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## Lambert takes Abilene position

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The city of Abilene has a new city manager and Big Spring will now have to begin a search of its own for a new one.

Monday the Abilene City Council ended its search for a new city manager by selecting Big Spring City Manager Lanny Lambert from a group of four finalists.

Lambert will fill the position left vacant by former City Manager Jim Blagg last July.

Abilene beat its goal of naming a new city manager by Jan. 1 by two weeks. Lambert, who is expected to take over as Abilene's city manager in mid January, said he would proba-

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Lanny Lambert

ably be in Big Spring until Jan. 17 to assist with the search for his replacement.

When it was learned that Lambert was a finalist (out of 30 applications) for the Abilene job, he said he was pleased to be in the company of the other finalists and that the competition would be stiff. He beat out acting city manager Roy McDaniel; former Longview City Manager James Baugh, who withdrew his name from consideration Sunday night for

personal reasons; and Shreveport, La., consultant Stuart Bach for the position.

At 38-years old, Lambert is returning to the city and the employer that gave him his first job. Lambert was a meter reader for the city of Abilene when he was 16. And after serving as city manager in Big Spring for two years and serving in the same capacity in Junction, Seabrook, Seminole, and Terrell, he returns home after 22 years.

As city manager of Abilene Lambert will be in charge of more than 1,200 city employees, three times the size of Big Spring's city staff, and will have a budget about two and a half times larger.

As a finalist for the Abilene position Lambert didn't want to speculate too much, but now that the job is his he says he has mixed emotions about leaving.

He said, "I will turn in my resignation at tonight's City Council meeting. I have mixed feelings about leaving because I have a lot of friends here and a lot of unfinished projects.

"It feels sort of like I'm jumping ship, but this is a wonderful opportunity. Abilene is home



LANNY LAMBERT

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**12**  
more days until Christmas!

Ashton Evans and Blake Myers hold up 12 fingers, knowing that Christmas is less than two weeks away.

### Morris taking new job within Fina organization

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Fina Oil & Chemical Refinery Manager Jeff Morris will be taking a new assignment within the company in the near future, leaving the Big Spring plant to find a replacement for him.

Morris, who is also finishing his term as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is heading to Washington, D.C., today to meet with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency to discuss proposed regulations that will have an effect on smaller refineries.

Morris could not comment any further about his new assignment, but did say that more information would be available in the near future.

He said, "New proposed regulations will definitely have an effect on small refineries, including Big Spring."

It is not known at this time if these regulations will force the shut down of several refineries because, according to Morris, some of these regulation may take as long as 1997 to take effect.

Morris added, "We are working with the EPA."

### SNOWING INDOORS



Standing atop a ladder, Jody Brooks reaches high to hang snowflakes, created by students from Stanton High School, from the hall ceiling in the school Friday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## Dawdy arrested in Fina station robbery

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is being detained in the Howard County jail charged with two counts of aggravated robbery.

Reports say Jody Wayne Dawdy, 30 of 1710 Purdue, walked in to the Buffalo Country Fina on South Highway 87 around 1 p.m. Monday. He allegedly displayed a weapon and demanded the clerk give him money. The clerk complied and Dawdy fled the scene.

The clerk called 911 and Howard County Deputy Barney Edens responded to the call. He contacted the police department and Department of Public Safety to be on alert for the suspect and his vehicle. Dawdy was reportedly headed back into the city limits when he was observed by officers on Wasson Road and entered Industrial Park.

Edens, with assistance from the police and Permian Drug Task Force, made a felony traffic stop. Once Dawdy was out of his vehicle, a pistol-type weapon was found in the front of the car. A container of beer reportedly bought from the Fina store was also located in the car.

Reports say Dawdy then gave authorities a confession, admitting to robbing both the Buffalo

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## Two women robbed at knife point

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring women were robbed at knife point Monday night and police are searching for the suspect.

Around 7 p.m. a 77-year old female was approached by a white male with a knife in the parking lot at 1607 East Third.

The lady gave him about \$30 in cash and the suspect fled in a large four-door gray car. Approximately three and a half hours later, the same man approached a Wal-Mart Supercenter employee in the store's parking lot demanding money.

The 55-year old victim complied and gave the man her purse containing a small amount of cash. The lady told officers the man fled in a gray vehicle.

Both victims describe the robber as a white male in his late 20's or early 30's, 5'8" to 5'10"

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## Gulf War registry growing by 1,000 a day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veterans are entering a Pentagon study on unexplained illnesses from the Persian Gulf War in such high numbers that it could undermine the military's medi-

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## County agrees to support local mental health clinic

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The recent equity in funding proposal by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation has several counties looking for ways, in addition to state funding, to operate their MHMR departments.

