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## Groundwork completed for Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The groundwork has been completed for the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and the ball is now in Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry's court, according to Zone Chairman Eddy Herm.

"We've sent a proposal to Commissioner Perry's office," Herm said. "They have received it and listed



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is in the Texas Register and have started a 30-day comment period, which will probably run through December."

"We're just a proposed zone until the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) recognizes us," Herm said. "Anyone with a comment on the proposed zone can attend the public meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Ackerly Co-op Gin."

According to Herm, a TDA representative will conduct the meeting.

"The last vote (on a boll weevil eradication zone) failed by a pretty wide margin," Herm said. "That tells me the producers didn't think it was a workable, affordable program. All we're trying to do is set up a program that pro-

ducers want."

"When we get to a referendum process, it will take a two-thirds vote to pass the issue," Herm added. "Commissioner Perry will have 21 days to make a final decision on whether the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone actually becomes a zone."

If TDA approves the proposed zone, local producers will engage in a series of meetings to decide what type of eradication program to have and what the assessments will be, according to Herm.

Howard County Extension Agent David Kight expects the current harvest to be complete by by mid-

December, but looming in his mind as in the minds of area producers is the situation with the boll weevil.

If current plans to form the Permian Basin Eradication Zone are successful for producers in Howard, Martin, Midland and Dawson (southern part) counties, future boll weevil eradication efforts could be voted on as early as March 1998.

Because of the failed vote during the Aug. 1 referendum to establish a boll weevil eradication program, for the first time in 34 years, the 29-county Texas High Plains region is unprotected from the full effect of unchecked boll weevil overwintering.

As for the Howard County area,

Herm said the boll weevil was a problem for the current crop depending on the age and location of the cotton.

"We didn't see a tremendous amount of boll weevil activity because we didn't have much of a cotton crop last year," Herm said. "Because of that, we didn't have a lot of diapause weevils to overwinter this year."

Other zone officers to help Herm oversee the zone operation include Vice Chairman Foy O'Brien, Dawson County; Secretary Gene Hendon, Martin County; and Treasurer Brad Vaughn, Martin County.

"If the zone is established, this will be the board that will oversee its operation," Kight said.

## Saturday promises to be full of activities

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

If you can't get into the Christmas spirit this weekend, you just might qualify for the Ebenezer Scrooge Hall of Fame.

Three events planned to usher in the Christmas season hit Big Spring this weekend — the 11th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, the Downtown Trail of Lights and the First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree.

And organizers say all three events will be among the best ever held.

By sheer numbers, the 11th Herald Christmas Parade, which begins marching down Gregg Street at 5 p.m. Saturday, should easily be the biggest ever, and organizers think it will easily be the best, as well.

A caravan of more than 2,000 people, 125 vehicle and three bands is expected to make up the parade. The Rev. Floyd Green family, chosen Big Spring's family of the year by Samaritan Counseling Center, will be this parade's grand marshal.

The parade will feature a



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Randy Haymes (from left), Trish Haymes, Amber Long and Nina Marquez work on Girl Scout Troop 183's float, which will be part of the 11th annual Herald Community Christmas Parade on Saturday.

year, and more than 20 entries have been submitted for that category.

"I think its going to be an outstanding parade," said Herald

parade in community history."

The theme for this year's parade is "Our Favorite Christmas Carols," and Publisher Chuck Williams said there were some unique entries.

The annual Festival of Lights will kick off soon after the parade ends Saturday night. The action will center around the courthouse area in downtown Big Spring, starting with the lighting of downtown approximately 30 minutes after the parade ends.

Christine Brockman, co-chair of the Trail of Lights, said many other activities will be taking place in the downtown area Saturday. Food and craft vendors will set up shop on the north side of the courthouse, live entertainment — including a barbershop quartet — will be offered and the pocket park area to the east of the courthouse will feature decorations from Anderson Kindergarten Center students.

"The vendors will be fabulous," Brockman said. "There's definitely going to be plenty to

eat. We'll have about 20 food and craft vendors, and entertainment for children, too."

Also, face-painting and "old-fashioned horse-drawn buggy rides" will be available, Brockman said.

One of the major events associated with the event will be the Christmas Tree Forest at the old Schwarz building on Third and Runnels streets. The forest, which Brockman described as a "wonderland of Christmas trees," will be open to the public daily through Thursday.

Today is expected to be the last day to be able to get tickets to The Living Christmas Tree, an annual production by First United Methodist Church. Tickets will be available, for as long as they last, at the church office.

The live musical performances will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the church. A dress rehearsal, which is open to the public (tickets are not needed) will be held at the church at 2 p.m. Saturday.



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Rex Hopper puts up the first tree in the Trail of Lights Christmas Tree Forest at the corner of 3rd and Runnels. The tree belongs to the American Business Women's Association

lighted category for the third

managing editor John H. Walker. "It will be the largest

## Candidates

### First filing day brings flurry of candidates, former sheriff playing wait and see game

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Speculation is over and the first day to file intentions to seek local elective office has already yielded several new names in Howard County's political arena.

County Judge Ben Lockhart, a longtime Democrat, is filing for reelection as a member of the Republican party.

No one has officially filed to oppose Lockhart, as the filing period is still in the early stages, but informed sources have indicated that former Sheriff A.N. Standard has picked up the necessary paperwork and is thinking about opposing Lockhart for county judge.

Earlier today, Standard declined to confirm or deny those reports.

Also tossing him into the hat for reelection is Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

The first name to surface as opposition for Kilgore is Howard County farmer Donnie Reid.

One name that will not be on the primary ballot is that of Precinct 4 County 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.

The first person to file a campaign chairman designee for Choate's position is county extension office employee Fredi Frank. If successful, Frank will be the second woman on the five-member commissioners' court.

Also filing for the Precinct 4

position is local musician Jody Nix.

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 years.

"I've enjoyed it, but it's time for me to do some other things," Ray said.

Donna Wright, a longtime employee in the county clerk's office, has filed her campaign chairperson designation and is the first person to indicate she intends to seek Ray's position.

District Clerk Glenda Brasel and County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin have also filed their campaign chairperson designations and intend to seek reelection to those offices.

Also on the ballot will be Justice of the Peace seat for Precinct 1, Place 2 currently held by Marilyn Carson, who will seek reelection.

The first challenger for Carson's JP seat is Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Bennie Green.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Jack Buchanan is also up for reelection, but has not indicated whether or not he will run.

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

## Chamber of Commerce slates Newcomers Gathering for Thursday afternoon

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Karen Brewer was a stranger to Big Spring when she attended last April's Newcomers Gathering sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It was great to meet people from the different businesses in town," said Brewer. "It was planned as a way for us to meet people, and it worked."

Brewer was one of three women who, at that event, decided to form a

Newcomer's Club. They began with seven members this summer, and now have 25.

The chamber's Welcome Home Committee will sponsor another Newcomers Gathering Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m. at This Old House, 503 Johnson.

"It's a cooperative effort of the chamber and the Moore (Development for Big Spring) board," explained Katie Grimes, of the Welcome Home Committee. The gatherings are targeted for spouses of new employees at

businesses that belong to the chamber.

Those spouses are sent invitations, followed up by a call to confirm, Grimes said.

"All different organizations come that need volunteers, and people can meet others who share their interests," Grimes said. Another outgrowth of the gathering earlier this year was a bridge club.

That event was followed by tour of various sites throughout town, including the historic spring and Howard College.

"Moving into town, you don't know where anything is — doctors, dentists," Grimes explained. "And you may be not so excited about leaving everything behind. It can be difficult."

To help with the adjustment, those who participate in the gathering are given a "contact person" to help them find whatever they need locally.

"The idea is that the employee coming in is a lot happier with their job when things are good at home — when the spouse is happy in the community," Grimes said.

If businesses can retain their employees, it improves the local business climate, Grimes said.

