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## Counts: 'Last hurdle' cleared on way to constructing Texas veterans home

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By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

The last barrier to the construction of the recently approved Texas veterans home to be located in Big Spring is gone. "This was the last hurdle ... the very last hurdle," an elated State Rep. David Counts said Tuesday afternoon in response to the news that Gov.



COUNTS

George W. Bush had signed papers approving the sale of a 25-acre tract of land by the Texas MHMR to Moore Development for Big Spring.

"There still has to be a money transaction," he told the Herald in an exclusive interview, "but that's purely academic ... that's part of the package." The tract of land on which the 150-bed home will be built is located just west of U.S. 87 and between I-20 and the Big Spring State Hospital.

Because the Texas MHMR board did not have the authority to sell the property itself, the board last month approved a resolution supporting the sale. That resolution then went to the

governor's office, where he took one-third of the 90 days allowed him by state law to approve or veto the sale.

At that time Counts, who was in Big Spring with Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro and U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm to attend Moore Development's annual meeting, said there was no reason to anticipate the governor would do anything but follow the MHMR board's resolution.

"The Veterans Land Board could do nothing until the sale of the land was approved," Counts Spokesman James Beauchamp said. "This was kind of a last hurdle."

In approving the sale of the property,

TxMHMR board members added a provision specifying that the property can only be used as a veterans home site and any unused portion of the 25-acre site would be returned to TxMHMR.

As for when construction of the homes will begin, Counts said the request for proposal is still out to architectural firms.

"We're looking at maybe January before we know who will build the homes," Counts said. "The person selected to do the design will do the bidding and we (Big Spring) have an excellent chance to be first because the building costs are lower in Howard County."

The sale of the 25-acre tract at this point is much more important than people know because during a regular legislative session, the sale would have had to follow the entire legislative process and be put in the form of an appropriations package, according to Counts.

In August, Big Spring, Temple, Floresville and Bonham were named as the four sites to receive the veterans home facilities.

Big Spring represents the West Texas site; Bonham represents Northeast Texas; Temple represents Central

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## Fund drive under way for Dec. 19 DRCC gala

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Some local residents have the hitting the phones the last few days, looking for support for a community landmark.

A Christmas gala is planned Dec. 19 to raise money for Dora Roberts Community Center. Volunteers have been calling local residents throughout the first part of this week, asking them to contribute support to the event.

Supporters may contribute at three levels, benefactor for \$500, patron for \$250, or sponsor at \$100, by Dec. 1.

Those contributors will be invited to a party before the formal dance. Tickets to the dance only are \$30 a couple or \$20 for single tickets.

Beverly McMahon, an organizer, said money raised by the event will go toward long-term support of the community center, as well as some current needs.

"We want to do some major landscaping," McMahon said. "We have a beautiful building that is being well-used and we are so happy about that. But landscaping to keep it beautiful can be costly."

Among long-term goals for the center is the construction of a pavilion on the lake side of the facility.

Another goal of the fundraising effort is financial stability, and independence, for the center.

"We are a success story," McMahon said. "(The renovation plan) has worked very well. Now we want to know that in the future, that building will always be taken care of."

Toward that end, McMahon said a fund will be established that can support repairs and operations of the center for the long term.

Volunteers began a campaign five years ago to renovate the center, starting with a fundraising "sock hop." In 1994, a grand opening showcased the center's new look, and supporters of the project said use of the facility has been steadily growing since.

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## New prison construction no solution to local jail problems

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a two-part series on jail overcrowding in Texas and the effect on Howard County.

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

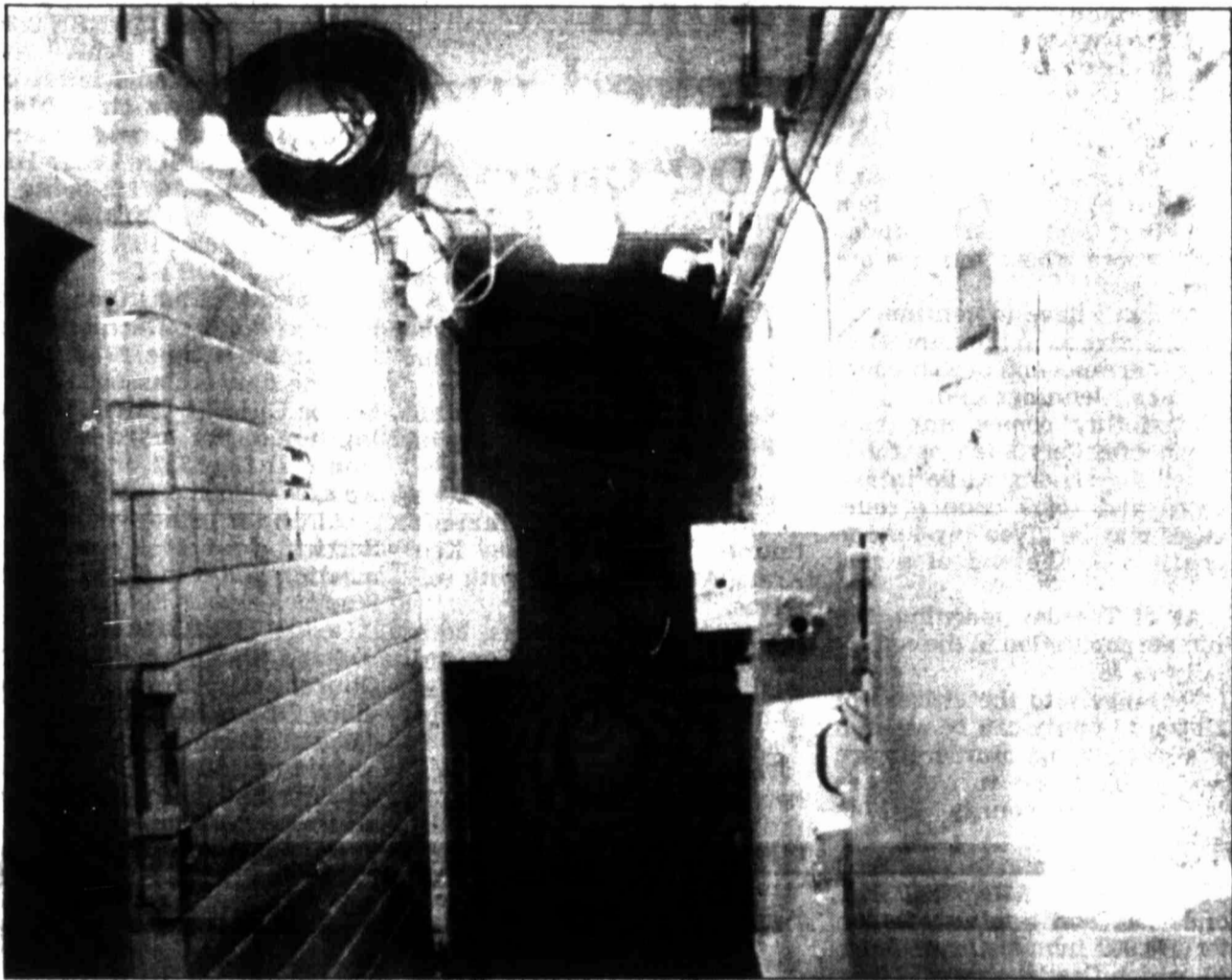
The approval needed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) from a panel of state legislators to build two new high-security prisons in Amarillo and the East Texas town of Woodville came down Monday, meaning some much needed relief for an already overcrowded system.

State officials also agreed Monday to add onto 20 lesser-security dormitories — each with 107 beds — at facilities around the state.

Final approval for the building program, which would total 4,120 new beds at a cost of \$107.4 million, must come from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board. The panel meets in Arlington on Thursday and Friday.

While the state is one the verge of getting some relief, how will the new beds effect local county facilities?

Howard County officials, including Sheriff Bill Jennings, recently addressed the question



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Howard County's jail remains crowded as there is no place available in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system to send prisoners. As a result, Howard County taxpayers will have to pay to house prisoners in other counties — something that could have been avoided if voters had approved a jail bond election in 1995.

of prison overcrowding and see no way out of the current dilemma short of paying other county's to house inmates, Jennings said he will not do. "It (the approved new facilities) will not do a thing for us

right now," Jennings said. "We're looking at a year and a half or two years before the prisons are up."

In light of the current crisis, TDCJ officials had asked for enough funding for three new high-security units, but staff members from the offices of Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney and the chairmen from House and Senate criminal justice committees would only agree to funds for two more units.

The money for the two new 990-bed units as well as the add-on beds would be allocated from \$2 billion in prison construction bonds approved by voters in 1991 and 1993.

Howard County is in the same situation as other rural counties, TDCJ has stopped taking paper-ready inmates because there are no more available beds.

Jennings and county commissioners recently discussed the issue because the county jail, which has the capacity for housing 48 inmates, reached a population of 51 inmates a couple of weeks ago — placing the county in violation of its capacity as granted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

According to TDCJ Spokesman Glen Castleberry, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles was pressured to increase its approval of inmates

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## Solution found for mortar problem at new junior high

Contractor will eat \$500,000 to replace substandard materials

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

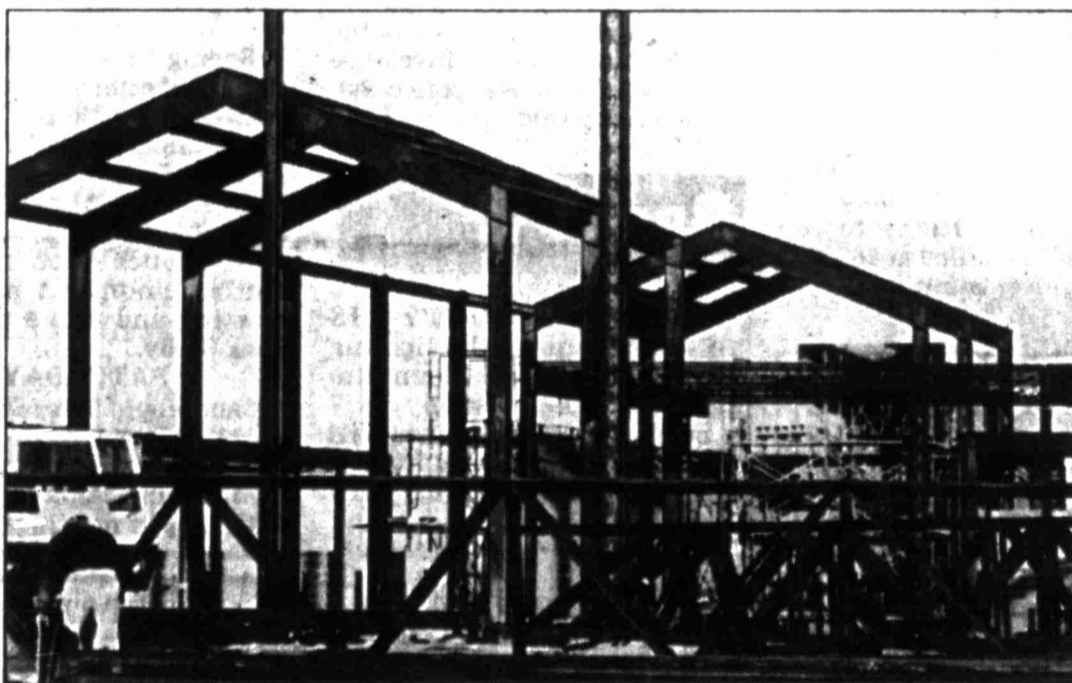
It's safe to use the M-word again at Big Spring ISD.

Mortar, which is used to bond bricks together, has almost become a dirty word around the school district after problems with the material delayed construction at the new junior high school building.

The delay was caused when the mortar did not pass district-mandated test limits of 1,800 pounds of pressure. In many cases, the material cracked at less than half the required pressure.

After consultations between engineers and the building's architect and contractor, a solution to the problem has been found — but it won't come cheap, district officials said.

BSISD assistant business manager Ron Logback said Tuesday that replacing the defective mortar will cost between \$500,000 and \$700,000, but none of the money will come out of the district's



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

The superstructure of the BSISD's new junior high continues to rise. The building is slated to be completed in time for the 1998-1999 school year.

pocket. "It will not affect the school district in any way," Logback said. "It will affect the contractor ... but there will be no additional cost to the school district."

