

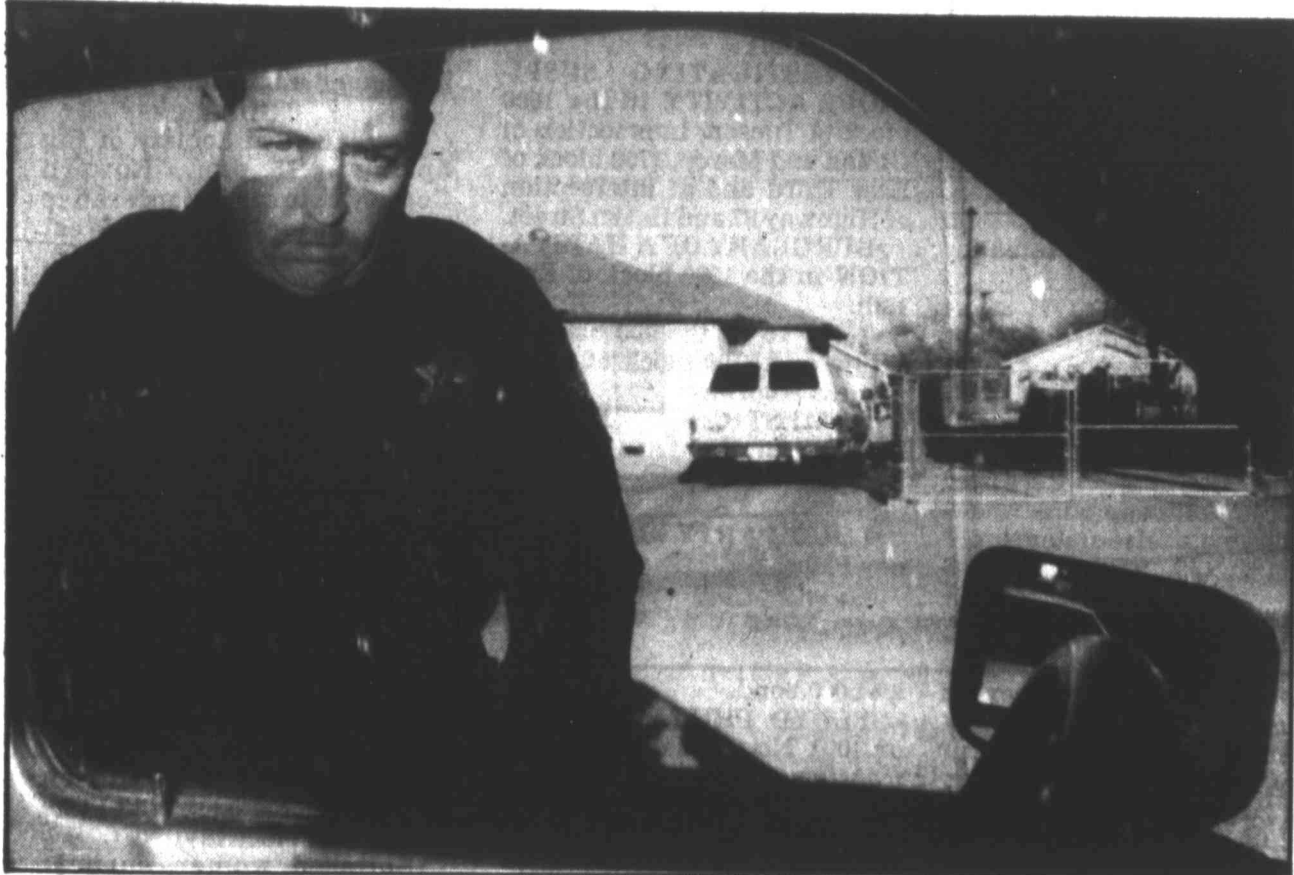
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New policies handle concealed weapons law



Big Spring Police Officer Tony Everett asks a driver for their concealed gun permit during a routine traffic stop. Law enforcement officers will be asking people for their permits now that the concealed handgun law is in effect.

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Concealed handgun owners should let law enforcement officers know if they are carrying their weapons with them during routine traffic stops.

Officers with the Department of Public Safety, Howard County Sheriff's Department and Big Spring Police Department are now asking drivers, if stopped, if they are licensed holders, if they have their guns and if so, where the gun is located.

By law, permit owners are required to show their license to an officer who requests identification along with their driver's license or identification certificate. If they fail to do so and it is determined the person does have a permit, they can be charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon, a Class A misdemeanor.

Sheriff A.N. Standard said deputies will ask people "Do you have any weapons to declare and do you have a license?" Depending on the circumstances, additional steps may be taken to ensure officer or public

safety. These steps are uniform in all departments in Howard County.

Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake said policies have been established and training of the officers will begin soon on ways to implement parts of the policies.

Eventually it will be automatic for dispatchers to run a check on those who are pulled over to see if they are licensed concealed handgun holders.

The license holder will also be asked to point to where their gun is kept without making a move toward the weapon. A move could be perceived as a threat against the officer.

Brake said, "The person should also tell the officer the type of weapon they have and its caliber. You shouldn't make any movement toward the gun but rather just point to where you are keeping it."

Officers, at their discretion, will be allowed to disarm a person who has a concealed weapon. If the person is arrested, the gun and permit will be taken away and returned upon approval of the state's licensing

board.

If an officer feels there is a safety risk, he or she has the right to disarm license holder temporarily.

"The person will be disarmed under the authority of the law. The officer must clearly and professionally tell the person of their intent to take the weapon. They must give clear instructions on how the weapon will be turned over to the officer," Brake said.

The weapon will be temporarily secured and returned to the owner once contact between the officer and person is complete. The gun will be returned in two parts with the ammunition separate and the gun unloaded.

The weapon could temporarily be placed in the officer's car or in the trunk of the driver's car. Once the officer declares it is safe to return the gun, the officer must place the weapon in the person's car and can't hand it directly to the driver.

If a person does not voluntarily give up their weapon to an officer, Brake said the officer will take whatever steps neces-

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Tickets still available for annual banquet

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The 1996 annual banquet of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be Friday at 6:15 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The banquet will include the naming of "Man and Woman of the Year" and installing the city's second woman president of the chamber.

The selection committee has unanimously chosen both the man and woman to be honored, but names will not be released until the night of the banquet.

Last year's man and woman of the year were Jerry Worthy and Beverly McMahon.

The chamber's goal is to exceed last year's attendance of 475 people.

Tickets for the banquet are \$12.50 per person and the reservation deadline was 5 p.m. last Friday, but there is a limited number of tickets remaining and they are available on a first come first serve basis by contacting the chamber at 263-7641.

The chamber is also asking people who have reserved their tickets at the chamber office to stop by and pick them up before the banquet begins.

The theme for the banquet is "Celebrating Big Spring...A Premier Community" and guest speaker will be Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Carpenter is a Big Spring resident who was named the city's "Woman of the Year" in 1978.

Other activities will include Frances Wheat's installation as president of the chamber. She will become only the second woman to serve as president of the chamber. Johnnie Lou Avery became the first woman to serve as chamber president in 1979.

"Our number one project will continue to be doing what we can as a chamber to implement the master plan," Wheat said.



Several candidates for various state and local offices attended a candidates forum Wednesday night at the International Union of Operating Engineers union hall.

Forum gives candidates a chance to speak

By DD TURNER
Managing Editor

Local and state candidates gathered at the International Union of Operating Engineers union hall Wednesday night for a candidates' forum.

The question-and-answer session was sponsored by the local union to obtain an understanding of where candidates stood on union issues.

Attending were State Rep. David Count; candidates for sheriff Woody Jumper, Jimmy Wallace and Woodie Howell;

candidates for Commissioner Precinct 3 Bill Mims, Gerald Wooten and Marvin Wise; Commissioner Precinct 1 Emma Brown; Kathy Sayles, candidate for county tax assessor/collector; China Long, candidate for justice of the peace Precinct 1; and Ron York, candidate for constable Precinct 1.

One issue Counts was grilled on concerned pay raises for state employees.

D.L. Willis, president of the Permian Basin Central Labor Union, pointed out 1992 was the last time a pay raise had been given to state employees. The 4

percent raise had been negotiated down from 8 percent.

Counts said for the first time the state is not under a court order, so certain things can be done. He pointed out the lawsuit under which more prisons were constructed and the lawsuit concerning school finance.

He said while actually raises hadn't been given, upward mobility had increased salaries for some.

Another issue was privatization, especially concerning the alcohol and drug abuse unit of

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After 32 years, Standard hangs up his hat as sheriff

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard will not seek reelection to a ninth term.

Standard said after serving Howard County as sheriff since 1964, and after many hours of careful consideration, he has decided not to run again.

"I am very happy with my decision and I am looking forward to devoting my time to my family rather than to the public," Standard said.

The decision not to run again is not something that he pulled from thin air.

"These thoughts I considered last term. Having the void I've had with my family has influenced my decision. I still have what I consider most of my health and some good years left," Standard said.

Standard added the thing he's liked about the job most are the

constant challenge of resolving situations.

"You have to have a little bit of a knack for the job," he said.

Standard was 21 when he joined the military and became interested in law enforcement.

He spent 10 years with the Big Spring Police Department after serving in the military and later joined the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Standard has served Howard County for 36 years and says he still has the same fascination for the job he had 36 years ago.

"My family knew early on that we wouldn't have a lot of time together because of the job. I'll be trying to close that gap with my wife, two daughters and three granddaughters," Standard said.

Not being sheriff won't mean total retirement for Standard.

He added, "We also have some business ventures locally and in

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Edens running for sheriff; to work on combining efforts

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Barney Edens is adding his name to the ballot for Howard County Sheriff.

Edens, running as a Democrat, is a 13-year veteran of the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

"As sheriff, I will continue with efforts to combine the emergency dispatching services to accelerate the response time for personnel and equipment," Edens said.

"I would also continue the training deputies receive

through the Sheriff's Association and the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy," he added.

One of the things Edens said he would attempt to do is upgrade equipment and maintain current programs such as the 55 Alive Driving Program; Neighborhood Watch; and Gun and Girls Program (teaching women handgun safety).

Edens added he will also continue to push for a drug-free teen center for the youth of Big Spring.

One area Edens said he will always keep an eye on is personnel.

"Personnel needs to be at a point where the department can adequately serve and protect the citizens of Howard County," Edens said.

He is a 1962 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Sam Houston State University and Abilene Christian University.

Edens served in the U.S. Army Military Police in Korea and was on the 1st Army Honor Guard at West Point Military Academy.

He was accepted into the Dallas Police Department's Special Operations Tactical Enforcement Section "Shotgun Squad" as a K-9 handler and trained

some of the first marijuana drug-sniffing dogs for the U.S. Customs Office in the late 1960s.

Before joining the Sheriff's Office, Edens worked for the federal government as chief of security for the Dallas Naval Air Station where he was a GS-9 and attained the rank of master sergeant with the Texas Air National Guard.

In 1984 Edens was promoted to administrative sergeant within the Howard County SO and has been in charge of training nine deputies to attain their master peace officer certificates.

He has also attained an instructor's and master peace officer's certificate.



Barney Edens

TEXAS TRIVIA
Who in 1899 became the first woman optometrist in Texas and the second in the nation?
Mollie Wright Armstrong

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Nation:
Brawling and bargaining by turns, President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders are struggling to make progress toward a balanced budget while blaming each other for a partial government shutdown that has inconvenienced millions. See page 3A.

STATE
Exposed
Health officials say nearly 80 people came in contact with a girl who visited here during Christmas and then died of spinal meningitis. See page 4A.
Suspicious toys
A bomb squad destroyed a suspicious package at Corpus Christi International Airport after cargo workers reported movement inside a piece of cargo. See page 4A.

TODAY'S WEATHER
Tonight **45** ▲ Highs **22** ▼ Lows
Partly cloudy
Tonight, Partly cloudy, low mid 20s, northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.
Permian Basin Forecast
Friday: Partly cloudy, breezy and warmer, high mid 40s, southwest winds increasing to 15 to 25 mph, gusty; partly cloudy night, low mid 20s.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, breezy and warmer, high mid 40s, partly cloudy night, low mid 20s.

Forum

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the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Dan Wise said when the privatization occurred, no one had been given a chance to prepare or to have any input into the issue. He said it is costing Spic Mountain Medical Center around \$500,000 a year to treat people with drug and alcohol problems who ended up in the street. "The hospital cannot continue to lose that kind of money and stay open," he said.

Counts said the state was under federal court order to privatize, admitting something has to be done for MHMR, ranked 46th among the 50 states.

