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## Angel Trees coming down Friday, Salvation Army needs community's help

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Salvation Army officials are sending out an urgent plea for local residents to take care of the agency's angels this holiday season.

On Friday, the agency will remove its Angel Trees from the community. Those trees are hung with ornaments listing the clothing sizes and special needs of local children at Christmas.

But early this week, less than half of the 546 ornaments had been chosen.

"We want to ask the community to please help us serve the rest of the children," said Danelle Castillo, social services director. "Remember, this could be you in need at some point."

To help an Angel Tree child, take an ornament off one of the trees located at Big Spring Mall, Scenic Mountain

Medical Center, Wal-Mart or Al's Barbecue, fill out the donor card on back and place it in the box provided. Then shop for the child.

Deadline to return unwrapped gifts to the tree location or the Army headquarters is Dec. 17.

Salvation Army workers advise donors to buy clothing for the children first, then a requested toy if funds allow.

"But remember, all the children will be provided toys by the Salvation Army," Castillo said.

For many of the children named on the Angel Trees, new clothes are a special gift, she said. "This might be the one time a year they get something new to wear."

There is also an Angel Tree for the elderly at La Vair's d'Elegance, 2105 Gregg.

For those who don't have time to shop for the items, Castillo said she will do the shopping. They need only to choose the ornament and stop by the office with a donation for the cost of shopping.

Those who miss the Friday deadline altogether can stop by the office during business hours Monday or Tuesday and pick up a child's ornament.

"Then, on Christmas Day," Castillo said, "you can remember your angel, with a smile on his face."

Families who need help at Christmas are still applying at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth. Castillo said it is too late for children to be placed on the Angel Trees, but other programs are still open for the local needy.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Anna Woodard, Big Spring, checks the Salvation Army Angel Tree located in Wal-Mart for a name of someone to help this holiday season. Woodard said her family participates in the Angel Tree program annually.

## Council backs off parking on grass ordinance **New chief**

Public's outcry causes switch from 4-3 'yes' to 6-1 'no'

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

"I'll go to my grave saying this was a good ordinance," Mayor Tim Blackshear said following Tuesday's defeat of the proposed ordinance to prohibit residents from parking their vehicles on grassy and unpaved surfaces.

The gist of the ordinance would make it unlawful to park a vehicle on grassy or unpaved surfaces and make violators subject to a fine of between \$25 and \$500.

The final vote was 6-1 with District 6 Councilman Greg Biddison being the lone vote in favor of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton began the discussion on the issue by making a motion to hear what the public had to say on the issue and to defeat the second reading of the ordinance with the stipulation that it not be rewritten.

Several residents among Tuesday's overflow crowd addressed the council in opposition to the ordinance.

Former Councilwoman Pat DeAnda addressed the council saying the ordinance would not be equitable for the citizens of Big Spring.

"I've been following this issue and agree with Miss Horton that it would cause a lot of hardship on a lot of people," DeAnda said. "People would make a business out of this."

"People have a hard enough time (living) without this added burden," DeAnda added. "Some people park in the yard to avoid vandalism."

One woman said, "Not only would this be a financial hardship, but it infringes on the rights of private property owners."

"What does it matter where we park as long as we're parking



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Several Big Spring residents remained through much of Tuesday's city council meeting in which an ordinance to prohibit the parking of vehicles on grassy and unpaved surfaces was defeated 6-1. Early in the session there was standing room only in the council chamber during discussion of the parking issue.

legally away from traffic," the woman added. "Many driveways accommodate only one car and vehicles see less vandalism

the ordinance was not proposed to infringe on anyone's rights. Both Blackshear and Councilman Tommy Tune said

Tune, Councilmen Jimmy Campbell and Biddison echoed Blackshear's sentiments that the *Herald* didn't handle the issue appropriately.

Following Tuesday's meeting, one woman said she found out the details to the ordinance and the proposed fine for violating the ordinance by reading the newspaper — a detail not disclosed during the council's Nov. 11 first reading of the ordinance.

"We have allowed the citizens to speak," Blackshear said. "I've had as many calls on this issue as I've had on any issue."

Sticking to his belief that the ordinance is good, Blackshear said, "What right does someone have to move into a neighborhood, park their car in the yard and devalue their neighbor's property?"

Despite the council opting not to rewrite and reward the ordinance Tuesday, Blackshear said he'd like to see it brought back at a later time because the intent is good.

"I do realize that you can't legislate civic pride," he said.

"People have a hard enough time (living) without this added burden. Some people park in the yard to avoid vandalism."

Pat DeAnda  
Former member  
City Council

when parked close to the house."

"The community has done a lot of great things as far as beautification," Tommy Welch said. "There would be the cost to administer this (ordinance) as well as the cost of the goodwill of the people."

After residents had commented on the issue, with no one speaking in favor of seeing the ordinance pass, Blackshear addressed the audience saying

the issue was dead in the water two weeks ago, but as pointed out by residents at Tuesday's meeting, the ordinance was approved 4-3 on first reading and was up for approval on second reading Tuesday.

Blackshear said he took offense to the *Herald's* Dec. 7 editorial in which the last line read, "That makes it a bad law...don't sit back and do nothing...we don't need yard Nazis in Big Spring."

## School uniforms working at Midland junior high

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Larry Winget was not quite sure what to think when his school adopted a uniform dress code this year. Now, he's one of the idea's biggest supporters.

San Jacinto Junior High School in Midland adopted school uniforms for students this school year. After one semester,

Winget declares the experiment an unqualified success.

"I'm not going to try to talk anybody into going with uniforms. That's a decision that should be made at the district level," said Winget, principal at SJJH for the past four years. "But I will speak about the positive aspects of it to anybody who asks."