District voters passed a \$12.5 million bond issue in September 1996 to fund construction of the new school. It is scheduled to open for the 1998-99 school year, and will replace the Runnels

Junior High School building, which was constructed in 1916.

Monterey Construction of Lubbock is contractor of the project.

An engineer from Fort Worth was called in after the problem was discovered in August. After about two weeks of testing on the substandard mortar and consultations between the engineer, architect and contractor, it was decided to clear out the soft joints on the walls in question and put in acceptable mortar.

The process should take about 15 days, Logback said, and will be done while other aspects of the construction process continue.

"Cold weather will slow down the procedure some, but not a great deal," he said.

Despite the delays caused by the problem, and the additional time tacked on for the solution, Monterey officials assure the district that construction will be completed in late July or early August. And Logback was quick to point out that at no time did the construction problem didn't bring construction to a standstill.

"There's a lot of work being done, and a lot of work left to do," Logback pointed out, "but a lot of progress has been made since the inception of the problem."

## WEATHER

Tonight:	Thur:	Fri:	Sat:
Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 35-40. Thursday, fair and warm. Highs from the mid 60s to the lower 70s. Lows mainly in the mid 30s. Friday, fair and warm. Highs from the mid 60s to the lower 70s. Lows remain in the mid 30s. Saturday, fair. Highs from the mid 60s to the lower 70s. Lows mainly in the 30s.			

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## Minimal local observance of Smokeout set Thursday

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Once again, the American Cancer Society is asking smokers to "butt-out" for a day. The 21st annual Great American Smokeout will be held Thursday, and a somewhat low-key observance is planned for Big Spring. The ACS holds the event every year to encourage smokers and users of smoke-free tobacco to kick the habit for just one day.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? But supporters of the event know just what they're asking of tobacco users.

"Cigarettes are probably one of the most addictive drugs there is," said Barbara

Morris, an ex-smoker who is coordinating local activities for the smokeout. "Quitting is probably one of the hardest things you can do."

The ACS aim is three-fold: To encourage smokers to quit; to warn users of smokeless tobacco about the dangers its use; and to get the word out on the hazards of second-hand smoke.

Almost everyone knows that cigarettes and smokeless tobacco have been linked to a variety of cancers and lung disorders. But the dangers of second-hand smoke have only recently come to light.

The ACS estimates exposure to second-hand smoke causes up to 300,000 cases of respiratory infections such as bronchitis

and pneumonia in infants and youngsters. "Second-hand cigarette smoke may contribute to several lung diseases that can be just as dangerous as lung cancer," said Dr. William Eschenbacher, a pulmonary specialist at Houston's Methodist Hospital.

Children who live in a smoker's household also have increased chances of developing asthma. Asthma symptoms are intensified by second-hand smoke, the ACS states.

Morris said she was raised in the country and began "dipping" tobacco and smoking cigars at a relatively young age. She continued smoking until about four years ago, when she was forced to quit after her husband had to undergo a laryngectomy.

OBITUARIES

**Irene Harrison**

Service for Irene Harrison, 85, Dunnellon, Fla., and formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Royce Clay and Phillip Burham, Church of Christ ministers, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Harrison died Tuesday, Nov. 18, in Florida.

She was born on Feb. 10, 1912, in Hagerman, N.M. She married Edward G. Harrison on Nov. 14, 1931, in Waco. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1988. She grew up in Big Spring and lived here until 1931 and returned to Big Spring in 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ.

She is survived by: two sons, John Harrison, Glendale, Ariz., and Joe Harrison, Dunnellon, Fla.; two sisters, Ruth Crawford and Jane Dutcher; a brother, Bill Shockley; and nine grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

**Esther L. Barnes**

Graveside service for Esther L. Barnes, 73, Big Spring, will be 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 1997, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Curtis Barnes officiating.

Mrs. Barnes died Monday, Nov. 17, in a local hospital following a sudden illness.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1924, in Plainview. She grew up in Big Spring and had lived most of her life here until moving to Lubbock in 1978, returning to Big Spring in 1985. She was a retired licensed vocational nurse having worked at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital and several Lubbock nursing homes.

Survivors include: one daughter, Deanie Burdett, Big Spring; two sons, Buster Barnes, Midland, and Curtis Barnes, Birmingham, Ala.; two brothers, Robert Graham, Eureka, Calif., and Richard Graham, Sweetwater; three sisters, Anna Myers, Seguin, Barbara Lambert, Wichita Falls, and Katherine Browne, Carson City, Nev.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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"Last year, we didn't feel we needed a fundraiser, so we skipped a year," McMahon said. She said the Dec. 19 gala has a serious purpose, but is expected to be a lot of fun as well.

"We're going to have a big party," McMahon said. "And we plan to have a really good time." For more information about the dance, call the chamber of commerce at 263-7641.

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Irene Harrison, 85, died Tuesday. Services 2 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park. Family will receive friends Thursday 5-7 PM at the funeral home.  
  
Ester L. Barnes, 73, died Monday. Graveside services will be Friday 4:30 PM at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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eligible for parole in an effort to make room for worse inmates back in the early 1980s because of overcrowding.

During the overcrowding period, several inmates were paroled in absentia (meaning they never left the county jails they were detained in to reach TDCJ prison units).

This could happen again, but in the meantime, Jennings, commissioners and the county is left with the bill for increased food costs, medical care and other inmate related expenses.

As for the current space issue in the county jail and its present condition, Jennings said he will go along with whatever county commissioners decide to do, but the issue is not going to go away.

"I'm not going to buck the commissioners' court, but down the line, the issue will have to be addressed again by the voters of Howard County," Jennings said.

Thinking among some city and county leaders is that the 1985 jail bond issue failed because of politics — a bond issue to build a new junior high school failed and not approving a new county detention center was the payback. Voters defeated the issue by less than 100 votes — casting 1,053 ballots for building a new jail and 1,141 ballots against.

Right now Jennings is being assisted by County Judge Ben Lockhart and District Judge Bob Moore where inmates are concerned.

"We will have to continue to be selective as to the number of blue warrants and probationers we take," Jennings said. Flexibility comes into play when offenders such as those jailed for driving while intoxicated and some county court cases may be given two-for-one credit near the end of a sentence.

As of Tuesday morning, the inmate population in the county jail was 45. Jennings said the citizens of Howard County can be assured that rapists and murderers are not going to be turned loose because the county jail is crowded.

As for the state's problem, TDCJ had an inmate population of 136,500 and a total capacity for 144,000 inmates as of June 30, which Castleberry said was an indication of what Jennings and other counties currently face.

**FOOD DRIVE**

**CABLE TV OF BIG Spring** is gathering items for the community canned food drive to benefit the Salvation Army and Northside Community Center. Non-perishable food items can be taken to the cable office, 2006 Birdwell Lane, during business hours.

The company is also offering free installation for new customers and free connection to various services, for donation of 10 or more items to the drive. Call the office at 267-3821 for more information.

**Note deadline changes next week**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, the deadlines for all Sunday *life!* section items, including birth announcements, engagements, weddings and anniversaries for the Nov. 30 paper will be **Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon.**

The deadline for club and church news next week will also be **Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon.**

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Texas and Floresville is the South Texas site.

The legislation that made the homes possible was authored by Counts and is projected to save the state approximately \$30 million over the next 10 years.

The home also means approximately 165 new jobs for Big Spring in a wide range of areas.

The proposed homes will be 65 percent funded by the federal government, leaving state and local entities to fund the remaining 35 percent.

For Howard County this means a state and local contribution of \$3.5 million to \$4 million to the total project cost.

The long-term care homes will cost \$10 million to \$11 million each.

Texas, which has 1.7 million veterans, including 504,000 over age 65, in one of the last states to provide build veterans nursing homes. The number of veterans over age 65 is expected to increase to about 525,000 by the year 2010.

**Girl, 7, found locked in dog cage**

**BRILLION, Wis. (AP)** — A 7-year-old girl shut in a dog cage in a cold, dark basement was discovered when her 11-year-old brother, coatless and barefoot, went to a police station for help, authorities said.

Neither the girl, who appeared very thin, nor any of the other children in the home, aged 9, 6 and 16 months, were hospitalized, said Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz. All were placed with relatives.

The children's parents, both 28, were taken into custody and will likely face felony child abuse charges, Kratz said Tuesday.

The girl had apparently been kept in the cage off and on for the past two weeks as punishment, Kratz said. The other children may have been mistreated as well, he said.

"There's a history of ongoing abuse and neglect," he said. Authorities did not identify the family.

The basement had no lights and very little heat, police said.

"The child was found in the corner of this room, in this 2-foot-by-2-foot dog cage with nothing but a blanket in the cage," Kratz said.

The boy arrived at the police station at about 7 p.m. Monday, when temperatures were about freezing in this east central community about 80 miles north of Milwaukee.

When police investigated, they found the parents looking for the boy. They let investigators into the house, police Sgt. Daniel Alloy said.

**BRIEFS**

**BORDEN COUNTY IS** GEARING up for the lighting of the star on Gail Mountain, Nov. 28. The ceremony, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse, will include music, live nativity, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a hayride.

A **COMMUNITY PEP RALLY** is planned Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Steer Gym at Big Spring High School. All former Steer football players are encouraged to attend.

The community is invited to participate in the rally. Call the high school at 264-3641 for more information.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are

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**FREE EYEGLASSES ARE AVAILABLE** for adults the third Saturday of each month at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended.

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**TODAY**  
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

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

**THURSDAY**

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center: art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

•Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

**FRIDAY**

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

**SATURDAY**

•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon,

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•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.	Wal-Mart	39% +%
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.	Amcap	16.35-17.85
<b>MONDAY</b>	Euro Pacific	27.14-28.80
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.	I.C.A.	30.11-31.95
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.	New Economy	20.73-21.99
•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.	New Perspective	20.54-21.79
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.	Prime Rate	8.50%
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Gold	305.10-305.60
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Silver	5.18-5.21
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.		
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.		
•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.		

**FIRE/EMS**

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

**Monday**

11:09 a.m. — 4000 Vicky, trauma call, service refused.

11:18 a.m. — 1300 Tucson, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:58 a.m. — 1400 Gregg, medical call, service refused.

1:23 p.m. — 1700 Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.

2:09 p.m. — 1300 Gregg, medical call, patient transferred to Midland Memorial.

3:51 p.m. — 500 W. 17th, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.

7:09 p.m. — 2000 Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.

8:11 p.m. — 900 NW 2nd, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.

9:43 p.m. — 2800 Cactus, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.

**Tuesday**

8:52 a.m. — 17th and Goliad, traffic accident, service refused by four people.

11:09 p.m. — 1400 Ridgeroad, medical call, patient transferred to SMCC.

**RECORDS**

Tuesday's high 67  
Tuesday's low 29  
Average high 67  
Average low 37  
Record high 87 in 1981  
Record low 16 in 1980  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 1.29  
Month's normal 0.36  
Year to date 18.95  
Normal for the year 17.47  
\*\*Statistics not available

**POLICE**

Because of computer problems, Tuesday's activity log from the Big Spring Police Department is not available.

**SHERIFF**

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:  
• RUBEN CANTU GUTIERREZ, 20, 206 N.E. 10th, arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for delivery of marijuana.  
• BEN MANCHA, 36, P.O. Box 442, arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

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# United States and Britain prepared to offer concessions to Iraq

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — Responding to Russian efforts to resolve the Iraqi crisis, the United States and Britain are prepared to offer concessions to encourage Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to allow American arms inspectors back into the country.

The Security Council was to meet this morning with diplomats from several countries — France, Russia and Egypt, among others — who are expected to urge the return of non-American inspectors whom the United Nations withdrew in protest last week.

Diplomats speaking on condition of anonymity said several council members were expected to urge U.N. weapons team chief Richard Butler to send the non-American inspectors back to Iraq quickly because the pull-out has effectively killed the on-ground monitoring operation.

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, meanwhile, said today that he would meet in Geneva with his U.S., British and French counterparts to try to settle the weapons inspections cri-

sis. The meeting follows a visit by Saddam's envoy to Moscow on Tuesday. The official, first deputy premier Tariq Aziz, met with Primakov and conferred with Russian leader Boris Yeltsin before leaving for Geneva.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is expected at the Geneva meeting early Thursday as well, having cut short her visit to India today to hold the high-level talks in Switzerland.

