18.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

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

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

•Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter will have a caregiver education series on Jan. 22. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and the presentation will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Midland College Davidson Family Health Sciences Buidling Health Sciences Lecture Hall, Room 203. The cost is $25 for professionals and $5 for family member (at registration, state "Special Fee"). Continuing Education Units will be available through the college. For more information call 1-800-682-1174.

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

BRIEFS

A RECEPTION HONORING REBA Ward, retired Forsan Postmaster, will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today in the Forsan Baptist Church fellowship hall.

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

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

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

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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

MARKETS

March cotton 59.52 cents, down 45 points; Feb. crude 13.21, up 41 points; Cash hogs steady at $1 higher at 23; cash steers steady at 60 even; Feb. lean hog futures 35.22, up 50 points; Feb. live cattle futures 61.65, down 52 points.

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Amcap	18.09- 19.19
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Wednesday's high 66
Wednesday's low 27
Average high 57
Average low 27
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Record low 10 in 1951
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Month's normal 0.12
Year to date 0.00
Normal for the year 0.12

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

• **JACK EDWARD HARVELL**, 42, was arrested for terroristic threat.

• **JASON ALAN MUSKOE**, 19, was arrested for bondsman off bond/harboring a runaway child.

• **BILLY RAY CARVER**, 53, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **CARLOS MARINO FLORES JR.**, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• **FRANCISCO S. BUSTAMANTE**, 38, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/driving while license suspended or invalid.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

• **TONY FRIX**, 27, was arrested for traffic violations.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth. A car stereo, valued at $300, was reported stolen.

• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported at the intersection of 16th and Nolan and in the 3200 block of W. Hwy 87.

• **MICHAEL WEBB**, 32, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• **CLASS C ASSAULT** was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of East 16th.

• **CHARLES FULESDAY**, 38, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamar.

• **JOANN PAREDEZ**, 28, was arrested for failure to signal intent.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Mt. Vernon. A VCR, a 7mm handgun, a Sony Playstation, a 12-string collectors edition guitar, an electric guitar and an electric amplifier were reported stolen.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 200 block of Johnson. A 12-gauge shotgun, valued at $225, was reported stolen.

FIRE/EMS

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

WEDNESDAY

1:33 a.m. — 2600 block Carol, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:55 a.m. — 2600 Allendale, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:30 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:17 p.m. — 2300 Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:32 p.m. - 700 block W. I-20, medical call, service refused.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Carl Summers, 68, of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Family visitation today from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the funeral home. Private burial Friday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Abbey Manning, 92. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 PM Friday, Jan. 8, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dwayne Roger Murchison died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Pablo Ramirez Jr., 84, died Tuesday. A prayer service will be 7:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Iglesia Bautista Central. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Willie Dee Arnold, 86, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

System paid $51 million in phony claims

HOUSTON (AP) — The health insurance system that covers state employees and their families paid $51.6 million in fraudulent or excessive claims during fiscal year 1997, a draft report by the Texas Comptroller's Office shows.

That's 10.5 percent of all medical expenses the Employees Retirement System of Texas' two HealthSelect insurance plans paid last year.

The study, the first of its kind on Texas, concluded the health-insurance system takes few precautions to prevent overpayments. It didn't examine health maintenance organizations the employees' system offers.

The report identified $251 million in possibly fraudulent or excessive claims by care providers under the state's Medicaid program in 1997, including about $1 million paid to dead people who remained on the state's Medicaid rolls.

Officials at the insurance system and its claims administrator, Dallas-based Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Texas Inc., say the report is based on insufficient information.

"Our complaint is that they did not prove any overpayments or fraud," Sheila Beckett, executive director for the retirement system, told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

Dr Pepper sues CISD over drink rights

CONROE (AP) — Dr Pepper is suing officials in the Conroe school system for granting exclusive vending rights to Coca-Cola after Dr Pepper helped finance a new marquee and three new scoreboards.

Dr Pepper says the school district's $7.8 million arrangement with Coca-Cola in September and an order that Dr Pepper remove all its vending machines amounts to a breach of contract.

The lawsuit, initially filed in Harris County, has been transferred to the district courts here at the request of attorneys for the Conroe Independent School District.

Dr Pepper claims that in return for its being allowed to place its machines in Conroe High School's athletic area, it paid the school $13,230 toward the cost of two new scoreboards.

As part of a contract allowing Dr Pepper half the soft drink volume at Oak Ridge High School, the bottler paid half the cost of a new $24,000 marquee. And in return for exclusive vending rights at Knox Junior High, the company says it paid $5,695 for a new scoreboard.

Suspect confesses to murders, rapes

PORT ALLEN, La. (AP) — Texas authorities are questioning a Louisiana rape suspect who reportedly has confessed to four murders and nine more rapes in Texas.

Danny Paul Bible, 47, of Cleveland, Texas, told authorities Tuesday about the sexual assaults, said Randy Walker, a detective with the West Baton Rouge Parish sheriff's office.

Prosecutors, Texas Rangers and officers from several Texas counties have been interviewing Bible, Walker said.

Bible has been booked with aggravated rape in connection with an assault in November on a 19-year-old woman at a Port Allen motel. Federal marshals tracked him to Florida, arrested him and returned him to Port Allen on Dec. 16.

According to the West Side Journal of Port Allen, Bible's murder confessions include:

— The 1979 slaying of Inez Deaton, 21, which Bible said he had committed in his uncle's home north of Houston.

— The 1982 rape-murder of Pamela Hudgens in Palo Pinto County, which Bible confessed to earlier in Texas and for which he served nine years of a 25-year prison sentence.

— The 1983 killings of Tracy Powers, 21, and her 4-month-old son, Justin Powers, in Parker County, Texas, home.

Bible is on parole for the Texas killing and also has pleaded guilty to kidnapping and robbery in Montana, Walker said.

Bible confessed to five rapes in San Jacinto County.

Congress convenes, turns to impeachment issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Congress convened with promises to cooperate on big issues such as Social Security and education, but only after first concentrating on the highly partisan impeachment trial of President Clinton.

The House opened the 106th session of Congress on Wednesday by electing as its new speaker Rep. Dennis Hastert, a soft-spoken Midwesterner who urged Democrats to join him in ending the political wars that have divided Congress in recent years.

After conducting some housekeeping matters and reappointing the 13 lawmakers who will prosecute the impeachment case, the House recessed until Jan. 19, when the president is scheduled to deliver his State of the Union address to Congress.

The Senate stayed behind, taking formal steps to begin the trial on whether to remove Clinton from office for allegedly lying under oath and obstructing justice while trying to conceal his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., was to formally present articles of impeachment to the Senate and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was to be sworn in to preside over the trial. Rehnquist in turn was administering an oath to the 100 senators who will sit as a jury.

Hastert, an Illinois Republican beginning his seventh term in the House, made clear that he wants a change from the contentiousness that marked the four years of his predecessor, Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

"Solutions to problems cannot be found in a pool of bitterness," he said in his acceptance speech.

"I will meet you halfway, maybe more so on occasion," he told the Democrats. "I expect you to meet me halfway too."

Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, in handing the gavel to Hastert, said, "let's bury the hatchet. ... Let's join together, not only in words but in deeds, to do right by the people."

Cooperation will be necessary in a House where Republicans hold one of the smallest majorities in recent history.

After losing five seats in the November elections, Republicans have 222 seats while the Democrats have 211. There is one independent who generally votes Democratic. Gingrich resigned his seat along with the speakership, so there is one vacancy.

In the Senate, the Republicans maintained their 55-45 majority, but that's still well short of the 60 needed to give the party in power a free hand to overcome filibusters and move their bills through.

Both Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Republicans have four general goals for this session: reforming the Social Security system and Medicare; improving education, with the emphasis on more local control; tax relief; and bolstering the national defense.

Anti-bilingual ed group to file initiative in Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A group that filed an initiative proposal to end bilingual education in Arizona received a rough reception from enraged protesters in a possible prelude to a lengthy, stormy debate.

Co-founders Maria Mendoza and Hector Ayala of English for the Children Arizona, flanked by Ron Unz, architect of California's new law to end bilingual education, had a difficult time being heard over 75 to 100 bilingual education advocates who waved signs and posters and chanted "Unz go home!"

The group headed to Phoenix to file their proposed ballot initiative at the Secretary of State's Office.

English for the Children Arizona will have until July 6, 2000, to collect 101,762 valid signatures to place the measure on the ballot that November, said Jessica Funkhouser, state elections director.

The proposed initiative would call for children not fluent in English to be put in special intensive "sheltered English immersion" programs to learn English as quickly as possible. Bilingual education classes now are taught in Spanish for several years, with students slowly weaned to English.

"We are not against being bilingual," Mrs. Mendoza said Wednesday. "We are in favor of teaching our children how to read and write the English language so that that they can be successful in this country."

She said she has opposed bilingual education for 33 years because it hasn't taught Mexican-American children to speak and read English. She also faulted it for Tucson's high dropout rate.

Ayala said softly that in his 12 years as a Tucson high school teacher he has watched for too long "the inability of Spanish-speakers to succeed in English."

Ayala said he sees a connection between their failure and bilingual education.

Air Force fighter attacks radar site in northern Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter attacked an air-defense radar installation in northern Iraq today after the pilot determined he was about to be fired on by a surface-to-air missile, U.S. officials said.

The F-16 launched a high-speed anti-radar missile at the site at about 11:15 a.m., Iraq time, according to a statement issued by U.S. European Command, the U.S. headquarters for Air Force planes involved in enforcing a "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq. There was no immediate indication whether the missile damaged the radar.