Another issue of concern to union members was the use of prisoners in the private sector, "taking jobs from honest people," said Willis.

Counts said he knew of no instances in the state where prisoners were usurping the place of citizens, but would check into it. However, he pointed out the use of prisoners to cleanup areas in Big Spring.

This was an instance where the city didn't have the money or manpower to keep areas such as Beals Creek and the park clear of undergrowth. By using prisoners, the city was able to take care of these problems, not displacing any workers.

After Counts spoke, the other candidates were allowed five minutes to talk about themselves and why they were running.

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ary to disarm the person to ensure everyone's safety. An example is when an officer might temporarily disarm a person is at the scene of an accident where emotions are running high.

"People are agitated and mad and pointing fingers at one another as to who's fault it is. When it's determined one or both parties are licensed hold-

ning.

Contested Races Sheriff's Office: Woodie Howell: Howell said his goals were to provide total cooperation between all law enforcement in Howard County; a written policy manual for the Sheriff's Office; and to provide the best training possible for all deputies, jailers, dispatchers.

Jimmy Wallace: Wallace said cooperation between law enforcement agencies would be one of his goals. He also talk about the need to consolidate the jails and using the employees elsewhere in crime prevention and protection. Another issue was the drug problem in Howard County which Wallace said he would seek out the help of state and federal agencies to clean up the problem, using local officers to concentrate on local crime.

Woody Jumper: Jumper said he would work closely with adult and child protective services because of the number of instances of crimes against children and elderly people. He also said he was qualified to conduct training, saving on expenses. Jumper said he wanted to provide fair and impartial crime prevention and protection. He also said he would work to provide counseling for the officers every quarter or as needed.

A question Willis asked of all the candidates was if the officers wanted to form a union would they support, oppose or

remain neutral? Each responded that they would not hinder such an effort.

Commissioner Precinct 3 Bill Mims: Mims said his goal was to provide a more efficient and responsible county government. He said growth and economical development were a number one priority due to the declining tax base. He said he intends to work closely with other taxing entities to accomplish this. Mims said the primary duties of the court is to prepare and control the budget, set tax rates and establish policies for county government, which he said he can do in a responsible and informed manner.

Gerald Wooten: Wooten said he would work closely with court and other taxing entities for the betterment of the county. **Marvin Wise:** Wise said his main concern was spending at the courthouse, which he said needs to be brought under control. He also said he is in favor of one jail, doesn't matter whether the city or the county runs it, having 911 in one place and joining the Permian Basin Drug Task Force in order to combat the drug problem. He also said he would work closer with all taxing entities to provide better services.

Willis asked each candidate if they would oppose county employees seeking a grievance procedure and an outside mediator? Mims said he would support while Wise and Wooten said they would remain neutral.

ers, the officer may not feel threatened himself but there is a possible threat to others so the officer could take the gun away temporarily," Brake explained.

Business owners have the right to place signs letting people know they do not allow concealed handguns on the premises. If a person does carry a gun and the business owner wants to press charges, the person can be charged with criminal trespassing.

The gun must be concealed and not noticeable to anyone. If you are wearing jeans and a t-shirt and put the gun in your waistband then put the shirt over the weapon, it is not considered concealed because it is still noticeable.

By the end of 1995, there had been 1,200 licenses issued by the DPS and more than 170,000 people have requested application forms.

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Central Texas that we'll be looking into." Standard said whether or not he's been a credit to the Sheriff's Office depends on the personnel who have been in the office. "I think the personnel here has been very productive," he said.

Another constant Standard said has been healthy has been the relationship between the SO and the Howard County Commissioners' Court.

"There's been times when I've disagreed with the Commissioners' Court, but we've always been able to maintain a good relationship. It's been a privilege and very rewarding for me and my family to be a part of county government," Standard said.

"I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Democratic party for their political support.

I also want to thank my lifelong supporters from both the Democratic and Republican parties," Standard added.

He said his supporters have reelected him for many years and he appreciates the confidence they have shown in him.

"Now, after having held the office of sheriff for some 32 years, it's time for me to pass the baton on to someone else. I have one year remaining in my term as sheriff of Howard County. I am looking forward to completing it in the manner in which I began it, by being a peace officer," Standard said.

He added each elected official represents the morals and desires of the people who support them and this also reflects many groups in the community.

"The basic building blocks for an elected official is character and attitude for the job. It's not always experience," Standard said.

Prison employees have to keep working without pay

Unlike the furloughed government employees who are waiting at home for the budget standoff in Washington to end, John Eberle is one of the 490,000 who must continue reporting to work each day without pay.

On top of that, he works at a federal prison. "We are putting our lives on the line every day to keep inmates under control and for what? For nothing. Morale is terrible," said Eberle, who works at the federal lockup in Bastrop and is struggling to feed his wife and three children.

Employees at federal prisons across the state echoed Eberle's sentiments in varying tones. Paychecks arriving this week were half of their normal amounts, or less, as the partial government shutdown reached its 20th day.

Those checks covered work up until Dec. 16, when the shutdown began. If no progress is made in the budget talks, employees fear there may not be any checks next payday.

Unable to qualify for unemployment assistance or food stamps, most workers deemed "essential" by the government

can't find jobs on the side to help pay bills because they must continue reporting for duty each day.

Employees say they've been promised their back income once the budget standoff is resolved. But that is of little consolation to the families struggling now to pay their rent, utilities and food expenses.

"There could be a time in the very near future where some of our employees won't have enough money for gas to keep coming to work," said Eberle, who works as a prison construction foreman and helps rehabilitate inmates by teaching them building skills.

Eberle said work at a federal prison isn't something that is done out love for the job.

"The only thing that keeps me here is the retirement plan and the benefits," said Eberle.

Ray Hooker, executive assistant at La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, a low-security prison in Anthony, near El Paso, said employees are trying to make the best of it.

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PICK 3: 4, 2, 7

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•**DAVID VAN OSTRAND**, 60, of 905 West Fourth, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**WALLACE TERRY VIASANA**, 41, of 702 Bell, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**FLOYD PHILLIPS**, no address given, was arrested for criminal trespass.

•**JERRY LEE BACOT**, 35, of 3308 Auburn, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**ANTHONY ALPHONSO LEWIS**, 24, of 1110 Austin, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**PERJURY** charges were filed by a police officer against someone making a false statement.

•**CRIMINAL TRESPASSING**

in the 1000 block of North Main. •**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1300 block of Michael, 400 block of West 10th and 1000 block of Bell.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** in the 1600 block of Tucson, intersection of Gollad and Marcy, 1700 block of East Third and at intersection of Highway 87 and Hearn Street.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 1000 block of East 15th.

•**THEFTS** in the 900 block of Willis and 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1200 block of Wood.

•**LOUD PARTY** at #1 Courtney Place.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•**RICHARD JAMES WHITE JR.**, 19, of Route 3 Box 341M, turned himself in on a motion to revoke his probation. He had been on probation for driving while intoxicated and was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

•**JAMES BYRON EPLER**, 43, of Hobbs, N.M., turned himself in on a motion to revoke his probation. He had been on probation for violating a protective order and was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

•**EARL DENNIS KOLDEN**, 64, of 1400 State Park Dr., was transferred from the city jail after being arrested on a felony charge of driving while intoxicated. He was later released on

a \$4,000 bond.

•**FLOYD PHILLIPS JR.**, 35, of 1002 North Main #67, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

•**ALLEN DAVID GILBERT**, 21, of 700 East 15th, was released to the parole office after being arrested for violating his parole.

•**NORMAN SILVA CEBALLOS**, no address given, pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$200 and ordered to pay \$100 in court costs.

•**DOMESTIC PROBLEM** in the Wasson Addition.

•**SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE** in the Silver Hills Addition.

•**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** at Cosden Credit Union.

IN BRIEF

Howard College closed Friday

Howard College will be closed Friday for in-service. This provides a day for administration, faculty and staff to prepare for the upcoming semester.

Registration begins Jan. 10 at 8 a.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Those who have assigned times can register that day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is open for anyone from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 10 and from 8-11:45 a.m. Jan. 11. Registration for SWCID is scheduled for Jan. 12 and late registration will continue until

Jan. 23.

Museum sponsoring a murder mystery

The Heritage Museum's fourth annual "Let's Solve a Murder Mystery" benefit will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Heritage Museum. Murder mystery evenings will be hosted in Big Spring residents' homes, at the museum and at the Potton House.

Hosts will lead teams in groups of eight, provide a site for game play, serve dessert and see that the evening ends with the culprit apprehended. Hosts can choose to play at the museum or Potton House as space

allows.

No acting talent is required. All clues are provided to solve the mystery. For more information contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

College sponsoring self-defense class

Howard College is sponsoring a free self-defense course for women three times this semester.

The courses are conducted by Larry Brott and will be at the Harold Davis Fitness Center from 6 to 8 p.m. The dates are Jan. 25, Feb. 15 and March 21.

For more information, contact Brott at 264-5131.

Fire

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•**SMOKE SCARE** in the 200 block of Rannels.

•**DUMPSTER FIRE** in the 1900 block of East 11th Place.

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Mrs. Ike Walraven

Services for Mrs. Ike "Billie" Walraven, 80, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Walraven passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 2, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1915, in Cement, Okla., and married Ike Walraven on Jan. 27, 1932, in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on May 7, 1979. She moved to Big Spring in the late 1960's from Monahans and was a homemaker. She attended East Side Baptist Church and was a member of Royal Neighbors of America.

Survivors include two daughters: Margi (Mrs. James) Norwood, Mineral Wells, and Faye Lewellen, Seattle, Wash.; one son: Ike Walraven, Seattle, Wash.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

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

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RECORDS

Wednesday's temp. 52
Wednesday's low 24
Average high 55
Average low 26
Record high 74 in 1922
Record low 0 in 1947
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00
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Month's normal 0.09
Year to date 0.09
Normal for the year 0.09
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Serbs release three hostages

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs released three civilians today, fueling rumors that the 13 captives still in rebel custody might also be freed because of the international outrage over the detentions.

The detentions of the 16 starting Dec. 22 had marred Wednesday's visit by U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry and increasingly dented NATO's optimism about the Serbs' compliance with the Bosnian peace accord.

The Bosnian government has blamed the NATO-led force that is implementing the act for not protecting the civilians. NATO officials, on the other hand, have suggested the detentions were a civilian law enforcement problem.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called for the immediate release of all 16. He said the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade was protesting the detentions directly to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic as a violation of the peace accord that ended 3 1/2 years of fighting.

"We very much expect that this call for the immediate release of these people will be met," Burns said Wednesday.

At 10 a.m., three male civilians were released to the French battalion in Sarajevo, said Capt. Frederik Solano, a spokesman for the NATO-led Implementation Force (IFOR). All three had been detained on Christmas Day in Serb-held Ilidza.

Three additional civilians had already been set free on Wednesday.

An IFOR-brokered meeting of government and Bosnian Serb representatives on the detained civilians started at Sarajevo airport late this morning.

Carl Bildt, the European diplomat who is the senior civilian administrator of the Paris peace accord, meanwhile met senior Bosnian Serb officials for talks in their northern stronghold of Banja Luka. The Bosnian Serbs' self-designated prime minister was also to discuss the detentions with the French ambassador to Sarajevo.

