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## Chase ends with capture of Wal-Mart thieves

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Three Snyder women are in custody after leading local law enforcement officials on a high speed chase through Big Spring and Howard County.

stole some purses, cigarettes and clothes from the Wal-Mart Supercenter around 10:45 Tuesday morning.

"A store employee, Debbie Williams, attempted to detain the suspects, grabbed the car handle and jumped into the car," said Sheriff's Deputy Ben-

nie Green.

Elizabeth Lopez, 19, Neri Elizabeth Sandoval, 19, and Olga C. Martinez, 33, then fled in a blue 1988 Pontiac vehicle toward Snyder on Highway 350.

A loss prevention officer with Wal-Mart, along with officers

from the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department, Permian Basin Drug Task Force and Department of Public Safety, pursued the vehicle. Several witnesses called in to report seeing the suspects and their car.

Williams then jumped out of

the moving vehicle about 12 miles north of town. The loss prevention officer stopped to assist her and called for an ambulance. She was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center Monday afternoon.

The three suspects continued to try to elude capture by driv-

ing on the back roads in the northeast part of the county. The driver lost control and flipped the car northeast of Coahoma.

All three were arrested and charged with robbery. Judge Bill Tune set bond at \$10,000 each and they remain in the city jail.

## Officials begin search for new CM

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Water Treatment Plant was a major topic of discussion during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Also, City Manager Lanny Lambert, who was named Monday to succeed Jim Blagg as Abilene's city manager, submitted his resignation to the council effective Jan. 13. And during the council's executive session, Assistant City Manager Tom Decell was installed as acting city manager.

Decell said, "We're in the process now of getting advertisements in the professional publications for a permanent city manager. We'll be getting resumes in and then we can start the selection process."

As for the WTP Lambert and Decell told the council that now is the time to do something about the problems at the plant this to be prepared for the sum-



Big Spring City Manager Lanny Lambert gives his final report to the city council at their scheduled meeting Tuesday. Lambert, who will become the new city manager in Abilene, formally announced his resignation during the session.

mer and to avoid possible penalties for non-compliance.

One problem at the plant is that of six filters being used three are not functioning prop-

erly and according to Decell, replacing two will allow the city to stay within compliance with regulations set by the EPA. Please see SEARCH, page 2A



## American Eagle crashes in fog; 15 passengers killed

MORRISVILLE, N.C. (AP) — An American Eagle commuter plane finishing its fifth trip in a daylong hopscootch across North Carolina crashed in fog and drizzling rain, killing 15 of the 20 people aboard.

Flight 3379 from Greensboro went down 3 miles from Raleigh-Durham International Airport about 6:40 p.m. Tuesday. The crash broke the fuselage in two and scattered wreckage across 500 yards of rugged woods, said airport spokeswoman Teresa Damiano.

Residents who rushed to the scene said they heard the cries of survivors as the plane's cockpit burned. One of the passengers was walking around in shock, looking for his wife.

"The way it was mangled, there was nothing I could do. I didn't want to hurt them any more than they were," David Stanley told The News & Observer of Raleigh. He went to lead rescue vehicles to the scene.

"There was one major piece, and the rest of it was a mix of fire, plane, trees and wire," Edmond Badham, Stanley's neighbor, told The Herald Sun of Durham.

It was the commuter airline's second crash in less than two months, but this time it involved a Jetstream Super 31, not one of the ATR models that were grounded because of con-

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## Finally, Apache Street will turn into Aztec as it was intended

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

A Coahoma resident will soon have the correct sign on his street after trying two years to have the problem fixed.

Troy Kerby bought a home in Coahoma several years ago and was told the house was on Aztec.

When he and his family moved in, the sign had been stolen and replaced with another sign saying the street name was Apache.

The state, county, 911 and title company all had his plat of land listed as being on Aztec Street but his address with the city was listed as Apache.

Kerby brought the matter to the Coahoma City Council during their regular meeting Tuesday night to discuss the problem.

He was concerned if there was an emergency at his home, 911 would have his address listed differently than he did, and

emergency personnel might have trouble finding the house.

Assistant City Superintendent Billy Sullivan had a map of Coahoma showing the Kerby residence was on Aztec Street and not Apache. Council member Bruce Allen mentioned there had been some mix-up of other signs in the city before.

Sullivan said he would correct the problem and replace the street sign with the right one. Council members voted unanimously to change the street sign.

In other council matters, three residents were given a discount on their water bills because of leaks on their property.

The city gives people discounts of one dollar per 1,000 gallons used over their monthly average.

Council members tabled action on upgrading the city's computer software, various water problems in the city and opening a bid for city equipment. Please see COAHOMA, page 2A

### FAILURE TO YIELD



Emergency crews tend to Patricia Joanne Ditto, 31 of HC 76 Box 157-10, who was rushed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center after being involved in an accident in the 3800 block of West Highway 80 Tuesday afternoon. Ditto was treated and released from the emergency room. She was cited for failure to yield right-of-way when exiting a private drive. The driver of the other vehicle, Douglas Wayne Blair, 27 of Odessa, was not injured.

## County renews abatement policy

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

During Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court, commissioners unanimously agreed to renew, for two more years, the county's tax abatement guidelines and criteria document.

The document establishes guidelines, criteria and a uniform policy of tax abatement for owners or lessees of eligible facilities willing to execute tax abatement contracts designed to provide long-term economic improvement to the community.

This improvement involves using area contractors and workers as much as possible, and by developing, redeveloping and improving property.

Other action taken by the Commissioners' Court included commissioners giving Howard County Librarian Lorraine Redman permission to accept an offer from Bluebonnet Savings to have first choice at purchasing any of the furniture, paintings, and plants left in the building. The bank won't be able to take everything when it moves.

According to Redman, some of Please see POLICY, page 2A

## Study showing strong probability of multiple causes of Gulf War illness

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study of more than 1,000 ailing Persian Gulf War veterans points strongly away from the idea of a single cause of their illnesses, the Pentagon reported Tuesday.

Most of those examined have known ailments, leaving researchers to focus on a relatively small number still suffering from unknown causes.

"There is no magic bullet," said Dr. Stephen Joseph, the assistant defense secretary for health affairs.

"It's clear that we have not identified a single or unique

cause or agent which would be responsible for a large number or significant proportion of the illnesses in our Persian Gulf veterans," Joseph said at a Pentagon news conference. In fact,

Joseph said, "the broad spread of symptoms and diagnoses that we're finding points very strongly away from there being

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**U.S. Trivia**  
Oberlin College refused to bar students due to race when?  
1898  
The Clayton Antitrust Law was passed when?  
Oct 15, 1914

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Tonight **56** ▲ Highs **40**  
Lows ▼

**Partly cloudy**  
Tonight, Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, low near 40, east to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

**Tomorrow**  
**Permian Basin Forecast**  
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, high mid 50s, east to southeast winds 10 to 15 mph; mostly cloudy night, chance of rain, low near 40.  
Friday: Mostly cloudy, chance of rain, high mid 50s.

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NEWS IN  
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Frost named head  
of campaign committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the new head of the House Democrats' main campaign committee, Texas Congressman Martin Frost is charged with grabbing control of the House back from Republicans in 1996. In a year when Democrats of all stripes received a massive dose of rejection from voters across the nation, the job is a tall order. But not an impossible one, says the eight-term Dallas lawmaker.

Cutting benefits to  
aliens will backfire

HARLINGEN (AP) — Blocking illegal immigrants from U.S. health services would aggravate medical problems for everyone, says the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"To deny access to preventive services to people who are in this country means that we increase the risk for everybody in this country," said Dr. David Satcher said Tuesday during a tour of the Texas-Mexico border.

Encouraged by Proposition 187 in California, many lawmakers in Congress and some states are advancing proposals to cut off government aid, including health care, to illegal immigrants.

Proposition 187, passed by California voters last month but now under constitutional challenge, would deny state-sponsored services such as education and non-emergency medical services to illegal immigrants.

"Preventative health care services are critical, and they are in everybody's interest," Satcher said.

Legal bugs delay  
aquifer action

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — City water officials had to back off from action to protect a runoff area that feeds water to the

Edwards aquifer.

The San Antonio Water System board postponed action on the rules for at least a week after concerns arose over whether they could be enforced. City Attorney Lloyd Garza declined to detail the problems, saying that to do so could compromise San Antonio's legal strategy.

"It's a mess, basically, if you want to know the truth," said board member Danielle Millam. "I'm a little frustrated."

The new rules, developed over the past five months by Mayor Nelson Wolff's Water Quality Task Force, would dramatically limit how much of the aquifer recharge zone could be covered with pavement and new construction.

Ag secretary  
selection closer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is drawing closer to picking a replacement for Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, with new attention being put on a veteran Democratic lawmaker who won re-election in November.

White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a decision could come this week, but probably not before Friday. Espy, under an ethics investigation, leaves office Dec. 31.

According to the White House officials and others, the strong candidates are Deputy Secretary Richard E. Rominger, defeated Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., and Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, the 14-year chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

The veteran Texas lawmaker is from Mission in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, an area that produces Texas' citrus crop and grows a large crop of winter vegetables.