The F-16 was not fired upon and returned safely to base, officials said.

The U.S. European Command statement, made available in Washington, said the F-16 pilot acted in self-defense.

The U.S. missile firing was intended to "prevent any offensive fire" from the Iraqi air-defense site, the statement said. It was aimed at a tracking radar for Iraqi surface-to-air missile launchers.

The incident was the latest in a series of confrontations with Iraq since the Dec. 16-19 U.S.-British bombardment known as Operation Desert Fox.

Earlier this week four U.S. warplanes fired on Iraqi planes in a "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq.

In those confrontations, said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon, 13 to 15 Iraqi aircraft attempted to violate the no-fly zone in a rash of eight suspicious incursions.

Today's incident was the fourth military confrontation with Iraq within the past two weeks over enforcing the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq.

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OUR VIEWS

Extend support for our youth in livestock shows

While the Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show kicks things off, the ritual of the county junior livestock show begins in earnest today when between 100 and 150 Glasscock County youngsters begin showing their animals at the annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show.

Next week, shows will be held in Howard, Martin and Borden counties before the youngsters get back on the road for the remaining larger shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and San Angelo.

For the uninitiated, the junior shows serve a couple of purposes.

First, the entire process of taking an animal ... feeding it, caring for it and showing it ... helps the youngster learn and appreciate — and yes, keep alive — the tradition of family involvement in agriculture.

Second, through the showing and auction process, youngsters can recoup some of the costs incurred while raising the animals and, for those that wind up showing champion animals, even the chance to earn monies to attend college.

And perhaps that is the special thing about the premium auctions.

In reality, they aren't auctions at all because the youngster gets the money bid to "buy" their animal while getting to keep the animal as well.

The junior livestock program is something that works because of a lot of expended energy on the part of moms and dads, county agents, 4H and FFA leaders and dozens and dozens of volunteers.

The culmination of the process is the show and auction and it is a program we support and encourage you to support as well.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton's supporters argue he should not be removed from office because polls show most Americans are opposed.

Sure. Let the people vote directly on whether to remove the president.

Then let them vote on a major tax cut. Next, on school vouchers.

After that, let them vote on congressional term limits, a balanced budget amendment and abolition of the Internal Revenue Service.

Polls show the people favor those things, overwhelmingly. But Clinton and his allies are blocking them.

Why should public opinion be sacred when it agrees with the liberals but meaningless when it disagrees?

Liberals have little use for public opinion. They use the courts to overturn election results and decisions by the elected representatives of the people. ...

If liberals now want Congress always to abide by the will of the people, fine. Let there be government by opinion poll.

But let that method prevail in all cases, not just when it benefits liberals.

THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION, JACKSONVILLE

The ceremonial start of President Clinton's impeachment trial has been set. Chief Justice Rehnquist will swear in the senators as jurors tomorrow morning. But the substantive questions of how the trial will be conducted are still undecided. The reason is that some influential Republican senators are blocking the plan of their majority leader, Trent Lott, to move the Senate with appropriate speed toward a censure verdict that conforms with the public will, the evidence against Mr. Clinton and the national interest.

Mr. Lott's sensible plan for a one-week trial without witnesses leading to an expedited procedural vote has been blocked by opposition from within his own caucus. ...

Senators sympathetic to Mr. Lott's goal need to help him cope with the difficult assignment of disciplining this irresponsible President in a way that does not harm the country more than it harms Mr. Clinton.

The problem of how to run an impeachment trial is bigger than Bill Clinton. The senators need to be bigger than Mr. Clinton has been, too. ...

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The case of the nasty little fifth grader

In these litigious days, when everyone hungers to sue everyone else, what are teachers and principals to do about nasty little boys? The Supreme Court will grapple with this vexatious question next week, when it hears argument in a case from Monroe County, Ga.


JAMES J. KILPATRICK

These are the allegations: During the 1992-1993 school year, LaShonda Davis was a pupil in the fifth grade at Hubbard Elementary School. On Dec. 17, according to her complaint, the boy in the seat next to her, identified only as G.F., began to harass her sexually. He tried to touch her breasts and vaginal area and said he wanted "to feel your boobs."

On Jan. 4, 1993, and again on Jan. 30, the boy engaged in similar behavior. Over the next several months, half a dozen additional incidents occurred. On one occasion "G.F. allegedly placed a doorstop in his pants and behaved in a sexually suggestive manner toward LaShonda during their physical education class."

The girl complained repeatedly to her teachers. In March, because the misconduct continued, teacher Diane Fort moved G.F. to another seat. It didn't help. LaShonda's grades were dropping. In April her mother found a suicide note the child had written. Finally, in May, LaShonda and her mother paid a visit to Principal Bill Querry. He had been informed of the situation. According to Mrs. Davis, he said only that "I guess I'll have to threaten the boy a little harder."

To the Davises, mother and daughter, the school's response added up to deliberate indifference. They filed suit under Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, alleging that the responsible school officials had subjected the child to a sexually hostile learning environment.

The Georgia district court dismissed the suit and the 11th Circuit affirmed that ruling. Title IX, in their view, prohibits sexual harassment only by agents of the state, such as a teacher or principal; it does not cover the harassment visited by one student upon another.

The question has arisen in a dozen district courts. It has divided the circuit courts of appeal. On Jan. 12 the Supreme Court will have a crack at it.

My own sympathies are divided. If LaShonda's allegations are true, the child was badly treated over a period of six months, and the school did nothing effective to relieve her distress. On the other hand, federal judges have no business trying to micromanage discipline in the public schools.

The Davis case has attracted a stack of friend-of-the-court briefs, including a brief from the Justice Department supporting the child. The National Organization for Women, the American Association of University Women, the Feminist Majority Foundation, the National Education Association and the National Center for Lesbian Rights all have taken her side.

The National School Boards Association and the American Association of School Administrators have filed a brief supporting the Monroe County school officials. They make a telling argument: The officials' tepid response may have been negligent -- the charge is unproven -- but it was not *discriminatory*, and it is discrimination on account of sex that the 1964 act forbids.

The school boards' brief merits quotation:

"School discipline rules ultimately serve both a pedagogical and disciplinary function. Unlike adults in the workplace, juveniles have limited life experiences or familial influences upon which to establish an understanding of appropriate behavior. The real world of school discipline is a rough-and-tumble place where students practice newly learned vulgarities, erupt with anger, tease and embarrass each other, share offensive notes, flirt, push and shove in the halls, grab and offend ...

"Confronted daily with a dizzying array of immature or uncontrollable behavior by students, school officials must ferret out the false or trivial allegations from those that are true and serious.

"Even when it is clear that a student has violated school rules, there are no federal sentencing guidelines for student discipline decisions -- nor should there be. School officials necessarily must use their professional judgment and discretion in responding to complaints about student misconduct."

That makes sense to me. When a little boy pushes a little girl in a hallway, the little boy qualifies as a bullying brat. When the kid keeps it up, he deserves a swift trip to the principal's office.

But, hold on. When does this add up to a federal offense -- that is, to discrimination on the part of teachers and principals? The Supremes will tell us by June.



Can't see the forest for the trees

My Mississippi neighbor, Annie Louise Laxson, was alone and without electricity Christmas Day, and for a while, inexplicably, her dependable little gas heater stopped, too. Less stout souls would have complained.


RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

She was her usual, cheerful self when I phoned from Georgia, however, regaling me with generous descriptions of the latest ice storm to hit the lonesome hollow.

"It's really pretty," she said, and I could almost see the green Christmas fern along the creek bed, and the snake-skinned sycamores wearing a shiny veneer of ice, and cedars bent like earnest supplicants on their way to confessional.

Last time it happened, 1994, so many trees came down we thought our world would never look the same, and for weeks a pall fell over North Mississippi, as we gloomily, wordlessly, went about the business of hauling away scattered logs and burning the brush. Even Annie Louise was depressed.

Nature taught us a lesson. That next spring the severely pruned woods were fraught with bloom and new growth, dogwoods we'd never noticed, wildflowers that once had needed more light. Nature had wiped out the weak and old, and summer made us forget the storm had ever happened.

We were heartened, but did figure that supreme pruning would last a century or so. Now it's happened all over again.

It's odd to say, but I missed being there this icy Christmas, despite all the hardships loss of power can and did cause. It somehow was worse to be away. I felt helpless, even careless, the way I used to feel as a child in bed when I'd hear the rain begin to pelt the roof and suddenly remember that I'd left my bicycle outside.

But Annie Louise and our good friend Danny Barnes checked on my pump house when the lights came on again, and both assured me there was no reason to change holiday plans. The pipes were fine. The pump hadn't burned itself out gushing water for no good reason. And the downed trees would be there whenever I made my next pass.

In my Mississippi house there's a framed sampler someone made for me a long time ago. It says, "A True Friend Is The Rarest Of Blessings." Truer words were never cross-stitched.

So many of you in the year past have used e-mail or the more conventional kind to offer words of encouragement and praise, or to suggest people and places that would make good stories. Often these are not short and casual notes, but exquisitely crafted, long and poetic letters straight from the hip or heart.

I read every word. It sounds awfully egotistical to say, "I get so much mail I can't answer it." But it's true. If I gave each correspondent the thoughtful reply he or she deserves, I would never have time or energy to write another column.

Often I put aside a letter thinking, "I'll answer this one when I have a nice block of time and can give it thought." That, of course, rarely happens.