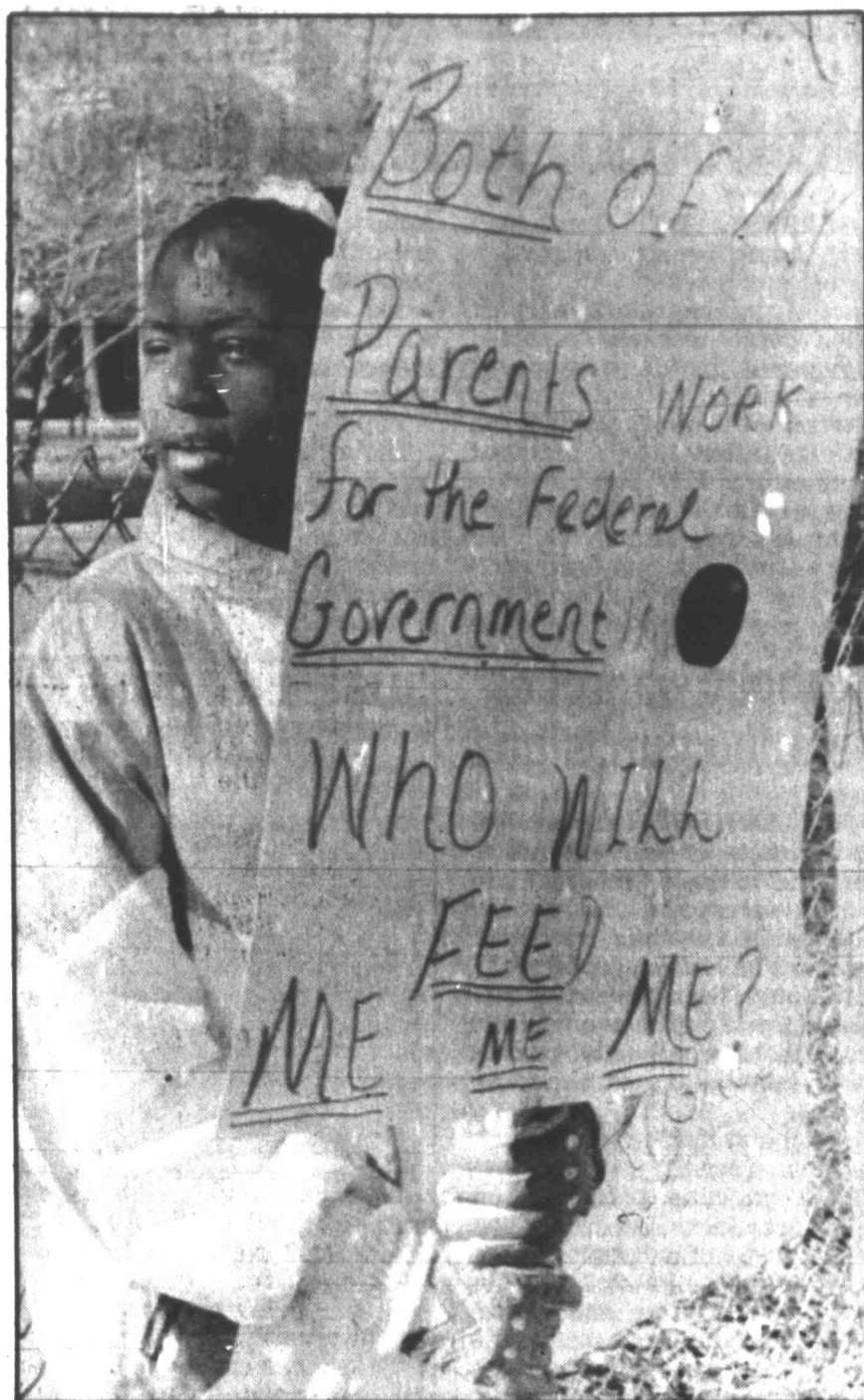
Unless they are freed, the detainees could become a stumbling block in NATO's efforts to establish peace in the republic.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman arrived in Sarajevo for talks with the Bosnian government on better coordination inside the Muslim-Croat federation, which got 51 percent of Bosnian territory under the peace agreement.

It was Tudjman's second trip to Sarajevo since the beginning of the Bosnian war in April 1992.

While NATO officials saw the crisis as a law enforcement problem, Bildt said Wednesday the 2,000-strong international police force that is supposed to be in place by Jan. 31 cannot force anybody in Bosnia to respect the accord.

"The responsibility is mainly on the parties. It's their peace agreement, not ours," Bildt said.



Ashley Mollett, 11, holds a sign as she joins a group of Veteran Administration workers picketing the Dorn Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S.C., recently. The group protested working for half pay due to budget problems in Washington. Ashley accompanied her father, David Mollett, who is a nurse at the hospital.

Jabs traded while more budget meetings planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brawling and bargaining by turns, President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders are struggling to make progress toward a balanced budget while blaming each other for a partial government shutdown that has inconvenienced millions.

The disruption "is part of an explicit strategy by Republicans to shut the government down to get their way on budget and tax issues," Clinton said at the White House on Wednesday a few hours after House Republicans blocked an effort to end the shutdown, now in its 20th day.

Republicans retorted that Clinton must bear the blame, noting that he has vetoed legislation that would have ended the furloughs for many of the 280,000 out of work and the hundreds of thousands more laboring without pay.

"The president of the United States is as much to blame for the closure of the government as the Republicans, House or Senate," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

Domenici said Clinton has been cynical himself, having

thus far failed to advance a balanced budget of his own, even though he continuously "pounds Republicans" for what they would do to restrain spending.

Despite the sharp rhetoric, Clinton sat down as scheduled later in the afternoon with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other congressional leaders.

One Democrat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said tax cuts came up for review, including possible deferral of a GOP plan for a capital gains reduction effective Jan. 1, 1995. Clinton's proposal to condition some tax cuts on a strong economy also was discussed, according to this official, who said no decisions were made.

Taxes aside, the two sides were still at odds on subjects such as Medicare, Medicaid, education and welfare, although White House spokesman Mike McCurry said there was continued progress.

And while talks were expected to resume today, White House officials cautioned against any expectation of a swift agreement.

Teen accidentally run over by officer

BALTIMORE (AP) — A teen suspected of joyriding was handcuffed and ordered to lie face down on the pavement — and then was run over by a police officer who didn't realize he was still there.

The teen-ager was not seriously injured in the mishap Friday, police said. The officer stopped his car after he felt something

under the wheel and heard a scream, and officers found the car's front right tire resting on the boy's buttocks and thigh. They lifted the car and pulled the teen free.

The officer has not been charged and remains on active duty, although an internal affairs investigation is being conducted, police said.

Twister blows through Florida

MIAMI (AP) — A woman got the ride of her life in the eye of a storm: The twister hurled her Honda Civic as if it were a toy.

"I saw wood, bricks, and I don't know what else inside of it," Maritza Acosta-Pinon said Wednesday in the aftermath of a tornado that skipped through a residential neighborhood. About 30 people were injured.

She got precious little warning when the tornado struck as she was driving to work, spinning her car up about the height of a one-story house and hurling it dangerously close to power lines.

"I just prayed, and asked God not to let me die this way," she said. She was taken to a hospital but was not seriously

injured. The tornado struck the suburbs about 8:15 a.m. EST, the height of rush hour and a time when parents were dropping off children at schools and day care centers.

Marlene Concepcion, 32, also was in her car at the time.

"I felt the car lift up into the air, then flip over and drop on the ground at least twice. It was like a roller-coaster ride," she said.

Dozens of roofs were damaged and windows blown in, cars and boats flipped over, and trees and power lines knocked down as the tornado hoppedscotched across a 5-mile path in southwestern Dade County.

The storm, which spun out

from a line of thunderstorms that moved across southern Florida and into the Atlantic Ocean, had winds from 75 mph to 110 mph, the National Weather Service said.

Three people were treated at a hospital. The rest got treatment from police and fire rescue crews.

The cleanup began in earnest by afternoon, with plastic sheeting patching the holes in ripped-up roofs and shopkeepers mopping up. Clothes, furniture and debris littered the streets.

About 100 homes were damaged, 20 of them badly, said Metro-Dade Fire Chief David Paulison. No dollar estimate on damage was available.

Alcohol found in pilot's body

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian forensic tests found alcohol in the remains of the captain of an American Airlines plane that crashed into a mountain last month, killing 160 people, the U.S. airline said Wednesday.

It was unclear whether the captain had consumed the alcohol or whether it was the result of "chemical processes following death by blunt trauma," the airline's executive vice president of operations, Bob Baker, said in a statement.

Sandra Allen, spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said she could not respond to "speculation" that the alcohol could have been a product of decomposition. There were various reports it took 1 1/2 days to 3 days to recover the pilot's remains.

The FAA, which notified the airline of the test results, was planning its own forensic tests, said the statement from American's offices in Fort Worth, Texas.

The amount of alcohol found in the body of 57-year-old Nicholas Tafuri, a pilot with the airline since 1969, was not immediately available.

In the United States, the maximum blood-alcohol content allowed for commercial pilots is .04 percent, compared with .10 for drivers in most states.

Questions remain after blast

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — Two troubling possibilities have emerged from the investigation of a bomb that fired shrapnel into a priest's chest and hands. Either someone wanted to murder the pastor or he was the mistaken victim of an anti-government plot.

A partly destroyed note found along with the remains of the bomb carried the warning: "Alabama to unite against the ATF conspiracy," the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said Wednesday.

Investigators have not ruled out the possibility the bomber meant to kill the Rev. Mike Schnatterly, an Episcopal priest, said Jim Cavanaugh, agent in charge of the Birmingham ATF office.

The note, however, also raised the possibility that the intended target was a retired ATF agent who lived across the street and one house down from the priest in this city about 60 miles east of Montgomery, he said.

Lawsuit to ban Georgia's flag dismissed

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge has dismissed a lawsuit that sought to ban the flying of Georgia's state flag over public buildings because of its Confederate emblem.

James Coleman, who is black, argued in his lawsuit that the flag's design is racist and that

the emblem was added in 1956 as an act of defiance against school desegregation rulings. U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans ruled Wednesday, however, that Coleman had failed to show the flag causes discrimination against blacks or that he had suffered harm from the flag.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"To speak much is one thing, to speak well is another."

Sophocles, Greek playwright, c. 408 B.C.

1996 an important year; get registered to vote

1996 is already upon us, and it is an important year for the citizens of our city, state and nation. It is an election year.

Many offices are up for grabs. We will be asked to elect a president, commissioners for Precincts 1 and 3, a new sheriff, constables, justices of the peace, tax assessor/collector and state representative.

That's a good deal to think about and vote on.

The Republican and Democratic primaries are set for March 12 with the general election on Nov. 5.

Now is the time to make sure you are registered to vote. You can register any time between now and Feb. 11 at the Courthouse Annex.

Why is it important to register to vote? Simply because whether you are disgruntled or happy with the government,

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Managing Editor

to do anything about it you have to vote. Not taking advantage of your Constitutional right and privilege only hurts the system in the long run.

It is a sad commentary when about only 15 percent of registered voters are deciding the issues and the solutions. That percentage needs to be 100 percent so the politicians understand we are all involved, and all of us will hold them accountable, not just a few.

It doesn't take a long time to fill out the card and hand it back to the clerk. It doesn't take a long time to vote.

It is simply something we all have to take the time to do.



New violence puts Chechnya at crossroads

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — After a new upsurge of violence in Chechnya, Russia and Chechen rebels have two choices to end their year-old war: compromise on self-rule instead of independence, or fight to the bitter, bloody end.

Either option could mean still more months of bloodshed. The guerrillas have regrouped and appear to be well-equipped for winter, and neither side appears willing to settle for anything but complete victory.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin says there is no military solution to the conflict that began Dec. 11, 1994, when Russian troops marched into Chechnya to crush its drive for independence.

Even as Russian troops were trying to pound the rebels into submission in some of the heaviest fighting in months, Chernomyrdin insisted Monday that his government wants to make peace.

The Kremlin signed an agreement Dec. 8 with the government installed by its troops in Chechnya, giving the republic expanded control over its internal affairs and the right to open representative offices abroad.

But the rebels weren't involved in negotiating the agreement, and President Boris Yeltsin's government appears unwilling to resume negotiations that collapsed in October.

Instead, Russia insisted on elections Dec. 17 to legitimize its handpicked leader for the republic, Doku Zavgayev, ignoring rebel demands for Russian troops to withdraw before the vote.

If talks with Russia resume, a

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

key demand by the rebels is likely to be new elections.

The rebels so far won't accept either Zavgayev's government or expanded self-rule under the control of Moscow.

That has led to some of the fiercest fighting in months.

A 10-day battle for Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, killed at least 600 Chechens, half of them civilians. According to Chechen officials, one-third of the city, which was spared in earlier fighting, is in ruins.

Gudermes might be only the beginning.

"The situation in many areas again looks like a puff-pastry pie stuffed with gunpowder," the daily Komsomolskaya Pravda wrote Tuesday.

The rebels appear to dominate the areas southeast of the Chechen capital of Grozny and are harassing Russian troops elsewhere.

The Kremlin's strategy appears to be based in part on the belief that the majority of Chechnya's residents are tired of the war.

Russian authorities also seem to think the guerrillas can't sustain a prolonged war, and would sooner or later seek an honorable way out, such as accepting an amnesty.

In order to undercut the authority of Dzhokar Dudayev, a former Soviet air force general who became president of Chechnya in 1991 and spearheaded its independence drive, the Russians installed their own man this spring.

With its leader Zavgayev in place, Russia now claims to have a legitimate negotiating

partner instead of Dudayev, making any talks with the rebels unnecessary.

Yeltsin's government is hoping for a compromise among the Chechens under Zavgayev's leadership — enforced by his police and Russian troops.

