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Commissioners deadlock over proposed smoking ban

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners deadlocked 2-2 during Thursday morning's meeting on the issue of banning smoking in county buildings, with County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioner Jerry Kilgore voting in favor of the ban. Commissioners Sonny Choate and Emma Brown voted against the ban.

Commissioner Bill Crooker's absence means the court will again tackle the issue on its Jan. 13 agenda.

When the issue came up on the agenda, local attorney R.H. Weaver addressed commissioners saying, "I

personally think this is a tax supported institution and it's past time for the commissioners' court to pass a resolution that protects those of us who don't smoke from being exposed to it every time we come into the courthouse," Weaver said.

"Those of us who don't smoke shouldn't have to put up with it," Weaver added. "Places like Wal-Mart, H-E-B and the post office have signs prohibiting smoking in their buildings and besides, scientists have told us that second-hand smoke is just as bad as first-hand smoke."

Lockhart made a motion, which was seconded by Kilgore, in favor of banning smoking on the inside of all county buildings, but Choate objected dur-

ing discussion.

"We have a large number of people, even employees, who come to the courthouse and they do smoke. Imposing such a ban is an infringement on their rights. We would be taking away their freedom to live in the manner they've chosen," Choate said.

Weaver added that on any given occasion, he can come into the courthouse and the landings on all three floors are full of smokers.

"I shouldn't have to be subjected to someone else's smoke," Weaver said.

Because the issue was a 2-2 tie, Lockhart said it would come up again on the agenda when the entire commissioners' court is available.

Weaver also requested to be on the

agenda when all five commissioners vote on the issue.

The issue of janitorial service for the courthouse and courthouse annex was temporarily solved Thursday morning as well.

Commissioners voted to hire a group from Howard County Mental Health and Mental Retardation to clean and maintain both buildings, as well as waxing and buffing the floors, for a month, until the county can get it bidding process underway.

Another issue tackled by commissioners was approving the county's participation in sharing the fencing cost at the Howard County Fairgrounds with the Howard County Fair Association and the Howard

County Rodeo Board.

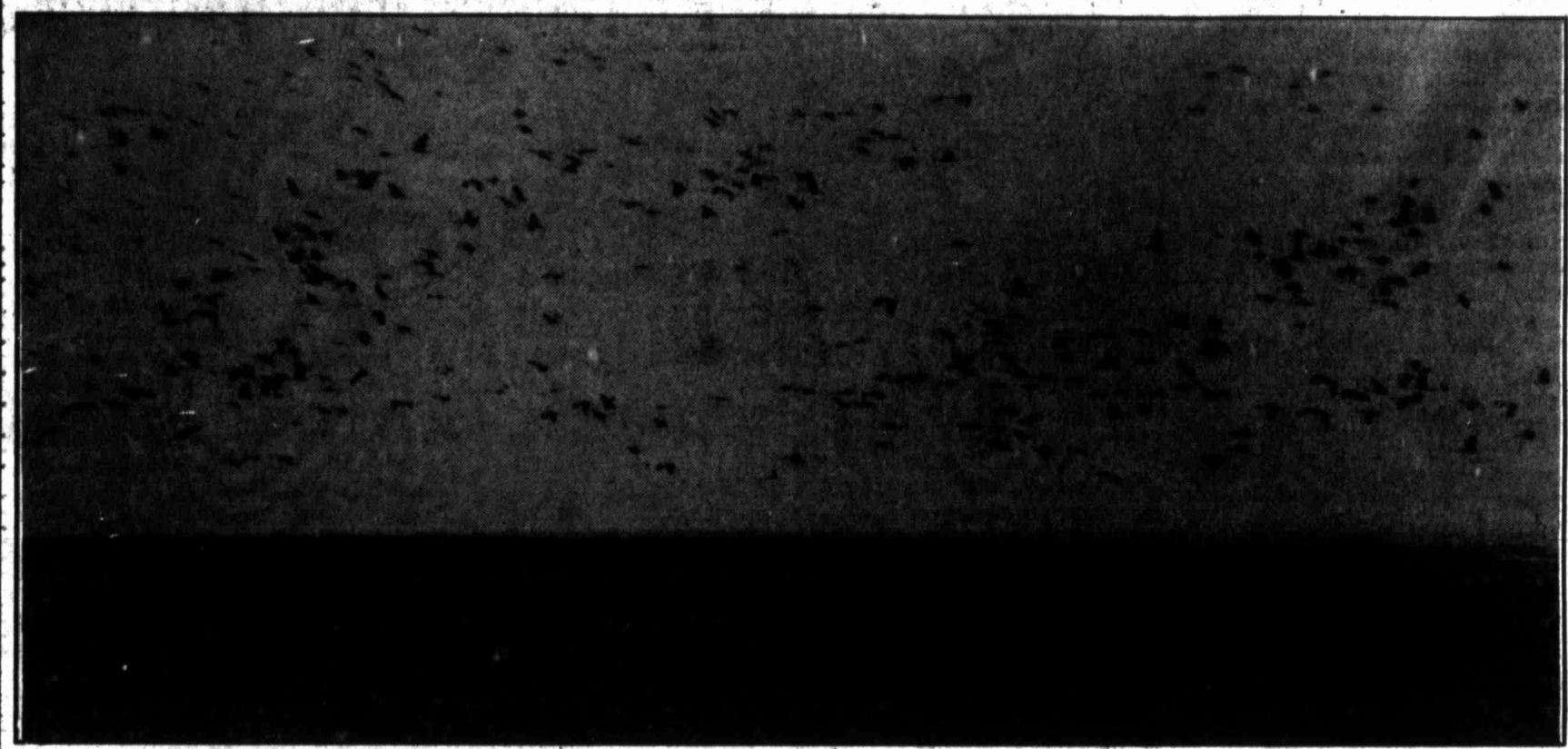
According to Lockhart, approximately \$18,000 per year is being spent on repairs at the fairgrounds, a large part of that due to vandalism.

Commissioners voted 3-1 in favor of sharing the \$27,121 cost to fence the area three ways, with each group being responsible for a little more than \$9,000.

Brown voted against the idea because she didn't feel like the bidding process was fair and she objected to the type of fence to be built. Choate was hesitant to vote with Lockhart and Kilgore at first because he was concerned about vandalism.

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NUMBERS INCREASING



The sandhill cranes are starting to gather in larger and larger flocks south of Big Spring as they make a short stop during they migration further southward to Mexico.

Bullock gives Duncan headstart for making good on his promises

By CARLTON JOHNSON
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State Sen. Robert Duncan will soon get his chance to deliver what he promised to the 26-county 28th Senatorial District during his campaign and runoff for the seat formerly held by John T. Montford, now chancellor of Texas Tech University.

In order to get a headstart on the heavy workload facing the 75th Texas legislature, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, for the second time, has made an early announcement of committees to let state lawmakers hire staff and set meeting schedules, and Duncan has landed on four committees.

Duncan, no stranger to Austin and the inner workings of state government, served in the Texas House of Representatives from November 1993 until October of this year, receiving numerous awards and recognition for his leadership in the Legislature.

In filing to run for the District 28 Senate seat, he also filed a letter with Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza withdrawing his name from the November ballot as the Republican nominee to retain his state representative seat in District 84, as a

showing of his commitment to the position he sought.

As will all 31 state senators during the 75th legislative session, Duncan will serve on the special Committee of the Whole on Legislative and Congressional Redistricting.

He will also serve on the criminal justice committee, economic development committee and jurisprudence committee.

Duncan's prior experience as a state representative appears to fall in line with his committee appointments.

As a representative he helped curb lawsuit abuse and helped stop junk and frivolous lawsuits. He was also active in higher education, public education and juvenile crime issues.

"I worked directly with Gov. George W. Bush in passing his four priorities of education, welfare reform, juvenile justice and civil justice reforms," Duncan said.

Throughout his campaigning for the District 28 Senate seat, Duncan said his plans include fighting for effective laws to stop violent crime, making certain that Texas changes the welfare system, protecting the power of local citizens to control their own schools and

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Woman finds unique uses for recycled materials

SEADRIFT (AP) — Hettie Mae Walker was recycling long before it became fashionable.

The 88-year-old Seadrift resident has been making toys, games, jewelry, trinkets and all kinds of fun stuff from things that might have ended up in the trash for years.

"I don't throw anything away," says the woman who is known as Aunt Mae to everyone in town, and a multitude of others who came under her rule during the 32 years she taught school.

From rolled newspapers, she makes batons and picture frames; dryer lint becomes the stuffing for soft balls; juice cans become attractive foot stools and the list goes on and on and on.

Colored paper is a prized commodity. Rolled tight and strung with tiny nuts it becomes a necklace.

"I started making things when I was 6, sitting in front of my grandmother's fireplace,"

Walker said. "I had a rocking chair."

"No. I don't throw away anything. You can tell by looking at my house."

It is neat and orderly. There are boxes upon boxes, each carefully labeled with its contents. Brown paper bags are ironed and stored for future use. Clean plastic jugs of all shapes and sizes hang from the back porch.

In one corner, there is a tall stack of mattresses made from cotton samples Walker gleaned through the years. They're great for slumber parties, she said.

But that's not all. There are two houses behind hers that are crammed full of things Walker plans to use someday, says her great-nephew Ken Finster.

"You don't take a can of Coke in her house. She'll take it away from you."

Walker's friend Nancy Henson nods in the direction of four antique ironing boards.

"We don't have trash," she said. "Nothing is thrown away."

But what does one do with burned out light bulbs and cigarette lighters? That's a complex problem. And until an idea strikes Walker's fancy, they'll remain in storage.

But Walker doesn't keep everything. Each Halloween, she opens her sprawling screened-in porch overlooking San Antonio Bay to the kids of the town. They are invited to pick and choose from tables loaded with the handmade gee-gaws. Last Oct. 31, 500 of them came. Each was allowed to take home eight items.

That's 4,000 things ... all made from something that might have ended up in a landfill.

Walker and her husband, the late Doc Walker, had no children. "We loved children. We wanted them, they just never got here," she says.

Her hands are never idle. When she gets too tired to continue to work evenings, she

turns to crocheting — something that does not require keen eyesight. Hundreds of potholders and pillows are the result. They too are labeled and stored in boxes for Christmas gift-giving.

One passion she no longer pursues is oil painting, but her work is displayed on every wall of her home. There are portraits of family and friends and landscapes and seascapes.

On a chest in a bedroom, dozens more are in a tall stack. And what do you suppose they are painted on? Canvas or art board? No way. Walker uses the backs of cereal boxes and the like.

On Nov. 12, during the national recognition day for recycling, Walker was honored by the city of Seadrift as the ultimate recycler.

On the occasion, she said, "I've had a good life. All my life has been good."

Seniors' dance, Heritage Museum exhibit highlight activities

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free perfor-

WEEKEND TICKET

mances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your

listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

A "Cowboy Christmas Dance," featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, is set for 9

p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Stampede.

Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.

Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 510 Scurry. The museum is currently featuring an exhibit detailing KBST's 60 years of broadcasting service to the community.

Gramm says his attentions turning to Medicare

Herald Staff Report

Texas' senior U.S. Senator, Phil Gramm, has agreed to chair the Senate's Medicare subcommittee in upcoming 105th Congress, saying that preserving Medicare for both our parents and children will be the top priority of the next Congress.

Gramm, who will also maintain his membership on the Senate's agriculture, banking and budget committees, sees Medicare as a real challenge.

"This is a great responsibility

and I look forward to the challenge," Gramm said. "The current policy of doing nothing in the face of a mounting shortfall cannot be sustained without a total collapse of the Medicare trust fund."

At stake is preserving the viability of the system's hospital insurance fund, which is projected to be bankrupt sometime in the year 2001, according to Gramm.

"Under the current pay-as-you-go system, Medicare is already \$4.5 billion in the hole," Gramm said. "The system which

finances Medicare assures that each successive generation will be shortchanged, and that much change if Medicare is to survive."

"Medicare trustees project that without a short-term repair, the hospital-insurance fund will lose more than \$39 billion in the next two years alone and cease paying benefits to senior citizens in a little more than four years," Gramm added. "And even the best short-term fix only postpones the day of reckoning when Medicare faces bankruptcy all over again."