And what Winget will tell people is that having school uniforms has made a pro-

found difference among students, both in their appearance and behavior.

"I'm still amazed how smoothly things are going," he said. "They're going much better than I anticipated. I anticipated a decrease in certain types of behavior, but I'm amazed at how much the decrease has been."

Overall, there has been a 24 percent

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## BSISD unlikely to join uniform movement

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Despite movement in other Texas cities, the school uniform bandwagon hasn't arrived in Big Spring yet.

School uniforms have been touted by proponents as a way to lessen disruptive behavior, lessen socioeconomic differences between students and improve the general atmosphere at schools.

San Antonio ISD became the latest school district to join the movement, voting to mandate uniforms among its 60,000 students.

In West Texas, Midland ISD has addressed the issue by allowing individual campuses to decide whether to mandate uniforms. So far, only San

Jacinto Junior High has decided to require uniforms, but other campuses are discussing the subject.

Big Spring ISD superintendent Bill McQueary said the topic has been discussed locally, but no action is expected in the near future.

"We've talked with administration and the staff about that for several years," McQueary said. "Right now, I can honestly say that I can't see anybody joining a bandwagon for school uniforms."

McQueary admitted there were advantages to school uniforms, but isn't sure they would outweigh any disadvantages. He sees three problems with the issue — uniforms would be unpopular with students; they'd be unpopular with some

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OBITUARIES

Dan Plowman

Service for Dan Plowman, 52, Big Spring, formerly of Abilene, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 1997, at View Baptist Church, View, with Rev. Jim Ritter, pastor of Tye Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Drummonds Cemetery, Taylor County.



Plowman

Mr. Plowman died Tuesday, Dec. 9, in a local hospital.

He was born on Jan. 6, 1945, in Abilene, and married Nancy Hardesty on Sept. 30, 1967, in Big Spring. He grew up in Abilene and came to Big Spring in 1962. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965 and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1965-67. He worked in the oil industry as a directional drilling supervisor in the Rocky Mountains, West Texas and the Middle East. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Plowman, Big Spring, one daughter, Kelli Andrews, Midland, one son, Cody Plowman, Big Spring, his mother, Wanda Plowman, Abilene, one brother, Bobby Plowman, Aurora, Colo., two sisters, Janis McDowell, Sweetwater, and Susan Wilson, Big Spring, and two granddaughters.

The family suggests memorials to: First Baptist Church Youth Fund; 705 W. Marcy, Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene.

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

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Volunteers are being sought to ring bells for the agency's kettle campaign. Several organizations and groups get together to ring bells at the kettles, which are placed throughout the community to collect donations for the Army's various programs.

"Anyone that has an hour or two to give us, we could sure use it," Castillo said. Volunteers help the agency save money by replacing paid bell ringers.

The kettle program continues through Dec. 24.

Call 267-8239 for more information about any of the Army's holiday programs.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Clarence Pollard, Jr. 41 died Thursday at his home. Services are 2:00 PM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Dan Plowman, 52, died Tuesday. He will be in state on Wednesday and Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at View Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Drummonds Cemetery.

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parents; and certain retailers would definitely dislike school uniforms.

Several third-party studies exist on whether school uniforms make a substantial difference in student behavior, attendance and grades, and McQueary is hesitant to commit BSISD toward uniforms until more information is gathered, although he is sure the issue will come to a head in the near future.

"I'm not interested in making that kind of change until someone shows me the need for change. We want to see some hard data in that area ... and until we see that kind of data, we're just going to wait and see," McQueary said. "There will be a fight, and it will be a world championship bout, I am sure."

In the end, it will take a community wide effort for the issue to gather steam in Big Spring, he said.

"You can only go as far as the community and the school board will take you on an issue like this," McQueary said. "This will be not only an administration and teacher effort, but will go all the way down to the grass roots ... and that's how it should be."

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decrease in disciplinary referrals at SJJH from this time last year, even though the school has basically the same number of students, Winget said. Also, he said incidents such as fighting and hazing have decreased by almost 37 percent from the previous year.

Under the Midland ISD code of conduct, individual campuses have the option whether to adopt school uniforms, and SJJH has been the only district campus to take the plunge so far, said Ricardo Torres, director of secondary education for MISD.

SJJH went to uniforms after receiving approval in a non-binding parent referendum on the subject, and the response so far has been overwhelmingly positive, Torres said.

"SJ being the only campus with uniforms allows the kids to really stand out, and I mean that in a positive way," he said. "You can always tell who the SJ kids are, because they dress alike and also because they're always well behaved."

The improvement in student behavior has been the most noticeable change since uniforms were required, Winget said.

"The normal carrying on we've had in the past — the

pushing and shoving — we don't have that so much anymore," he said. "Now, when they bump into each other in the hall, they say, 'excuse me.'"

Parents and teachers also have climbed aboard the uniform bandwagon, Winget said. Parents against the concept earlier this year are among "my biggest supporters now," he said.

Winget and Torres had no definite answers as to why uniforms would make such a difference in student behavior, but there are some theories:

• With all students wearing basically the same things, socioeconomic differences tend to disappear, as does the possibility of students wearing gang-related apparel to school.

"There's no socioeconomic status separating them," Winget said. "They're all on equal footing."

• Parents like uniforms, Winget said, because it eliminates arguments with children over what to wear. Also, parents like the one-stop shopping inherent in buying uniforms.

Winget has another theory on the subject.

"I've heard that dress doesn't make the man," he said, "but I've also heard that if you dress for success, you'll be successful."

Winget has already decided that SJJH will extend school uniforms past this year. Torres said other MISD school are undecided on the issue, but discussions are ongoing at several campuses.