That seems to work in individual locations, with village elders and pro-Moscow police often persuading guerrillas to leave villages to avoid violence.

But so far, the Kremlin and its Chechen supporters have failed to win the public's loyalty by delivering on promises of massive aid.

At least 30,000 families remain homeless, according to official figures, and there is no economic activity besides limited agriculture and market trade.

The rebels also have demonstrated they can easily return. Trying to thwart the elections and remove Moscow loyalists, armed separatists recently seized key buildings in several cities.

Russia could go after the rebels with its full military might, but that wouldn't be easy.

During talks the rebels in the summer and fall, Moscow made a key mistake by letting the rebels leave their hideouts in the southern mountains and spread through Chechnya. Now they're in a position to fight.

And if full-scale hostilities resume, some rebel commanders could be prompted to make good on their promises of new terrorist attacks in Russia's heartland.

Sergei Shargorodsky has covered Russia and the former Soviet Union for The Associated Press since 1991.

TEXAS

No bomb, just toys found in package

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A bomb squad destroyed a suspicious package at Corpus Christi International Airport after cargo workers reported movement inside a piece of cargo.

When officers examined the debris after the incident Wednesday, they found a teddy bear, a little fire truck and other children's toys inside.

The fire truck had been accidentally turned on, and the noise and movement spooked

American Airlines cargo workers, officials said.

Police said the package was being air-mailed via American Airlines from Alice, although the package's destination was not known.

The airport was not evacuated. Bomb technicians arrived and tried to X-ray the package but could not tell what was inside it, police said. So they tore into it with a device called a water cannon, said Corpus

Christi police Cmdr. Don Dixon. The buzzing stopped. The truck had been silenced. The package, wrapped in brown paper, burst open, spilling colorful toys.

Postal inspectors took custody of the package after the incident.

An American Airlines spokeswoman declined to comment on whether the airline would reimburse the owner of the package.

Catholic churches post 'no gun' signs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Archdiocese of San Antonio is sending a new message to parishioners and the public: thou shalt not bear concealed weapons on church property.

Although the state's new concealed handgun law prohibits guns in churches and certain other establishments, the archdiocese is posting signs in English and Spanish stating:

"Blessed are the peacemakers. Please no guns permitted on these premises. Property of the Archdiocese of San Antonio."

Archbishop Patrick Flores unveiled the red and white signs Tuesday and used the opportunity to announce the archdiocese has launched an anti-violence outreach effort through its churches.

The "no guns" signs are intended to emphasize the anti-violence message and to keep firearms out of sanctuaries and off other archdiocese property, church officials said.

"These signs or these posters will proclaim our belief that our security rests in God and not in guns," Flores said. "We believe that the good that guns may seem to do is only temporary, but the harm they do is permanent."

Concealed handgun permits are being issued starting this month to qualified Texans.

The archdiocese has opposed the concealed handgun law since it was passed by the Texas Legislature last spring, said the Rev. Michael DeGerolami, director of the San Antonio archdiocese's office of social concerns.

JUST ENOUGH



Dohning a kitchen apron, a snowman stands sentry in front of a house on Chanute Drive Tuesday. Most of the snow that fell Monday had disappeared, with only traces like the snowman as a reminder. While a warming trend has been seen, cold is expected once again.

Teen may have exposed 80 people to meningitis

ODESSA (AP) — Health officials say nearly 80 people came in contact with a girl who visited here during Christmas and then died of spinal meningitis.

Victoria Barrientes, 14 and a former Odessan, died Tuesday in Arlington of spinal meningitis, a deadly bacterial disease contracted by six of every 100,000 Americans each year.

Spinal meningitis, an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal column, can be caused by fungi, bacteria, parasites or viruses, said Dr. Jeff Taylor, an epidemiologist in the infectious diseases division of the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

Victoria contracted the Neisseria meningitidis germ, which

is spread through airborne methods such as sneezes and coughs and through kissing and other contact.

The girl and her family celebrated Christmas with other relatives in Odessa.

As a precautionary measure, the people with whom she came in contact are being treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Workers' Comp insurers told to explain, lower rates

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance is asking workers' compensation insurance companies to treat small businesses the same way it treats larger companies, a feat they cannot achieve, according to an industry spokesman.

Rick Gentry, of the Insurance Information Institute, said on Wednesday that the department's warning to 17 insurance groups to either defend their workers' compensation insurance rates or lower them suggests prices in the market are not competitive. But he said they are.

The 17 groups, which operate 74 insurance companies in Texas, were told in a letter dated Dec. 22 to respond to Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer's concern over what he called excessive rates for small businesses by Feb. 1 or face rate rollback hearings.

The 74 companies collected about \$291 million in premiums, or 14.7 percent of all premiums, in 1994, according to the Insurance Department.

The companies' business represents one-seventh of the workers' comp market. They were targeted because their rates appeared out of line without sufficient explanation, according to the department.

"I would be quite surprised to find that these companies' rates are not competitive with others in Texas," Gentry said. "Price

competition is so fierce right now, that unless you stay pretty close to the herd, you won't get any business. We know they are writing one-seventh of the market."

But Bomer said on Wednesday that workers' comp rates in Texas average between 4 percent and 17 percent too high, based on the number and cost of claims filed in 1994, the last year for which complete data was available.

"These letters should come as no surprise to the insurance companies," Bomer said. "The carriers have known for months of my concern that workers' compensation rates are too high, particularly rates for small businesses."

Rates vary widely across the state based on companies' number of employees, injury histories and the type of businesses being insured.

Bomer said many insurers cut their workers' compensation rates after sweeping changes to the state's workers' compensation laws were upheld by the Texas Supreme Court last February.

Those changes, which mostly took effect in 1991, included higher weekly benefits for injured workers and a streamlined claims process meant to reduce the number of workers' challenging their benefits in court.

Psychiatrist says murder suspect is insane

HOUSTON (AP) — A court-ordered psychiatric examination has concluded that a man acquitted by reason of insanity in a 1991 hospital incident that left two people dead was also insane when he killed a woman in a grocery store less than three months ago.

It will be up to a jury to decide how much weight to give the psychiatrist's report.

Johnny Long, 45, is on trial for the Oct. 15 shooting death of Delores Palazzo, 52. Long told a psychiatrist that he armed himself and fled from his home after he heard voices warning him of impending doom as he watched a TV program about the Bible's book of Revelations.

But he claimed to have no memory of having grabbed her and shot her for no apparent reason at a northwest Houston grocery store minutes later.

An insanity defense led to Long's acquittal in the 1991 case, which began when he violently resisted restraints in a ward at Hermann Hospital in Houston. He was in the hospital after suffering seizures.

When a medical student and two technicians tried to subdue him, all four fell through a floor-to-ceiling metal vent inside the entrance to a stairwell and dropped about 30 feet.

Vocal virtuoso prepares to compete

By DD TURNER
Managing Editor

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By KAY MILLER
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QUICK HISTORY

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◆ Grover Cleveland was the only president who served two non-consecutive terms of office.

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Vocal virtuoso prepares to compete

By DD TURNER
Managing Editor

"Daddy sang bass, Momma sang tenor..." and Allison Wallace is singing her way to area choir competition Saturday.

Allison, a senior at Coahoma High School, took first chair in regional competition and moved through pre-area to arrive at the area competition. If she makes it at area, she will become a member of the state choir, which will perform in February in San Antonio.

"Area is hard," said Allison, explaining there was more competition from bigger schools.

However, that doesn't faze the young singer, who says she is practicing at least an hour a day. "I hope it is enough," she said.

There are two separate area competitions from which the top 15 in each area will be chosen to comprise the state choir. "You won't see the others; these are people you have never competed against," she said.

Going up against the big guns is often times tough. Allison said the kids from the 5A and 4A schools get upset when a 2A student is called as a higher chair than them.



ALLISON

"The competition is good for the school, considering there is no choir here," she noted.

Allison has been competing in UIL choir competition for the past four years, going as far as regional competition last year.

"My parents work with me, essentially they are my teachers," she explained.

The piece Allison will be singing is the same as was used in the other competitions and most of the pieces are in a foreign language. Which makes it all that much harder.

"There are one or two pieces that are not," she said. "It makes it harder to express emotions when you don't know what you are singing."

When it comes to competing, comfort reigns for Allison. The students compete behind a screen but most of the kids are dressed up, she said.

"I wear jeans. I don't want to be distracted by thinking about being uncomfortable. Being comfortable, that's what matters," she explained.

Being comfortable and singing well, that is.

Animals need a little time, lot of love

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

If you have a little time and a lot of love for animals, the Humane Society could use your help.

About eight to 10 volunteers already assist with such tasks as handling the society's finances, writing the column that appears every Sunday in the Herald, caring for animals and working during the shelter's open hours.

Still more are needed, said society board member Margaret Lloyd. The most help is needed in what she describes as "hands-on caring" - vacuuming and cleaning floors, making sure animals have fresh food and water and cleaning litter-boxes. Help is especially needed for the areas housing the shelter's cats.

Right now, Lloyd estimates the shelter has 235 dogs and 65 to 70 cats. "It might be less than that because we've adopted out quite a few," she said. "We adopted out 18 animals in the last week."

Adults and teens or older, responsible children could find the experience educational as well as rewarding, Lloyd added. "It's a good way to learn to care for an animal." About three hours a week per volunteer would help the shelter tremendously, she said.

"And while they're out here, they can see about adopting an animal," she said.

Even though the busy holidays have thinned the ranks of volunteers, those with little time and pets of their own can assist the Humane Society and shelter by taking proper care of



Lisa Davis feeds a hungry group of animal shelter residents. The Humane Society needs volunteers for a variety of tasks, but especially for hands-on care of the shelter's dogs and cats.

their animals.

"People need to know they're responsible for getting their cat or dog vaccinated, for getting it

fixed," Lloyd said.

As for the shelter volunteers themselves, they don't need any special skills or education

except the time and willingness to care for animals. "They just have to have a degree in human kindness," Lloyd said.

Sports boost girls' self-esteem, health

By KAY MILLER

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Something horrible happens to girls at puberty. Girls who once considered their bodies just fine by 11 or 12 suddenly decide their legs are too big, their stomachs stick out and everything else about them is ugly. But it doesn't stop there.

Girls who in elementary school considered themselves whizzes at math or science begin doubting their ability.

In landmark work 20 years ago, Harvard sociologist Carol Gilligan described how at puberty girls "lose their voices" and don't "stand up and stand out."

By 1990 when the American Association of University Women surveyed 3,000 young people, it found girls suffer an alarming drop in self-esteem — at a rate three times greater than for boys — starting at puberty and continuing through high school.

One of the best antidotes, it turns out, is also the simplest: physical activity, especially team sports.

Sarah Blaska, 17, is a perfect illustration. Blaska, who scored 36 goals this season and led her Anoka (Minn.) High School soc-

cer team to the Minneapolis state soccer tournament, doesn't remember exactly when she rejected the Barbie doll grotesquerie of how a girl should look. It probably was in junior high.

"I always wanted to be tall and thin. But I knew it wasn't going to happen," said Blaska, a 5-foot-2, 120-pound senior.

"When I was little I saw other players who looked just like me. They would be short and not skinny. I'd think, 'People still like them. So people will still like me.'"

This fall the Minnesota State High School League reported a sizable gender gap in high school athletics participation: 65,038 boys and 44,125 girls participated in sports for the 1994-95 season.

That mirrors a national pattern documented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, showing that girls' exercise levels drop by half as they move from ninth grade to their senior year.

With each additional day a week that a girl is physically active comes an incrementally more positive body image, less worry about fat and greater sense of competence.

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POLLY WANT A LOT OF CRACKERS



Tourists walk around the float sponsored by the Automobile Club of Southern California, entitled "Animals are Awesome," one of the many Rose Parade floats being put together at the end of December in Pasadena, Calif., in preparation for Monday's Rose Bowl parade.

CAREER CORNER

Occupational title:

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Continuing education and training: Junior college and senior college.

Some sources of training or education: Howard College (basics), Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Abilene Christian University and Hardin Simmons University.

Certificates/licenses: Some states require agricultural engineers to be licensed by the state board of professional engineers.

Salary: 1993, average starting salary was \$32,017.

Job prospects: Good to excellent.

Career Corner appears courtesy of Roger Goertz, Big Spring High School Career Technology Department.