Gramm's own personal belief is that the government only has about a year in which to save Medicare.

"So far, politics has dominated the debate over Medicare reform, swaying the elections without solving the problem," he said.

"And while Democrats and Republicans will certainly have different views of what to do, it is my hope that we can now set partisanship aside and work together to save the Medicare system."

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TODAY'S WEATHER

▲ Highs
▼ Lows

Today: Mostly sunny. High in the lower 70s. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low around 40.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high in the upper 60s. Low in the 30s.

Extended outlook: Sunday, fair with a high in the upper 60s. Low in the 30s. Monday and Tuesday, fair with highs around 70. Lows expected to be around 40.

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Duncan

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improve the business climate in Texas to attract jobs and economic growth in West Texas.
Duncan has also pledged his full support for higher education.
He believes his previous experience will also help him continue the fight for improved higher educational institutions in West Texas and the 28th District.
"West Texas is blessed to have many fine institutions of higher education. As state representative, I led the fight to get more funding for the non-permanent university fund schools like Texas Tech, University of Texas at the Permian Basin, University of Texas at El Paso and Angelo State. The continued development and improvement of our West Texas institutions of higher education, including our community colleges, is a top priority for me," Duncan said.

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TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous sobriety yearly birthdays, open birthday night, covered dish, 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY

Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.
Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
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WEDNESDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.
Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library conference room. Enter through west entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.
Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

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Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.
Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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

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location at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell. The cost is \$5 and TDH will file on Medicare, if necessary. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17, 1997. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS AT Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL students involved in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) are currently selling a Big Spring Steer card for \$10 offering discounts at various merchants. The owner of the card can use it once a day for a full year to receive such discounts as buy one food item, get one free, discounts on oil changes and dry cleaning, free second set of prints and buy one bowling game and get one free.

For more information and to purchase a card, contact DECA Sponsor Lee Lowery at the high school at 264-3641, extension 151.

THE WORLD WAR II Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25, 1997, at the Harvey Hotel in Irving. Any branch of service involved before, during or after the two Jima Invasion in February and March of 1945 is invited and encouraged to attend.

The Iwo Jima Survivors Association is searching for any Americans that served in Japanese P.O.W. camps during World War II to be special guests. Anyone fitting that description or interested in attending the Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion should contact Cy Young at 817/845-3261 or write to the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at Iwo.

THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is still taking registration for the Youth Basketball League. There are no try-outs and the emphasis is on participation, not winning. Fundamentals are stressed. This is for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade. Although the registration deadline was Dec. 8, the YMCA is still accepting applicants at an additional \$5 late fee charge. Practice starts the week of Jan. 6 and the first game is Jan. 18. Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more information.

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PICK 3: 7, 5, 3

MARKETS

March cotton 75.41 cents a pound, down 12 points; Feb. crude oil 25.24, up 32 points; Cash hog up \$2 lower at 54.50; slaughter steers up \$1 at 66; February lean hog futures 76.90, up 15 points; February live cattle futures 64.80, down 22 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 6553.60 Volume 83,348,390

ATT	42% -
Amoco	82% nc
Atlantic Richfield	137% -
Atmos Energy	23% nc
Cabot	25% nc
Chevron	66% +
Chrysler	34 +
Cifra	1.19-1.23
Coca-Cola	53% +
De Beers	28% -
DuPont	97 -
Excel Comm.	22 -
Exxon	100 -
Finna	48% nc
Ford Motors	32% -
Halliburton	62% nc
IBM	154% -
Laser Indus LTD	9% nc
Medical Alliance	11% nc
Mobil	124% -
Norwest	45% +
NUV	9 nc
Phillips Petroleum	45% -
Pepsi Cola	29% nc
Polaris	23% nc
Rural/Metro	33% -
Sears	47 +
Southwestern Bell	54% +
Sun	24% nc
Texaco	99% +
Texas Instruments	63% -
Texas Utils. Co	40% nc
Unocal Corp	41% +
Wal-Mart	23% -
Ampac	14.30-15.17
Euro Pacific	25.61-27.17
I.C.A.	24.59-26.09
New Economy	17.00-18.04
New Perspective	18.07-19.17
Van Kampen	14.51-15.23
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	369.50-370.00
Silver	4.86-4.89

RECORDS

Thursday's high 53
Thursday's low 27
Average high 56
Average low 28
Record high 75 in 1921
Record low 14 in 1938
Rainfall Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 1.03
Year to date 18.24
Normal for the year 18.33
**Statistics not available

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

ELENA MARTINEZ HERERA, 22, of Odessa, was arrested for having an expired motor vehicle registration, no insurance and failure to yield the right-of-way.

MARIA DELCARMEN CERVANTES, 20, of 2523 Chanute, was arrested for do driver's license and no insurance.

VALENTIN SANDOVAL, 38, of 702 Douglas, was arrested for evading detention, no insurance, no driver's license and no seatbelt.

DENNIS BOLT, 43, of 307 W. Seventh, was arrested for public intoxication.

ANTONIO ARMIJO, 18, no known address, was arrested on local warrants.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2900 block of Stonehaven; 500 block of Scott; at Marcy and Martin Luther King Boulevard; 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard; at Marcy and Mesa; 1600 block of E. 17th; 900 block of Willis; 1300 block of Wood; 900 block of E. 16th; and the 1600 block of E. Fifth.

THEFT in the 1700 block of E. Fourth; 2300 block of Wasson; 1100 block of Lamesa; 1700 block of E. Marcy; 1500 block of Stadium; 1300 block of Johnson; 500 block of W. Fourth; 4000 block of Parkway.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 800 block of W. Marcy.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 800 block of Pine.

The weekend summary of the Big Spring Police Department (Dec. 21 through Dec. 25) shows the following activity:

Arrests - 33
Minor accidents - 9
Major accidents - 2
Thefts - 21 (17 at convenience stores)
Assaults - 8
Criminal Trespass Warnings - 4
Criminal Trespasses - 3
Runaways - 2
Failure to Identify - 2
Criminal Mischief - 8
Disorderly Conduct - 1
Robbery - 1
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - 1

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DNC donor brings executives to White House just before contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — At one of her 26 visits to the White House, an Asian American business consultant and Democratic Party donor brought along Thai executives for coffee with the president, documents show.

On the same day, the consultant, Pauline Kanchanalak, and a Thai business associate who did not attend the coffee gave \$135,000 to the Democratic National Committee, The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

The documents, released Thursday by the White House,

focus new attention on access the Clinton administration gave to contributors with foreign connections.

According to DNC records, the Post reported, Kanchanalak gave \$85,000 and Duangnet Kronenberg, a business partner of Kanchanalak's, contributed \$50,000. Both were employees of Ben Chang Group, a Thai conglomerate, according to the Post.

Kanchanalak's check was dated June 19 of this year, though DNC records show the donations on June 18, the day of

the coffee, the newspaper said. The Post said internal DNC accounting records show the "event location" listed for the two checks as "WH coffee" and "6/18/coffee - WH." By law, fund raising is not allowed inside the White House.

The newspaper quoted DNC press secretary Amy Weiss Tobe as calling the close proximity of the White House coffee and the contributions a "coincidence." Attempts to reach Tobe late Thursday were unsuccessful.

White House special counsel

Lanny Davis said Thursday it was "not uncommon" in this or in previous administrations for supporters and interested parties to attend briefings and other events at the White House to meet with the president and others.

Davis said Clinton "spoke on issues" at events for party supporters, adding:

"To the best of our knowledge no funds were solicited by anyone in the White House at White House events. No governmental action resulted from any campaign contribution to the

president's campaign or to the DNC."

Kanchanalak helped set up the U.S.-Thai Business Council to promote private-sector cooperation between the United States and Thailand.

On June 18, she brought five Thai businessmen to the coffee with Clinton and several senior White House aides, according to the White House.

The DNC said last month it returned \$253,500 from Kanchanalak, after it learned the money actually came from her mother-in-law. Federal elec-

tion law prohibits political donations made in another person's name.

The money included funds solicited this year by Democratic fund-raiser John Huang, a central figure in the controversy over foreign-linked contributions and other questionable fund raising for the 1996 election.

U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies are allowed to make donations to political parties if the income was earned in this country. Foreigners and foreign companies are barred.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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Rotten wood probably aided prison escape

EDINBURG — Five inmates apparently escaped from the Hidalgo County Jail with help from rotten wood inside an aluminum-covered dormitory, Sheriff Henry Escalon said Thursday.

"A lot of the inside woodwork that has been built kind of rotted out. That's why they basically broke out," Escalon told The Monitor of McAllen.

Officials said the escapees apparently cut a 21/2-foot hole in the aluminum dorm and climbed over a 10-foot outside fence late Saturday.

Mexican officials caught Juan Pablo Aguilar Rodriguez, 17, a Mexican national, and Artemio Gonzales Lopez, 20, of Weslaco, at a bus station in Rio Bravo.

Aguilar is being detained at a state prison in Reynosa, Mexico; authorities arraigned Lopez Thursday on an additional escape charge and set bond at \$100,000. Lopez was previously in custody for aggravated assault of a peace officer, attempt to take a weapon from a peace officer and evading arrest, officials said.

Three fugitives remain at large.

Search continues for plane headed from Del Rio to Austin

SAN ANTONIO — The Civil Air Patrol led a search for a single-engine that departed Del Rio on Christmas night but failed to arrive at Austin.

Rescue crews spent Thursday searching the direct path that an Austin couple reportedly were to fly between the two cities.

"It really doesn't fly over many large towns. That's the problem," Lt. Col. Fred Deyeso of the Civil Air Patrol said Thursday of the route from Del Rio to Austin. "It's really a direct route over very few airports."

Philanthropist Virginia Murchison dies at age of 83

DALLAS — Virginia Long Murchison, who survived two well-known husbands — Dallas oilman Clint Murchison Sr. and rancher Edward B. Linthicum — is dead at 83 from pneumonia. She died Christmas Day at Zale Lipshy Hospital, where she had been since suffering a heart attack about two weeks ago.

The Murchisons were early jet-setters, owning property in Dallas, other parts of Texas and beyond. Their holdings included the Del Mar Race Track in California.

Mrs. Linthicum was a model for a Dallas clothing wholesaler before she met Clint Murchison Sr. through mutual friends. In 1943, she became the second wife of Murchison, father of original Dallas Cowboys owner Clint Murchison Jr.

In 1970, the year after the elder Murchison died, she married Linthicum, who imported and bred Arabian horses, raised cattle and invested in oil. He died on New Year's Eve in 1987.

Terrorists release more hostages in Lima

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The latest hostage release in a drama now 10 days old is widely seen as a public relations gesture by Tupac Amaru rebels to press their demands for a negotiated peace with the government.

Guatemalan Ambassador Jose Maria Argueta, released Thursday, said he won freedom because his government has just ended a 36-year civil war with leftist guerrillas.

"My liberation is an acknowledgment of the process taking place in Guatemala," Argueta told reporters after walking out of the besieged compound.

The 20 or so rebels who took over the embassy residence Dec. 17 to demand the release of comrades jailed in Peruvian prisons have told hostages they

have freed that they also are seeking an eventual role in Peruvian politics.

The rebels have treated their hostages cordially and with respect.

Argueta's release left five ambassadors among the 103 hostages still held — those of Japan, Malaysia, Bolivia, Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

The heavily armed rebels have released more than 430 hostages so far. Many of the releases seem prompted by a desire to bring the number of hostages to a manageable level and to make the rebels appear to be humanitarians.

Unlike Tuesday's release of Uruguay's ambassador, the freeing of Argueta did not raise ire

among Peruvians because there was no indication it was tied to any concessions.

Few were persuaded by Uruguay's insistence Thursday that its release of two jailed Tupac Amaru rebels was in any way related to that of Uruguayan Ambassador Tabare Bocalandro just two hours later.

But the guerrillas' strategy seemed clear.

Four Tupac Amaru rebels are jailed in Bolivia, and a hostage freed earlier in the crisis, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he heard rebel leader Nestor Cerpa tell Bolivia's ambassador: "You're staying with me until the end."

The rebels in Bolivia are imprisoned for the six-month kidnapping this year of a for-

mer government minister that netted Tupac Amaru \$1.2 million in ransom, some of which police say underwrote the residence takeover.