Brewer said she plans to attend Thursday's event to help more recent newcomers adjust to the community where she now feels at home. She also might be recruiting for the Newcomer's Club, which offers various activities to help new residents.

For more information about the newcomer's gathering, call the chamber at 263-7641.

### WEATHER

Tonight:



Thurs:



Fri:



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Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 26-32. Thursday, sunny. Highs 58-67. Thursday night, clear. Lows 25-30. Extended forecast, Friday through Sunday, Dry. Lows in the 20s. Highs 45-55.

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## Rudy Izzard to again challenge Stenholm

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
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Getting close the first time was enough motivation for dentist Rudy Izzard to toss his hat into the ring for a second run at the 17th Congressional District seat held by Democrat Charles Stenholm.



IZZARD

Izzard was in Big Spring Tuesday to address the media and a group of Republican leaders as part of a 30-city, three day swing through the district kicking off his campaign.

"I'm more convinced than ever before that the people in the 17th District are ready for a change in leadership," Izzard said.

Izzard said the district has been represented by two Democrats for the last 55 years and it will be hard to defeat a 20-year incumbent, but he feels like he has a good chance.

"I have a vision of the future of

a small, constitutionally-based but effective government," Izzard said. "But to do this, we need new leadership. I know what the 17th District needs."

If elected, Izzard says he would serve on the Agriculture Committee and the National Security (Armed Services) Committee.

"Serving on the Agriculture Committee will put me in touch with some key economic issues," Izzard said. "I've seen hard times and a lot of young people

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# Committee hears testimony on access to public information

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Public information should be readily available via paper documents or new technology, but some laws and government officials limit access, open government advocates have testified.

"Despite what some individuals believe, public information is for members of the public, not just for newspapers," said Thomas A. Stephenson, senior vice president for operations and administration at the San Antonio Express-News.

Stephenson was the first of about a dozen witnesses to testify Tuesday before the Texas Senate Interim Committee on Public Information,

chaired by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

The committee is holding hearings throughout the state before issuing its final report in October 1998.

Stephenson provided an update on a lawsuit filed by the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Press Association challenging a new state law limiting public access to traffic accident reports.

A state district judge in Austin is expected to decide Friday whether to make permanent a temporary order blocking parts of the law from taking effect, Stephenson said.

Under the law, anyone seeking infor-

mation about a traffic wreck must know the name of at least one person involved and either the location or date of the wreck. The law also limits access to motor vehicle records containing personal information and makes it illegal for that information to be posted on the Internet.

The city of San Antonio supports the law.

City Attorney Frank Garza said a few businesses that sell wreck reports to lawyers and medical providers have turned the city's accident reports department into a "flea market," creating such congestion that it is difficult for all citizens to get service.

The city wants to charge for personnel costs associated with providing the reports, Garza said.

Reggie James, director of the Southwest office of Consumers Union, told the committee some government agencies try to circumvent the Texas Public Information Act by seeking opinions from the Texas attorney general's office on whether information is public even when they already know it is.

Some also classify information as related to pending litigation even though it is only vaguely connected to a lawsuit, James testified.

Both tactics delay the release of infor-

mation, he said.

James suggested the attorney general's office "act at the earliest opportunity" to declare whether information is public to avoid delays.

Robert Rivard, editor and senior vice president of the San Antonio Express-News, said governmental entities should release public information through new technology such as the Internet to allow for quick access.

"It should no longer be necessary for there to be a human gateway between you and that government document," said Rivard, who also spoke in his role as a director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

## At bombing trial, Nichols' attorneys raise specter of phantom John Doe 2

DENVER (AP) — With their client's life at stake, attorneys for Terry Nichols opened his defense by questioning key evidence and suggesting that someone else should be on trial for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Moments after the prosecution rested its case Tuesday, defense witnesses testified that before the bombing they saw someone other than Nichols with Timothy McVeigh, the 29-year-old Gulf War veteran already convicted and sentenced to die for the deadly blast.

Some witnesses were shown a sketch of John Doe 2, a shadowy figure some people reported seeing with McVeigh before the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people. One said she was sure John Doe 2 was with McVeigh.

The government rested its case after calling 98 witnesses in 20 days.

Vicki Beemer, a former employee at Elliott's Body Shop in Junction City, Kan., testified that she was certain that two days before the bombing, two people picked up the Ryder truck that exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The truck was traced to the shop through a serial number on a shattered axle.

She couldn't identify either man, but jurors were told the

fake signature on the truck rental agreement belonged to McVeigh.

The man who accompanied McVeigh "just blended in," said Ms. Beemer, the shop's office manager at the time. "He was a man, and that was about it."

Defense attorney Ron Woods asked Ms. Beemer if Nichols, seated in the courtroom, was the second man. "I really don't know," she replied.

More testimony was scheduled for today, with shop owner Eldon Elliott expected to take the stand. At McVeigh's trial, he said he vaguely remembered a second man with McVeigh — someone wearing a baseball hat with lightning bolts on it.

Lea McGown, the owner of Dreamland Motel in Junction City, testified that she heard McVeigh speaking with one or possibly two other people in his room one night. But she said she couldn't identify them.

Prosecutors say McVeigh was registered at the motel the weekend before the bombing.

McGown also said she had never seen Nichols and couldn't identify the sketch of John Doe 2. She did remember seeing McVeigh with a large Ryder rental truck.

The sketch of John Doe 2 was created shortly after the blast and purportedly showed someone who was seen with

McVeigh when he rented the Ryder truck. At McVeigh's trial, prosecutors said the man portrayed in the sketch was not involved in the bombing, but the defense contends that people other than McVeigh were involved.

Former motel maid Hilda Sostre testified that she saw a man resembling the sketch. But she said she didn't see McVeigh with anyone.

"I believe he's the one," she said when a defense attorney held up the drawing of John Doe 2, which included a lightning-striped hat.

Sostre said she saw the man walk to a Ryder truck parked at the motel the morning of April 17, but prosecutors contend McVeigh didn't pick up the truck until 4:15 p.m. that day.

The defense also called four witnesses who said they saw another Ryder rental truck parked outside the motel. FBI chemist Steven Burmeister, who had testified for the prosecution, conceded no proof was found that the bomb contained blasting caps or nitromethane, as prosecutors contend.

Nichols, 42, could face the death penalty if convicted of murder, conspiracy and weapons counts. His former Army buddy, McVeigh, has appealed his conviction on identical charges.

## Winnie Mandela now expected to testify Thursday, not today

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela ordered the killings of suspected police informers in the late 1980s, her former chief bodyguard testified today before a commission investigating apartheid-era political crimes.

Convicted murderer Jerry Richardson said his hands were "full of blood" from carrying out orders from President Nelson Mandela's former wife to kill police informers.

Richardson, who acknowledged he had been a police informer, told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission he committed two murders on orders from Madikizela-Mandela — that of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei and a woman named Kuki Zwane.

"I killed Stompie under the instructions of Mami," he said, referring to Madikizela-Mandela by the name used by many at the time for the woman known as the mother of the nation. "Mami never killed anyone but she used us to kill a lot of people. She does not even visit us in prison, but she used us."

The Truth Commission is investigating 18 human rights abuses allegedly committed by Madikizela-Mandela's gang, known as the Mandela United Football Club. The commission lacks the power to press crim-

inal charges, but it can turn over evidence to police for investigation.

Madikizela-Mandela, 63, was expected to testify Thursday.

She has long denied the accusations against her and the football club and requested the public hearings to clear up the charges, which allegedly happened in the black township of Soweto during the late 1980s.

At the time, she was married to Mandela, then an imprisoned activist. Mandela was released in 1990.

The couple separated in 1992 and divorced last year, after which Madikizela-Mandela added her maiden name to her married name.

Richardson provided chilling details of how Seipei and three other young men were whipped, beaten and thrown in the air to land on the ground by football club members led by Madikizela-Mandela in December 1988.