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Pointers on pets

Puppies or kittens can become infected with worms before birth if the mother is infected, and nursing puppies and kittens can become infected from their mother's milk if the mother is infected. Experts state almost every puppy and kitten is infected with worms. Gastrointestinal parasites should be controlled by regular visits to a veterinarian for pet examination and treatment.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Be a Proud Citizen and recycle

Proud Citizens and the City of Big Spring will start their new association with the monthly recycling program Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the same location, the Big Spring Herald parking lot. The recycling program will help pay for utilities and other items necessary to the operations of Proud Citizens' headquarters at 707 Scurry.

If weather is bad, a receptacle will be available to handle all recyclables. Proud Citizens is now receiving all types of paper products, including magazines, as well as aluminum and steel cans.

Spelling bee books available

The 1996 Howard County Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the Howard College Auditorium. Practice spelling books are available at the Herald for 55 cents each.

Business directory being updated

The Howard College Business Development Center will update the Minority, Veteran & Women-Owned Business Directory. The purpose of this directory is to help companies or government agencies identify minority, women and veteran-owned businesses in Big Spring. For more information, or to be included in this directory, contact Della Barraza at 264-5164 before Jan. 19.

Mobile Meals needs your help

The Mobile Meals Program, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers. We receive no state or federal financial funding. We are privately funded. Volunteers deliver these meals. If you can spare just one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. Please call 267-4503 or 263-4016.

THE LAST WORD

Habitual orderliness of ideas is your sole road to happiness and to reach it orderliness in all else, even the most casual things, is needed.

—Eugene Delacroix

The greatest compensation of old age is its freedom of spirit. Another compensation is that it liberates you from envy, hatred and malice.

—W. Somerset Maugham

Every reform, however necessary, will by weak minds be carried to an excess which will itself need reforming.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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EXTRA!
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This column is based on a Herald story that appeared Wednesday.

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Soldiering On: Federal Workers Carry On As Longest Shutdown Continues
The nation's governmental shutdown is one of the longest in recent history, and that is no comfort to federal workers in Big Spring.

Kay Smith, president of the local American Federation of Government Employees, said national union members are planning to file motions with a federal judge in the nation's capital so workers will get paid.

"We hope this will stop this crazy mess. Lawsuits have been filed in attempts to get the workers paid immediately. This is unconstitutional," she said.

"We are handcuffed because it is illegal for us to leave work while there is a furlough, so we can't go look for other jobs, which is what it may come to if this continues. People are unable to pay their property taxes; children's birthdays are being skipped. Basically, everything is late such as car payments and loans."

Smith is a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center and was among many who received half of their normal paycheck on Tuesday.

Det. David Baird with the police/security section at the VA Medical Center was also one of those employees.

Baird said, "We got a full paycheck right before the holidays. The thought of not getting paid after that caused some extra stress last week."

"I have faith things will get back in order before long. Lots of organizations and businesses have been picking up the slack for us and that has helped a lot," Baird said.

The medical center has a country store located inside for employees to purchase staple items. Chief of Canteen Services Jimmy Jones said workers can write postdated checks if they need to.

Patty Fowler, secretary to the chief of staff, said this situation is the most severe she has ever seen.

"Some are even forfeiting their leave to come to work. That is a credit to this agency. I think it's important the community know the medical center has carried on in spite of the situation."

She said her co-workers are very understanding but reality set in Tuesday when they received their paychecks.

The checks showed the government had taken out the full two weeks of deductions, but employees received only 40 hours worth of pay.

Fowler continued, "The medical center is still seeing patients and I haven't heard grumblings from anyone. It's like we are all on a mission."

True or false:

1. The current governmental shutdown is the longest in recent history.

2. National union members are planning to file motions with a federal judge so they can continue to miss work.

3. According to Kay Smith, it is legal for federal workers to leave work during a furlough to look for another job.

4. Staffers at the VA Medical Center received only half their normal paycheck on Tuesday.

5. According to David Baird, VA employees received a full paycheck before the holidays.

6. The VA Medical Center has not provided a source for employees to purchase staple items.

7. According to Jimmy Jones, all stores in Big Spring will take postdated checks from furloughed federal workers.

8. According to Patty Fowler, some employees are forfeiting their leave time to come to work.

ANSWERS: 1) T 2) F 3) F 4) T 5) T 6) F 7) F 8) T
THINK ABOUT IT: Pretend you have been asked by President Clinton and Congress to help solve the budget crisis. How would you encourage them to work out a balanced budget and stop the federal shutdown?

Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Events to Look Forward to in the New Year

A Kid's 1996 Calendar

Here are your 1996 calendar and a few special dates.



Bike racing is one of the many Olympic competitions to be held this summer.

Exciting events coming up!

The year 1996 will be a big one for a lot of people.

We will vote for president in November. Many senators and governors, and all the members of the House of Representatives, will be running for re-election.

The 100th anniversary of the modern Olympics will be this summer. Athletes from all over the world will gather in Atlanta, Ga., July 19-Aug. 4 to compete in the Olympics.

The modern Games were started in 1896 to help bring peace and good will to the world. This year nearly 200 nations will send athletes.

Do to: What major events are coming up in your life? Mark those dates on this calendar.

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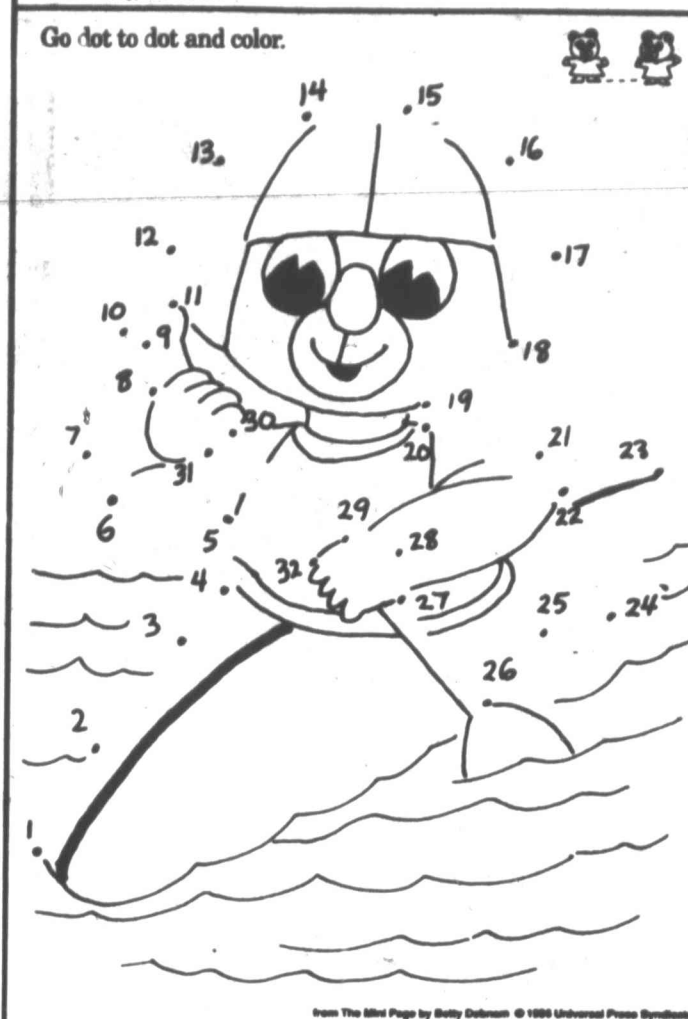
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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT IS GREAT FOR TWO, NOT ENOUGH FOR ONE, AND TOO MUCH FOR THREE?

A SECRET!

(sent in by Avery Cross)

Q: Can you name a product raised where the annual rainfall is more than 40 inches?

A: Umbrellas!

Teacher: Henry, I hope you've been studying for the geometry test.

Henry: I sure have; I know all the angles!

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Love That Lasagne

You'll need:

- 6 ounces pre-cooked lasagne noodles
- 1 16-ounce jar spaghetti sauce
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
- 1 8-ounce package sliced mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

What to do:

1. Place one-half of lasagne noodles in a greased, 12-by-8-inch baking pan.
2. Layer with half of each of the remaining ingredients.
3. Repeat layers, starting with noodles.
4. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 30 minutes.

Serves 6.

1996 TRY 'N FIND

Names of special days and events in 1996 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: HALLOWEEN, NEW YEAR'S, EASTER, MEMORIAL DAY, LABOR DAY, CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH, THANKSGIVING, OLYMPICS, MOTHER'S DAY, KWANZAA, PASSOVER, EARTH DAY.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Dot are keeping track of their exercise this year on their calendar. See if you can find:

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Calendar exercises:

- Many holidays are in honor of famous people. Look through your calendar to find these days.
- Sometimes a famous person has both a birthday and a legal holiday.
- Why do you think that is?
- How many holidays fall on a Monday?
- Look through your newspaper for ads about holidays.
- Next week, The Mini Page explores the stars in our night skies.

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SCOREBOARD

Friday
LADY STEERS at Fort Stockton,
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7:30 p.m.

Chicago 100, Houston 86
Portland 114, Boston 110, CT
Milwaukee 94, Detroit 82
San Antonio 111, Utah 97
Indiana 110, L.A. Clippers 94

Dallas 3, Detroit 3, to
New Jersey 1, Colorado 0
Tampa Bay 5, Edmonton 0
Winnipeg 5, Los Angeles 4
Philadelphia 3, San Jose 1

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Steers begin district Friday

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

As the Big Spring Steers begin District 4-4A play, things are both the same and different as they've been in previous seasons.

The Steers begin league action with a 5-14 record, but then again, that's nothing new. Big Spring has had a sub-.500 record each season under coach Gary Tipton, but has made the state playoffs two years running.

That doesn't mean, however, that Tipton is ready to start making playoff reservations.

"I would say the last two groups I had were real similar," Tipton said. "One thing that I had with those other two groups were that they were older ball clubs, while this year's team is a lot younger."

The Steers have only one starter - senior post Daniel Franks - with extensive varsity experience. To season his youngsters, Tipton has put them through a typical Big Spring pre-district schedule - loaded with quality 5A and 4A opposition.

"(The record) is not something we try to do, but we do play an awfully tough schedule," Tipton said.

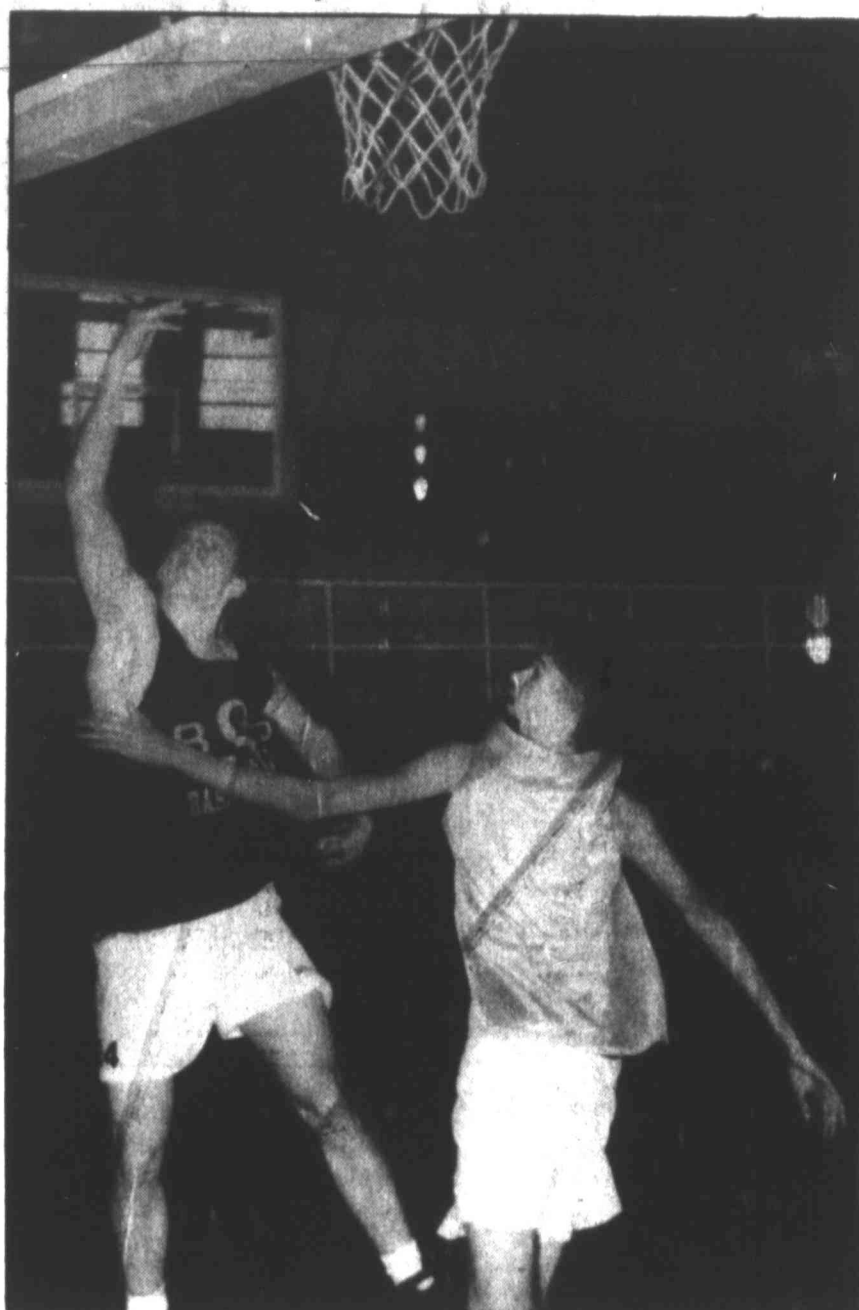
The question now is if the team will react as the last two clubs have. Tipton conceded, however, that the 14 losses may have damaged the team's collective psyche.