"Overall, my sense is that there's a movement on to at least look at having a uniform policy at other schools," he said.

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

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

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

THURSDAY  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has ser-

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vices 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY  
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served, \$4. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

•Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th St.

•Lions Club Eyeglass clinic, 9 a.m. to noon, Evening Lions Bingo, 1607 E. Third. Eyeglasses will be given away and fitted to needy persons.

SUNDAY  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

MONDAY  
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

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

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Church will feed needy Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Church of the Harvest plans to feed the needy Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at the Lakeview Headstart gym.

Church members will be receiving a truckload of food, clothing and other items from its ministry headquarters in Wylie, and they will distribute the items to anyone who comes out Saturday.

All those who come to the gym will receive a box containing food such as potatoes, canned goods, bread and some clothing as well, church officials said. There is expected to be enough for at least 200 local families.

The church headquarters, Total Life Ministries in Wylie works through Feed the Children to provide food to needy families, and the local event is an outreach of that program.

Anyone who needs more information about Saturday's giveaway can call the church at 267-6747.

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RECORDS

Tuesday's high 61  
Tuesday's low 27  
Average high 57  
Average low 30  
Record high 79 in 1939  
Record low 10 in 1917  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 0.39  
Month's normal 0.23  
Year to date 19.34  
Normal for the year 18.14

FIRE/EMS

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

Tuesday  
2:12 p.m. — 1100 E. 14th, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:08 p.m. — Brackeen Lane, medical call, service refused.

9:43 p.m. — 1400 Apron Drive, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:07 p.m. — 300 E. Third, medical call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center.

10:02 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• RUTH FLORES, 32, arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

• JASON DIAZ, 17, arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

• THEFT on the 2300 block of Wasson (two reports), the 400 block of Birdwell and the 300 block of Gregg.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE on the 2300 block of Gregg.

• ASSAULT on the 2300 block of Wasson.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 2600 block of Gregg and the 1800 block of Benton.

MARKETS

March cotton 67.75, up 8 points; Jan. crude 18.45, down 22 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 44.50; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 66; Dec. lean hog futures 62.40, down 50 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.15, up 5 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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American Legion Auxiliary workers, from left, Evelyn Redman, Margaret Newton and Myrtle Thornton, were opening the group's gift shop at the VA Medical Center Tuesday. The shop serves hospitalized veterans by gift wrapping and mailing Christmas gifts at no charge.

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# Task force hears of new gambling machines known as eight-liners

AUSTIN (AP) — A proliferation of new gambling games and outlets all over Texas may be the result of the state's decision to endorse a lottery, says the chairman of a state gambling task force.

"I think that the state acts as a tutor in the laws that we set up," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Illegal Gambling.

"When you have state-sanctioned gambling, I think people took that as a signal that maybe we ought to have other sorts of gambling."

"If they want to have other sorts of gambling, they can go through the process of making it legal. Until then, we are going to enforce the laws in the state of Texas."

The 12-member task force on Tuesday heard testimony on everything from the proliferation of bets being placed on the Internet to mini-casinos with slot-machine style games that reward players with gift certi-

ificates to local stores, or "mall bucks," instead of cash.

The panel has been charged with submitting an advisory report on how to strengthen the state's gambling laws to Gov. George W. Bush by May 1, 1998.

Clay Abbott, deputy district attorney in Lubbock County, told the panel that nine casino-style operations with 400 gambling machines, known as eight-liners and cherry masters, have popped up in the Lubbock area in just seven months.

"Most of these places offer \$5 gift certificates to restaurants and stores," Abbott said. "But most of them have a Las Vegas casino type of atmosphere with names like the 'Golden Bonanza.' They serve soft drinks and popcorn free of charge as long as you are playing the games."

Abbott said Lubbock County is launching its own task force to crack down on the establishments.

Under current law, the state allows "amusement machines," in which the

prize or payoff is no more than 10 times the money deposited to play the game or \$5, whichever is lower.

Abbott said that the machines he is seeing are hardly for amusement.

"People are playing these things until they get 400 or 500 credits, and then go get a stack of gift certificates to stores," he said. "Each machine is taking in something like \$1,500 a week."

"This is out of control, and we need to do something immediately."

Eight-liners have been a source of controversy for several years. Bush backed a bill to crack down on the machines, but it was killed during the 1997 session by groups saying the machines were helping veterans and charities raise money in bingo halls.

On Tuesday, Dave Stegman, president of Amusement, Music Operators of Texas (AMOT), a group representing small business owners who operate amusement machines, distributed a letter to the task force.

"We join you in wanting to root out

illegal gambling in Texas, and we support your efforts to clarify state laws regarding amusement machines and redemption policies," Stegman wrote.

The letter included proposed reforms, such as banning casino-style machines with graphic illustrations; stating in the strongest language possible that cash prizes are prohibited; prohibiting locations that use 8-liners as their sole or primary source of income; and eliminating loopholes that could lead to the conversion of gift certificates to cash.

Other concerns expressed to the committee included bets being taken over the Internet, usually by gambling operations set up outside the country in places like the Caribbean.

Officials said Internet gambling is more difficult for state authorities to police because it often involves violations of federal law.

Another concern among authorities has become machines that dispense long-distance phone cards — cards that

enable people to buy a certain amount of time for long distance calls, usually \$5 worth.

Many of the phone cards dispensed in machines also offer sweepstakes prizes. And because the sweepstakes prizes often range upwards of \$500, Lottery Commission officials are investigating whether people are buying the \$5 phone cards to actually make calls or for the chance to win a prize.

"You pretty much have to go to where each game is being played and see if all the phone cards are being thrown in the trash after a person sees whether they have won a prize or not," said Mike Pitcock, director of enforcement for the Texas Lottery Commission.