This includes a proposal by Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart and County Commissioner Bill Crooker that would create a 23-county mental health authority with Howard County

servicing as overseer of the authority.

Currently the Howard County Mental Health Center serves as the headquarters for all outpatient services performed by the Big Spring State Hospital and does not receive any funds from the county.

Shelley Smith, director of the Big Spring State Hospital Mental Health Outreach Program (also known as the HCMHC) and Associate Director Landon Sterdman addressed commissioners during Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court as commis-

sioners considered an agreement between the BSSH and Howard County for funding assistance in the mental health area.

After discussing the issue at length, commissioners approved the contract with the BSSH by a three vote margin with Commissioners Bobby Cathey and Emma Brown abstaining from the vote. Lockhart, Crooker and Commissioner John Stanley voted to approve the contract.

The contract will allow the HCMHC to receive about \$16,500 (to support local services) dur-

ing this fiscal year and the contract can be renewed in October when a new fiscal year begins. The contract, according to Sterdman, also requires by law that mental health centers make an attempt to seek funding locally as well as from the state.

During discussions, Crooker said this is an opportunity the county probably shouldn't pass up.

Currently Howard County is the hub for the 23-county area which has 15 mental health clinics in the area, 79 staff members in Howard County alone (administrative and support ser-

vices), a payroll of just over \$1.8 million, and a 24,000 square mile area with approximately 223,000 people to serve.

Smith told commissioners that services of the HCMHC have grown by leaps and bounds recently and the department is desperately in need of space as well as funding.

Crooker and Lockhart, who have worked on the 23-county proposal for several months, support the county's helping the BSSH because of the long term benefits as well as the need.

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**U.S. Trivia**  
Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigned when?  
Oct. 10, 1973  
Impeachment hearings started when against Nixon?  
May 9, 1974

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Commuter airlines swapped planes, conferred with customers. See page 3.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Tonight **52** ▲ Highs **30**  
Lows ▼

**Partly cloudy**  
Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 30s, southeast to south winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Permian Basin Forecast**  
**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, high mid 60s, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph becoming west-northwest; partly cloudy night, low upper 30s.  
**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, high mid 60s; partly cloudy night, low upper 30s.



NEWS IN  
BRIEF

Child fights for life  
after swallowing cleaner

FORT WORTH (AP) — The father of an 8-month-old child has been jailed after telling officers he poured industrial strength drain cleaner down the child's mouth.

Michael Perez, 20, was being held Monday night in the Tarrant County Jail on suspicion of injury to a child. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Mikey Perez, the child, was fighting for his life at Cook Fort Worth Children's Medical Center.

Police said that the baby's maternal grandmother, Jackie Castro, said the father had grown jealous of the attention his wife, Daniela, showed Mikey.

The grandmother told The Fort Worth Star-Telegram Monday that she thinks that her son-in-law could harm the baby in a jealous rage.

San Antonio not  
reaping from NAFTA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When it was initially approved, the North American Free Trade Agreement looked like a financial boon for San Antonio.

A year later, that's not quite the case, critics say.

They say business leaders and Mayor Nelson Wolff, distracted by the city's ongoing water woes and other controversies, have dropped the NAFTA ball.

"As usual, San Antonio is sleeping on its laurels," said Ed Einstein, an international lawyer who has been studying U.S.-Mexico trade opportunities for four years.

"We have been talking more than doing," Einstein told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions. "And because of that, if we don't wake up, it's all going to go around us."

Depression brought  
a new awareness

HOUSTON (AP) — State Rep. Garnet Coleman hopes his battle with depression might help others struggling with the same disease.

Coleman, D-Houston, said he sank into a deep depression this fall, six months after the death of his father, community leader Dr. John B. Coleman.