Rominger is a farmer and former head of California's Agriculture Department. Glickman is a veteran lawmaker with farm bill experience, now seeking a job because he lost his re-election bid. De la Garza, though re-elected, will yield his chairmanship next year to Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

Standoff ends when shooter walks out

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A heavily armed man who had been holding his estranged wife hostage surrendered to police early today, ending what had been a bullet-punctuated 20-hour standoff with police.

Officers said the man, identified as Darrell Ray Harville, 35, simply walked out of the warehouse and surrendered at 6 a.m. He was taken into custody and driven from the scene. Charges were pending, officers said.

No one was injured, police said.

Officers had said earlier that

they believed Harville might have an arsenal on hand that included an assortment of assault-style firearms, a gas mask and possibly a grenade launcher.

The drama began about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday when the gunman stormed into the Tadashi Construction Co., brandishing his weapons. Harville's estranged wife, Lisa Harville, is employed at Tadashi Construction.

As the business owner and a delivery man fled, Mrs. Harville called the 911 operator and advised that someone was

threatening to shoot her, Police Chief Henry Garrett said.

The man fired at the first squad car to arrive, but the two arriving officers did not return fire, Garrett said.

Police Capt. Perfecto Rodriguez said one officer at the scene described the riddled vehicle as "a piece of Swiss cheese."

Another squad car arrived with two more patrolmen, but the four officers were pinned down by gunfire. Two special-tactics teams using a garbage truck as a shield rescuing the

trapped officers unharmed about noon, Garrett said.

"We've got a very dangerous situation here," Garrett said. "We have a very explosive, dangerous situation and we want to respond accordingly."

Negotiators tried to persuade the man to release his wife, but the gunman told police he had an ammunition drum containing 100 bullets and threatened to fire them at police, Garrett said.

"Harville is making no demands, and he is not threatening anyone," Garrett said.

Jail  
hanging  
considered  
murder

EL PASO (AP) — A 26-year-old man found hanging in the El Paso County Jail may have been the victim of a homicide, the sheriff said.

The body of Richard Bracknell, 26, was found hanging from a curtain rod in a jail shower early Monday.

Bracknell, a suspected member of the Mexican Mafia prison gang, had a long sock around his neck, officials said.

"It looks like it may be murder," said Sheriff Leo Samaniego said Tuesday. "There are a lot of inconsistencies in the way the body was found hanging."

Bracknell was in a jail tank containing 12 other members of the gang. Samaniego said sheriff's deputies were questioning gang members about the death.

Guards woke Bracknell at 4:30 a.m. Monday, the day he was to go on trial on two counts of sexual assault and one count of aggravated kidnapping. About 45 minutes later, his body was found hanging, Samaniego said.

He was the sixth prisoner to die in the jail this year.

GIVING A HISS ABOUT BUGS



Kyle Wilson and Cecil Brogdon get tickled handling Madagascar hissing cockroaches at the Insect Expo in Dallas. The Waxahachie elementary school students were among the more than 2,500 children expected to attend the free event.

Pesticide regulatory board under fire

AUSTIN (AP) — Pesticide regulation in Texas was under fire after a state report said the board responsible for coordinat-

ing policies on farm chemicals hasn't done its job.

"The public is not getting the protection from the hazards of

the use of agriculture chemicals that they deserve," Reggie James of Consumers Union said Tuesday.

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Decades-old question  
raises its head again

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Clinton administration grapples over how to consolidate and make government smaller, officials are facing a decades-old question: Should management of the nation's nuclear weapons program be in military or civilian hands?

It is an issue as old as the Cold War when in 1946 President Truman asked Congress to create the Atomic Energy Commission so it, and not the Pentagon, would develop and produce nuclear weapons. The AEC eventually became part of the Energy Department, where defense nuclear programs today account for two-thirds of a \$18.5 billion budget.

With the new Republican-led Congress targeting the department for possible extinction, the Clinton administration in recent days has been debating whether to break up the department, administration officials acknowledged Tuesday.

Michigan man accused  
of being Nazi SS guard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is trying to strip U.S. citizenship from a former Michigan tool and die maker it says was a Nazi SS concentration camp and inmate transport guard during World War II.

An attorney for the man, Ferdinand Hammer, 73 of Sterling Heights, Mich., called the charges "totally false."

In a complaint filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Detroit, the department's Office of Special Investigations, which hunts Nazis in this country, moved to strip Hammer of his U.S. citizenship.

The complaint said Hammer concealed his 1944-45 service as a concentration camp guard and as a guard of prisoners on transports and his service in SS Death's Head Battalions when he applied for citizenship in the United States in 1955 and when he applied for citizenship in 1963.

Hammer's attorney, William E. Bufalino, said, "We categorically deny the charges. They are totally false and malicious."

McGovern's daughter  
found dead in Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The daughter of former presidential candidate George McGovern was found dead behind a building.

Theresa J. McGovern, 45, presumably died of exposure, said Lt. Richard Reinhart. An autopsy was scheduled for this afternoon.

"There doesn't appear to be any foul play," Reinhart said.

Study finds more homeless hit by vagrancy laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — More local governments are penalizing the homeless with anti-vagrancy laws, but many also are looking for alternatives to outright banishment of street people, according to a study by homeless advocacy group.

The 49-city analysis by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty released

today found 62 percent of cities enacted or enforced anti-panhandling laws this year.

One-fourth of them either conducted police sweeps of shopping districts or trendy neighborhoods, restricted homeless peoples' use of public places or targeted them for arrest. Some cities also enforced zoning or building codes to shut down

homeless service providers or prevent the opening of new service centers.

"For many cities, doing something about homelessness has increasingly meant doing something to homeless people instead of doing something to address their plight," researchers said.

However, 31 percent of cities

adopted new programs to aid homeless people, 23 percent developed training and outreach for police and 38 percent adopted alternatives to anti-panhandling ordinances, the study said.

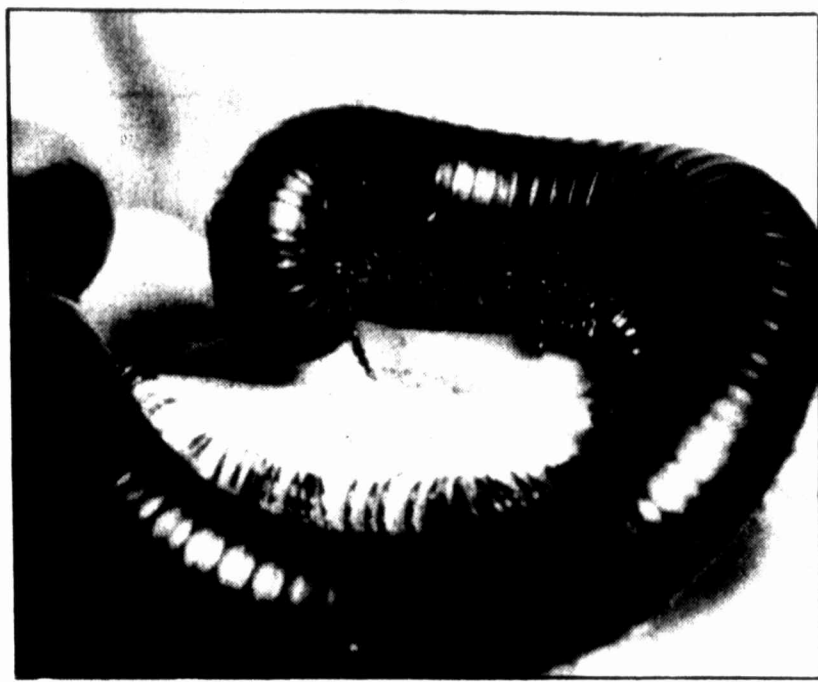
Among the alternatives were programs that took services to homeless people in public places, or allowed citizens to

give vouchers for services to beggars, rather than cash.

"That's the good news. There is a ray of hope," said the center's director, Maria Foscarinis.

The study found an increase in the use of local ordinances against homeless people. Last year, all 16 cities surveyed used anti-vagrancy laws to push homeless people from view.

FOOT-LONG - MILLIPEDE?



Millipedes crawl along the fingers of a Minnesota Zoo employee in Apple Valley, Minn. in this file photo. The zoo plans to submit photos of a foot-long millipede lying against a ruler to the Guinness Book of Records to prove its length.

Head Start  
faces tougher  
scrutiny by  
Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Years of steady growth in the Head Start program are likely to come to an end as Republicans promise tougher scrutiny and tighter budgets for the program.

A cornerstone of the 1960s war on poverty, Head Start has grown steadily over the years and now provides comprehensive education and health services to 745,000 low-income, preschool children in thousands of classrooms nationwide.

Backed by a grassroots network of parents, teachers and community leaders, Head Start became a part of President Reagan's safety net in the 1980s when other anti-poverty programs were being slashed.

A decade later, when the deficit led to cuts in programs for the poor, such as emergency food assistance, Head Start continued to claim a larger slice of the federal budget.