Sibley expressed frustration after Tuesday's meeting.

"Every six months, there appears to be a new gambling innovation," Sibley said. "Frankly, it's very discouraging. I don't know how law enforcement can stay ahead of all this."

## Federal investigation into alleged unfair tactics in airline fares

DALLAS (AP) — Separate investigations are being conducted by the Departments of Justice and Transportation into allegations the major airlines have used unfair tactics to drive competitors out of business, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The inquiries reflect growing concern among business travel groups, lawmakers on Capitol Hill and regulatory officials that the major airlines may be acting to squash competition and effectively limit the benefits of airline deregulation.

"The largest complaints would suggest that there are a whole array of tactics that (major airlines) have put together," Patrick Murphy, deputy assistant transportation secretary, told the newspaper.

In its copyright story, the newspaper said the Justice Department investigation includes a look at competitive practices at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport by American Airlines.

American Airlines, based in Fort Worth, Texas, acknowledged Tuesday that it has provided information to Justice Department officials, but denied the airline has engaged in anti-competitive practices.

The airline attributed some of the complaints to a competitor seeking a scapegoat for its problems.

A United Airlines spokesman in Chicago confirmed that the Justice Department contacted the airline for a response to allegations it engaged in predatory practices against Frontier Airlines of Denver.

Delta Air Lines officials in Atlanta did not

respond to a request for comment, the Morning News reported.

Federal investigators have not set deadlines to complete their work, but they anticipate developing policies by next year that could affect millions of airline passengers and industry employees, the newspaper said.

Industry officials said the Justice Department eventually could charge some airlines with unfair practices under federal anti-trust laws.

"There is clearly a problem in the sense that there seems to be real evidence of market power being utilized by the airlines in some situations," said a senior Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Some congressmen have complained of a lack of competition at major airline hubs such as Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has proposed legislation that would re-allocate some landing slots at busy airports and force the Transportation Department to respond more quickly to complaints of predatory behavior.

McCain is chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, which has oversight over the airline industry.

Federal officials are examining a broad range of activities by the major airlines at the nation's busiest airports, the newspaper reported.

The investigations are a response to complaints from some low-fare airlines that the big carriers have tried to protect their turf by slashing air fares, replacing commuter aircraft with jets, adding capacity and paying bonus commissions to travel agents.

## Inmate with death sentences in three states executed for killing Texas cop

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The execution of convicted cop killer Michael Lockhart brought applause, cheers and whistles from nearly 100 Beaumont police officers who showed up outside a Texas prison to mark Lockhart's demise.

Lockhart, 37, a drifter from Toledo, Ohio, received a lethal injection Tuesday night for the 1988 fatal shooting of Beaumont Officer Paul Hulsey Jr.

Lockhart also had death sentences in Indiana and Florida for killing two teen-age girls, but because his Texas conviction came first, Texas authorities got to administer the punishment, the 37th execution in the state this year.

"I am deeply sorry," Lockhart said, turning his head to five members of his victims' families who watched through a window a few feet away from where he was strapped to a gurney. "It is my hope my death will give you some kind of comfort."

After thanking his friends, family and prison officials for treating him with kindness, he gasped three times and lost consciousness. Seven minutes later, at 6:24 p.m., he was pro-

nounced dead.

As witnesses emerged from the prison, they were greeted with cheers from the Beaumont officers, many of them arriving in Huntsville aboard a chartered bus from Beaumont, about 100 miles to the southeast.

"We're not here to celebrate an execution, but to pay respect to the victims and the families of the victims," said Beaumont detective Jimmy Carpenter.

Lockhart acknowledged three murders during a five-month spree that began in mid-October 1987 with Windy Gallagher, 16, at her home in Griffith, Ind. Three months later, he killed Jennifer Colhouer, 14, of Land O'Lakes, Fla., in a same fashion.

In both cases, the girls were raped and savagely stabbed, their mutilated bodies discovered in their homes by a family member.

Lockhart, who served nine months in a Wyoming prison for robbery before being released in 1985, said he had been a door-to-door salesman and learned how to talk his way into the girls' homes.

On March 22, 1988, he gunned down Hulsey, who had spotted Lockhart speeding through the

southeast Texas city in a red Corvette reported stolen.

Hulsey was trying to arrest Lockhart when he was shot three times, becoming the first Beaumont officer to die in the line of duty in 68 years.

"After all these years of waiting, it's finally happened," Hulsey's father, Paul Sr., said after watching Lockhart die. "I'm pleased it's over. It's thumbs-up all the way. Forgiveness is not in my vocabulary."

"Seeing this is to know Michael Lockhart will never be able to do that again," said April Gallagher, who lost a daughter. "I don't have to worry about him getting out."

"He had to be stopped," said Cheryl Colhouer, who also lost a daughter. "It's like a time bomb over your head, ticking. But now it's over."

A Texas jury found Lockhart guilty of capital murder and gave him the first death sentence. An Indiana jury gave its verdict several months later and Lockhart pleaded guilty in the Florida case.

In a two-page typewritten statement released Tuesday before his death, Lockhart, who said he found God.

## No deal yet in legal fight over DFW's Wright Amendment

GRAPEVINE (AP) — The court-ordered effort to settle the airport feud between Fort Worth and Dallas has hit some turbulence, with some predicting the dispute will go to trial.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr participated in a closed-door meeting along with airline representatives and lawyers Tuesday.

An executive of Fort Worth-based American Airlines, an intervenor in the lawsuit the city filed against Dallas, was uncertain about the case's outcome.

"Who knows, when you have lawyers airing legal issues, how long it will take to have them fully aired or whether simply the courts will have to decide," said Don Carty, president of the Fort Worth-based airline.