"We started torturing the youths in the manner that was used to torture freedom fighters," he said.

"The first thing that I did to Stompie was to hold him (on) both sides and throw him up in the air and let him hit the ground."

He said Madikizela-Mandela was watching, and he also described how she beat others with her fists and a whip.

Seipei was thrown in the air "about seven times" until he was injured so badly "I was sure he would soon die," Richardson said.

"There was a lot of things we did to Stompie. We kicked him. We just kicked him like a ball," he said.

At that point, Seipei's mother, Joyce, began weeping in the audience and briefly left the hearing.

Richardson said he took the badly beaten Seipei to a field and killed him by stabbing him in the neck.

Richardson is serving a life sentence for the murder of Seipei, who was accused of being a police informer.

Madikizela-Mandela was convicted in 1991 of kidnapping Seipei and three other young men, who were beaten at her house by members of the football club.

Initially sentenced to six years in jail, Madikizela-Mandela eventually paid a \$3,200 fine on appeal.

A former apartheid government agent testified last week that Madikizela-Mandela was monitored constantly by informers, telephone taps and bugging devices, but the government was reluctant to arrest her for fear of causing political instability, such as a backlash in the black community.

## Au pair case at first appeals step

BOSTON (AP) — The roller-coaster case of English au pair Louise Woodward has reached the start of what promises to be a long appeals process.

The appeal, expected to be considered at a hearing today, was filed under a state law that allows prosecutors to avoid the traditional stop in appeals court. But the state's Supreme Judicial Court has frequently rejected the shortcut in the past.

Justice Ruth Abrams could refuse to hear the case — send-

ing prosecutors back to appeals court — send it before the full Judicial Court, or stay the trial judge's order, which would return Ms. Woodward to prison, as the prosecution has requested.

Whatever her decision, it is not expected to be made immediately.

A jury convicted the 19-year-old au pair on Oct. 30 of second-degree murder in the shaking death of Matthew Eappen, her host family's 8-month-old son. Nearly two weeks later,

Superior Court Judge Hiller Zobel reduced the verdict to manslaughter and Ms. Woodward was freed after serving 279 days in prison.

Prosecutors argued that Zobel exceeded his authority by composing his own theory to explain the baby's death. They said he made several other errors, including not following state guidelines.

But the principal issue for now will be whether any of this qualifies for an emergency appeal.



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Full parking lots are a sure sign of the season

If local store parking lots are any sign, the shopping season is definitely here. Some local merchants are offering special sales and holiday-oriented bargains, others plan later hours for the convenience of shoppers. It's a good time to take advantage of what our business community has to offer: Explore the stores you don't normally patronize, and take advantage of the special offers at those you do. While you are out, participate in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Home for the Holidays program, a unique way to patronize our local businesses with a chance to win \$1,000 in prizes. In Home for the Holidays, shoppers need to pick up a flier at a participating merchant and have it stamped at stores throughout the community. Completed forms need to be turned in at the chamber by Friday or before 6 p.m. on the east side of the Courthouse Saturday. A drawing for contest winners will take place at the courthouse lawn Saturday after the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. As Sue Bagwell, chamber vice president for retail development, pointed out: Who wouldn't want to win gift certificates and prizes? This is a win-win situation. Merchants win because local residents patronize their stores. Participating shoppers win because they not only discover the bargains to be found locally, they can enter the drawing to win prizes. Yes, there is much more to the holiday season than shopping. And our community has plenty of reminders of the true meaning of the season: We urge you to take advantage of those. But, like it or not, Christmas has become a holiday for giving, and that often means buying. It may mean buying gifts for your family, shopping for friends or donating to an Angel Tree or Giving Tree child. We hope you enjoy your holiday shopping, and remember to treat other shoppers and salespeople with courtesy. Take some of the stress out of the holidays by using a little kindness. Happy shopping!

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor: On Nov. 1, I had the privilege of coaching a wonderful group of players from the Big Spring Soccer Association as they participated in the Turkey Shoot Out Soccer Tournament in Midland. These players performed superbly both on and off the field. They were in competition with teams from all over Texas as well as New Mexico. Our soccer association has approximately 300 participants as compared with the Midland Association which has 4,300. The level of competition was high, and our players stepped up to the challenge. In three games, only two goals were scored against our team. Each player did his part to take care of his responsibilities. They achieved the goals of a "team" to the degree that most of us strive for in our professional lives. We have a coed team, yet we were competing against all male teams. The talk in the Midland headquarters was "I didn't even know that they played soccer in Big Spring!"

and "Have you seen that Big Spring team play?" Other teams may have played with better technique, but no team played with more heart and determination. And, every player had family there by his or her side. It is a rare pleasure to get to have moments like this in a lifetime when one is a part of such a supported effort by different people in a community. Special thanks goes to the Big Spring Soccer Association for purchasing new jerseys and paying the entry fee and to all the supportive families. If you see one of these young people, pat them on the back for a job well done. They are constant reminders that "we do things right in Big Spring, Texas." David Brooks, Weston Brown, Jacob Castle, Joshua Caudill, Ralstin Coates, Justin Ferrell, Brandon Gross, Kaci Hecker, Landon Jenkins, Dustin King, C.J. Lowery, David Partlow, Melody Riley, Zack Watkins and Ryan Wegman. Liz Lowery Sorley Big Spring

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Some news stories are just too strange to believe

With apologies to John Moseley, who seemingly had the franchise on finding weird stories on the Associated Press wire, but today's wire offerings were just too much to pass up. Take, for example, the story from Peoria, Ill. about the woman who greased her kitchen floor so that her live-in boyfriend — who happens to have just one leg — would fall down the stairs and kill himself. Christina Mack greased the kitchen floor in order to send her one-legged boyfriend tumbling to his death, according to police. But she slipped up — literally. Police were called to the couple's home late Sunday to find Mack, 35, unconscious after falling on the slippery kitchen floor, with a team of firefighters giving her first aid. Her boyfriend, Chester Parkman Sr., 50, initially told officers he and Mack, who is six weeks pregnant, had been arguing about her health and that she was trying to make him fall. He later said she was just trying to spruce up the house.



John H. Walker Managing Editor

"I honestly think she was trying to wax the floor." Parkman, who uses crutches to get around, said in Tuesday's editions of the Journal Star of Peoria. The floor was slick with grease or oil, mostly at the top of the stairs and at the door of the bathroom, police said. After Mack regained consciousness, she admitted to the plot, police said. She also told a neighbor what she was planning.