The Kremlin said it was trying to work out a political solution to the crisis, sparked by Hussein's expulsion of American members of the United Nations arms inspection team.

All but a skeleton crew of arms inspectors pulled out of Iraq after the Americans were kicked out.

Primakov, who had at least two meetings with Aziz on Tuesday and today, said "a certain program has been worked out that allows us, we think, to avoid ... a confrontation, to avoid the use of force and achieve a settlement."

The United States has rushed manpower and air power into the region, some of it aboard the USS Nimitz, as well as backup forces dispatched by President Clinton on Tuesday.

Primakov declined to provide any details on the possible settlement. Yeltsin's spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky, speaking today, also declined to provide details.

"The time for releasing the details of the Yeltsin plan has not come yet. The main thing now is to check Primakov's watch with those of some of his colleagues in Geneva," Yastrzhembsky told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Primakov told ITAR-Tass the meeting was arranged in telephone talks he had with Albright, British Foreign Minister Robin Cook and French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine.

"The meeting is 'a good sign that something is in the making,'" said Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon.

He said he figured the meeting would center on a Russian plan to solve the Iraqi crisis, but a Western diplomat

said it would focus on a U.S.-U.K. "paper" that offers several options, including an increase to the amount of oil Iraq can sell in the oil-for-food sale. This is thought to be an enticement to Baghdad because it would allow more humanitarian aid to come to the country.

Currently, about two-thirds of the proceeds of the oil sale pay for humanitarian aid to Iraq.

But Iraq has complained bitterly that the aid isn't reaching Iraq in a timely manner.

The decision to convene the Geneva meeting followed a statement in Moscow by Primakov that he and Iraq's deputy prime minister had devised a proposal to avert a military confrontation.

With long-standing ties to Iraq, Russia believes it is well-positioned to mediate the 3-week-old crisis between Baghdad and the United Nations. Yeltsin sent a letter to the Iraqi leader several days ago, and Saddam's response arrived Tuesday, hand-carried by Aziz.

"In the course of the (Yeltsin-Aziz) talks, a certain program has been worked out that allows us, we think, to avoid a confrontation, to avoid the use of force and achieve a settlement," said Primakov.

Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, Sergey Lavrov, indicated that Russia wants the Security Council to assure Iraq that the commission's reports will not be "biased" and that the council will lift sanctions against Iraq once the commission certifies Iraqi compliance with U.N. orders imposed since the 1990 invasion of Kuwait to destroy weapons of mass destruction.

In Baghdad, the official Iraqi News Agency said Saddam chaired a meeting of the Revolution Command Council on Tuesday night to discuss "with considerable interest" the Russian proposals.

The previously unannounced visit by Aziz came just two days after Clinton spoke with Yeltsin and asked Russia to do what it could to help resolve the crisis.

## Banks find inventive ways to offer home equity loans

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A new law designed to make it easier for Texans to borrow against the equity in their homes is creating competition among banks and causing concern among industry experts.

Lenders are actively seeking potential borrowers weeks before home equity loans become available Jan. 1, according to the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal. And they're offering some seriously competitive packages.

NationsBank Texas, the state's biggest bank, is offering its approved home-equity loan applicants an extra unsecured loan of up to \$25,000, available immediately, with a lower interest rate.

Money Store Inc., a New Jersey mortgage company, is promising up to 125% of a borrower's equity, its customer-service agents say. But there's a catch — the portion above 80% of equity would be unsecured.

The new law "is sure to be tested by people who are looking to gobble up as much of this business as possible," said Keith Gumbinger, a vice president of HSH Associates, a Butler, N.J., lending market research firm.

"It's going to be a wild and woolly world down there for a while."

That's exactly what industry watchdogs fear. They're concerned banks are twisting the law as they fight for a piece of the projected \$123 billion market. By extending incentives that lawmakers didn't plan, they argue, lenders could be encouraging Texans to get into credit trouble.

"I think this is just a real cautionary period ... before this thing becomes law," said Leslie

Pettijohn, head of the Texas Credit Commission. With "no Texas experience" to fall back on, she said, it's hard even for her office to be certain what's legal and what's not.

The day after Texas passed the home equity measure by a 60-percent vote, state Attorney General Dan Morales issued a statement to banks, explaining when they can start taking applications from homeowners and when they can begin loaning money.

NationsBank says its \$25,000 loan offer functions separately from its home equity loan, and therefore is legal.

"We are not going to do anything that goes against the spirit of the law," says Chuck Baynard, executive vice president for consumer banking for NationsBank Texas, a unit of NationsBank Corp., Charlotte, N.C.

Other lenders are offering to waive closing fees or to match competitors' lowest interest rates.

"They're giving something extra to the consumer in order to gain a market presence, and that's good for the consumer," said Len Blum, managing director and head of the asset-backed securities group for Prudential Securities, the nation's largest securer of home-equity loans.

Banks likely won't break the law because they'd risk losing the entire loan under state law, said Rob Norcross, president of the Texas Conference for Homeowners' Rights, which supported the law.

But Pettijohn and other observers say they expect to see ever more "inventive" pitches to consumers that seem better than they really are.

## Farmers reject Union Pacific suggestion that corn can be stored on the ground

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Despite a rapidly approaching deadline to untangle its knotted lines, Union Pacific says there's no race against the clock to load the grain piles dotting the Midwestern landscape.

But the exposed grain is soaking up rain on the outside and rapidly heating from within. "We looked at one pile — the grain we took out of the middle smelled more like whiskey than corn," said Carl Reed, a Kansas State University grain storage specialist.

Farmers and grain elevator operators dispute the notion that corn can be stored on the ground while the nation's largest railroad tries to iron out the gridlock. Corn is crucial as the nation's primary livestock feed for the farmers who raise beef, pork and chicken for America's dinner tables.

At federally licensed warehouses, which store an estimated 45 percent of the nation's crops, about 300 million bushels are currently on the ground, according to the

Farm Service Agency's Kansas City, Mo., commodities office.

The third-largest corn harvest ever, 9.36 billion bushels, is overflowing grain elevators along UP's 36,000-mile system, which has been plagued by congestion and equipment and staff shortages from the year-old merger with Southern Pacific. The railroad is looking at ground storage of grain as a long-term option.

"It's not going to rot in the cold winter weather," UP spokesman John Bromley said. "There's no race against the clock. Elevators aren't heated. Neither are the cars."

In a 40-page statement filed with the federal Surface Transportation Board, the railroad said more than 12,000 car orders remain unfilled as it enters its peak period for grain transportation. The board has warned of further federal intervention if progress isn't apparent by a Dec. 3 hearing.

"Ground storage is a viable long-term storage option if the ground piles are properly pre-

pared," the railroad said. "It has been used often in the past to respond to bumper harvests and to hold grain in anticipation of higher market prices."

While all the grain won't be moved by Jan. 1, Bromley said, UP expects its lines to be fluid by then. Even in years of normal demand, its grain car fleet of 33,000 covered hopper cars cannot satisfy peak demand, the railroad said.

The agriculture community views ground storage as a strictly temporary measure. While there are methods of sheltering and aerating grain piles, many elevators were unprepared for the overflow and lack the equipment and technology.

The Stratford Grain Co. in Stratford, Texas, piled corn on the ground this year for the first time in its 69-year history. Owner Andy Riffe said he had the 125,000 bushels trucked out when the grain began to deteriorate after 30 days on the ground. "We got a snow on it then

rain, then the temperature started warming up," Riffe said. "The peak in there was 105 degrees — it heated up 30 degrees in 25 days. We just bit the bullet and got it up out of there."

By October 1996, the elevator had loaded 114 Southern Pacific rail cars, but this year it has not received a single car.

How long exposed grain can withstand the elements depends on a number of factors, including the ground temperature when it's dumped, the amount of precipitation it gets and the temperature. Corn is especially vulnerable.

"It's anybody's guess. You're not going to lose the whole pile," said Reed, the university specialist.

The railroad shouldn't be focusing on ground storage, said Steve Taylor of the Missouri Corn Growers.

"We shouldn't have to be doing that in a year that's a normal, good year for Missouri. It wasn't a bumper crop," Taylor said.

## Hopes renewed that missing Abilene boy safe

**ABILENE (AP)** — The possible sighting in Canada of a missing Abilene boy has renewed hope he will be found safe.

"I really wish, I'm hoping that it's him. It was a very accurate description," said Paul Fulham, whose 15-year-old son Jackson disappeared more than a month ago.

Fulham said he received a call from a resident of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, about his son.

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## For safety's sake, shut Benton bridge

No one can argue that the Benton Street Bridge is a local landmark, almost as identifiable with Big Spring as the Settles building or the historic spring itself. However, few can argue that its useful life is just about over.

The Federal Highway Administration recently rated each of this country's bridges and found that almost a third of them were deficient in some fashion.

Two in Howard County were found to be in need of repair — the one at Benton Street and the Sandy Draw overpass on Interstate 20 between Bowl-A-Rama and FM 700.

Of those two, however, the Benton bridge, is by far in the worst shape. The FHA report states that the structure needs to be replaced — not fixed, not renovated, not spruced up, but torn down.

Anyone who has been brave enough to transit the bridge lately can understand the FHA's concerns. The structure was first built in the 1920s, then renovated a couple of decades later. That means the Benton bridge is old enough to receive Social Security, and that is very, very old for a major traffic artery.

The city has been doing what it can to ease the burden on the old bridge, gradually lowering the load limit to its current 2 1/2 tons. But even that may soon be too much for the bridge to bear.

Todd Darden, the city's director of community services, sees no relief in sight.

"Sooner or later, we'll have to reduce the load limit again," he said. "Eventually, we'll get to the point where passenger cars won't be allowed."

With the bridge in a steady state of deterioration — and the majority of traffic in the area already using the nearby Owens Street overpass — the question now becomes: What to do? Do we replace the bridge? Tear it down? Convert it to another use?

Replacing the bridge appears unlikely. It will cost close to \$1 million to do the job, with the city's share of the project about \$100,000. The money, officials say, is not available.

Tearing the bridge down is an unattractive option, to say the least, but vehicle traffic should be barred from the structure, if for no other reason than to prevent some future disaster.

That leaves option three: converting the bridge to another use. Plans for turning it into a walking path have been on the books for several months, and it is about time we gave them serious consideration.

Efforts to revitalize the downtown area have been under way for years. City and county officials have done a good job with projects such as the landscaping job at the county courthouse, and private sector work on the Settles is beginning to bear fruit as well.

A renovated Benton bridge, open only to foot traffic, would be a worthy addition to those efforts.

For safety's sake, we should close the Benton bridge to vehicular traffic as soon as feasible.

For history's sake, we should preserve this landmark.

But for Pete's sake, let's not leave things the way they are.

# Saddam Hussein and the United Nations

By BONNIE ERBE  
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Will we launch a military strike against Iraq? This question is foremost on the nation's mind as Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein continues to flout international law and abrogate his own treaty — a treaty which spared his nation a long, drawn out, even bloodier end to the Gulf War.

But few people have stopped to consider (a) why Saddam Hussein has become the perpetual botherer of United States foreign policy interests or (b) why President Clinton is having so much trouble securing international support for a military strike on Iraq.

As to the first question, there is one and only one reason why this small-time dictator of a third-rate country and fourth-rate military power continues to cow the rest of the world: That is because then-President Bush made the tactical decision not to seek out and destroy Hussein before Bush called

an end to the Gulf War. Had Bush not made that tactical error in 1991, we would not be stuck now back-peddling to make up for his incredible lack of foresight.

As to lack of international support to force Hussein to adhere to the peace treaty, there is but one factor: money. These days, international loyalties most often follow international assistance. The strongest of strategic alliances are predicated on one of two things: a history of long-standing trust and friendship between the people of various nations or on common financial interests. In this case more is the determining factor.

Unfortunately, right now we are exposed after having put a very weak foot forward: We have fallen shamefully behind in paying our United Nations' dues and for deciding not to contribute to an important International Monetary Fund initiative. As the wealthiest nation on Earth, other countries look to us to set a tone of leadership. By haggling with the

United Nations over internal reforms while refusing to pay \$1 billion in back dues, we look cheap, contumacious, niggling and, well, anything but leader-like. Even other wealthy nations, such as Germany or Saudi Arabia, look at us and laugh at our inability to tame the political miscreants among us who prevent us from keeping our accounts current. They guffaw at our incapacity to act like the international leader we know we should be.

