## 1997 cotton harvest looks to yield more than 250,000 bales area-wide

When all is said and done with the 1997 cotton crop, area farmers should harvest more than 250,000 bales, a dramatic increase from last year.

According to the latest estimates from officials in Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties, around 265,000 bales of cotton should be collected by the time the '97 harvest is complete. That figure is more than six times the figure reached in 1996, when drought ravaged area fields.

Martin County farmers will have the highest yields in the area, with estimates ranging up to 130,000 bales. Howard County is next in line, with a estimated

total yield of 85,000, while Glasscock County farmers are expected to harvest in excess of 50,000 bales this year.

If those estimates hold, area farmers should realize more than \$100 million in direct economic impact from the harvest, with an overall economic impact of about \$700 million to this area, according to Extension Service figures.

While this doesn't represent a banner year for farmers, it's an almost miraculous turnaround from the past few years.

The good news isn't restricted to this area, either. Statewide estimates call for 5.5 million bales of cotton to be harvested in Texas this year, an increase of more than 1 million bales from

The weather, which was so cruel to farmers the past few years, cooperated this time around.

"We had some rains at the right time, and we had some good September weather. That determines how good the crop will be a lot of times," said Gerald Hanson, who has been closely monitoring the Martin County harvest.

"We had a good, dry September," he added. "And it seems like boll weevils ... didn't do as much damage as we thought they would."

Rob Haney, president of the **Howard County Cotton Growers** Association, estimated that county farmers reaped between a half-bale and 2 bales per acre this year.

Everybody I've talked to has been real pleased," Haney said. "It's not an excellent, excellent crop, but it sure made a difference over what we've made the last three or four years."

The good news couldn't have come at a better time for farmers who were in a make-or-break situation. Hanson said.

"If we hadn't made a good crop, there would have been several farmers that wouldn't be able to farm another year," he said. "This is one of the better (crops) we've had in several years."

Hanson said Martin County farmers averaged more than a bale an acre this year. Dryland farmers brought in between a bale and 1 1/2 bales on average. while irrigated fields yielded more than two bales an acre.



**HERALD** photo/Jonathan

Big Spring Gin employee Sam Pena moves a bale of cotton into position to be bagged and sampled.

### **TRIMMING TREES**

Richard Wright (left) and Gary Faulkner take their turn working at the Optimist Club Christmas tree lot Saturday. Here they cut the bottom off of a tree and square it up so that it can be placed in water in a tree holder.

**HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett** 



## Tickets now available for FUMC's Living Christmas Tree

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Free tickets are 'available as long as they last this week for the Living Christmas Tree, the live musical performance at First United Methodist Church Saturday and

Joanne Forrest, who was at the church early today handing out tickets, said the approximately 900 seats for each performance will fill quickly.

"Most of them will probably go by Wednesday," she said. "That's the big crush, at the first part of the week."

But tickets will be given out at the church office as long as they last, she said. "We'll sometimes have a few left at the end we speak," Forrest said.

"Tree" performances begin at 8 p.m. The later start time is planned so that Saturday night's audience can enjoy the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade and Trail of Lights.

Organizers and church leaders said the event is much-anticipated by the church and community.

"It's something so special," said Denise Ross, co-director of music at FUMC. "It is truly a gift to Big Spring."

Ross and her husband, John, are directing the choir of about 75, which comes from seven or eight local churches.

"This has been a tradition in Big Spring for nearly 20 years now," said Ed

of the week, but we are giving them out as Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist. "It has served as a focal point for the community's worship, a way of celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ."

> This year's musical program will include traditional English carols, some with familiar tunes, others more unusual.

Ross said people will recognize many of the songs, such as "O Come All Ye Faithful."

In addition to the singers, the program features a full orchestra of various local musi-

All performers have a busy week ahead, with rehearsals tonight, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. A full dress rehearsal, Saturday at 2 p.m., is open to the public, and no tickets are required.

## Election '98

Lockhart, Kilgore decide to seek re-election to court while others play waiting game to announce decision

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Speculation is that when the first day to file candidacy for local offices rolls around Wednesday, some familiar names will surface as both incumbents and opponents.

Accepting those challenges will be County Judge Ben Joeknart and Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, who have indicated they will seek reelection to their posi-

One name that will not be on the primary ballot is that of Precinct

Commissioner Sonny Choate. Choate says he never intended to stay in office forever and he is returning to civilian life and will spend more time with his

family. Choate ran in 1994 as a conservative, saying the commissioners' court needed a more conservative voice in fiscal matters.

Getting elected to the court in 1994 made Choate the first Republican to be elected to the court in 22 years.

"I didn't hit all of the things I wanted to hit on and part of that is due to the fact that a commissioner is only one voice out of five," Choate said.

"Things definitely look better than they did when I came on the court, but that's not due to anything I did — it has to do with the price of oil," Choate added. "We finally stopped seeing the downward spiral of our tax base."

Another name that will be missing on the primary ballot is that of County Clerk Margaret Ray, who decided earlier this year that she will not seek another term to the position she has held since 1975.

Ray has actually been a part of the county clerk's office since she was 18 years old, and, by the time her term expires in December 1998, she will have served Howard County for 45

Like Choate, Ray believes in giving the voters what they pay for — service, which is why she





decided to serve out her current

term rather than resign early. Names have not surfaced yet as to who may seek to fill the Precinct 4 position or the county clerk's position, but both Republicans and Democrats will have their opportunity to pick

up the county seat on a commissioners' court which seems to have become more and more conservative in the last four All of the offices up for reelection in 1998, for which candidates will have to declare their

intentions to seek beginning Wednesday include district judge, county judge, Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 County Commissioner seats, district clerk, county treasurer and county surveyor. Also on the ballot will be

Justice of the Peace seats for Precinct 1, Place 2 (Marilyn Carson) and Precinct 2 (Jack Buchanan).

Judge Carson and Judge Buchanan have yet to indicate whether they will seek reelec-

Interested candidates for local office will have until Jan. 2, 1998 to declare their candidacy for one of the offices on the primary

#### Texas inmates lose Supreme Court bid over parole The class-action lawsuit, origiments."

WASHINGTON (AP) — The appeal by Texas inmates who say their chances for parole shouldn't suffer if they have sued prison officials or if their crime victim opposes parole.

The court, without comment, turned away the inmates' argument that they should not be penalized for exercising their right to sue. The inmates also said crime victims' letters to parole boards often include false information.

Supreme Court today rejected an nally filed in 1985, sought an order barring parole officials from considering whether inmates filed lawsuits while in prison. Many prisoners are denied parole at because they have filed legal claims over prison conditions, inmates said.

Inmates also sought to bar parole officials from considering letters written by crime victims or their relatives. Texas law requires parole boards to consider such "victim impact state-

A federal magistrate judge in Austin barred parole officials from considering crime victims' statements or inmates' activities in filing lawsuits.

The use of victim statements violates inmates' equal-protection rights because those who are the targets of such letters tend to be denied parole, the judge said in 1995. He also said bias against litigious has harmed their access to the

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed. The policy allowing victim impact statements aims to protect victims' rights, and it applies equally to all inmates, the appeals court

It also said inmates who file frivolous lawsuits are not protected from retaliation by parole officials. The lower court judge was ordered to reconsider the case to decide whether any inmates were denied parole for filing valid lawsuits.