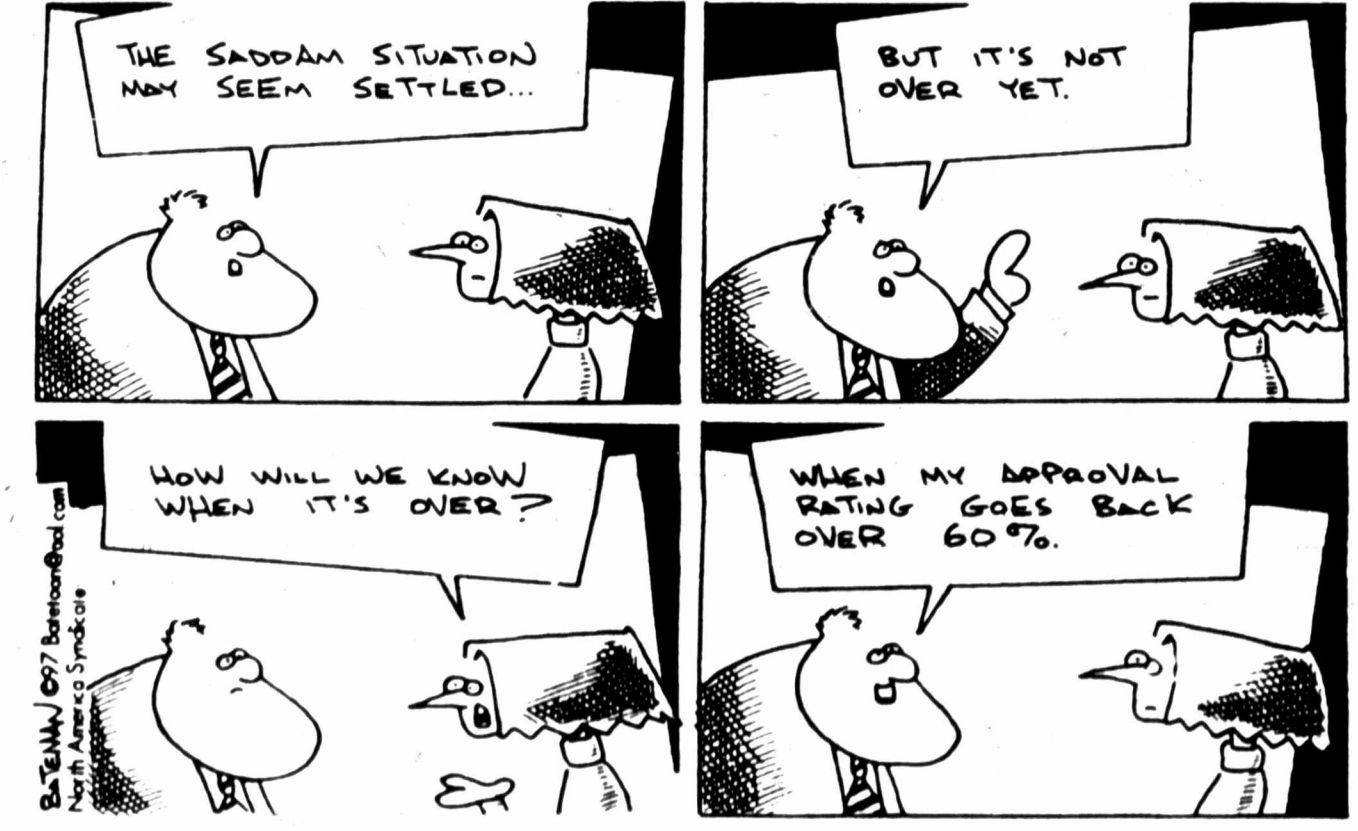
Did you ever think the name of the subdivision would make a difference in whether you wanted to live there or not? What if you were Jewish and the subdivision was called "Swastika Acres?" Bill Weinberger was set to buy his \$497,000 dream house in a prestigious Denver suburb when he learned the name of his would-be neighborhood: Swastika Acres 2. Even though Weinberger had asked his real estate agent to draw up a sales contract, he abruptly changed his plans. "I told them not only no, but hell no," Weinberger, a Denver businessman who is Jewish, said Tuesday. The agent found the subdivision's name, which dates back to a corporation called the Denver Swastika Land Co. founded in 1908, well before the Nazi Party in Germany was established and adopted the swastika as a symbol of racial superiority. Saul Rosenthal, regional

director of the Anti-Defamation League office in Denver, said complaints about Swastika Acres — a subdivision in Cherry Hills Village — tend to resurface every few years. "There's no intended bigotry associated with it. Every now and then, somebody moves in there and is surprised, and I don't blame them," he said. "I certainly don't see this as a substantial issue facing our community."

And what about the brainless bank robber? It wasn't hard for police and FBI agents to track down Jacob Matthew Brown, 20, who robbed the drive-through window of a Dallas bank. He made it easy for them Tuesday when he drove his own pickup truck during the robbery. It was a simple matter for bank employees to write down his license number. Officers tracked down and arrested Brown only hours after he placed a used fast-food sack and a pink stick-on note in the commercial lane money tray. "Look I have a big boom. Give me money now or suffer ... disaster," the note read. A teller gave him an undisclosed amount of money and wrote down the license tag number as he drove away. Brown was arrested at the apartment of a friend where he had been staying. And then there's the couple in the Denton County suburb

The Colony who filed a complaint against a church over its electronic chimes. The chimes that represent peace for a troubled world to some neighbors of Cavalry Christian Center in this suburb north of Dallas are a nuisance, according to the couple. Billy and Linda Dennis say the bells are like a dripping faucet to them. They say they're unable to sleep during the day at their home near the church. "Even when I'm asleep, I am waiting for it to happen," Dennis said. "And then it does — bong, bong — and I jump every time."

The couple filed a complaint with a local justice of the peace. It was the second legal complaint filed against the church. Lawrence Cumings, who also sleeps days, filed a complaint on Nov. 7 accusing the church of violating the city noise ordinance by creating a sound "of such intensity" that it disturbs private homes. The electronic Winchester chimes at the Assembly of God church ring out every hour on the hour from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Amplifiers spread the familiar, fluting 16-note tune, followed by a deep bass note that counts the hours. At noon and at 5 p.m., the chimes also play a 10-minute medley of hymns. The church's pastor, Thom, as Jackson, vowed to fight. "Jesus wasn't a wimp," he said.



Grandchildren make you think

This is the sixth in a series of eight articles prepared by U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm on the status of the Social Security system. Two events took place in August 1995 which captured my attention. The first made national headlines. Social Security turned 60 years old. This caused me to consider the many millions of lives have been positively impacted by a program created out of the bipartisan wisdom of Members of Congress who are now long gone. Amazingly, over 160 million people have received Social Security benefits since the program first began. The other event marked a personal milestone for me. My first grandchild was born. While the successes of the Social Security program are impressive, the birth of Cole Stenholm (and Chase Stenholm since then — cause me to think far out into the future and con-



Charlie Stenholm U.S. Congressman

sider what his world will be like when I am long gone. Thinking of this prompted me to become involved in a number of Social Security activities as a way of protecting their future. One activity was to convene a Social Security Summit in Abilene on May 30. Over 200 people from across the 17th District came to learn about the problems currently facing the program, young and old alike gained a new sense of urgency about improving the system. On the 60th anniversary of the Social Security Act in 1995, Representative Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona) and I founded the bipartisan House Public Pension Reform Caucus (PPRC). We have used the PPRC to educate our colleagues and their staff members about the Social Security system, inviting leading experts to share their wisdom. The meetings have been extremely productive and have enabled many members of Congress to expand their knowledge about the program and various dilemmas which lay ahead. To date, 72 of our colleagues from both parties have joined the PPRC. In late 1996, representatives from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based nonpartisan policy organization invited me

to serve as a congressional co-chair of the National Commission on Retirement Policy along with Representative Kolbe, Senator Judd Gregg (R-New Hampshire) and Senator John Breaux (D-Louisiana). The Commission will make policy recommendations to Congress and the White House regarding retirement issues, including but not limited to Social Security. The commission plans to release a preliminary report in early 1998. I am also pleased that Dr. Lanny Hall, President of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and the former Deputy Director of the Texas Teacher Retirement System, serves as a member of the Commission. To date, my work has been to discuss with colleagues and constituents the intricacies of Social Security. Over the last few years, however, many suggestions for reforming the program (ranging from raising payroll taxes to completely replacing the existing system with a different program) have been made. Members of a Social Security Advisory Council submitted their proposals in January 1997. Additionally, many Members of Congress and Senators have introduced legislation to reform Social Security. I will examine a few of these plans in my next columns.

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Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## These holiday trees serve local needy

Giving Tree, Angel Tree for elderly seek 'spirit of giving' from community

**By DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Christmas trees throughout the community are going up, and presents piling underneath. But few trees have the kind of impact as those designated to help needy children and the elderly.

One such tree is the Giving Tree at Norwest Bank, 400 Main. Employees, customers and visitors are encouraged to take a paper ornament off the tree and buy the gifts requested by a local child in foster care.

"We'd love for people to come in and get an ornament off the tree, then check in with us," said Jeanie Knocke, customer service representative. "Then they need to bring the gift back, unwrapped, before Dec. 18."