With the Republican takeover of Congress, the days of steady expansions for Head Start may be over. But there have been no promises to dismantle the program from GOP lawmakers who say the Great Society social programs ruin the poor and create a culture of violence, and who propose drastic changes in the way cash and food benefits are provided to the elderly, disabled and single-parent families.

"I don't think Republicans are going to mess with Head Start. It's just a hot button. There's no sense in rattling that cage," says Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr., a Florida Republican who is in line to oversee welfare reform as the chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on human resources.

"Head Start is generally working. We can do a lot better, but it's doing a lot of good for a lot of folks," Shaw said in an interview.

Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., who will take over the House Education and Labor Committee in January and oversee Head Start, says the program will get serious scrutiny and could see its \$3.5 billion budget temporarily frozen.

Eight states are left in  
the dark when power  
grid suffered disruption

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A disruption in the power grid criss-crossing the West cut power in eight states early today, leaving 1 million customers without electricity in California and another 100,000 people in Seattle in the dark.

The 500,000-volt system went down early today, said Lyle LaFaver, a spokesman for Pacific Gas and Electric, which serves Northern California.

LaFaver said the shutdown might have been caused by a fire at a substation in Los Banos.

"We're swamped trying to get this thing under control," he said.

The other states affected were Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington state, Idaho and Montana.

The total number of people hit by the blackout was not immediately known, and the cause of the outage was under investigation, LaFaver said.

Seattle City Light said the outage began near Oakland, but LaFaver said it wasn't clear where the problem originated.

Montana Power spokesman Court Freeman said several cities reported power failure, including Billings, Butte and Helena.

Utah Power & Light said the problem caused some lights to dim and brighten, but there were no known outages in the state.

Arizona Public Service Co., which provides power to most of the state, had no reports of outages but had "things like traffic lights going on and off for no reason," said Lynne Adams, a utility spokeswoman.

Lights flickered in Boise, Idaho, but Idaho State Police didn't have any reports of large-scale outages.

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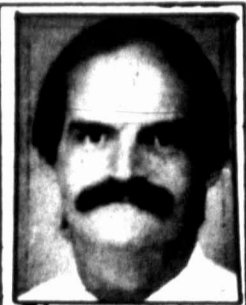
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# Sports fans just want games

Random thoughts while washing the car:  
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New item: Fifty-one percent of those surveyed said they'd watch baseball games next year, even if the teams



Steve Reagan  
Sports Writer

were composed of replacement players.  
Reaction: Why is this news? Americans have long been sports addicts, which means they absolutely must have their teams to root for. If that means having a roster full of duds and wanna-bes, so be it.  
I've heard a few folks talk about how the baseball owners wouldn't dare try to field replacement-player teams, how the American baseball fan is too discriminating to settle for second-rate games played by second-rate players.  
To quote a relative of mine:

Bull hockey. People are, by and large, sheep, and baseball fans are no different. As long as we have our games on TV, we can delude ourselves into thinking the players on the tube are just as talented as the real major leaguers.  
With our love of the underdog thrown in, we'll probably develop an affinity for these would-be stars. Of course, the media will jump right in. I can just see all the heart-warming features about the mechanic from Plattsburgh, N.Y. realizing his long-held dream of being a big-

league catcher, or the career journeyman finally cracking the starting rotation of the Mets.  
Oh, yes, we'll watch, and gladly so. Who cares if the talent is mediocre at best? The important thing is that the games are being played.  
The owners must know this little fact. The only surprise is that the greedy blood-suckers haven't implemented replacement games already. Their little ferret eyes must be gleaming at the thought of charging the sheep (us) major-league prices for minor-league games, know-

ing full well we'll fork over the cash in a heartbeat.  
You think the players are overpaid? Wait'll you get a gander at the team's balance sheets after a few weeks of replacement games. These poor, poverty-stricken owners will be awash in more money than they could imagine.  
And as for the players on strike? Well, in finest American sports fan tradition, we'll forget about them just as soon as they're off the tube for awhile.  
We'll be too busy watching the games.  
Such as they are.

## Boys

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the lead for good. After the game, Bellinghausen admitted the team felt a bit of deja vu coming on during the third quarter freeze.

The Steers are in action again Friday when they take on Friendship in Wolforth. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Final scores:  
Forsan 17, 14, 14, 21, 63  
Sterling City 12, 15, 12, 21, 65

Final scores:  
Forsan 34, 42, 13, 16, 105  
Sterling City 31, 35, 12, 21, 103

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Forsan 34, 42, 13, 16, 105  
Sterling City 31, 35, 12, 21, 103

## Forsan

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Forsan (8-4) led most of the way, but Sterling City sank five three pointers in the second half to stay within striking distance. When Forsan's offense sputtered in the fourth quarter, Sterling City indeed struck - the Lady Eagles took a 42-41 lead on P.J. Freegan's 19-foot baseline jumper with two minutes remaining in regulation.

Forsan - playing without starter Tasha Hillger, who was ill - regained the lead when Nicole Johnson scored down low on a pass from Laurie Light, but Jana Gaston's three-point play put Sterling City up 5-43.

Sterling City had the ball with nine seconds left, but Forsan's defense prevented it from passing the ball in bounds, forcing a five-second call. Forsan point guard Deborah Light, who led all scorers with 17 points, canned two free throws with five seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Forsan took a 49-47 lead in the overtime on Laurie Light's layup with 1:35 to go, but Sterling City's Julie McEntire drained a three pointer with 28 seconds left to give the Lady Eagles a 50-49 lead. Forsan had chances after that, but Johnson and Tara DeLaGanza missed the front ends of 1-and-1 situations as Forsan's hopes dwindled.

"Too many mistakes in the fourth quarter cost us," said Forsan coach Johnny Schafer. "Surely it was a good game from the spectator's standpoint. Sterling City hit six three pointers - three or four in the third quarter - and that's tough."

Melinda Bodine led Sterling City with 15 points.

Forsan will host Borden County in a boys-girls double-header Friday.

Final scores:  
Sterling City 9, 5, 17, 14, 6, 51  
Forsan 5, 15, 15, 10, 4, 49

Final scores:  
Sterling City, Bodine 15, Smith 9, Rogers 4,  
Washburn 3, Paul B, Rodriguez 6, Freeman 2,  
Pelly 1, Schubert 0, McIntire 0.  
Forsan, Light 17, DeLaGanza 6, D. Light  
20, Johnson 15, Light 2, Burton 2, Carter 2,  
Hughes 1.

Final scores:  
Three-point goals - Bodine 3, Smith 2.  
Free-throw shooting -  
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## Gift of sight lives on with eye donations

### Lions Club encourages all to become eye donors

By JANET AUSBURY  
Features Editor

Eye donations may not be the first thing that comes to people's minds when they think of gifts. However, it could be one of the most useful gifts a person could give.

At the Nov. 28 Evening Lions Club meeting, local residents Barbara Brooks and Bob Moore discussed their certification as technicians to remove eyes from donors.

Brooks, a retired nurse, and Moore, a funeral director for Nalley-Pickle and Welch, trained in Sweetwater a few weeks ago and learned the relatively simple procedure.

What is not so simple, they explained, is convincing people to become eye donors. Many people do not want to think about donating their organs after death.

However, those who do can help others immeasurably. Moore hopes someday technology will allow his son Brad to be one of those who are helped.

Brad, 16, lost an eye at age 5 in a BB-gun accident. Right now, no medical procedure exists that can give him a new, functioning eye.

"It hits very close to home," he told the Lions Club members. "It may not be in my lifetime, but hopefully in my son's, technology will have complete eye transplants."

However, those with various eye diseases can be helped by transplants of corneas, scleras and lenses from healthy eyes.

Those who wish to be donors can fill out a form when first obtaining or renewing their drivers' licenses. A donor form can also be obtained from the Lions Club.

The Lions Club form instructs that the donors' eyes be given to the District 2-A1 Lions Eye Bank in San Angelo, the district that Big Spring belongs to.

Brooks and Moore acknowledged that some people may be reluctant to donate their eyes because of disease or eyesight problems. Even diseased eyes that can't be used for transplants are welcome because



**Bob Moore and Barbara Brooks explain the importance of eye donations while addressing the Nov. 28 Evening Lions Club meeting. Moore and Brooks recently became certified to remove eyes for donation.**

they can be used for research.

Moore added that families of potential eye donors sometimes worry about viewings and open-casket funerals. "I assure you that required restoration can be accomplished so that

public or family viewing can take place," he said. "You would never know the person had donated their eyes."

Brooks displayed the items used to transport eyes once they are removed from the

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**Bob Moore**

donor. Eyes must be retrieved within six to eight hours after death.

Moore explained that donor eyes are removed at the funeral home, not at the hospital. Technicians wear gloves, masks and remove the eye under sterile conditions, for the safety of both the technician and the eventual recipient.

In the District 2-A1 area, potential donor eyes have been lost either because trained technicians weren't available or because couriers couldn't be found.

Transporting the eyes can be difficult. Couriers must drive long distances. Bob Noyes, who coordinates the local Lions eyesight and eye bank efforts, recalled a person who took a donor eye to Sterling City for transport elsewhere, then drove up to Lamesa to send another donor eye farther north - all in one night.

