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## Bush supports GOP Senate, sees no conflict with Bullock

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LUBBOCK — A Republican state Senate would be important for the party, but not necessarily decisive for policy making, Gov. George W. Bush said Tuesday after a campaign fund-raiser here.

Bush was among a legion of high-profile Republicans at a luncheon on behalf of state Rep. Robert Duncan, the Lubbock Republican vying for the Senate seat John Montford resigned to become Texas Tech's chancellor.

A victory for Duncan over former Lubbock mayor David Langston, a Democrat, in Tuesday's runoff election would give the GOP its first legislative majority since Reconstruction. Duncan and Langston were the top vote getters in a Nov. 5 special election, although Duncan enjoys a large

### Runoff candidates to appear at forum tonight

State Senate hopefuls Democrat David Langston and Republican Robert Duncan will square off tonight at 7 o'clock in the Dora Roberts Community Center in a candidates forum co-sponsored by the Herald.

Both candidates have made several stops during their runoff campaign for the vacant District 28 State Senate seat. The runoff election is Dec. 10. Early voting continues through Friday in the county clerk's office.

financial advantage.

The Texas Senate traditionally has granted the lieutenant governor broad power, which could be endangered if the majority party isn't his own.

"I do believe it will be easier to get a conservative agenda through the state Senate in the long run," Bush said of a majority GOP Senate.

However, Bush said he didn't believe that scenario would alter his congenial relationship with Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"I think (a GOP majority) is important to show people who have worked hard in the Republican Party that we're making good gains," Bush said. "I don't believe it's going to change my relation-

ship with the lieutenant governor, nor do I believe it's going to change the state Senate's relationship with the lieutenant governor."

The last legislative session went smoothly thanks to cooperation among Bush, Bullock and Democratic House Speaker Pete Laney. But Bush's mission to revamp the state's property tax structure appears to have perturbed the other two.

Bullock said earlier this week he and others would take a "good, long look" at any property tax overhaul suggestions. Bush has said he will work with lawmakers to devise a tax plan, though he's given no timetables.

Bullock and Laney have worried publicly that any new tax plan will jeopardize the current school finance system.

## FACULTY ASSISTANCE



Lorene Barbee (left), a faculty member at Howard College, helps Lisa Marquez prepare her paperwork for the upcoming semester during early registration Tuesday.

## Volunteers step in when government drops program

BRIDGE CITY (AP) — Anyone passing by W.A. and Margaret Richter's garage might think they have a passion for pork and beans — or at times, corn, green beans and mixed vegetables.

What the Richters have is not a craving, but a compassion for 96 families the federal government left behind about a year ago when officials dropped a commodities distribution.

The Richters are Retired Senior Volunteer Program members who just couldn't say no to families who had come to depend on the federal commodities. Though residents can get help during the holiday season, some residents need help getting food items all year long.

"I may not have money, but I've got plenty of time, I always say," W.A. Richter said. "She's the boss and I do what she tells me."

For several years, the Richters were among about 15 RSVP members who worked to help distribute food on the first Thursday of the month at the Bridge City Community Center. After the government ended the commodities distribution in August 1995, the Richters decided to keep the program going using their own resources.

"We felt there was a need here in Bridge City," Margaret Richter said. "We have a lot of elderly people, but we also have

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W.A. Richter  
RSVP volunteer

young single mothers with children who need help."

A Du Pont Sabine River Works retiree, W.A. "Square" Richter collects cans donated at the golf course where he plays golf each morning. Others also donate cans.

"It's amazing how much money you can get from selling the cans," Margaret Richter said.

A men's group at St. Paul's United Methodist Church provides \$50 each month to buy flour or dried goods. A women's Sunday School class at the church is also adding a contribution that will help the Richters buy more food.

Several regular donations come from individuals who wish to remain anonymous.

"I have a friend in Beaumont who writes me a check for \$50 every month, no questions asked," W.A. Richter said.

The couple watch for sales on canned goods and purchase a mix of three canned vegetables. Market Basket in Bridge City, H.E.B. Pantry Foods in Orange,

Kroger in Beaumont and Kmart Super Store in Groves let them buy the goods at sale prices in bulk, Margaret Richter said.

"The stores do not have to let us buy their sale items in this quantity," she said. "But they've been good to let us have the sale price once we told them what we are doing."

Market Basket in Bridge City donates day-old bread and baked goods. The Richters freeze those goods in their own freezer and in freezers at the community center.

They keep canned goods in their garage and their breakfast room at times is crowded with sacks of flour or corn meal. A typical month's distribution of six items might include a package of spaghetti, two cans tomato sauce, a bag of rice and cans of vegetables.

W.A. Richter said the flour, even on sale, is a relatively expensive item. He said they try to provide flour once a year.

W.A. also has a large vegetable garden and brings along peppers or tomatoes to share

with the families. For some elderly folks who can't get out, the Richters take food to their homes.

On the night before the distribution, several RSVP members help load the goods into the couple's truck and van, set up tables and prepare for the next morning's distribution.

Margaret said they use the same qualification forms and eligibility requirements the government used. In January of each year, those receiving the commodities fill out new forms to verify their eligibility.

Richter is concerned that as welfare benefits and food programs funded by the government undergo more cuts, more residents will need the help.

Subsidies the government paid to farmers to provide distribution of butter and cheese also have been cut back, leaving Richter at a loss as how to provide those dairy goods.

"We'd like to find a way to get some butter or margarine," Richter said.

With a growing need, Richter may have to look into setting up a more formal organization.

"We just haven't had time to think about that yet, but it's something I think Bridge City needs to have," Richter said.

"It's not a lot of food, but the people who get it tell us anything helps out. They appreciate what we're doing."

## Council to discuss manager's efforts in special meeting

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Questions surrounding the performance of City Manager Gary Fuqua will be the focus of today's special called meeting of the Big Spring City Council. The meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall and will move into executive session.

According to an anonymous source, several council members have a list of complaints concerning Fuqua's performance during his 18 months in office.

Fuqua was hired as Big Spring city manager in May 1995 to fill the vacancy created when former manager Lanny Lambert returned to his hometown of Abilene to assume a similar position.

Fuqua moved up through the ranks with the city of Big Spring during 20 years of service and was director of Streets, Parks and Sanitation at the time he became city manager.



GARY FUQUA

He was one of 62 candidates seeking the job.

Mayor Tim Blackshear, who remains supportive of city manager, said when Fuqua was hired the city had a unique situation.

Fuqua, he noted, rose through the ranks and the city was pleased to be able to fill its second major administrative position from within, the first being that of Police Chief Jerry Edwards.

Blackshear said the council felt that Fuqua, being familiar with the city and its operations, offered a number of pluses when he was hired.

One of Fuqua's first major directions when he was hired in May 1995 was to keep the city's master plan as a top priority and to restructure several City Hall offices.

That restructuring included Personnel Director Emma Bogard being promoted to assistant city manager as well as director of Streets, Parks and Sanitation. Bogard also oversees Airpark operations.

City Engineer Ralph Truskowski assumed the duties of supervising the Utilities Department, which also includes distribution and collection lines, water treatment, code enforcement and permits.

## Thousands could lose benefits as result of federal welfare law

AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands of children and legal immigrants could lose disability and medical benefits under the new federal welfare bill, state legislators are being told.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, on Monday said the benefits gap — estimated at \$366 million a year by legislative budget experts — probably won't be plugged with state dollars.

"I think it will be very difficult for the State of Texas to pick up major programs the federal government has discontinued," Ratliff said.

Legislators are uncertain of the total fiscal impact the new federal welfare bill will have on Texas.

But officials say 12,000 children who have severe physical or mental disabilities stand to lose \$51 million a year. Legal immigrants, historically provided benefits under the federal welfare system, also will lose Supplemental Security Income, food stamps and Medicaid benefits, about \$316 million a year.

Some South Texas lawmakers say the state should pick up the slack left by the federal government because they feared local taxpayers in border communities would be left holding the bag.

"We're going to see a tremendous amount of expenses in the emergency room and the classroom," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville. "If the state doesn't pick up costs ... we will see an increasing burden to local taxpayers."

Ratliff said charities and others will have to step forward to

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## Hutchison switches to appropriations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is leaving behind matters military and instead taking more of a voice in federal spending.

The Texas Republican announced Tuesday that she's switching from the Senate Armed Services Committee to the Appropriations Committee, the panel responsible for doling out federal dollars.

Texas has been without representation on the powerful committee since last year, when fellow Republican Phil Gramm traded an Appropriations sub-

committee chairmanship for a slot on the policy-shaping Finance Committee.

"As we continue to move toward an era of balanced federal budgets, which I strongly support, it will be crucial for Texas to have a seat at the table," Hutchison said.

"I want to ensure that federal responsibilities are met and that our state is confident that the money it sends to Washington is returned to Texas in a fair share, and that all tax dollars are used in the best, most efficient way possi-

ble."

Hutchison, who developed an expertise in military issues and foreign policy during her Armed Services tenure, had said for months she was agonizing about the possible committee switch.

"I'm going to jump off the top of the Capitol if Appropriations opens up," she said last summer.

In a breakfast meeting with Texas reporters in October, she explained the dilemma.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Sunny with a high in the upper 50s. Partly cloudy tonight with a low in the upper 20s.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 60s. Low in the 30s.

Extended outlook: Friday, fair. High in the 60s. Low in the 30s. Saturday, fair with a high in the 50s. Low in the 30s. Sunday fair. High in the 50s. Low in the 20s.

OBITUARIES

Chester Burdine

Service for Chester Burdine, 81, of Muskogee, Okla. and formerly of Big Spring, was 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996, at Foster's Ivory Chapel with Mr. Harry Lay and Mr. Perry Fletcher officiating. Interment followed at Lenna Cemetery. Mr. Burdine was born Oct. 22, 1915, in McIntosh County. He married Opal Helms July 14, 1941, in Oakland, Calif. He moved to Big Spring in 1960 and worked at West Texas Vending Company for 13 years. He then returned to Muskogee and retired from Consumer Oil in 1981.

Mr. Burdine was a member of Chandler Road Church of Christ and active in fraternal orders including Masonic Lodge #1 A.F.&A.M. and Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife Opal Burdine, Muskogee, Okla.; two sisters: Leota Brackett, Muskogee, Okla. and Geneva Hood, Bonneville, Ark. and five nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home of Muskogee, Okla.

Charles "Chuck" Henderson

Charles "Chuck" Henderson, 62, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Dec. 1, 1996, at a local hospital.

Military graveside services by Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996, at Trinity Memorial

Park with Tony Stewart, pastor of the Church of the Harvest, officiating.

He was born on May 28, 1934, in Wynnewood, Okla. and married Wilma Hutchison on April 10, 1960, in Clovis, N.M.

He was a member of the Church of the Harvest. He retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years of service. He was a Tech Sergeant in Vietnam and worked in survival training. He worked at the VAMC and later for the Big Spring water department. He was active in coaching PeeWee football and baseball.

Survivors include his wife: Wilma Henderson of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law: Aaron E. and Karen Henderson of Big Spring; his mother: Daisy Henderson of Wynnewood, Okla.; one sister: Mary Lou Phippen of Midwest City, Okla.; two granddaughters: Stephanie and Whitney Henderson, both of Big Spring, and one grandson: Aaron Henderson of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Henderson and one daughter, Laurie Henderson.

The military will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Coats, Elzy Davis, Dwayne Horton, Ray Cooper, Red Gresham and Angel Miranda.

The family suggests memorials to the Church of the

Harvest; 14th and Goliad; Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Frank Hagen

Frank Hagen, 63, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996, in a local hospital.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Welfare

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help deal with social services that no longer are paid for by the federal government. He said another avenue would be to shift financial responsibility onto people who sponsor legal immigrants.

Leaving children, pregnant women and others without medical coverage or supplemental cash payments will only temporarily ease the state budget, said Mike McKinney, state health and human services commissioner.

"They are sticking their heads in the sand. Somehow or other Texas taxpayers are going to pick up those costs. The people live here, they get sick here," he said.

Switch

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"I really love the Armed Services Committee," she said. "It's important for Texas and I also have been very active in trying to influence this administration into having a foreign policy about when we send our troops into harm's way."