Just who is responsible? The same people who, as recently as last week, blocked payment of our United Nations arrears. The same people who refused to kick in toward an IMF program to bolster ailing economies (a fund that could have helped prevent the recent tumble in Asian stock markets, and the responsive dip in our own beloved Dow). The same people who obsess over "black helicopters" and who humor extremists who are actually convinced that the United Nations is going to invade the United States.

The same people who believe we can shut down our borders, isolate our people and our economy from international influences and act with impunity as if we were the only country on the planet.

Bush was made to pay, and pay dearly, for his mistakes. He was booted out of office with not even a fare-thee-well in 1992 — an awful price for an incumbent president to pay. But the people who have made us an international laughing stock are still in power. And while we worry over whether to launch a military strike against Saddam Hussein to get his attention, we don't even give a second thought to booting out the politicians who created this quandary. We do so at our own peril.

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## Justice punishes Microsoft for success

You would think the federal government would have better things to do than try to wreck one of the nation's most successful businesses, Microsoft. Yet the Clinton administration is trying to impose a \$1 million a day fine on the computer software company.

The Justice Department position is pure, 100 percent bunk.

"Microsoft is unlawfully taking advantage of its Windows monopoly to protect and extend that monopoly," says Janet Reno, who has proven to be one of the worst attorneys general in several decades. I'll show you why this statement is ridiculous.

But first, the essence of the government's claim: Because Microsoft includes its Internet browser, Microsoft Explorer, as part of its Windows package, it is unfairly competing against other Internet browsers.

That simply isn't true. The Windows package includes a lot of programs that computer owners are free to use or not use. Windows works just as well with other browsers, such as Netscape Navigator. You could only claim unfair competition if Microsoft designed Windows so that it would not work with other browsers. Windows, for example,

includes a word processing program that I never use. I use a word processing program made by a rival of Microsoft. Windows allows computer users to use any IBM-compatible software whether it is produced by Microsoft or by Microsoft's rivals. That, in fact, is the core of Microsoft's marketing strategy which made it into such a successful company.

Now let's go back to Reno's dumb statement. In the first place, Microsoft does not have a Windows monopoly. Windows — which is an operating system that runs other software and other aspects of the computer — dominates the market simply because it is such a good program. There are no other comparable programs except the Apple systems, which cannot be used on an IBM-type computer. That is not Microsoft's fault. Anyone who thinks he can design a better operating system is certainly free to do so. Microsoft has no power to stop that person or to prevent that person from marketing it.

IBM, in fact, has a rival operating system, but the general public didn't take to it. Again, that's not Microsoft's fault. The crazy Justice Department is trying to punish Microsoft for the crime of being successful — for having developed a product that a majority of the public prefers to use.

As for Reno, she appears to be ignorant of computer systems as well as ideologically hostile to free enterprise. No matter what bonus programs Microsoft includes in its Windows operating system,

computer owners are free not to use them and to install rival programs. How can that be a monopoly? It isn't.

My old computer didn't come with Windows. I bought Windows and installed it. But it is the only Microsoft product that I happen to use. Everything else is from Microsoft's competitors. And Windows makes them all work perfectly well.

It's strange to me that a Justice Department that has studiously ignored hostile takeovers and mergers, which have concentrated ownership in, for example, the media, goes after Microsoft, which hasn't taken over anybody.

The Microsoft story is a textbook example of an entrepreneur who created the right product at the right time and has justly reaped the rewards for giving consumers something they want at a price they can afford. For the federal government to view that as a "crime" shows you how morally and intellectually corrupt government has become.

It's too darn bad that Reno didn't have the same concern for the lives of children at Waco, Texas, as she claims to have for people who buy computers with pre-installed software. For Reno's information, while most children don't want to die in a federal inferno, most computer buyers want pre-installed software.

How bizarre the federal government has become.

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### 'The Nutcracker' slated for Nov. 29

Tickets available at several locations

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

The Big Spring Symphony Association is preparing to open the local holiday season with its Nov. 29 performance of "The Nutcracker" featuring Ballet Lubbock.

Tickets are on sale at Blum's, Dunlaps, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and First Bank of West Texas. They will also be sold at the door. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students (any age through college) and \$8 for senior citizens.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m., an earlier starting time than most symphony performances.

Suzanne Haney, of the Symphony board, said this year's performance of the popular classic occurs earlier than in previous years.

"This year, we are ushering in the holiday season," she said. "We're hoping people will be staying in town, and if they have guests, we want them to bring their guests with them to the Nutcracker."

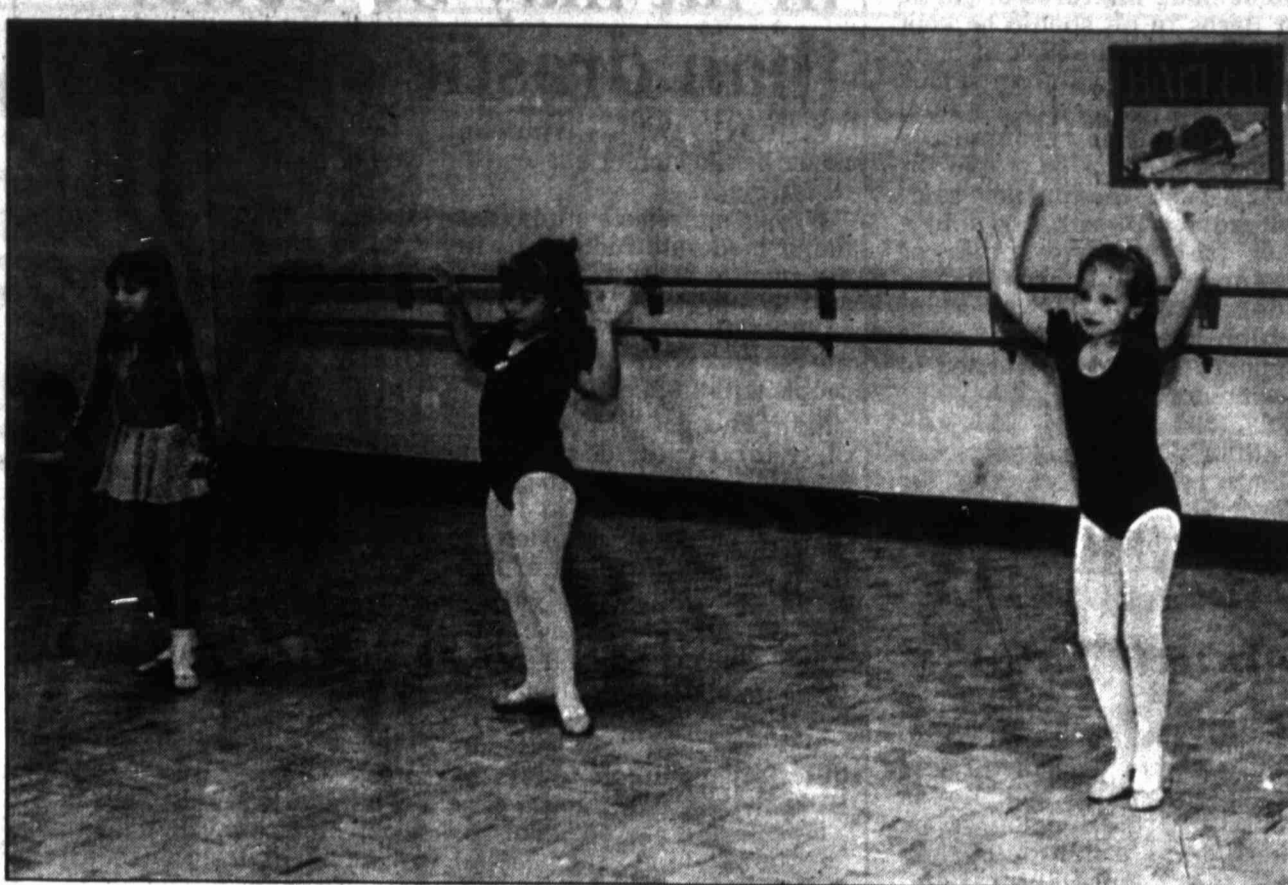
Ballet Lubbock will perform the full-length version of the story, accompanied by the symphony with conductor Gene Chartier Smith.

"This is somewhat unique in West Texas," Haney said, "in that while other towns may have a production of "The Nutcracker," it is often performed to "canned" music."

Another unique feature of the production locally are the guest appearances by students from the Dance Gallery. Laurie Churchwell rehearses students ages 6 to 10 to appear in some

### SYMPHONY TICKETS

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29 performance are available at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas and the chamber of commerce. They are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, \$8 for senior citizens.



Dance Gallery students, from left, Cassie Gulnn, Tristen Jenkins and Audrey Kosh act out the part of "dolls" during practice for "The Nutcracker" recently. The girls are part of about 30 local dance students who will be performing in certain scenes in the ballet, which will feature Ballet Lubbock accompanied by the Big Spring Symphony.

scenes. "They feel so special," Churchwell said. The girls appear as mice, dolls, cherubs and angels.

About 30 local kids will be involved in the ballet this year. Churchwell said the participation varies from year to year, depending on the show's choreography.

Dance Gallery students have already taken a trip to Lubbock to work with the ballet company.

This Big Spring Symphony event also attracts a slightly different audience.

"There are a lot of kids at this show," Haney said. "I've been involved with the symphony for 20 years, and... there are a lot more kids coming to all the performances, but especially this one. It's that kind of story."

The story of Clara's magical dream in which her Christmas gift comes to life has become a holiday tradition for many in the local community, Haney said.

"It's like you put up a Christmas tree every year," she said, "and you go see "The Nutcracker."

### Company features 10-year-old as Clara

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

This will be Ballet Lubbock's fourth appearance with the Big Spring Symphony for the Christmas classic, "The Nutcracker."

Clara, the young girl whose dream is the basis for the magical story, will be performed by Kristin Douthit, 10.

Guest artists Yvonne Racz and Octavio Zeivy will portray the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

The Snow Queen will be danced by Angie Gullo, and the Dewdrop Fairy by Chelsea Fowler.

Racz is artistic director for Ballet Lubbock whose 12-year professional career has includ-

ed principal dancer and soloist positions with companies in Utah, Maryland, and Canada. She toured South America with Ballet Hispanico and was principal dancer for Cirque Du Soleil.

Zeivy is a native of Mexico City who graduated from the National School of Ballet. He has performed with national companies in Mexico and Cuba, and regional companies in San Diego, El Paso, Austin, Little Rock, Corpus Christi and Houston. He is a member of the teaching staff at Kingwood Dance Theater.



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### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS Club (Take off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in 5:15 p.m., Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr., 6:15 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door). Various activities, guest speakers, games, covered dish supper, visit. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

#### TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury

South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling. Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-

800-329-4144.

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

#### WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Rannels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

#### THURSDAY

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Ayford.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Please see SUPPORT, page 8A.

### Eat hearty, but stay healthy this holiday

Did you know that a holiday meal filled with all the good home-cooked favorites can add up to as much as 6,000 calories? That is 4,000 calories over what an active male should consume in one day and is equal to over one pound of fat!

Let's look at some ways you may enjoy the holidays, eat some of those wonderful goodies and come a way without expanding your waistline. First and foremost — plan ahead. Note on your calendar all of the holiday gatherings you will attend. On these days eat light at the other meals to help balance out your calorie and fat intake at the party. Don't however, skip meals in order to save up so you can eat more at the party. Skipping meals only means that you will be starved by the time you do eat and you will eat twice as much as you should.

Watch serving sizes. Calories consumed are in direct proportion to the amount of food eaten. Smaller portions of the foods that you do eat can mean

a considerable decrease in calories.

Don't deprive yourself of some of the special foods that you like to eat during the holidays. Instead of doing without, have a taste. In most cases, this will satisfy. When you deprive yourself, you will more likely end up eating the whole pie instead of just a small piece. Just remember, don't overdo it.