Benefits of donor eyes, in

addition to eye transplants, include development of common eye medications, treatments for eye diseases, contact lens solutions and contact lens themselves.

Convincing people of the benefits of eye transplants isn't tough. The challenge is encouraging them to take the final step and sign the Lions Club card or driver's license form that makes them eye donors.

Eye donors should let family members know their wishes. The next of kin has the final authority over removal of organs for donations.

Once a person has decided to become an eye donor and has taken steps to make their wishes known, there is one more step they can take to help. Brooks and Moore said. That step is to talk to others and convince them to become donors.

Increased eye donations means increased transplants, and increased research that may eventually bring eyesight to those who currently can't have it even with the best medical help available.

"Be an eye for Brad," Moore asked Lions Club members. "Because some day, people are going to see out of complete eye transplants."

### Christmas candy can be tricky

Candy is a special holiday treat that almost everyone enjoys. However, if you have ever made candy, you know that sometimes there is no joy in making it.



**Dana Tarter**  
Extension Agent

There are so many factors that affect candy making. The weather has to be just right, the cooking temperature is of the utmost importance, you stir until your arm feels like a wet noodle and some say you have to hold your mouth just right.

All of these things together, and perhaps a little good luck, make for good holiday candy. If you are planning to make Christmas candy, you should find the following tips helpful.

Humidity affects the making of candy. Any candy is best when made on a cool, dry day. If you have to make candy on a humid day, cook the candy to a degree or two higher than recommended in the recipe.

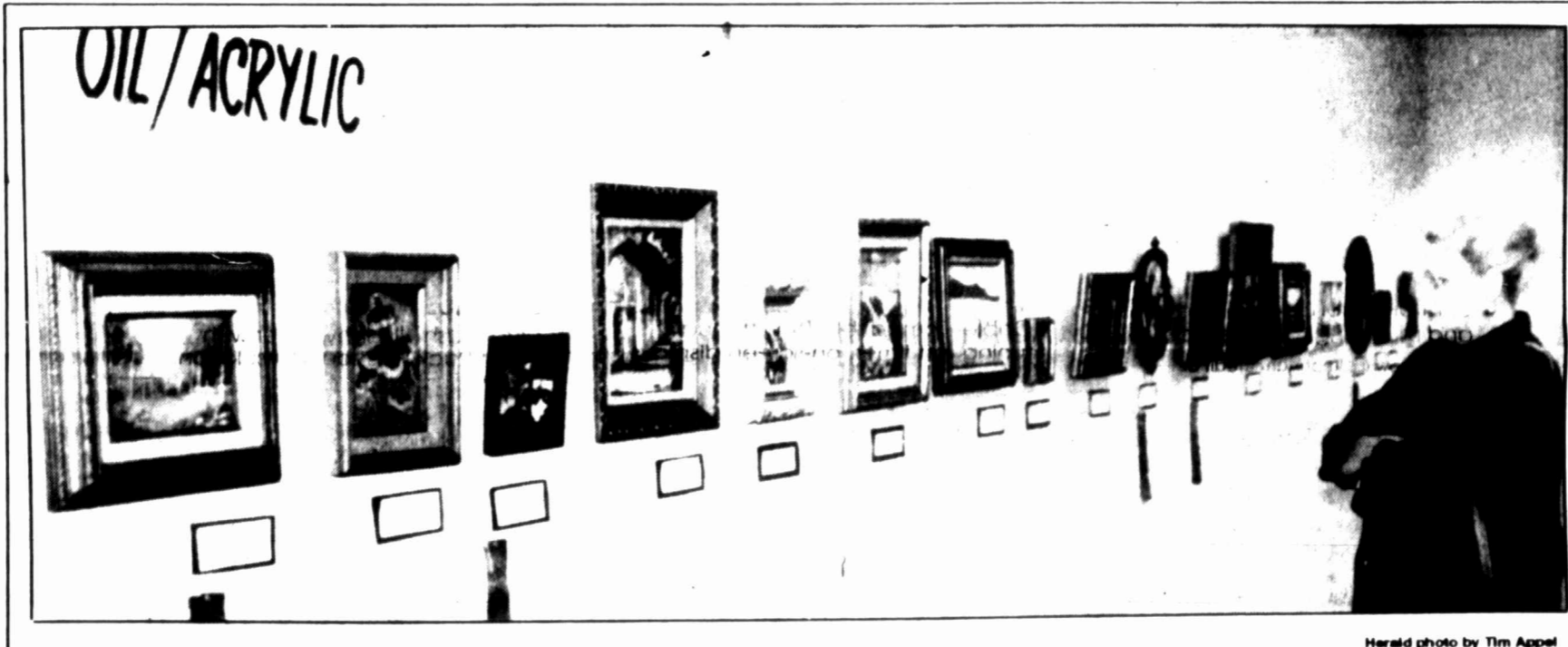
It is important to follow the directions exactly, including all measurements and cooking temperatures. Be sure to use the recommended size heavy pan; this helps to prevent candy from boiling over.

Use a candy thermometer to ensure the most successful candy making session. It is important to check the accuracy of the thermometer before each use.

To do this, place the thermometer in boiling water. It should register 212 degrees Fahrenheit. Add or subtract the same number of degrees from the recipe and cook the candy to that temperature.

When using a candy thermometer, clip it to the side of the pan. Be sure that the bulb of the thermometer is completely covered with the liquid and it should not touch the bottom of the pan. Temperature readings are more accurate if the thermometer remains in the liquid and the reading is taken at eye level.

If a candy thermometer is not available, one can use the cold water test to determine the candy's temperature. This test is done by dropping a small amount of the candy mixture



Sally Wilson slowly walks by and views the talent of local artists at an art show and sale by the Big Spring Art Association at the Big Spring Mall.

### Ex-graffiti artist claims new life

By DEBORAH HASTINGS  
Associated Press Writer

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — In this desolate, bone-chilling desert, Chaka has found God.

Just don't mention religion. "It's more spiritual," he insists. "OK? Don't call it religion. It's a spiritual war against the old me."

The old Chaka is an infamous, PCP-smoking hoodlum who painted his nickname on thousands of billboards, light posts and cinderblock walls from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

The new Chaka, a k a Daniel Ramos, says he is a drug-free, born-again Christian. He lives in an unlicensed rehab center about 75 miles north of his East Los Angeles home.

Ramos wants to make a movie of his life, and intends to take acting lessons so he can play himself. He does a national Christian television series and appears in a public service announcement seen in Southern California movie theaters.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, you name it, he sprayed it. Big, bold graffiti letters spelling CHAKA were seemingly everywhere.

To his Eastside homeboys, Ramos was a hero. To police and prosecutors, he was just an arrogant, destructive vandal with good penmanship.

He grew up amid gunfire and blood, and was once shot by gang members who mistook him for his gangbanger brother. His first arrest came at 17. Ramos vandalized an estimated 10,000 public places in a criminal career spanning some four years, numerous arrests and

two incarcerations.

In 1991, Municipal Commissioner Robert Sandoval ordered him to complete 1,560 hours of community service, including removing some of his own graffiti. Ramos never finished that sentence.

Last winter, he pleaded guilty to petty theft for stealing a compact disc player.

Former Los Angeles city prosecutor Peter Shutan saw him about two months later. He was accompanied by his new mentor, street evangelist Joseph "JoJo" Sanchez, a former gang member and heroin addict.

"When he came to court, he was using a lot of religious-sounding words," Shutan said. "But there was something odd about it. It didn't sound right. I don't know how to explain it. He just wasn't making any sense and I wasn't buying into it."

"He was obviously bored to death, and he wanted a lot of attention," Shutan said.

Johnny Odom, director of the Aliso Pico Community Center, where Ramos was ordered by the courts to remove his moniker from a wall, said word on the street is that Chaka has changed.

"Oh, yes ma'am. He had a big head," Odom said. "He was all swelled up. He thought the sun rose and set on him. But he doesn't hang out with the homeboys anymore. Some people say he's going to be a priest or something. I hear he's doing real good."

At his ramshackle cluster of buildings on 40 acres of dirt, Sanchez feeds, preaches to and gets manual labor from 26 men with serious criminal and drug abuse histories. In exchange, they sign over their monthly



Ex-graffiti artist "Chaka," whose real name is Daniel Ramos, poses with his Bible after church. At right is one of his drawings on a mural in a Lancaster, Calif., clothing store.

welfare checks.

The men must sign contracts agreeing to abide by 54 military-like regulations.

Each day begins at 4:30 a.m. and includes mandatory Bible study followed by a full day of construction work at the compound, which is being remodeled.

The 42-year-old preacher and the 22-year-old tagger have embarked on a series of high-profile endeavors, including the public service announcement, about AIDS prevention, and a secular movie currently in development.

"It's for a righteous cause," says Ramos. "I want to bring hope to those who are lost, blind, hurting."