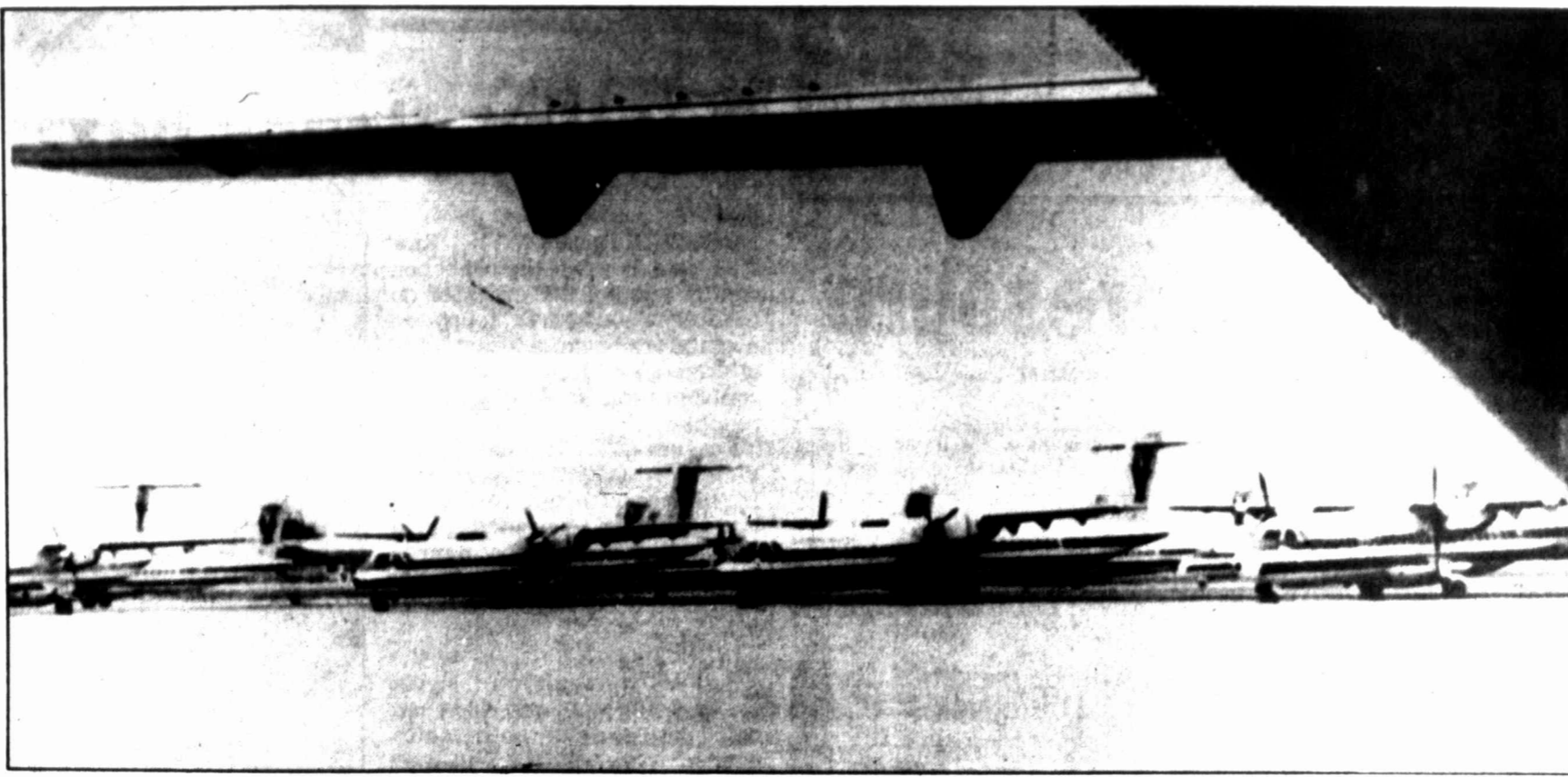
By his own description, he went into personal isolation, first in a series of Houston hotels and then a mental health clinic in Kansas.

Now in therapy and taking anti-depression medicine, Coleman said he is back in political circulation and looking forward to the 1995 legislative session.

Students seize campus  
protesting new policy

DENTON (AP) — Female students seized and occupied the admissions office at Texas Woman's University on Monday to begin what they promise to be a weeklong protest of plans to open all university programs to men.

About 50 students marched into the office on the Denton campus shortly after noon Monday and continued their occupation until 5 p.m.



American Eagle ATR-72 commuter airplanes sit idle on the apron of Abilene Regional Airport Monday in Abilene. The airline removed the planes from its northern shuttle routes and plans to store as many as 22 in here until warmer weather.

No major problems with ATR groundings

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Com-muter airlines swapped planes, conferred with customers and even booked passengers onto other airlines Monday as they hustled to make up for the loss of their grounded ATR airplanes.

The patchwork arrangement seemed to work. Passengers, airport managers and competing companies reported no major problems.

"They have already booked me on another flight. My wife and I will be in two different rows, but that's OK," said George McClellan, a Peoria res-

ident planning to travel on an American Eagle flight on Thursday. "You expect changes once in a while, small problems."

American Eagle, the commuter arm of American Airlines, grounded its ATRs on Friday, when the Federal Aviation Administration barred use of the turboprops in icy weather. Trans World Express, partner to Trans World Airlines, made the same move.