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#### *N*EATHER Tonight:







Tonight, a chance of light rain. Becoming cloudy with lows 35-42. Tuesday, a chance of rain. Cloudy with highs from near 50 to near 60. Tuesday night, chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast, Wednesday, a chance of rain. Highs mid 40s to lower 50s. Thursday and Friday, dry. Lows in the 20s. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s.

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#### **Lois Dow**

A memorial service for Lois Dow, 60, Big Spring, will be 2:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 1997, at the Veterans . Administration Medical Center Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Dow died Saturday, Nov. 29, in a local hospital following a sudden illness.

She was born on Nov. 16. 1937, in Big Spring. She returned to Big Spring in 1989 and was working at the VAMC at the time of her death. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include: one brother, Paul Hood, Big Spring; two sisters, Ruth Ham and Ona Beth Hood, both of Lubbock: and a large number of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Haven House; P.O. Box 368; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-0368.

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

### **Questionable** death under investigation

**HERALD Staff Report** 

The Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) is awaiting the results of an autopsy ordered Sunday night by Justice of the Peace China Long in the questionable death of Kathy Lynn Redding, 40, of Big Spring.

Around 10: 27 p.m., the BSPD responded to the 700 block of Andree in reference to a gun-

Upon arrival at the scene, officers found a white female identified as Redding with a gunshot wound.

Long pronounced the victim dead and ordered the autopsy. BSPD Det. David Mohn is investigating the case.

### RECORDS

Sunday's high 64 Sunday's low 35 Average high 60 Average low 33 Record high 80 in 1946 Record low 14 in 1918 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 1.29 Month's normal 0.76 Year to date 18.95 Normal for the year 17.87 \*\*Statistics not available

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#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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William "Bill" Iles, 80, died Friday. Services were 11:00 AM Monday, at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Lois Dow, 60, died Saturday Memorial services will be 2:30 PM Tuesday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center Chapel.

> Monday-Friday 9 AM-8 PM Saturday 9 AM-5 PM **CLOSED SUNDAY**

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### TREE SEARCH IS ON



Jerry Edenfield was searching for just the right Christmas tree for his family on Saturday as he began preparing for the

### Izzard will announce run on Tuesday

Christmas season.

**HERALD Staff Report** 

The first campaign two years ago came up short, but Republican Congressional candidate Rudy Izzard will be in Big Spring Tuesday to announce his intention to make a second run for the 17th Congressional seat held by Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford.

Izzard will make his announcement at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Justice of the Peace Courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

In recent elections, Stenholm, a member of Congress since 1979, has withstood serious challenges from Republican opponents such as Phil Boone, whom he defeated in 1994 53.7 percent to 46.3 percent, and will face his second challenge from Izzard next year.

### **BRIEFS**

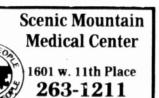
WORLD AIDS DAY WILL be commemorated tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring VA Medical Center. Families and friends wishing to honor loved ones victimized by AIDS are welcome to attend.

Those attending may bring pictures, candles, ribbons or other mementos to place at the AIDS memorial tree. Call Carol Reyes, R.N., AIDS coordinator, 263-7361, ext. 7328 for more information.

THE HISTORIC SPRING WILL be decorated with a lighted display for the first time this year. The first showing of the thousands of lights in Comanche Trail Park will be Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Then the lights will be turned on nightly through Jan. 1. Special programs are planned for Dec. 10-14. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the program, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

VA MEDELCAL CENTER'S ANNUAL Christmas lighting ceremony and carol sing will be today at 6 p.m. in the front lobby of the medical center. Volunteers, employees, veterans and their families are invited to attend. Call Fred Cox, 264-4824 for more information.



FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE as long as they last this week at First United Methodist Church office for the Living Christmas Tree performances, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Tickets are required for the production of music, narration and song, but those without tickets may attend a 2 p.m. Saturday dress rehearsal.

**OLYMPICS** SPECIAL NEEDS COACHES for track, soccer, equestrian, aquatics, basketball, softball, gymnastics and bowling. All that is required is your time, friendship, patience, and love.

Coaches' Training Clinic is Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Odessa College's Athletic Center in Odessa. Special Olympics is the world's largest provider of athletic training and competition for adults and children with mental retarda-

For questions about the training school or about registering an athlete, please call James at

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIA-TION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive Driving Course will be offered Dec. 2-3 at Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

The course takes place from 9 lunch. Designed for drivers 55 years of age and older, the class offers a certificate for up to 10 percent reduction in auto insurance

Call 267-1628 for more information.

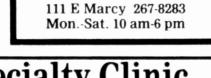
DANCING OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11 a.m. noon. This is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time. Call for more information, 267-8234.

### SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205. TODAY

·Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.





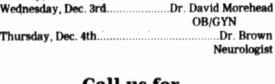
## **Big Spring Specialty Clinic**

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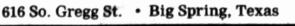
The following Doctors will be in our office this week.



Call us for An Appointment 267-8226

Childbirth Classes will begin Dec. 15th.





# A ROUND THE TOWN

Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

 Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•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.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City. **TUESDAY** 

 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.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 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. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

·Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VFW Post NO. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. •Book Club meeting, 7 p.m., Howard County Library. "Deep End of The Ocean" by Jacqueline Mitchard will be

 Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

discussed.

 Coahoma Senior Citizens a.m.-2 p.m. with an hour for have a luncheon, 11 a.m., Community center. Choir booster club meeting,

7 p.m., BSHS choir room. WEDNESDAY 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.

 Encouragers support group, 6 p.m., Magnolia Tea Room, 215 Main, for dinner. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369 for more informa-

**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.

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·Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. Genealogical Society of Big

Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236. •Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30

p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715. 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.

#### MARKETS

Dec. cotton 70.25, down 13 points; Jan. crude 18.67, down 48 point; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 46.50; cash steers steady at 67; Dec. lean hog futures 61.95, down 17 points; Dec. live cattle futures 66.72, down 47 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

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## FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring



Get your tree stamped! Hurry! Drawing Dec.6th! Department/EMS reports: Thursday

1:10 a.m. — I-20 mile marker 171, trauma call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:12 a.m. - 400 block Westover, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

4:43 a.m. — 2000 block Allendale, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

12:58 p.m. - 1200 block Lloyd, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

9:59 p.m. — 1400 block Grafa, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

Friday 12:21 a.m. - 800 block W. 7th, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

12:26 p.m. — 18th and Scurry, traffic accident, five patients transferred to SMMC. 2:49 p.m. — I-20 mile marker 170, grass fire, extinguished by

responding units. 3:07 p.m. — 6th and Scurry, traffic accident, one patient transferred to SMMC, service

refused by one patient.

2:13 p.m. — 100 block Gregg, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

7:12 p.m. — 2500 block Gregg, fire call, false alarm. 8:18 p.m. - 1900 block Wasson, medical call, service

refused. 8:40 p.m. - 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transferred to hospital in Stanton.