When baking and cooking, substitute lower fat ingredients. There are a lot of choices on the supermarket shelves — just be sure to read the label and compare. When the fat is taken out of a product, something has to be added to replace the loss of flavor. In most desserts and baked goods, sugar can be reduced by one-quarter to one-third. Increase the vanilla or cinnamon in recipes to enhance the impression of sweetness. Try decreasing the fat in baked products by one-fourth to one-third. This works best in quick breads, muffins and cookies.

Avoid second helpings, this is what usually gets us. One time around the buffet table and call it quits. If you just must have a second taste, make it salad, fruit or vegetables.

Dressing is very high in calories and fat. Leave out the high fat ingredients such as oil and butter. Make your own broth for your dressing, don't add. Please see TARTER, page 8A.



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### NEWS YOU CAN USE

#### Turkey talk-line open again this year

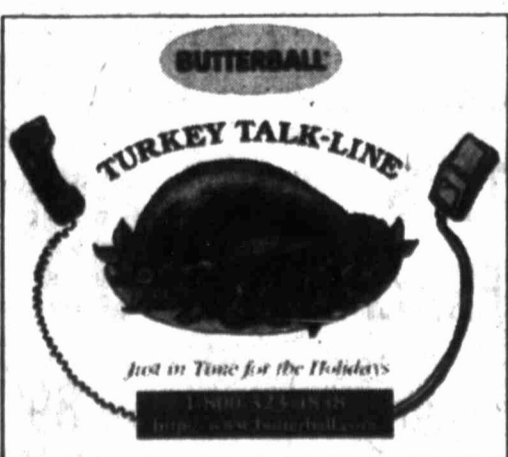
Trying to thaw your turkey with a hair dryer? Need help turning it over?

Butterball Turkey will once again sponsor its "Turkey Talk Line" just in time for the holidays. The rest of this month and through December, representatives will be available to answer questions about cooking your turkey safely and making it tasty.

Call 1-800-323-4848 to reach the answer line; hearing or speech impaired callers can dial 1-800-TDD-3848. For on-line assistance, check the web site, www.butterball.com

This weekend, the talk line will be open both Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day, it will be available from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Remember the Settles?

What are your memories of Big Spring's landmark, the Settles? Put your thoughts in writing and send them to us for an upcoming feature. Send your memories to: Settles Memories, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX, 79720.

#### Memorial service set

Family Hospice is conducting its annual memorial service Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church. The candlelighting service, for families of patients, will honor those who have died in the last year.

Call 263-4673 for more information.

### THE LAST WORD

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

Thomas Jefferson

The big advantage of a book is it's very easy to rewind. Close it and you're right back at the beginning.

Jerry Seinfeld

Twilight has always seemed like God's indrawn breath, a pause in the progression of time.

Emilie Richards

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## Guide recalled due to possibly risky oil recipes

NEW YORK (AP) — Reader's Digest said Monday it is recalling 600,000 copies of a holiday guide because recipes for flavored oils fail to mention that they should be refrigerated to guard against botulism.

While no illnesses have been reported, Reader's Digest Association Inc. said it would immediately pull 450,000 copies of Reader's Digest Christmas from newsstands nationwide.

Customers can return the 150,000 copies that have been purchased since it went on sale Oct. 15.

Drug Administration says homemade mixtures of garlic or herbs in oil should be kept cold to avoid the risk of botulism, an often-fatal form of food poisoning, Reader's Digest said.

The FDA also recommends that the oils not be stored for long periods, the company said.

Reader's Digest also said a few thousand copies of "Sensational Preserves," a book published last year in which the four recipes first appeared, can be returned to dealers for refunds.

Recipes for herb, Thai, spiced orange and Indian spiced oils did not mention the need for refrigeration. The Food and

Editor's Note: Customers can obtain refund information from Reader's Digest Christmas at 1-888-FOOD-RDA (1-888-366-3732)

## Barbie undergoes makeover, gets more 'contemporary' look

NEW YORK (AP) — Barbie has an appointment with the plastic surgeon for a top-to-bottom makeover, and it may cost her some of her famous curves.

Mattel Inc. plans to give Barbie new, more realistic proportions and a less made-up face, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

was more blond, targeted to glamour and beauty and activities that were right then," said Jean McKenzie, who heads Mattel's Barbie division. "Now she'll have a contemporary look that's more natural and today. Kids tell us that everything we're doing to diversify away from pink and glamour and princess is right on."

The doll's new look — including a wider waist, slimmer hips and a smaller bustline — won't immediately replace the current Barbie, the newspaper said.

The most noticeable change may be a reduction in Barbie's generous (and sometimes controversial) bustline. "Her profile will be less graduated," was all McKenzie would say.

After its official unveiling at the toy industry's annual trade fair in January, Barbie's new body will be phased in gradually, beginning next year, the Journal reported. The new face will appear on several 1998 models.

One estimate puts the current Barbie's measurements at an unlikely 38-18-34 in human terms.

"In the '80s, Barbie's world

Many have criticized the El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel for giving young girls an unrealistic standard of beauty.

## Moderate reduction in fat may be better than drastic cutback

CHICAGO (AP) — You can never be too rich or eat too little fat, right?

Wrong, suggests a study that found moderate reductions in the amount of fat in a person's diet are better than drastic ones when it comes to lowering the risk of heart disease in people with high cholesterol.

Men who got 26 percent of their total calories from fat lowered their LDL, or so-called "bad" cholesterol, by 13.4 percent, researchers reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Men who cut their fat intake more — to 22 percent of total calories — did no better in reducing "bad" cholesterol, but they reduced levels of HDL, the so-called "good" cholesterol, and raised levels of another blood fat called triglycerides. Elevated triglycerides are associated with a higher risk of heart disease.

"It's become a very popular notion that the less fat a person eats, the better off they are, as far as heart disease risk is concerned," said the study's lead author, Dr. Robert H. Knopp, a professor of medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle.

Instead, he said, the study suggests that extreme fat restrictions do not help and may even be harmful.

Dr. Dean Ornish, an advocate of very low fat diets, said the findings send a misleading message that a dozen previous studies contradict.

The study measured risk factors for heart disease — not heart disease itself, said Ornish, a faculty member at the University of California at San Francisco.

He noted that in his own research, a vegetarian diet limited to 10 percent of calories from fat reversed the clogging of arteries in patients with heart disease, as evidenced on heart scans.

Knopp's study involved 444 men with elevated "bad" cholesterol levels in their blood. Some men also had elevated triglycerides.

The men were divided into groups that ate varying levels of fat: level 1, 30 percent of calories from fat; level 2, 26 percent; level 3, 22 percent; level 4, 18 percent.

"The surprising thing was that total fat restriction below the level 2 diet had no further benefit and had an adverse effect on triglycerides and HDL," Knopp said.

HDL is called "good" cholesterol because higher levels of it are associated with less risk of heart disease.

With LDL, the reverse is true — higher levels are linked to a higher risk of heart disease.

## SUPPORT

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Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

open meetings, 615 Settles.

"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., various Saturdays, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the meeting date.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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## Recipe Corner

This monthly feature runs the second Wednesday of each month in the life section. Submit recipes to Recipe Corner, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or drop them by the Herald office, or fax to 264-7205. Include your name and phone number.

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## Music may influence shopping more than you think

NEW YORK (AP) — Music and wine go together, no? Maybe more than you think, a study suggests.

Psychologists say that by serenading supermarket shoppers with either French accordion music or German oom-pah-pah, they were able to influence whether the customers bought French or German wine.

Nature by Adrian C. North and colleagues at the University of Leicester. North said American shoppers would probably respond the same way if they recognized the music as being French or German.

The music made the British customers think of France or Germany, priming them to shop accordingly, North said.

On days when a wine display featured Gallic favorites such as "The Marseillaise" or can-can music, French wine sold much better than German. When the display played songs appropriate for swinging a stein in a beer hall, German wine outsold French about 2-to-1.

Vladimir J. Konecni, who studies the psychology of music at the University of California at San Diego, said that's a plausible explanation, but he suspects a different reason.

When shoppers hear French music, he suggested, "they simply think there's a French wine promotion going on, and that means low price, usually," he said.

too. The experiment was done over two weeks, with the kind of music alternated each day. Four French and four German wines were displayed. Each shelf held one wine from each country, marked with the nation's flag. The two bottles on each shelf were the same price and degree of sweetness.

On French music days, shoppers bought a total of 40 French wines and only eight German wines. On German music days, they bought only 12 French wines but 22 bottles of German wine.

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## TARTER

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salt. Refrigerate and skim the fat before using.

Holiday activities always revolve around food, so enjoy eating but plan some activities too. Increase your daily exercise to help burn off those extra calories that you may take in. Find ways to include activities

that don't involve food: play games with the kids, go to the park, work on crafts, catch up on reading. All of these things occupy your time and keep your mind off of food.

Food safety tip: If you are preparing the Thanksgiving turkey, plan ahead and allow two to three days of refrigerator thawing time.

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ucts). This is caused by low levels of lactase, the enzyme needed to break down lactose in the body. Left undigested, lactose can lead to the production of gas, bloating, diarrhea and other stomach discomforts.

Does all this mean we should stop taking antibiotics? No says Levy, most antibiotics still have effective uses today. Just be aware that occasionally they cause harmful side effects. Discuss the possibility of this with your physician, and if any symptoms appear, contact him or her right away.

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## Green ties record for consecutive games, but Mavericks lose again

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A.C. Green had to endure a broken thumb, a cracked jaw, knocked out teeth and other injuries on his way to tying the NBA record by playing in 906 consecutive games.

Now, he has to deal with the constant pain of losing.

Green tied Randy Smith's mark Tuesday night as his Dallas Mavericks lost 102-95 to the Sacramento Kings, their seventh straight defeat. He said breaking the losing streak is more important than continuing his own

streak.

"I wanted to win this game, that's what was on my mind," he said. "Just trying to get out of this little funk the team is in. The most important thing is just trying to get out and win."

Corliss Williamson had 20 points to lead Sacramento, which broke a two-game losing streak. Lawrence Funderburke added a season-high 18 points and Mitch Richmond, who had led the Kings in scoring in all nine of their previous games, had 17.

"We seemed to be playing a big sluggish tonight. We were able to get it from a lot of guys, and that really

helped things," Richmond said. "We still have a lot of growing to do."

Green had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas. Dennis Scott had 20 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and Shawn Bradley added 18.

Green, who has not missed a game since November 1996, tied the record set by Smith with several teams from 1972-83. Green is expected to break the record Thursday night when the Mavericks host the Golden State Warriors.

Green, 34, spent eight seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers and 3½ years in Phoenix before being traded to the

Mavericks in December 1996.

"To me, it just says he's a hell of a competitor," Dallas coach Jim Clemons said of Green's streak. "There's nights your body says, 'You're kidding me, you want me to do what?'"

Fans at ARCO Arena gave Green a standing ovation, and several members of the Kings joined in the applause when he was introduced as part of Dallas' starting lineup.

Green had 11 points and six rebounds in the first half, which ended in a 53-53 tie. Olden Polynice had eight points in the third period for

Sacramento as the Kings took a 77-75 lead into the final period.

With Richmond on the bench, Sacramento opened the fourth quarter with a 10-3 run that included five points by little-used rookie forward Tariq Abdul-Wahad.

The Kings, who had four rookies — Abdul-Wahad, Funderburke, Anthony Johnson and Michael Stewart — on the court for a short span of the fourth quarter, maintained at least a four-point lead the rest of the way.

A pair of 3-pointers by Scott were the only points in the opening 7:36 of the final period for the Mavericks.

## Lady Steers drop opener, 61-58

### Missed free throws, turnovers allow Merkel to mount rally

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers, starting what they hope will be a seventh consecutive year in which they've taken the District 4-4A girls' basketball title, kept another streak alive Tuesday opening the season with a 61-58 loss to Merkel's Lady Badgers.

Hard-pressed to drop their seventh straight opener loss, the Lady Steers squandered a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter that left coach Ron Taylor shaking his head.

"We quit doing the things that were working for us and I don't know why," the puzzled Big Spring coach said. "I've been here seven years and we haven't won an opener yet. We always seem to start slow and finish fast."