But, in a real way, I depend on those letters, on that faceless but vital form of friendship, for emotional survival. No writer writes to remain unread. Critics don't matter so much if you know that others understand what you're attempting to do and actually, sometimes, enjoy it.

In those letters I find the courage and fun to write on for another week, another year. So thank you.

Danny Barnes' wife took some pictures of the Dr. Zhivago-ish scene at my old barn last week. I'll bet the icicles hung like daggers from the silvery tin roof, and the little willow was limp with the excess weight.

I dread seeing the tree damage, but, on the other hand, this new year begins happily with proof absolute of good hearts, good friends and friendship.

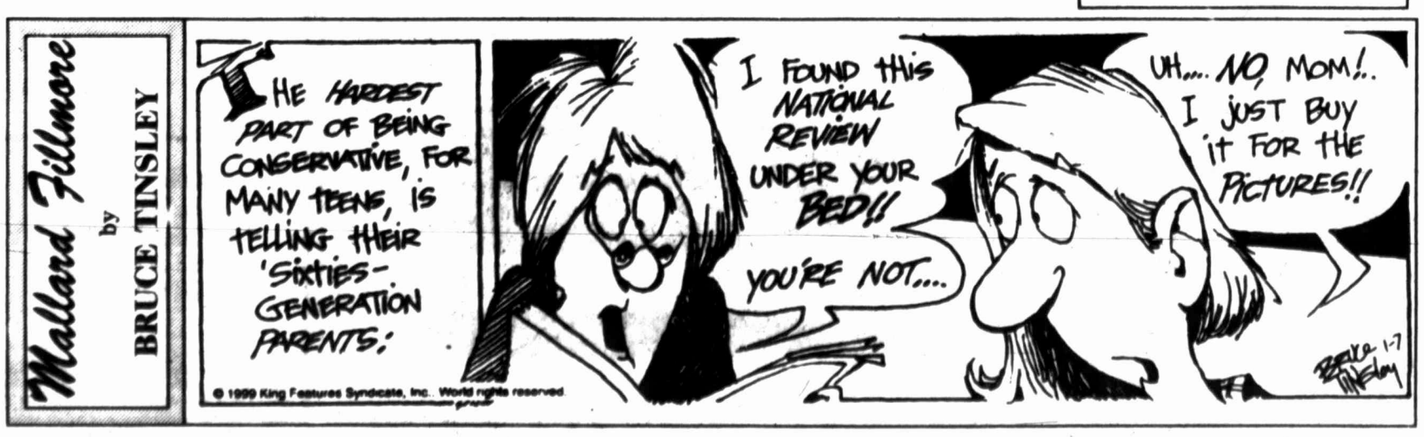
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For two decades, she had mail

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For 21 years, Reba Ward was more than just Forsan's postmaster.

Ward, a 26-year veteran of the postal service, did more than just handle mail in her two-plus decades in the top job.

"It was a main hub of the community," said Ward. Especially in her early years on the job, in the late 1970s, the post office was a place for Forsan's citizens to congregate.

It was also a place where they got much of their information.

"If an ambulance came through town, people would call the post office to find out what was going on," Ward said. "If the water was turned off, they called me to find out why." And how did she know?

"Somebody would call and tell me. That's a small town for you."

When a member of the community died, it was often Ward who ordered flowers. When people in town wanted to share their news — good and bad, it was to her office they often went.

"It's all been good," said Ward, who retired Dec. 31. "I hope I've treated people like they expected me to."

Ward apparently made a lot of friends during her time as postmaster. Forsan citizens will honor her with a reception tonight at 7 at the Forsan Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Since she announced she would be leaving, Ward admits she's been "on an emotional roller coaster."

Her husband, Leon, was anxious for his wife to retire so they could begin to enjoy their golden years together. But Ward is sure she will miss being at the center of the community's happenings.

"We are all like family," she said.

Over the years, technology took over the Forsan Post Office.

"When I started out, we postmarked everything personally," she said. Now, postmarks are done in Midland, except if a special request is made for the local mark.

Computers invaded the office, but not completely: They are just used for some tasks. Recently, the office got a credit card machine.

But whether she was sorting mail, stuffing boxes, accounting or dealing with complaints, Ward said it was all about serving her customers — who were also her friends.

"In such a small town," she said, "it really makes it all personal."



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Reba Ward, retired postmaster from Forsan, with some of the souvenirs she collected in more than two decades of work. The mug shows the postal service's new logo, the updated eagle, and the mailbox replica is a bank.

Challenging toddler years are wonderful for parents

QUESTION: My baby is only a year old, and she is a joy to my husband and me. But your description of toddlerhood is kind of scary. It's just around the corner. Are the "terrible twos" really so terrible?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: I think the toddler years are delightful. It is a period of dynamic blossoming and unfolding. New words are being learned daily, and the cute verbal expressions of that age will be remembered for half a century. It is a time of excitement over fairy stories and Santa Claus and furry puppy dogs. And most important, it is a precious time of loving and warmth that will scurry by all too quickly and will never return.

Admittedly, the toddler years can also be quite challenging to a busy mother. Not the least of her frustrations is the negativism of that period of development. It has been said that all human beings can be classified into two broad categories: those who would vote "yes" to the various propositions of life, and those who would be inclined to vote "no." I can tell you with confidence that each toddler around the world would definitely cast a negative vote!

If there is one word that characterizes the period between 15 and 24 months of age, it is "No!" No, he doesn't want to eat his cereal. No, he doesn't want to play with his dump truck. No, he doesn't want to take his bath. And you can be sure, no, he doesn't want to go to bed anytime at all. It is easy to see why this period of life has been called "the first adolescence" because of the negatives, conflict and independence of the age.

Perhaps the most irritating aspect of the "terrible twos" is the tendency of kids to spill things, destroy things, eat horrible things, fall off things, flush things, kill things and get into things. They also have a knack for doing embarrassing things, like sneezing on a nearby man at a lunch counter. During these toddler years, any unexplained silence of more than 30 seconds can throw an adult into a sudden state of panic.

What mother has not had the shock of opening the bedroom to find Tony Tornado covered with lipstick from the top of his pink head to the carpet on which he stands? On the wall is his own artistic creation, with a handprint in the center, and

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A way to heal

Victim-offender dialogues called beneficial for some

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Labor Day is never a vacation for Ellen Halbert. It can't be anymore — it makes her sick.

That was the day, 12 years ago, when an 18-year-old man sheathed in a Ninja suit invaded her house. He raped, beat and stabbed her nearly to death.

Now she wants to meet him.

"I had so many questions," she said. "Only the offender can answer all those questions."

Halbert, a nationally recognized victim advocate from Texas, recently addressed an international conference in Tucson focusing on such victim-offender dialogues. Tried in Pima County and as far away as Japan, the process is gaining credibility both in and outside the criminal justice system.

To some, putting victims together in the same room with the people who inflicted their pain would seem a recipe only for more hurt, anger and despair. But Halbert and other trainers in the Victim Offender Mediation Association speak of the healing role such forums can provide for victims and their families.

Neither settlement nor therapy, the process is part of a larger movement called "restorative justice," said Bruce Kittle, co-chairman of the organization's board. It aims not just to secure punishment for offenders, but also to help victims reach closure and lead criminals to accept responsibility for their actions, he said.

Halbert hoped that her attacker's trial, at which he was sentenced to life in prison, would give her many of the answers she sought. But unlike Arizona, her home state of Texas did not allow victims in the courtroom except during their own testimony.

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> ***Ellen Halbert, rape victim***

She learned only his age, a few family details and that he was a drifter from Cincinnati on probation for stealing a car. Without a face-to-face meeting, she was left to piece the rest of the story together from memories:

It was Labor Day, 1986. Her family left for holiday activities, and she was enjoying a leisurely shower in her upscale Austin, Texas, home.

Walking to her closet for a bathrobe, she encountered a man covered from head to toe in Ninja-style clothing. She would learn later that he spent the night in her attic.

All she could see were his eyes.

"In his right hand, held up over his head, was the biggest knife I'd ever seen," she recalled. "My first thought was, 'This is some kind of joke.'"

She laughed. But he wasn't kidding.

The man knocked her down twice — the second time after she struggled to regain her ground.

The she knew: "This was not a nightmare. This was real life."

For the next hour and a half, the man bound her limbs with tape, raped her and stabbed her repeatedly with a knife — finally bashing her head with a hammer as she tried, one last time, to reach for a phone.

He left only when he thought she was dead. Amazingly, she wasn't.

Halbert required hundreds of stitches on her head that left her bald throughout the months of the trial. Her marriage disintegrated. Her children, then teens, started failing in school. She had multiple plastic surgery operations and countless therapy sessions as she struggled to stop crying.

But within two years, she agreed to speak at an anti-crime rally. The experience eventually led to her appointment to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and a full-time job directing the district attorney's victim witness division in one Texas county.

Now 55 and remarried, she has attempted — twice — to meet her attacker. Partly to explain what the crime did to her and her family. And partly to try to understand it.

"I wanted to know, of course, why," Halbert said. "Why he did those things to me. What he thought he would gain from it. Did he really want me to die? It seemed obvious that he did, and if he did, why?"

"The questions could go on," she said. "I would imagine I would have hundreds."

Finding answers is one reason the dialogue process appears to be gaining popularity. Some also hope that offenders will learn from the experience, especially those who return to the community through probation or parole.



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First graders Nicole Cortez, background, and Chanelle Castillo hang up their coats as they headed back to class at College Heights Elementary School Tuesday.