"On the other hand, a lot of what Texas needs in armed services as well as other areas happens in the appropriations process. ... So it's a tough call for me."

While this leaves a heavily military state without Armed Services Committee representation on the Senate side, there remains a possibility that Hutchison could obtain a berth on either the Appropriations military construction subcommittee or Appropriations defense subcommittee.

"She would like to get on one of the defense-related subpanels of Appropriations, but I'm not sure there will be openings on those panels," Hutchison spokeswoman Missi Tessier said Tuesday. "That will be decided in the coming weeks."

Senators cannot serve on more than one major committee, necessitating the decision once a vacancy arose on Appropriations.

Hutchison continues to serve on the Commerce Committee, where she is chairwoman of the surface transportation and merchant marine subcommittee.

IN BRIEF

IF YOUR HOME OR business has been decorated for the Christmas holidays, please send in your address to the Big Spring Herald. We will be publishing a list of addresses for people to drive by and enjoy the handiwork you have created.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to attend the Howard College Luminaria at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Student Union Building.

The Luminaria will include the Christmas presentation of lights, luminaries, caroling, snacks and Santa Claus.

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 8, the Sands CISD elementary, middle school and high school choirs will present the annual Christmas program. It's scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Sands CISD school auditorium.

Following the Christmas program, officials will review the

Texas Education Agency's 1996 School Report Card and the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System. The public is invited.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL FOR THE Deaf is sponsoring the open-captioned film "Independence Day" for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. The movie will be shown on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Ritz Theater, Fourth and Main. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$2 each.

CELLULAR ONE AND THE Big Spring Police Department are joining forces to keep children safe with a Child Find Saturday, Dec. 14. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to Cellular One, 501 Birdwell, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to be videotaped and fingerprinted to make a current record of their child.

LEARN HELPFUL DO'S AND don'ts along with some safety tips when it comes to babysitting at a babysitting clinic sponsored by Texas Student Nurses Association at Howard College. The clinic is Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Horace Garrett Building in Room 205. The cost is \$15 per student. Open to girls and boys ages 12 and older.

Call Lisa at 264-5070 to reserve your spot. Space is limited and payment is due the day of the clinic. Proceeds go to benefit future community service projects and annual TSNA convention in San Antonio.

TICKETS FOR FIRST UNITED Methodist Church's 18th annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree are now available. These tickets are free but necessary in order that everyone have a place to sit. The tickets will be given out on a limited basis and those holding tickets for either Saturday or Sunday's performance who discover they can't attend are asked to return the tickets if possible.

The church office, Fourth and Scurry, will be giving out the tickets beginning at 10 a.m. Monday. Those planning to attend the dress rehearsal Saturday afternoon do not need a ticket.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY office will be open to the public Saturday, from 5 to 7 p.m. in conjunction with the parade and Trail of Lights. Refreshments and tickets for the Nutcracker and the Christmas Tour of Homes will be available for sale.

THE SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL Tree project continues with many angels left to be adopted.

Trees are located at Wal-Mart Supercenter, Big Spring Mall, Al and Son's Barbecue, Cosden Federal Credit Union, Taco Bell and Scenic Mountain Medical Center. There is a tree for elderly residents set up at La Vair's D'Elegance Coiffures Beauty Salon as well.

Items needed are clothes, shoes, pajamas and undergarments. Do not wrap the packages and return the items to a participating merchant in a box or package. If anyone is interested in adopting a family to help at Christmas, call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239 and ask for Danelle Castillo.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

ON THE RUN

TODAY  
-Line dance lessons, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park.  
-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 door. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

FRIDAY  
-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.

"Independence Day" will be shown open-captioned for the deaf and hearing-impaired community, 1 p.m., Ritz Theater, Fourth and Main.

-Scenic Cactus Chapter of American Business Women's Association eighth annual craft show, Big Spring Mall, angel crafts, live plants, food, holiday gift ideas and bird houses. Booth spaces available by calling Deloris Albert at 263-4253.

-Christmas parade, 5:30 p.m., starts at 24th and Gregg and ends at Pocket Park and courthouse area downtown. Trail of Lights to follow the conclusion of the parade.

-Big Spring Symphony office, open from 5 to 7 p.m.; refreshments and tickets for the Nutcracker and the Christmas Tour of Homes will be available for sale.

-Babysitting clinic presented by Texas Student Nurses Association at Howard College, Horace Garrett Building Room 205, 9 a.m.-noon, \$15 per student girls and boys ages 12 and older, proceeds benefit future community service projects. Call Lisa at 264-5070 to reserve your spot.

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

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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.

-Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, coffee and social hour, 10:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m., Tumbleweed Room at Howard College. Note-December meeting is second Monday instead of third Monday. Program is "Christmas Tree and Carols," bring gifts not to exceed \$5.

-Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of the Beauceant slated meeting, 7:30 p.m., 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

-Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

-Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Annual Carol of Lights, BSSH Activity Therapy Building, 6 p.m. Community is invited to join BSSH patients in caroling and drinking hot chocolate.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

-REX WAYNE DENTON, 24, 4700 Anetta, Midland, arrested on public intoxication.

-MICHAEL EUGENE BRUSENHAW, 26, 4510 Fairgate, Midland, arrested on public intoxication.

-MARCUS CHAVERA, 41, 1710 Johnson, arrested on local warrants.

-RACHEL RAMIREZ, 17, 711 Aylsford, arrested for no driver's license, no insurance.

-CARMALITA CHAVERA, 29, 1710 Johnson, arrested on local warrants.

-ANDREA D. EPPERSON, 21, 600 W. 3rd, arrested on local warrants.

-REN JOSEPH GARZA, 16, no address given, arrested on local warrants.

-JESSE CANTU, 29, 1205 W. 2nd, arrested for driving with invalid license.

-MICHELLE LEANN HARTLY, 22, 538 Westover, arrested on local warrants.

REPORTS OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY investigated in the following blocks and locations: 900 Sgt. Paredes, 300 N. Gregg, Comanche Trail Park, 8th and Galveston, 3600 Dixon, 1000 Sycamore, 2100 Wood, 300 E. 3rd, 1200 E. 4th, 1500 S. Main, 600 Holbert, 6th and Elgin, 1700 E. Marcy.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT reported in the 1900 block of Allendale.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING issued in the 1900 block of Allendale.

ABANDONED VEHICLE reported in the 200 block of Benton.

ASSAULT reported in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania.

THEFT reported in the 1700 block of East Marcy, 400 block of East Marcy.

SHERIFF  
The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity for the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

MARCELINO OLIVAREZ JR., 40 of 1405 Settles, was arrested for failure to appear in district court.

JESSE CANTU, 29, of 1205 W. 2nd, was arrested for driving with a suspended and invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 57  
Tuesday's low 33  
Average high 63  
Average low 33  
Record high 83 in 1954  
Record low 17 in 1921  
Rainfall Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 1.84  
Month's normal 1.51  
Year to date 18.24  
Normal for the year 17.85  
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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Frank Hagen, 63, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Your City Directory, which has been published since 1908, offers over 50,000 residential and business listings for business, professional and personal use.  
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Use of public land for private purposes questioned

NACOGDOCHES — County employees and their families are hunting on taxpayer-owned land that is closed to use by the general public, according to a published report. The Daily Sentinel reported today that the legality of the land use has been questioned. The newspaper reported that several hundred acres of Angelina County land purchased by Nacogdoches County and set aside as mitigated wetland is being used as a private hunting lease for county employees, with taxpayer money being used to clear roads and do work around cabins on the property. The county paid \$300,006 in 1994 for 852 acres just across the Angelina River bridge on Highway 7 west as part of the effort to build Lake Naconiche.

Boy suffers massive face injuries after mauling by pit bull

ARLINGTON — A 5-year-old boy suffered massive facial injuries after he was attacked by a pit bull in his back yard, authorities say. Damien Carr was listed in critical condition late Tuesday at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. Gloria Taylor, the boy's grandmother managed to stab the dog to death, but suffered hand injuries and was treated at Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital and released. Police said the boy was playing unattended the back yard of Taylor's home at the time of the attack.

Bill would eliminate reversals on technical grounds

AUSTIN — Texas appeals courts shouldn't use harmless, technical errors as the basis for throwing out otherwise valid criminal convictions, State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown says. The Republican from Lake Jackson filed a bill Tuesday for the upcoming legislative session to prohibit convictions from being reversed for so-called harmless errors. Such errors violate court rules, state laws or constitutional provisions but don't change the outcome or sentence imposed in a trial. John Boston, executive director of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, called the bill unnecessary and said his group will oppose it. Fewer than 1 percent of criminal convictions are overturned on appeal and the effect of technical errors often are hard to measure, Boston said.

Audit shows changes needed in Lone Star Card program

AUSTIN — Despite a rocky start, the state's program for distributing welfare benefits electronically is working well, according to a new state audit. Retailers and program participants criticized the Lone Star Card program when it began about a year ago for delayed benefits and for communications problems with the electronic system. But the state audit released Tuesday says the system now is "effectively providing government benefits." Auditors added, though, that the system needs changes, including clearer instructions for retailers when the electronic system isn't working. The Lone Star Card looks like a debit card. The more than 1 million Texans who get assistance from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and other welfare benefits have accounts on the system. Grocery purchases and withdrawals are deducted from the accounts as they would be from traditional bank accounts.

Legal row causing upheaval for credit unions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Credit unions are being forced to turn away thousands of potential new members daily in the aftermath of a federal court order that restricts who can join them.

A motion that will be considered by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson could result in millions of members being expelled and force a restructuring of 3,586 credit unions, about half of all federal credit unions. Jackson was hearing arguments today on the motion.

In the worst case for credit unions, the judge could disrupt the banking relationships of an estimated 10.5 million people who joined credit unions under membership rules expanded in 1982. An immediate ruling isn't

expected. Mark Schaefer, president of the AT&T Family Federal Credit Union, said Tuesday he doubted Jackson will force those 10.5 million account holders to leave their current credit unions.

"I don't think Judge Jackson is going to imperil the foundation of the credit union movement," said Schaefer, whose Winston-Salem, N.C., credit union is at the center of the case. "That would be totally irresponsible."

Michael F. Crotty, attorney for the American Bankers Association, said the issue is simple. "We would like them to obey the law," he said of the credit unions.

The ABA scored a major victory in July when the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia struck down a broad interpretation of the 1934 Federal Credit Union Act that allowed a big expansion of credit union membership.

The court ruled that "all members of a federal credit union must share one common bond." Under that ruling, for example, AT&T workers can still join the AT&T Family Federal Credit Union, but anyone else who doesn't work for the company can't.

The appeals court sent the case back to Jackson, who stunned credit unions in October when he issued an injunction ordering the industry's federal regulator, the National Credit Union Administration, to deny membership to people who were not

part of the traditional "core" membership of a credit union.

That means the AT&T Family Federal Credit Union is turning away 72 potential new members daily, said Schaefer. The Credit Union National Association, a trade group, estimates about 3,700 consumers daily are turned away nationwide because of the court ruling, said spokesman Jerry Karbon.

Credit unions offer many of the same consumer services as banks but can make better deals on loans and savings rates because they don't pay federal taxes. But credit unions are supposed to serve groups of similarly situated people with a "common bond," such as workers for a company, union members or residents in a specific neighborhood.

Explosion levels house; Three people suffer injuries

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A gas leak is believed to have caused an explosion that leveled a house and left trees, the street and neighboring residences littered for 50 yards around with pieces of lumber, paper and aluminum.

Witnesses said the explosion about 4:15 p.m. Tuesday could be heard at least 10 miles away and sent a towering plume of white smoke into the sky.

Three people suffered minor injuries, and houses up to two blocks away suffered damage from the blast.

Windows were shattered and walls were cracked in other residences nearby.

Residents within a quarter mile were evacuated.

Fire officials said a gas leak was believed to have caused the blast, but Lone Star Gas Co. said that had not been confirmed.

"We are just now beginning our investigation, but we have no indication yet of a gas leak at this particular house," Lone Star spokesman Breck Harris said.