Sunday 7:20 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:14 a.m. — 200 block Merrick Road, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 2:10 p.m. — 1300 block

Johnson, médical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 3:12 p.m. - 1800 block State, trauma call, patient transferred

to SMMC. 9:51 p.m. — 1200 block E. 16th, medical call, patient

transferred to SMMC.  $10:34 \, p.m. - 700 \, block$ Andrea, trauma call, service

#### POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for public intoxication. · G U I L L E R M O HERNENDEZ, 72, was arrested for public intoxication.

•KENNETH CONWAY, 37, was arrested for forgery. •THEFT in the 400 block of

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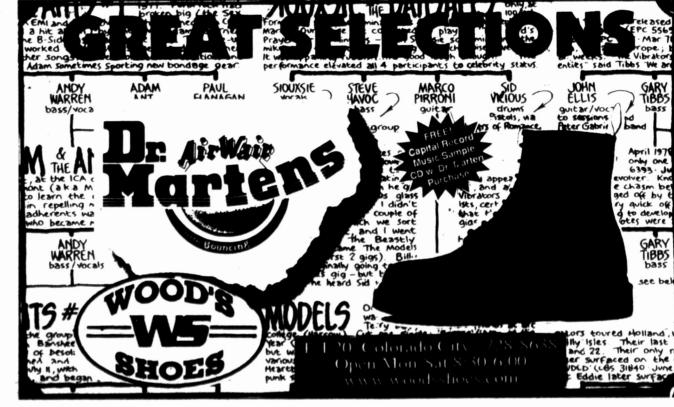
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## Survey finds growing use of day, night youth curfews in U.S. cities

WASHINGTON (AP) - Using cur- youth violence. fews to keep youths off the streets and at home is a growing option for U.S. cities seeking to cut crime and truancy and encourage parental discipline, a new survey finds.

A report being released today by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that 276 of 347 responding cities had a nighttime curfew. Seventy-six had a daytime curfew as well.

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That is an improvement over a similar survey the mayors group did in 1995 when more cities responded, but fewer said they were using curfews. In that survey, 270 of 387 cities had a nightly curfew.

"Curfews are not the end-all. It's just one tool in the toolbox," said Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, chairman of the mayors' conference task force on

Abramson said curfews should be just one part of a juvenile crime prevention. He cited survey results that showed officials in 247, or 90 percent, of the cities that had curfews, thought it was a good use of a police officer's time. The rest of the cities thought curfew

enforcement wasted police time. In Tulsa, Okla., officials surveyed said there is generally no useful purpose for children to be out late at night. In Charlotte, N.C., officials said the curfew could stop teen-agers from getting into trouble and that many parents did not even know their children were outside the home. Officials in Claremont, Calif., said the city's day and nighttime curfews free up police officers for other

Officials in Billings, Mont. com-

plained there was no where to take cur- have had curfews for only a short time, few offenders because parents often aren't home City officials in Freeport, Ill. said curfew enforcement turns officers into baby-sitters, Richmond, Calif. officials said curfews treat all youth as if they were delinquents, giving law enforcement a bad image in the eyes of young people who are not troublemak-

According to the survey, 56 percent, or 154, of the surveyed cities have had a youth curfew for at least 10 years. Officials in half these cities say juvenile crime has dropped since the curfew was imposed; 11 percent say the number of juvenile crimes has remained steady; and 10 percent have had an increase in juvenile-related crime.

Because most of the remaining cities

no data on the impact on juvenile crime were available.

The most important reason for a daytime curfew is to ensure teens go to school, but Abramson said there are financial incentives as well. State education funding typically is based on attendance, he noted, and trhancy can cost a school system millions of dollars in lost revenue.

But curfews can be expensive. Twenty-three percent, or 61, of the cities said there were increased costs to enforce curfews. Officials in Chandler, Ariz., cited more paperwork, court appearances and time officers spent dealing with youths. Officials in New Orleans pointed to increased overtime for police. San Jose, Calif. officials said curfew enforcement hiked police pay-

roll costs by \$1 million.

Twenty-three percent of cities reported problems implementing the curfew. Parents in a middle-class Denver neighborhood opposed a proposed youth detention center. Some judges in Chicago did not take curfews seriously. Los Angeles officials said "the problem is convincing liberal politicians that it doesn't violate kids' rights and convincing police officers that it is productive."

Fourteen cities said there had been constitutional challenges to the curfew. The American Civil Liberties Union has fought such laws in a number of cities on the grounds that they impinge on liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. It suggests cities use the money spent enforcing curfews on youth programs instead.

#### Jury selection set today in former mayor's 2nd trial

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - The second capital murder trial of former Ingleside Mayor Mark Crawford was set to start this week with jury selection today in San Antonio.

Crawford is accused of kidnapping business partner Nick Brueggen, 49, of Houston, forcing him into a large metal box and gassing him to death with motor-vehicle exhaust in a warehouse Crawford leased.

The first trial, which lasted about three weeks this summer, ended in a hung jury deadlocked 10-2 for conviction.

Bill May, Crawford's attorney, received a change a venue after arguing that publicity would make it difficult to find qualified jurors in Aransas County.

May says new defense evidence and testimony not heard in the first trial will be presented. May wasn't specific about the new evidence, saying only that he subpoenaed more than 50 witnesses and that it would not change his strategy.

A gag order from District Judge Ronald Yeager, who presided over the first trial and is expected to do so again, forbids attorneys or witnesses from discussing the case.

Although capital murder is punishable by life in prison or death, the prosecution is not seeking the death penalty. "It shouldn't take as long to

pick the jury and we've already been through this once," she said. "But as far as strategy, the facts are no different. There won't be any surprise (state) witnesses or anything like that. We tried it with everything we had and we'll retry it with everything we have.'

Crawford also faces a federal indictment, which accuses him of killing Brueggen to prevent his testimony in a federal case involving conspiracy, wire fraud and money laundering.

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## Reno mulls counsel decision; Republicans predict she'll say no

Attorney General Janet Reno worked on her final decision, Republicans said it was certain she would reject their demand that she seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund-raising activities by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Reno met with top aides and leaders of her campaign finance task force for 2> hours Sunday. Asked as she left the Justice Department building whether she had made any decision, she replied, "No comment."

She added, "I'd look at Tuesday," the deadline for her to decide whether to inform a special court that activities by Clinton and Gore may warrant the appointment of an outside prosecutor to investigate possible illegalities.

Aides indicated that, as is her practice at pre-decision meetings. Reno asked questions but didn't volunteer her thinking. But Republicans used appear-

chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, contended on "Fox News Sunday" that she would do so because political appointees in the Justice Department were "politically advising her not to do this rather than advising her to live within the law and do what's right."

against an independent counsel.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah,

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he also was resigned to a negative decision by Reno. "I think she just has a blind spot," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Gore has acknowledged making telephone calls from the White House to solicit contributions for the 1996 election campaign. Clinton has said he may have made calls but doesn't recall having done so. The Justice Department task

force has concluded that the 114year-old statute that bars solicitation of campaign contribu-

WASHINGTON (AP) - As ances on Sunday talk shows to tions in federal offices was Act is triggered only when there ic and credible, we will take predict that Reno would opt aimed at protecting federal workers and was never intended to ban phone calls to private citizens from officials seeking contributions.