The city filed suit to block expansion of flights at Dallas Love Field after Congress gave final approval to legislation that eases the restrictions by permitting some direct flights beyond Texas and its four neighboring states.

"We have a difference of opinion on how we get to where we want to go in this lawsuit," Kirk said. "But our working relationship is still strong."

The 18-year-old federal flight restrictions at Love Field, known as the Wright Amendment, are designed to protect Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"We've been bombarded with a propaganda campaign that says DFW Airport is at risk and that it might shrink," said T. Allan McArtor, chief executive officer of Legend Airlines. The fledgling Dallas-based line wants to fly out of Love Field.

"The thing is it won't shrink if the DFW Airport Board has the courage to enforce the statutory contracts of the air carriers out there," he said, adding the air dispute could go to trial.

Lawyers on Friday were scheduled to submit reports to U.S. District Judge John McBryde.

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OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton and Congress like spending money they don't yet have so much that they're planning to do it again.

The president says he is weighing the idea of a further tax cut and may include it in his new budget. Since it will be an election year, he's certain to find an eager and receptive Congress.

The president and Congress were so pleased by their balanced budget agreement, which calls for balance and even a modest surplus in 2002, that they spent that anticipated dividend on a tax cut. They did this in spite of the fact that the budget is not yet in balance. It is true that, because of a strong economy, the deficit this year is only \$23 billion. However, the fiscal 1998 deficit is estimated at \$60 billion, and the spending reductions to bring the budget into balance have been left for future Congresses.

The problem of balancing the budget will be aggravated by the 1997 tax cut. It is \$95 billion over five years but the cost accelerates to \$275 billion over 10 years. And, almost unnoticed in the jubilation over the good economy, is that Clinton and Congress spent a lot of money this year: Domestic spending was up 10 percent — \$22.6 billion — over the previous year.

While Congress is talking boldly about scrapping the current tax code in favor of something fairer, flatter and simpler, the fact of the matter is that any tax cut enacted in an election year is likely to be a rerun of the 1997 tax cut: a mixture of credits, shelters, deductions and loopholes designed to appeal to specific constituencies.

The problem with tax cuts is that they are so politically popular that they forestall work on graver economic problems: the deficit, the accumulating bite of the national debt and the immense impending demand on Social Security and Medicare.

The time to act on these problems is when the economy is good, and that means now. The time for tax cuts is when real dollars are coming to finance them.

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By this time next year, the United States will have paid North Korea almost \$1 million to search old battlefields for the remains of Americans killed in the Korean War.

Agreement on the second and largest installment — \$672,000 — was reached on the eve of peace talks finally underway to conclude a war that never formally ended. North Korea and South Korea are sitting down in Geneva along with China and the United States, their respective patrons in the war.

Three searches this year located only six sets of remains. The new payment will fund five searches next year in battlefields thought to contain mass burial sites of some 1,700 U.S. servicemen killed in a bitter retreat in November and December, 1950.

The payment, ostensibly reimbursement for fuel and services, is actually for the right to search for war dead. For the United States, it is a repulsive but necessary choice. And any step that brings even a small opening to the hermetic garrison state of North Korea is for the better.

But it is a measure of North Korea's desperation that it would accept, let alone demand, such money.

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"An ambassador," a wit said, "is an honest man sent abroad to lie for his country." Done well, this service often earns the ambassador a final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. But as the quip suggests, fibbing on this side of the ocean is disapproved, which is why M. Larry Lawrence, formerly our man in Switzerland, is about to have his body removed from the national cemetery.

Lawrence is the GOP's paltry catch in the party's probe of charges that President Clinton sold Arlington plots to those who gave not their all, but merely their wherewithal to Democrats. Lawrence contributed \$200,000 from 1991-96, before and while he was an ambassador. When he died, the Clinton administration, noting Lawrence's risky WW II duties in the merchant marine, waived the military-service requirement for an Arlington burial.

Alas, Lawrence's wartime exploits were evidently hokum. According to him, his ship had taken a German torpedo in the Arctic Ocean, pitching him into the water. But no crewman recalls Lawrence, and the State Department now reports that he appears to have been a Chicago student during the time he claimed to have been dodging Der Fuehrer's wolf pack. Lawrence also fibbed about graduating from an Arizona college. He only attended.

Rather than having more figurative skeletons tumble from the closet, Lawrence's widow decided to move a literal one: Her late husband's remains will soon be shifted to less hallowed ground. Given a president who, while fund-raising, cannot distinguish between the Lincoln bedroom and Motel 6, the Republicans were hardly hysterical to investigate the Arlington rumors. But the effect of this flap has been unsavory, in part because it threatened to take patented Beltway character assassination to a new level. With the supply of living political opponents exhausted, do we now dig up the dirt on those under it?

The Romans had a better idea: Requiescat in pace.  
Scripps Howard  
Paul Akers

A recent survey of college and university professors indicates that their views on what's important in education in kindergarten through 12th grade are considerably different from what almost everybody else — including parents — considers important. Ordinarily, that wouldn't matter much, except that these were education professors — the ones who teach K-12 teachers how to teach. According to the survey, "ordinary" Americans expect public schools to be safe, orderly places that turn out students who have mastered basic skills, developed good work habits and learned values like honesty and respect. But the survey, conducted by Public Agenda, a non-partisan research organization, found that the folks who teach the teachers are generally less interested in imparting basic skills than in getting the "learning process" right. Nothing wrong with that, but only 19 percent thought it absolutely essential that teachers stress correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and a mere 12 percent thought it essential that teachers expect students to be neat, on time and polite.