The two rebels freed by Uruguay were also involved in that kidnapping, police say.

On Thursday, a Bolivian government spokesman said the neighboring nation would not give in to Tupac Amaru pressure and release the four "terrorists" in exchange for Ambassador Jorge Gumucio.

Japan, which has the second-highest number of hostages in the embassy compound after Peru, expressed displeasure at Uruguay's behavior and said the action would make negotiations to free the remaining hostages even more difficult.

New bomb-detection equipment on way to airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning next month, sophisticated X-ray machines designed to detect explosives in checked baggage will begin arriving in major U.S. airports.

Under a \$52.2 million contract, 54 machines will be built and installed in 1997 by InVision Technologies of Foster City, Calif., the Federal Aviation Administration said Thursday.

The new technology, already tested in San Francisco and Atlanta, goes beyond the familiar X-ray machines passengers send their carry-on equipment through as they make their way toward airport gates.

The new CTX-5000 uses the technology of medical CT scans to map objects inside luggage

from several angles. It combines these views to create cross-sectional images, analyzing them to identify potential explosive materials.

The old machines were designed to spot something obviously threatening that a passenger might carry onto the plane, such as a handgun, said FAA spokesman Bob Ropelewski. Checked baggage wasn't even scanned.

Now, the concern is terrorism, and a bomb could be stowed in a piece of checked luggage, Ropelewski said.

"Explosives are much easier to hide, to disguise, to shape into a fairly innocuous-looking thing that won't catch the eye of someone looking at an X-ray machine," he said.

"Unfortunately, we're moving into a new era where simple skyjackings have been superseded by something much more devious and deadly."

For security reasons, the FAA would not say which airports will be first to receive the new machines.

The contract follows the government's stepped up security efforts since the explosion aboard TWA Flight 800 last summer. Investigators have yet to determine the cause of that crash.

But the idea for a sophisticated bomb detection system isn't new. In 1990, Congress ordered the systems be developed for airports, but efforts were hampered by technical problems, as officials worried whether they

would actually work.

"There has been a lot of dissatisfaction or skepticism about the real effectiveness of the basic equipment, which is one of the reasons it's taken so long," Ropelewski said.

The CTX-5000 is the only detection system to have passed the FAA's certification test.

If a suspicious image is detected, a red light blinks and an operator is told to do further inspection. The initial process takes just seven to 15 seconds, the FAA said.

In other efforts to improve security, the FAA wants to hire 300 more special agents, upgrade security requirements and improve background checks on airport employees.

Second woman found slain in apartment complex

ARLINGTON (AP) — Investigators are turning to the FBI for help in solving the death of a woman whose body was found in her bathtub.

On Christmas Day, Wendie Rochelle Prescott, 22, became the second young female resident to be found bound and slain in her bathtub within four months.

Police in this suburb 15 miles west of Dallas said Thursday there is growing reason to believe Prescott's slaying may be linked to the Sept. 17 death of Christine H. Vu, a 25-year-old Morton Elementary School teacher who was strangled as she was held under water.

"The investigators at this point are looking at a very strong possibility that the cases are related and that we are possibly, if not probably, looking at the same suspect," said Arlington police Lt. Kim Shoemaker.

Police said they will be contacting the FBI for help since they have a large data base on violent crimes committed throughout the country and will also ask the FBI to help profile a suspect.

Police have issued no arrest warrants and have no suspects, Shoemaker said.

Vu lived in an apartment less than 150 feet from Prescott's. Vu's nude, bound body was found by her live-in boyfriend, whom police questioned but never identified as a suspect.

There was no forced entry into the apartment of either woman, and police are not saying if Prescott was sexually assaulted.

Although Prescott filed a report with police in May describing harassing telephone calls, "the comments that were made to her were very vague and indirect," Shoemaker said. "She did know the person that was calling her, but at this time we have nothing to indicate that person is a suspect."

Prescott's uncle, Norman Norwood, found the nude body of his niece, an elementary school aide, in several inches of water when he came to check on her after she missed the family's traditional Christmas Eve celebration.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office on Thursday ruled the cause of death as "manual strangulation with submersion of the body in a partially filled tub."

Prescott, a 1994 graduate of Mansfield High School, was raised by a grandmother, aunt

and Norwood after her mother was murdered in 1977. Prescott was in her second year as an educational aide at Erma Nash Elementary School and also worked at a beauty salon.

She was remembered by students and parents as a kind person who loved children.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **SPRING TABERNACLE, CELLULAR ONE, TCA CABLE, SALVATION ARMY, CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST and KBST**, among others, for their efforts to ensure that less fortunate members of our community had a Christmas.

• **KBST**, on 60 years of service to the community, its listeners and advertisers.

• **STEPHANIE STEWART**, Big Spring's YMCA gymnastics national champion, on being named "SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR" by the *Big Spring Herald*.

Other area sports notables during 1996 were **LEO MCALISTER** of Stanton, **JIM KINNEAR** of Klondike, **ROBIN WISE** of Big Spring, **JAY KENNEDY** of Big Spring, **ARIAN EMMERSON** and **ZACH LOVE**, both of Colorado City, **HSUAN-HSIAO LI** of Big Spring and the **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIMMING TEAM**.

• **WAL-MART SUPERCENTER**, for its support of the arson dog.

• **ROGER SMITH** of Grady, **BRAD COX** of Grady and **JOSH RICHTER** of Sands for earning All-Crossroads Country Six-Man Football Team coach of the year, offensive player of the year and defensive player of the year awards.

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

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"THIS?... OH, THIS IS JUST A LITTLE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL!"

Why we should get the smut off military bases

By LT. COL. ROBERT L. MAGINNIS
For Scripps Howard News Service

POINT

The Pentagon may be serious about the biggest sex scandal since Tailhook, but while it promises decisive action against sex offenders it is inexplicably fighting to keep woman-demeaning pornographic material in military stores.

Meanwhile, Aberdeen Proving Ground's sexual harassment hot line continues to ring off the hook.

President Clinton signed a law banning the sale or rental of sexually explicit written or videotaped material on property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense. Though the law was scheduled to go into effect Dec. 22, smut will likely remain on the shelves for now because the Pentagon is more afraid of pornographers than of Congress.

Bob Guccione, publisher of *Penthouse* magazine, filed suit in New York, asking, "How do you put a man in uniform, teach him to kill, expose him to images of war and all sorts of inhumanity, and in the same breath tell him he is not sanctioned to buy a magazine that shows people making love?" Guccione's case will be heard on Dec. 31.

Claiming that the ban will hurt porn sales, Guccione wants an injunction to stop the Pentagon from removing his magazines from military bookshelves. Normally, a federal district court injunction would only affect the local jurisdiction, but the Pentagon is expected to apply the injunction to the entire military.

Why? Military lawyers contend that "any attempt to prohibit the sale of magazines currently available through the exchange services would raise

serious constitutional and administrative problems," but the issue is not really about constitutional rights. It is about money. Selling smut in government stores is big business.

More than 12 million copies of 219 different pornographic magazines are sold by the Pentagon every year. Even though customers pay less than the market price and pay no tax, the Pentagon earns more than \$4 million in annual sales.

Pornographers love to hide behind the First Amendment. A new movie, "The People vs. Larry Flynt," illustrates how Hustler's publisher used the constitution. The movie features explicit bisexuality, drug use and a comic sequence in which Flynt appears wrapped in a diaper made from the American flag.

The movie depicts the Supreme Court battle between Flynt and Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell. Flynt flaunts the fact that he can publicly vilify someone and enjoy free speech protection, saying, "If the First Amendment will protect a scumbag like me, then it will protect all of you. Because I'm the worst."

"Just because you have the right to read it," says Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y., chairman of the morale, welfare and recreation panel that oversees military resale activities, "doesn't mean we have to sell it to you."

Congress's constitutional obligation is to protect the military's combat fitness. Congress has declared that selling pornography is bad for

readiness, and the military should obey.

Banning the sale of pornographic materials on military bases is popular. A national survey conducted in 1995 for the Family Research Council found only single men opposed to such a ban.

Insiders indicate that the regulations implementing the ban are ready, but even without an injunction the Pentagon intends to take another 60 days to decide which materials to remove. This is stonewalling. The ban has been on the horizon for more than a year, the law passed three months ago and now the Pentagon says it needs more time to "study" the two page statute.

Our military ought to take lessons from corporate good citizens like Wal-Mart. The retail giant made a culturally responsible decision. It refused to sell trash "music" unless offensive lyrics and images were edited out. Military store managers should do a "Wal-Mart" on smut. Cut out the *Penthouse* nudes and see how much money Guccione makes.

The law targets pornography, not romance novels or classic art. Pornography is, by definition, sexually explicit and intended primarily to produce sexual arousal. The Uniform Code of Military Justice labels many activities depicted in this material as criminal if done by a service member.

A growing body of science suggests a direct association between exposure to pornography and sexual misconduct. The 1986 Attorney General's Commission on Pornography cites studies showing that more than half of rapists say they were "incited to commit an offense" by pornography and that 42 percent of child

molesters "implicated pornography" in their crimes.

Don Gibbons, in his book, "Society, Crime, and Criminal Behavior", which the Pentagon library has, cites a national study that found that readership of sexually explicit magazines like *Hustler* and *Playboy* (both of which are sold in military stores) is highly correlated with rape rates.

Dr. Victor Cline, a clinical psychologist at the University of Utah, chronicled the stages of addiction to pornography based on his work with more than 200 sex offenders. He found that pornography is a powerful stimulant that requires ever more explicit images in order to reach the previous level of sexual arousal. At some point, the addict may act out sexual fantasies inspired by the material.

Pornographic material may also be a form of sexual harassment. Sociologist Diana Russell states that "pornography is vicious, anti-woman propaganda. It tells lies about us. It degrades women. Pornography is not made to educate but to sell and, for the most part, what sells it is a bunch of lies about sex and women."

The military must obey the law. Purveyors of smut and their friends will threaten court action. Let them sue. The military must show that it is serious about sexual harassment in any format.

(Col. Maginnis is director for the Military Readiness Project, Family Research Council, a Washington, D.C., research and education organization. He retired from the Pentagon where he was an inspector general investigating sexual misconduct cases.)

United States generals should not be in censorship business on bases

By MICHAEL A. BAMBERGER
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Under the banner of "military honor and decency," Congress has enacted a statute that prohibits the sale or rental of sexually explicit magazines, videos and recordings at military commissaries, exchanges and ships' stores. Congress apparently believes that soldiers and sailors, like children, must be protected from the "dangers" posed by non-obscene, sexually explicit materials that are protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Act was sponsored by conservative Reps. Christopher H. Smith (R-N.J.) and Roscoe G. Bartlett (R-Md.) and former Rep. Robert K. Dornan and supported by The Christian Coalition, The Traditional Values Coalition, The Family Research Council and other conservative groups.

The Military Honor and Decency Act bans the sale or rental of magazines, videos and recordings that are "sexually explicit." The military operates a vast system of

shops, many of which are more like shopping centers and malls, for the benefit of members of the armed forces.

Under the Act, which is aimed at preventing adult military personnel from purchasing mainstream magazines, such as *Penthouse* and *Playboy*, these general merchandising shops may not carry merchandise carried by similar shops and newsstands off-base. To enforce the act, Secretary Perry formed a censorship board, composed of representatives from the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy, which will review magazines, videos and recordings to determine whether or not they will be banned from sale or rental.

What qualifies Secretary Perry (or any other Defense Secretary) to define what is "sexually explicit" for soldiers and sailors trained to kill is unclear. What qualifies our military services to run a censorship board also is unclear. What is clear, however, is that Congress has no business regulating what

expressive materials our servicemen and women can purchase or rent during their off-duty hours.

If the First Amendment means anything, it means that the government cannot discriminate against speech simply because some members of our society may find it offensive or distasteful. Our government is not, and should not be, an arbiter of taste or social mores. While non-obscene, First Amendment-protected speech that may be offensive to some

may also have serious literary, artistic or political merit. In fact, under this statute, audio recordings or videotaped versions of Joyce's "Ulysses" or the Marquis de Sade's "One Hundred Twenty Days of Sodom" could be banned. A video focusing on nudes, including Michelangelo's "David," could also be banned — depending on the judgment of the newly-created government censorship board.