Walter Rogers had shared the

house with his wife for more than 50 years, neighbors said. Rogers, 80, died just over a month ago. His wife had called for help and gone to a neighbor's house after smelling gas.

Clouds of gray smoke filled the air above where the house once stood. Dozens of residents crowded nearby street corners, complaining that they smelled gas near their homes immediately before and after the blast.

Harris said gas company workers found a small leak in a water heater last week and later shut off gas to the house.

Rogers told firefighters she came home Tuesday afternoon and smelled gas.

"She just turned and left," assistant fire chief Mike Sieg said. "Before she could get down ... to get help, the house exploded."

Police closed streets for several blocks around while firefighters extinguished the fire.

"I was in the back room and it just scared the living daylight out of my family and me," said Robert Molina, who lives nearby. "We thought a truck had run into the house."

Federal charges filed against hijackers of casino bus

TYLER (AP) — Four men accused of hijacking a bus headed toward a Louisiana casino have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that include armed robbery of a motor vehicle.

Named in the four-count indictment handed down Tuesday by the grand jury in Tyler were Joseph James Falcetta Jr., 23; David Carl Akins, 24; Taurus Kartik, 25; and Robert Allen Melanson, 23, all of the Fort Worth area.

A fifth man, Stephen Randall

Henry, 35, of Azle, was named as an undicted co-conspirator.

Conviction on the armed robbery charge carries penalties of up to 25 years in prison and fines of \$250,000.

The four also are accused of using a sawed-off shotgun during the heist. Conviction on that charge carries a mandatory 10-year prison term to be served consecutively with any other sentence.

And they face charges of using a revolver during commission of a violent crime,

which carries a mandatory five-year prison term.

About 60 people were on the bus Nov. 7 when they were robbed by men brandishing shotguns and a revolver. Bus driver Mike Gibbs was shot when he pulled his Shuttleking bus over for police, who had been alerted by a passenger with a cellular telephone.

Gibbs, wounded in the wrist and lower right jaw, has undergone at least four operations.

"We are concerned about the potential for more violent crime

of this type with the increased popularity of groups traveling by bus to gambling casinos," U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford said Tuesday.

"The perpetrators of this offense were brazen and vicious in the way they carried out their crime, but this case should send a message that federal law enforcement agencies will work closely with state authorities to bring the full force of federal law against those who attempt to repeat this type of outrageous conduct."

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Quote of the Day

"I can evade questions without help; what I need is answers."  
-John F. Kennedy

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OUR VIEW

Trail of Lights, Living Christmas Tree help make season special

Two activities take place over the new few days that will bring pleasure to members of our community — First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree and the third Trail of Lights celebration.

The Living Christmas Tree is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday while the Trail of Lights kicks off Saturday following the annual Herald-sponsored Community Christmas Parade.

Both activities require hundreds of hours of planning and preparation to ensure their success — and literally hundreds of people have been involved in the two.

There are two things we often think of at Christmas time — music and lights — and the Living Christmas Tree and Trail of Lights will offer both.

Both music and lights help lend a festive atmosphere to the season ... helping those who have the opportunity to attend to enjoy the season even more.

We would encourage you to attend both, although tickets to the Living Christmas Tree are now hard to come by, and enjoy the fruits of the labor of your friends and neighbors.

And while you're there, let them know you appreciate their taking the time to help make our holiday season a little more enjoyable.

A words of thanks may not seem like a lot, but to a volunteer it's often the biggest paycheck they could ever want.

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Congress, Clinton fiddle while real issues remain

By LEONARD LARSEN  
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WASHINGTON — Majority Republicans organizing for the 105th Congress have an obvious eye out for serious — even frightening — threats to the nation's well being, its future, perhaps our American way of life.

From what Republicans have said so far, the top threat and chief priority in the next Congress may be Hillary Rodham Clinton — how she can be made to confess her misdeeds from Whitewater to Travelgate and, just as important, how she can be kept from meddling in the nation's welfare system.

Another priority for Republicans doing the country's legislative business will be — from the sounds of angry Republican complaints — some way to make the former Clinton political operative, James Carville, stop bad mouthing Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who's now in his third year probing the still-smoking Whitewater scandal.

would make the First Lady keep her hands off welfare reform and make Carville speak civilly if he speaks at all about Starr.

It could be that majority Republicans would also take a bold stroke in foreign policy, perhaps a trade embargo against the Vatican and Pope John Paul II for snuggling up to Cuba's Fidel Castro or maybe just a resolution expressing keen congressional disappointment. That would be safe, unless the Pope or Castro took offense.

President Clinton, of course, will have his list of legislative priorities for the 105th Congress and, from what's already clear, two items will be near the top: First, welfare reform to cure what it was the president didn't think was all that bad when he signed welfare legislation during his reelection campaign. And second, enactment of stricter air quality regulations nationwide to save the lives of 20,000 Americans that the Environmental Protection Agency now estimates are killed annually by ozone.

The Clinton proposal for welfare reform — whatever it turns out to be — is already regarded by Republicans as suspicious in the likelihood

that Hillary Rodham Clinton will be playing a "formal role," as she's already suggested in one of her frightening accounts of what she might be up to in her husband's second term.

To Americans dismissing Republican alarms at what they see clearly as the dangerous intent of the First Lady, consider that in discussing her plans she first said she wouldn't "put a bag over my head," and next she spoke of that "formal role" in welfare reform and then — most terrifying to Republicans — she said she was "just going to keep doing what I have been doing."

If congressional Republicans bunch up to fight Hillary Rodham Clinton and her "formal role," they'll probably stay bunched up in the 105th Congress to fight stricter air quality regulations suggested by the EPA, and not just because Republicans are expected to do that sort of thing.

There's also a funny coincidence when, as EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner has reported, it turns out that 20,000 people are killed each year by airborne ozone and that's the exact same number of Americans the EPA has said for several years are killed by radon, the lethal gas said to

escape from underground radioactive deposits.

Since the EPA has never identified a single one of the 20,000 radon victims, not even an area where such victims might have lived, a reasonable question might be where those 20,000 ozone victims — or even one of them — might be found. And how come ozone and radon kill the same number of victims whose identities and whereabouts are apparently unknown?

Wary as Congress might be of what Hillary Rodham Clinton is up to and concerned as the Clinton White House might be with death-dealing phantom afflictions in the air and underground, the parties will, in all likelihood, steer clear of involvement in more serious national business. There would be, for example, personal political risks in dealing with the oncoming financial problems of Social Security and Medicare or, for another example, campaign finance reform. In character, the frightened Congress and the feckless Clinton administration will sit some more, probably turning dangerous matters like those over to study commissions. (Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

The exit of a tall man leaves the U.S. Senate short

A tall man is retiring. Bill Bradley, a celebrity all his adult life, is walking away from his job as a U.S. senator with grace and dignity, much as he walked away from Madison Square Garden.

At the age of 53 (and a height of 6-foot-5), Bradley, the thoughtful senior senator from New Jersey, did not have to leave what he touts as "the best elective office in the world." Republicans haven't succeeded in keeping their promise to pass term limits, so he could have stayed.

Bradley is leaving because one senator, he says, doesn't make much difference in the large scheme of things these days. He isn't saying the days of profiles in courage are gone. He is frustrated. He wants to work on big issues; the Senate, he says, is a time-consuming job of 14-hour days built around committee assignments, travel and raising enormous sums of money to run more campaigns. He's grown fond of saying that "the achievements of any one senator are like sand castles built on the edge of the sea — soon to be washed away." In an interview with reporters about his new book, "Time Present, Time Past," Bradley

said he got into politics after being an All-American basketball player at Princeton and a star with the New York Knicks, because he wanted to "take action, to stop the suffering and to promote opportunity."

That's not, he notes dryly, what politicians say today. They say they want to promote free trade or pass contracts or make government smaller.

The truth is that Bradley, a man known for being good at the art of listening, doesn't feel comfortable in Congress any more. The old ways are dying. Civility is passing, replaced by pragmatism and egoism. Bradley, an able student of economics and foreign policy, fit in well with what he calls "the old Democratic coalition." He says that the 1994 election, when Democrats lost control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years, showed "rot at the core" of that coalition.

"The South was lost. Labor couldn't produce. Blacks didn't turn out. Latinos weren't registered. Women fled. Suburban white ethnics bolted. The West was angry. Small business was overtaxed. And the middle class was unappreciated." He wrote his book, he said, to

make people feel through his eyes what it's like to be a senator and how much money it takes to stay in politics and how big reforms aren't implemented with sound bites or slogans. But in writing about his trip from a small Missouri town to the global arena, he found, he talked himself out of staying in the Senate for six more years.

He began thinking more about spirituality and religion and less about legislative process and compromise. And when he was finished with the book (almost a year after Republicans took back control of Congress, leaving a dispirited bunch of Democrats), he decided not to seek re-election.

The Senate, he lovingly recalls, forces its members to the political center because getting anything done requires the support of at least 51 senators. In recent months, the cantankerous bickering and lack of bipartisanship got to him, he said.

He wants to work on what he thinks is the "number one issue in this country — the plight of the middle class." By that he means that people work hard but don't get ahead financially, plagued by worries over wage stagnation and job security.

But he says the Clinton administration has not shown much interest in this, which is "baffling" to him because, he says, a stable middle class is the proudest American achievement of the last 100 years.

Bradley argues that while "job retraining is the administration's answer, union people always ask, 'Job retraining to what?' The real challenge is how do we take the productivity bonus from shareholders and upper management and share it with workers."

After 18 years in the Senate, Bradley frets that he spent too much of his tenure being too deliberative and not speaking from his heart. He is justifiably harsh on the media. He says its invasiveness has endangered character, devalued humanity, denied privacy and pointlessly focused on personal peccadillos and gossip.

Bradley says he hasn't given up on public service but doesn't yet know what he'll do next. It's encouraging that politicians like Bradley worry about the country's long-term problems. His departure is the Senate's loss. (Ann McFeatters covers the White House and politics for Scripps Howard News Service.)



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## Residents have chance to invest in officers Friday

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

The Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association continues to raise funds to provide bullet-proof vests for police officers.

On Friday, residents will have a chance to contribute to the fund when they visit Al and Son's Barbecue, 1810 Gregg, and purchase a barbecue plate. The owners, Al and Sue Bagwell, have agreed to donate \$1 from every plate purchased that costs \$5 or more to the

fund.

You must have a ticket with you when you visit Al's on Friday. Tickets are available at the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring TCA Cable Office, financial institutions, Wasson Road Chevron, Gregg Street Cleaners and other local businesses. You can also cut out the coupon on page A6 of today's edition of the Herald to bring with you on Friday.

Howard College students will be on hand at the restaurant Friday to wait on customers. Tips and donations will be accepted as well.

Members of the association have been busy the last several months collecting funds to purchase more than 40 vests for

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officers. City council members recently passed as part of their budget a motion to purchase some of the vests needed. However, they were unable to fund the entire cost of the vests which run between \$500 and \$600 each. Most of the vests

that were worn by officers were more than five years old which is the guaranteed shelf life. The materials in the vest begin to break down after five years. At one time, senior officers were giving their vests to patrol officers because there weren't enough to go around.

Some of the vests for officers and the Special Operations Response Team have already been ordered. Any remaining funds will be carried over into an account set up so in five years, there will be money available to purchase any new vests that are needed.



HERALD photo  
Big Spring Police Capt. Lonnie Smith shows one of the old vests that were worn by officers. The vests are only guaranteed to last five years and some senior officers were, at one time, not wearing vests so the items could be used by patrol officers on the streets. On Friday, Al and Son's Barbecue will donate \$1 from every plate purchased to the vest fund.

## Watch those calories and fat intake

The Thanksgiving to New Year's eat-a-thon is upon us. The average weight gain over the holiday season is seven pounds.

But let's be realistic. Most people find it becomes all most impossible to stick to sensible eating when faced with tempting high fat and high calorie entrees, gooey appetizers, thick sauces, creamy dip and rich desserts.

To prevent weight gain, plan holiday menus wisely. Holiday menus usually include too many meats, cheeses, sweets, nuts and sauces. Start by using the Food Guide Pyramid, the USDA's illustration of a balanced diet, as your menu planning guide.