The FAA is studying whether ice on the wing of an ATR caused an Oct. 31 crash in Roselawn, Ind., that killed 68 people.

Trans World Express already has found planes to replace some of the ATRs it uses, allowing flights to continue. American Eagle hopes to have some replacement planes in place by Thursday, permitting flights to resume in 11 cities.

American Eagle is transferring its 70 ATRs to warmer locations, including Miami, Dallas-Fort Worth and Nashville, Tenn.

But it shut down service at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, transferring those planes to

other operations. The commuter airline has 778 pilots, flight attendants, gate agents and ramp workers at Raleigh-Durham. Many of them spent their work hours Sunday reading the want ads and filling out transfer applications.

The commuter airline Continental Connections furloughed its seven employees in Gillette, Wyo., over the weekend and bumped its passengers to other airlines as it moved its fleet of Beechcraft planes to other areas to fill gaps left by the ban.

Despite  
withdrawals  
TexPool  
doing fine

AUSTIN (AP) — After one-day withdrawals of \$655 million, state Treasurer Martha Whitehead said the state-run TexPool investment fund remains ready to meet all of its commitments.

Monday's action brought to nearly \$1 billion the amount of money withdrawn from the fund in two days. The day's withdrawals totaled more than 19 percent of the fund's assets.

Mrs. Whitehead sought to reassure the pool's governmental investors that the fund was sound and unrelated to the troubled Orange County, Calif., investments.

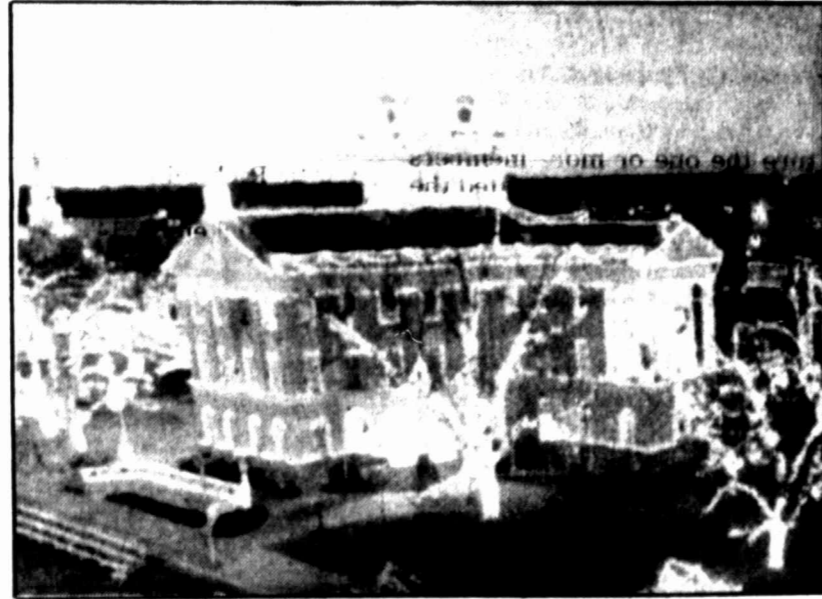
The Orange County losses were linked to risky investments in derivatives. TexPool had only 2 percent of its holdings in derivatives and those have been sold, Mrs. Whitehead said.

"We met our commitments to TexPool members today. We'll make those commitments tomorrow, next week, next month — whenever a TexPool participant seeks to make a withdrawal," she said.

Only \$15 million was deposited in the fund Monday, making the net drop \$640 million. On Friday, withdrawals totaled \$348 million and deposits \$42 million, for a net drop of \$306 million.

The pool had total assets of \$3.6 billion before Friday. As of Monday afternoon, that total was down to about \$2.7 billion.

GLOWING WITH LIGHTED CHEER



Downtown Marshall glows at dusk under the illumination of the eighth annual Wonderland of Lights. Officials estimate they will have a many as 700,000 visitors this year.

ATF agents seeking to  
join suit in failed raid

WACO (AP) — Federal agents involved in a failed raid on a heavily armed religious sect's home last year are seeking to join a lawsuit against media members and an ambulance company.

The lawsuit is one of many such suits pending. It alleges employees from the Waco Tri-

bune-Herald, KWTX of Waco and American Medical Transport ambulance service conspired to cause the shootout in order to get better news stories.

The 49 U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents were either injured or said they suffered emotional distress during the shootout at the Branch Davidians' home.

Education proposals have people wondering

AUSTIN (AP) — Education proposals filed by lawmakers for the upcoming legislative session touch on high school football, taxes and sex.

Richard Kouri, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said Monday, "It makes you wonder what's going to hap-

pen when the session actually starts" in January.