Bank employees will wrap the gifts and they will be distributed through the Texas Department of Protective Services local office.

On the cards are three Christmas requests for each child, most of them practical needs, such as "clothes for warm weather," or "a dress for church." There are some toy requests, too.

Already, bank departments have begun challenging each other to see which will buy the most requested items or help the most children.

"We just have a bunch of good people who work here, that love children," explained Carlon Baker.

As the ornaments are removed, more are added.

"These are all the children we work with who wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas," said Rosie Gransberry, case tech for the Department of Protective Services. She said this year, all the ornaments on Norwest's tree are for local children.

There are 25 children to be served by the tree.

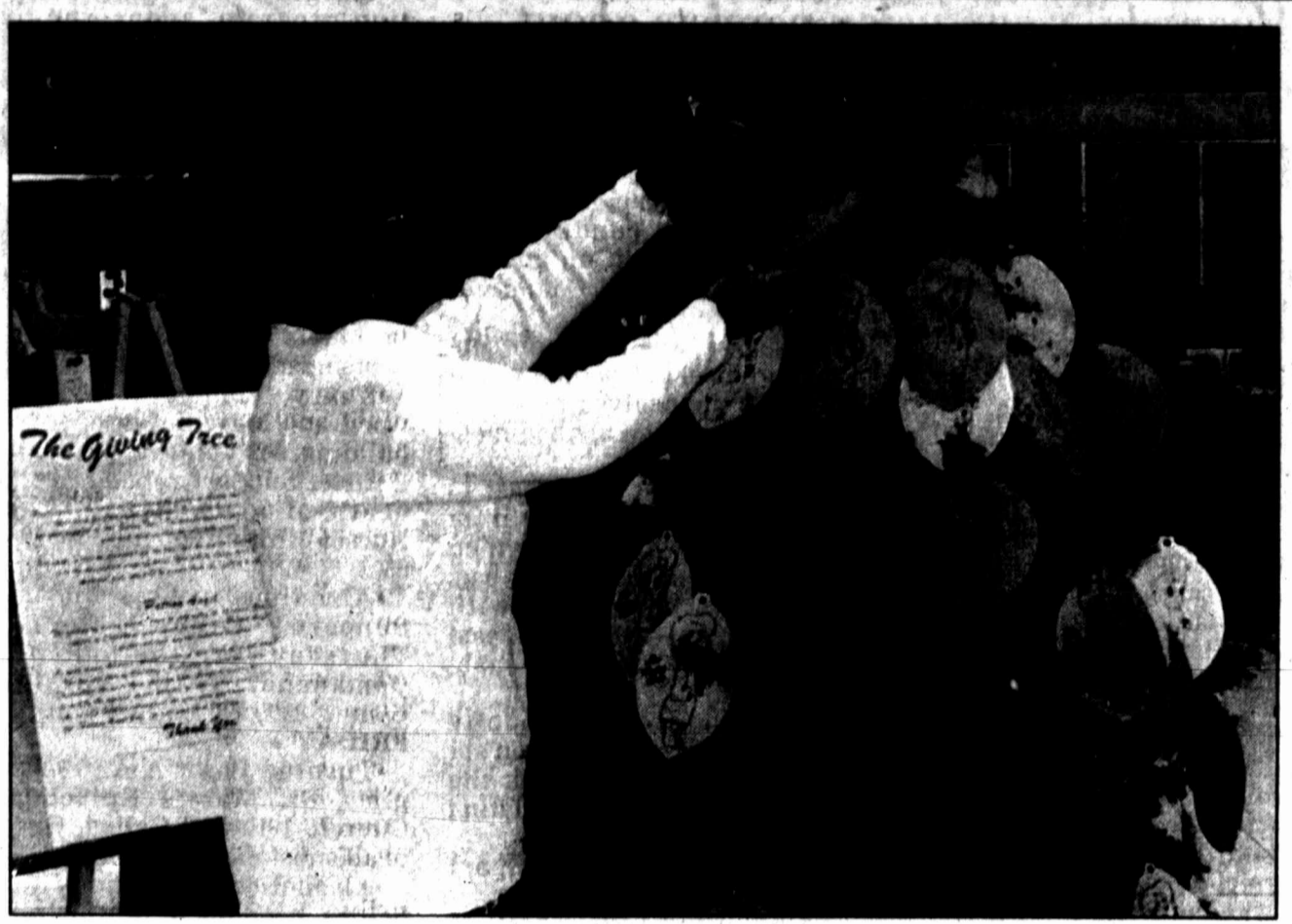
Knocke said the bank is pleased to have the Giving Tree.

"We want to give back to the community as much as we get," she said.

At La Vair's d'Elegance, 2105 Gregg, the Salvation Army has placed a variation of its Angel Tree. Normally, those trees are designed to help needy children of the community.

But this one is hung with ornaments listing the Christmas wishes of elderly residents of Big Spring.

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Above, Gladys King, of Norwest Bank, picks an ornament off of the Giving Tree in the bank lobby, which is designed to provide presents for local children in foster care. In the photo at right, Amy Martin, left, owner, and Nancy Tinsman, of La Vair's d'Elegance, stand with their Angel Tree, which serves the elderly through the Salvation Army.



## Cookies and punch for the holidays

The word cookie is strictly American. Cookie is derived from the Dutch word *Koekje* or *Koekie* which means "small cake." In England, cookies are called biscuits.

Cookies have six classifications: bars or squares; dropped; rolled; pressed; molded or shaped; and refrigerator.

Soft cookies should be stored tightly covered in a cool place. If they should dry out, add a piece of bread or apple wedge to maintain moisture.

Crisp cookies should be stored with a loose-fitting cover in a cool place. If they soften, put on a cookie sheet and place in a 200-degree oven for about five minutes to recrisp.

Do not store soft and crisp cookies together.

Most cookie dough and baked cookies can be frozen for six months to one year. Freezer ziplock bags make great containers for cookie storage.

One of the best parts of Christmas is exchanging cookies. So, why not have a Cookie Exchange Party? For those of you who may not be familiar with a cookie exchange it goes something like this.

Each guest brings 36 cookies from one of her favorite recipes and a card with the recipe on it. Six cookies from each recipe are placed on a tasting table and the rest on an exchange table. Hot Wassail is served and the goodies are sampled. Then before leaving, each person selects 30 cookies from the assortment to take home for their holiday entertaining.

A cookie gathering is much more than just about cookies. It is an opportunity for us to take time out to release some of the pressures arising out of a hectic schedule of shopping, wrapping, decorating, and all the other demands of the season. Being with friends is the best part.

If you are a serious cookie maker, you will enjoy these Christmas cookies. Both recipes make an enormous amount!

The Pfeffernusse are delicious little spicy morsels and make great "dunkers."

Wassail is a hot beverage served in England toasting to one's good health. It is traditionally served to Christmas carolers on Christmas Eve. Its wonderful aroma also serves as a potpourri.



**Sue Haugh**  
Columnist

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## Planets line up this week like 'pearls on a string'

**MIAMI (AP)** — The moon and eight of the planets will be lined up in the sky this week "like pearls on a string" in a sight that won't be visible again from Earth for at least another century.

"It's quite beautiful, an exquisite grouping of the moon and planets," said Jack Horkheimer, executive director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium and host of the public television program "Star Hustler." "This is naked-eye astronomy at its best."

Beginning Monday night and continuing through Dec. 8, the planets will appear in a line slanting upward from the horizon. From west to east, Pluto will be followed by Mercury, Mars, Venus, Neptune, Uranus, Jupiter and Saturn, with a crescent moon alongside.

Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn will be visible to the naked eye, with Venus and Jupiter by far the brightest. A good pair of binoculars will be needed to see the small blue dots that are Uranus and Neptune. Pluto will be visible only by telescope.