Learning to trim recipes of needless ingredients can save you calories and at the same time allow you to eat hearty

portions of food that are tasty and nutritious.

Because fat is so densely packed with calories, the key to adapting recipes to make them less fattening lies in reducing or eliminating butter, margarine, oil, mayonnaise, lard and salad dressing.

Contrary to popular thought, regular margarine is just as fattening as butter. In fact, all fats have about 100 calories per tablespoon. However, you can save calories by using low fat margarine. Try whipped diet margarine for greasing baking dishes. It can also be successfully used in rice mixes and on vegetables and adds only half the calories of regular margarine.

Reduce calories by shaving fat from desserts. In adapting your favorite recipes, start by experimenting with cutting fat by a third of half. If a muffin recipe suggests one cup of oil, try three-fourths cup. If that works, use only two-thirds cup the next time around.

Purees of fresh or dried fruit can become standard stand-ins for fat in baked goods, but some work best in certain recipes. In most cases, you can

replace up to seven-eighths of the butter or shortening called for in a traditional recipe with one of these substitutions:

- Fresh fruit purees, such as mashed bananas and applesauce, work best in light cakes and muffins.
- Make raisin "paste" to replace butter or oil in dense, chewy cookies like oatmeal or chocolate chip. Mash raisins in food processor until they have the same consistency as butter.
- Prune puree works especially well in chocolate cake, brownies, cookies, muffins and fruit cakes. It is not suited for light-colored cakes like lemon chiffon and angel food cake. Of course, you have to like prunes because baked goods have a noticeable prune flavor.

It may take some trial and error to get your favorite recipe to suit your taste, but it will be worth it. Half a cup of butter has 91 grams of fat while fruit purees have none and only a fraction of the calories.

When making crumb crusts for pies and other desserts, start with half the margarine your recipe calls for then add only as much fat as you need to moisten the crumbs.

## Lots of Christmas activities planned at BSSH

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Big Spring State Hospital as hospital and community volunteers join together to make the holidays a festive time.

Adolph Labbee and the Howard College Stage Band will open the season with a performance in the ATD atrium, Thursday at 2 p.m. On Friday, Therapeutic Arts and Crafts and the Sheltered Workshop will host the annual Christmas sale in ATD from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend both events.

Community choirs are invited to join with patients and staff for the annual "Carol of Lights" Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the ATD Building. Along with entertainment, patient activities include Christmas shopping at Mott's, Dec. 9-13 from 9-

11 a.m. Many patients have no funds and the Volunteer Council at BSSH provides shopping money for them. Christmas donations from the community make shopping possible for many patients who would otherwise be unable to shop for loved ones. Donations are also used to provide Christmas gifts for each patient to have on Christmas morning. The volunteers will buy jogging suits and a box of personal items for 200 patients. If you would like to help prepare and wrap these gifts through Dec. 13, call the Community Relations office at 268-7535. Donations can be sent to: BSSH Volunteer Services; P.O. Box 231; Big Spring; 79721.

Thursday Dec. 11 is the biggest Christmas day of the year with parties beginning on units at 10 a.m. and concluding with evening parties and a dance in the ATD building at 6:30. This year, all evening parties, except the Adolescent party, will be in ATD, with the Williams Family Band from Ackerly providing music for dancing. Mert Remley called last week to say Santa is on his way from the North Pole and

will arrive in time for the morning festivities. As always, this community gives and supports our hospital and opens its hearts to those less fortunate and will make Christmas a happier time for those in need.

New Volunteer Service Board members were installed at the Christmas luncheon: Lexeen Weaver, chairman; Doris Huijbregtse, vice chairman; Robin Hallman, treasurer; Ruth Stephenson, secretary; Dr. Charles Rainwater, past chairperson. Committee chairmen include: Steve Smith, grants; Lou Vincent and Murlene Williams, The Chalet; Erma Steward, patient needs; Betty Lee, public responsibility and death review; Joyce Russell, consumer representative; Clifton Slate, special events; Jill Civello, 1997 state meeting; Betty Miller and Penny Hill, Christmas; Don Newsom, valentine; JoAnn Forrest and Dr. Rainwater, valentine singers; Penny Hill and Delores Currie, valentine flower; Dorothy Garrett, honorary dance; Carol Scott, dance.

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Dana Tarter  
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Kathy Higgins  
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## IN THE BAG

Scripps Howard News Service

If you liked Marcella Hazan's cookbooks, you might enjoy a web site that features her foods and wines. Dolce Via — at www.dolcevia.com — offers Italian fashion design and travel as well as food. It includes recipes and tips from the acclaimed Italian food writer.

Question: The more fat I eliminate from my eating plan, the more weight I will lose. True or False?

False, according to the Wheat Foods Council. "Cutting fat is the first step to a healthy diet, but cutting total calories and exercise are just as essential for long-term weight loss," the council notes.

Many people gain weight during the holidays. If you'd like to have your sweets but avoid the pain, you might like a free brochure from nutrition counselor Shelley Summers: It includes recipes for carob cheesecake, apricot bars, fig moon cookies and more.

For a free copy (available until Jan. 1), send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to W. Snow Publishers, Free Recipes, Box 75, Torreon, N.M. 87061.

Perdue is offering a free guide to safe handling of chicken and turkeys. It includes information on shopping, storing and cooking poultry. For a copy, send your name and address to: Perdue Safe Handling of Chicken and Turkey, P.O. Box 708SP, Spring House, Pa 19477.

Interested in Chinese cooking. Lee Kum Kee, a Hong Kong manufacturer of Oriental sauces, is offering almost-free

ing the holidays. If you'd like to have your sweets but avoid the pain, you might like a free brochure from nutrition counselor Shelley Summers: It includes recipes for carob cheesecake, apricot bars, fig moon cookies and more.

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## Good hot drinks from the microwave

Scripps Howard News Service

Get the coffee cup out of the microwave. That clever box can cook up some other hot drinks, so soothing when the weather is nippy. These first recipes make the whole kitchen smell good.

- HOT SPICED CIDER**  
4 cups apple cider or juice  
2 to 4 tablespoons honey, depending on sweetness of cider  
1/2 lemon, sliced thin  
1 cinnamon stick, halved  
1 tablespoon minced crystallized ginger  
10 each, whole cloves and allspice  
2 whole cardamom pods, crushed

Place all ingredients in a microwave-safe 2-quart glass measure and whisk to mix completely.

Microwave uncovered on high power for 10 minutes, stirring three times. Cover with a dinner plate and let stand for 2 minutes. Strain if desired and serve hot in cups or mugs. Serves 4.

By: "Better by Microwave," by Lori Longbotham and Marie Simmons

- HOT SPICED CRANBERRY PUNCH**  
1 cup very hot tap water  
2 tea bags  
4 1/2 cups cranberry juice cocktail  
1 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
2 sticks cinnamon  
6 whole cloves  
6 thin slices orange (garnish)  
Microwave water and tea bags in uncovered 2-quart measure or bowl on high about 3 minutes, or until boiling. Stir, remove tea bags, add all

remaining ingredients (except garnish) and microwave, uncovered, on high 4 1/2 to 5 minutes, stirring at halftime, until steaming but not boiling. Ladle into mugs and garnish each serving with an orange slice.

By: "Micro Ways," by Jean Anderson and Elaine Hanna  
Chocoholics like these micro variations of old favorites.

- MORNING MOCHA**  
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 mug hot brewed coffee  
1/2 mug milk  
Pinch ground cinnamon (optional)  
Stir the cocoa powder and sugar together in a microwave-safe mug. Gradually stir in the coffee and milk until blended; add the cinnamon, if desired. Microwave uncovered on high power for 2 minutes, or until

very hot. Serves 1.  
By: "Better by Microwave," by Lori Longbotham and Marie Simmons

- REAL HOT CHOCOLATE**  
3/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup half-and-half or milk  
2 ounces bittersweet (not unsweetened) or semisweet chocolate, finely chopped  
Place the milk, half-and-half, and chopped chocolate in a microwave-safe 1-quart glass measure. Microwave uncovered on high power for 2 minutes, whisking vigorously once. Pour into a mug and serve hot. Serves 1.

Variations: Add 1/2 teaspoon instant espresso powder, 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon sugar, or a 1-inch strip of orange rind.

By: "Better by Microwave," by Lori Longbotham and Marie Simmons

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Slice of life!

## TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

### Holiday hints

- (NAPS) - Tips on saving during the holidays:  
• Send out holiday postcards (20 cent stamps) instead of cards (32 cent stamps). Take advantage of long distance calling plans on selected holidays.  
• Instead of buying a gift, give a friend or family members a gift certificate for a free service such as babysitting, pet sitting or lawn care.  
• When ordering gifts from a catalog, have those gifts shipped directly to the recipient and save the cost of having to ship it yourself a second time.  
• Buy gifts such as magazine subscriptions, which offer discounts when you buy more than one subscription.  
• Buy holiday food supplies in bulk. Some non-perishable items may be used in quantity throughout the holidays.  
• Use credit cards that offer bonuses - such as frequent flyer miles - with each dollar spent.  
• Give gift certificates - they are easy to buy, easy and inexpensive to mail and the individual can purchase what they really want.  
• If your family is large, have everyone buy one gift for one other person. Choose by drawing names.  
• Put your hobbies to work and make handmade gifts for friends and relatives.  
• Use natural decorations such as branches, berries, holly and pine cones which you can find anywhere.  
• Use brown paper shopping bags for wrapping paper and ask the kids to decorate with holiday drawings or buy Christmas-shaped sponges and paint the paper with green and red sponge pictures. Use old newspaper or comics instead of brown paper if you wish.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Send in your address

If your home or business has been decorated for the Christmas holidays, please send in your address to the Big Spring Herald. We will be publishing a list of addresses for people to drive by and enjoy the handwork you have created.

### Nutcracker tickets available

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 Funnels, and the volunteer training is scheduled 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 LAST WORD

You never know what is enough until you know what is more than enough.  
—Samuel Blake

Blessed are the forgetful; for they get the better even of their blunders.  
—Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.  
—Will Rogers

Some desire is necessary to keep life in motion; and he whose real wants are supplied, must admit those of fancy.  
—Dr. Johnson

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# SUPPORT GROUPS

## MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

## TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support

- group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church.

- Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- WEDNESDAY
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
- THURSDAY
- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Ayilford.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
- Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.
- Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.
- FRIDAY
- Survivors, 5:15-7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
- SATURDAY
- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
- Family support group for couples and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.
- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3

- p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.
- West Texas Gluten Free Awareness Support Group, 1-3 p.m., First Baptist Church in

- Midland, gluten free traditional Thanksgiving meal. For more information call (915) 520-2119 or 684-4671 or write: Gluten-Free Awareness; HC 515 46; Midland; 79707.
- SUNDAY
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

## \* I NEED HELP\*

I have an immediate opening for a man to work part time in my local laundry business Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Pay starts at \$7.00 per hour. Duties include equipment service, general maintenance and some management. Training will be provided. This is a PERMANENT position. This job is perfect for somebody who's taken early retirement and is tired of sitting around the house. I am looking for honesty, capability and dependability.

If you are interested, or would just like more details, please come by 1208 Gregg St. and pick up an application. Let's talk

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# Cancer cure rate is 54 percent these days

In 1930 fewer than 20 percent of cancer patients survived five years. Today that figure is 54 percent - and if detected early, survival rates often go over 90 percent, says Henry Lynch, M.D., president of the Heredity Cancer Institute at Creighton School of Medicine in Omaha, Neb.

Cancer is a word that carries with it enormous fears and serious questions, writes Randy Becton in his book, "Everyday Strength: A Cancer Patient's Guide" (Baker Book House). Becton became a counseling minister, founder and executive director of Caring Cancer Ministry in Abilene, Texas dur-

ing his own battle with cancer.



Wanda Denson  
Columnist

faintly hopeful. There are periods of anger, despair, bitterness and frustration. It robs you of

your sense of security, changes your comfortable routine and poses a serious threat to your future, say those who have been through it.

When the body is invaded with disease, think. What can the mind do to help? They are a unit, intended to work together to build up, to be whole, harmonize, writes Becton. Studies show that every change in the mental and emotional state, conscious or unconscious, is accompanied by an appropriate change in the physiological state.