Midway through the first quarter it appeared as if the Lady Steers were on their way to a rout when they went on a 10-point run, erasing a 5-3 Merkel lead and taking a 13-5 lead behind the inspired play of wing Krissi McWhorter and post Keesha Lott.

Only a last-second shot by Lady Badger Amanda Copeland seemed to keep Merkel within striking distance, as the Lady Steers took a 13-7 lead.

While the Lady Steers seemed to turn almost ice cold during a four-minute run in the second quarter, they again went on a brief tear when Kara Hughes ripped the nets with a 3-pointer and a quick shot in the crease that staked Big Spring to a 29-18 lead with 2:30 left in the first half.

The Lady Badgers refused to die, however, and came up with six unanswered points that trimmed the Big Spring lead to just 29-24 at intermission.

The late Merkel flurry in the second quarter would be prophetic.

Red hot from the outset, the Lady Steers opened the third quarter with a three-pointer by Maggie Haddad, Lott hit from the crease, Traci Bellinghausen nailed a pair of field goals from close range,

Nadia Cole muscled one in from underneath and Lott capped a 12-5 run with a layup that staked Big Spring to a 43-29 edge with 3:40 showing on the clock.

Merkel managed to rattle off a string of seven unanswered points before McWhorter drove the baseline and was fouled in the process of hitting a jumper. The three-point play made it 46-36 at the 1:49 mark, but Lady Badgers April Fisher and Brittany Burton managed a couple from the paint that left the Lady Steers with a 46-40 lead with eight minutes to play.

Bellinghausen, Lott and Haddad combined for eight quick points in the opening stanza, allowing Big Spring to take a 54-42 lead with 6:04 left.

But the Lady Steers would never score from the field again, and Merkel, following the lead of Trish Hicks, mounted a comeback.

During the next four minutes, the Lady Steers went scoreless as Haddad missed the front end of three straight one-and-one opportunities at the free throw line. Meanwhile, Hicks was scoring nine of her 16 points that left her tied with Lott for game-high honors.

Haddad stopped the bleeding by hitting a pair of free throws at the 2:04 mark, tying the score at 56-all. But McWhorter fouled out at the 1:26 mark and Merkel's Jamie Hellums made the most of her trip to the charity stripe, hitting both ends of the one-and-one.

Haddad and Lott each managed single free throw conversions down the stretch to make it 58-58 with 59 seconds to play, but the Lady Badgers got a layup from Jodi Hellums with 30 seconds left and she iced the win with 14 seconds left with a free throw.

Bellinghausen was the Lady Steers' only other player to finish the night in double figures, scoring 10 points, while the Lady Badgers got 12 from Fisher.

"It came down to free throws and turnovers," Taylor noted. "We didn't hit the free throws when it counted and threw it away too many times. You're



Big Spring's Keesha Lott (12) puts up a shot over the outstretched arm of Merkel's Bethany Teaff (45) during the Lady Steers opener at Steer Gym Tuesday night. The Lady Steers squandered a 12-point fourth quarter lead in dropping a 61-58 loss.

always going to have turnovers, but we had them at crucial times."

The Lady Steers inability to take the lead and seal it away clearly frustrated their coach.

"It was pretty clear tonight that when we're clicking on all cylinders, we can be pretty good," Taylor noted. "But we've got too many seniors to be as inconsistent as we were tonight."

The Lady Steers return to action Thursday night in Howard College's Crossroads Classic at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Big Spring's sub-varsity teams fared much better, the

Lady Steers freshmen taking a 58-33 win in the first game of the evening, while the junior varsity took a 42-39 win.

Melissa Flenniken paced the Big Spring freshmen with 14 points and six rebounds, while Melissa Forth had 13 points, seven rebounds and 7 steals. Robin McClinton added 11 points and nine rebounds. Scarlet Ashley added six rebounds and Britania Perez had three assists and the game's only 3-point goal.

Nina Evans led the Lady Steers JV to the three-point win, scoring 13 points, while Lacey Anderson added 11 more.

## Switzer says Cowboys won't be bullied by Packers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys haven't regained their swagger but they aren't intimidated by the Green Bay Packers.

At least that's the spin from coach Barry Switzer, who said Tuesday: "We're not going to be awed because Green Bay won the Super Bowl last year. Our guys still think they're

Super Bowl champions because they have won three of them in the 1990s."

There are some interesting streaks going into the game. The Cowboys have defeated the Packers in their last eight meetings, including last year when Green Bay was Super Bowl bound. However, seven of those wins were in Texas Stadium and the other one was in Milwaukee in 1991.

The other streak? The

Cowboys are 0-3 in Lambeau Field.

"What happened in the past has nothing to do with this game," Switzer said. "This game is a big game for a lot of people. The people in Green Bay have had this one marked on their calendars for a long time."

"But it has a different flavor than what everybody predicted. This game is significant because both teams need a win."

Green Bay is fighting for its division and needs a win. We need a win to go 7-5. Then if we win the rest of our games at home we could be 10-6, which is the record we had last year and it got us into the playoffs."

Switzer said the Cowboys have succeeded against the Packers because of the matchups.

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## Make that 11-0 for Hawks, Lakers remain unbeaten as well

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest reason why the Atlanta Hawks and Los Angeles Lakers are still undefeated is this: Both teams know how to finish with a flurry.

The Hawks improved their record to 11-0 Tuesday night by holding Washington scoreless in overtime as they beat the Wizards 98-89.

The Lakers, meanwhile, had a much more dramatic finish to improve to 9-0 as Kobe Bryant blocked a 3-point attempt by Bryon Russell and went in for a buzzer-beating windmill dunk to

### NBA ROUNDUP

cap Los Angeles' 97-92 victory at Utah.

"In case any of you missed it, Mr. Bryant made that last shot," said Lakers coach Del Harris, who jumped up and down several times and pumped his fist at the Utah crowd after the game. "He certainly had better composure than I did."

In other NBA games, Houston defeated New York 95-84, Minnesota downed Phoenix 108-90, Milwaukee beat

Detroit 87-79, Boston beat Toronto 122-109, Orlando topped the Los Angeles Clippers 112-94, Vancouver defeated Denver 100-87 and Sacramento topped Dallas 102-95.

Both the Lakers and Hawks are off to the best starts in franchise history. With a couple more victories apiece, they'll be taking aim at the NBA record of 15 straight victories to start the season by the 1948 Washington Capitols and the 1993 Houston Rockets.

Lakers would need victories over New York, Detroit, Toronto and Charlotte to tie the record. Los

Angeles would have to beat Minnesota, the Clippers, Miami, Boston, Philadelphia and Toronto to go 15-0.

The Lakers' win snapped a three-game winning streak for the Jazz. Utah had beaten the Lakers eight straight times in Salt Lake City, including three wins in last season's Western Conference semifinals.

With four seconds left and the Lakers up 95-92, Russell took an inbounds pass and

swatted to mid-court by Bryant, who then scooped it up and dunked with six-tenths of a

second to play. "I wanted to come out and make a statement," Bryant said. "I didn't want to dribble that last ball off my foot."

"This was great for him, for his confidence," said Shaquille O'Neal, who finished with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Bryant and Nick Van Exel led the Lakers with 19 points. Karl Malone had 26 points, nine rebounds and six

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

TP&WD officials offer recommendations
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season opened and continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

Quarterback Club meeting Tuesdays

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room.

Youth basketball clinic slated at YMCA

The Big Spring Family YMCA is now taking registrations for a youth basketball clinic which will be conducted on Mondays and Saturdays, Nov. 24-Dec. 20.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring.

YMCA forming swim team

A swim team to be coached by Harlan Smith is being formed by the Big Spring YMCA. The team meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights...

Registration under way for youth league

The deadline for registration for a youth basketball league being formed by the Big Spring YMCA is Dec. 6. No tryouts will be held for the league...

Co-ed power volleyball league forming

The Big Spring YMCA is currently forming a co-ed power volleyball league with an organizational meeting slated for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the YMCA.

SWITZER

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Smith, and Michael Irvin have all played well against Green Bay," Switzer said. "They have to step up again on Sunday." All three Cowboys were instrumental in their come-from-behind 17-14 win over the Washington Redskins last Sunday...

"I'm sure it will be a very emotional atmosphere," Switzer said. "I'm sure (the fans) will give us a big welcome to town." Dallas got some good injury news Tuesday from trainer Jim Maurer. Maurer said offensive tackle Erik Williams, who missed the Washington game with a leg injury, will return to practice.

Rookie Tony Hutson filled in for Williams last week and played well.

LOCAL BOWLING

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Steers open season with 80-61 victory

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers opened the basketball season with a road win Tuesday, knocking off Reagan County's Owls 80-61.

The Steers, paced by Travis Womack, Justin Myers and Greg Wollenzien, jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, finishing the first period with a 23-11 advantage and increasing it to a 40-23 halftime lead.

"I thought we played extremely well as a team," Steers coach Gary Tipton said, noting that at least one projected starter and two or three more role players have not yet joined the team as a result of the Big Spring football team's extended stay in the Class 4A playoffs. "It was certainly a good way to start the season. We played good basketball. We were able to hit the open man and most of the time, the open man was able to put the ball in the hole."

Womack produced a game-high 30 points, including an impressive 12-for-12 showing at the free throw line. All told, the Steers converted on 22 of 27 opportunities from the charity stripe.

In addition to Womack's big production, Myers added 20 points and Wollenzien scored 16 more.

The Steers will play their home opener Saturday at 2 p.m., playing host to Seminole.

Garden City girls win

Garden City's Lady Bearkats opened their season Tuesday with a 55-19 win over Forsan's Lady Buffaloes.

Paced by Tiffany Maxie and J'Layne Niehues, the Lady Bearkats jumped out to an 18-5 lead in the first quarter and had a comfortable 32-13 advantage at the half.

Maxie led all scorers with 24 points, while Niehues added 13 more. None of Forsan's performers managed to reach double figures.

In junior varsity action, Garden City made the most of balanced scoring in taking a 23-20 win. Tracey Machicek, Lora Braden and M'Lynn Niehues all

scored five points in leading the Lady Bearkat effort.

The win followed Monday's freshman action in which Garden City managed a 14-12 win over Forsan's "Black" team, which got six points from Sara Crowley and four from Amy Smith.

Forsan teams win two

Forsan's eighth-grade basketball teams opened the season with a split, while the seventh-grade girls' team made it a winning night.

Adam Dunlap and Andy Neel each scored seven points in pacing the Forsan eighth to a 38-30 boys' win over Midland Greenwood, as Steve Rains and Brian Watt added five points apiece.

In the girls' eighth-grade game, Forsan dropped a 17-15 loss to Roscoe. Candace Gamble and Deonna Wilkenson paced Forsan with four points each.

Amanda Lasater powered the seventh-grade girls' to a 21-13 win over Roscoe. Teammates Megan Fishback and Mandy Murphy added four each to cement the win.

Lady Mavs drop openers

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks dropped their season openers Monday as both the "A" and "B" teams were outscored by Andrews.

Ashley Tuttle led the way for the "A" team with six points and had four rebounds, while teammates Stormie Huff and Esha Ward had four steals each.

In the "B" game, Eve Tobar's three points was the best the Lady Mavs could muster, thereby wasting strong defensive performances turned in by Sidney Rojas and Krystal Long.

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EXPANSION DRAFT

Players picked in the 1997 expansion draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Arizona Diamondbacks, with former clubs in parentheses. The Devil Rays had the overall No. 1 selection:

**Devil Rays**  
**First Round**  
 1. Tony Saunders, lhp (Florida).  
 2. Quinton McCracken, of (Colorado).  
 3. Bob Abreu, of (Houston).  
 4. Miguel Cairo, 2b (Chicago Cubs).  
 5. Rich Butler, of (Toronto).  
 6. Bobby Smith, ss (Atlanta).  
 7. Jason Johnson, rhp (Pittsburgh).  
 8. Dmitri Young, 1b-of (Cincinnati).  
 9. Esteban Yan, rhp (Baltimore).  
 10. Mike DiFelice, c (St. Louis).  
 11. Bubba Trammell, of (Detroit).  
 12. Andy Sheets, ss (Seattle).  
 13. Dennis Springer, rhp (Anaheim).  
 14. Dan Carlson, rhp (San Francisco).