Horkheimer, whose syndicated show has been running for 21 years, said that the five bright planets should be visible even in urban areas on a clear night, all around the world.

He said the planets will be similarly aligned in May 2000, but so close to the sun that they won't all be visible from Earth. Horkheimer said a computer analysis showed it will be at least another 100 years before so many planets will be so close and so visible.

## 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.
  - T.O.P.S. 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 267-1224 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, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Rannels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 267-7220.
- Please see **SUPPORT**, page 6A.

## Don't let holidays destroy your budget

The holiday season can certainly be a budget buster. What a surprise you get when you begin to balance the checkbook at the end of the month.

Following are some ideas for ways to keep the spending part of the holiday season under control.

First, decide who you must purchase a Christmas gift for and how much you will spend on each person.

Make a list and don't leave home without it.

Remember what it is like to grocery shop without a list — you end up with a lot of impulse purchases and many items that you don't necessarily need — well, the same principle applies here. Don't spend more than you have allotted for each gift.

Some other items that you will need to list and set a budget amount for include: Christmas meal, meals for overnight visitors, meals on the go while shopping, snacks and goodies that you take to the office and other parties, gifts for other parties, gift wrap, bows, nametags, tape, etc., Christmas tree and decorations, Christmas cards, postage, mailing packages, extra travel expense if you will be visiting friends and relatives out of town.

All of these are extra items that you would not purchase within a normal month, and every little bit adds up.

At this point it is probably too late to save money, but do keep an expense list of every dollar spent for the holiday. This will help you to see just where you are money-wise and will help to eliminate the stress of not knowing if you do or don't have money in the bank.

If you find yourself coming in a little under budget, don't celebrate by going out and spending the savings!

Instead, put the money saved in a special savings account and start saving for next Christmas, when you will once again find yourself in need of some spare cash.

You will find that the more money you save, the more you will want to save and this will be incentive for more bargain shopping. Once you start your little savings for Christmas 1998, add to it each month. Refer back to your budget for Christmas 1997 as well as your expense list and determine how much you will need to save each month to have that amount by December.

Also remember to keep track of money spent throughout the year if you are an early shopper, or if you shop the 50 percent off bargains just after Christmas.

Make some mental notes this year as people open gifts. You can probably get some great gift ideas for next year. Make a list and start early to avoid the hassles of last-minute shopping.

Above all, don't let woes about money get you down. Remember the true meaning of Christmas lies far above the monetary gifts we give and receive. Take time to renew your faith, share with family and friends, to be thankful for good health and prosperity.



**Dana Tarter**  
Extension Agent

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**VBS CHRISTMAS-STYLE**

Having trouble getting out of the house for your Christmas shopping? East Side Baptist Church plans Vacation Bible School-Christmas style Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for kids ages 6-12. The program will include crafts, Christmas stories and drama. Anyone is welcome and there is no charge. Lunch is provided.

The program will end in plenty of time for the family to attend the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade and Trail of Lights events Saturday. For more information, call East Side Baptist Church at 267-1915 or 263-7696.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Free tickets for 'Tree' available this week**

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.

Stop by the office, 400 Scurry, for the tickets. They will be given out as long as they last.

## THE LAST WORD

Most of us believe in trying to make other people happy only if they can be happy in ways which we approve.  
*Robert S. Lynd*

The value of an idea has nothing whatsoever to do with the sincerity of the man who expresses it.  
*Oscar Wilde*

An ounce of image is worth a pound of performance.  
*Laurence J. Peter*

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- 1 lb. candied pineapple, chopped
- 2 (8 oz.) pkg. chopped dates

Combine and mix all ingredients in large mixing bowl. Drop by tablespoon onto cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in 325 degree oven. Makes about 300 cookies.

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**Pfeffernusse (Peppernuts)**  
 Spicy German Cookies
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 tsp baking soda
  - 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
  - 1 cup butter or margarine, room temperature
  - 1 large egg
  - 1 tsp ground cinnamon
  - 1 tsp ground nutmeg
  - 1 tsp ground cloves
  - 1 tsp ground ginger
  - 2 tsp anise extract
  - 2 T light or dark corn syrup

Mix flour with baking soda. In a large bowl, beat sugar and butter with electric mixer at high speed until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and then spices, anise extract and corn syrup, blending well. At low speed stir in flour one cup at a time until well mixed. Cover dough and refrigerate one hour or overnight. To bake, heat oven to 375 degrees. Divide dough into eight equal pieces and shape each piece into a 14-inch long roll. Cut each roll into 24 slices. Arrange slices one inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or just until lightly browned. Remove from oven and transfer cookies to wire racks to cool. Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature or in freezer. Makes about 192 cookies.

Note: Tightly wrapped rolls of dough freeze well. Slice while frozen and bake 8 to 9 minutes. These cookies improve with keeping (if they last that long!)

- Hot Spiced Wassail
- 2 qts. unsweetened pineapple juice
  - 2 qts. cranberry juice cocktail
  - 1 qt. cold water
  - 2/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
  - 1 T whole allspice
  - 1 T whole cloves
  - 4 (2 in.) sticks cinnamon, broken into small pieces.

Pour pineapple and cranberry juices and water into bottom part of a 30-cup percolator. Place sugar, allspice, cloves and cinnamon in basket at top. Allow mixture to percolate for 30 to 35 minutes. Serve hot.

If you do not have a percolator, tie the spices into a cheese-cloth bag; place with all other ingredients in a large enamel or stainless steel pan and cook over medium heat until mixture begins to boil. Lower heat and allow mixture to simmer for at least 30 minutes.

Yield 1 1/2 gallons or 30 cup servings.

**Food for thought:** The best part of you is who you are inside.

**Short people have long wait for air-bag decision**  
*Meanwhile, confusion persists about of devices, who should disconnect them*

By **MICHAEL WOODS**  
 Toledo Blade

Millions of short-stature people, including about half of adult women, face a long wait before making a truly informed decision whether to disconnect their auto air bags.

In recommendations last month on medical reasons for disconnecting air bags, a federal medical panel was forced to hedge on the height issue, which affects a huge number of Americans.

"Look at the statistics," said Dr. Tilman Jolly, chairman of the National Conference on Medical Indications for Air Bag Disconnection.

"Why, half of all adult women in this country are under 5 feet 4 inches in height. There are plenty of short men, as well."

The conference consisted of medical experts who prepared a list of medical reasons that justify installation of an on-off switch for auto air bags. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) asked for the list.

NHTSA will use it to implement new regulations which allow certain people to have an air bag on-off switch installed.

In general, the conference strongly endorsed air bags and said most people would be safer with air bags connected and

with lap and shoulder belts fastened.

When considering short people, the panel conducted an exhaustive search on government data and medical research, Jolly said.

Its search was based on concerns that short people could not seat themselves at a safe distance from the air bag module.

Drivers should sit at least 10 inches to 12 inches away from the steering wheel hub, which contains the uninflated air bag. Passengers in vehicles with dual air bags should be at least that distance from the dashboard.

Distance is critical, Jolly explained, because a person sitting too close may catch the full force of a rapidly inflating bag.

The head and neck impact may cause grave injury.

People sitting farther back, in contrast, miss that forceful impact because the bag has fully inflated by the time it reaches the head.

The actual number of such deaths, however, is small.

The conference estimated that short people have been involved as drivers or passengers in 150,000 air-bag deployments.

Of those cases, 14 resulted in deaths.

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**Groom-to-be of jilted bride says his plans were known**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A man who stranded his would-be bride at the altar only to have her go public with the story says it wasn't exactly a last-minute decision.

Tasos Michael, 35, said he told Nicole Contos, 27, about his concerns a few months ago, during the summer.

"Nicole was confident that we could go ahead with the wedding, but I asked for the wedding to be postponed," he said. "I should have been more forceful. I felt things had to be sorted out before the wedding."