Hatch said he agreed with Reno that phone calls alone were not enough to trigger the Independent Counsel Act. "That's a false and bogus issue," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But he said that by focusing on that single issue, Reno was ignoring larger reasons for appointing an independent counsel. He said those include 'the misuse of soft money, the misuse of hard money, the collection of hard money in an improper way, the influence of foreigners in our process.'

Soft money refers to funds earmarked for general purposes by a political party, while hard money is intended for specific candidates.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., argued the Independent Counsel is specific evidence that a crime has been committed, and that exhaustive investigations by congressional committees have failed to turn up such evidence.

"That have come up with evidence of where we have abuses that require, I think, changes in the law, which paradoxically, of course, most of the Republicans are against," Frank said.

Justice Department spokesman Bert Brandenburg said Reno spent part of Sunday studying the findings of the task force. In mid-afternoon, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, task force chief Charles LaBella and several other lawyers arrived for the meeting with

Brandenburg insisted that Reno's decision would be made based on the evidence. "The attorney general is ready and willing to take any credible allegations forward as she has done on the issue of the phone calls," he said. "Where they are specif-

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Hatch also contended that 'war has already broken out" between the FBI and Justice Department attorneys because FBI Director Louis Freeh supports an independent counsel. "When you have a squabble

between the attorney general and the head of the FBI. you know darn well that there's a reason to appoint an independent counsel and to get rid of the conflict of interest," he said.

Freeh and Reno met last week, Brandenburg said, and "the FBI has had every opportunity to make its views known.'

Along with the decision on the Clinton-Gore investigation, Reno also must decide by Tuesday whether an independent counsel should investigate allegations that then-Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary solicited a charitable contribution in return for meeting with a group of Chinese businessmen.

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# Time's running out for you to help United Way

ith two weeks remaining, the 1997-1998 campaign for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is at 75 percent of its goal of \$212,500.

That means an average of nearly \$5,000 per day needs to come in for the campaign to meet its goal for the second consecutive year.

Ask anyone associated with the campaign and they will tell you how important it is to meet that goal especially following the excitement generated when last year's goal was met, breaking a string of not-sonear misses that dated back into the 1980s.

Not only does meeting the campaign goal ensure funds for the 11 member agencies under the umbrella of the United Way, but it also generates excitement across the entire community ... a kind of "we did it" spirit.

As the United Way campaign winds down, things begin to happen at an increasing rate of speed. Next week, the allocations committee will begin meeting and interviewing representatives from the member

When the campaign closes on Dec. 19, the allocations committee will know how much money it has to work with and will start looking at agency requests compared to available funds.

A campaign that meets its goal means that agencies have money to help in their operations. A campaign that falls short, as ours did for so many years, means not only that the United Way has to cut back in the monies it allocates, but that the member agencies have to cut back the services they provide.

Yes, you can make a donation to an individual agency, but we believe that in a community our size that there is no better way to paint a wide swath of "We care" across town than by giving to the United

There's a lot of ways to say it, but the bottom line is that without the "you" in United Way, it's just not the

Please, won't you give to the United Way?

### OTHER VIEWS

The criticism of this year's balanced budget deal was that it didn't solve or even attempt to solve the long-term mismatch between projected federal revenues and costs. The response of the politicians to the criticism ... was the same as it almost always is: Trust us; we'll do it later. But they haven't — haven't even begun to lay the groundwork — nor is it clear when they will. To the contrary, having "solved" the problem and with an elec tion year ahead, Congress is preoccupied with how to spend the sugar-plum surplus that members contend they have created. The long-term problem is familiar, and no longer all that far away. As baby boomers begin to retire

. the cost of ...middle-class entitlements will powerfully rise even as, with retirements, income and payroll taxes will in relative terms decline. But who wants to talk about constraining aid to the elderly when there could be another tax cut or highway bill to

THE WASHINGTON POST

The Clinton administration has made a critical and commendable move in deciding to junk its long-term plan for management of 10 national forests stretching more than 350 miles up and down the Sierra Nevada. An independent study team of 11 experts found that the U.S. Forest Service plan allowed levels of logging that were as much as 40 percent too high for the overall health of the environment; it also failed to protect the habitat of the spotted owl and other species. Timber interests are not pleased with

the decision. But the severe degradation of the Sierra environment has been well-documented. It is caused by logging as well as livestock grazing and real estate development. Recreation has to become the most important role of the forests in California, both socially and economically. ... The Clinton administration happily did not fail to see the forest for the trees.

Los Angeles Times

Fluoridation of the water supply, which has done much to reduce the incidence of cavities in young people, is one of the great public health successes of this century. But 2.5 million people in Massachusetts do not benefit from fluoridated water in

their communities, a result of , misinformation and superstition that ought to be laid to rest. When fluoridation was first proposed in the 1950s, some opponents considered it a Communist conspiracy to contaminate the water. Now, with 145 million Americans supplied with fluoridated water and fluoride widely available in toothpastes, the fears are less focused but just as unfounded. The Centers for Disease Control, every surgeon general for the last 40 years, the American Dental Association, the World Health Organization ... all support the introduction of fluoride into water supplies. Dozens of studies over a half-century show a dramatic decrease in cavities. In Boston, where the water has been treated since

1978, cavities in teenagers

have dropped 47 percent. THE BOSTON HERALD

## Myths, half-truths plague Social Security

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of columns by 17th District Congressman Charlie Stenholm on the Social Security system.

For a Federal program that has been around more than 60 years and is considered one of the most successful programs ever enacted by the

some of those:

Charlie Stenholm U.S. Congressman government, it is surprising that so many myths, half-truths and misconceptions have been

Myth No. 1: When the Social Security system was first established, a contract

around as long as they have.

Let's set the record straight on

was made with the American me until my retirement. People, ensuring us that our financial needs would be met in our old age.

Frank Bane, of the original Social Security commission, noted that "We never meant for Social Security to be considered a program to provide for any worker's complete retirement. It was meant to be a cushion, a supplement to whatever a person had, and it was assumed that by retirement all workers had been either able to lay aside a good sum for the years ahead or an accommodating family that would provide for their later years. But over the years the administrators of the program and the politicians lost sight of this fact and somehow the program has become one of provide for the almost complete support of retirees.

Myth No. 2: I have been paying into an individual trust fund account that the government is holding for

ricken Little, Then and

Many view the government as simply an agent administering an insurance policy, with Social Security taxes flowing into special individual accounts. Such is not the case. The Social Security program works on a pay-as-you-go basis. Taxes paid by today's workers are used-immediately to pay benefits for today's retirees. Individual trust fund accounts have never existed.

Myth No. 3: Congress has stolen money from the Social Security Trust Funds.

The Social Security Act always has required that surplus Social Security taxes be invested in Government or Government backed securities. This is like buying a U.S. Savings Bond. When people buy bonds, they lend their money to the government in exchange for a promise that the money will be returned with interest. Surplus Social Security taxes are credited to

the Trust Fund accounts. The Treasury then issues bonds to the Social Security Administration. These bonds are promises to repay the money with interest and in fact, the bonds are repaid. Since 1789 the Untied States Government has never defaulted on a promised payment. It is not about to start doing so

Myth No. 4: I'll never get back all that I paid into the Social Security System.