### IN THE BAG food news and views

In the dark of winter, vitamin C is a reminder of brighter days ahead. Following is a chart showing how much vitamin C you get in various popular fruits:

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Cantaloupe	1/4 med.	5	oz. 90
Grapefruit	1/2 med.	5.5	oz. 90
Tangerine	2 med.	85	Honeydew 1/10 med; 5 oz. 35
Pineapple	2 slices; 4 oz.	35	Peach 2 med; 6 oz. 20
Banana	1 med; 4.5 oz.	15	Cherries 1 cup; 5 oz. 10
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(Source: California Kiwifruit Commission with data from FDA)

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— Scripps Howard News Service

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Zoe, a purebred pug eyes Santa Claus, Russ Maticek Jr., during a photo session at a pet supply store in Glendale, Wis.

Girl's family sues over medicine side effects

By TRICIA CIARAVINO  
Thomson News Service

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Elizabeth Killen came home from school with head lice when she was six years old.

There was no way to know back in 1987 how severely the incident — a common problem with school-age children — would disrupt her life.

Elizabeth was treated with R&C Lice Shampoo, distributed by the New Jersey company Reed & Carnrick, along with her sister, Heidi, and her mother, Carol.

Carol maintains pesticides contained in the products caused severe medical problems for her family by penetrating the central nervous systems of those who used it.

The Killens are suing Reed & Carnrick, its parent corporation, Block Drug Co., Inc., and several other unnamed parties. They are seeking \$30,000 in special damages plus money for general damages, punitive damages and the cost of the lawsuit.

A legal representative from Block would not comment on the lawsuit because he had not received a copy of it yet, he said.

Several similar lawsuits are in the works, said Thomas Burton, the Killen's attorney in Pleasanton, Calif.

The National Pediculosis Association reports an average of 50 telephone calls per day regarding the insects and the treatments available, said Deborah Altschuler, NPA founder.

NPA was started in 1982 after Altschuler's daughter came home from school with head lice. The local group has since grown into a national educational organization.

"The physician prescribed one bottle after another," she said. "I started looking it up and I was horrified. The same doctor that immunized my children was prescribing poisons."

But there is no other treatment available, some public health experts say.

"Some shampoos are not recommended for children, infants or women who are pregnant or breast feeding," said Shelley Lanser, manager of the communicable disease program for the Utah Health Department.

"The insecticides kill bugs

but you don't want them to soak into the skin," Lanser said. "You don't want them to get in the blood stream. People who use too much can have a toxic reaction. It goes beyond killing the little critters. Anytime you put it on the skin you need to be careful."

Lice are treated with the trade-name pesticides pyrethrin, derived from chrysanthemums, or pyrimethrin, which is also used to treat Lyme disease.

Altschuler said her organization has received unfavorable reports about all lice and scabies medications, not just the ones named in the Killen's lawsuit.

Carol Killen maintains she and her three daughters have suffered from costly medical problems since 1987 because they used lice shampoo and spray and scabies cream, containing pesticides, manufactured or distributed by the companies named in the lawsuit.

Elizabeth broke out in a rash after using the treatment, was subsequently treated for scabies and finally was diagnosed with chronic hives. She had won a guaranteed two-year modeling contract but has never been able to act on it, because she never knows when the hives will strike.

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Twice-stalked victim writes book

FORT WORTH (AP) — It began with anonymous phone calls and escalated to obscene threats.

The target: a divorced, single mother.

"She complained to police, who were powerless. Then, on a hot summer night in 1977, an intruder broke into the woman's suburban Fort Worth home, raped and brutalized her and threatened her 5-year-old daughter.

Captured and convicted, the assailant was assessed a 20-year prison term.

"I'll get you and kill you when I get out ...," he warned her.

Unknown to the victim, he was quietly released six years later. And soon he was back, even more deranged than before.

Such is the chilling theme of "Stalked," a new book by La Vonne Skalias about her terrifying ordeal that, in a sense, continues to this day. A cover quotation slashes to the heart of the story:

"I was stalked and raped by the same man twice ... and the system didn't protect me."

Told with the aid of freelance writer Barbara Davis, "Stalked" is a first person account of a story that seems almost too grotesque to be true.

Ms. Skalias recounts in graphic detail the sadistic attacks and the telephone taunts and threats of an assailant as vile as he is vicious. She also exposes the flaws in an often cruel and insensitive system that seems weighted in favor of the criminal.

You meet kind and competent investigators and prosecutors, but rarely.

The book suffers slightly



La Vonne Skalias poses at her Fort Worth home, which she has fortified against attackers like the man who raped her twice and cut off her thumb. She has written a book about her experiences as a stalking victim.

when the authors stray from the facts for an occasional melodramatic flourish, which, given the cold, raw truth, is not only unnecessary but mildly disruptive.

But it is a minor defect. The anonymous calls began in 1974, when Ms. Skalias was married, but the book opens with the first attack, in June 1977. She is divorced and living with her young daughter, Michelle.

She is awakened at 2 a.m. by the sounds of shattering glass. "You either cooperate and satisfy me," hisses the knife-wielding man, "or I'll go rape and kill your little girl, and you can watch me do it."

Later, in a photographic layout, she identifies her assailant, Lanny Gene Bevers Jr., a young soldier who

shipped out to Germany the day after the attack.

Investigators also find Bevers' fingerprints on a kitchen door window.

In March 1978, after a week-long trial, a jury convicts Bevers of aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon and assesses 20 years in the state prison.

"I am appalled that the sentence is so light," Ms. Skalias says.

On Sept. 7, 1984, La Vonne Skalias is working for the local school district and still living in the same home with her daughter, nearly 12.

Sometime after 3 a.m., an intruder with a stocking over his head kicks in the door of her bedroom, pounces on her and begins slashing at her with a knife. He has a pistol in the other hand.

"It can't be Bevers," she would recall thinking. "He is still in prison. This is just a dream. It cannot be happening again ... not to me ... not to me."

In time, La Vonne Skalias came to grips with her ordeal, if not totally overcoming it.

On March 19, 1993, with pen in hand and flash bulbs popping, Gov. Ann Richards turned to her during an Austin ceremony and whispered: "I think we should call this the 'La Vonne Skalias Anti-Stalking Bill.'"

Michelle Skalias, now 22, has married and moved away. La Vonne Skalias says she, too, will go into hiding if, as expected, Bevers is released from prison in 2005.

"I have no doubt he intends to come back for me and my daughter," she said.

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The recipe should indicate the temperature and the stage the candy should reach when done.

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**Pen pals meet in multicultural program**

By MARY ESCH  
Associated Press Writer

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. (AP) — When the four buses arrived at Woodstock Elementary School on a recent morning, they were greeted by children holding signs decorated with rainbows, peace signs and yin-yang symbols.

"Hola," called the children. "Todos los niños sonríen en la misma lengua" declared a banner in the main lobby. "All children smile in the same language."

The Woodstock kids and the children from New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood had corresponded, and now they would have a chance to spend the day together.

The idea, said Woodstock Principal Ronne Marantz, was to bring together children of different cultures so they can develop an appreciation for the diversity of language, customs, geography, and lifestyle not only on a global scale, but within their own state and nation.

"The spirit of multiculturalism really needs to be done one-on-one with kids," said Marantz. "It can't be experienced through textbooks."

The town of Woodstock, snug-gled between Overlook and Ohayo mountains in the Catskills, has 6,290 residents along winding roads lined with stone walls and woods. The population is mostly white, middle class.

The school is on the edge of the village of Woodstock, founded as an arts colony in 1902 by English Utopian philosopher Ralph Whitehead. Today it's still a thriving colony of artists, writers, musicians and shopkeepers.

Salome Urena Middle Academies are in a high-poverty, high-crime inner-city neighborhood 90 miles south of here. While the neighborhood is poor, the 3-year-old public school offers riches unknown to most schoolchildren.

The 1,350 6th-to-8th graders at Salome Urena choose among five academies: expressive arts; business; law; community service; and science and mathematics. The Children's Aid



Gregory Heyward of New York's Salome Urenas Middle Academies, left, and Cody Torn of Woodstock Elementary School chat on the playground at the Woodstock, N.Y. school. This was the first opportunity for the pen pals to meet since they started exchanging letters and videos in October.

Society is housed within the school. There are medical and dental clinics. "Our school is open seven days a week, and until 11 at night," said Alejandro Soto, a vice principal. "We have a 99 percent attendance rate."

**Wedding's bad start turns into fun**

DEAR ABBY: You recently asked for wedding horror stories, so we are sending ours. The vocalist at the ceremony



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

(the bride's sister) got so emotional in the middle of her solo, she choked up, burst into tears and was unable to sing another note.

Then, when the minister asked the friends and family to signify their blessings of the union, a little girl shrieked at the top of her lungs, "No!"

In the middle of the outdoor reception, rain began to fall. Immediately following the ceremony, the groom had to change

from his tuxedo into his street clothes because his best man, who was going to return the groom's tux to the rental place, got an emergency phone call and had to leave early. The two bartenders got drunk, left the bar, and started dancing with the female guests. Then everybody started helping themselves to the liquor.