Car wash poll shows Clinton 'washed up'

LAKE JACKSON (AP) — It's settled: President Clinton is all washed up — or so say the customers at Ernie's Car Wash.

Two weeks ago, owner Ernie Davis decided to take his own poll about what the common folk think of Clinton's troubles. He placed a sign in front of his two car wash lanes: one for impeachment, the other against.

The results have been staggering.

"The impeachment lane is by far the winner," Davis told The Facts newspaper. "It's more than two-to-one for impeachment. A lot of people are very adamant. They will back out of one lane to go to the other."

Officially, 1,571 drivers have supported impeachment, while 749 have not.

Davis was concerned he would offend his customers in this small town but business has been booming.

SCHOOL NEWS

BSHS band

About 20 Big Spring High School band members will go to area competition this weekend to try to qualify for all-state honors.

That contest follows the Nov. 30 All-Region auditions in Andrews, when 33 of the local band members qualified for that honor. Four of those also tried out for the 5A All-Region Band, a bigger challenge, and four of those made the cut.

Junior High band students will go to all-region competition later this month.

All-Region band members include: Lori Maines, Chelsea Churchwell, Medera Gray, Sara Murphree, Becky Vera, Dusty Clayton, Chelsea Helsley, Eloy Leal, Leigh Ann Murphree, Jamie Pineda, Vanesa Rodriguez, Jennie Tedford, Valerie Aguirre, Sandra Gainey, Matt Holt, Corrina Lara, Aaron Schooler, Ashlie Simmons, Guido Toscano, Krystal Gonzales, Rachel Ray, Landon Adkins, Matt Lovelady, Jason Martinez, Arthur Olague, Michael Correa, Adam Partee, Daniel Makowsky, SAlvador Rizo, Chris Correa, Jared Huseman, Holly Price and Nicole Williams.

Those who qualified for the 5A band were: Lori Maines, Dusty Clayton, Valerie Aguirre and Matt Holt.

Send your news

School news is due Monday at 5 p.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper. Call 263-7331, ext. 236 for more information.

SLICE of *life!*

EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

Educator name: Genie Carroll
Position/School: 2nd grade teacher at Marcy Elementary
Years in education: 16
Unique talents/methods you bring to the job: Love of children and desire to help them become the best they can be.
Why I became a teacher: Love of children.
Special hobbies/interests: crafts and family.
Family information: Husband Wesley of 33 years, son Tim and daughter Amy.
People would be surprised if they knew I: Had graduated from college at age 38. I commuted to UTPB in Odessa.
Most gratifying experience with young people: When you see something they have been having trouble with finally seems easy to them.
If I could change one thing about my job, it would be: Time spent on paperwork instead of with children.



THE LAST WORD

I was sick, and ye visited me.
Matthew 25:36

If ignorance indeed is bliss, it is a very low grade of the article.
Tehyi Hsieh

It is a blind goose that cometh to the fox's sermon.
John Lyly

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DOBSON

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throughout the room is the aroma of Chanel No. 5 with which he has anointed his baby brother. Wouldn't it be interesting to hold a national convention sometime, bringing together all the mothers who have experienced that exact trauma?

Yes, toddlerhood is challenging, but it is also a wonderful time of life. It will last but a brief moment in time. There are millions of older parents today with grown children who would give all they possess to relive those bubbly days with their toddlers. Enjoy these years to the fullest.

QUESTION: How early in life is a child capable of making a willful challenge to parental authority?

DR. DOBSON: Depending on the temperament of the individual, defiant behavior can be displayed by very young children. A father once told me of taking his 3-year-old daughter to a basketball game. The child was, of course, interested in everything in the gym except the athletic contest. The father permitted her to roam free and climb on the bleachers, but he set up definite limits regarding how far she could stray. He took her by the hand and walked with her to a stripe painted on the gym floor.

"You can play all around the building, Janie, but don't go past this line," he instructed her.

Dad had no sooner returned to his seat than the toddler scurried in the direction of the forbidden territory. She stopped at the border for a moment, then flashed a grin over her shoulder to her father and deliberately placed one foot over the line, as if to say, "Whatcha gonna do about it?" Virtually every parent the world over has been asked the same question at one time or another. That's the way some kids are made.

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

San Antonio man dedicates life to playing Elvis

SAN ANTONIO(AP) — Thankyuh . . . thankyuhvermuch for stepping into the unearthly world of Elvis impersonators.

Here, you can meet the Jewish, the Dutch, the Swedish and the Mexican Elvis.

The Skiing Elvis, the Barbecuing Elvis, the Nude Elvis and a large number of women hell-bent on being the King.

And then . . . there is Rockin' Robin Paul Nevarez.

More than just an Elvis freak with a slick black Cadillac and a hairdo to match. In a world of Elvis ditto-heads, Nevarez stands out. He is a king in a world of would-be Kings.

For Nevarez, Elvis was more than a performer who rocked, rolled and created a new mold for rock 'n' roll. He was more than a man who embodied the concept of super-superstardom.

Nevarez worships Elvis the man, he who had human feelings and problems. A man who cherished his mother and embraced Christian values, despite his eventual turn to personal mayhem and decadence.

At first, he grew sideburns and had his wife fashion colorful jumpsuits. Took his act on the road: L.A., Las Vegas, Memphis, Miami, Puerto Rico. Appeared on shows such as "Christina" and became a staple of local news coverage during Elvis Week each August, after the King died in 1977, and January, when his birth is celebrated. This Friday, Elvis would've been 64.

Soon, it became more than just a part-time gig.

Nevarez retired after nearly 30 years of military service and became an Elvis impersonator 24-7-365.

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Important Events of the New Year

A Kid's 1999 Calendar

Keep this 1999 calendar and watch out for coming special events.



This year we will be celebrating the bicentennial of George Washington. Throughout 1999, people will be honoring his many achievements. He died at his home, Mount Vernon in Virginia, on Dec. 14, 1799.

Looking to a new era

You probably will always remember the celebrations of New Year's Eve, 1999. People will be celebrating the end of a century, or 100 years. Many will also be celebrating the start of a new millennium, a period of 1,000 years.

The first year of the new millennium won't really come until 2001. But most people will start celebrating it in the first minutes of 2000.

This is the first in a four-part series about time and the millennium.

Year of Older Persons

The United Nations has named the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons.

People today are living and working longer. The United Nations is honoring all the older people who give so much to their communities and families.

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1 National Book Month; New Year's Day
17 Benjamin Franklin's birthday
18 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
31 National Popcorn Day; Super Bowl XXXIII

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Black History Month
12 Abraham Lincoln's birthday
14 Valentine's Day
15 Presidents' Day
16 Chinese New Year — Year of the Hare
22 George Washington's birthday

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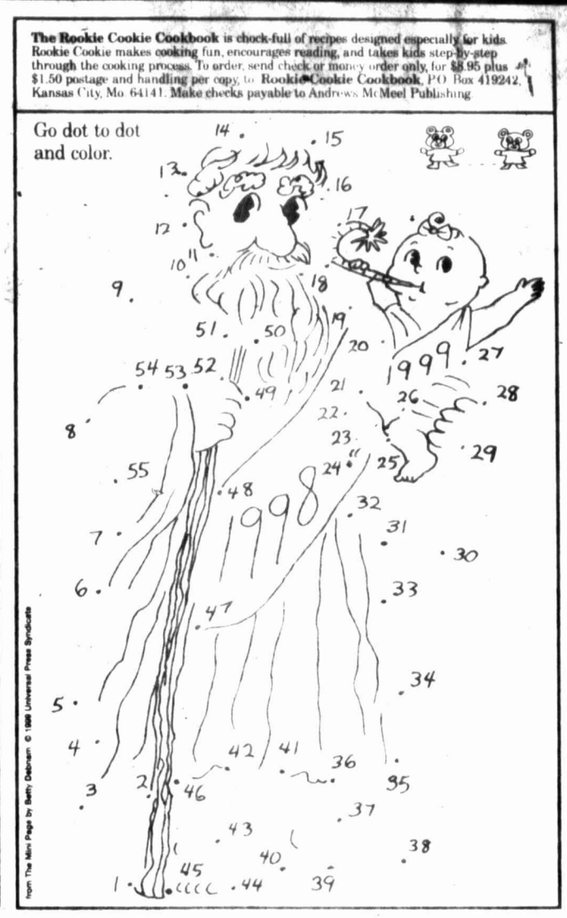
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National Women's History Month; Music in Our Schools Month; National Nutrition Month
1-5 Newspaper in Education Week
17 St. Patrick's Day
20 First day of spring

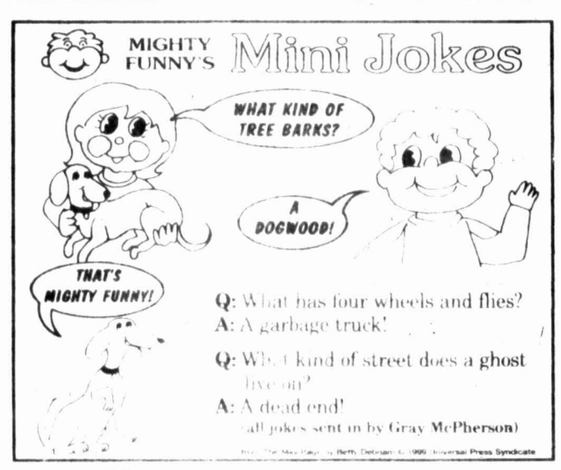
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1 April Fool's Day
1-8 Passover
4 Easter
11-17 National Library Week
22 Earth Day
30 National Arbor Day



The Rookie Cookie Cookbook is chock-full of recipes designed especially for kids. Rookie Cookie makes cooking fun, encourages reading, and takes kids step-by-step through the cooking process. To order, send check or money order only, for $8.95 plus $1.50 postage and handling per copy, to: Rookie Cookie Cookbook, P.O. Box 419242, Kansas City, Mo. 64141. Make checks payable to Andrews McMeel Publishing



Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Topped Tacos

You'll need:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 package taco seasoning
- ½ cup water
- 6 taco shells
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1½ cups chopped lettuce
- 1 small jar of salsa

What to do:

1. Cook beef in a skillet over medium heat until browned. Drain.
2. Add taco seasoning and water. Mix well. Heat 5 minutes.
3. Place taco shells on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 10 minutes.
4. Place equal amounts of meat inside each taco shell.
5. Place equal amounts of cheese on top, then lettuce, then salsa. Makes 6.