Because the information used to calculate actual retirement benefits vary from person to person, individuals recoupment time varies as well. However, most retirees who have paid Social Security taxes throughout their working years are able to recoup their contributions within three to six years. When considering this, it is important to remember that it is increasingly possible for an individual to live one-third of their adult life as a retiree perhaps 20 years or longer.

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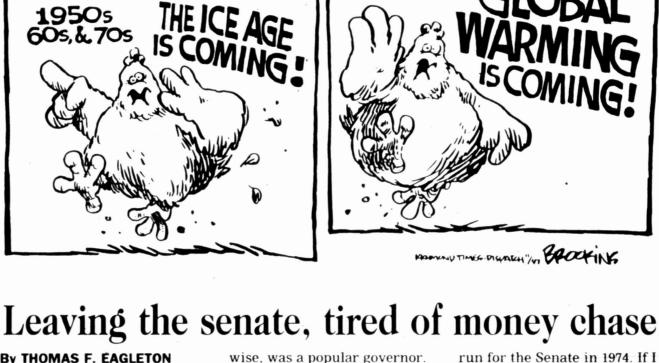
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Three of the senior Democrats in the Senate are not seeking re-election after four terms. Had the three decided to attempt to stay on. chances are that at least two would have been re-elected: Dale Bumpers, D-Ark. and Wendell Ford, D-Ky.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, would have faced an uphill bat-

Each had different personal reasons for bowing out, but there was one common theme in their decision-making processes: profound distaste for contemporary campaign fund-

Bumpers, Ford and Glenn all came to the Senate in 1974. That was a strong Democratic year. It was the "Watergate Year" as the election followed closely on the heels of

President Nixon's resignation

The Federal Election Act which passed in the wake of Watergate and imposed limits on campaign spending — was a year old in 1974. Its numerous loopholes and shortcomings were not yet evident. The act was deemed to be operative and functional because Buckley v. Valeo had not yet been decided by the Supreme Court. Buckley

announced in 1976 - was the famous ruling that money equates to free speech and thus is protected from many types of regulation because of the First Amendment. Money always did some talking in American politics, but after Buckley v. Valeo, money became a loud, neverending shout.

Back in 1974 all three of the senators were elected in landslides in their respective states. Bumpers was a charismatic governor who successfully challenged the powerful Sen. J. William Fullbright in the Democratic primary. Ford, likeGlenn was a heroic former astronaut.

Each did a fair amount of polling and bought limited \*\*\* amounts of television commercials that sold their own virtues and did not attack their adversaries. The mid-1970s, when they entered the Senate, were in no way comparable to the late 1990s, when they will be leaving. If they decided to try one more time, each of the three would have had to spend 10 to 12 times what he spent in

Each would have had to criss cross the country begging for

Even senators from politically rich states like California and New York feel compelled to seek funds in other states. Many a travel agency would be thrilled to do the volume of business that would be generat ed just from handling the airline reservations of all the sena tors and congresspersons who traverse the country looking for campaign donations.

Bumpers, Ford and Glenn all supported the McCain-Feingold campaign reform bill this year All three agreed that the adoption of campaign spending reform is a long way off. It probably will take an election even more odious than the 1996 campaign to stir the public to demand reform.

For now, the continuous flow of revelations about the 1996 election doesn't seem to arouse public concern. Probably the best explanation is that the public is so turned off by politics that stories about further campaign misdeeds don't make

Each of the three stated that they simply would not roam the country begging for millions of dollars. Bumpers said, "The thought of going out with my tin cup was revolting to me.' Ford said, "I spend \$425,000 to run for the Senate in 1974. If I ran for election next year, it would cost about \$5 million. The money chase was the straw not to seek re-election. I have no doubt that I could have raised the money, but going around across the country didn't sit well with me.

Glenn was on the Senate Committee that just recently concluded its campaign-finance hearings with little or nothing accomplished. Glenn said,

"After listening to all of that stuff day after day, it was pretty easy for me to know that I had had it.' Each had additional and dif-

ferent reasons to hang it up. Bumpers commented on the "meanness" of the Senate. Glenn's phrase was that the Senate now suffered from "extreme partisanship" which certainly was not there when he came in 1974. Ford, the guardian of tobacco from Kentucky, found the Senate still to be good at least for tobacco. After the 1998 elections, new

senators will come to the nation's capital from Arkansas, Kentucky, and Ohio. All three will have spent a bundle to get there. The new senators will have learned how "to shake the money tree. As fresh incumbents they will

not favor changing the system that "brings 'em" to Washington. They will soon be "insiders" and as such will want to leave things as they are. They will gripe about it. They may even talk (publicly) against it. But as incumbents, they will vote to perpetuate the awful process they know versus some "reform" process they don't know

Incumbent senators are for level playing fields — but only in football.

(Thomas F. Eagleton served as a U.S. Senator from Missouri from 1968-1987. He is now a professor of public affairs at Washington University in St. Louis.)



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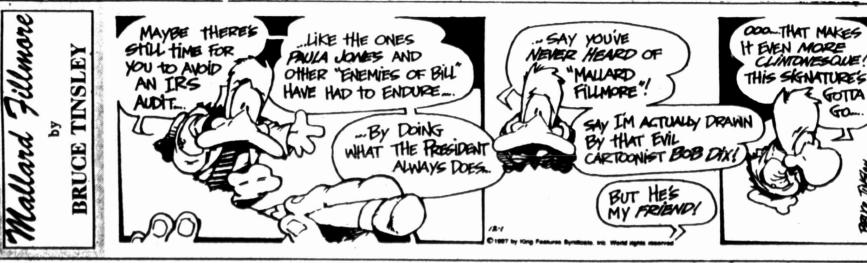
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## Mackovic's final week a study in a man steadily being beaten down

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN - With the rain drops sliding off of his gray rain suit and a towel around his neck like a weary fighter leaving the ring, John Mackovic stood one last time with his hand in a Hook 'em Horns salute while the "Eyes of Texas" played.

Beside him were his mud-stained Texas Longhorns players, chilled by the cold rain that had soaked through their white jerseys to their skin during a 27-16 defeat by rival Texas A&M.

As the team walked across Kyle Field, hulking offensive tackle Jay Humphrey asked Mackovic if he wanted him to walk in front of the coach as a blockade to cameras trying to document Mackovic's every step after the

Mackovic said no thanks. He could handle it.

At that moment Friday afternoon, Mackovic finally looked defeated. Within 24 hours, he would be - on Saturday, athletic director DeLoss Dodds announced that Mackovic was being reassigned.

The last week wasn't easy for Mackovic, but he tried his best to never give in. Until walking into the locker room after the A&M game, he had kept his head up and refused to give even an inch to his detractors.

On Monday, Mackovic's weekly news conference was about to break up when he was asked one final question about his job security.

He reiterated his contention that he

more years, then got up to leave. Asked if he had any assurances that he would be back as coach, Mackovic simply kept walking.

On Tuesday, Mackovic made his weekly appearance at the Austin Longhorn Club and joked about his curt answer the day before when asked again if he would be fired. He jokingly brought up a rumor that the Minnesota Vikings were interested.