And guess what? We've never had a better time at a wedding. It all depends on your attitude. If you're uptight about every little thing that doesn't go as planned, you'll have a horrible time. Life is like that — totally unpredictable, and much more fun if you just take things as they come. — JAN AND HAD DAYR IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR JAN AND HADDAYR: There are times when a sense of humor can turn what some would call a tragedy into a comedy. And this was one of them. Congratulations!

**HOROSCOPE**

FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1994

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will talk up a storm and deal well with others. Let your more happy-go-lucky personality come out. Remain optimistic about what you want. Be clear. Another may be temperamental today. Be careful what you say. Tonight: Chat up a storm. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pressure is intense when dealing with others. Someone may not agree with your financial decisions and, worse yet, could let you know in no uncertain way. Go with the moment, and feel positive about your options. Tonight: Let your happy-go-lucky side emerge. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are full of fun and spontaneity. A family member may be more quarrelsome than you're willing to tolerate. Listen carefully to what others say. A positive attitude goes far. Tonight: Let your personality melt barriers. You are on course. \*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are talkative. Because you are so tuned in to your options, you will do well. Listen to what another offers, be clear about what you want and be open to a change. Gather information before you make a statement. Tempers flare. Tonight: Vanish. \*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Zero in on a money situation, and focus on long-term goals. Don't get hung up with irrelevant issues. Be positive about what you want. Listen to what another offers. Don't do anything halfway right now. You are a winner. Tonight: Hang out with friends. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take responsibility. Others do not agree with you and let you know in no uncertain terms. Pushing someone to think like you could be a big mistake. Tempers can flare easily, and you could say things you regret. Tonight: Kiss and make up. \*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are full of ideas and may need to evaluate your choices and direction. A light approach proves successful in dealing with others. Know what you want, and be willing to ask for what you need. Listen to instincts and you will come out on top. Tonight: Work late. \*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tempers flare, and you need to get past an immediate problem. Discussions need to revolve around funds and a partnership. Refuse to get into a power play with a partner. Be easygoing. Make time for a key one-to-one discussion. Tonight: Go for closeness. \*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are full of fun and are extremely spirited. Be careful how you present yourself when dealing with another who could misread your naughty spirit. Opportunities come your way that are very unusual and exciting. Say yes. Tonight: Make merry. \*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be nurturing in how you approach a co-worker. A last-minute idea or change of plans may have you down in the dumps. Be light and easy, and remain optimistic. Know what is and what is not acceptable. Do not do anything halfway right now. Tonight: Work late. \*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are full of life and spirit. You want to make a distinct impression on someone. Be upbeat, and know what you want. Another truly cares about you, and you see your relationship in a new light.

Tonight: Be wild, but be careful of a jealous partner. \*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Anchor in, prioritize and be willing to ask for what you want. The more upbeat you are, the more positive the result. You know where you are going and what's important. Listen carefully to another's offer. This person is serious. Tonight: Stay home. \*\*\*

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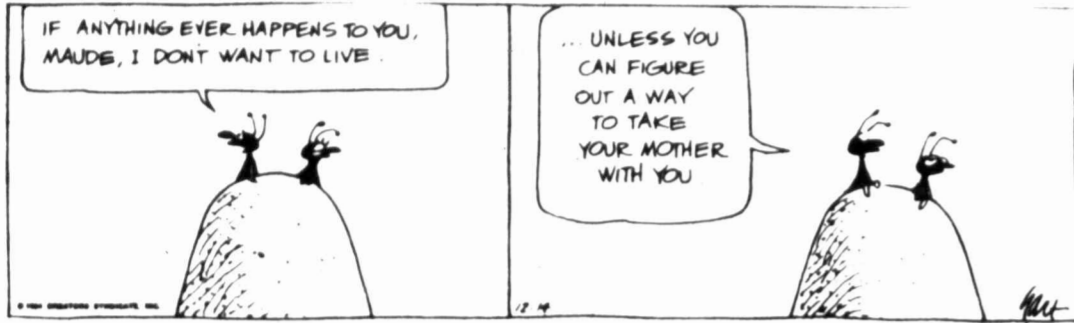


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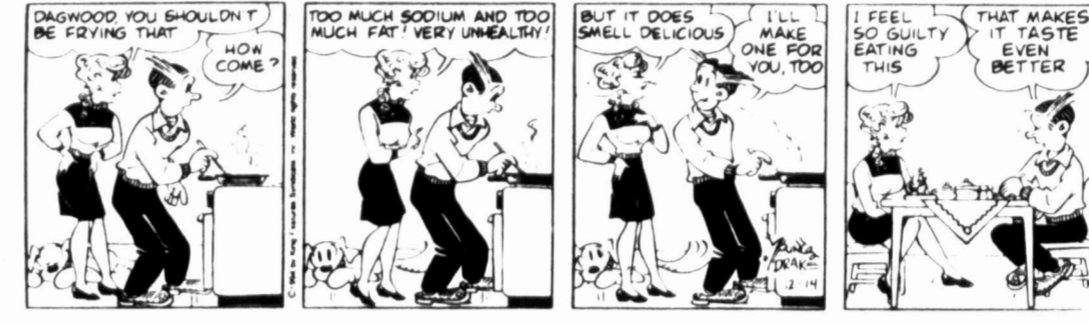
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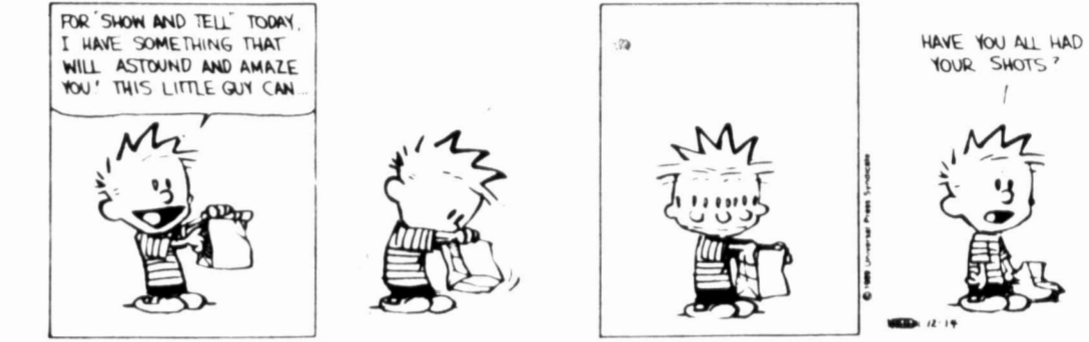
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This date in history. Today is Wednesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 1994. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67, nearly three years after leaving office. On this date: In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state. In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London. In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott. In 1939, the Soviet Union was formed by the League of Nations. In 1945, Josef Kramer, known as "the beast of Belsen," and ten others were hanged in Hameln for crimes committed at the Belsen and Auschwitz Nazi concentration camps. In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish the U.N.'s headquarters in New York. In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner II approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet's atmosphere and surface temperature. In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered to police after holding 23 persons hostage for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen. In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967. In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. In 1988, President Reagan authorized the U.S. to enter into a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, after chairman Yasser Arafat said he was renouncing "all forms of terrorism." Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine, is 97. Comedian-actor Morey Amsterdam is 80. Country singer Charlie Rich is 62. Singer Abbe Lane is 62. Actor-director George Furth is 62. Actress Patty Duke is 48.

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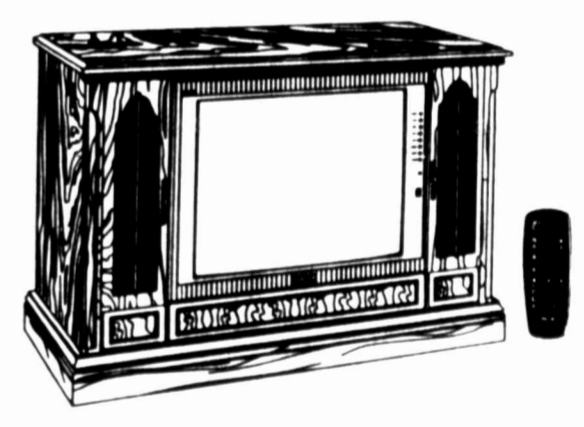