"We'll have to see Friday," he said, referring to the Steers' district opener at Fort Stockton. "I really don't know. If we handle it right, and people don't push the panic button, we'll put it together and play 10 district games and see what happens. But we are young. It will be a matter of how the young guys on the team respond."

As the team's record indicates, bright spots have been few and far between for the Steers. Franks has met all the high expectations heaped upon him this year, averaging double figures in both scoring and rebounding. But problem areas remain, Tipton said.

"At times, we've looked like I thought we would, but consistency has been a problem."

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Lance Purcell, left, shoots the ball during the Big Spring Steers' Wednesday practice at Steer Gym.

No BOYCOTT N. Korea ensures Olympics will have perfect attendance

LONDON (AP) — There will be a full house for the Olympic birthday bash in Atlanta next summer.

All 197 nations belonging to the Olympic movement have accepted invitations to compete in Atlanta, ensuring a 100 percent turnout for the centennial celebration of the modern Games.

Full participation was guaranteed Wednesday when North Korea, the only holdout, notified the International Olympic Committee that it would send a team to Atlanta after all.

For the first time in postwar history, every country affiliated with the IOC has agreed to compete in the Olympics. It's a remarkable achievement for a movement that was torn by political divisions and boycotts in the 1980s.

The last Olympics in the United States, the 1984 Los Angeles Games, were victimized by a Soviet-led boycott. That followed the U.S.-led boycott of the 1980 Moscow Games.

"That's thrilling," Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, said when informed of North Korea's acceptance. "It's

extremely important, it being the centennial. We are just excited as we can be that every single invited country is going to be here for the Games."

The acceptance came in a letter to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch from the president of North Korea's national Olympic committee, Myong Chol Park.

"We are extremely pleased," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "Our objective has always been to gather the youth of the world. To reach this goal for the Centennial Games in the United States is very important."

The participation of 197 countries in Atlanta shatters the previous record of 169 set at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. In addition to North Korea, the entries include other international pariahs such as Iran, Iraq and Libya.

North Korea and Afghanistan were the only countries failing to reply to the IOC invitation by the original Nov. 15 deadline. Afghanistan sent its acceptance last month, a delay attributed by the IOC to "com-

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Cougars, Lady Cougars host first-ever Klondike tourney

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

PATRICIA - The Klondike High school basketball teams are an interesting contrast of youth and experience.

One thing they have in common, however, is winning.

Despite a late start because of the recent football playoffs, no one is surprised by the 6-0 record compiled by Klondike's boys. The Cougars feature five starting seniors who have played together since their junior high days.

The Lady Cougars, meanwhile, are only slightly less

Klondike Cotton Classic

Thursday-Saturday
Klondike High School

THURSDAY	THURSDAY
GIRLS' BRACKET	BOYS' BRACKET
9 a.m. - Dawson-Lorraine	10:30 a.m. - Dawson-Lorraine
Noon - Borden Co.-Mid. Christian	1:30 p.m. - Borden Co.-Mid. Christian
3 p.m. - Southland-Wink	4:30 p.m. - Southland-Wink
6 p.m. - Klondike-Union	7:30 p.m. - Klondike-Union

successful, compiling a 7-3 record - which includes a

recent tournament win in Sundown - in spite of a sophomore-dominated lineup.

The two teams hope to keep their winning ways intact this weekend when they host the Klondike Cotton Classic, which started this morning at the KHS gym.

Boys and girls teams from Dawson, Lorraine, Borden County, Midland Christian, Southland and Wink, along with the host school, will see action at the inaugural tournament.

Klondike girls' coach Chris Edwards said he is not surprised by the Lady Cougars'

success, despite their youth.

"I'm really not, because they played a lot last year as freshmen," said Edwards, in his first year at the Lady Cougars' helm. "There's still some times they try to force things, but they're coming along real well."

Klondike's major weapons have been sophomores Kandace Etheredge, a 5-foot-9 point guard, and Melissa Kinnear, a 6-foot post. Both are averaging around 20 points a game this season.

"But they've got a pretty good supporting cast. You've got to take into account the other three or four girls," Edwards

said. "Darci Kosar (a 5-3 sophomore more guard) is probably our top defensive player. She creates a lot of turnovers."

While Edwards definitely wouldn't mind another tournament title, he has other goals in mind for this weekend.

"I would like us to keep our momentum where it's at," he said. "And we need to step up and play defense a little better. This tournament will give us a chance to work on a few things, and see what we need to improve on a little more."

The Klondike boys didn't

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Irvin's scared of the Eagles, and he's happy to be that way

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When Michael Irvin talks fear he usually means the kind he installs in defensive backs.

But this time Irvin is talking about another kind of fear: the kind a team feels after it is defeated by a bitter rival.

The 20-17 kind of fear inflicted by the Philadelphia Eagles on the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 10 in Veterans Stadium.

"When you've played a team that beat you, then you have a serious fear the next time you play them," Irvin said. "They beat us the last time. It brings on a sense of urgency. A sense of awareness."

The Cowboys ripped the Eagles 34-12 on Monday Night Football Nov. 6. But they discovered in the December showdown that the Eagles had vastly

improved under rookie coach Ray Rhodes, a former defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers who knows the Cowboys very well.

Irvin said the baffling loss to the Eagles made famous by Dallas coach Barry Switzer's questionable fourth-quarter decision to go for it twice on fourth and 1 from his own 29 slapped the Cowboys awake.

"I'm glad the thing happened the way it happened," Irvin said. "I'm glad they put fear into our hearts and showed they are capable of beating us. I think it helps our attitude. We won't be overconfident going into this game. We know what kind of damage the Eagles can do. They taught us a lesson."

Dallas had defeated the Eagles seven consecutive times

until it was ambushed.

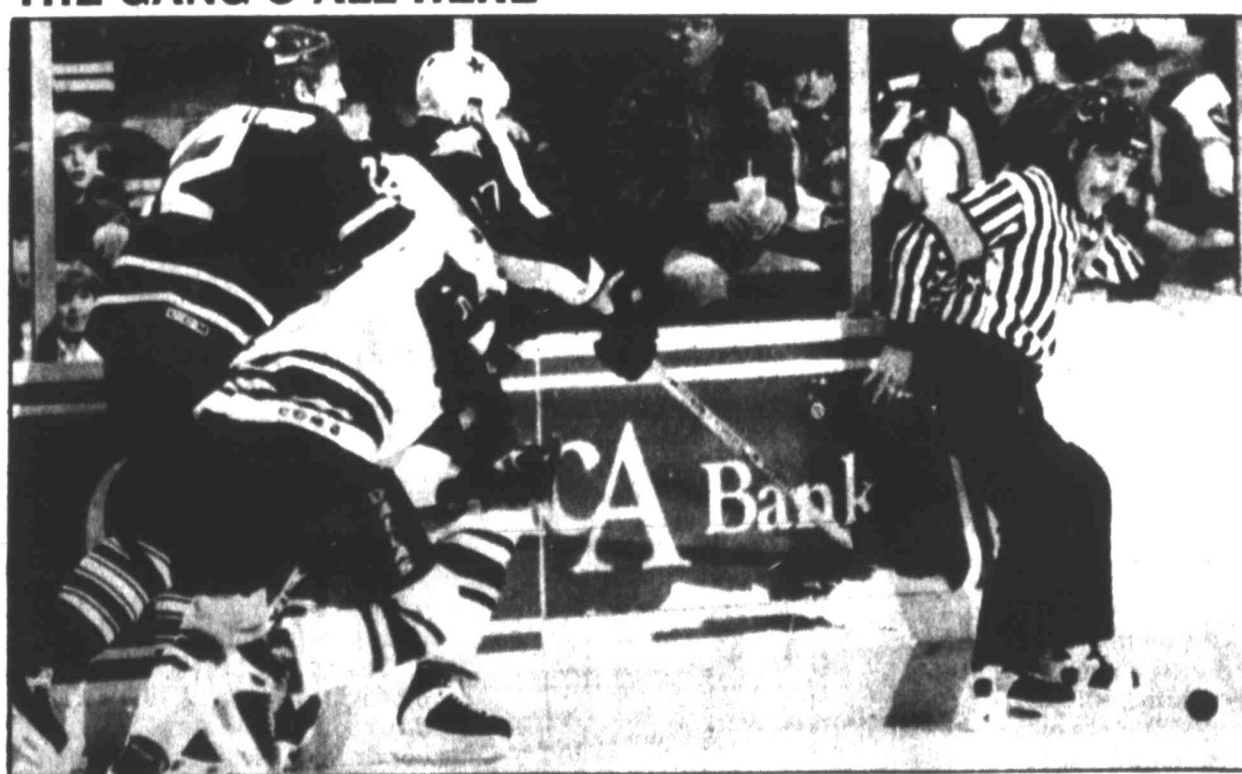
Irvin caught only three passes for 40 yards in the game as the Eagles boxed him with double coverage. Quarterback Troy Aikman had difficulty finding the other wide receivers, completing two to Corey Fleming and one to Deion Sanders.

Philadelphia cornerback Bobby Taylor was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in shadowing Irvin.

Irvin gets a kick out of that, saying, "He had help and Taylor got player of the week?"

Since that game Kevin Williams has come alive for the Cowboys, making a critical diving third-down catch that set up the winning field goal in a 21-20 victory over the New York Giants.

THE GANG'S ALL HERE



Dallas Stars Dave Gagner (15) and Bill Huard (17) fight for the puck with Toronto's Ken Baumgartner in this file photo. Wednesday, the Stars tied Detroit, 3-3.

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THURSDAY Basketball

Borden Co. vs. Midland Christian (B/G), noon and 1:30 p.m., Patricia.
Klondike vs. Union (B/G), 6 and 7:30 p.m., Patricia.

FRIDAY Basketball

Big Spring at Fort Stockton (B/G), 6 and 7:30 p.m.
Roscoe at Coahoma (B/G), 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Garden City at Forsan (B/G), 6:30 p.m.
Brownfield at Stanton (girls), TBA
Sands at Rankin (B/G), 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Grady at Ropesville (B/G), 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Klondike tournament, second round, times TBA.

TEXAS

Nebraska waltzes past UT

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Sometimes a loss can be almost as valuable as a win.

For Nebraska, the loss was a 69-66 heartbreaker at the hands of No. 17 Mississippi State in the Far West Classic in Portland, Ore., on Saturday. The Huskers used that defeat as a springboard to defeat No. 23 Texas 85-69 Wednesday night and take their first win over a ranked opponent in the 1995-96 season.

"We thought we should have won that one out there. What happened was we lost it down the stretch. Tonight, we said we're not going to lose it down the stretch," senior guard Erik Strickland said.

"I hope that was a learning experience out in Portland for us that will carry over to the Big Eight season."

NATION/WORLD

Viking charged

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings defensive end James Harris was charged with assaulting his wife and is being investigated for bigamy.

Hennepin County District Judge Franklin Noel set bail at \$20,000 for Harris, who was arrested Saturday. He was charged with third-degree assault, a felony.

Coach to Phillips: Go pro

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he has advised junior tailback Lawrence Phillips to enter the NFL draft.

Phillips was suspended for six weeks after he pleaded no contest to a charge of beating a former girlfriend.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College

North Carolina-Charlotte at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Northwestern State at McNeese, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).
Memphis vs. Massachusetts, 8 p.m., ESPN.
Arizona at California, 9:30 p.m., PRIME.