Ms. Contos was at the Manhattan church Nov. 22 when Michael's best man informed her the groom would not show. She held the reception anyway with the 250 guests and told her story to the media.

"I did tell her that nothing could ever excuse my leaving her at the altar," Michael told Daily News from the Tahiti hotel where the couple was to have spent the honeymoon.

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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 Aylford.
- 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 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.

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Nancy Tinsman, who works at La Vair's, understands why.

"The older people need something, too," she said. "So many of them live on Social Security and spend most of their money on utilities and medicines. They have very little left over."

On those ornaments are requests for such items as "pajamas and a robe." Most ask for items of clothing, books or toiletries.

Those gifts can be brought back to La Vair's or taken to the Salvation Army headquarters. Be sure to leave the registration slip from the ornament in the box provided.

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Here are the District 7 six-man junior high school champion Mustangs. Front row, from left, are: Jose Briseno, Brandon Woods, J.D. Grigg, Cade Peterson, Chance Grantham, Ben Campbell and Devin McNew. Second row: Manager Steven Barrara, Catlin Barraza, Kevin Wiley, Jeremy Renteria, Abel Gomez and Tutie Martinez. Back row: Steven Nichols, Chance Nichols, Lee Casas, Dusty Floyd, coach Felipe Castro, Cruz Martinez, Heath Webb, Johnny Chaves and manager Marcelo Barraza.

Goose egg in fourth quarter leaves Lady Steers with loss

HERALD Staff Report

After leading through three quarters of play, Big Spring's Lady Steers literally couldn't buy a bucket Tuesday night, as they went scoreless in the fourth quarter and dropped a 48-39 decision at the hands of Brownfield's Lady Cubs.

The loss had Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor shaking his head long after the final horn sounded.

'If I could figure out what happened to us out there, I'd be a genius ... there's just no explanation for it,' Taylor said. 'We had the same shots all night long ... shots we were looking for and couldn't make them. And in the end, it came down to free throws and we couldn't make them.'

The Lady Steers, now 3-3 on the season, opened the game in typical fashion — streaking out to a quick double-digit lead and carried a 16-6 lead into the second quarter.

Brownfield rebounded for 14 points in the second quarter, but was unable to gain any ground, as the Lady Steers matched that total to take a 30-20 lead into the intermission.

Big Spring's point production began to decline in the third quarter, as Brownfield managed to make a four-point dent in the Lady Steers advantage, but still trailed, 39-33, going into the final eight minutes of play.

TUESDAY'S AREA GAMES

Table listing various area games including girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and football games with scores and details.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: American League Cleveland Indians - Promoted Joe Miskilik to manager of Burlington of the Appalachian League. Seattle Mariners - Agreed to terms with INF Aaron Holbert on a one-year contract. National League Colorado Rockies - Agreed to terms with 3B Vinny Castilla on a four-year contract. Pittsburgh Pirates - Agreed to terms with INF Doug Stange on a two-year contract. Designated INF Brandon Clifton for assignment. BASKETBALL: National Basketball Association Cleveland Cavaliers - Waived Greg Graham. Golden State Warriors - Suspended G Latrell Sprewell for at least 10 games for an attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo during practice on Dec. 1. Portland Trail Blazers - Placed G John Crotty on the injured list. Signed G Rick Bruns. Seattle SuperSonics - Placed F Jerome Kersey on the injured list. Activated G James Cotton from the injured list. FOOTBALL: National Football League Atlanta Falcons - Signed TE Brian Saxon. Placed TE J. J. Burden on injured reserve. Signed PK Scott Bentley to the practice squad. Cincinnati Bengals - Signed K Mark Gagliano to the practice squad. Indianapolis Colts - Named Ray Compton executive director of business development and Pete Ward vice president of administration. Miami Dolphins - Signed RB Lawrence Phillips. Placed S Bracey Walker on injured reserve. New England Patriots - Signed WR Anthony Ladd and WR Shawn Turner to the practice squad. New Orleans Saints - Claimed WR Alvin Harper off waivers from the Washington Redskins. Released TE Tony Johnson. New York Giants - Signed DE Antonio Edwards. Signed G Justin Chabot to the practice squad. Placed G Brian Williams on injured reserve. New York Jets - Signed T Deron Thorpe off the New York Giants practice squad. Philadelphia Eagles - Signed RB Mel Gray to a one-year contract, and DE LB Al Wallace to a two-year contract. Waived OL Harry Boatman and LB DeShawn Fugle. Released WR Eric Matthews from the practice squad. San Francisco 49ers - Announced the resignation of Edward DeBartolo Jr., chairman and chief executive officer. Tampa Bay Buccaneers - Signed WR Gerry Simon to the practice squad. HOCKEY: National Hockey League NHL - Suspended Florida Panthers F Kirk Muller for one additional game and fined him \$1,000 for a high-sticking incident on Nov. 30 against the New York Rangers. Buffalo Sabres - Sent F Eric Rasmyk and D Jay McKenzie to Rochester of the AHL. Florida Panthers - Recalled F Ryan Johnson from New Haven of the AHL. Sent LW Pete Worrell to New Haven. Los Angeles Kings - Ass...

NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL standings for the American Conference East and National Conference East, including columns for W, L, T, Pct., PF, and PA.

NHL

Table listing NHL games and scores for Tuesday's games, including teams like Ottawa, Washington, St. Louis, and New Jersey.

COLLEGE SCORES

Table listing college basketball scores for various teams including Bucknell, Canisius, Maine, and others.

Lady Hawks romp to 102-25 win

HERALD Staff Report

For a second time this season, Wayland Baptist's Flying Queens junior varsity was no match for Howard College's Lady Hawks, not even on their home court.

The Lady Hawks, currently ranked No. 5 in the JUCO women's basketball poll, improved their record to 12-0 with a 102-25 win in Plainview Tuesday night.

Coach Matt Corkery was able to make extensive use of his bench in the rout, as every player on the Lady Hawks roster contributed to the scoring.

Sophomore Shawnta Johnson led all scorers with 20 points, while Latraica Spencer scored 14, Latasha Moore added 13 and Donelle Jones chipped in 12 more.

'We were able to get plenty of playing time for everybody and that's just about as much as you can ask for in that type of situation,' Corkery said following the win.

The Lady Hawks will close out the fall semester schedule Saturday when they take on Blinn's women in a game set for 3 p.m. in the UT-San Antonio gymnasium.

'We just want to be able to take the momentum we have now and carry it through into the holiday break,' Corkery added. 'We feel like we've improved as a team since our first games in November, so now it's just a matter of playing a good game Saturday, then come back from the break and get ready for conference play.'

The Lady Hawks will travel to Scottsdale, Ariz., for the Scottsdale Classic following the semester break.