Doing your own research can help you feel more in control of

your health. Find out what has been learned the past five years. Contact the local American Cancer Society and national associations that deal with your type cancer. Many new treatments are being used effectively today. In this country, ten-million have survived cancer.

"The world is full of people (survivors) whose doctors told them they're going to die," says Martin Raber, M.D., physician in chief at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. This year, about half of all patients given a cancer diagnosis will be "cured," says Raber.

## BSSH

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reception. Advisory board members: Johnnie Lou Avery, Beverly McMahon, Jim Weaver and Jane Lusk.

High school, college and nursing students have been visiting BSSH through the fall semester including groups from Hawley High School, South Plains nursing class, Midland College psychology, juvenile probation officers and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin psychology class. Tours and meetings may be scheduled through the community relations office at the hospital.

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sample packs of a new stir fry sauce.

If you'd like to try a 3 ounce pack, send your name and four postage stamps (\$1.28) to Lee Kum Kee Stir-Free Sauce, 304 South Date Ave., Alhambra, Calif. 91803.

## Drinks

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Some people prefer chicken soup, but in my family we always got hot lemonade when we had the sniffles.

**HOT LEMONADE**  
1 lemon, halved and seeded  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Hot tap water  
Zap lemon halves on high 20-30 seconds, until slightly warm.

Fill a microwave-safe mug two-thirds full of hot water. Cut a thin slice from one of the lemon halves and add to the hot water. Squeeze juice from the rest of the lemon into the water. Stir in sugar, and zap on high for 2 minutes, or until very hot. Stir to mix. Soothes one sniffer.

**Need to sell that car?**  
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## CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235. Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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# SPORTS

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## SCOREBOARD

QUICK TAKE	TONIGHT ON THE TUBE
Thursday Big Spring girls vs. Borden Co. (at Coahoma), 5:30 p.m. Big Spring boys vs. Canyon Randall (at Franks), 11 a.m. Wrest at Coahoma girls, 6:30 p.m. Snyder JV at Coahoma boys, 8	Great 8 College Tournament Georgetown vs. Massachusetts, 6:30, ESPN (ch. 30). Cincinnati vs. Kansas, ESPN, 8:30. NBA L.A. Lakers at Utah, 7 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).

Got a story idea or  
a sports news tip?

Call Sports,  
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## It's official: NFL suspends Lett for one year following failed drug test

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys started the season without their best receiver because of an NFL drug suspension, and they'll finish the year without their best defensive lineman for the same reason.

Defensive tackle Leon Lett was suspended a minimum of one year — effective immediately — Tuesday for violating the league's drug policy a second time. Lett was suspended for four games in 1995 and told that another violation would land him at least a one-year suspension without pay.

Jerry Jones, who last week denied any knowledge of a pos-

sible suspension for Lett, issued a one-paragraph statement Tuesday.

"On behalf of the Dallas Cowboys, this is a time of concern for Leon Lett the person," Jones said. "Our thoughts are with him and his family. And we will continue to offer our help and support any way we can."

Coach Barry Switzer said the team was determined to win without its star lineman.

"We're playing without Charles Haley. We're playing without (Jay) Novacek. Now we're going to play without Leon," Switzer said. "He's not

the only reason we've won on this football team."

Teammates expressed concern for Lett's well-being.

"I don't want to be shallow enough to look at it in terms of how it affects us on the football field," said Troy Aikman. "I think there's a bigger issue here and one that Leon needs to address. We hope to be able to help him through it."

Said fullback Daryl Johnston: "He is going to have a difficult time restoring confidence with the public and with the team. It's a difficult situation."

Lett is only the latest Cowboy in hot water over drug prob-

lems. All-Pro wide receiver Michael Irvin was suspended for the first five games of the season after pleading no contest to drug charges stemming from an arrest.

Five Dallas players — Lett, Irvin, Clayton Holmes, Corey Fleming and Shante Carver — have been suspended since 1994 for violations of the league's drug policy.

"I want everyone to know that everyone on that football team knows what the rules are," said veteran safety Bill Bates. "The rules are not there to be broken."

Lett, the Cowboys best defen-

sive lineman and a former Pro Bowl player, will be replaced in the lineup by Tony Casillas. The defending Super Bowl champions (8-5) are tied for first place in the NFC East.

"The burden will now be on the offense like it was on the defense earlier in the season when Irvin was suspended," Johnston said. "We will have to raise our level of play. It's for sure the defense won't be as good without him."

Lett, 28, was recently "formed that he had violated the policy," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. Lett appealed the penalty to NFL commission-

er Paul Tagliabue, who denied the appeal.

Lett was not immediately available for comment. He canceled a scheduled radio talk show appearance.

His agent, Jim Steiner, was traveling and not in his office, his secretary in St. Louis told The Associated Press.

Lett has been tested up to 10 times per month since the NFL suspended him last season.

According to the NFL's substance policy, a suspended player may not participate with his team in any way during the

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## Lamesa shoots down Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

No matter how well you play defense, there's no stopping a team that doesn't miss.

The Lamesa Golden Tornadoes broke open a tight game by shooting 100 percent from the field in the second quarter, then breezed to an 80-59 victory over the Big Spring Steers in non-district basketball action Tuesday at Steer Gym.

The Steers (3-4) were able to overcome a height disadvantage, and they were pretty much able to negate a 2-1 rebounding edge by Lamesa, but when the Golden Tors went lights out from the field in the second quarter, there was nothing the hosts could do but watch.

"They started hitting their shots, and they took us out of our offense," BSHS coach Gary Tipton said. "That hurt us, no doubt."

The Steers were able to exploit the soft middle of the Lamesa defense early in the first quarter. Guards John Smith and Justin Myers and forward Chad Warren each scored from the 5-8-foot range

to help Big Spring close to within two points heading into the second.

The Steers then tied the game at 14-14 on a bank shot by Greg Wollenzien 30 seconds into the second quarter, but that was Big Spring's last hurrah. Kyle Brown put Lamesa back in front with a three-pointer, and the Tors proceeded to put on a shooting exhibition, hitting all seven of their shots from the field.

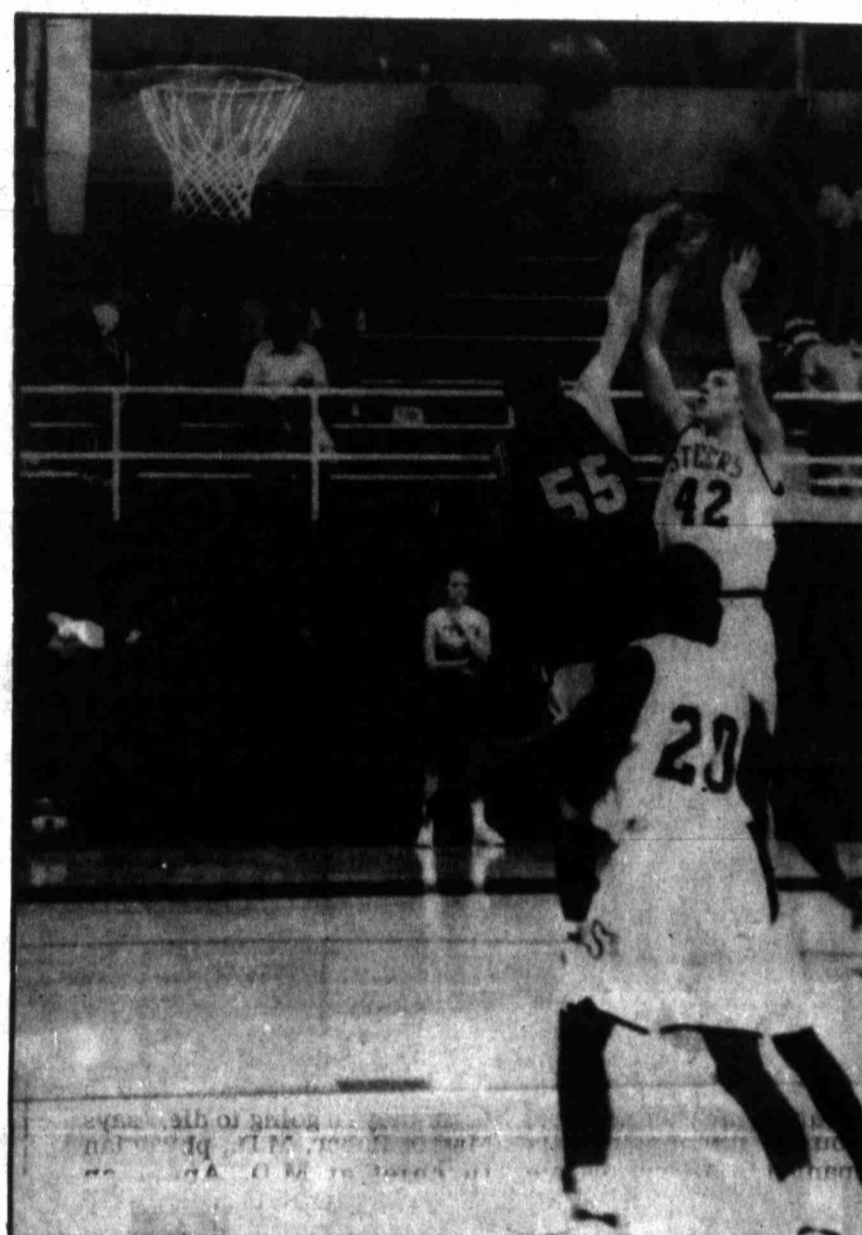
The Tornadoes' marksmanship allowed them to build a 40-23 cushion at halftime, and they were more than able to trade baskets with Big Spring the rest of the way.

Brown had 17 points, while teammate Chris Roberts had 16 points to lead Lamesa. Smith had 16 points and Myers 14 to lead the Steers.

"At this stage of the season, Lamesa's just a better ball club than we are," Tipton said. "But I really think our ball club has a chance to improve to a greater extent than Lamesa does."

The Steers return to action Thursday when they face

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Big Spring's Greg Wollenzien (42) fires a shot against Lamesa's Andy Ellis (55) during their game at Steer Gym Tuesday. Also in on the play is Big Spring's Tory Mitchell (20).

## Coahoma sweeps past Robert Lee

HERALD Staff Report

ROBERT LEE — The Coahoma Bulldogettes held off a late run by Robert Lee to take a 48-45 win over the Lady Steers in non-district basketball action here Tuesday night.

The Bulldogettes (5-1) led by two points at halftime, and increased that advantage to 35-29 heading into the fourth quarter.

Tara Sterling had 15 points and Cassie Tindol 10 for the Bulldogettes, who return to action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, when they host Wink in the first round of the Coahoma Invitational.

COAHOMA (48) — Sterling 15; Sparks 4; Earnest 8; Tindol 10; Woods 2; Stanislaus 9; totals 14 19-26 48.

ROBERT LEE (45) — Gardner 1; Key 3; Waldrop 13; Scott 11; Howell 9; Bolding 8; totals 16 13-28 45.

JV score — Coahoma 27, Robert Lee 21

### Coahoma boys 56 Robert Lee 29

ROBERT LEE — The Coahoma Bulldogs were able to wear down the Robert Lee Steers Tuesday, taking a 56-29 victory in basketball action at Robert Lee High School.

After forging an eight-point

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lead at the half, the Bulldogs were able to salt away the game in the second half — increasing their lead to 39-25 after the third quarter, then cruising to the win.

Josh Collum was the only Coahoma player in double figures, scoring 12 points.

The Bulldogs return to action at 8 p.m. Thursday when they play Snyder's junior varsity in the first round of the Coahoma Invitational.

COAHOMA (56) — Collum 12; Millican 3; Olivas 2; Nicole 5; Roberts 4; Hamilton 9; Barr 8; Lopez 2; Lane 7; White 2; totals 24 4-8 56.

ROBERT LEE (29) — Tavaraz 6; Wojcik 2; Helvig 4; Boxall 11; Simpson 2; Coates 3; totals 11 5-15 29.

JV score — Coahoma 43, Robert Lee 23

### Forsan boys 65 Water Valley 47

WATER VALLEY — The Forsan Buffaloes kept their record perfect, improving to 5-0 with a 65-47 victory over Water Valley in non-district basketball action here Tuesday night.