Among measures already put forth by lawmakers are proposals to:

Abolish school district property taxes and dedicate all lottery revenue, some sales taxes and "certain other

statewide taxes" to education. The bill by Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio, contains no further detail. His staff says he's still working on the measure.

Ease the no-pass, no-play rule, which prevents students who fall a class from participating in extracurricular activities.

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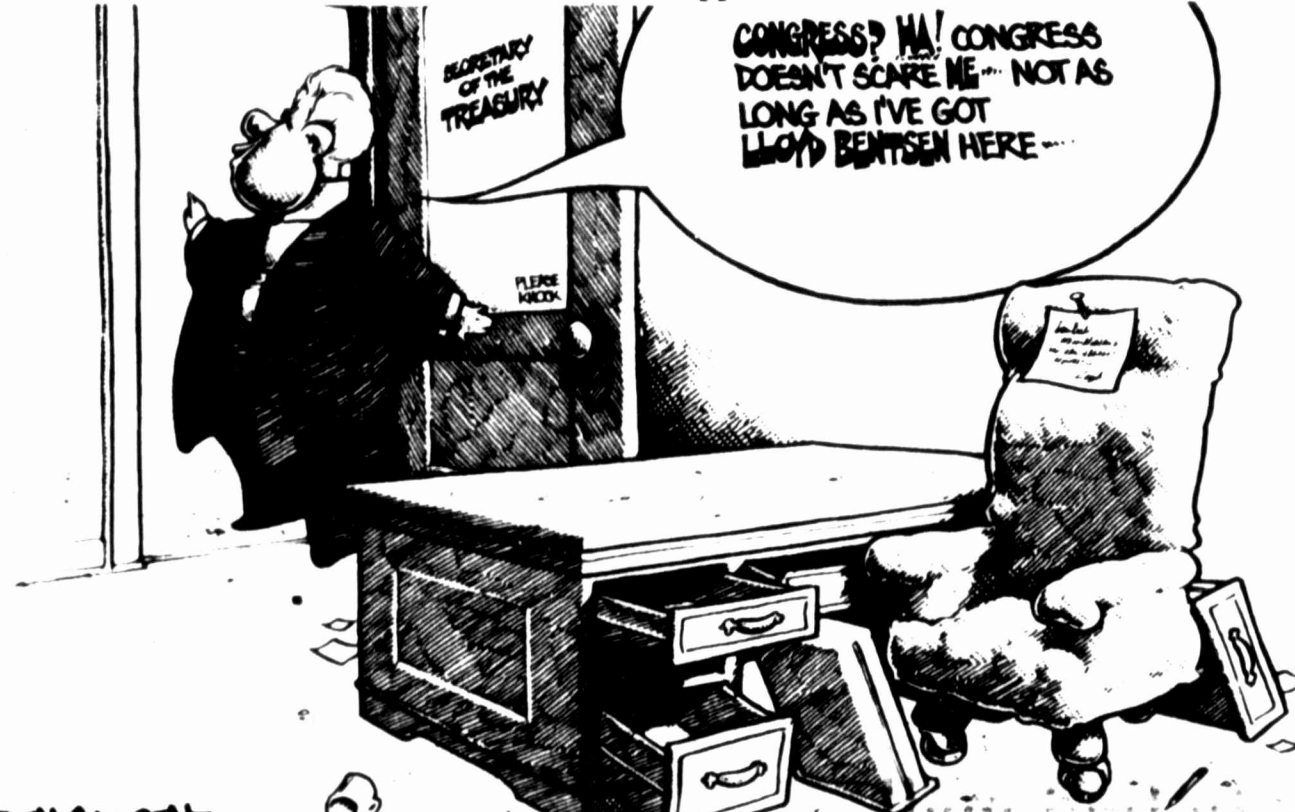
**Quote of the Day**  
"Good forbid that any book should be banned. The practice is as indefensible as infanticide."  
Rebecca West, British novelist, journalist, 1928

# Saving grace under pressure

In times of crisis, cool heads must prevail for the situation to be resolved the best way possible. Recent incidents of aggravated robbery in town illustrate this concept well. During one robbery of a convenience store, the clerk stayed calm and took down the license plate number of the robber's car, resulting in the woman's capture. In another robbery at a different store, the clerk was faced with a knife, as well as demands for money and her car keys. She complied, opening her car door and handing the keys to the robber without panic when he returned because he couldn't get the car door open. Certainly these people didn't want to be victims. Even as they feared for their lives, they may have wished they had the weapons or strength to over-

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power the robbers and teach them a lesson. However, cooler heads prevailed. Nobody tried to be a hero, and as a result, two clerks are alive and uninjured. What can we learn from these convenience store clerks? That calm, clear-headed course of action is almost always the best. Different emergencies will require different actions, some more controlling, others more compliant. What's crucial is knowing the difference and not allowing panic to get the upper hand.