This law was not requested by the military; it was imposed by Congress. In fact, the Department of Defense recognized under prior administrations, and most recently under President

Reagan's, that an Act such as this violates not only the First Amendment, but common sense, too. Indeed, when Patrick Buchanan first proposed a similar measure in a Cabinet meeting in 1986, the proposal was literally laughed off the table. As the *Atlanta Journal* reported, "The room burst into laughter, in which President Reagan enthusiastically joined, and the idea was not raised again."

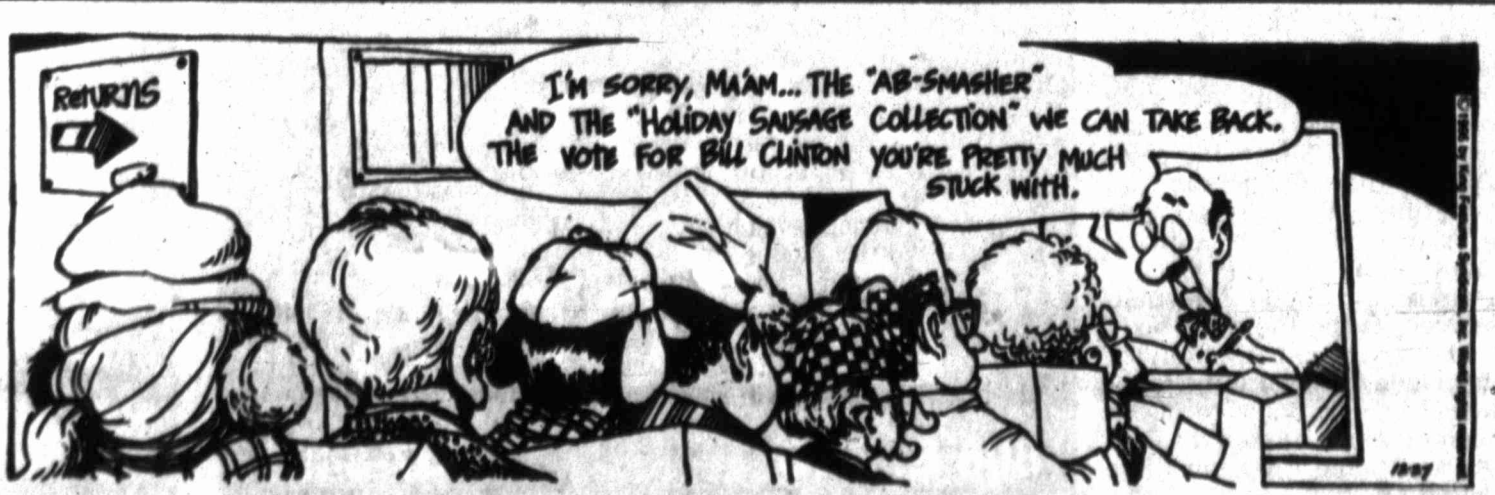
Unfortunately, the last Congress was not blessed with the same degree of common sense.

Our servicemen and women do not surrender their First Amendment rights when they

enlist. Like other members of the American public, they are entitled to choose what they want to read and view in their spare time. And the government and the generals must be reminded that they must stay out of the business of censorship.

(Michael A. Bamberger is a member of the law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal in New York; the firm represents groups challenging the Act. Helen B. Kim is an associate of the firm. Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.)

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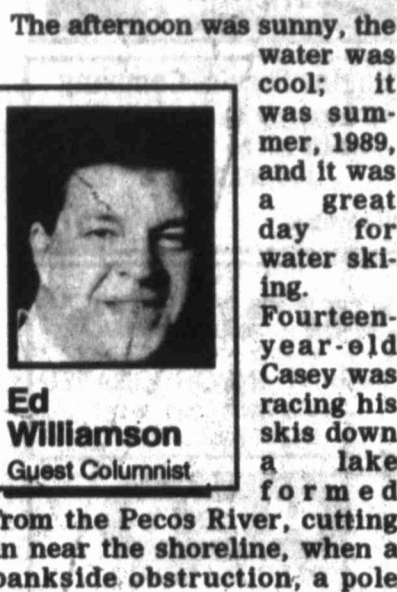
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A lesson in real courage from a mother and her son



Ed Williamson
Guest Columnist

The afternoon was sunny, the water was cool; it was summer, 1989, and it was a great day for water skiing. Fourteen-year-old Casey was racing his skis down a lake formed from the Pecos River, cutting in near the shoreline, when a bankside obstruction, a pole

sticking up out of the water, seemed to come out of nowhere. Casey's young body slammed into the pole at high speed and he bounced off it like a broken doll into the water. Those in the ski boat knew he was injured, but they didn't know how badly until they took him to the emergency room at the hospital. Casey's mother, Bari, was notified and she went quickly to the hospital. That was the beginning of a months-long ordeal for her as well as for Casey, his brother Clay, and the rest of the family. That long Sunday afternoon at the hospital had to have been

the longest in Bari's life. A crowd of friends stayed there with her all afternoon as the doctors and nurses struggled to keep Casey alive. As I knelt and prayed with her there, I could see all the things she was going through in her eyes: fear, courage, hope, discouragement and faith. In the midst of it all, Bari stayed strong. "Jesus is walking through this with me," was her byword.

Several times things looked hopeless and some pessimists even wrote Casey off for dead but not Bari. Not her. Through the tortuous months that followed, Casey had setback after setback. He spent months in hospitals dealing with unexpected infections, body chemistry imbalances and other kinds of traumas. Even so, Bari stayed with him, prayed for him and encouraged him and fed him and did literally every thing humanly possible in her power to keep his young life flickering with the flame of survival. Several times things looked hopeless and some pessimists even wrote Casey off for dead but not Bari. Not her. To see Bari doing all this was an inspiration for every one of us who were with the family in those days. Talk about class. Talk about hard, painful work. Talk about an outstanding individual achievement. This young woman showed us the way. Today Casey is strong and

healthy. He is going to be able to live out a normal lifespan. I recently thought back to those long days when Bari sat at his bedside. It reminded me that some day, you or I may be called by the unpredictable events of life to give such an outstanding individual achievement, such a testimony to our life of love and faith. But if Christ is there, it can be done. I know. I've seen it, in people like Bari. Thanks, Bari and thanks to you, you who are, or would be, just like her.

Ed Williamson is the minister at First United Methodist Church.

Check out cruise ships before you sail

Scripps Howard News Service

Q: We recently took our first cruise — a vacation we had dreamed about for the past 10 years. But what a disappointment! The cruise ship had a humongous group booked for the trip and those guys literally took over the whole ship. All sorts of facilities, including certain dining rooms, were off-limits to the rest of us non-group "sailors." The non-group passengers really felt cheated. Shouldn't someone have warned us that almost two thirds of this ship would be off-limits to the rest of us? — More than seasick in Orlando, FL

A: The only person who could have warned you of this "invasion" of your ship would have been your travel agent. I

checked with the International Cruise Passengers Association and was assured there isn't any regulation or law that compels a cruise ship company to inform you of the number of passengers aboard. So wise up: next time check it through your travel agent. And while you're at it, go ahead and check out the qualifications of the ship's doctor (if you have special medical needs), the type of sleeping quarters you'll be assigned (you usually can't change at departure time) and, if you're a nonsmoker, whether the ship has nonsmoking dining rooms and lounges. That's very important if a smoke-filled room makes you queasy and your ship already is tossing about in the waves. Q: We're a family that's about

to go on the move, a major production when you figure we have to transport one mom and daddy, three youngsters under the age of 5, a middle-aged Golden Retriever and two frail in-laws who don't want to go cross-country. My wife and I haven't any choice if I want to keep my job (I do) and continue to bring home the Cheerios. How do I explain the situation to my wife's mother and father? — Quandry in Seattle

A: No matter how you break the news, it's going to be tough. Before you have that critical family meeting, check into all the options available and get a feel for what her parents really

want. Make a list of housing alternatives, including: semi-independent living, communal meal sites, daily home care and visitation, independent living in a retirement community and convalescent homes that take in "well" inmates. I can't tell from your letter whether the elderly couple live with you — a major consideration in your final decision. Above all, allow plenty of time to consider your options and permit your in-laws to get used to the idea of your moving. Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss," has taught executive seminars at Carnegie-Mellon University. Questions may be mailed to: Dr. Paula Bern, 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C., or e-mailed to: prbern(at)aol.com.

Workout has a new spin for the not-so-physically fit

Scripps Howard News Service

The first wave of spinning fanatics were the die-hard cyclists looking to raise as much sweat on an indoor ride as they normally do in the great outdoors. In at least one Denver health club, they've been joined by "lite weights" who want nothing more than a pleasant ride and some companionship. At Colorado Athletic Club in Aurora, a new class called "Spinning Lite" has been designed for beginners and older folks. "There was a piece on TV a few months ago that had an instructor yelling at people to work harder and move faster," says Ann Meyers, the club's "50-plus" coordinator. "That's exactly what fit people like, but it turns off people who are older or not that fit." Health clubs interested in surviving past 2000 are learning how to pay attention to both groups — the young, fit group that has dominated club memberships and the unconditioned or over-50 group that is the fastest-growing segment in the fitness industry. "The first of the 77 million baby boomers began turning 50 this year, (and) studies indicate they — and their older brothers and sisters — are going to be a major factor in fitness for years to come," reports the Fitness Products Council in "Tracking the Fitness Movement." Meyers, 53, considers herself to be somewhat of an expert at

attracting that audience. She now teaches interval walking classes at the athletic club as well as organizing a monthly activity and coordinating a group for health-conscious people who have been diagnosed with a disease. She thought spinning would be perfect for her clients, but with a little modification. Spinning rolled onto the scene nearly two years ago when Schwinn introduced stationary bicycles that more closely mimicked those ridden by die-hard cyclists (they even have hard, skinny seats). Health clubs bought them in groups, then organized classes taught by instructors who described imaginary landscapes for their students to pedal across. The workout usually starts slow and easy, then builds through periods of high-resistance "climbing." Meyers' students enjoyed the motion and the visualization but wanted less intensity, she says. "In my class we start slow while people focus on learning the strokes, then we set our own goals for what we want to accomplish in class." She asks them to focus on breathing in rhythm with their strokes, concentrate on posture and relax body parts that aren't being called into play. For their efforts, they're rewarded with an efficient, low-impact aerobic workout, stronger legs and lower bodies, and improved cycling skills should they decide to take their acts outdoors.

100 years later the question still remains: "What would Jesus do?"

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — One hundred years ago this fall, Charles Sheldon stood at the pulpit of the Central Congregational Church on Sunday evening and began reading his story-sermon. It was a tale about Rev. Henry Maxwell in the mythical city of Raymond, which bears a striking similarity to Topeka in the 1890s. The story-sermon related what happened when a young, unemployed printer came to town and was unable to find work or help. Tired and hungry, the young man sat outside a church one night listening to songs being sung at a prayer meeting. "It seems to me there's an awful lot of trouble in the world that somehow wouldn't exist, if all the people who sing such songs went and lived them out," the printer thought. The printer later stumbled into the church, collapsed and died. As he toppled over in the direction of the communion table, he cried, "What would Jesus do? Is that what you mean by following in his steps?" After the printer's death, the congregation decided to ask itself, "What would Jesus do?" before making any decision. The sermon became a novel called "In His Steps." It became a worldwide best seller and propelled its author to international fame. "It's been published beyond

anyone's ability to track," said Tim Miller, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Kansas and a Sheldon biographer. Miller estimated "In His Steps" has sold millions of copies and been translated into around 45 languages. "It's certainly been influential in the lives of a lot of people," Miller said. "Certainly, it would be hard to think of another book other than the Bible that has out-circulated it and been as widely read." Sheldon, who was minister at the Congregational Church in central Topeka from 1889 until his death in 1946, wrote several books, many of them inspirational novels. But none caught on like "In His Steps." The book started out as a "story-sermon." Sheldon began writing the novel in the summer of 1896 and started reading aloud to his Sunday flock in October. A few weeks later, the story was serialized in a Chicago religious magazine called The Advance. That both helped and hurt Sheldon. It hurt because the magazine was not copyrighted. Publishing houses could — and did — start producing the book without paying Sheldon royalties. It helped for the same reason. Publishing houses started printing the novel in enormous numbers, Miller said.