The Buffaloes broke open a tight game in the third quarter,

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## Texas offense finds itself having to back up Brown's tough talk

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas quarterback James Brown has done the talking. Now, the Longhorns' offense has to deliver against Nebraska in Saturday's Big 12 championship game.

After Brown predicted a three-touchdown victory over the third-ranked Huskers (10-1, 8-0 Big 12) on Monday, the Longhorns (7-4, 6-2) were left to figure out a way to move the ball against the nation's fourth-ranked defense.

"Defensively, they bring so much pressure on the quarterback and the run game, it's

going to be a full day's work," Texas tight end Pat Fitzgerald said.

That day's work got even longer for the Longhorns after Brown was asked about being a near-three touchdown underdog and replied, "I think we're going to win by three touchdowns."

Brown made the statement to reporters in a surge of confidence that also included the comment, "Nebraska tries to intimidate people with their crowd and with their winning tradition. They have to beat me to intimidate me."

What's surprising is that Brown made the statements after having watched tapes of the Nebraska defense harassing Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer in a 17-12 victory Friday that clinched the Big 12 North title for the Huskers.

"They have big, strong athletes," Brown said. "They just overpowered Colorado's offensive line. They just pushed them back in the backfield. They sacked Detmer on three-step drops and five-step drops."

"We might get in the shotgun some plays, but if they play us man-to-man, they're going to

have to hold Wane (McGarity) and Mike (Adams), and with receivers like that, it's easy to beat man-to-man."

It's not that Texas can't move the ball. The Longhorns led the Big 12 in total offense, averaging 456.5 yards per game, including 241.2 yards passing.

But Nebraska's defense has impressive numbers:

— 47 sacks for 304 yards in losses. The Huskers are only two sacks short of the school record (45 sacks for 383 yards in losses) set in 1985.

— 21 interceptions (second nationally), with 350 yards in

returns and four touchdowns.

— Ninth nationally in turnover margin at plus 11.

— The first-team defense has given up only five TDs in 11 games, none on the ground.

The front seven is led by ends Grant Wistrom and Jared Tomich, tackle Jason Peter and linebackers Jamel Williams and Jon Hesse.

When Texas coach John Mackovic was asked if he thought Nebraska would go heavy on the blitz Saturday, he said, "Who needs to blitz. When they send four guys and they're in the backfield all the time?"

The Longhorns figure to use short drops and quick passes to tight end Fitzgerald and to running backs Ricky Williams, Shon Mitchell and Priest Holmes.

But the key may be Brown's ability to scramble away from pressure and get up field.

"I watched the Colorado game and they sacked Detmer every other time he dropped back to pass," Brown said. "To sack me, they're going to have to catch me. If I have to run, I will. Otherwise, I'll stand in the pocket and pass."

## Players expected to ratify labor deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players were likely to approve their new labor agreement eight days after owners reversed course and ratified the five-year deal.

"I'll be very surprised if it's not ratified," union head Donald Fehr said Tuesday after the players' executive board met at Dorado, Puerto Rico.

Management negotiator Randy Levine intended to travel to the union meeting today to work out details of the deal. Levine and Fehr agreed to the outline of the agreement Oct. 24.

Lawyers for both sides already have begun drafting the deal, which would replace the collective bargaining agreement that expired on Dec. 31, 1993.

Fourteen players, including Alex Fernandez, Moises Alou, Jimmy Key and Mel Rojas, will gain free agency rights after the deal is ratified, and the sides have to work out special details that will apply to this group.

For other free agents, teams must decide by Saturday whether to offer salary arbitra-

tion to their former players or lose negotiating rights until May 1.

It is likely teams will be given additional time to make decisions regarding players in the new group. Those players can't start discussing contracts with new teams until after they formally file.

Players voted in September to give their executive board authority to ratify the agreement rather than conduct a vote among all the players. In addition, all players will vote by mail on whether to approve interleague play.

Approval of the deal and interleague play are considered virtual certainties.

Meanwhile, two free agents signed Tuesday. Outfielder Jim Eisenreich, who spent the past four seasons with Philadelphia, agreed to a \$3 million, two-year contract with the Florida Marlins. Catcher Joe Girardi decided to stay with the New York Yankees, agreeing to a \$5.5 million, two-year deal.

Eisenreich, 37, hit a career-high .361 in 338 at-bats last season, with three homers and 41 RBIs.

Girardi, 32, hit .294 in his first season with the Yankees with two homers and 45 RBIs and 13 steals, the most by a catcher in the major leagues last season.

In another ramification of the deal, the Fox network met with baseball officials late Monday night and decided its first interleague telecast will be Baltimore's game against Atlanta on June 14. Owners could not go ahead with interleague play until the labor deal was approved.

During the meeting, Fox officials asked to be included in the schedule process for future years before league officials finalize it.

"The question was at what point in the process going forward do they intervene to participate in the formulation of the schedule," said Greg Murphy, baseball's marketing head. "I think we have a better understanding of what they are looking for, and they have a better understanding of what goes into making a schedule. We want to ensure that all our rights holders get the very best game telecasts."

## Modesty part of Walker winner's package

DALLAS (AP) — Byron Hanspard won't admit he's among the top college running backs, and he never would have voted himself No. 1 in the nation.

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes says that modesty is precisely what makes Hanspard such a great player.

"Being a complete football player is hard to do, because so many players are so self-centered. I believe Byron is the least self-centered player I've ever been around," Dykes said Tuesday.

"I sense a real feeling of togetherness on our football team that was not there before he arrived. And when it comes to carrying a football — well, that speaks for itself."

Dykes accompanied Hanspard to Dallas to formally pick up the 1996 Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back. The award was announced Monday.

Hanspard, only the sixth back in NCAA history to run for more than 2,000 yards in a season, edged fellow juniors Troy Davis of Iowa State and Darnell Autry of Northwestern for the award, named for the former Southern Methodist and NFL

great.

Walker said the award committee took Hanspard's character into account along with his athletic abilities.

"Productivity is important, but being a good person, being a leader, having the respect of your teachers, your coaches, your teammates, your opponents — those are things that are considered very seriously," Walker said.

Hanspard, a licensed Pentecostal minister who preaches at a Lubbock church, said it was a blessing just to be considered for such awards as the Doak Walker Award and, possibly, the Heisman Trophy.

"If you want to tell me I'm an elite player, fine, but I would never vote for myself. I don't really feel I'm at my peak. I think there are still a lot of things I need to achieve," said Hanspard, who already is the Red Raiders' career rushing leader.

Hanspard gave no clues about whether he'll remain at Tech next year or jump to the NFL.

"It depends on where God leads me. We're praying about it. The decisions I make, the Lord directs me in. When you use the Lord as your guide, you

won't go wrong," said Hanspard.

"When I told people I was in the shower when the Lord directed me to go to Texas Tech, people thought that was funny. But I talk to him just like I'm talking to you right now."

Dykes admitted he's also praying — praying that Hanspard remains in Lubbock.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't," Dykes said. "I'd have a hard time denying it. Byron brings a lot to the table. He's been elected captain of our football team the last two years. As a sophomore, that's a pretty good honor."

Dykes said Hanspard is unlike any other player he has coached.

"Byron has a lot of Tony Dorsett in him, I think. Some of his greatest runs have been six-yard runs. When people hit him and he goes to the ground, he's got some sixth sense, and he ends up another two yards down the field," Dykes said.

Hanspard led the Red Raiders to a 7-4 season and a second-place finish in the Big 12 South. Texas Tech is expected to be in Hawaii on Christmas Day to play in the Aloha Bowl.

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Steers

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Canyon Randall at 11 a.m. in the first round of the Cotton Pickin' Classic at Frenship High School.  
Big Spring won the junior varsity game by a 63-45 score to improve to 5-2 for the season. Travis Womack scored 16 points and Jason Gonzales added 11 for the JV Steers.

Lady Steers fall to Midland

MIDLAND — For the second straight time, a late rush pushed Midland past the Big Spring Lady Steers.  
Midland used a lot of late scoring to defeat Big Spring last month, and they did the

same thing Tuesday, scoring the last 12 points of the game to take a 69-53 victory in non-district basketball action.

The game — and the end result — must have been frustratingly familiar to coach Ron Taylor and the Lady Steers, who fought toe-to-toe all night with the Lady Bulldogs, only to watch a late run once again ruin any chances for victory.

"I think there was a couple of things," Taylor said. "First, we had a bad shooting fourth quarter, and that's what really hurt us. Plus, they were running about 15 girls at us all night long, and they finally wore us down. But we played a lot, lot better this time."  
Despite more than 30

turnovers, the Lady Steers were able to forge a 31-28 lead at halftime, and were as close as four points from the lead with three minutes remaining when Midland made its final run.

Junior guard Maggie Haddad scored 20 points and senior post Kim Robertson had 11 for the Lady Steers, who return to action at 3:30 p.m. Thursday against Borden County in the first round of the Coahoma Invitational.

Midland swept the evening by taking a 39-33 victory in the junior varsity game. Jaclyn Owusu led Big Spring with 11 points. The JV Lady Steers return to action Tuesday at Lamesa.

Area

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outscored the Wildcats 15-6 in the stanza to grab a 42-32 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Josh Gaston scored 20 points and Steve Osburn and Daniel added 12 each to lead the Buffaloes, who play this weekend in the Irion County basketball tournament.

FORSAN (65) — S. Osburn 12, W. Osburn 3, Davis 12, Gaston 20, Hilliger 9, Brinstow 5, Love 4, totals 27 8-11 65.

WATER VALLEY (47) — Cisco 11, Millican 8, Lacy 10, Graves 3, Dawson 15, totals 18 5-13 47.  
JV score — Forsan 73 36

Other scores

Stanton boys 66

Ozona 48  
Ozona (48) — Rodriguez 7, Brown 15, Ortiz 6, Sanchez 12, Cervantes 8.  
STANTON (66) — Herm 6, Madison 1, Davis 10, McCallister 24, Carroll 1, Washington 11, Smith 13.

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time he is out. A player suspended for one year may apply for re-instatement no sooner than 60 days prior to the one-year anniversary date of his suspension.

He is the leading tackler on the Cowboys' top-rated defense. He has recorded 31 sacks and recovered two fumbles.

In addition to his drug history, Lett may be best known for two gaffes during games.

With the Cowboys leading comfortably in the 1993 Super Bowl, Lett recovered a fumble, and holding it in one hand, returned it 64 yards only to have Buffalo wide receiver Don Beebe catch him from behind at the goal line and strip the ball before Lett could score.

In a 1993 Thanksgiving Day game played in the snow, Lett bungled an attempted fumble recovery in the closing seconds, giving the Miami Dolphins a second chance to kick a game-winning field goal.

The Cowboys have been involved in a number of off-the-field incidents in recent years besides Irvin's drug trial.

—October 1994: Offensive lineman Erik Williams was involved in a one-car wreck, and sustained a right knee injury that sidelined him until next season. He later pleaded no contest and received two years' probation on a misdemeanor drunken driving

Records — Ozona 1-4 Stanton 5-0  
JV score — Stanton 36, Ozona 35.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Ozona 11 12 15 10 - 48, Stanton 19 15 18 14 - 66

Ozona 62 Stanton girls 33

OZONA (62) — Au, McWilliams 11; Am, McWilliams 9; Avila 5; Tarr 17; Sessom 5; Laughlin 1; Sullivan 10; Hall 4; totals 22 15-23 62.  
STANTON (33) — Chapa 1; Graves 7; Hull 6; Chandler 8; Holland 6; Simer 5; totals 11 6-18 33.  
Records — Ozona 6-0; Stanton 4-3.  
JV score — Ozona 70, Stanton 7.

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Grady girls 52 Loop 46

LOOP (46) — Flaire 18; Yocom 9; Allen 9; Ivy 6; Smith 2.  
GRADY (52) — Madison 18; Scheulke 10; Yates 9; Cooper 6; Robles 5; Romine 4.  
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offense.  
—April 1994: A 17-year-old topless dancer accused Williams of sexually assaulting her at his North Dallas home.