# Outstanding off the record facts

Rep. Newt Gingrich created quite a stir when he said that about one-fourth of the White House staff had a history of drug use before coming to Washington. He didn't identify the person who fed him this statistic, other than to say that it came from a "senior law enforcement official."



**MIKE Royko**  
Columnist

"Absolutely," he said. "The reason it is not widely known is that they are careful never to do it while the C-Span cameras are on them. But as soon as they are out of camera range, they go at it with reckless abandon. Believe me, it is a terribly disgusting sight to see."  
"I can imagine. But they seem like such refined gents."  
"Hah. That shows how little you know about them. Are you aware that 28.5 percent of Republican congressmen have, at one time or another, told really lewd, filthy jokes? And another 39.7 percent of Republican congressmen have laughed with gusto at these same foul jokes?"  
"Oh, no."  
"Oh, yes. And that 31.3 percent have been known to get roaring inebriated before or after they became members of Congress? And that that group, 53.4 percent put lampshades on their heads at parties and clumsily stomped on the toes of women with whom they dined?"  
"This is too much."  
"There is more, much more. I have seen a Top Secret study showing that 37.5 percent would eagerly have an illicit sexual encounter with a beautiful movie actress if they were sure their wives wouldn't find out."  
"How depraved. By the way, which movie actress?"  
"Doesn't matter; any of them would do nicely. And 92 percent wouldn't even care if the beautiful movie actress was a liberal."  
"If the nation only knew. The stock markets might crash."  
"Yes, but get this. According to our agency's records, within the past year, more than 48.7 percent of all Republican congressmen have stood sideways and naked in front of their bathroom mirrors after taking a shower to see if they are becoming pot-bellied. Of those, about 62.7 percent do it every day."  
"That is mind blowing."  
"Then you will be shocked to know that 43.7 percent have, during their adult lives, taken the Lord's name in vain.

Another 21.5 percent have skipped church because they were suffering from hangovers, and 97 percent have knowingly flouted traffic laws."  
"Are your figures reliable?"  
"How can you even ask? Am I not a senior law enforcement official?"  
"I apologize."  
"You should. And consider this. There are documents — under 24-hour guard, of course — that 27.8 percent of all Republican congressmen hate cats. Even cats that are owned by members of country clubs and the wives of corporate executives."  
"You can't mean that."  
"Absolutely. Furthermore, 98.7 percent of Republican congressmen have admitted — at secret, behind-closed-door inquiries, naturally — that if they had a choice between being in Congress or doing honest work for a living, they would prefer being in Congress. The other 1.3 percent didn't respond because their hearing aids were turned down or they were sleeping."  
"I don't know if I can take anymore."  
"You haven't heard the worst. I have seen signed documents by highly reputable high-level intelligence operatives that show, without question, that 61.8 percent of Republican congressmen believe that many of the people who voted for them are complete idiots, won't remember any of their promises, and half of them can be fooled all of the time, and all of them can be fooled half of the time. Especially with a sly media manager."  
"That is almost enough to shake my faith."  
"Well, check with me next week. I will be able to pass along something that will shock you out of your wits."  
"Is it sordid?"  
"I can only tell you this — Beavis and Butt-head have some secret fans in Washington."  
"I can't believe that."  
"Where do you think Newt gets his material?"  
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WORLD

# Russian planes buzz; talks go on

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian jets buzzed the Chechen capital and gunfire crackled on the city's outskirts today as negotiators began a second day of talks on ending the military confrontation in the breakaway republic. Russian officials today issued their first casualty report, saying nine servicemen were killed and 14 were wounded since 40,000 Russian troops poured into Chechnya over the weekend to end its secession from Russia. In Vladikavkaz, capital of the neighboring republic of North Ossetia, Russian and Chechen negotiators said both sides wanted an agreement. But they remained at odds over Russia's demand that Chechen forces put down their weapons. Chechnya insists that Moscow withdraw its forces first. Russian and Chechen forces fought today in the mountains outside the Chechen capital, Grozny. A Russian rocket attack on a nearby village this morning injured two women. Russian jets buzzed Grozny, but Russian military officials denied residents' reports that the planes dropped bombs. Talks that began Monday resumed today. "The fact that the Russian and Chechen sides are at the negotiating table at all is positive," said Vyacheslav Mikhailov, the leader of the Russian delegation. Despite differences, "there is a desire to resolve the extreme-