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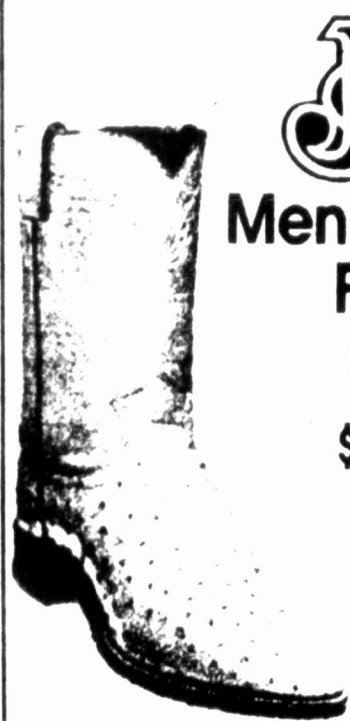
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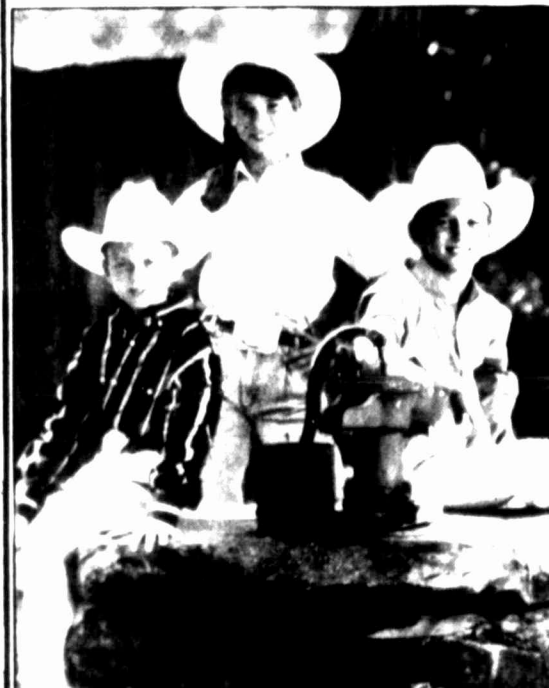
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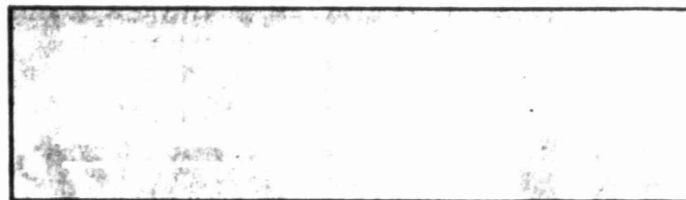
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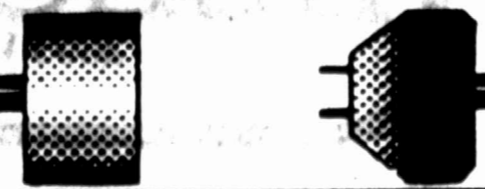
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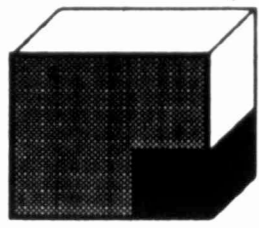
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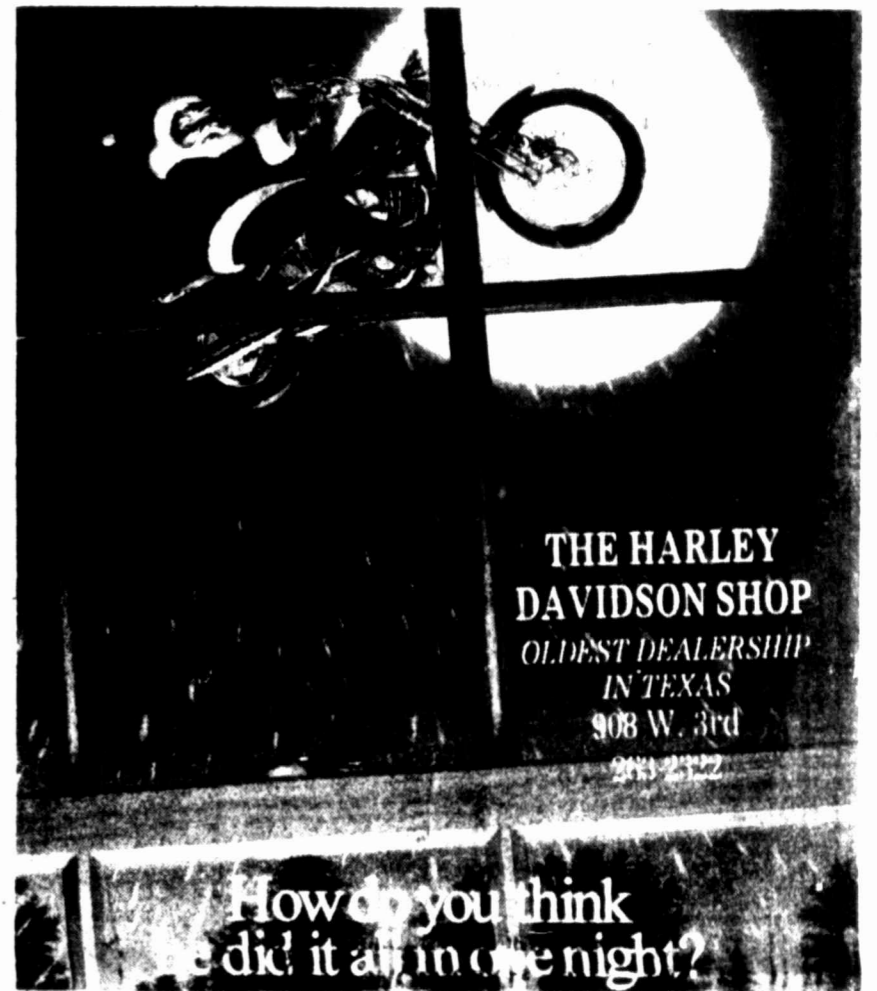
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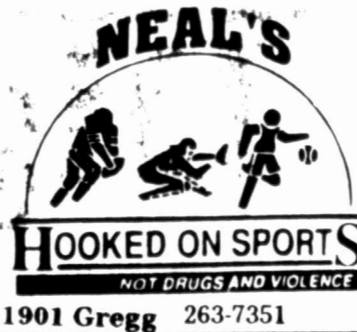
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# The Mini Page

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## The Mini Page Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school. For use with issue: Our Traveling Christmas Trees

Main idea: This issue is about Christmas trees. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Draw a picture of yourself beside the national Christmas tree in Washington, D.C.
2. Discuss the following: Have you ever seen the national Christmas tree? Beside in homes, where have you seen Christmas trees? If your family has a Christmas tree, what does it look like? What do you plan to do with your Christmas tree when the holiday season is over?
3. Go outside and look at the different trees. Are there any that would make good Christmas trees? How are the trees alike and different?
4. Pretend you have been asked to create a Christmas tree ornament that symbolized your state. Draw a picture of your creation.
5. Pretend you are a Christmas tree farmer. Describe a typical day.
6. Make up a holiday poem.
7. Find all the places mentioned in this issue on a U.S. map. Which states will the Capitol's Christmas tree have to travel through to reach Washington, D.C.?

### Cheer From Far and Near

# Our Traveling Christmas Trees

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Did you ever stop to wonder how far your Christmas tree might have traveled to get to your living room?

### Traveling through history

The ancient Egyptians brought green palm branches into their homes in the winter.

The Romans decorated their homes with greens to honor the god of farming.

The Druid priests from Europe used to decorate with mistletoe and other greens.

Later, German immigrants brought the Christmas tree custom to the United States.

Some trees don't travel very far because local people cut them down from nearby fields. Today we get many trees from farms where they are specially grown for customers to "choose and cut" the tree of their choice.



Most of our natural Christmas trees come from special farms that raise them as a crop, much like a farmer might raise corn. These trees are shipped throughout the country.



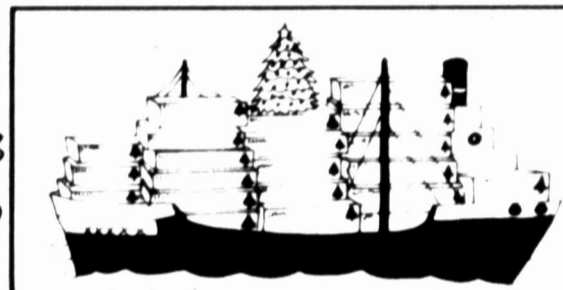
Some Christmas trees don't travel again once they are planted. Our national Christmas tree is a living tree. Years ago, it was bundled up, roots and all. It was carefully transplanted from a farm in Pennsylvania to a park across from the White House in Washington, D.C.



Some natural Christmas trees travel from National Forests. Each year, the tree on the U.S. Capitol grounds is from a different National Forest.