A grand jury decided not to charge Williams two months later after the teen-ager refused to cooperate with prosecutors following an out-of-court settlement with the football star.

—November 1995: The NFL suspended Holmes for a year following a positive drug test.

—April 1996: A Dallas grand jury indicted Irvin and two women on drug charges. Irvin pleaded no contest and was put on four years probation and fined \$10,000.

The last time Lett was suspended he issued this statement: "I regret that this situation has occurred and I apologize for any actions on my part that led to the suspension. I regret that this situation has occurred and I apologize to my family, my teammates, Jerry Jones, the entire Cowboys organization and all of my loyal fans who have supported me. I hope to put this behind me as soon as possible."

Lett was a seventh-round draft pick in 1991 out of Emporia State. Then-coach Jimmy Johnson took a chance on Lett because of his imposing size — 6-foot-6, 300-plus pounds. He quickly established himself as one of the best defensive linemen in the NFL.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Gollad splits with C-City  
Gollad's girls basketball teams split a pair of games with Colorado City Monday.

Gollad won the B game 27-14. Tracy Padilla scored 8 points, Kim Jumper had 5 and Trista Casey and Tejal Patel had 4 each for Gollad.

C-City returned the favor in the A game, taking a 21-17 decision. For Gollad, Paige King was the leading scorer with 4 points. She also grabbed five rebounds. Latisha Rollins also had a good game for Gollad, collecting five rebounds and nine steals.

Gollad's girls return to action Monday at Sweetwater.

Forsan JV stays perfect  
Forsan's junior varsity boys'

basketball team improved to 5-0 with victories in their last two games.

Last week, the JV Buffs defeated Sands 71-54 behind 15 points from Ferrol Voigt and 12 points from Matt Gamble.

The Buffs added another win Tuesday when they collected a 73-36 win over Water Valley.

Jay Kuykendall was Forsan's leading scorer with 16 points, while David Stone and Daniel Whetsel scored 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Grape Creek downs Forsan  
Forsan's seventh-grade girls' basketball team dropped a 21-8 decision to Grape Creek Monday.

Forsan dropped to 0-5 with the loss.

SPORTS EXTRA

BASKETBALL

College scores

Table of college basketball scores. EAST: Buffalo 53, Canisius 50; Akron 72, Wooster 55; Evansville 64, Robert Morris 50; Iowa 79, Drake 59; Kentucky 101, Purdue 87; Michigan St. 83, Cleveland St. 78; NE Illinois 52, Wis.-Green Bay 49; Nebraska 79, Texas-San Antonio 76; Ohio St. 71, Kent 55; San Diego St. 82, Northwestern 70; Wake Forest 74, Mississippi St. 43; Wichita St. 74, Kansas St. 59. SOUTHWEST: Baylor 79, Mo.-Kansas City 71; Texas Southern 73, Xavier, NO 67. FAR WEST: Air Force 82, Doane 69; Cal Poly-SLO 143, Cal Baptist 97; Cal St.-Fullerton 80, Montana 73; California 89, Illinois 88, 2OT; Colorado St. 86, Nevada 64; Fresno St. 127, Western St., Colo. 92; Gonzaga 89, Cent. Washington 66; Long Beach St. 88, Oregon St. 86; N. Arizona 81, McNeese St. 75; San Francisco 73, Notre Dame, Calif. 69; San Jose St. 70, Pepperdine 64; UCLA 95, CS Northridge 73; Washington 68, Idaho 52. EXHIBITION: Arizona 91, Marathon 88. NBA: St. John's 61, Miami 57; Tenn.-Martin 87, Lyon 68; Tougaloo 73, Grambling St. 70. EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division: Miami 13 4 .765

Table of NBA scores. Orlando 78 5 .615 3; New York 9 6 .600 3; Philadelphia 7 8 .467 5; Washington 7 8 .467 5; Boston 4 11 .267 8; New Jersey 3 9 .250 7 1/2. Central Division: Chicago 18 1 .841 —; Detroit 12 3 .800 3; Cleveland 10 5 .667 5; Atlanta 10 7 .588 6; Charlotte 8 8 .500 7 1/2; Milwaukee 8 8 .500 7 1/2; Indiana 6 8 .429 8 1/2; Toronto 5 11 .313 10 1/2. WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division: Houston 15 2 .882 —; Utah 13 2 .868 1; Minnesota 7 9 .437 7 1/2; Dallas 5 10 .333 9; Denver 5 13 .278 10 1/2; San Antonio 2 13 .133 12; Vancouver 2 15 .118 13. Pacific Division: Seattle 14 5 .737 —; L.A. Lakers 13 6 .684 1; Portland 10 8 .556 3 1/2; L.A. Clippers 7 10 .412 6; Golden State 6 11 .353 7; Sacramento 6 12 .333 7 1/2; Phoenix 1 14 .067 11. Monday's Games: Toronto 100, Houston 89; Dallas 108, Orlando 102; UT 107, Charlotte 97. Tuesday's Games: Atlanta 105, Boston 95; Cleveland 83, Toronto 74; Sacramento 96, Minnesota 89; Miami 89, New York 75.

Table of Wednesday's games. Chicago 107, Milwaukee 104; Golden State 114, Denver 89; L.A. Clippers 96, Charlotte 89; Indiana 88, Portland 83; OT; L.A. Lakers 110, Seattle 106. Wednesday's Games: New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.; Cleveland at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.; Dallas at Miami, 6:30 p.m.; Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.; L.A. Lakers at Utah, 7 p.m.; Boston at Houston, 7:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.; Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.; Indiana at Vancouver, 8 p.m.; Thursday's Games: Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.; L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.; Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.; Minnesota at Seattle, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday BASEBALL American League: CLEVELAND INDIANS—Claimed RHP Mike Gordon off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays. NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Joe Girardi on a two-year contract. NATIONAL LEAGUE: FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with OF Jim Eschenreich on a two-year contract. Designated RHP Marc Valdes for assignment.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 5:**

Stay focused on your long-term objectives this year. Distractions are abundant, yet some could be most pleasurable. However, to attain the best possible results, keep goals in mind. Day-to-day communications run more smoothly than in previous years. Be more direct in your interactions with others. Express ideas and thoughts freely. If you are single, a friendship could develop into more. Personal involvements become your strong suit. If attached, the union evolves to a higher level, if you choose. Explore new, creative ways of relating. LIBRA is a loyal confidant.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Sometimes it amazes even you how things can work out so well. Stay connected to your beliefs. Goodwill makes a trip or higher-mind activity possible. Now that you are ready to spread your wings, doors seem to open for you. Tonight: Say "yes" to a partner. \*\*\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Emphasize the successful completion of a job or project that may involve the home. Clarify what you desire in the long run. Review the way you attain your objectives. Be aware of what makes various approaches effective. Make time for family. Tonight: Go to the gym. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Connect with partners and associates. Brainstorm, sort through issues and find resolutions. What seemed like a problem before, becomes almost unimportant. Two minds do work better than one. A relationship is growing by leaps and bounds. Tonight: Go out on the town. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) What was once workable is even more so now. Timing is on with work-related matters. If considering a home office, there is no time like the present. Be open to what life offers. There are enormous possibilities right now; doors are wide open. Tonight: Talk with family. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You excel at whatever you put your mind to. Superb communications merge with great ideas. Others respond to your inquiries. New developments are possible. A relationship heats up. Go for what you want. Don't let anything hold you up. Tonight: Have dinner for two. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You more possessive side breaks out with a loved one. Examine

your bottom line. Evaluate finances, security and property. You are more confident than you have been in a while. Take an honest look at your recent spending habits. Tonight: Have pizza delivered. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are in full control of a change. Discussions are highlighted. Think through a request before you make it because it is likely to be granted. Charisma and energy are functioning at peak level. Take on what you have been avoiding. Tonight: Be your happy-go-lucky self. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Much is going on behind the scenes. Consider changes and how you feel with another. This is a time for deep reflection. Action is better delayed for a while. Conduct research. You complete a lot. Be imaginative, and brainstorm with a trusted buddy. Tonight: Go to bed early. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Emphasize change. Handle a matter more professionally. Question what is happening with a friend. Make calls, network and let others know where you are coming from. You need more information and a more inclusive perspective. Tonight: Hang with the gang. \*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take the lead at work. Instincts are right about a boss. Do what you need to do. Gain comes from openness and a willingness to be vulnerable. Take advantage of your intuition and timing. Discussions help you understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Work late. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Break past patterns. Be willing to let go of what was comfortable. Put an important idea into action. Certainly, another has a different slant on the matter. Make calls, gather ideas and brainstorm. Solutions are relatively easy to find. Tonight: Go for something different. \*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) One-to-one relating helps reveal much about a significant other or boss. Touch base with bottom lines. Gather facts. You might see a venture as substantially different. Examine your long-term goals in a changing work situation. Tonight: Chat with a partner. \*\*\*\*\*

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**Heat continues to sizzle; downs Knicks**

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The Miami Heat are living up to their nickname these days. The sizzling Heat beat the New York Knicks 99-75 Tuesday night for their seventh straight road win and eighth in a row overall. Both streaks are team records.

"It's early in the year, but everyone knows this was a big game for us because we're on a roll right now," said Dan Majerle, who led Miami with 22 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Sasha Danilovic scored 21 points on 7-for-7 shooting from 3-point range, one shy of Jeff Hornacek's NBA record for most 3-pointers in a game without a miss.

"I was just wide open. It was as simple as that," said Danilovic, a second-year guard who played on the Yugoslavian Olympic team last summer.

The victory gave first-place Miami (13-4) a three-game lead over New York (9-6) in the Atlantic Division.

"We just didn't play well," said Patrick Ewing, who was held to 12 points on 5-for-17 shooting. "I'm not going to

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jump off the bandwagon. I'll let the rest of the people do that."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Atlanta 105, Boston 95; Cleveland 93, Toronto 74; Sacramento 96, Minnesota 89; Chicago 107, Milwaukee 104; Golden State 114, Denver 99; Los Angeles Clippers 96, Charlotte 89; Indiana 98, Portland 93 in overtime; and Los Angeles Lakers 110, Seattle 106.

**Hawks 105, Celtics 95**

At Atlanta, Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points, 14 rebounds and nine blocks as the Hawks beat Boston. Steve Smith, returning after missing 10 games with a sprained right ankle, added 20 points for Atlanta. Dana Barros scored 24 points for Boston, which remained winless on the road (0-5).

**Cavaliers 93, Raptors 74**

At Cleveland, Terrell Brandon scored 18 points to lead the Cavaliers over the cold-shooting Raptors. Toronto shot only 38 percent from the field, including a team-record low 18 percent in the first quar-

ter. **Kings 96, Timberwolves 89**

At Minneapolis, Mitch Richmond scored 29 points, including two key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, and Minnesota lost star Kevin Garnett with a severe ankle sprain. Garnett hurt his left ankle in the first half when he landed on another player's foot after grabbing an offensive rebound.

**Bulls 107, Bucks 104**

Michael Jordan scored 40 points and Chicago used a 19-5 run at the start of the fourth quarter to win at Milwaukee. Bulls reserve forward Jason Caffey scored a season-high 12 points, including the first six in Chicago's fourth-quarter spurt. Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee with 21 points, while Vin Baker had 20 points and 16 rebounds.

**Pacers 98, Trail Blazers 93**

Reggie Miller scored 32 points, including five 3-pointers, to lead Indiana at Portland. Miller's 3-pointer with three minutes left in overtime put the Pacers ahead for good, 90-87. Kenny Anderson led the Blazers with 29 points.

**Clippers 96, Hornets 89**

At Los Angeles, Terry Dehere scored a season-high 25 points in his first start of the season as the Clippers snapped a six-game losing streak. Loy Vaught had 23 points and 15 rebounds, both season highs, for the Clippers. Glen Rice topped Charlotte with 23 points.

**Lakers 110, SuperSonics 106**

At Inglewood, Shaquille O'Neal made two free throws with 43 seconds remaining and finished with 32 points as the Lakers beat Seattle. The Lakers' third straight victory and eighth in 11 games pulled them within a game of the Pacific Division-leading Sonics. Detlef Schrempf scored 27 points and Gary Payton had 24 for the Sonics, who have lost three of five since winning 11 in a row.