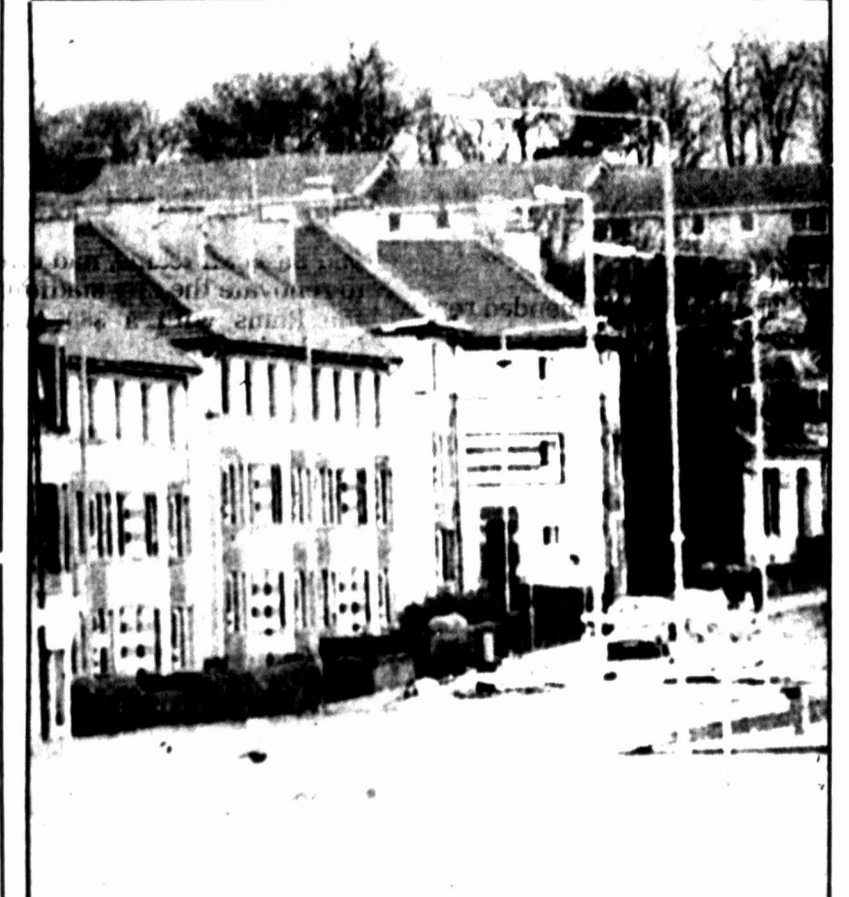
A Chechen man shows his support for Chechen separatist fighters seated atop an armored personnel carrier in Grozny Tuesday. The column of vehicles carrying the rebel forces left Grozny to take up positions around the city.

ly complex problem of disarmament and cessation of bloodshed in Chechnya," he told the ITAR-Tass news agency. Chechen officials, who reluctantly entered talks after Moscow sent in troops, demanded a Russian pullout. "We agree to disarmament provided a withdrawal of the Russian troops from the territory of Chechnya be launched immediately. It is useless to speak with the Chechen people in the language of ultimatum," Chechen representative Tamaz Adudakarov was quoted as saying Monday. Moscow is unlikely to accept such a condition. Russian officials accuse Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudaev of smuggling weapons and encouraging the notorious Chechen mafias throughout Russia. But he poses an even bigger threat: Stoking secessionist sentiment in Russia, a multi-ethnic federation of 89 republics — or 88, without Chechnya. Today, Russia's most outspoken general, Alexander Lebed, joined those criticizing President Boris Yeltsin's handling of the crisis.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**U.N. fuel supply final gets through**  
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. forces in Sarajevo received their first fuel shipment in three weeks, and five Bangladeshi peacekeepers wounded in a Serb rocket attack reached a mobile U.S. Navy hospital for treatment. Those two small achievements were overshadowed, though, by the Serbs' near-total grip on U.N. operations in Bosnia. The peacekeepers' injuries came when Croatian Serbs fired a wire-guided missile at an U.N. armored personnel carrier Monday in the Bihac region in northwestern Bosnia. **Fine high for dog attack**  
BEIJING (AP) — In the first case under China's new dog law, the owner of a "fierce dog" has been ordered to pay about \$1,300 to compensate a man his dog attacked. The Beijing Daily reported today that the incident occurred in April. The victim had been warned in advance that a resident of a neighborhood he was visiting had a vicious dog, it said. It did not name the breed. The dog attacked the victim behind and bit him in the shoulder, chest and arm. The victim was hospitalized for eight days. The dog's owner was ordered to compensate for medical expenses and lost income. The law, passed two weeks ago, bans "large and fierce dogs" altogether. Small dogs can go outdoors only from late evening to early morning and are banned from public areas. **Remains of Vietnam MIAs identified**  
HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Forensic experts have identified the remains of two Americans listed as missing from the Vietnam War. Now 2,211 U.S. servicemen remain unaccounted for from the war in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and China, Air Force Maj. Randall Garrett, operations officer with the U.S. MIA office, said today. Investigators recovered remains of both individuals in Vietnam. President Clinton has said Vietnam must do more to help solve remaining cases of men missing in action before the United States will establish diplomatic ties with its former foe.