**Second Round**  
 15. Brian Boehringer, rhp (N.Y. Yankees).  
 16. Mike Duvall, lhp (Florida).  
 17. John LeRoy, rhp (Atlanta).  
 18. Jim Mecir, rhp (Boston).  
 19. Bryan Rekar, rhp (Colorado).  
 20. Rick Gorecki, rhp (Los Angeles).  
 21. Ramon Tatis, lhp (Chicago Cubs).  
 22. Kerry Robinson, of (St. Louis).  
 23. Steve Cox, 1b (Oakland).  
 24. Albie Lopez, rhp (Cleveland).  
 25. Jose Paniagua, rhp (Montreal).  
 26. Carlos Mendoza, of (N.Y. Mets).  
 27. Ryan Karp, lhp (Philadelphia).  
 28. Santos Hernandez, rhp (San Francisco).

**Third Round**  
 29. Randy Winn, of (Florida).  
 30. Terrell Wade, lhp (Atlanta).  
 31. Aaron Ledesma, ss (Baltimore).  
 32. Brooks Kieschnick, of-1b (Chicago Cubs).  
 33. Luke Wilcox, of (N.Y. Yankees).  
 34. Herbert Perry, 1b (Cleveland).  
 35. Vaughn Eshelman, lhp (Oakland).

**Diamondbacks**  
**First Round**  
 1. Brian Anderson, lhp (Cleveland).  
 2. Jeff Suppan, rhp (Boston).  
 3. Gabe Alvarez, 3b (San Diego).  
 4. Jorge Fabregas, c (Chicago White Sox).  
 5. Karim Garcia, of (Los Angeles).  
 6. Edwin Diaz, 2b (Texas).  
 7. Cory Lidle, rhp (N.Y. Mets).  
 8. Joel Adamson, lhp (Milwaukee).  
 9. Ben Ford, rhp (N.Y. Yankees).  
 10. Yamil Benitez, of (Kansas City).  
 11. Neil Weber, lhp (Montreal).  
 12. Jason Boyd, rhp (Philadelphia).  
 13. Brent Brede, of-1b (Minnesota).  
 14. Tony Batista, ss (Oakland).

**Second Round**  
 15. Tom Martin, lhp (Houston).  
 16. Omar Daal, lhp (Toronto).  
 17. Scott Winchester, rhp (Cincinnati).  
 18. Clint Sodowsky, rhp (Pittsburgh).  
 19. Danny Klassen, ss (Milwaukee).  
 20. Matt Drews, rhp (Detroit).  
 21. Todd Erdos, rhp (San Diego).  
 22. Chris Clemons, rhp (Chicago White Sox).  
 23. David Dellucci, of (Baltimore).  
 24. Damian Miller, c (Minnesota).  
 25. Hector Carrasco, rhp (Kansas City).  
 26. Hanley Frias, ss (Texas).  
 27. Bob Wolcott, rhp (Seattle).  
 28. Mike Bell, 3b (Anaheim).

**Third Round**  
 29. Joe Randa, 3b (Pittsburgh).  
 30. Jesus Martinez, lhp (Los Angeles).  
 31. Russ Springer, rhp (Houston).  
 32. Bryan Corey, rhp (Detroit).  
 33. Kelly Stinnett, c (Milwaukee).  
 34. Chuck McElroy, lhp (Chicago White Sox).  
 35. Marty Janzen, rhp (Toronto).

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The Reds, then sent him back to Cincinnati.

The Chicago Cubs got pitcher Kurt Miller from Florida for a player to be named.

The New York Yankees, as expected, received third baseman Scott Brosius from

Oakland as the player to be named in a recent deal for pitcher Kenny Rogers.

In free agent re-signings, Seattle kept second baseman Joey Cora (\$1.65 million), Milwaukee kept reliever Doug Jones (\$3 million) and Colorado re-signed catcher Jeff Reed (\$2.6 million for two years).

TRADES

**Mantle family seeking to halt New York memorabilia auction**

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**

DALLAS — Mickey Mantle's estate indicated it would file a lawsuit today in an attempt to halt a sale of the late baseball star's personal items, attorney says.

The auction is scheduled for Saturday in New York by Leland's Auction House. On the block are such items as Mantle's birth certificate, hair clipping and unique baseball items.

Most of the things to be auctioned include items such as autographed photos and artwork, jerseys and cap, bats and balls.

But it also includes such things as a bicycle, dress shirts, credit card receipts, 10 pairs of gym shorts, four pairs of reading glasses, a speed boat, fishing gear and handkerchiefs.

The auction triggered a dispute between two sides of his personal life over who will guard his legacy.

Mantle family seeking to halt New York memorabilia auction

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Draft set stage for trade extravaganza

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — The expansion draft turned out to be a big deal, especially once it ended.

A slow, tedious seven hours of no-name picks by the Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays suddenly gave way to baseball bedlam Tuesday night — a never-before-seen frenzy of activity that saw Pedro Martinez, Robb Nen, Fred McGriff and Travis Fryman change teams.

No trades could be announced until Arizona and Tampa Bay each finished selecting players. But one minute after they were done, general managers rushed the podium to report their 13 swaps and four free-agent signings.

"It was a thrill to be involved in the situation tonight," Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar said. "We had some scenario with every team during the week, or almost every team. And then it's just a matter of trying to activate those trades."

While both new teams looked to the future early — Tampa Bay made rookie pitcher Tony Saunders of Florida the overall No. 1 pick and Arizona then took 25-year-old lefty Brian Anderson of Cleveland — they quickly added proven stars late in the evening.

The Devil Rays got McGriff in a trade with Atlanta and signed

free agent closer Roberto Hernandez. The Diamondbacks got Fryman in a trade with Detroit and acquired center fielder Devon White from Florida.

"Things were coming together and falling apart all night, and that's what makes it exciting," Arizona general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "This is the kind of activity we used to have at the winter meetings, and fans love."

The World Series champion Marlins continued their breakup that began with the recent trade of Moises Alou to Houston. This night, they slashed their payroll even more by trading closer Nen to San Francisco for three young pitchers and sending White to Arizona for another minor league pitcher.

They also lost the 23-year-old Saunders, the lefty who was part of their postseason rotation but was left off the team's 15-man protected list.

"We're going back and we're going to regroup in Florida," GM Dave Dombrowski said. "There are still some moves to be made."

In the biggest deal of the day, Montreal traded Martinez, the NL Cy Young winner, to Boston for young pitcher Carl Pavano and a player to be named.

The cost-conscious Expos also traded second baseman Mike

Lansing to Colorado for three minor leaguers.

"Obviously both of my trades were dictated by the economics of the times," Montreal general manager Jim Beattie said.

In other moves:

— The Diamondbacks acquired Fryman for third baseman Joe Randa in a four-player deal. They also sent Chuck McElroy to Colorado for outfielder Harvey Pulliam.

— The Devil Rays got shortstop Kevin Stocker from Philadelphia for outfielder Bob Abreu. Tampa Bay also catcher John Flaherty from San Diego for pitcher Brian Boehringer and shortstop Andy Sheets.

"Obviously they made some deals to get some credibility with McGriff and Stocker and myself, and they're talking about signing Wade Boggs," Flaherty said. "It's not about an expansion, last-place, struggling team."

The trades far overshadowed a draft in which the two new clubs steered clear of high-priced vets and focused on pitching prospects.

Of the 70 players picked — 10 of them were subsequently traded — 39 were pitchers. Most had little or no big league experience — that may be the best way to build, but it hardly made for high drama.

"Most expansion drafts go this way," Atlanta general man-

ager John Schuerholz said. "These are not familiar names, not household names to most fans. But I think it's a wise thing to do, to look for young pitching."

At best, the choosing of pitchers Dennis Springer of Anaheim and Chuck McElroy of the White Sox — the only players over 30 to be picked — prompted a mild response from the small gallery.

But the mention of Esteban Yan, Hanley Frias, Steve Cox and Chris Clemons led some fans to chant, "Boring! Boring!"

Yet as history has shown, picking fading stars such as Gil Hodges, Ted Kluszewski and Bill Singer in expansion drafts rarely produces success.

That might be the reason the Devil Rays and Diamondbacks, who had been preparing since March 1995 for the draft, avoided such players as Eric Davis, Geronimo Berroa and Todd Zeile. And big salaries might have scared them away from the likes of Eric Karros.

"When we looked at the board, it made sense for both teams to go the way they did," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said.

The AL East Devil Rays picked nine straight pitchers at one stretch, and 14 of the first 15 choices overall in the second round were pitchers.

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a combined 3-of-10 in the fourth quarter.

"I think we gave one away," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "They got every loose basketball."

They also got every fourth-quarter free throw. The Lakers shot 14 free throws in the fourth quarter, compared to none for the Jazz.

"I won't comment" on the officiating, Sloan said.

The game was the first between the two teams since O'Neal earned a one-game suspension for slapping Jazz center Greg Ostertag after a pregame shootaround Oct. 31 in Los Angeles.

O'Neal was booed lustily by a sellout Delta Center crowd every time he touched the ball, but he and Ostertag never clashed during the game.

Hawks 98, Wizards 89

At Atlanta, Christian Laettner and Mookie Blaylock scored 24 points apiece and rookie Ed Gray scored seven points in overtime when the Hawks were outscoring Washington 9-0.

"I'm a rookie, but I try not to think like one," said Gray, who had his best game so far with 14 points after being pressed into second-half duty with leading scorer Steve Smith sidelined at halftime by an aching back. "I'm aggressive. (Coach Lenny Wilkens) told me to drive to the hoop. That's my game."

"It was two games," added Gray, the Hawks' first-round draft pick from California. "They won the first three periods, but we won the fourth and the OT."

The Hawks have won two overtime games and have only one double-digit margin of victory — 11 points — in their season-opening win streak. Atlanta has won 10 straight overtime games dating to the 1994-95 season.

Rockets 95, Knicks 84

At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon found his shooting touch with 24 points and Matt Maloney finished one shy of his career-high with 23.

Olajuwon, who entered the game averaging only 14.1 points, put Houston ahead for good on two free throws with 4:31 to play.

"This was a big game for us," guard Mario Elie said. "A lot of people were counting us out, but there's a lot of pride in this locker room. We showed a lot of spirit and heart, especially

in the fourth quarter."

Houston snapped its four-game losing streak and ended New York's three-game victory streak.

John Starks led the Knicks with 29 points, and Charlie Ward had 14.

T-wolves 108, Suns 90

Stephon Marbury scored 11 of his 23 points in the final 5:13 as Minnesota used a late 15-0 surge to win at Phoenix.

Kevin Garnett led the Timberwolves with 26 points,

and Tom Gugliotta added 20 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. But it was Marbury who ended the Suns' final comeback bid by spearheading the run that helped turn a tight game into an 18-point victory.

Bucks 87, Pistons 79

At Milwaukee, the Bucks led just 31-29 at the half, and the combined 60 points was only two more than the NBA record of 58 scored by Syracuse and Fort Wayne on Jan. 25, 1955.

Ray Allen and Terrell

Brandon scored 21 points apiece for Milwaukee.

Afterward, Detroit coach Doug Collins described his club as "awful."

Celtics 122, Raptors 109

At Toronto, Dee Brown went 4-of-4 on 3-pointers in the first half as Boston built a 29-point lead and cruised to its fourth straight win.

John Wallace scored a career-high 30 points with 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who looked sluggish and uninterested in

the wake of an announcement by general manager Isiah Thomas that he might bolt the club for a broadcasting job at NBC.

Magic 112, Clippers 94

At Orlando, Mark Price, snapping out of a major shooting slump, hit 10 of 13 shots and scored 23 points as the Magic defeated Los Angeles.

Rony Seikaly added 21 points and 11 rebounds and Gerald Wilkins came off the bench to score 17. Brent Barry led the

Clippers with 21 points. Los Angeles has lost six straight games.

Grizzlies 100, Nuggets 87

Blue Edwards scored 27 points and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 18 as Vancouver won its first road game. It was the fifth victory of the season for the Grizzlies, who didn't win that many last year until Dec. 17.