**Warriors 114, Nuggets 99**

At San Jose, Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points and Mark Price had 19 as Golden State won its second straight for the first time this season. Joe Smith added 18 points for the Warriors. Brooks Thompson scored 23 points for the Nuggets, who have lost eight of nine.

**Will clinching too early hurt Broncos?**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If Denver holds John Elway out of Sunday's game with Green Bay, Carmen Policy will understand, even though his San Francisco 49ers are trying to wrest home-field advantage in the NFC from the Packers.

"Actually, the Broncos are in the most awkward situation in the world," the 49ers president says. "I know. We've been there."

So of course, has coach Mike Shanahan of the Broncos, who clinched home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs last Sunday. He was the offensive coordinator on the 49ers' 1992 and 1994 teams.

In many ways, Policy is right — clinching home field too early can cost teams the edge that carries them through the

playoffs.

The only other team to clinch this early was the 1985 Bears, who actually clinched home field when they had four games left because they played that week on Monday night.

Ironically, that turned out to be their only loss in a 15-1 season, a 38-24 drubbing by Miami in which the Dolphins were motivated by their desire to keep the 1972 Dolphins the only unbeaten team of the Super Bowl era.

"I believe in playing all out," says Mike Ditka, who coached the Bears that year.

"The worst thing you can do is rest people."

So Ditka played his regulars — Walter Payton carried 71 times in the last three games — and cruised through the playoffs and Super Bowl, outscoring

their opponents 91-10. That included a 46-10 drubbing of New England in the title game.

But those Bears were clearly the NFL's superior team that year.

That's not necessarily the case with the Broncos, a good team that's avoided major injuries and has gotten career years from a number of players.

But how does a team whose next meaningful game will be the weekend of Jan. 4-5 avoid injuries without resting regulars?

Elway, who has played since Nov. 4 with a slightly pulled hamstring, wants to play Sunday in Green Bay, in what's the closest thing to a Super Bowl preview this season. Shanahan isn't sure if he'll start his quarterback — he

wants to make sure Elway doesn't aggravate anything.

But there's more to it than that.

Even if Shanahan plays everyone against Green Bay, then starts resting people against Oakland and San Diego, there's a risk.

"The players know. If you tell them 'you're going to play a half' they know it's like a pre-season game," says Policy, whose 49ers have played meaningful season-ending games for a lot of the last decade.

Shanahan remembers his years with the 49ers, when they clinched early. "We did it right in 1994, but not in 1992," he says. "We won the Super Bowl the second time."

Yet San Francisco lost its last regular-season in 1992 and 1994.

**Some people can't see Tiger for the Woods**

By RON SIRAK  
AP Golf Writer

**ON THE FRINGE**

Tiger Woods could be the best thing that ever happened to golf. Or he could be the worst. It all depends.

Certainly, Woods offers the potential to take the game to unprecedented exposure, riches and popularity. But that is a treacherous road to walk. Ask baseball, football and basketball.

Greed is an awful animal when it escapes from its cage. And there will be no end to the number of people trying to make a buck off the new energy Woods has brought to golf.

This could be the beginning of golf's golden age or it could be just another sport about to enter an era of ungrateful, overpaid athletes, cynical fans and

the purity of competition replaced by the circus-like atmosphere created by TV.

I'm rooting for the golden age scenario myself, but some of the Skins Game glitz over the weekend left me worried.

To me, few things are more beautiful than a golf course. Lush green fairways bordered by menacing rough all winding their way to an immaculate green are a sight to behold.

About the only way you could mess up something that visually appealing is to do something really stupid — like paint GIANT YARDLINES in the middle of it.

Hey, I know the Skins Game ain't the Masters, but some ugly things can creep into the house when the door is left

open even a crack. Geez, it took 30 years after the Astrodome for baseball to realize that the best baseball stadiums were the ones built 70 years ago.

Let's nip this mistake in the bud. We don't need glitz in golf. Just play the game.

The Skins Game is the granddaddy of golf trash sports. It put the silly in Silly Season. And I guess there is some room for silly. But after 14 years, interest was starting to wane among fans for the Skins Game — perhaps for good reason.

The prize money became less impressive as purses in regular tour events grew and there was always the nagging feeling that the whole thing would be more fun if the players were gambling their own money.

So along comes Tiger and on-site attendance doubles and the

TV audience increases by nearly 75 percent from the previous year. The increased interest had to do with Tiger's ability, not ABC's gimmicks.

Granted, Woods' length off the tee is part of his attraction, but that point can be made without having Woods, John Daly, Fred Couples and Tom Watson driving at the kind of yardage markers that would make a driving range blush.

What next? Put the cup inside a giant clown's mouth painted on the green?

How about a swing-speed clock in the lower right-hand corner of the TV screen? Or a shot clock. Imagine Nick Faldo racing the 40-second clock.

Maybe a person dressed up as a fuzzy, bright blue golf ball should cavort with the gallery like the San Diego chicken.

**Compromise is best game plan for marriage to sports fanatic**

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed some of the many responses to the letter from "Mateless in Milwaukee," whose husband was obsessed with football.

Today I'll share more of the excellent letters I received: DEAR ABBY: When I met my husband, he, too, filled his time with sports events six days a week. My interest in sports was limited.

After we had dated a while, I asked him to compromise by leaving two nights a week free for me. When we became more serious, he voluntarily gave up a third night of his sports activities. When we got married, he cut down a bit more, and after we bought our house he cut down even more. After 13 years of marriage, my husband is still very interested in sports — but his priorities are different.

However, I have done some serious compromising myself: When he participated in sports, I would go along to watch. I learned the names of the teams and what cities they were from. We used to play a trivia game where he'd name a city and I would name all the teams that played there. Today I read or do crafts in the living room while he watches games or listens to sports news, and I have learned a lot more about players and strategy than I ever thought I'd want to know.

You can't expect a sports nut to give up sports completely. I still know not to talk during the sports analysis on ESPN. Think of it this way: At least it's not wine, women or song. — LEARNED TO LOVE IT

DEAR ABBY: Having recently wrestled with the same problem as "Mateless," I can give you some specifics:

1. Her husband's sports obsession is a poorly disguised attempt to limit intimacy of all kinds other than what his needs dictate.

2. His sports addiction is stealing from you and your marriage.

3. This is a gambling addict masquerading as an all-American guy enjoying an all-American pastime.

4. Save your breath. If you mean it — leave. Nothing short of that will get his attention. My husband, a "wonderful guy," got lost in the same maze. He always defended himself intellectually, but after more than five years of fights, dishonesty and empty promises, I had had it. A second-class life was not a reflection of my worth, and my self-esteem was suffering.

I changed the locks and demanded counseling. We both went, but separately. I had to rebuild my shattered self-esteem. He also joined Gamblers Anonymous. We have been happily married for more than 20 years. It took a lot of work, but now we have many activities that we enjoy together.

It wasn't easy, but there is life beyond sports. —WIFE OF A RECOVERING SPORTS JUNKIE

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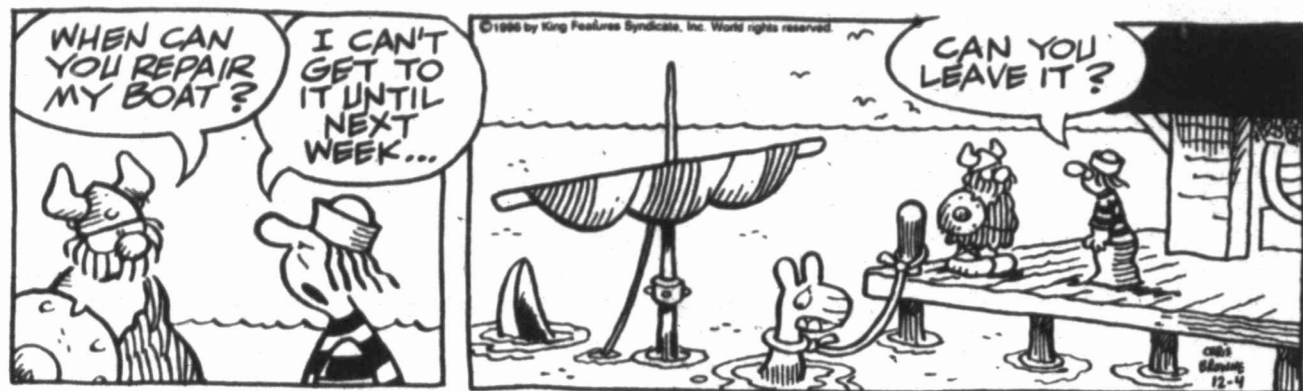
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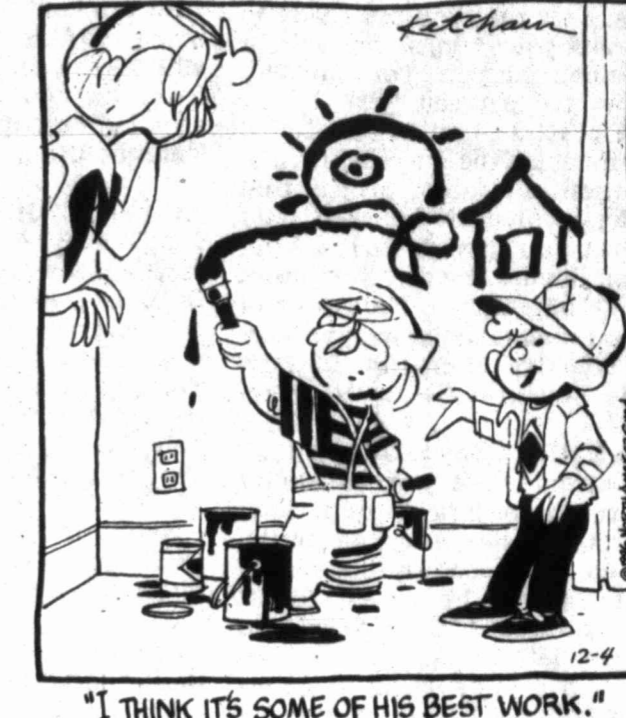
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Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York City. On this date: In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States. In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country. In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference. In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression. In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II. In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations. In 1965, the United States launched "Gemini 7" with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Commander James A. Lovell aboard. In 1977, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, ruler of the Central African Empire, crowned himself emperor in a ceremony believed to have cost more than \$100 million. (Bokassa was deposed in 1979; he died this past Nov. 3 at age 75.) In 1980, the bodies of four American churchwomen slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. (Five national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan.)

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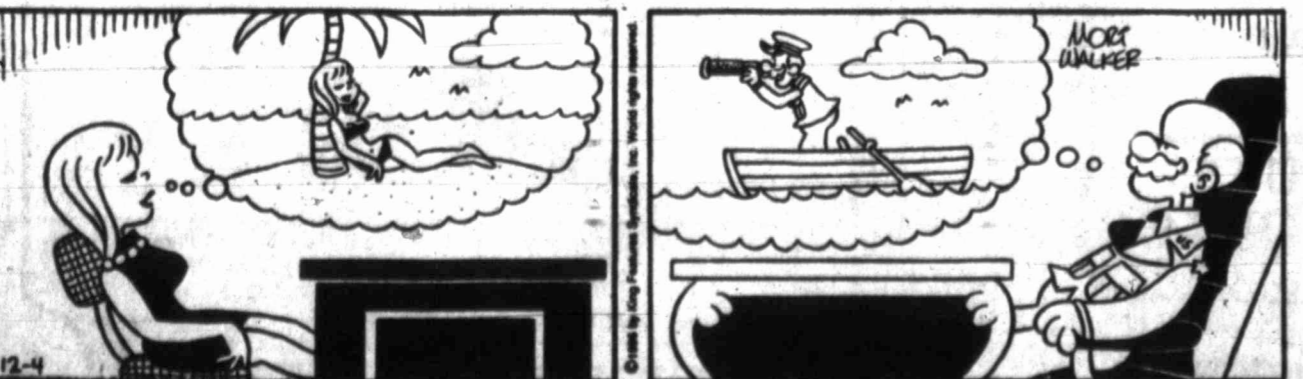
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