SPORTS EXTRA

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Buffalo 37, Miami 22
Philadelphia 58, Detroit 37
Sunday, Dec. 31
Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
San Francisco 35, San Diego 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Conference Championships
Saturday, Jan. 14
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 12:30 and 4 p.m.
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

College scores

LAST
Boston College 95, Rutgers 67
Connecticut 59, West Virginia 79
Holstra 82, Army 58
Iowa 82, Fairleigh Dickinson 66
La Salle 52, Princeton 49
Marist 68, Manhattan 65
Michigan 63, Lehigh 75
Rider 73, Siena 53
St. Peter's 82, Howard U. 65
Yankee 58, St. Bonaventure 58
SOUTH
Alabama 60, Vanderbilt 71
Charleston Southern 82, Citadel 74
Clemson 51, Duke 48
Florida 56, Virginia 34
Georgia 74, Mississippi 38
Georgia Tech 98, Maryland 64
Kentucky 89, South Carolina 60
Mid. E. State 72, Delaware St. 66
Miami 75, Syracuse 66
Mississippi St. 77, LSU 74
Morehead St. 66, E. Kentucky 61
N.C.-Asheville 98, Tusculum 54
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Cleveland 16 12 .571 9 1/2

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Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
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Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

GOING VERTICAL



As teammate Casey McKim (background) watches, Stephanie Stewart works on a balance beam routine during the YMCA Sidewinders' practice Wednesday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Stallings makes elite track list

FLORIDA—University of Florida All-American 800 Meter runner Jeremy Stallings from Stanton was listed among the U.S. top 50 in the January 1996 issue of Track and Field News. Stallings time of 1:48.20 was ranked 30th out of the top 50 in the USA. This listing includes all collegiate and non-collegiate times achieved in 1995. Stallings will start the 1996 indoor track and field season Jan. 26 at the Florida Invitational to be held in Gainesville, Fla.

YMCA offering several services

The Big Spring YMCA will be holding an organizational meeting to establish recreational leagues for 3 on 3 Half Court Basketball, wally-ball volleyball and racquetball. The days of the meetings held for each sport are Jan. 15 for co-ed wally-ball, Jan. 24 for basketball and Jan. 26 for racquetball. The YMCA offers co-ed recreational and power volleyball leagues. The scheduled meetings are Jan. 9 and 11.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 29, 1995, Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 23.23(b) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed a Petition with the Commission seeking final reconciliation of all eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the reconciliation period of July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1995. TU Electric is also seeking an accounting order from the Commission that will allow certain costs incurred and to be incurred to facilitate the use of coal as a supplemental fuel at its Monticello lignite-fueled generating plant to be treated as eligible fuel costs and billed pursuant to TU Electric's Rider FC - Fuel Cost Factor. All of TU Electric's customers and classes of customers and all territories served by TU Electric are affected by the Petition. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 (telecommunications device for the deaf).

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Olympics

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communications problems." There were serious doubts that North Korea would take part, considering the Communist country's severe food shortages, isolationist policies and continuing tensions with rival South Korea. But Samaranch contacted the North Korean Olympic committee on Dec. 18 to renew the invitation. Two days later, the Koreans replied they were still considering the matter,

Tourney

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even start basketball practices until early December, when they were finally finished with the state six-man playoffs. The lack of court time, however, has not adversely affected the team, coach Jim Kinnear said. "We really didn't miss that much, although I think it's catching up to us now," Kinnear said. "We're really not playing like I'd like us to - we've had way too many mistakes and turnovers ... but I played with the way things

Steers

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Tipton said. "At times, we'll be playing real well, then the wheels will fall off, and by the time we get them back on, we're at a definite disadvantage." Fort Stockton has the league's

Carrard said. In addition, former President Jimmy Carter wrote to the nominal head of state in North Korea, Kim Jong-il, and personally invited the country to send a team to Atlanta. Carrard said he was unaware whether Carter's initiative had played any role in the North Koreans' decision. Wednesday's letter from the Olympic committee offered no explanation for the delay, he said. Carrie Harmon, a spokes-

woman for Carter, said the former president was traveling and had not received any independent confirmation about the North Koreans. "We are very pleased by the IOC announcement," she said. After helping to open lines of communication between North Korea and the IOC, Carter "encouraged North Korea to respond through the normal channels," Harmon said. North Korea boycotted the 1984 and 1988 Olympics, but

competed at the 1992 Barcelona Games. "We always had hopes because, after all, they did come to Barcelona," Carrard said. "As long as we had no information, we did not know what was happening. When they were silent, we didn't know how to interpret it. But we were always going to work until the last minute to get them on board." Carrard said the North Koreans asked the IOC for help

in ensuring their athletes qualified to compete in gymnastics, judo, shooting, track and field and weightlifting. North Korea has not sent teams to any major international competitions over the past year, meaning its athletes have missed key Olympic qualifying events. Carrard said the IOC has asked some of the international sports federations to facilitate the qualification of North Korean athletes.

Detroit rallies to tie Dallas

DETROIT (AP) — Game misconduct penalties to centers Steve Yzerman and Tim Taylor didn't slow the Detroit Red Wings down a bit. Playing the third period Wednesday night without Yzerman and Taylor, the Red Wings overcame a two-goal deficit to tie the Dallas Stars 3-3. Third-period goals by Keith Primeau and Bob Errey, the latter with 3:23 remaining, helped rally the Red Wings and prevented just their second home loss of the season. Taylor was ejected for instigating a fight with Mike Lalor early in the second period and referee Dan Marouelli threw out Yzerman at the end of the period for arguing that he had been pulled down by Stars center Dave Gagner. "I don't know if that inspired us," Errey said, "but when something like that happens, it gets you down to three lines,

and everybody wants to step up when you get that extra ice time." Detroit, down 3-0 in the second period before Igor Larionov scored near the end of the period, drew within one when Primeau beat goalie Andy Moog with a slap shot from the right circle midway through the third. Errey then tied it when he deflected Dino Ciccarelli's shot past Moog at 16:37. "I was just in front of the net," Errey said. "Dino shot it and it went off my jock strap and went in."

Big Ten race appears to be wide open

Maybe the special Big Ten football season highlighted by Northwestern's rise is going to carry over to basketball. The Big Ten wasn't expected to be its usual top-of-the-rankings conference this season. The race was going to be wide open, and the number of NCAA entrants might not be as high as in recent years. Still, it can't be as crazy as it was Wednesday night. The league's three ranked teams all lost on the road, and Penn State, the conference's last unbeaten team, "played that way with a road win." In the league openers, it was Purdue 85, No. 10 Iowa 61; Minnesota 69, No. 13 Illinois 64; Wisconsin 51, No. 21 Michigan 46; and Penn State 72, Ohio State 69. "We won a nice game, but we have 17 more tough games to go, and I'm too smart to get too excited at this point," Minnesota coach Clem Haskins said. Besides, it might get even better. In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, No. 2 Kentucky 88, South Carolina 60; No. 6 Georgetown 67, DePaul 61; No. 7

COLLEGES

Connecticut 89, West Virginia 79; Miami 75, No. 11 Syracuse 66; No. 14 Georgia 74, Mississippi 38; No. 17 Mississippi State 77, LSU 64; No. 22 Clemson 51, No. 19 Duke 48; Nebraska 84, No. 23 Texas 69; and No. 24 Boston College 95, Rutgers 67. Penn State remained unbeaten in 10 games with the victory at Columbus, matching the starts of the 1922-23 and 1924-25 teams as the best in the school's 100 years of basketball. "We believe we belong in the Big Ten and that we'll succeed in the Big Ten," said Danny Earl, who had 16 points and six assists for the Nittany Lions. "Penn State has always been thought of as a football school. Now we're trying to make a move in basketball." Purdue is trying to win its third straight Big Ten title. The last team to do that was the great Ohio State teams of the early 1960s. The Boilermakers (11-2) opened defense of the crown with reserve center Brad Miller scoring a career-high 23 points

while matching his career-high with 11 rebounds. "It was the best game of his career. I don't think there's any doubt about that," Purdue coach Gene Keady said of the 6-foot-11 sophomore. "He passed the ball well. He rebounded, he made his shots and he made his free throws and he was really focused." The loss ended the Hawkeyes' nine-game winning streak and extended Purdue's winning streak to seven. Iowa (11-2), the league's pre-season favorite, was never closer than seven points in the final 11 minutes and didn't score in the final 2:58. The Hawkeyes went into game leading the nation in rebounding margin (18.7) and had outscored all of its previous opponents. Purdue ended the streak with a 34-27 advantage. "He's terrific. I don't know who is better on the inside (in the league)," Iowa coach Tom Davis said of Miller. "He has good hands. He's good scoring-wise and had a pretty strong line." Minnesota 69, No. 13 Illinois 64. Sam Jacobson had 22 points and Bobby Jackson added 17

for the Golden Gophers (9-4), who made seven of eight free throws in the final 41 seconds. The starters for the Fighting Illini (11-2) scored two points in the first half and 22 for the game on 6-of-26 shooting. Jerry Hester led Illinois with 20 points. "I've never had that happen before," Lou Henson, in his 21st season as coach at Illinois said of his starters' performance. "It was a bizarre first half. Both teams played well on defense, but we were just horrible on offense." Wisconsin 51, No. 21 Michigan 46. The Badgers (9-4) trailed by 12 points in the second half before rallying for coach Dick Bennett's first league win. Mosezell Peterson had 17 points for Wisconsin. The Wolverines (10-4), who have lost four of the last five years in Madison, shot 16.7 percent in the second half (3-for-18) and were led by freshman Louis Bullock's 13 points. "You're not going to win too many games when you only score three field goals in the second half," Michigan coach Steve Fisher said.

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FORECAST FOR JAN. 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Juggle all you want today, but you still may not be able to resolve some problems. Accept matters the way they are as you work your way through a maze. Answers come when you are thinking instead of reacting. Tonight: Enjoy a cozy night at home.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Reach out to someone. You draw others in, but plans change just as you have certain key details anchored. Maintain a sense of humor, and go with the flow. A laid-back attitude makes you a winner. Make calls to catch up on others' news. Tonight: Go to your favorite hangout.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Indulging, streamlining budgets and finding support through a partnership bring you answers. Stay aware as you make decisions and find responses. The unexpected wreaks havoc with your finances, emotional ties and plans. Roll with the punches. Tonight: Be a love.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others need you and demand attention, perhaps not always in a positive manner. Recognize the limitations of trying to cater to someone. Be clearer about who you are and your expectations. Make strong choices for yourself. Tonight: A smile goes a long way.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take off today, and handle some personal matters. Plan some downtime to center yourself and relax. Know that it is OK not to be gregarious all the time. Check in with someone who has the blues. Tonight: A mystery intrigues you.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus on the long term, rather than frivolous impulses. Because you have your goals in mind, you make strong choices. Make calls, and reach out to friends. A get-together or meeting is important, so make time for it. Socializing comes easily. Tonight: TGIF.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The unexpected works with a loved one. You feel pulled in many directions at once. You jump from one issue to another. Keep a sense of humor, and don't get bogged down in the "little picture." The big picture is much more important. Tonight: Go out with co-workers.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out to people, spread the word and make plans for the next few days. If it is difficult to get anything set in stone,

then don't try to do it. Follow your intuition as you resolve a complication. Tonight: Try something wild.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A partner has ideas very different from yours. View the situation so there is no conflict: Go on the premise that you both are right, and find a middle-of-the-road path. You will be popular if you go with neutrality. Tonight: Have an intimate dinner.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others are bubbly, demanding and fun. It may take all your discipline to not kick in the towel and call it an early day. Your jovial, fun side emerges despite yourself. Recognize there is time for fun and time for seriousness. Tonight: It's play time!***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be honest with yourself about how much you can do. Acknowledge your limitations and needs. Take some time off, despite work demands. Be realistic, and take care of yourself right now; catch up on other things later. Tonight: Get extra sleep.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your creative energy is high. Wherever you go, your imagination draws you in a new direction. Share what feels appropriate. A romance could be budding, if you are single. Avoid an either/or situation. Tonight: Be a wild thing.***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 1996: Relating to others is important this year, and you certainly become a social butterfly. The real learning experience will be balancing your personal needs with those of others. Though this may not always be easy, open communications may assist you as you go through this process. You start a new luck cycle this birthday year. If you are single, romance is an important part of your year. If attached, be more in touch with your feelings as well as those of your partner. **CANCER** adores you.