"His message did get out in a way it would not have otherwise," said Miller, author of "Following in His Steps." The book has never been out of print. Two movie versions have been made, and there is talk of a third, said Topeka playwright Phil Grecian, who adapted the novel to the stage. The novel is not remembered for its prose style. Critics had a field day with it, and Grecian called it "terribly written." The book appeals to people for reasons other than suspense, literary style or even theology. "I think it is the simple message that transcends even religion," Grecian said. "The message is: Be good to each other. I think in our heart of hearts we yearn for a gentler, kinder world. Jesus is obviously a vehicle for that." Garrett Sheldon, the author's great grandson, is a political science professor at Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia. He has written an updated version of the story called "What Would Jesus Do," using contemporary situations and characters. "One hundred years ago, and still today, it speaks to people very personally. It's the idea of each individual asking himself or herself what would Jesus do in my situation. It makes your faith part of your everyday life."

HOME TIPS

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soup on a weeknight? Easy when you rely on quick-cooking beef cubed steaks and high-quality prepared foods. Spanish Rice and Beef Soup takes just 30 minutes to prepare and cook. Serve with warm flour tortillas or baked tortilla chips.

- 1 pound beef cubed steaks
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 6.8-ounce package Spanish rice mix
- 5 cups water
- 14 1/2-ounce can chili-seasoned diced tomatoes, undrained
- Chopped fresh cilantro, optional

Cut beef steaks lengthwise into 1-inch wide strips and then crosswise into 1-inch pieces. In Dutch oven, heat butter over medium-high heat until melted. Add beef and garlic; stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes or until outside of beef is no longer pink. Do not overcook. Remove from pan; season with 2 teaspoons seasoning mixture from rice mix. In same pan, combine rice mix and remainder of seasoning packet, water and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover tightly and simmer 15 to 17 minutes or until rice is tender. Return beef to soup; stir in cilantro, if using. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

CLUB IN BRIEF

Club news is due on Wednesdays by noon for Friday publication.

1905 Hyperion Club

The 1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. in the home of Carol Scott, 3107 Mt. Shadow, with Paulette Turner and Marguerite Haddad, co-hostesses. Joyce Bradley presented a musical program singing a medley of favorite Christmas carols accompanied by Delores Currie.

Christmas donations were presented to V.A. Hospital, B.S. State Hospital, Mt. View Lodge, Comanche Trail Nursing and B.S. Care Center by the club. Following Christmas refreshments, the group sang holiday songs led by Joyce Bradley. Fourteen members were present and four guests: Evelyn Anderson, Linda McDaniel, Doris Hicks and Delores Currie. Next meeting will be Jan. 16, 1997, with Lucy Bonner and Doris Huijbregtse, hostesses.

If you have any questions about club news, please contact Kellie Jones at 263-7331, ext. 235. A picture of one person speaking at a club meeting may be submitted.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

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(NAPS) - Tips for more effective e-mail:

- Avoid: One of the most common mistakes people make it types in the address. Unlike regular mail, even a one-letter error makes your message undeliverable.
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- Style: The ease of composing and sending e-mail has made the style more off-the-cuff than regular mail - even for business.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Recycle your Christmas cards

Don't throw away your Christmas cards! Rainbow Girls are recycling cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children as a service project. They will pick up the cards anytime. Call 264-9455. They are also collecting pantyhose and canceled stamps still attached to envelopes.

Spelling bee books available

The Howard County Spelling Bee is set for March 3-7, 1997. Paideia spelling bee books are now available at the Big Spring Herald. Order yours, contact Katy McAtter at 263-7331.

THE LAST WORD

Let not thy will roar, when thy power can but whisper.
—Thomas Fuller

Shall I teach you what knowledge is? When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you don't know a thing, to allow that you don't know it. This is knowledge.
—Confucius

There are thousands who can see that a statement is nonsense and yet are quite unable to disprove it formally.
—G.C. Lichtenberg

CHURCH
IN BRIEF

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First United Methodist Church

"Jesus Left Home at Christmas" (Rev. 21: 13-21) will be Jack Abensham's message this Sunday, Dec. 29 at the First United Methodist Church. Stella Vidlak, missionary to the Ukraine, will present a special program. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We're the "Church With A Heart" in the "Heart of The City".

The First United Methodist Church has several friendly Sunday School classes for adults, youth, and children. If you or your family members or a friend would profit from wholesome friendship and learning the good life God offers to us, come and be with one of our classes next Sunday.

The First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry and all visitors and new residents of Big Spring are welcome. On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 at 11:30 p.m., there will be the annual Watch Night Communion Service presented by Jack Abensham. Join us for a special New Year's Eve Christian get-together in Garrett Hall and enjoy the refreshments served afterwards. On the third Sunday of each month, there will be a 6:00 P.M.

"Evening Star Worship Service" in the Partee Building. This will be a contemporary service and everyone is invited for the songs and praise on Jan. 19, 1997.

First Church of the Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, will observe Epiphany Sunday during the morning worship service with a relighting of the advent candles, scripture and a responsive reading and prayer. The Roddy Robertson family will take a leading part in lighting the candles and reading scripture. Epiphany Sunday is a time to celebrate the first coming of Christ and a call to live the rest of our lives mindful of His second coming.

A New Year's Eve party is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 31 in the Fellowship Hall. The church family will gather for games, refreshments, fun and fellowship from 9 p.m. until midnight. At approximately 11:45 p.m., the pastor will give a short devotional to welcome in the new year of 1997.

Friends of Unity

Friends of Unity invite you to join with millions of others throughout the world Dec. 31 at noon Greenwich mean time (that's 6 a.m. Central Time), to pray for world peace.

The guidelines for this global prayer service are simple. For one hour on Dec. 31, starting at noon Greenwich mean time, participants will synchronize their prayers, meditations, songs or whatever form of worship is most meaningful.

Locally, one group will meet at 5:30 a.m. at the Friends of the Unity Center, 100 A.S. Main in the East Box Car, to share a warm cup of refreshment and spend the designated hour together cooperating in this worldwide effort to bring our planet into harmony with the will of our Creator. More information is available by calling 263-6311, 267-6892 or the Friends of Unity Center at 267-8783.

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With Kidd trade, Mavs let everybody know just who's in charge

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are no longer in the hands of Jason Kidd. The franchise now sits firmly in the grasp of coach Jim Clemons.

The team's new ownership made that perfectly clear Thursday night by trading their marquee player and two reserves to Phoenix for Sam Cassell, A.C. Green, Michael Finley and a second-round draft choice in either 1997 or 1998.

"Jason is a franchise player — that was part of the problem. No one player makes a franchise," said Mavericks minority owner Frank Zaccanelli, who has been running the team.

Clemons went to ownership several weeks ago and discussed his frustration with Kidd, who didn't like the coach's offense and was having trouble adjusting to the team's first attitude. Clemons was trying to instill.

By backing Clemons, management sent a resounding

message through the locker room.

"The owners have made it clear whenever they want to make a move, they're going to make a move," said Jim Jackson, Kidd's backcourt mate and occasional off-court adversary.

Added forward Jamal Mashburn, "I guess everybody's got to watch their back."

Kidd was told of the deal shortly before Dallas' 113-108 loss to Golden State. He was at Reunion Arena with his family, but wasn't going to play because of a strained neck that kept him out of the two previous games.

"I was trying to do my best at what he (Clemons) wanted," Kidd said. "But this might work out for me. (Phoenix coach Danny Ainge) likes to get up and down, and there's a lot of talent there."

Ainge already is looking forward to turning his offense

over to Kidd, the co-Rookie of the Year in 1995 and an All-Star in '96.

"Up-tempo is his strength, and we'll use Jason's skills and push the ball up the floor as much as we can," Ainge said.

The Suns see Kidd as the perfect successor to Kevin Johnson, who plans to retire after this season.

"If he can rekindle that fire he had in his first and second years, he'll be a superstar," Ainge said.

Phoenix also picked up 6-foot-10 forward-center Loren Meyer and 6-foot-6 swingman Tony Dumas. Neither is expected to play a large role in Phoenix's plans.

Clemons, meanwhile, plans on maximizing his new additions.

He said Cassell and Green will start soon, while Finley will be expected to contribute at both guard positions and small forward.

Cassell, acquired by the Suns in the trade that sent Charles Barkley to the Houston Rockets, was leading Phoenix with 14.8 points per game, although he's been backing up Johnson.

Green, who has played in 840 consecutive games, was averaging 5.7 points and 5.1 rebounds for the Suns. Finley has averaged 13 points, down from his rookie average of 15.0.

"Michael Finley became the deal-maker when his name was added," Clemons said.

Yet, the players' abilities were only part of what made Dallas interested in pulling off the season's first blockbuster trade.

What Clemons really liked was the championship pedigree Cassell and Green bring and the hard-working attitude of Finley.

"If we can ever add quality persons to our basketball team, we will look seriously to do

that," Clemons said.

When asked if that meant Kidd was lacking in those areas, Clemons said:

"I'm just saying these are some attractions that make it pluses on our side. In every deal, you have to give up something to get something. You look at what you had to give up, but also you look at what comes back to you. When we added that value up, it became something we thought we could indeed live with."

Kidd and Clemons clashed almost from the time the former Chicago Bulls assistant replaced Dick Motta in May.

Less than a month later, Kidd demanded either he or Jackson be traded or else he'd sit out this season. Only a few days before, Kidd told management he was willing to work to get along with Jackson.

Once the season began, the

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Steers drop Clovis opener

HERALD Staff Report

CLOVIS, N.M. — Clovis proved to be an ungracious host at its annual Holiday Basketball Tournament, taking a 72-54 decision over the Big Spring Steers in first-round action Thursday night.

The Wildcats held a slim 13-12 lead after one quarter before opening up some breathing room on the Steers in the second, taking a seven-point lead into intermission.

Clovis then cemented the lead in the second half, as the Steers (5-10) were not able to make a serious run at the lead.

Part of the reason for Clovis' success was that the Wildcats were able to hold Big Spring's leading scorer, guard Justin Myers, to only three points Thursday. Also hurting the Steers' effort was a 7-for-17 performance from the free-throw line.

Point guard John Smith scored 13 points, Chad Warren added 11 and Greg Wollenzien and Paul Foresyth each scored 10 points for Big Spring.

Richard Cruce scored 21 points to lead Clovis.

The loss dropped Big Spring into the consolation bracket of the tournament. The Steers face Santa Fe Capital at 1:45 p.m. Big Spring time.

In other first-round scores, San Antonio Holmes defeated Farmington 49-46, Albuquerque St. Pius downed Amarillo Tascosa 66-53 and Altus (Okla.) defeated Santa Fe Capital 64-53.

Farmington faces Tascosa in a noon consolation game today, while Holmes takes on St. Pius at 5 p.m. and Altus faces Clovis at 6:45 p.m. in winner's bracket games.

BIG SPRING (54) — John Smith 5-2-4-13; Justin Myers 1-0-0-3; Tony Mitchell 0-0-2; Chad Warren 3-5-11-11; Sky Messing 11-0-0-3; Greg Wollenzien 5-0-0-10; Aaron Bristow 1-0-0-2; Paul Foresyth 5-0-2-10; total 22-7-17-54.
CLOVIS (72) — Richard Cruce 8-0-0-21; Michael Koppits 0-0-0-0; Travis Phillips 4-3-4-13; Anthony Maestas 5-3-5-16; Demetrius Satter 4-0-0-9; Peter Piepkorn 3-2-2-8; Joseph Folia III 1-5-5-16; total 25-11-16-72.
Score by quarters:
Big Spring 12 9 12 21 — 54
Clovis 13 15 15 29 — 72
Three-point goals — Big Spring 3 (Smith, Myers, Messing); Clovis 11 (Cruce 5, Maestas 3, Phillips 2, Satter); Rebounds — Big Spring 27 (Warren 7), Clovis 41 (Folia 10).

Blue-collar Bronco wins offensive honor

DENVER (AP) — Terrell Davis is on his cellphone, simultaneously talking while fighting holiday rush-hour traffic.