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5 Cinco de Mayo
9 Mother's Day
31 Memorial Day

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5-13 National Fishing Week
14 Flag Day
14-20 National Little League Baseball Week
20 Father's Day
21 First day of summer

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National Hot Dog Month
National Recreation and Parks Month
4 Independence Day

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6 Labor Day
11-12 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
15-Oct. 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month
17 Citizenship Day
17-23 Constitution Week
23 First day of autumn

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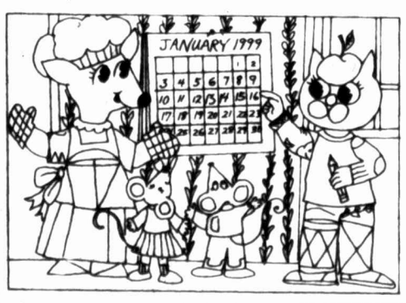
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3-9 Fire Prevention Week
10-16 National School Lunch Week
10-16 National Wildlife Week
11 Columbus Day celebrated
17-23 National School Bus Safety Week
31 Halloween

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends have just put up a new calendar. See if you can find:

- apple
- coffee pot
- drum
- muffin
- question mark
- sailboat
- sock
- kite
- tooth
- number 3
- fish
- number 8



This Year of the Older Person would be a good time to ask your grandparents or older friends more about their lives. Write down or tape-record their memories.

Ask about their favorite childhood me[illegible] met [illegible] or wife. Think of some questions of your own.

Look through your newspaper for important dates to your family, your community and your country. Why are those dates important?

Next week The Mini Page learns about the coming millennium.

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National American Indian Heritage Month
7-13 National Chemistry Week
11 Veterans Day
14-20 National Geography Awareness Week
15-21 Children's Book Week
25 Thanksgiving

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4-11 Hanukkah
9-Jan. 7 Ramadan, Islamic month of fasting
22 First day of winter
25 Christmas
26-Jan. 1 Kwanzaa
31 New Year's Eve

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

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IN BRIEF

BSHS swimmers headed to Temple Invitational

A number of Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swimmers have qualified to compete this weekend in the Temple Invitational Swimming & Diving Meet, featuring selected Class 4A teams.

The meet, which gets under way with prelims at 5 p.m. Friday in the Hardin Swim Center, will be the Big Spring teams' final warm-up prior to the district meet slated for Jan. 30 in Pecos.

Lady Steers swimmers who have qualified for the meet are Melissa Sheedy, Michelle Stokes, Tz Marsch, Amanda Morris, Renee Flores and Heidi Robinson.

The Steers' contingent will include Billy Beckworth, Slate Broyles, Justin Williams, Douglas Willberg, Marcus Fernandez and Brent Sisson.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

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

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

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

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

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

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

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

Lady Raiders thump Oklahoma, 93-69

LUBBOCK (AP) — Rene Hanebutt fired away from outside and Angie Braziel was devastating inside.

The combination was way more than Oklahoma could handle Wednesday night, as No. 7 Texas Tech captured its 12th straight victory 93-69. It's the Lady Raiders' best start since the 1993-94 season.

Hanebutt scored a career-high 30 points, including a school-record seven 3-pointers, while Braziel chipped in 25 points inside.

"I really had a good rhythm tonight," Hanebutt said. "I felt that if I had the opportunity to shoot it, chances are it was going to go down. We really came out in the second half with a different focus. That was the difference in the ball game."

Texas Tech (13-1, 2-0) also got 10 points and a team-high 11 rebounds from Cara Gibbs.

Stacey Dales led Oklahoma with 28 points. Phylesha Whaley, who entered the game averaging 19.3 points, finished with 9 points for Oklahoma.

TODAY

JUCO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Blinn College at Howard Lady Hawks.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8:30 p.m. — Illinois at Iowa, ESPN, Ch. 30.

9:30 p.m. — Southern Cal at Oregon, FXS, Ch. 29.

GOLF

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

Texas' teams in NBA now face quick rebuilding projects

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Houston Rockets have enough players for a game — as long as it's two-on-two.

The San Antonio Spurs have twin towers David Robinson and Tim Duncan but only five other veterans under contract.

The Dallas Mavericks have virtually their entire roster signed, but it's mostly the same team that went 20-62 last year.

Before NBA teams can begin their shortened season next month — made possible by Wednesday's labor agreement between players and owners — they need to come up with teams. The mighty Chicago Bulls are a prime example, as nine of the 12 players on last year's playoff roster are free agents, including Michael Jordan.

Of the Texas teams, the Mavericks have the biggest head start on the season. Not only do they have nine veterans under contract, they also signed first-round draft pick Dirk Nowitzki, a 6-foot-11, 20-year-old German sensation, just before the lockout last summer.

Dallas will feature point guard Steve Nash, obtained from Phoenix in a three-way trade, and its top returning player, forward Michael Finley.

San Antonio will look to get beyond the Western Conference semifinals this time — that's where the Spurs fell to Utah last year.

The Spurs, who improved by 36 wins last year, will again hitch their wagon to big men Robinson and Duncan, last year's rookie of the year. But they've also got five other veterans under contract: Sean Elliott, Avery Johnson, Antonio Daniels, Will Perdue and Chuck Person. Guard Vinny Del Negro is a free agent who recently joined an Italian team but has a clause allowing him to return to the NBA once the lockout ends.

The team has tried to trade for Golden State Warriors guard Latrell Sprewell, but speculation in San Antonio says that could only happen if a third team gets involved because Golden State isn't interested in the players the Spurs are offering.

Houston doesn't even have enough players under contract for a starting lineup.

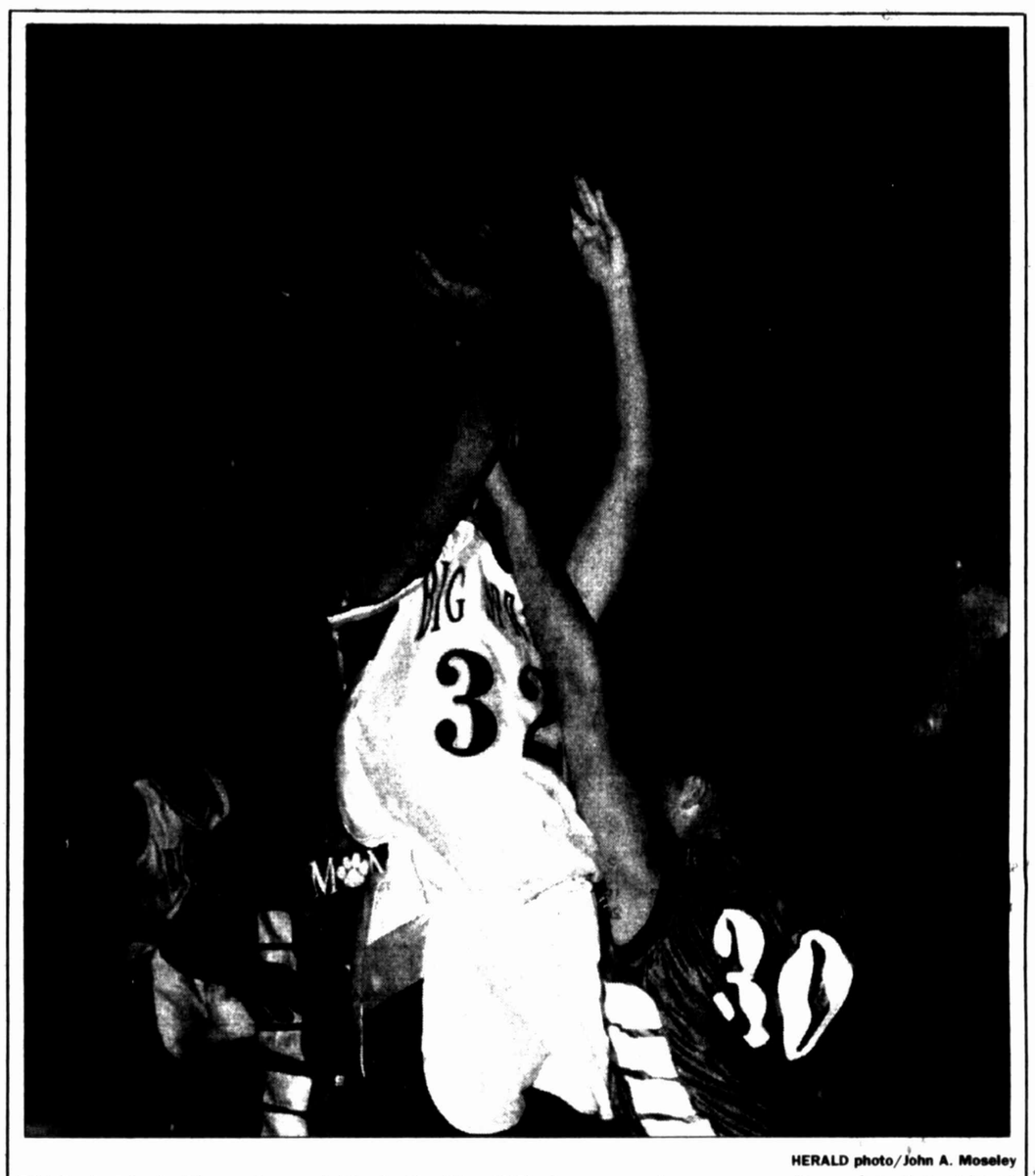
Center Hakeem Olajuwon is signed, as is guard Brent Price, returning from injury. The only other signed players are reserves Rodrick Rhodes and Roy Rogers.