Wednesday, Mackovic attended the Texas men's basketball game against Liberty and spent the entire first half seated next to Darrell Royal, who brought the program national titles in 1963 and '69.

Dodds sat one row ahead and about five seats over from Mackovic. The

pair chatted awkwardly for a couple moments across the empty seats?

But in the second half. Royal found another seat, away from Mackovic, and Dodds remained several seats away, leaving Mackovic sitting alone to watch the game. He left about midway through the second half.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, Mackovic watched his team take an early 6-0 lead against A&M as powerhouse running back Ricky Williams churned for big yardage.

But on a field turned into a swamp by driving rain, both teams' offenses became limited, turning the game into a defensive battle. As was the case for much of the season, Texas lost the defensive battle - and the game.

A 4-7 season now in the books.

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DALLAS — The Dallas

Cowboys, considered to be out

of the running for a playoff

Thanksgiving Day loss to the

Tennessee Oilers, are back in

the running following a series

Their chances were aided

Sunday when the New York

Giants, Washington Redskins

and Carolina Panthers all lost

But the Cowboys will still

"We're still in the race," said

At 6-7 and riding a two-game

losing streak, the Cowboys are

on the verge of missing the

playoffs for the first time since

Cowboys linebacker Randall

Godfrey. "Anything can hap-

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Mackovic stood in the center of the visitors' locker room, thanked his seniors and told his underclassmen to get ready for the offseason and a better year in 1998.

Around 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dodds met with Mackovic for about 20 minutes in the coach's office to tell him that he would no longer be coach.

Dodds also saw the face of the man who had stood drenched by rain after the loss at Texas A&M while the "Eyes of Texas" played. He recognized the look as coming from a man finally beaten down by the pressures of coaching at a school where winning is everything.

"This is a hard job," Dodds said. "You need only look at ... John's face

NFC East Division in order to

make the playoffs because a 4-6

conference record will make it

nearly impossible to make it as

The chance of winning the

NFC East was helped by the

Giants' 20-8 loss at home to

Tampa Bay on Sunday. New

York is 7-5-1 and closes the sea-

Also Sunday, wild-card hope-

ful Washington (6-6-1) lost 23-20

to St. Louis, while Carolina (6-

The Cowboys must sweep

their final three games against

Carolina, Cincinnati and the

Giants. Rich Dalrymple said

After Dallas' 27-14 loss to

Tennessee on Thanksgiving

Day, quarterback Troy Aikman

chances "a real long shot right

called the Cowboys' playoff.

The odds might have

7) lost to New Orleans 16-13.

a wild-card team.

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Giants, Redskins

losses help Dallas'

hopes for playoffs

## As West gets settled, East seems confused

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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San Francisco already was in the playoffs and now has a bye, too. Denver joined in as a postseason qualifier, and Kansas City solidified its position as a contender.

Things are getting settled nicely in the NFL's western divisions. And they are getting more muddled by the week in the eastern sectors.

While Denver's 38-28 victory Sunday night at San Diego handed the Broncos a wild-card berth at worst, the Chiefs' 44-9 rout of the 49ers kept them right on Denver's heels in the AFC West. Oddly, the 49ers were assured of having the first round off when the playoffs begin later this month because the New York Giants were beaten 20-8 by Tampa Bay.

New York's loss also tightened the NFC East, although the Giants (7-5-1) stayed on top. But Philadelphia's 44-42 shootout win over Cincinnati lifted it within a game of New York and tied with Washington, which fell at home to St. Louis 23-20. Even Dallas is still in the running.

The AFC East isn't any less uncertain. Buffalo's 20-10 decision against the Jets dropped front-running New York into a tie with Miami and New England, all at 8-5. The Dolphins won for the first time in nine tries at Oakland, 34-16, and the Patriots took the Colts

"That was a big win for us. We've had problems out here," Miami quarterback Dan Marino said. "The most important thing now is for us to win

the division." Tampa's win kept it viable in the NFC Central race, where it trails Green Bay by a half-game and leads Minnesota by that margin, heading into tonight's Packers-Vikings game at Minneapolis.

Pittsburgh and Jacksonville stayed tied in front of the AFC Central at 9-4 with tight wins. The Steelers edged Arizona 26-20 in overtime, while the Jaguars beat Baltimore 29-27.

Both Tennessee and Detroit, also won Thanksgiving Day, 55-20 over Chicago, are 7-6 and in the thick of the wild-card chases.

Also Sunday, it was Atlanta 24, Seattle 17 and New Orleans 16, Carolina 13.

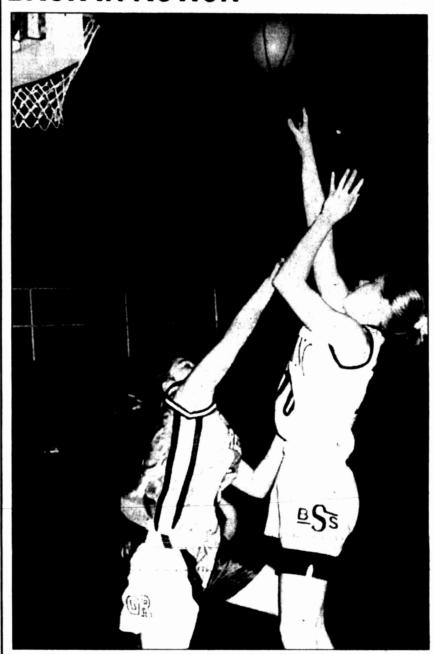
#### **Broncos 38, Chargers 28**

John Elway threw three touchdown passes and San Diego native Terrell Davis ran for 178 yards and one touchdown. Davis regained the NFL rushing lead from Detroit's Barry Sanders with 1,647 yards and needs to average 118 yards over his final three games to become the third NFL player to reach 2,000.

"It was truly important for us to win this game," Davis said.

"Right now, we have to win every game, that's just the bottom line. That's kind of cool. because now we'll see what kind of team we have, and I don't think we're going to lose our edge this year.'

Eric Metcalf set an NFL record with his ninth career punt return for a touchdown, an 83-yarder for San Diego (4-9).



Big Spring's Krissi McWherter puts up a shot and scores over the outstretched hand of a Midland Greenwood defender during the Lady Steers' lopsided win over the Rangerettes last week. The Lady Steers return to action Tuesday, traveling to Brownfield for junior varsity and varsity play slated for a 5 p.m. start. The Steers, however, will be at home, playing host to Greenwood's Rangers with junior varsity action beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## position of having to win the ty has to go right. Hawks drop pair at classic

The Cowboys are left in the improved on Sunday, but plen-

**HERALD Staff Report** 

After opening the Neosho (Kan.) Classic with a lopsided 82-60 Thanksgiving Day win over Iowa Central, Howard College's Hawks found Northern Commoma and host Neosho County Community College more difficult to handle.

Despite double digit scoring from Nathan Clover, Clifton Cook, Alex Denson and Lamont Roberts in Friday's game, the Hawks suffered a 79-68 loss to Northern Oklahoma.

They followed that with an 88-87 loss to Neosho Saturday, seeing their record slip to 6-3 on the year.