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Multiple medications can be too much of a good thing

DEAR ABBY: Back in 1991, you ran an important letter suggesting that senior citizens "brown-bag" all their medications and have them reviewed by their physician or pharmacist. Please run it again. It is more important today than ever amidst all the confusion concerning medications. I've enclosed a copy as it appeared in the Syracuse Post-Standard in New York. — **C O N C E R N E D L O N G T I M E**



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

READER
DEAR LONGTIME READER: I agree. It deserves to be repeated:

DEAR ABBY: With the increasing concern about the problems of the aging — confusion, loss of memory, a tendency to fall, incontinence, etc. — geriatric experts are finding substantial evidence that the elderly take so many prescription drugs that their bodies are becoming vulnerable to the side effects.

Peter Lamy, assistant dean of geriatrics at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, says that drug-induced illness is sometimes written off and attributed to the "aging process," which not only reduces the quality of lives, but can lead to senior citizens being prematurely sent to nursing homes.

According to Dr. Jerry Avon, professor of social medicine at Harvard Medical School: "The efficiency of the kidney and liver can decline with age, hampering their ability to excrete drugs, which in turn can lead to a drug buildup in the body." He also said that a drug dosage that was safe at age 50 can be dangerous at age 70. Many organs of the body, from the heart to the bladder to the brain, can undergo a change in their sensitivity to medication.

Abby, please suggest that older persons, or their caregivers, "brown-bag" all of their prescription and over-the-counter medications, and take them to their physician or

pharmacist for analysis of their cumulative effect.

You would be doing your readers a great service. — **MIL-LIE HAWTHORN, HARRISBURG, PA.**

DEAR MS. HAWTHORN: Thank you for some valuable suggestions that could improve the quality of life — and possibly extend it. Dr. Robert N. Butler, renowned gerontologist and chairman of the department of geriatrics at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, has suggested that older persons fill all of their prescriptions at one pharmacy, so there will be a complete record of their medications.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a shelter for the homeless. People who come here need many things. Sometimes they own little more than the clothes on their backs.

We rely on people who are more fortunate to donate these items. While we appreciate all donations, some of the things we receive are in such bad shape they cannot be used. I ask only that people who give things to charities think about what they give. Quantity is not as important as quality.

A neat, fresh-looking outfit can boost the confidence of a child who is going off to a new school after facing a family trauma. No one wants to rummage through a pile of ragged clothes trying to find something presentable to wear. The poor cannot use old, stained clothes that need repairs. They often lack the means to remove spots or make the repairs.

Used items that are in good condition can make a big difference to those who have little and need so much. Abby, please encourage your readers to give the things that they would be happy to receive were their situations reversed. — **GAILYN RYAN, ST. PAUL, MINN.**

DEAR GAILYN: Your suggestions are sensible and compassionate. Attractive, usable items in good repair would certainly boost the morale of those who suffer the trauma of poverty. Items of clothing that don't pass muster should be recycled in another manner.

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TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons:
Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Big Spring, Texas, intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 714059.

Environmental Assessment Activities (Water line replacements - College Heights Addition) New Water Line Installation
Ending of No Significant Impact
It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Big Spring has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Big Spring which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of the Assistant City Manager, City Hall, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Release of funds
All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Big Spring to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of funds
The City of Big Spring will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 1995 under grant numbered 714059 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Big Spring is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Tim Blackshear in his official capacity as mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Big Spring may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than Thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA.

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6:30 PM News Wh. Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	C. Santiago Science Guy	Wallace (530988)	News (829) Ent. Tonight	News (4029) Seinfeld	News (4029) Seinfeld	Home Videos Home Videos	Lazos de Amor (15346)	Flash Forward MMC	(708336) Country News	(5:50) Movie: Ed Wood	(273907) What's Love Got to Do	Movie	Light of the Southwest	Equalizer (554346)	Invention Movie Magic	In the Heat of the Night	Sports ball: NW St. La. at	Sports College Bas-ketball: N.C.	Classics (1710568) Movie	Black Ent. Out All Night Benson
7:30 PM Before They Were Stars	Living Single	California's Gold	Highway to Heaven	Murder, She Wrote	Before They Were Stars	Friends Single Guy	(05) Movie: Toy Soldiers	Cuervo y Alma	Stanley's Dragon (CC)	(50173384) Life of Mary Robbins	(CC) (50173384) What's Love Got to Do	Addams Family	Values Movie: Pri-	Bishop James John Osteen	Ancient Mysteries	Movie Magic Know Zone	Movie: What Ever	Basketball: McNeese St. College	Charlotte vs. Va. Tech	(05) Movie: All the Way	Roc Comicon
8:30 PM Movie: Falling Down (CC)	New York Undercover	Mystery (CC) (97839)	Rescue 911	Grand Ole Opry 70th Anniversary (CC) (26723)	Movie: Falling Down (CC)	Seinfeld	(45755988) El Premio Mayor	Benvenidos (19029)	Going Home (414810)	Music City Tonight	Movie: The Final Conflict	With It (CC) (896487)	Movie: The Meteor	Voyages (68029)	Time Traveler (550433)	Movie Magic Know Zone	Happened to Baby Jane?	Basketball: College Bas-	Home (9960636)	Movie: Desiree	Video Soul (565471)
9:30 PM News Cheers	Home Imp. In the Heat of	News-Laher	Shade Shade	News Late Show	News (43013) Tonight Show	Red Dawn (42544013)	Noticiero Uni. P. Impacto	Cowboys of the Americas	(975094) Life of Mary Robbins	(510568) Crummy	Another Stakeout	Movie: Shattered (CC)	Movie: Where 2 (CC)	Biography (161723)	Wild Discovery	Movie: Mommie	Movie: Dearest	Basketball: Arizona at	vs. Memphis Sportscenter	Movie: All the Way Home	Benson Jazz Central
10:30 PM Roseanne	the Night Stephanie	American Playhouse	Bonanza	Married... With Children	Ent. Tonight (35) Polaris	Late Night (3070984) News	N.che de Veronica	The Border (4655100)	Crystal Movie: Angel	Music City Tonight	White Nights (25806704)	(40) Movie: The Stoned	(585876) Movie: The	Precious Update News	Ancient Mysteries	Movie Magic Know Zone	Press Box	Press Box	Sirongest Man	Movie: All the Way Home	Comicon
11:30 PM Rush L. Miller	Extra	(CC) (162346)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Late Late Show	Coach												Press Box	U.S. Racehorse	(961346)	Comicon

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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 1996. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

On this date: In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of a reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed what's believed to have been the first appendectomy on 22-year-old Mary Gartside.

In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI began a visit to the Holy Land as he arrived in Jerusalem.

In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address.

In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Chase, Md.

In 1990, Charles Stuart, who claimed to have been wounded and his wife shot dead by a black robber, leapt to his death off a Boston Harbor bridge after he himself became a suspect.

Ten years ago: Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., announced he was not running for re-election, and strongly hinted at a possible run for president in 1988.

Five years ago: With a week and a half left before a U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, Iraq agreed to hold its first high-level talks with the United States since the start of the Persian Gulf crisis.

One year ago: The 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era; Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 82. Former CIA director William E. Colby is 76. Football Coach Don Shula is 66. Former heavyweight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 61. Actress Dyan Cannon is 59. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 59. Maureen Reagan is 55. Tennis player Guy Forget is 31.

Thought for Today: "Our civilization is still in a middle stage, no longer wholly guided by instinct, not yet wholly guided by reason." — Theodore Dreiser, American author (1871-1945).

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'Toy Story' leader of strong movie field

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Toy Story" led a strong field that earned a record \$138.3 million over the four-day New Year's weekend, closing out Hollywood's best box-office year ever.

Disney's computer-animated film made \$19.4 million, followed by "Jumanji" with \$17.8 million, "Grumpier Old Men," \$14.9 million, and "Waiting to Exhale," \$13.3 million.

Weekend ticket sales brought the 1995 domestic box office take to \$5.4 billion, topping 1994's record \$5.2 billion, Exhibitor Relations said Tuesday.

No one in Hollywood was celebrating. It was the smallest annual boost in five years, rising about 1 percent over 1994.

The average ticket price rose slightly in 1995, but the actual number of tickets sold remained about the same or was slightly lower than the previous year. Meantime, movies cost more to make and distribute in 1995 so studio profit margins were slimmer.

The previous four-day New Year's weekend record was \$107 million in 1995, when "Dumb & Dumber" and "Disclosure" were the top draws.

The top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Monday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations:

1. "Toy Story," Disney, \$19.4 million, 1,976 locations, \$7,535 per location, \$150 million, six weeks.
2. "Jumanji," TriStar, \$17.8 million, 2,530 locations, \$7,019 per location, \$57.5 million, three weeks.
3. "Grumpier Old Men," Warner Bros., \$14.9 million, 2,010 locations, \$7,419 per location, \$30.7 million, two weeks.
4. "Waiting to Exhale," Fox, \$13.3 million, 1,331 locations, \$9,990 per location, \$36 million, two weeks.
5. "Father of the Bride Part II," Disney, \$12.4 million, 2,048

locations, \$6,044 per location, \$52.3 million, four weeks.

6. "Heat," Warner Bros., \$10.3 million, 1,341 locations, \$7,675 per location, \$36.5 million, three weeks.

7. "Sabrina," Paramount, \$10 million, 1,976 locations, \$5,073 per location, \$30.8 million, three weeks.

8. "Tom and Huck," Disney, \$6.8 million, 1,614 locations, \$4,207 per location, \$14.6 million, two weeks.

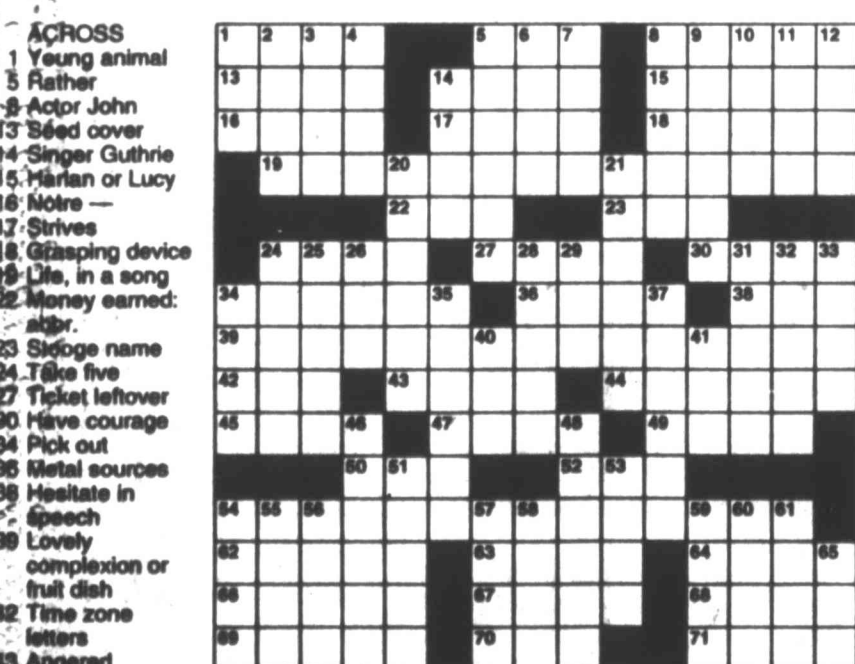
9. "Sudden Death," Universal, \$5.4 million, 1,687 locations, \$3,190 per location, \$13.5 million, two weeks.

10. "The American President," Columbia, \$4.1 million, 1,310 locations, \$3,133 per location, \$51.1 million, seven weeks.

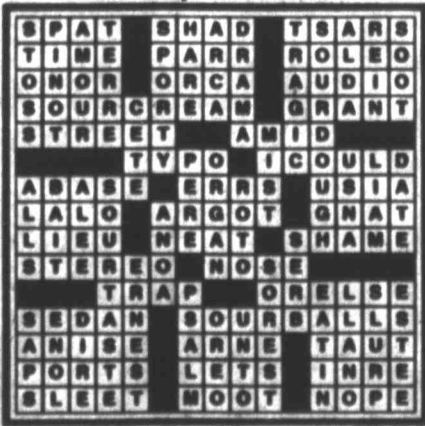
11. "Goldeneye," MGM, \$4 million, 1,458 locations, \$2,748 per location, \$93.2 million, seven weeks.

12. "Dracula: Dead and Loving It," Columbia, \$3.2 million, 1,425 locations, \$2,253 per location, \$8.2 million, two weeks.

THE Daily Crossword by Frances Burton



Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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1:30-4:15-7:00-9:50

*TOM AND HUCK (PG)

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*DRACULA DEAD AND LOVING (PG-13)

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