Charles Barkley is a free agent, although he might re-sign with the Rockets. Barkley is recovering from a triceps injury and a hernia.

The Rockets are expected to be aggressive in the free-agent market. Star forwards Antonio McDyess and Scottie Pippen are thought to be at the top of their wish list.

The end of the lockout could also boost prospects for a new arena in Houston. Mayor Lee Brown had openly worried that canceling the season could make voters wary of approving a publicly financed arena.

The Mavericks, Spurs and Rockets can't sign free agents until Jan. 18, but staffs are already narrowing their shopping lists.



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Big Spring Lady Steers forward Alexis Casillas (32) goes up and scores over the outstretched hand of a Monahans defender during the Lady Steers' first win of the 1998-99 season. The Lady Steers will open District 5-4A play Friday, playing host to Sweetwater's defending district champion Lady Mustangs. Junior varsity action is slated to begin at 5 p.m. in Steer Gym with varsity play set for a 6 p.m. tip.

DePaul's freshmen no match for No. 3 Cincinnati's crew

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NCAA ROUNDUP

Cincinnati didn't cut the youngest team in Conference USA any slack.

Melvin Levett hit seven of his first eight shots and scored 27 points Wednesday night to lead No. 3 Cincinnati, the defending league champions, to an 87-64 victory over DePaul and its highly touted freshman class.

"They're young and they're good and they're going to be good, but not tonight," Levett said. "They weren't going to come in here (and win). I think I made my point every time I made a shot."

The Bearcats (14-0, 3-0) remained one of three unbeaten Division I teams by beating the Blue Demons (7-6, 1-2) for the 16th straight time in a span of seven years.

"We're still the dominant team in the conference," said center Kenyon Martin, whose five blocked shots gave him a school-record 145 for his three-year career. "We wanted them to know that. We're still here and we're not going anywhere."

The 14 straight wins to open the season are second only to the 1962-63 team's 19-0 start in a season that ended in the Final Four.

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday night, it was No. 1 Connecticut 91, Boston College 78; No. 2 Duke 99, Georgia Tech 58; No. 9 Purdue 70, Penn State 67; Miami 84, No. 10 St. John's 79; No. 11 North Carolina 72, Florida State 54; No. 24 Wisconsin 66, No. 12 Michigan State 51; No. 14 Auburn 83, No. 19 Arkansas 66; Northwestern 58, No. 16 Minnesota 55; No. 18 Kansas 66, Baylor 62; and No. 23 Oklahoma State 64, Texas A&M 59.

Levett scored 21 of Cincinnati's 49 points in the first half, when the Bearcats opened an 18-point lead. Overall, Levett was 10-of-17 from the field and made half of his 12 3-points attempts.

UConn 91, Boston College 78

Richard Hamilton scored a career-high 39 points as the visiting Huskies (12-0, 4-0) beat the Eagles for the 20th straight time since 1988. Connecticut led 49-39 at halftime and then went on a 14-4 run. Michael Cotton had a career-high 23 points for BC, which has lost seven of eight.

Duke 99, Georgia Tech 58

The Blue Devils (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 30th straight home game as Elton Brand had 18 points and Trajan Langdon and Corey Maggette added 17 each. Jason Collier had a career-high 23 points for the Yellow Jackets (10-5, 1-2), which trailed 53-29 at halftime.

Purdue 70, Penn St. 67

Jaraan Cornell had 23 points and the visiting Boilermakers (13-2, 1-0 Big Ten) held off a late rally by the Nittany Lions (9-4, 1-2). Gyasi Cline-Heard had a career-high 23 points for Penn State, which closed a 13-point deficit to 64-62 with 1:18 left, only to see Cornell and Tony Mayfield go 6-for-6 at the foul line.

N. Carolina 72, Florida St. 54

Ademola Okulaja scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half as the Tar Heels (14-3, 2-1 ACC) rallied from a 31-28 halftime deficit. Ron Hale had 17 points for the Seminoles (7-6, 1-1), who were outrebounded 46-21 and outscored 23-1 at the foul line. The game-time temperature in the Leon County Civic Center was 55 degrees because of open areas of construction.

Auburn 83, Arkansas 66

The Tigers (14-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) tied the second best start in school history by closing the game with a 15-5 run. Chris Porter had 20 points for Auburn, which was playing in front of a second consecutive home sell-out crowd for the first time. Brandon Dean had 20 points for the Razorbacks, who had won five straight over the Tigers.

Kansas 66, Baylor 62

The Jayhawks (10-3, 2-0 Big 12) scored only 11 points in the final 13 minutes, but were 5-of-7 from the foul line in the last 41 seconds to hang on. Jeff Boschee had 14 points for visiting Kansas. Kish Lewis had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Bears (6-9, 0-2), who were playing for the first time since Tevis Stukes, their leading scorer, quit the team.

Okla. State 64, Texas A&M 59

Desmond Mason had 24 points and 10 rebounds to lead the visiting Cowboys (10-3, 2-0 Big 12), who led for the final 14 minutes. Clifton Cook had 25 points and eight rebounds for the Aggies (7-5, 0-2).

AP names White NFL's top defensive player

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Reggie White played like he was a young man in 1998, capping his illustrious career as The Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

He also won the award in 1987 while with the Philadelphia Eagles.

So, which does he consider the greater accomplishment, collecting 21 sacks in 12 games in '87 at age 25 or 16 sacks at age 36 in his farewell season?

"I think this is the highlight," White said without hesitation. "Back then I was young. This is probably a bigger year."

White, who planned to retire a year ago, came back to the Green Bay Packers for one last season and led the NFC with 16 sacks. He also served as an off-field teacher for young defensive linemen Vonnie Holliday and Keith McKenzie, who finished with eight sacks each.

"Reggie this year was phenomenal," Packers quarterback Brett Favre said. "No one expected him, first of all, to play in the offseason, then he comes back and everyone's like, 'Well, he'll give us his five, six sacks and his leadership in the locker room.' But he just blew everybody away."

No player has retired after winning the defensive or offensive player of the year award, but two MVPs did — Norm Van Brocklin, co-winner in 1960, and Jim Brown in 1965.

White, the most honored defensive end in NFL history, insisted once again Wednesday that this was it.

"There's some people who don't understand how I could walk away from the game having as good a year as I did, and No. 2 how I could walk away from so much money," said White, who could have made another $5 million next year.

White recently was voted to the All-Pro team for the seventh time. The 37-year-old defensive end is the career sacks leader with 192› and is generally recognized as the first significant free-agent signing of the 1990s, when he left the Eagles for Green Bay.

Packers general manager Ron Wolf has said White's signing convinced other players to come to Green Bay.

"To go out on top like this is an honor and a privilege that God would allow me to come through and play the way I did," said White, an ordained minister dubbed the team's "Minister of Defense."

"I didn't play for the people who doubted me. When the Lord spoke to me about coming back, that was the only reason I came back. No. 2, all of us have team goals and individual goals; my prayer was that God would make me defensive player of the year and to get 16 sacks."

Couch supposedly ready to leave Kentucky for NFL ranks

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The day dreaded by Kentucky football fans has arrived, with star quarterback Tim Couch ready to announce he will skip his senior year to play in the NFL.

"He's definitely coming out" in the NFL draft, a source told The Associated Press on Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Couch, who scheduled a news conference to announce his plans, set national high school passing records in his home town of Hyden and is revered in Kentucky for spurning scholarship offers from Florida, Tennessee and Penn State to attend his home state university.

He and coach Hal Mumme are given credit for the turnaround that took Kentucky from a Southeastern Conference doormat to a New Year's Day bowl team in just two years. Kentucky's appearance in last Friday's Outback Bowl was the school's first bowl in five years and its first Jan. 1 game in 47 years.

Last week, Kentucky rewarded Mumme for his work with a $4 million, five-year contract. Now, Couch is poised to make millions of dollars as a potential No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

The expansion Cleveland Browns hold the first pick, and team president Carmen Policy has said he would take a "franchise quarterback" with the pick if one is available. Many scouts believe Couch — with his 6-foot-5, 225-pound size, accuracy, touch and experience — fits that description.

Friday is the deadline for underclassmen to declare for April's draft, and Couch was just one of several top players set to leave school early. Also declaring for the draft Wednesday were this season's Outland Trophy winner, UCLA tackle Kris Farris, West Virginia tailback Amos Zereoue and Ohio State wide receiver David Boston.

Running back Shaun Alexander, Alabama's leading rusher, announced that he would pass on the draft and remain in school.

Couch struggled as a freshman at Kentucky in then-coach Bill Curry's conservative offense, then blossomed under Mumme and his "Air Raid" offense, throwing for 73 touchdowns and more than 8,500 yards the last two seasons.