After returning from that Jan. 2-5 tournament, they'll open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Jan. 12 at Odessa.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Aim for what you want. You are full of energy and zip. The unexpected occurs, and you can run with it. A solid course of action is advised. Using discretion and knowledge pays off. A friend rings your chimes, and you respond. Tonight: Be with buddies.\*\*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Accept the limelight, and know that you are in a situation in which you can make changes. Interactions are exciting yet flowing. Authority figures aren't predictable at this point, and you might not want them to be. After all, isn't it more fun this way? Tonight: Take your bows.\*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Reach out for another. Talks are enlightening and could be downright surprising. You get what you want, mainly because

of your endurance and determination. Don't fight a reversal of course. An associate appeals to your mind and higher self. Tonight: Buy an exotic present.\*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Partnership, patience and working with a difficult boss all pay off. You see what nurturing can produce. There are feelings of trust between you and another. You might need to do what is politically correct, which looks like a long night of work. Tonight: Count on a late dinner.\*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Others take action that surprises you. Consider what is best for you; look to the future. You come up with unusual ideas. A relationship could benefit from your humor and flexibility. Be open to another's offerings. Tonight: Go along for the ride, but buckle your seat belt!\*\*\*\*\*

**VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Get work done, and make time to exercise. Good eating and health habits help you deal with stress, and will add to your feeling of well-being. One-to-one relating in business matters proves successful. Roll with changes from a high-energy boss. Tonight: Shop.\*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Speak your mind, and a loved one will respond. You are more in sync than you have been as a couple. Trust your creativity and loving nature. You create movement and change where you couldn't before. Let more fun in your life. Tonight: Get into the holiday mood.\*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Go within for answers. Explore, a home office, or

involve your family more with your work. Understanding is important with people in your personal life. Security comes in many forms. Establish stronger financial and emotional bond. Tonight: Put your feet up.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
You tend to express yourself through your actions; others see you as impulsive. You are more likely to express what is on your mind and where you are heading. Others are stunned and delighted by your renderings. Let go of obstacles to creativity. Tonight: Flirt!\*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Intuition can play a big role in your choices. You are right on, especially with money. Risk only as much as you can afford when indulging in any gambling. You are building strength, not undermining yourself. Tonight: Flip through catalogs for gift ideas.\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Your decisions direct you toward what you want with unusual success. A discussion is tough but worthwhile. News you hear doesn't have you jumping for joy but has a positive tone to it for the future. Let your personality shine through. Tonight: You are everyone's pal.\*\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
You need to work through a professional matter. You might not feel comfortable with a money issue, though it might not be changeable. Take time alone to get yourself centered. Good choices are made in this atmosphere. Catch up on paperwork. Tonight: Go to bed early.\*\*\*

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Dykes to be football banquet speaker

Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes will be the featured speaker for the Big Spring Steers Football Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$9 per person and can be obtained by calling Quarterback Club president Randy Gee at 267-7424 or 263-1889.

Since seating for the banquet will be limited, tickets should be purchased as early as possible.

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, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning.

For more information, call 267-8234.

TP&WD officials offers recommendations

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

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks. Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

For more information, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

Special Olympics in need of coaches

Local Special Olympics officials say they need volunteers to serve as coaches for athletes involved track, soccer, equestrian events, aquatics, basketball, softball, gymnastics and bowling

Those interested should attend the Special Olympics Texas Coaches' Training Clinic set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Odessa College.

Anyone with questions concerning the training school or about registering an athlete may call (915) 684-5024.

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.

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

Junior hoops program slates registration

Registration for participation in the Big Spring Junior Basketball Association has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Big Spring Mall.

The program, which will be conducted on Saturdays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21, will give boys and girls a head start on the basic fundamentals of basketball.

A free camp, games and a tournament are scheduled for participants.

For more information, contact Charlie Hall at 263-0159 or Billy Rollins at 267-4959.

Goliad girls drop pair to Lamesa squads  
Lamesa proved to be too much for Goliad's Lady Mavericks to handle, as the young Lady Tors posted a 45-23 win in the "A" team game and then romped to a 31-9 "B" team win.

Despite the lopsided losses, Lady Mavs coach Kari Eggleston noted a number of positives.

Esha Ward paced the Lady Mavs "A" with seven points, while Stormie Huff added six markers. Stacey Vaughn and Ashley Tuttle turned in strong defensive performances.

The top "B" play came from Krystal Long, Amanda Sellars and Sydney Rojas.

Home-school mom makes case for high quality of education

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled at the arrogance of the teacher who recently wrote, "I have never met a parent who can give his/her children the quality of education I can offer." Does she really believe she can adequately assess my child's needs and give my child a better education in a class filled with 25 other students than I can give on a one-to-one basis?

The National Home Education Institute has recently released data that indicate home-educated students typically score in the 85th percentile on standardized tests.

These results are achieved by students whose parents are often not certified teachers and who have spent, on average, \$546 per child per year to educate them. The county in which I live recently reported spending \$4,791 per student per year and cannot boast equivalent standardized test scores.

I have been a home-school mom for five years and have seen remarkable results in the home-school community. A recent example: A young man who achieved a perfect score on his SATs and was eagerly accepted into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. — PATRICIA A. BERNHAUSEN, RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR PATRICIA: In recent months I have published letters from home-schooled children

and educators. Your letter is one of a tidal wave of articulate letters from parents rising to defend home-schooling. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If every teacher could give the "quality education" the one teacher in California claims to give, there might not be a need for parents to teach their children at home. Obviously, when children graduate and can't read, the system has failed. Home-schooling a child is about more than hoping the child receives a good education. It's about safety, instilling the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, and as a Christian, teaching biblical values.

One reason we don't send our children to school is because of the retired teacher in Florida. His values are not our values. He writes, "Parents should examine the teaching materials ... to make sure they are compatible with their own beliefs." Abby, we ARE familiar with the material. We know what our beliefs are, and we intend to pass them on to our children, who are well-behaved, courteous, intelligent and interact well with others.

Parents who make the enormous sacrifice to teach their children at home can offer them an education that will far

surpass any they could receive in a public school. Home-schooling is not for everyone, but if you're concerned with the education your child is receiving, then it's something to consider. — MELISA SHREVE, QUINLAN, TEXAS

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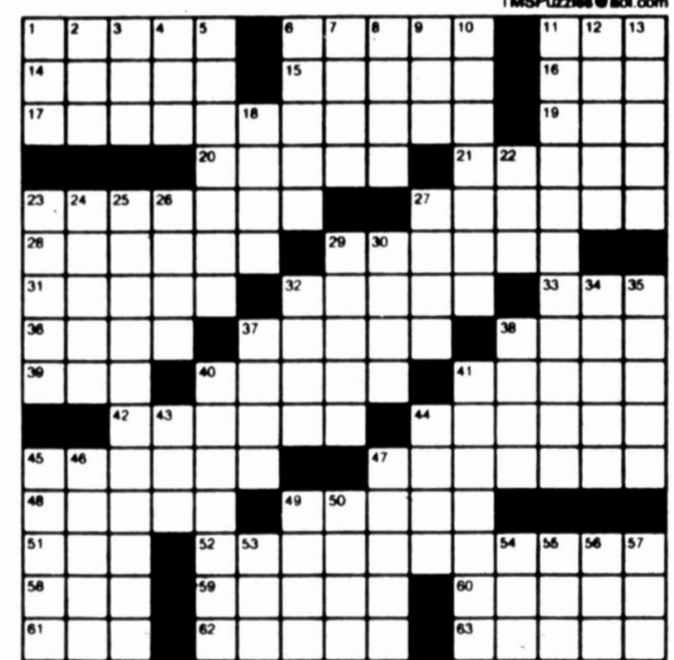
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1997. There are 28 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1947, the Tennessee Williams play 'A Streetcar Named Desire' opened on Broadway, starring Jessica Tandy as Blanche DuBois, Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski and Kim Hunter as Stella Kowalski. On this date: In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States. In 1894, author Robert Louis Stevenson died in Samoa. In 1948, the 'Pumpkin Papers' came to light. The House Un-American Activities Committee announced that former Communist spy Whittaker Chambers had produced microfilm of secret documents hidden inside a pumpkin on his Maryland farm. In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christian Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant. Louis Washkansky lived 18 days with the new heart. In 1967, the 20th Century Ltd., the famed luxury train, completed its final run from New York City to Chicago. In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing. In 1984, more than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India. In 1991, radicals in Lebanon released American hostage Alann Steen, who had been held captive nearly five years. Ten years ago: Four days before his summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to sign a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles, President Reagan said in an interview with television network anchormen that there was a reasonably good chance of progress toward a treaty on long-range weapons. Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a U.S.-led military mission to help starving Somalia. The Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled 21.5 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground at La Coruna, Spain. One year ago: Four people were killed in a subway bombing in southern Paris. The Justice Department barred 16 Japanese army veterans suspected of World War II atrocities from entering the United States. A judge in Hawaii ruled that the state had to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, prompting an appeal.

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