With the instincts that made him the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year, it would be logical for Davis to weave through the crush of cars like they were slow-footed defensive tackles.

"I've got a big truck, so I can't do that," he said. "If I had a little sporty car, maybe I could."

Davis could easily trade in his Ford Bronco for something more flashy — he earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning the AFC rushing title this year, but that wouldn't be Terrell.

The Denver Broncos' second-year running back seeks about as much attention for himself as a street curb, a refreshing characteristic in the me-first world of professional sports.

"He hasn't let becoming a star in this league change him in any way, shape, form or fashion," Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "He's still Terrell. He doesn't think he's a star."

How many NFL star running backs played nose guard in high school? Survived two years in Georgia's air-Zeiler passing offense? Needed only two seasons to go from a sixth-round draft pick to offensive player of the year?

"If you were in my situation, would you have thought of something like this happening?

Probably not," Davis said. "For me, everything happened so fast. When I was on special teams that first year, my only thing was to try to make the team, try to make the practice squad. Then, hopefully the next year I could come in and play running back a little bit."

Hard work on special teams and strong runs in the preseason earned Davis a starting spot out of training camp in 1995. He went on to become the lowest-drafted running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season.

The Broncos rewarded him with a five-year, \$6.8 million contract before this season, and Davis scowled at the notion that fame and fortune might lead to a sophomore jinx and an enhanced ego.

He proved himself by setting Denver single-season records for yards rushing (1,538), touchdowns rushing (13) and total TDs (15), while still doing the less noticeable things in Mike Shanahan's intricate West Coast offense.

"I've never seen Emmitt Smith lead block for Daryl Johnston on the goal line. I've never seen Barry Sanders lead block for one of his running backs on the goal line. I've seen Terrell Davis do it," said Sharpe, an All-Pro selection himself.

"That's what impresses me the most. Everybody knows he can run the football. Everybody

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Johnson's golden Olympics named year's top story by AP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Johnson was bigger and better than any runner he encountered at the Olympics. Turn out he also was bigger and better than the Summer Games themselves.

Johnson's sweep of the 200 and 400 meters at the Olympics, never before accomplished by a man in the same games, was voted the top sports story of the year in an Associated Press poll released Thursday.

Johnson's feat, capped by a record-shattering 19.32-second time in the 200, narrowly won the story of the year honors over the event where it happened, the Centennial Summer Games in Atlanta.

Olympic athletes and events dominated the balloting by AP print and broadcast members, with five of the top 10 stories coming from Atlanta.

Johnson's double-gold performance was first with 606 points, followed by the Centennial Games with 587.

Third was the saga of Tiger Woods. The 20-year-old won a record third consecutive U.S. Amateur championship, then passed up his last two years at Stanford to turn pro. He promptly won two of the first seven PGA Tour stops he entered.

Evander Holyfield's victory over Mike Tyson for the WBA heavyweight championship

was fourth, one place ahead of Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls winning a record 72 regular-season games and their fourth NBA title.

Kerri Strug's vault on a badly injured ankle to cap a gold-medal performance for the U.S. women's gymnastics team was sixth; the overall strong showing of American women's team at the Summer Games was eighth; and Carl Lewis' victory in the long jump was 10th.

Two baseball stories completed the top 10 — the New York Yankees' World Series triumph (seventh) and the settlement of baseball's four-year labor strife (ninth).

There was not a football story among the top 10. The drug problems of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys was 11th.

Conceived as a high-tech celebration of the 100th birthday of the modern Olympics, the games produced performances and memories worthy of gold medals — Johnson's rocket speed, Strug's winning vault, Muhammad Ali's quaking hand as he lighted the Olympic flame.

But the Summer Games also had to deal with huge problems.

A pipe-bomb exploded in Centennial Olympic Park, the main gathering place of the games, killing one person and injuring 111 others. Computer and transportation systems, advertised as strong points of

Atlanta's organization, flopped. With a \$1.7 billion budget raised entirely from private sources, the games acquired a commercial tone that sometimes overshadowed the sports and attracted a tacky sideshow of T-shirt and beer vendors.

The appeal of the Atlanta Olympics could be seen in a host of statistics.

It had more than 10,000 athletes from 197 nations, with every country invited sending a team. It sold more than 1.1 million tickets, more than the games in Los Angeles and Barcelona combined. NBC set ratings' records with its Olympic telecasts, attracting an estimated 209 million viewers in the United States.

"I believe we underscored the popularity of the Olympic movement," said Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. "We built on it and enhanced it in our own way. We welcomed millions of people. And they had a great time."

Two decades ago, with the Montreal Games leaving a billion-dollar public debt and world politics gnawing away from all sides, the Olympics were near death. Now, they are sitting on \$6 billion in television rights fees, international companies pay \$50 million apiece to become sponsors and the appeal of the games as both a sports event and a marketer's dream is virtually universal.

Bowl season kicks into high gear this weekend

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Miami Hurricanes, Syracuse Orangemen and Virginia Tech Hokies all wanted to play in the Orange Bowl.

A three-way tie for the Big East title meant that only one of them could.

The tiebreaker went to Virginia Tech, and that's why Miami and Syracuse will be playing in the Carquest and Liberty Bowls, respectively, rather than on New Year's Eve in the Orange Bowl. Syracuse met Houston in Memphis today, while Miami and Virginia square off tonight in the Carquest.

Tonight's other bowl matchup is Utah against Wisconsin in the Copper Bowl.

Elsewhere this weekend, Clemson faces LSU in the Peach Bowl on Saturday and Iowa meets Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl on Sunday.

A look at each of the games:

Carquest Bowl
Miami vs. Virginia

At Miami, the 19th-ranked Hurricanes (8-3) are trying to start a new tradition under second-year coach Butch Davis, one in which national prominence continues while the team's renegade image is left in the past.

BOWL ROUNDUP

Last season, Miami was banned from a spot in a bowl by the NCAA because of a financial aid scandal and other violations. It could have been the Hurricanes' 13th straight berth in a major bowl.

Now, the Hurricanes are in a lower-rung game for the first time since 1981, and they are looking for their first bowl victory since beating Nebraska in the 1991 Orange Bowl.

Virginia (7-4) is making its fourth straight bowl appearance and is seeking its third straight postseason victory.

Liberty Bowl
Houston vs. Syracuse

At Memphis, the 23rd-ranked Orangemen (8-3) were passed over by three bowls before settling for the Liberty Bowl, and one-fourth of the Orangemen voted not to accept the bid.

But coach Paul Pasquoloni assures fans that his team knows what is at stake when they meet Houston (7-4).

"We're playing for a Top 20 finish," Pasquoloni said. "When you win your last game of the year, it makes the winter, spring practice and the summer a lot easier. And it enhances your preseason expectations."

Syracuse has won its past eight bowl games, and winning Friday would go a long way toward easing the disappointment from ending the regular season with a 38-31 loss to Miami.

Houston is in its first bowl since 1988. The Cougars had their first winning season since 1990 following a 2-9 record last year.

Houston earned its bid as the Conference USA co-champion by winning four games in its final possession, including two in overtime.

Copper Bowl
Utah vs. Wisconsin

At Tucson, Mike Fouts, the son of former San Diego Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts, will lead Utah (8-3) against Wisconsin (7-5). A starter since the third week of 1995, Fouts has helped Utah win 15 of its last 20 games.

This year, Fouts threw for 2,526 yards and 21 touchdowns with only seven interceptions — good for eighth place nationally in passing efficiency — on what was primarily a running team.

Although the Badgers had 36 sacks this season, including 14

Houston earned its bid as the Conference USA co-champion by winning four games in its final possession, including two in overtime.

In Big Ten games to lead the conference, opponents threw for 2,940 yards, the most in Wisconsin history, against them.

Wisconsin is led by 260-pound Ron Dayne, who set a freshman rushing record with 1,863 yards.

Peach Bowl
LSU vs. Clemson

At Atlanta, a victory by the Tigers (9-2) over Clemson (7-4) would mean a 10-win season for the fifth time in LSU history and the first since they went 10-1 in 1987.

Alamo Bowl

Texas Tech vs. Iowa
At San Antonio, Byron Hanspard, the star junior running back for Texas Tech (7-4), will announce after the game against the Hawkeyes (8-3) whether he will turn pro.

Cowboys' biggest question: Can Emmitt run on Vikings?

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith has been battered and bruised and even benched in one of his toughest seasons.

But the four-time NFL rushing champion has had two weeks of rest and the Minnesota Vikings are coming to town with one of the lowest-ranked run defenses.

The Dallas Cowboys hope they can open defense of their Super Bowl title in the playoffs Saturday by gouging enough holes in the smallish Vikings line to give Smith the kind of room he had on Thanksgiving Day against Washington, when he scored three touchdowns.

The Cowboys have a huge offensive line, but the likes of Mark Tuinei, Nate Newton, Larry Allen and Erik Williams have to locate the quicker Vikings to block them.

"If power gets its hands on you, power wins," Smith said. "The hard thing is getting hands on you. What looks like an advantage could work against us."

Smith needs the advantages he can get. Dogged by injuries since the start of the season, Smith has averaged only 3.7 yards per rush and, although he went over 1,000 yards again, he lost his rushing title to Barry Sanders of Detroit. Things got so bad in

one game that Smith was benched in the second half in favor of Sherman Williams.

"It's been a long, difficult road this season," Smith said. "It all boils down to execution and we haven't been executing. We've been pressing. We haven't done the job on third down and we haven't been doing a good job inside the red zone. We've just been good from the 20 to the 50."

Dallas finished the regular season 18th rushing. The Vikings come into Texas Stadium with the 24th ranked defense against the run.

"We've got to run the ball to be successful," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "We have to find a way to start doing it." Minnesota coach Dennis Green said Smith still looks good to him.

"We know what he can do," Green said. "He's beaten us before. We have a lot of respect for Emmitt Smith."

Smith scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime to beat the Vikings in a regular-season game last year.

He said one of the Cowboys' big problems this year has been the inability to create a big play.

"We haven't had many big plays this season," Smith said. "We just haven't produced."

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Bowl schedule

Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 24, Gray 34
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Navy 42, California 38

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 6 p.m. (CBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.

North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), noon. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 11
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 19
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu

East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

BASKETBALL

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	7	.750	—
New York	19	8	.704	1 1/2
Washington	13	13	.500	7
Orlando	10	14	.417	9
Philadelphia	8	18	.308	12
New Jersey	6	18	.250	13
Boston	5	19	.208	14

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	4	.862	—
Detroit	20	7	.741	4
Cleveland	17	9	.654	6 1/2
Atlanta	16	10	.615	7 1/2
Charlotte	15	11	.578	8 1/2
Milwaukee	15	12	.556	9
Indiana	13	12	.520	10
Toronto	10	18	.357	14 1/2

Western Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	6	.786	—
Utah	21	6	.778	1/2
Minnesota	11	17	.393	11
Dallas	9	17	.346	12
Denver	8	20	.286	14
San Antonio	6	19	.240	14 1/2
Vancouver	9	23	.207	16 1/2

Aging Bills, youthful Jaguars meet in first round of playoffs

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Never count out the Buffalo Bills.

Led by a group of aging stars, the Bills made the playoffs for the eighth time in nine years, with a 10-6 record. They will play host to the Jacksonville Jaguars (9-7) in an AFC wild-card game Saturday.

"I don't know how they do it, but they do it," Jacksonville defensive end Jeff Lageman said. "They seem to have that core group of guys, and they've been there through the years. Those are the guys that carry them."

Those guys are quarterback Jim Kelly, running back Thurman Thomas, wide receiver Andre Reed and defensive end Bruce Smith.

Kelly had a subpar season, but came through with a clutch performance in Sunday's 20-9 victory over Kansas City that put the Bills in the playoffs. He threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter as the Bills rallied to win.

"If anybody out there doesn't realize what type of team we have, and that you can't count us out, they must be in another

country," Kelly said.

Thomas gained 1,000 yards rushing for the eighth straight year. Reed had a team-leading 66 catches for 1,036 yards and six touchdowns, and Smith had one of his best seasons. Not bad for a bunch of guys whose average age is 33.