In 1998, he threw for 4,275 yards and 36 touchdowns, leading the Wildcats (7-5) to their first seven-win season since 1984. He finished fourth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy.

Couch insisted during the season that he had not yet made up his mind whether to go to the NFL or return to Lexington for his senior year. Following Kentucky's 26-14 Outback Bowl loss, Couch said he was "50-50" on whether to turn pro or stay in school.

Farris, the UCLA standout honored as the nation's top interior lineman, said he took about six months to decide to leave.

"I am confident this is the best decision for me at this time," Farris, a 6-foot-9, 315-pound junior, said. "The Outland Trophy really helped my decision, I'm not going to lie about it. Injury wasn't really a big concern. I just felt like this was the best time to leave."

Farris said a significant factor in his decision was the fact that since he sat out his freshman year, many players in his class, including Cade McNown, have completed their eligibility.

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

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2 bd., 2 bath house for rent. Carport, fireplace, fenced yard. $400./mo., $250./dep. Call 263-2282.

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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2 bdr. 1 bath Evap./air, 2009 Johnson College Heights area . Call 264-0793 after 4 pm.

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3 bd., 2 bath duplex. 2107 Main #A. $250./mo., $100./dep.; 1 bd., 1 bath. 508 Settles $125./mo, $100./dep.1208 Mian St. 2 bdr. 1bth. FP, $325/mn. $200/dep. 915-363-8243.

3 bd., fenced yard, carport, central heat/air. On Ent Street. $380./mo. Call 267-7380.

3 bdr. 2 bth. C/H, refrigerated air, fenced, 2128 Hillside RENTED $500/mn $200/dep. 263-7850.

3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath. 4219 Hamilton. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

All sizes! Furnished & Unfurnished houses! Apartment, bills paid! Call 267-8745!

Clean 1 bd. stove & refrigerator furnished. HUD approved. 509 E. 18th. $215/mn. $100/dep.Call 267-1543.

Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished house. Central H/AC, fenced backyard. No inside pets. $300 per month, $100 deposit. 267-9822.

Small 3bd. Mobile Home. C/H/A, w/d, stove & refr. $350./mo., $150/dep. HUD Midway area. Call 393-5585 anytime or after 2pm 267-3114.

TOO LATES

Two goat trailers for sale. 1-new, 1-used & 1 new flat bed trailer. Call 267-4135 after 6 pm.

❑ PJ's Resale Shop: 2210 Main. Fri & Sat. Heaters, couch, linens, sheets, blankets, lots more.

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WANTED: Brick masons. Experience in laying block. Top pay for experience. Call 806-765-7301.

Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Deposit & references required. Call 267-5952.

SELL or RENT
4 bdr. 2 bth., 2 bdr. 1 bth. Owner Finance. Consider Rent to Own. 267-3905.

❑ Garage Sale: 1311 Lincoln. Fri. & Sat. 8-? Furniture, appliances, clothes, baby items, lot's of misc.

Full size mattress & box springs. Excellent condition. $125. Call 263-3041 leave message.

ATTENTION CLASSIFIED CUSTOMERS
IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR MAKE CHANGES IN YOUR AD, PLEASE CALL BY 8:00AM THE DAY THE CHANGE IS TO OCCUR.
OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30AM-5:00PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on January 21, 1999 for Four (4) new 1998 vehicles or Four (4) used 1998 vehicles. Police Package equipped, for the Howard County Sheriff's Department. Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 Main St., Room 202, Big Spring, Texas or by calling 915-264-2210.
Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on January 25, 1999 for their consideration.
The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Jackie Olson, County Auditor
2141 January 7 & 14, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council has directed the City Manager, at the November 10, 1998 City Council meeting to designate and maintain angle parking on the west side of Scurry Street from the 200 Block through the 600 Block.
Big Spring City Code Sec. 18-137, Angle Parking, Authorizes the City Manager to designate and maintain angle parking on streets as directed by the City Council.
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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 8:

Take the lead professionally; you'll win rich recognition and rewards. Now is the time to make your mark. But don't minimize the role of your personal life. Home and family are very important to your decisions. You pull the financial wild card. Be conservative in your money choices. Don't take any unnecessary risks. You might be more inclined to spend on gifts for others. If you are single, romantic introductions come through friends. You could vacillate over whether to progress a relationship. If attached, you make an even deeper commitment, have a child or take a special trip. LIBRA pushes you into the spotlight.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You set a happier pace at work as you give others the benefit of the doubt. You're anxious to hear their ideas. Discuss finer points. Differences could be important. Work with new information. An important cause or meeting commands your attention. Tonight: Spring out the door.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You might feel like everyone left town and dumped their work on you! You are certainly carrying a heavier load. Take time to have an important discussion with an associate or supervisor. You need more information, and get it. Take an overview of what is happening. Tonight: Escape quickly.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Let your ingenuity come out. Make a new approach. News from a distance puts a spring in your step. Think through decisions. Someone tries to make up for recent difficulties. Be open to another opportunity. A new beginning is here. Tonight: So naughty and so nice!*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You build on strong foundations. A partner is happy to go along with you. Capitalize on the moment. Charge your energy into completing key work projects. Surprises mark an important association. Laugh, lighten up and go with the flow. Tonight: Home warms your heart.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Make contacts, have discussions and seek information. Humor, laughter and creativity mix. A partner does the unexpected, though you are delighted by him. Learn to blend in with others. Be light and easy. Examine your long-term interests. Tonight: Join friends.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Be an impartial observer rather than an active participant. You are capable of a strong reaction. Family and home take high priority, creating a scheduling problem. Be creative, to complete your work. Listen to co-workers. Go along with a fun suggestion. Tonight: It could cost!***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your smile and sparkling personality draw others. Approach a touchy subject in a different manner, to assure that your message will be clearly received. A child or loved one is simply unpredictable. You can't change that! Go with the flow. Tonight: Whip up a little fun!*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Listen to feedback and take in new information. Slow down and try to understand a family member. You might not be able to stabilize a personal situation. Don't try to handle it; let it go. Revamp your budget. Your instincts are excellent. Tonight: Head home for some downtime.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Friends surround you, urging you to join them. You might change your point of view as a result of information you receive. Unexpected news comes forward that encourages a change of plans. Know what you want, then proceed. Tonight: Where your friends are.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Emphasize achievement. Follow through on what is important to your work, but you could get distracted. On some level, you are processing a personal problem. No one is harder on you than you are! A raise or bonus becomes a distinct possibility. Tonight: Out and about.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Take a complete view of work-related issues. Think through a decision involving a friendship. Unexpected actions bring you into the limelight. Be sure of what you want. Because of your ability to see another side and empathize, others trust you. Tonight: Take off.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Relate closely to others. Listen carefully to their interpretations. A boss is difficult, but you could see a change in the work arena. Be willing to act on an unexpected insight. You could be a bit hard on yourself or feel overly tender. Tonight: Be with your best friend.*****

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Protest against cohabitation falls on daughter's deaf ears

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is contemplating moving in with her boyfriend next spring. She is 21, he is 22. They have been dating for nearly two years. They have both completed two years of college, but have not made plans to continue their education.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Both have been employed in good summer jobs, but they have no prospects for steady employment. She lives with us and he lives with his parents.

Her father and I don't want to see them live together for all the reasons that seem obvious to us. It seems like we have no good arguments against this plan. Could you give us any help? -- CONCERNED MOM IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR CONCERNED MOM: The old adage "two can live as cheaply as one" is baloney. Ask them how they plan to pay the rent, utilities, license fees, car insurance, doctor bills, buy groceries and clothing, and build a nest egg for retirement.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Furious," whose in-laws expect her and her family to stick to the in-laws' schedule when they come to visit, was understanding and appropriate. "Furious" is making a mountain out of a molehill. If her in-laws lived in Hawaii and she was in New York, or vice versa, the time difference would be as much as six hours, and THEN it would be worth getting upset about. However, since only one hour is involved, "Furious" should just grin and bear it. If this is the most serious in-law problem she has, she should count her blessings. -- R.W. IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR R.W.: Thank you for the supportive letter. However, quite a few seniors chastised me for my reply. They told me people in their 60s are not too set in their routines to adapt, and old dogs CAN learn new tricks.

DEAR ABBY: I went into shock when I read the letter from "Stressed Daughter in Florida." She perfectly described my mother, who insisted on living with me rather than in the apartment next door.

My mother had money and was in excellent health, but couldn't keep a friend. She would eat only certain foods. My life was hell if I went out with friends and didn't include her. Her lies to my friends caused a lot of heartache.

Please tell "Stressed Daughter" to say "NO" and not back down. I've been there and know how it feels. My mother died five months ago after four years with me. I am still recuperating mentally, physically and spiritually. I would not say "yes" again. Thank God, I'm free at last. Hell is gone, heaven has returned. Sign me ... NEVER AGAIN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEVER AGAIN: I advised "Stressed Daughter" to stand her ground and not back down. If she had any doubts before, seeing your story should convince her.