Chicago Tribune

Global warming debate generates much heat

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — It is a plot against Western civilization. It is the greatest danger faced by future generations around the world. The global warming rhetoric is overheated and not even scientists can agree on the extent of the problem.

But the ambiguities in what is known about climate change aren't stopping advocates for and against quick action from framing their arguments on the basis of worst-case scenarios.

Opponents to any agreement that would commit the United States to sharp reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases argue that it would force radical changes in U.S. lifestyles for no reason.

The proposed treaty would place limits on the use and production of energy, "the lifeblood of industrial civilization," the Competitive Enterprise Institute argues.

On the other side are environmentalists who contend that failure to reduce such emis-

sions would raise the temperature on Earth. Sea levels would rise, making hurricanes and other storms a greater threat. They cite evidence that the Earth is getting warmer but ignore contrary indications.

For example, British scientists declared upon arriving at the current global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, that 1997 may be the hottest year on record.

But the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration says that while 120 years of ground temperature records "seem to show some warming," 15 years of data on the middle atmosphere "show no long-term trend."

The automobile is often the victim or villain in this debate.

A conservative view offered by James D. Johnston of the American Enterprise Institute suggests that adherence to tougher standards could lead to "no-drive days, no-drive zones, parking charges and limits, employer trip-reduction plans, road-building limits."

Concludes Johnston: "Serious dangers lie ahead for personal mobility."

He also chides Vice President Al Gore for taking the environmentalist view in his book "Earth in the Balance," that the impact on the environment of automobiles "is posing a mortal threat to the security of every nation that is more deadly than that of any military enemy we are ever again likely to confront."

But Johnston omits the context. In that section of his book, Gore was arguing for the need to build more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Gore has made the environment a centerpiece of his political career. He flew to Kyoto over the weekend to address the international conference convened to consider ways to toughen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty.

He has one strong point he can make. The Senate, which would have to approve any treaty change, recently voted 95-0 for a resolution, declaring it would not agree to any change that did not commit China and India to join industrial nations in reducing emissions.

Typical of the uncertainty

about the extent of the problem is the NASA publication "Our Changing Planet."

"Will the earth get warmer?" is the question posed by the space agency. The answer: "We're not sure."

One conservative group criticized the news media for accepting claims that there is widespread scientific agreement on global warming. The Media Research Center cited "a recent Gallup poll" that said only 19 percent of the members of the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union think that a warmer climate has been the result of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Gallup organization said the poll was taken in October of 1991. It noted that some people, opposed to claims that human-induced global warming is occurring, "have used the study to support their position."

"These writers have taken survey results out of context that appear to show scientists do not believe that human-induced global warming is occurring."



Harassment headaches face court

The Supreme Court has been grappling with sex, in one guise or another, for the past hundred years. This term of court promises to be a kind of rattle royal.

On Oct. 3, the court heard argument in the case of Joseph Oncale.

Soon it will hear argument in the case of Beth Ann Faragher. On down the line is the case of Jane Doe. Waiting on the docket are the cases of Arlene Reynolds, Aurelia Davis, Heather Smith, Alice Jansen and David Papa. All of them charge sexual harassment.

Collectively the cases add up to huge headaches for private employers, school boards and municipal governments. The Supreme Court's impossible task is to provide clear guidelines for the lower trial and appellate courts. The Supremes might as well attempt to draw firm lines in wet sand at low tide.

Take the case of Joseph Oncale. In 1991 he went to work as a roustabout for Sundowner Offshore Services. The company provided an eight-man crew to work a Chevron platform in the Gulf of Mexico. His immediate supervisor was crane operator John Lyons. Oncale charges

that Lyons and two other members of the crew launched into a full-scale campaign of verbal abuse and sexual threats. They repeatedly exposed themselves and talked of anally raping him.

Skip the tawdry details. The question at law is whether Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 applies to harassment involving persons of the same sex. The 5th U.S. Circuit held that the act does not apply. (The 7th Circuit ruled last July in the case of two boys working for Belleville, Ill., that it may apply.) At oral argument it appeared likely that the high court will give Oncale a chance to establish his argument that he was harassed "because of" sex.

I don't know about that. As I read the record, it seems to me likely that Lyons and other crew members picked on Oncale simply because they didn't like him. Bullies have been doing that to their vulnerable victims from time immemorial. This may be vindictive and brutal, but I doubt that there is a constitutional right not to be bullied. The case strikes me as a considerable departure from the concept of civil rights.

Last month the high court agreed to hear a more familiar case of sexual harassment under Title VII. The suit brought by Beth Ann Faragher against the city of Boca Raton, Fla., tests the responsibility of an employer for the wrongful conduct of subordinates far down the chain of command.



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# Boeing may redesign fuel tanks to prevent TWA 800-type explosions

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Boeing Co. has announced that it may have to redesign aircraft fuel systems to prevent explosions like the one in a center fuel tank that brought down TWA Flight 800.

The comments came during the second day of hearings on trying to pinpoint the cause of the disaster that killed 230.

The National Transportation Safety Board hearings are reviewing what is known about the July 17, 1996, crash of the Paris-bound plane off New York's Long Island. In investigators have been trying to determine what ignited the fuel vapor in the jumbo jet's mostly empty center tank.

A design change, one of many

solutions being explored by the airplane maker, would be a shift in the company's focus on eliminating all possible ignition sources from fuel tanks and not just the flammability of the fuel and fuel vapor in the tanks.

"Now we've shifted gears and we have to look at flammability," Ivor Thomas, chief engineer of fuel systems for Boeing, said Tuesday. "This is the first time we have sat back and said we have to look at flammability as well."

Thomas cautioned that it would be a mistake to rush to solutions before making sure they were correct.