"It's a matter of persistence, stick-to-itiveness, mental toughness, football character, whatever you want to call it," coach Marv Levy said. "That has been a trademark for the Buffalo Bills. It's something I'm very proud of, and I think our players take great pride in it."

In Saturday's other playoff game, defending Super Bowl champion Dallas (10-6) meets Minnesota (9-7) at Texas Stadium.

Sunday's wild-card matchups are Indianapolis (9-7) at Pittsburgh (10-6), and Philadelphia (10-6) at San Francisco (12-4).

Green Bay (13-3), Denver (13-3), Carolina (12-4) and New England (11-5) have first-round byes.

The Cowboys barely avoided a local television blackout of their game when they sold out Thursday.

"It'd be one thing if it was a regular-season game at the end of the year and some of the guys weren't playing," fullback Daryl Johnston said of the slow ticket sales. "But to be the first round of the playoffs and to be the only playoff game in Texas Stadium this season, it's surprising."

Dallas and Minnesota are both coming off lopsided losses. The Cowboys, who rested most of their regulars, were beaten by Washington 37-10. And the Vikings were routed by Green Bay 38-10.

The last time the Vikings were blown out, 42-23 at Seattle on Nov. 10, they rebounded with a win at Oakland the following week.

"There was no lower point ever that I've been around here than that Seattle game," Minnesota offensive coordinator Brian Billick said. "Yet you turn it around."

The Cowboys scored only five touchdowns in their last six regular-season games. They didn't score any TDs against New England or Green Bay, but managed to win both games with a strong defense and Chris Boniol's kicking.

Cougars scoff at underdog status

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — It's a good thing that Houston coach Kim Helton has learned to ignore critics this season.

If he had, his Cougars probably wouldn't be 7-4 and preparing to play No. 23 Syracuse (8-3) this afternoon in the Liberty Bowl, their first bowl since 1988. And he's tuning out the oddsmakers who put his Cougars as 16 1/2-point underdogs.

"I've never met an oddsmaker who knew anything about football," Helton said, who remembers the last time Houston was an underdog.

"The last time I looked up, we had a 31-point lead. Louisville was a seven-point favorite, and they went home with a big deficit (in a 38-7 loss). I put no credibility at all in what the oddsmakers say."

That attitude helps at Houston, a school that hadn't had a winning record since 1990 before this year.

The Cougars struggled at 2-9 in 1995 before learning how to win this year. Houston pulled out four games on its final drive, including two in overtime, to finish as co-Conference USA champs and earn the bowl bid.

Chuck Clements and senior running back Antwan Smith anchor Helton's pro-style offense, which finally clicked

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this season.

Clements quietly passed Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware on Houston's all-time list for both completions and attempts, and he finished this season by throwing for 223 of 354 passes for 2,417 yards and a league-high 21 touchdowns.

Smith became the first Cougar since 1990 to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season as he piled up 1,239 yards on 202 carries and 14 touchdowns.

Disrupting that balance falls to Syracuse, which is allowing only 261.3 yards a game.

"As a defense, we want to stop the run and make them one-dimensional," said Syracuse cornerback Kevin Abrams. "Our goal is to get our offense the ball, whether we force a turnover or force them three-and-out."

Syracuse has gotten over the disappointment of being passed over as co-Big East champs for a slot in either the Orange, Carquest or Gator bowls. Co-champs Virginia Tech went to the Orange, while Miami stays at home for the Carquest.

The hurt came when the Gator Bowl chose second-place West Virginia, leaving the Liberty Bowl bid for Syracuse,

which beat both Virginia Tech and West Virginia. A quarter of the team voted to stay at home.

Goals have been readjusted around Syracuse, though, and linebacker Nate Helmsley is among the Orangemen looking forward to the Liberty Bowl, which is sponsored by St. Jude Children's Hospital.

"A lot of teams are sitting at home, so I give thanks for where I am now," said Helmsley.

Finishing the season on a winning note has become a Syracuse tradition. The Orangemen have won their past eight bowl games.

"We're playing for a Top 20 finish," Syracuse coach Paul Pasquoloni said. "When you win your last game of the year, it makes the winter, spring practice and the summer a lot easier."

The Orangemen also know how to score, having been successful 33 of 39 times inside their opponents' 20-yard line. They averaged 402.4 yards a game behind Donovan McNabb who was 118 of 215 for 1,776 yards passing.

"Our job is to play our kind of a football game," said McNabb. "We'll play hard and we need to run the ball well and pass the ball well. I need to do whatever I can to help the team win."

"I don't know how much it took away from the game, but it was so mentally draining thinking about all the things that were going on," Fitzgerald said. "I'm not going to attribute the loss to that, but it definitely had an effect on the team."

After exhausting his eligibility at Sacramento State in 1989, Weaver said he took the identity of McKelvey, an acquaintance from California, simply because he wanted to keep playing football.

Thus far, there has been no book, and in May Weaver pleaded guilty in federal court in California to misusing a Social Security number. He didn't receive any prison time.

Weaver, who was popular among players on the Texas team, has now become a running joke, even with coach John Mackovic.

When Donovan Bailey, the Olympic gold-medal sprinter from Canada stopped by to talk to the Texas team earlier this season, he started his address by saying, "I know I'm a lot older than you guys..."

He was quickly interrupted by Mackovic, who said, "I don't know, last year we had a 30-year-old on our team."

Longhorns look back with laughter

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas tight end Pat Fitzgerald jokes about making sure every player on the roster for the Fiesta Bowl is who he says he is.

The 20th-ranked Longhorns (8-4), who will face seventh-ranked Penn State (10-2) on New Year's Day, can laugh about it now. They weren't laughing a year ago.

The day before last year's Sugar Bowl matchup against Virginia Tech, the Longhorns gasped upon learning that they had an impostor on their roster.

A defensive back they had known all season as 23-year-old Ron McKelvey was exposed as Ron Weaver, a 30-year-old who used someone else's Social Security number to change his identity and extend his college football playing days.

After a story about his true identity surfaced in his hometown newspaper in Salinas, Calif., Weaver disappeared from the team's hotel in New Orleans.

There were reports that he had gone undercover to write a tell-all book. Players struggled to recall what they had ever told him, fearful their conversations would come back to haunt them in print. Strategy for the Sugar Bowl became an afterthought on the eve of the most important bowl game for Texas in more than five years.

The following day, Texas took an early 10-0 lead before losing to Virginia Tech, 28-10, finishing the season 10-2-1 and without the bowl victory they had hoped would prove the program

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had returned to national prominence.

Players don't openly blame the episode for the loss, but it may have contributed.

"I think it was too bad," said offensive guard Dan Neil. "It tarnished a great year for us and the trip to the Sugar Bowl."

"I'm not going to blame the loss on that. But people kind of lost focus because no one knew how to react," Neil said. "The result of it all left a lot of heads spinning."

Center Ryan Fiebigger remembers players trying to joke about it at the team's final practice before the Sugar Bowl in an effort to loosen up.

"We were running around saying we weren't really who we were," he said. "I would say, 'I'm not Ryan Fiebigger. I'm someone else.'"

But the circus atmosphere surrounding Weaver's double identity ate at players ever more after the game.

"Once it sunk in that we were playing in our first major bowl game in several years and the Weaver ordeal had become the focus, I was irritated," Neil said.

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The Big Spring Independent School District will receive sealed proposals no later than 2:00 p.m., March 4, 1997, in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The district is seeking proposals for the building and contents and Professional Legal Liability. Bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at their meeting March 20, 1997, at 5:15 P.M. in the Board Room, Big Spring High School.

Form, Specifications, and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained at the above address. 1182 December 27, 1996 & January 6, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
RULE 97 CASE NO. 021468
DATE OF ISSUANCE: December 12, 1996
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, MARATHON OIL CO., PO BOX 562, MIDLAND TX 79702, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 97 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells requirement to drill Well No. 24, Housinger Leases, 480 Acres, Sec. 67, 68, 29, W 8 NW 1/4 CD Survey, A-450, Howard Glasscock and Howard Glasscock (Glorieta) Fields, Howard County, being 8 miles in east direction from Fortan, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

222' from the north line and 116' from the west line of lease.

222' from the north line and 148' from the east line of survey.

Field rules for the Howard Glasscock (Glorieta) field are 300/80, 2010 acres and 148' from the east line of survey.

Field rules for the Howard Glasscock (Clearfork II) 467/1200, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 97(b) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of leases of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified or direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, D.P. Nord/Superintendent, at (915)667-8227. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 469-6748.

YOU MUST REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION. YOU MUST FILE OUT, SIGN AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED ON THE SAME DATE TO APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY JANUARY 31, 1997. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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your appeal fresh and wholesome. Financially and emotionally, you gain through relationships. Understand more clearly what others expect from you. Examine what you want, and be willing to go for it. Aim for the bull's-eye. Partners will help you in any way they possibly can. If you are single, you discover a greater need to be part of a duo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your carefree, happy nature dominates the day. Don't think, just be. You are naturally content, in excellent company. Spontaneity and fun mix. A loved one is right there, full of ideas and laughter. He will take you down the road of mischief. Tonight: Let it get wild. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You have a few low-key days. You have pushed hard to make everyone's Christmas perfect. Now, slow down. Do what makes you happy. Playfulness, relaxation and in-depth caring mix to make you feel great. Time to spin some New Year's resolutions. Tonight: Order in. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Extend yourself toward others. Make that extra effort to make yourself and others more comfortable. Take some time to write thank-you notes. Catch up on messages and calls. Unexpected offers come your way. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Be careful just how much you indulge yourself, and how far you go with an idea. A direct approach adds to your self-confidence. Others respond to you. Your imagination could get you into a lot of trouble. Follow through, and laugh. Tonight: It's your treat. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Much is close to perfect. If a problem comes up, you might need to turn inward. See, perhaps, where your responsibility comes into play. Take the initiative. Invite others to join in. Your sunny manner and charisma draw others. Tonight: Enjoy your magnetism. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Keep a secret. Another appreciates your discretion. Recognize that a little mystery goes a long way in creating more interest.

Lack of communication leads to teen's tragic pregnancy

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from Carol Montgomery of Tucson,

who wrote about a teenager who was afraid to tell her parents she was pregnant, so she secretly gave birth to a boy and strangled it. Now she is charged with first-degree murder. Ms. Montgomery uses this story to support her view condoms should be distributed

in high schools, thus making sex "safe."

Abby, her argument is fundamentally flawed. She assumes the girl and her boyfriend, having access to condoms, would have used them. Last time I looked, the pregnancy rate among unwed teenagers is continuing to rise in spite of condom distribution. Obviously, some teen-agers armed with information and condoms are using neither.

The real tragedy of Ms. Montgomery's example is the parents were unaware of what was happening with their daughter and also unable or unwilling to communicate their love to her.

When I was a teenager, my parents lovingly told me the facts about sex and expressed their hope I'd wait until marriage. However, they also made it clear if I chose to become sexually active and became pregnant, I would always have a home with them and they would love me, no matter what. Their strategy worked, and in spite of having raging hormones, I waited.

Instead of assuming teenagers have no self-control and handing them condoms, perhaps we should encourage parents to talk with their kids, and decide how sexuality should be handled.

I can think of no better gift to give my children than keeping the lines of communication open so that, even in the darkest of times, they can come to me and we can figure out a solution together. — SARAH V. BAUMANN, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR SARAH: Your common sense and compassion rate an A-plus. However, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a not-for-profit corporation for reproductive health research, the pregnancy rate among sexually experienced teen-agers ages 15 to 19 has declined 10 percent in the last two decades — an encouraging indication sexually experienced adolescents are using contraceptives more effectively than did their counterparts in the past.