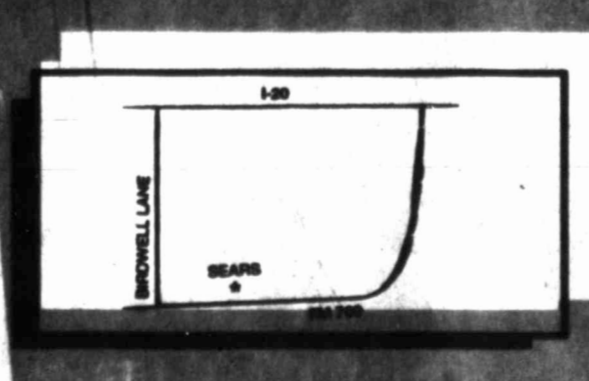
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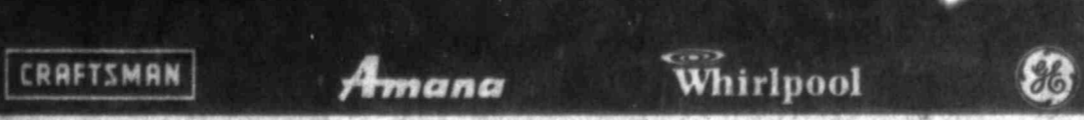


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# Lee's production powers No. 15 Stanford to 87-57 route of San Diego

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STANFORD, Calif. — Brevin Knight left Stanford as the school's third-leading scorer and the career leader in assists and steals.

On Tuesday night, Arthur Lee began the job of trying to replace him.

In his first start at point guard since Knight moved on to the NBA, Lee scored 11 points in just 17 minutes as No. 15 Stanford routed the

## NCAA

University of San Diego 87-57 in the season opener for both teams.

"I played OK, sufficient for this game," said Lee, a junior who had three assists and three turnovers. "I made way too many turnovers and a few errant passes, but otherwise I feel great about stepping into the starting lineup."

Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said following a player like Knight makes it tough on Lee, but he got off to a good start.

"It's unfair to put so much emphasis on Arthur," Montgomery said. "Tonight, he made mostly good decisions. Arthur knows that we have the personnel under the basket and he needs to get the ball to the right area. There's a way bigger premium this year on how our point guards play in the

absence of Brevin."

Stanford returned four starters from last year's team that reached the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament, but lost Knight, who now plays for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"Stanford is going to play a little differently this year, no question, without Brevin Knight," San Diego coach Brad Holland said. "He is one of those special players that comes along maybe once in a coach's career. I suspect they're

just getting a feel for Art Lee and what he can do, and Lee is a very capable player in his own right."

Lee had the Cardinal's first points, scoring on a layup, drawing a foul and making the free throw to complete a three-point play. He scored six more points in the first half, helping Stanford pull away to 53-28 half-time lead. The Toreros scored the first four points in the second half, cutting the deficit to 19, but never got any closer the

rest of the way.

Elsewhere in the Top 25, it was Wisconsin 80, No. 24 Illinois State 66; and No. 19 Oklahoma 81, Texas-Arlington 63.

Mark Madsen's 18 points led Stanford. Kris Weems also had 11 and Tim Young 10 for the Cardinal, who won their 14th straight game at Maples Pavilion dating to the final contest of the 1995-96 season.

Ryan Williams led San Diego with 16 points. Nosa Obasohan and Brian Miles had nine points apiece.

Stanford outshot San Diego 47 percent to 40 percent and had nearly twice as many rebounds, 46-24. Peter Sauer, Madsen and Young, part of the tallest front-line in Stanford's history, combined for 22 rebounds.

"Stanford keeps bringing in all that beef one after another under the basket and it's hard to compete when your leading scorer (Miles) is on the bench in foul trouble," Holland said.

The game marked the debut of Stanford's highly regarded freshman forwards, twins Jason and Jarron Collins. They scored seven points each and had 10 rebounds between them.

## Wisconsin 80, Illinois State 66

At Madison, Wis., Sean Mason scored 20 points, Hennesy Auriantal had 18 and the Badgers shot 65 percent (31-of-48) from the floor.

The Redbirds, ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since 1983, trailed 71-63 on a 3-pointer from Dan Muller with 4:40 remaining, but Wisconsin scored the next seven points to pull away.

Rico Hill scored 19 points for the Redbirds before fouling out.

## Oklahoma 81, UT-Arlington 63

At Norman, Okla., Corey Brewer scored 18 points to highlight a strong performance from the Sooners' backcourt.

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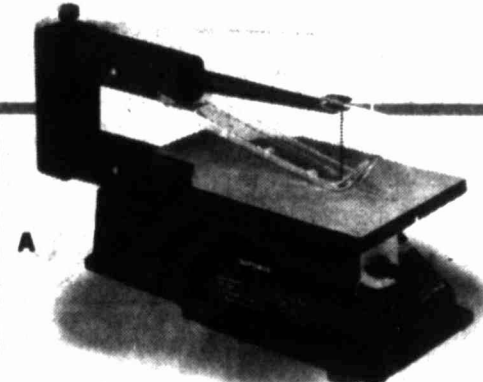


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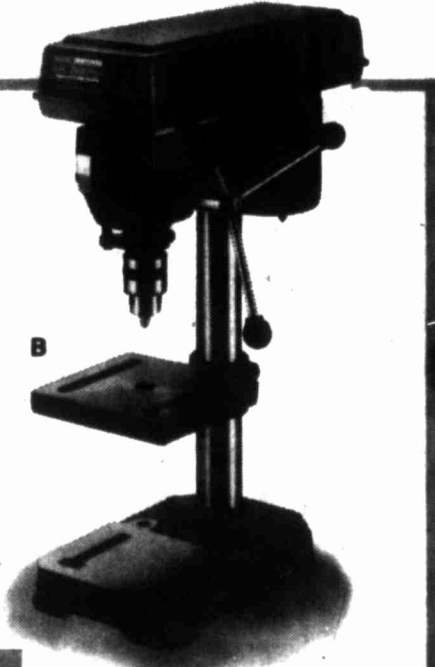
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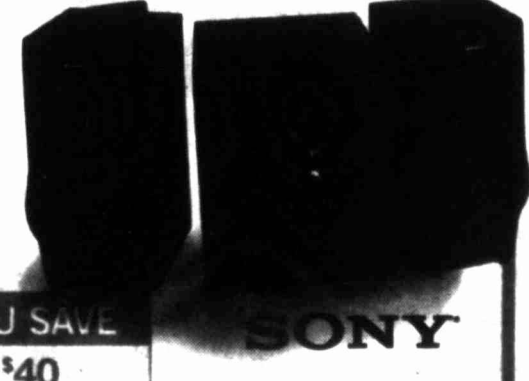
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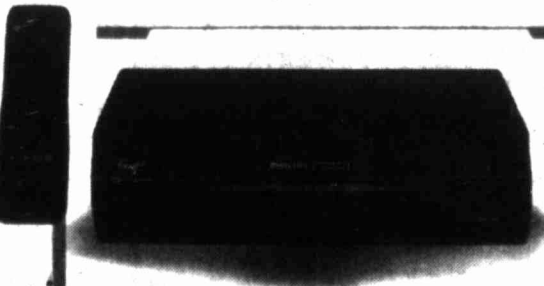
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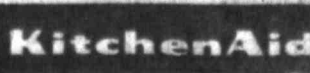
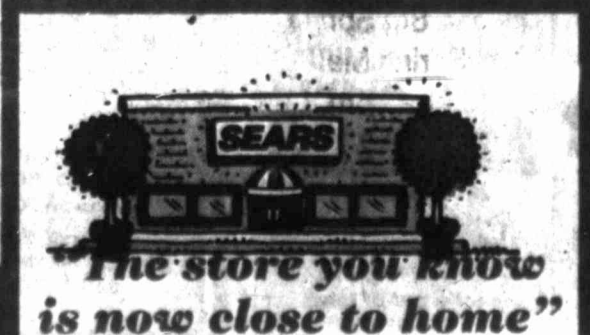
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knowing, especially with a boss. Others cheer you on. A close associate whispers secrets in your ear...

partner tells you what he thinks. You feel uncomfortable, but he means well. Concentrate, and mellow out. Let the workaholic in you lead...

is time to dispel these feelings. You are so used to being strong alone, you forget how powerful a duo can be...

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ing keeps me awake. She sleeps on the living room couch to elevate her head and facilitate her breathing. Cough drops and other non-prescription drugs temporarily relieve a variety of ailments, so she ingests them daily along with prescription medications. She has undergone angioplasty to clear a clogged artery and was advised by her surgeon to stop smoking. Unfortunately, her addiction is more powerful than her desire to live. I also have lung disease from 40 years of smoking cigarettes, pipes and cigars. Five times I quit for more than a year. Twice I quit cold turkey without help. Twice I had acupuncture. I quit the last time three years ago during a "smoke stoppers" class at the hospital. I know smoking is a difficult habit to break. And I suspect it's more difficult for people who are genetically prone to addictions. (My wife is a recovering alcoholic.) She has tried to quit smoking. She's had acupuncture twice and she also attended the "smoke stoppers" course. She has worn nicotine patches and has chewed nicotine-based gum. But she has never gone more than a day or two without a cigarette. (She confessed that she lit up while driving home from one of the \$100 acupuncture treatments.) In deference

to her family, she doesn't smoke in the house. In wind, rain and cold temperatures, she goes outside to light up. And this further aggravates her respiratory problems. I'm angry. I'm angry with my wife. I'm angry with myself for being her co-dependent. I'm angry at cigarette companies for enticing us to take up this insidious habit. And I'm angry with the government for not exercising more control over a drug that kills 500,000 Americans every year. My wife was born of sturdy Norwegian ancestry on a farm in Minnesota, and for years her body stubbornly resisted the hourly doses of nicotine. But little by little, her body is losing the battle. She needs help. I need help. — THE MAN WHO LOVES HER

DEAR MAN: Your wife may be beyond the help you seek, but perhaps it will comfort you to know that your powerful letter may convince another person to stop smoking. And tomorrow will provide the perfect opportunity. READERS, tomorrow, Nov. 20, marks the 21st Annual Great American Smokeout. The Smokeout is a one-day campaign to encourage smokers to quit smoking for 24 hours — to prove that they can do it. Last year, more than 11,960,000 quit for the day — a giant step in the right direction. My readers tell me that while "cold turkey" is the most difficult, it's also the most effective way to kick the habit. Those who need help or want more information about the effects of tobacco may call the local chapter of the American Cancer Society or 1-800-ACS-2345. So, Dear Readers, if you're hooked on tobacco and have been saying, "One of these days, I'm going to quit," why not join the Great American Smokeout and quit tomorrow? It won't be easy, but it will be the best Thanksgiving gift you can give yourself and those who love you. Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) ©1997 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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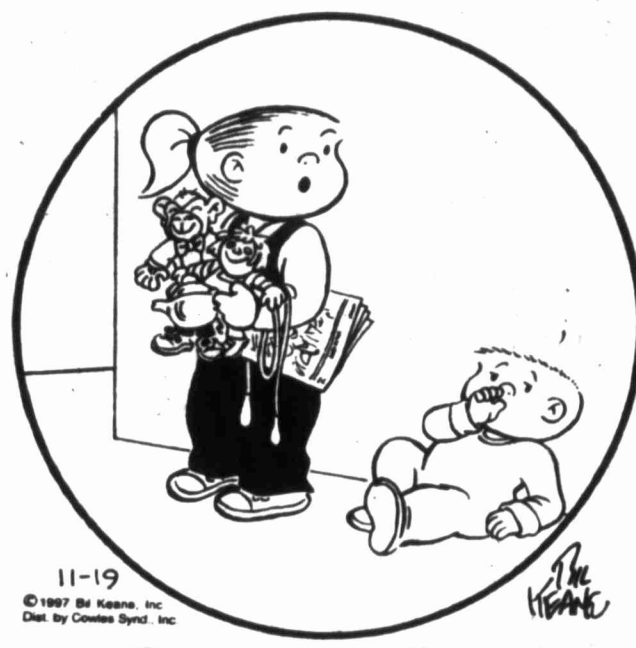
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 1997. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address...

Britain signed the Jay Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Tuesday's Puzzle solved: A grid with the words GRAS, BETA, MAJOR, etc. filled in.

- DOWN 1 Climbing plant, 2 Madison avenue denizens, 3 Part of a clone, etc.

BIG SPRING HERALD advertisement with contact information and office hours.

1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio. In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles...

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