# WORST FLOODING IN A CENTURY



An abandoned car stands in floodwater on a main road in the Glasgow suburb of Paisley Monday. The worst flooding in more than a century forced the evacuation of hundreds of people in and around Glasgow. Three people were believed swept away in rain swollen rivers. Approximately 4.5 inches fell during the weekend.

# Corruption acquittal has Brazilians in an uproar

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Former President Fernando Collor de Mello's acquittal on corruption charges has outraged many Brazilians who see the verdict as a step backward in the crusade to clean up government. A divided Supreme Court ruled 5-3 Monday that there wasn't enough evidence to convict Collor on the charges that forced him to resign in disgrace in 1992 following months of nationwide street protests. The court excluded the prosecution's strongest evidence against Collor — computer disks detailing the workings of the purported corruption network and tapes of phone conversations — saying they were obtained illegally. Congress had impeached Collor, 45, for taking part in a scheme that netted up to \$100 million in kickbacks from builders that were awarded public works contracts. After a three-month trial, he resigned as the Senate met in December, 1992, to decide whether to expel him from office. He was barred from public office until 2001. Some specialists in Brazilian law defended the court for basing its ruling on technical grounds rather than political motives. "Collor was not absolved, he was simply not condemned because of a lack of hard evidence," said Ives Gandra Martins, a law professor at the University of Sao Paulo. "This decision was to be expected." But Jarbas Passarinho, a former justice minister during Collor's administration, said: "It won't be easy to explain to the public why Collor was found guilty by Congress, then acquitted on technicalities by the Supreme Court." For many, the verdict was an unexpected twist to a tale of success, greed and scandal that unfolded during Collor's meteoric rise to the presidency and his sudden fall from grace. Collor rose from obscurity overnight to become Brazil's youngest president in 1990, winning the country's first free presidential vote after a 1964-85 military dictatorship. Friends and family told reporters Collor wept when the final verdict was announced. Later, however, visitors said his pale, drawn face turned to smiles as he puffed on cigars and sipped from glasses of whiskey.

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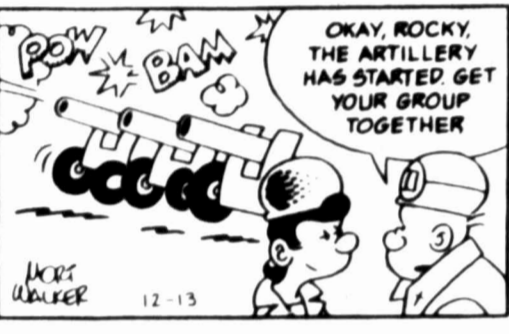
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RITZ movie listings for Wesley Snipes in Drop Zone, A Low Down Dirty Shame, The Lion King, etc.

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CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4 listing Michael Douglas & Demi Moore, Tim Allen, etc.

THE Daily Crossword by Rena Campbell

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.



This date in history

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1994. There are 18 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Dec. 13, 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville, the flagship of an invasion fleet headed for Mindoro Island in the Philippines, was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze suicide attack which claimed 138 lives.

Paris had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York. In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman arrived in present-day New Zealand. In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter. In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston. In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat at the hands of the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg. In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit a European country while in office. In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in

movement. (Major provisions of the decree were lifted a year later; martial law formally ended in 1983.) Ten years ago: Artificial heart recipient William J. Schroeder suffered his first stroke after receiving the "Jarvik-seven" device at Humana Hospital Audubon in Louisville, Ky. Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 74. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 69. Actor Christopher Plummer is 67. Singer John Davidson is 53. Singer Ted Nugent is 46.

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON. A cartoon showing a character with a large head and a small body.

Monday's Puzzle solved: A grid of words and their definitions, such as 'Ship's pole', 'Appeared threateningly', etc.

Big Spring Herald advertisement including contact information, office hours, and a list of staff members.

Advertisement for The Far Side comic strip by Gary Larson, featuring a cartoon illustration.