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Trust your intuitive skills. You are more on target than you realize. Share your feelings with a trusted friend. Tonight: Don't tell! *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Emphasize friendships, goals and expectations. You find yourself in an open-ended discussion. Question what you want next year, and what you feel you have accomplished. Holding up the mirror occasionally is important. Take stock. Tonight: The party begins now. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Others think you have the answer, the key, the magic. You know better, but a wise Scorpio doesn't let on. You need to pull back. Assess what direction you would like to go. A parent or older relative needs extra attention. Tonight: The spotlight is on you! *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your mind often takes you on interesting trips. Now is a classic example. Venture out to where your imagination lives, perhaps by being an armchair traveler with a great book. Visit with a friend who lives at a distance. Tonight: Establish reasonable limits. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Arrange a special outing with a friend or loved one. Get to the bottom of an issue that has created a rift between you and another. Openness is necessary in discussions. You feel more connected to a partner. Tonight: Do what couples do. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You make a difference because of your openness with another. Be more realistic about what could be. Sharing opens you up to another's world. Abandon rigid ideas. Be more flexible. Someone appreciates your understanding. Tonight: Be docile. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Face yourself. Stay on top of work and errands. Perhaps you need to return a gift or two. At the same time, take a step back. Get a better overview of your day-to-day life. Don't cruise on automatic pilot. Sort through a decision. Tonight: Get plenty of R&R. *****

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8	Fam. Mat. Boy-World	Sliders (CC) (98911)	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Highway to Heaven	Dave's World Raymond	Fam. Mat. Boy-World	J. Solved Mysteries	Football: Carquest	Maria la del Barrio	(6016911) (35) Movie: Not Quite Human (CC)	Championship Rodeo	Way (19206468)	Dangerous Minds (CC)	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls	(526447) L. & E. Tripp	Biography (545553)	Wild Discovery	Movie: Hoffa (452614)	FOX Sports NHL Hockey	sachussell's at: Pittsburgh	Movie: Pittsburgh	UnReal (795737)
9	Sabrina-Witch Clueless	Star Trek: Voyager	American in Paris	700 Club (162379)	The Rockford Files: I Still Love L.A. (CC) (52331)	Sabrina-Witch Clueless	Dateline (CC) (92973)	Bowl -- Miami vs. Virginia	Canaveral de Pasiones	(3245973) (40) Real	Country News Club Dance	The Quick and the Dead	(4169417) While You Were Sleeping	(15) Persons Unknown	Frederick K. Price (13843)	Movie: Great Balls of Fire! (532089)	Destination Mars	"	Boston Bruins at Dallas Stars (678195)	College Football: Copper Bowl -- Utah vs. Wisconsin (772398)	Destiny Rides Again	Comicview (547027)
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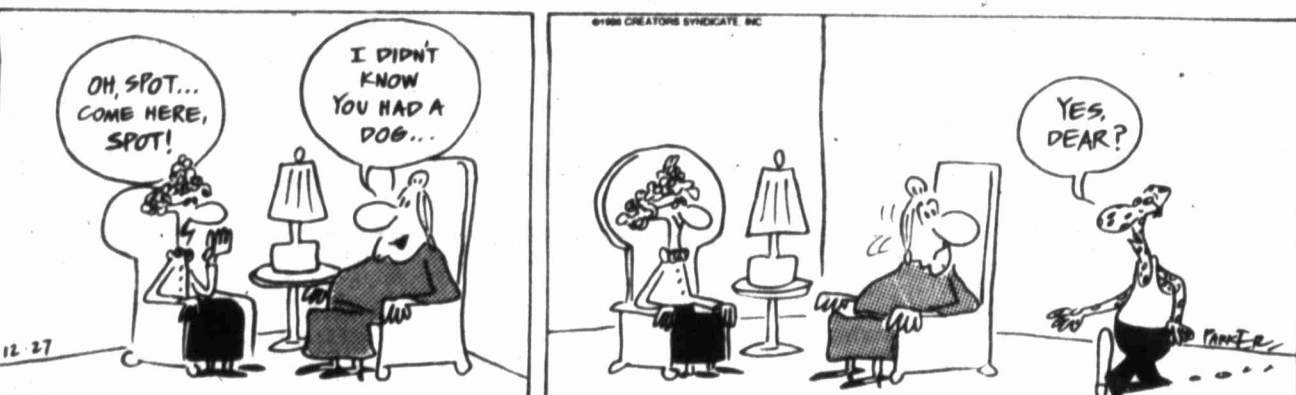
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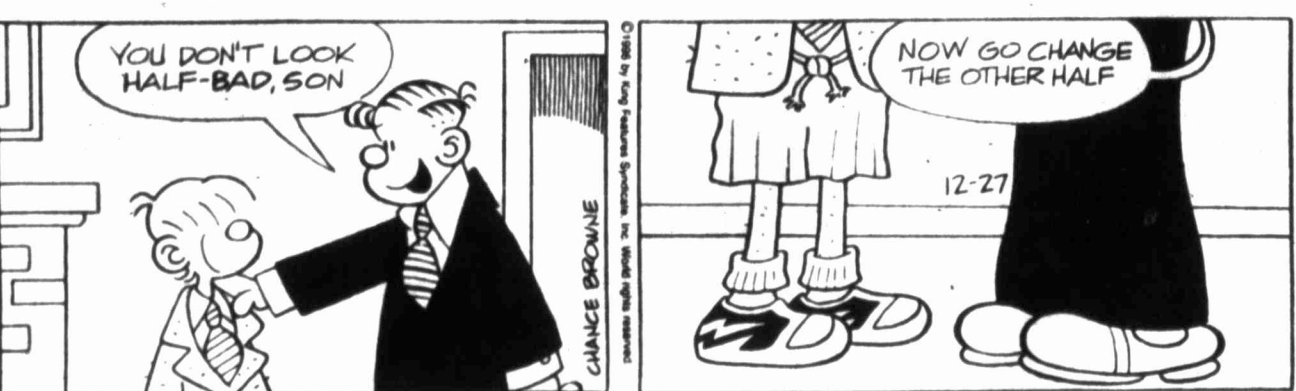
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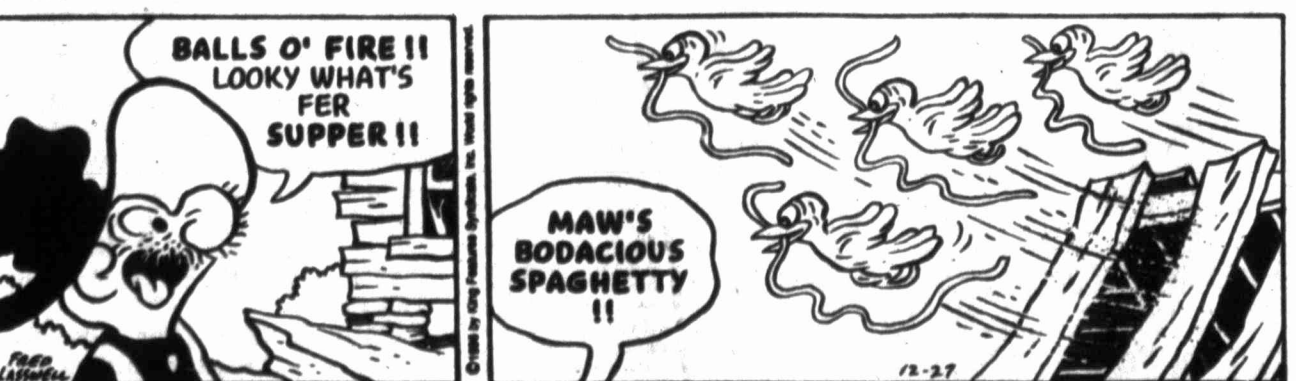
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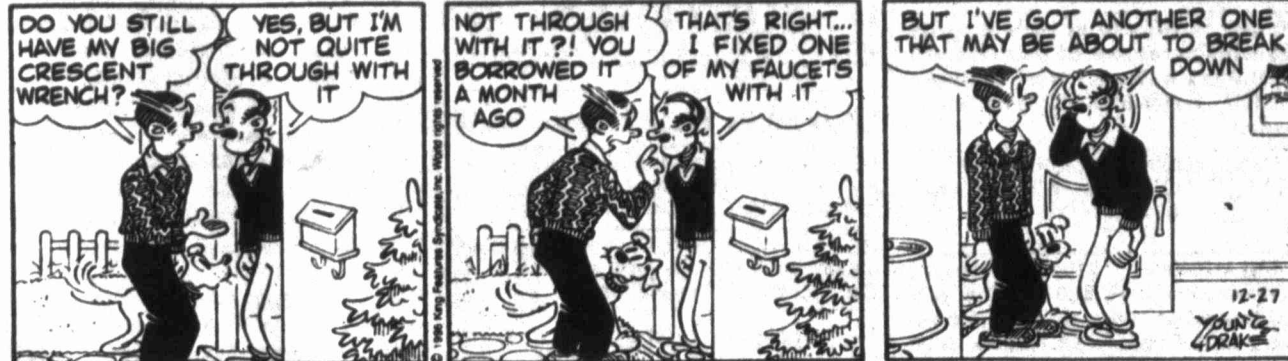
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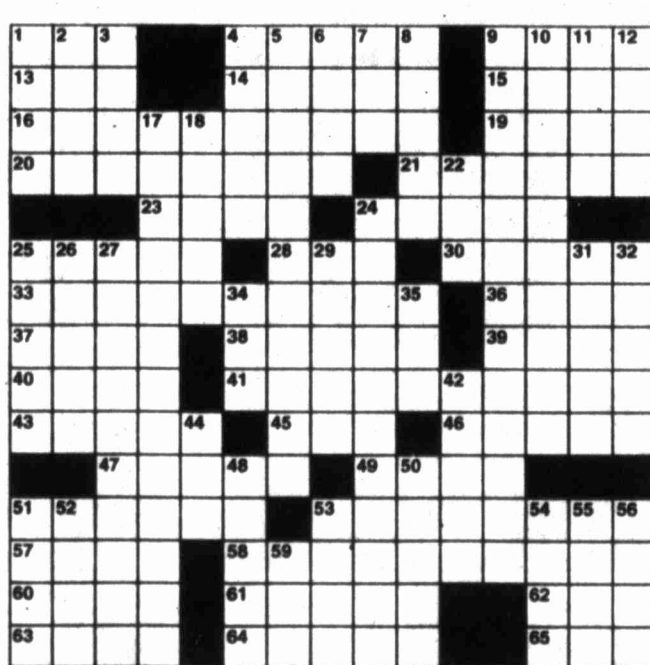
THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Inspect
- 4 All lit up
- 9 Mil. VIPs
- 13 — Palmas
- 14 Dressed like a judge
- 15 Implement
- 16 Certain restaurants
- 19 Ripped
- 20 Schooled
- 21 Overacted
- 23 Some bills
- 24 Choice finds
- 25 — Institute (NY school)
- 28 Van Gogh's loss
- 30 Devil
- 33 Steinbeck novel
- 36 Memo
- 37 Plate
- 38 Foreigner to Honolulu
- 39 Shroyer of TV
- 40 Voyaging
- 41 Shortened form
- 43 Subsidiary proposition
- 45 Tennis term
- 46 Church parts
- 47 Nonsense
- 49 Needle case
- 51 American journalist, Bly
- 53 Certain auto contest
- 57 Smell — (be suspicious)
- 58 Actress in "Occasional Wife"
- 60 Half a city?
- 61 —
- 62 Start of cycle or gram
- 63 English gun
- 64 Ms. Lauder
- 65 Secluded room

DOWN

- 1 European river
- 2 Playground
- 3 Jacob's brother
- 4 Rugged mountain ridge
- 5 Predictable
- 6 Footnote abbr.
- 7 Ruff's mate
- 8 Ford's blunder?
- 9 Turkey, once
- 10 Certain masonry items
- 11 Goller's cry
- 12 Iditarod race requirement
- 17 Noted ice skater
- 18 — Domingo
- 22 Sch. subj.
- 24 Lacking written records
- 25 Foot lever
- 26 Employee's hope
- 27 Aggregation
- 29 Worship
- 31 In accord
- 32 Orle hangouts
- 34 Govt. gp.
- 35 Actor Beatty
- 42 Appraise
- 44 Son-in-law of Muhammad
- 48 Beau —
- 50 Piece of armor
- 51 Cat followers
- 52 Q.E.D. word
- 53 Mild oath
- 54 Matured
- 55 Batman's costume
- 56 Ireland
- 59 Oohs' partner



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Thursday's Puzzle solved:



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1:30-4:30-6:30-9:30

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12:30 ALL SHOWS BEFORE 10 PM
12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30-10:30
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***MICHAEL (PG)**
2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
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***ONE FINE DAY (PG)**
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