"We want to make sure what we are doing is adding safety," he said. "We would much prefer

to be slow and careful and correct than rushing into something where we find six months later it was the wrong thing to do."

A Boeing spokesman said the company has been researching ways to reduce the flammability of fuel vapors inside tanks since December 1996, when the NTSB recommended that the FAA require airlines to reduce that volatility.

The FAA has not required the industry to comply with that NTSB recommendation, but Boeing has been considering enhancing fuel systems on its aircraft since the TWA explosion, spokesman Douglas Webb said.

Among the changes under

consideration are adding insulation to tanks to prevent fuel vapors from overheating and becoming more flammable, or even changing the fuel type.

Thomas cautioned that finding fuel that would ignite only at higher temperatures sometimes means the fuel thickens at a high temperature as well, which presents its own dangers, including hindered fuel flow to the engines.

FAA Manager Daniel Cheney testified Tuesday that his agency has always assumed that fuel tank vapor is flammable and believed planes should be designed so nothing near the tanks could ignite that vapor.

He said the FAA last week announced that information

learned from the TWA investigation had persuaded it to study the NTSB's recommendations.

Cheney said the FAA also is considering requiring maintenance programs for all fuel systems on all U.S. airplanes, not just Boeing planes or 747s.

"It's becoming clear to us that tank maintenance hasn't been a high priority fleet wide," he said.

He also said the FAA is reopening its investigation into the May 11, 1990, explosion of a Philippine Air Lines Boeing 737 that killed eight people and injured 30.

The NTSB never discovered what caused that plane's center fuel tank to explode.

NTSB chairman James Hall

told a panel of experts Tuesday he wanted to hear everything they have done to make the planes safe since the Flight 800 disaster.

Hall grilled airline industry experts, saying he found it frustrating that little has been done to prevent another such tragedy.

In the 16 months since the disaster, industry inspectors have checked tanks on only 52 of 970 Boeing 747s. Hall said. The chairman, showing flashes of anger, said it could take two years to complete the inspections.

"I think I reflect to some degree the concern the American traveling public has in this issue," Hall said.

# Broadcast preacher on trial in murder-for-hire scheme

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — To hear prosecutors tell it, the Rev. George Crossley hated George "Butch" Waldo so much that he wanted a hit man to kill the husband of his former lover.

But whether Crossley actually looked for a killer or whether he was egged on by a friend is at the crux of his murder-for-hire trial involving sex, ministers and videotape.

Crossley's alleged offer to a federal agent posing as a hit man was captured on videotape and audio tape, portions of which were played for jurors as the trial began Tuesday.

"I want him to start feeling the heat a little because it's been the other way around," Crossley said on one of the tapes.

Lawyers for Crossley, a 56-year-old ordained minister who was the host of a show called "Central Florida Live," said he was entrapped by authorities and his friend, William Klinger.

"Bill Klinger thought of the inducement

of killing George Waldo," defense attorney Anthony Suarez said. "It was not George Crossley who encouraged, asked to murder another person."

Crossley is charged with soliciting to commit murder and soliciting to commit arson. He faces eight to 14 years in prison if convicted.

He was arrested July 3, 1996, allegedly for hiring the undercover agent to kill Waldo, 54. He had had an affair with Waldo's wife, Madeline.

After Waldo found out about the affair, he became obsessed with bringing Crossley down, prosecutors and defense attorneys say. The Waldos have since divorced.

Waldo, who also is an ordained minister, began a campaign to end Crossley's career as a Christian broadcaster. Waldo contacted managers at the radio and television stations where Crossley worked and called advertisers, asking them to boycott one of the radio stations.

The boiling point came in May when

Waldo called Crossley's wife, prosecutor Michele Mahaffey said. After that, he said, Crossley began discussing with Klinger ways to kill Waldo.

When Crossley started talking about murder in late June or early July 1996, Klinger turned to Seminole County authorities.

"He was out of control," Klinger testified.

"I've never seen him out of control."

The sheriff's department and an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attached a microphone to Klinger in early July, Klinger said. He met Crossley at the Sanford-Orlando Airport where the minister discussed hiring a hit man to kill Waldo.

"Would he do the guy in the house?" Crossley asked on the audio tape played in court. "If he does it, he needs to do it in such a way that nobody finds him."

Klinger arranged for a meeting with the purported hit man, ATF Special Agent Steve Martin, later that night.

# Defense witnesses seek to portray Nichols as sympathetic family man

DENVER (AP) — With the defense of Terry Nichols nearing an end, attorneys for the Oklahoma City bombing suspect are turning to witnesses to provide an alibi of sorts for jurors to consider.

Hammering at a theme defense attorney Michael Tigar repeated again and again when Nichols' trial opened — "he was not there" — witnesses on Tuesday placed the suspect at his Herington, Kan., home soon after the blast.

Next door neighbor Etta Mae Hartke said Nichols came over that day to borrow a ladder so he could fix a vent on his home. She said he was sympathetic when he learned of her husband's terminal illness.

"If there's anything I can help you with, let me know," she recalled Nichols telling her.

More testimony was scheduled for today. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch also was expected to announce the schedule for the rest of the trial.

The defense is also hoping to suggest that Nichols, 42, was selling military surplus material in the weeks before the bombing to provide for his family,

echoing Tigar's theme that his client was "building a life, not a bomb."

But one defense witness testified that just weeks before the April 19, 1995, bombing Nichols was selling guns, shovels and small jars of the same kind of explosive fertilizer that was used in the blast.

"He was selling mayonnaise-sized jars of fertilizer for personal use," Sheila Nicholas said of Nichols, who visited her farm in Vassar, Mich.

Nichols was attending a gun show in the area with his family and said his unusual product sold "pretty well."