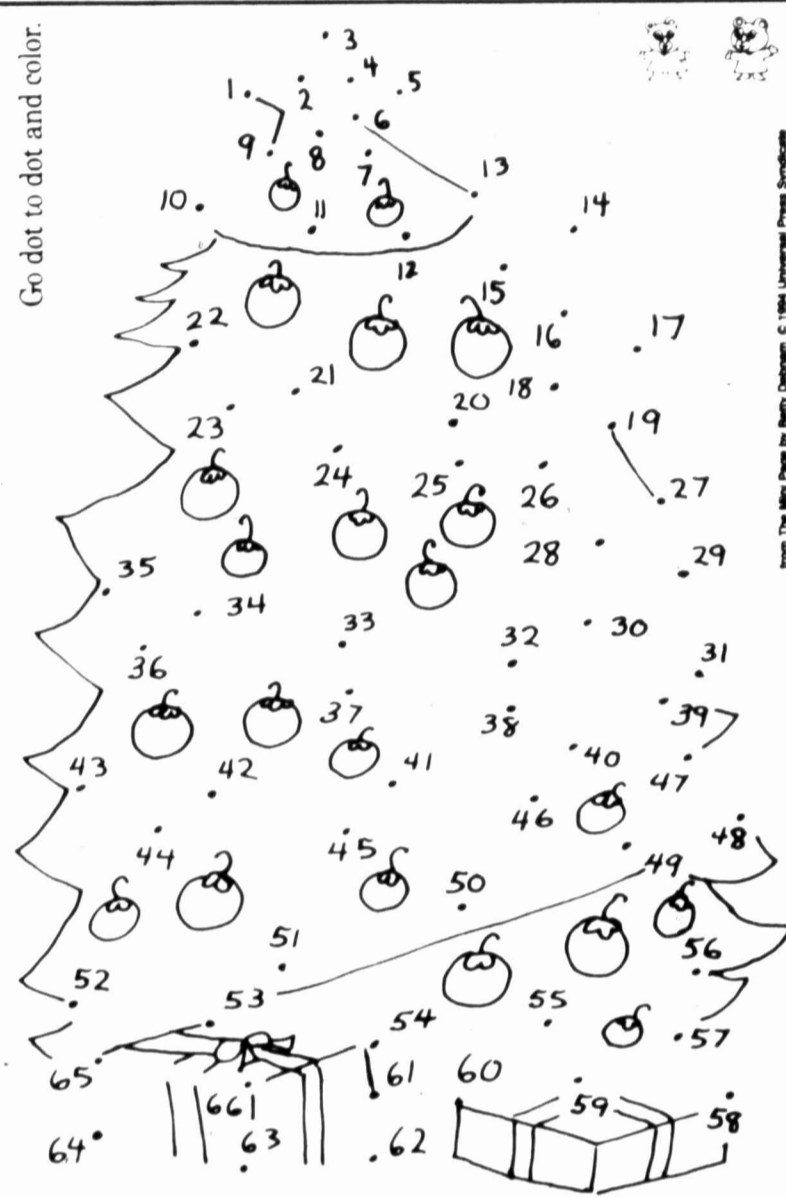
This year the tree is from Vermont. More than 5,000 school kids will make decorations from recycled materials. The tree itself will be recycled. It will be chopped into mulch to be used on the Capitol grounds.

Sometimes the Forest Service allows people to cut their own Christmas trees from certain areas.



About half the trees sold in the United States each year come from very far away. They are shipped from Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea. These trees are artificial. Most are made of plastic.

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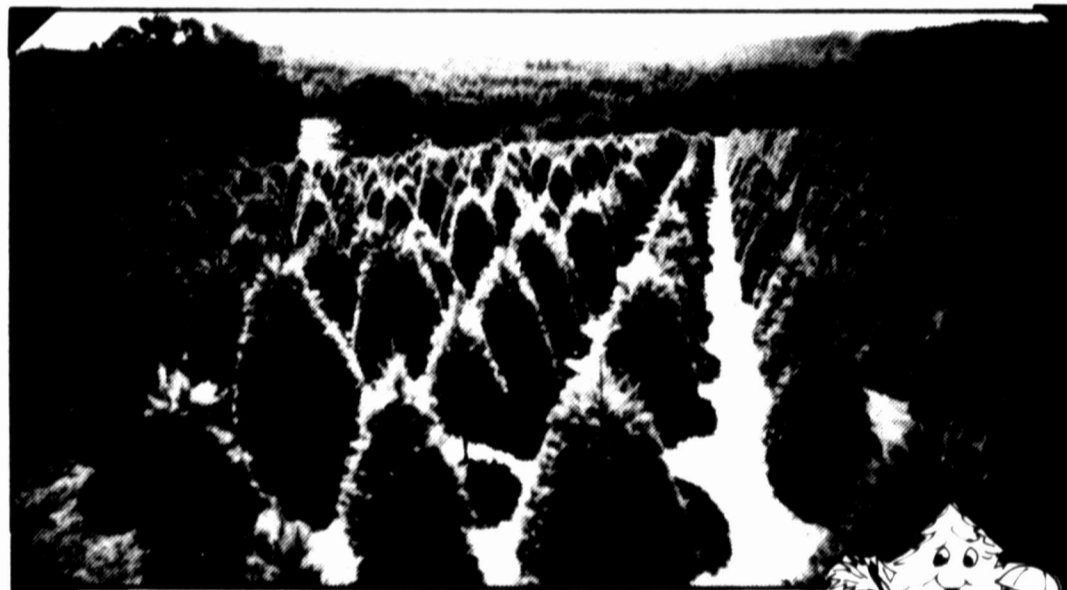
Look through your newspaper for other signs of the holiday season. Do you see any Christmas tree decorations?

## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Peanut Butter Bonbons

- You'll need:**
- 3 tablespoons honey
  - 1/4 cup peanut butter
  - 1/4 cup powdered milk
  - 1/2 cup wheat germ
- What to do:**
1. Combine honey and peanut butter in a medium bowl until smooth.
  2. Stir in powdered milk until well-mixed.
  3. Refrigerate 1 hour.
  4. Remove from refrigerator and roll mixture into 1-inch balls.
  5. Roll each ball in wheat germ.
  6. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 20.

# A Christmas Tree Interview

To find out more about Christmas trees, The Mini Page staff interviewed a Scotch pine in our very own office. The tree showed us some family photos as it gave us this exclusive.



**2. To the farm**  
"Then I moved to a farm where I could grow and grow until I got tall enough. This photo shows how Christmas trees are grown on farms in neat rows. We Christmas trees have to keep in shape, too. Each year the farmer comes by to trim, fertilize and spray us. Most of us grow for about seven years before we are cut. Some taller trees grow for 16 years."



**3. Out of the fields**  
"In November of the year we are harvested, we are tagged and then cut. We are put into plastic nets. Sometimes we are carried out of the field by helicopter."

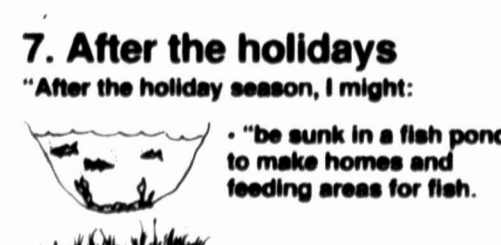


**5. To market**  
"Sometimes we travel by train to cities far away from where we grew up."



**4. To market**  
"We are loaded onto trucks to be taken to the lot or store where we will be sold."

**6. Home at last**  
"Many of us are sold on vacant lots rented by groups hoping to raise money for worthy causes. I am so glad The Mini Page staff chose me. No tree likes to be left on the lot after Dec. 24."



**7. After the holidays**  
"After the holiday season, I might:  
• "be sunk in a fish pond to make homes and feeding areas for fish."  
• "be used on a beach to keep the sand from blowing away."  
• "Since I am biodegradable, I might be chopped up and used for mulch."

## THE NEWS HOUND'S CHRISTMAS TREES

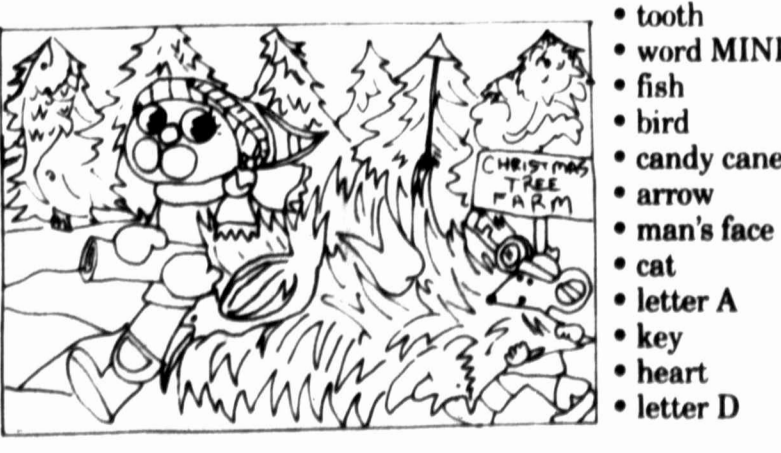
Words that remind us of Christmas trees are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: TREE, CHRISTMAS, LIGHTS, FIR, NEEDLES, DECORATIONS, SEEDS, GROW, NURSERY, CUT, BRANCH, PINECONES, MULCH, GREEN, FARM, WINTER, BARK, STAR, BALLS

DO YOU KNOW THESE CHRISTMAS TREE WORDS?

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M S R A T S E I M N H V G S N  
N E E D L E S R T A W R I F E  
K Y Y R E S R U N J S L Q R S

## Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are getting a tree from a Christmas tree farm this year. See if you can find:



**1. From the nursery**  
"This is a nursery where baby trees are raised and usually live for about two years. As is true for all living Christmas trees, my seed came from a pinecone. I was born in North Carolina."

"We Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states. The states that grow the most trees are:

- Oregon
- Michigan
- Wisconsin
- California
- Pennsylvania
- North Carolina"



Can you color in these states?

The Mini Page thanks the National Forest Service and the National Christmas Tree Association for help with this issue.