Clover scored a game-high 19 points in the loss to Northern Oklahoma, while Cook and Denson had 12 points each. Roberts finished with 11.

In Saturday's finale, the Hawks trailed by just one, 37-36 at the half, despite scoring just seven points in the second quarter. Howard rallied for a 59-55 lead going into the fourth period, but Neosho rallied for 33 points in the final 10 minutes to take the

Cook led all scorers in Saturday's action, scoring 30 points, including 14 of the Hawks' 29 first-quarter points. Clover added 19 points, while Daryl Green added 16. The Hawks will play Wednesday in Trinidad, Colo., but will

not have another home game until Jan. 15.

## Blue Devils vault past Jayhawks for No. 1 ranking

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Duke Blue Devils, who looked so impressive in their run through the Maui Invitational, vaulted over Kansas today and into the No. 1 spot in the AP college basket-

Duke (5-0), which beat then top-ranked Arizona handily in

the title game at Maui on points. Wednesday, is No. 1 for the first time since January 1994 and for the fourth season in the last seven.

The Blue Devils received 31 first-place votes and 1,695 points from the media panel, while Kansas (6-0), which won the Preseason NIT, held second with 28 No. 1 votes and 1,678

North Carolina (6-0), the champions of the Great Alaska Shootout, moved up one spot to third. The Tar Heels, who received 11 first-place votes, were only 21 points behind the Jayhawks.

Arizona (4-1) dropped from the top spot to fourth, and was followed by South Carolina,

Purdue. Kentucky, Mexico, Xavier and Iowa Purdue and Kentucky each

took their first losses of the season at the hands of higherranked teams last week. The Boilermakers were beaten by North Carolina in the championship game at Alaska, while Kentucky lost to Arizona in the Maui semifinals.

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

Duncanville (12-1) vs. Longview (13-0), 1 o.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Katy (12-1) vs. SA Taft (6-6), 5 p.m. DIVISION II

Region I Final Flower Mound Marcus (11-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's

Region II Final Richardson Lake Highlands (11-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (11-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Texas Region III Final

Beaumont West Brook (11-2) vs. Alief lastings (12-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome SA MacArthur (11-2) vs. New Braunfels (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium

CLASS 4A

Canyon Randall (10-3) vs. Corsicana (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium

Texas City (12-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome

Region I Final Denison (13-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls' Memoria

Mount Pleasant (8-5) vs. Terrell (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

LC-Mauriceville (11-2) vs. La Marque (10-6 p.m. Friday, Astrodome CC Calallen (13-0) vs. Edcouch-Elsa (13-0), CLASS 3/

Aledo (13-0) vs. Breckenridge (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field Linden-Kildare (12-1) vs. Commerce (13-0) 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

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CLASS 2A

Cuero (11-2) vs. Sealy (13-0), 8:30 p.m Friday, Astrodome

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Rogers (12-1) vs. Refugio (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

CLASS 1A

Region I/II Wheeler (10-3) vs. Munday (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Childress

Celeste (13-Q) vs. Granger (10-3), TBA

Lazbuddie (12-1) vs. Borden County (13-0),

Region III/N Penther Creek (12-1) vs. Trinidad (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

## Big 12's 'other' ranked team has 1-2 weekend

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Second-ranked Kansas has made its case for a No. 1 ranking with its third straight Preseason NIT championship.

For the Big 12 Conference's only other ranked team, things haven't gone so well

No. 18 Oklahoma did beat Hawaii-Hilo 86-70 Sunday in the Big Island Invitational but that was in the seventh-place game after the Sooners lost Friday to Butler and Saturday to Wisconsin.

Evan Wiley, benched by coach Kelvin Sampson after those two losses, came in Sunday and led the Sooners (3-3) with 29 points, 21 in the second half.

'Coach wanted to give some other players a chance, and told me to play hard when I got in," Wiley said. "I don't know if I had any fire lit under me, but coach told everybody to play hard for all 40 minutes. I think I did when I was in there.

Wiley scored the first six points of the third period, giving Oklahoma a 41-32 lead. Then, Corey Brewer scored all 9 of his points in a span of four minutes, making the score 48-36.

Hawaii-Hilo never got closer than nine the rest of the game. Oklahoma was the only Big 12 school in

action on Sunday. In other games involving Big 12 schools on Saturday, it was Baylor 66, Eastern Washington 51; Iowa State 66, Texas-

Arlington 58; Kansas State 89, Mercer 60; Nebraska 68, Texas-San Antonio 59; Oklahoma State 98, North Texas 60; Old Dominion 74, Texas Tech 58; and Texas A&M 97, Bethune-Cookman 53.

Kansas State coach Tom Asbury wasn't entirely satisfied with his team's win, even though it gave the Wildcats a 3-0 record. He called the game Kansas State's "poorest" of the year.

"Having said that, that's probably a game that if we had played like that last year, it would have gone down to the wire,' Asbury said. Center Shawn Rhodes led the Wildcats

with 22 points, including three 3-pointers, and 12 rebounds. Kansas State opened the game with a 13-0 run and added three more double-digit

runs in the second half. Oklahoma State, Nebraska and Texas A&M also stayed unbeaten with home

At Lincoln, Neb., Venson Hamilton had 18 points and 11 rebounds and Tyronn Lue added 14 points as the Cornhuskers stayed unbeaten at 5-0.

Texas-San Antonio led 36-34 with 15:32 left, but Nebraska answered with a 14-1 run. The Cornhuskers put away the win by hitting seven of 10 free throws down the

Most of Hamilton's scoring came in the first half as the junior center poured in 14 points in the first 20 minutes.

Desmond Mason led Oklahoma State to

its win with 22 career-high points. The Cowboys opened the second half with a 12-0 run.

Mason led five Oklahoma State players

in double figures. Adrian Peterson scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. "I thought it was a good effort in the sec-

ond half in all areas," Cowboys coach Eddie Suttton said. "I didn't think our defense was quite as aggressive the last 10 minutes of the first half.'

In Texas A&M's win, five Aggies players scored in double figures. Shanne Jones led A&M with 17 points and Calvin Davis added 16. Bethune-Cookman hit just 18 of 57 shots

in the game and trailed 53-23 at the half. Meanwhile, A&M hit 20 of its 35 first-half shots and finished the game 36-for-69.

At Waco, Texas, Baylor rallied from a 5point halftime deficit and evened its record. at 2-2 as Brian Skinner turned in a tripledouble that included 10 blocked shots.

Skinner also scored 24 points, 19 in the second half, and pulled down 14 rebounds. He hit eight of 11 shots and recorded nine

of his blocks after the break. Iowa State also evened its record with a home win - one they were fortunate to get, coach Tim Floyd said.

"They thoroughly outplayed us in the second half," Floyd said. "We have not been in close games so I think the important thing we take from this game is we won a close game and that we didn't beat ourselves late."