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•Nolan to Goliad between 12th and 1st
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•South of FM 700 - Goliad to Baylor
•Oasis addition to Hilltop Road area

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All applicants must have the following: A reliable car, liability insurance, and a good contact telephone number

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Contact:

The Big Spring Herald Circulation Department at 710 Scurry

(No phone calls please)

THURSDAY JAN. 7

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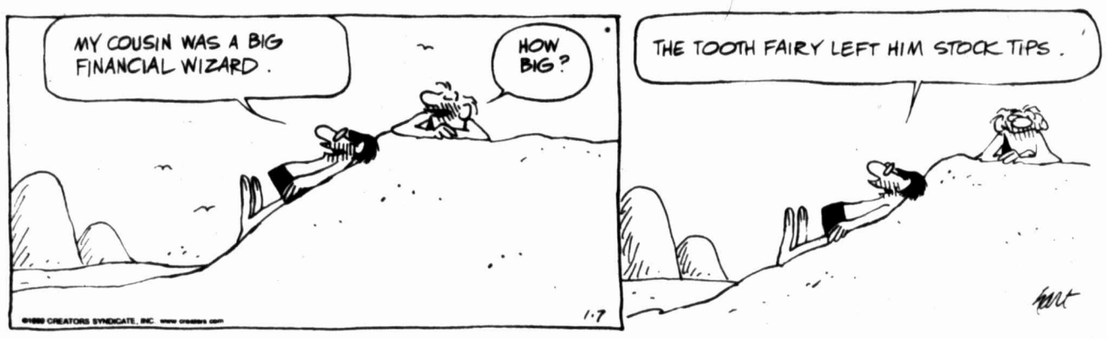
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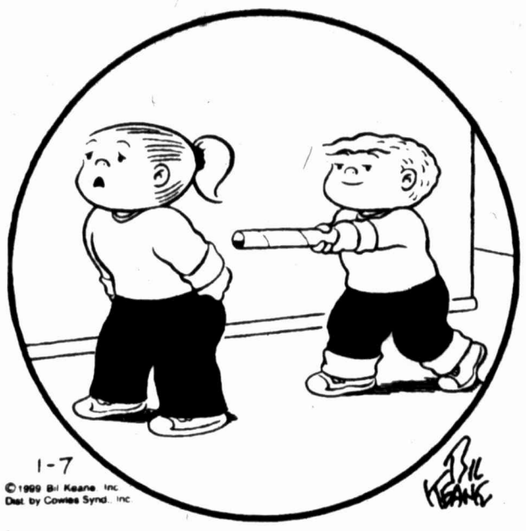
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"Mommy! Jeffy's pointing the empty paper towel roll at me again!"

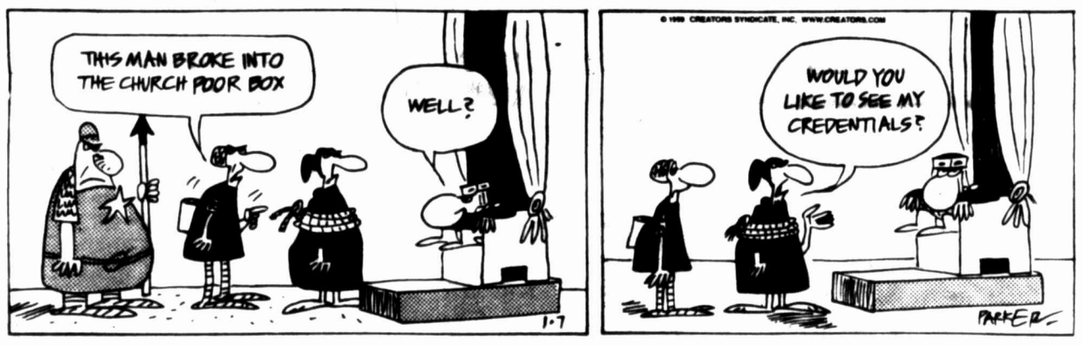
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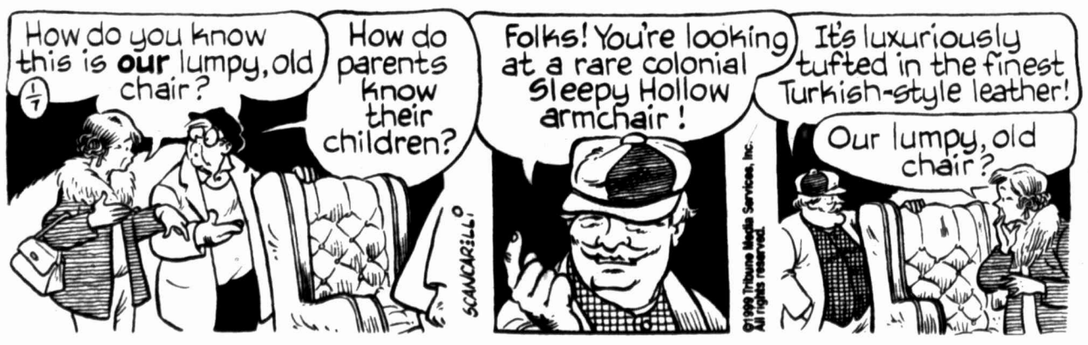
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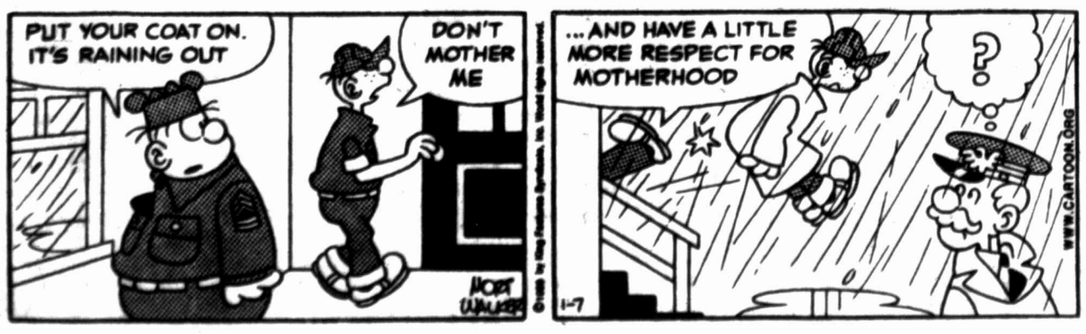
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 1999. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

On this date:

In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as comedian Fred Ott was filmed sneezing.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.

In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera."

In 1959, the United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

Ten years ago: Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

Five years ago: The government reported the unemployment rate fell to a three-year low of 6.4 percent in December 1993. Nancy Kerrigan withdrew from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit, a day after her right leg was severely bruised in an attack after a practice session.

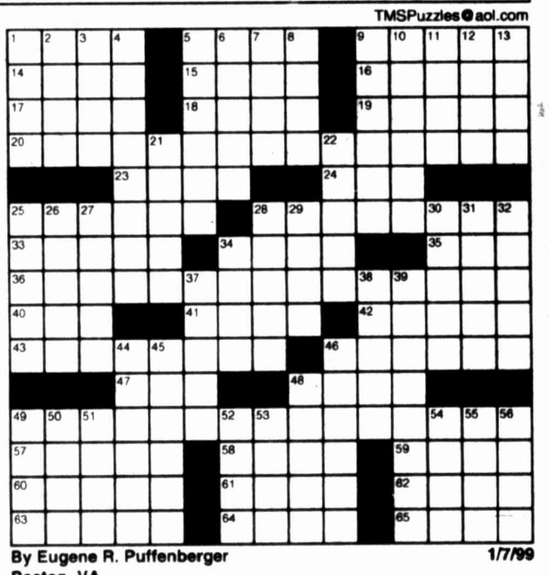
One year ago: Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty when a jury deadlocked over his punishment. Canada apologized for past acts of oppression against the country's native peoples.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 71. Country singer Jack Greene is 69. Pop musician Paul Revere is 57. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 53. Singer Kenny Loggins is 51. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 50. Actor Sammo Hung ("Martial Law") is 47. "Today" show co-host Katie Couric is 42. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 40. Rock musician Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's) is 40. Actor David Marciano is 39. Actor Nicolas Cage is 35. Actor Doug E. Doug ("Cosby") is 29. Country singer-musician John Rich (Lonestar) is 25.

THE Daily Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Grassy expanse
5 "Born Free" lioness
9 Wood for models
14 Heart problem?
15 Excessively acid
16 Particulars
17 Dull, yellowish brown
18 Eliiot or Frost
19 Assemblage
20 Motor City six
23 Surefire shots
24 Long, narrow inlet
25 Hold your __!
28 Dredging machine
33 Japanese metropolis
34 High time?
35 Teachers' org.
36 Alamo city five
40 Easter item
41 Spoken
42 Martini garnish
43 Aril
46 Candidate lists
47 Creative skill
48 French statesman Rene
49 Music city eleven
57 Ken and Lena
58 Potter's oven
59 U.S. border lake
60 Small land mass
61 Perry's creator
62 Record
63 Lascivious looks
64 Tear's partner?
65 Stern's opposite

DOWN
1 Alan or Diane
2 Pasture measure
3 Huh?
4 Lincoln's state
5 Catches sight of
6 Plunders
7 Complainant
8 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
9 Pooh-bah
10 Of an entrance court
11 City in Spain
12 Complacent
13 Small snakes
21 Indian or Arctic
22 Unclogging product
25 Garden waterers
26 Plains tribe
27 Plains
28 "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" star
29 Muddy the waters
30 Eskimo
31 Effrontery
32 Lets up
34 "Sleepless in Seattle" director Ephron
37 Horn sounds
38 Conductor Georg
39 Short dramatic works
44 Actress Blythe
45 Whitecaps
46 Oklahoman's nickname
48 Roman temple sanctuary
49 Hard work
50 Ultimatum word
51 Khartoum's river
52 Give a bias to
53 Emerald Isle
54 Part of QED
55 Finished growing
56 Appear to be

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