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the limelight.\*\*\* TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You easily could be overwhelmed by what is going on. You need to juggle and balance your work. Seek out an expert's advice. Touch base with others. Make travel plans, especially if you have an opportunity to grow or learn more. Tonight:

Try an art film.\*\*\*\* **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Pressure is intense to produce, but you don't feel like it. Examine what you want, stay in contact with goals and be willing to give yourself space. A partner pitches in and makes up for what you can't do. Tonight: Be naughty and

nice.\*\*\* CANCER (June 21-July 22) The pressure is intense to perform. Creativity and high energy might seem to be lacking now. Stay in touch with your needs. Conversation with a partner is imperative; you receive important feedback. Listen and evaluate. Tonight:

Be where the fun is.\*\*\*\* LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Dig into work. You are frustrated by what someone is thinking. You feel like you are being blocked, when all you really need is feedback. High energy, willingness and the ability to get the job done define the day. Tonight: Work

out at the gym.\*\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could growl and hiss about a partner; at the same time, he helps you by playing devil's advocate. Use yoeativity energy to make what you want happen. Be careful with a loved one; you might be a little too forceful. Tonight: Engage in

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be careful with a family member, who is more sensitive than you realize. What you unleash might not be pleasant. A trusted associate is touchy and grumpy. So what's new? Dynamic understandings are possible on the home front.

Tonight: Toss water on any flames.\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 28-Nov. 21) You are willing to state what you feel. However, opinions could be substantially different. You might be weighed down by work, or perhaps a lack of energy. There is no time like the present to live by your words. Start that health program! Tonight: Swap stories with a

pal.\*\*\*\* SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Expenses are difficult and out of whack. Carefully think through a money decision. Information from a loved one might irritate you. Face it; you don't like getting feedback from this person often. Try not to go overboard. Tonight: Clear the

air.\*\*\* CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You are full of high energy and can nearly get everything done. Recognize that you could be touchy. Listen carefully to a family member, even if you feel he is an albatross in your life. He just might be able to share some wisdom. Tonight: Bridge

barriers with a smile.\*\*\*\* AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might be more angry than you realize. Carefully question what is going on here. Consider how you might be responsible for creating this feeling. You might have needed to express emotions before this point. A discussion is difficult. Tonight: Set aside quiet time.\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A male friend pushes you hard to agree with him. There could be some wisdom in his ideas, but you don't have to move quickly. A money matter could make you uncomfortable. Bring others together for a meeting. Tonight: Be with the

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### Syndicate Inchini ATRUGA. Woman swept off her feet lands smack in a nightmare

DEAR ABBY: "Larry" and I married five years ago after a whirlwind, passionate courtship. He said I was his

dream come true. As I think back on those words, I become ill. Why? Because from the day we married, my life became a living nightmare. It began on our honeymoon. I talked to another man, and Larry got so angry he

my nose. I should have left then, but I believed him when he said how sorry he was that it had been an

accident



Abigail Van Buren

and would Columnist never happen again. Besides, my parents had just paid for our wedding, and I was too ashamed to tell

them what had happened. Over the last five years, Larry has broken my wrist by throwing me down the stairs. He broke my shoulder when he pushed me out of a moving car, and he has beaten me so badly I've had to hide in the house for days to keep the people I know from seeing the bruises. I am ashamed to tell anyone. He keeps saying he is sorry and promises it won't happen again

.. but it does. We have two children. We would have had three, but Larry kicked me in the stomach when I was four months pregnant and I had a miscarriage. Maybe it was a blessing because our children have a terrible life. They're scared to death of him. I am desperate to leave, but I, too, am scared. When I tell him I want a divorce, he threatens to kill me. Is there any hope? — LIV-

ING A NIGHTMARE DEAR LIVING: There is always hope. Reaching out for help is the first step, and by writing to me, you have taken

that step. It is reported that more than 4,000 women are murdered each year by their abusers. Battered women's advocates tell me that the most dangerous time for a battered woman is when she decides to leave. Statistics show that a woman who leaves her batterer is far more likely to be killed than those who stay. This is not intended to discourage leaving, however, but to emphasize the importance of a clearly conceived escape plan. Most

women CAN leave safely with careful planning. Your first step is to create a safety plan for you and your children while you are still living with Larry. If you decide to leave, this plan should also be designed so that he cannot find

I recently received a 50-page booklet called "Striving to Be Violence Free ... A Guidebook for Creating a Safety Plan." It is written and published by an award-winning, nonprofit agency called Perspectives Inc.,

in St. Louis Park, Minn. It contains several checklists that will help you explore your options and make sound choices. Especially useful would be the chapter that addresses "creating a safety plan." This section will help you prepare for the next violent outburst; and sadly, there is always a "next time." Unfortunately, over time the violence usually becomes

more frequent and severe. Readers, if you know someone who could benefit from this guidebook, be a friend and buy it for her. (Consider having it sent to your own house to avoid a confrontation with the

abuser.) For parents, this booklet has important information for your daughters — a section called "Warning Signs of a Potential Batterer," which is designed to help a woman examine a man's behavior BEFORE she makes a commitment to him.

To order this guidebook, send \$4 to: Perspectives Inc., 3381 Gorham Ave., St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426 (Attn: Guidebook). Include your name and address clearly printed on an address label, 3-by-5 card or a sheet of paper. Allow four to five weeks for delivery.

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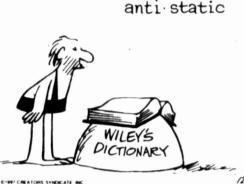


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"BUT WHY DIDN'T LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD JUST USE HER CELL PHONE AND DIAL 9112"

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by refusing to give up her seat a deadlock developed among

In 1824, the presidential elec-

tion was turned over to the U.S.

House of Representatives when

In 1913, the first drive-in auto-

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the

In 1958, the Rodgers and

Hammerstein musical "Flower

Drum Song" opened on

In 1959, representatives of 12

countries, including the United

States, signed a treaty in

Washington setting aside

Antarctica as a scientific pre-

serve, free from military activi-

In 1965, an airlift of refugees

from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of

Cubans were allowed to leave

In 1969, the U.S. government

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion,

In 1990, British and French

workers digging the Channel

Tunnel between their countries

finally met after knocking out a

In 1991, Ukrainians voted

Ten years ago: NASA

Aerospace,

Douglas

announced that four companies

Astronautics, General Electric's Astro-Space Division and

Rockwell International — had

been awarded contracts to help

Five years ago: President

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### THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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days left in the year.

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to a white man aboard a John Quincy Adams. Andrew Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Jackson, William H. Crawford 335th day of 1997. There are 30

Mrs. Parks was arrested, spark- and Henry Clay. (Adams ended ing a year-long boycott of the up the winner.)

Today's Highlight in History:

black seamstress, defied the law

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a

buses by blacks. On this date:

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Boris Yeltsin survived an impeachment attempt by hardliners at the opening of the Russian Congress. In Mineola, N.Y., Amy Fisher was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriouswounding Mary Jo Buttafuoco.

One year ago: The Arab League held an emergency meeting in Cairo, after which it warned Israel that peace efforts would be endangered if Israel insisted on expanding Jewish settlements.

Today's Birthdays: Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 74. Singer Billy Paul is 63. Actor-comedian-director Woody Allen is 62. Singer Lou Rawls is 62. Golfer Lee Trevino is 58. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 57. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 55.

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to be at Mom and Dad's !





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