She recalled that her husband, Kevin, who knew Nichols because he once worked on the Nichols family farm, thought it odd that people would buy fertilizer in small amounts when they could get a large bag for \$5 at agricultural stores.

Nichols told the couple that his customers weren't aware they could buy it in large quantities and some didn't want that much, Mrs. Nicholas said.

Prosecutors have said ammonium nitrate fertilizer was one of the main ingredients in the

truck bomb that exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people.

Other witnesses said Nichols was frightened and nervous when he went to the Herington police station two days after the bombing to learn why his name was included in news reports about the tragedy.

During an initial court appearance in Wichita, Kan., Nichols told a judge, "It's all a jumble in my brain right now," testified Steven Gradert, a federal public defender who briefly represented him.

Dale Kuhn, Herington's former public safety director, testified that Nichols appeared frightened, but cooperated when he, his wife, Marife, and daughter, Nicole, arrived at the police station on April 21, 1995.

Nichols is charged with murder, conspiracy and weapons counts and could be sentenced to die if convicted. His former Army buddy, Timothy McVeigh, 29, was convicted on identical charges earlier this year and sentenced to death. His appeal is pending.

# Agent makes 'movie style stop of drug boat at sea

MIAMI (AP) — Crockett and Tubbs of "Miami Vice" couldn't have done it any better.

A Customs agent, chasing a suspected drug smuggler off the coast of Miami on Monday night, managed to stop the boat — with one leg aboard his own vessel and one leg aboard the other — as they bounced through the choppy seas at 20 mph.

The agent — whose identity the Customs Service wants kept secret — had to make the strad-

dling stop because the smuggling suspect dived into the ocean after he was rammed by the smaller Customs boat.

After stopping the smuggler's boat in "Miami Vice" style, the agent had to dive back aboard his own vessel before it sped away.

"It's one of the most spectacular chases I remember, and I've been here a long time," Keith Prager, Customs' acting special agent in charge, said Tuesday.

It also was productive.

Customs agents seized cocaine worth more than \$17 million from the boat abandoned by the smuggler and a smaller boat that was also allegedly involved in the operation.

The suspect hadn't been found Tuesday. Prager said he could have swam about a mile to shallow flats and walked to shore.

The episode began when a Coast Guard plane spotted a boat with no lights speeding toward the Florida coast from the Bahamas.

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# Security forces storm hijacked Russian plane, 155 safely freed

MOSCOW (AP) — Security forces stormed an airplane at Moscow's airport today and captured a hijacker demanding \$10 million and safe passage to Switzerland who had taken 155 people hostage.

Everybody on board the Ilyushin-62 airliner was released unharmed, airport police said.

The plane, belonging to an obscure airline called Magma, was commandeered by a 59-year-old man en route to Moscow from Magadan, eight time zones away in far eastern

Russia. Authorities said the hijacker claimed to have explosives strapped to his body.

Less than an hour after the plane landed in Moscow, Alpha command forces rushed on board and grabbed the hijacker. Security officials said Gennady Todikov appeared to be mentally unstable and was rambling about politics and a flight to Switzerland.

At least 43 of the 142 passengers and 13 crew were released soon after the plane landed at 11:30 a.m. (2:30 a.m. CST). That left more than 100 hostages

aboard the airliner, which was towed to a far corner of the airport.

After negotiations with officials from Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), the main successor to the KGB, heavily armed troops, many of them in camouflage outfits, stormed the plane and captured the man.

In addition to \$10 million, the hijacker had demanded guaranteed passage to Switzerland, officials said.

The FSB had said it could not exclude the possibility of using

force against the hijacker.

Security officers reportedly spoke to the hijacker by radio at Sheremetyevo-1, adjacent to Moscow's main international airport, Sheremetyevo-2.

President Boris Yeltsin was talking with security officials about what measures should be taken, his spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said. Later in the day, the Interfax news agency reported Yeltsin was hospitalized with a cold.

Dozens of heavily armed police and Interior Ministry commandos wearing camou-

flage outfits and black wool hats stood near the runway receiving a briefing by a senior commander. Top police and government officials also were there, by a fleet of ambulances.

The plane hijacking was the first in Russia in more than two years, although it came just four days after another air disaster — a cargo plane crash that killed at least 67 people in Irkutsk, Siberia.

In June 1995, three men seized a helicopter at the airport in the Siberian city of

Ularf Ude but surrendered without getting off the ground. The following month, two young men hijacked a plane bound from Yakutsk in Siberia to Moscow with 174 people aboard but were seized after they were paid ransom by police during a refueling stop.

In November 1994, a man seized a Tupolev-134 after it left the northern Russian region of Komi for St. Petersburg. He released all 69 hostages before surrendering peacefully during a refueling stop in Tallinn, Estonia.

# North, South Korea hold peace talks with U.S., China

GENEVA (AP) — A first day of talks that aimed to transform a tense, 44-year truce on the Korean peninsula into a permanent peace adjourned Tuesday with little outward sign of progress.

"Ongoing" was all North Korea's delegation leader, Kim Gye Gwan, would say when the day of talks ended.

This round of negotiations continues through Wednesday.

After the meeting, South Korea's chief delegate, Lee Seeyoung, told reporters that he stressed the importance of reopening dialogue between the two Koreas.

Lee said North Korea repeated its longstanding demands: withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea and the conclusion of a peace treaty with the US, excluding the South.

Peace negotiations could drag on for years, and just getting the North and South together in

the same room to discuss a permanent peace was considered a major breakthrough. Only an armistice, not a peace treaty, was signed to end the Korean War in 1953.

"The shadow of the Cold War is still hanging over the Korean Peninsula," China's vice foreign minister said in an opening speech.

"We know for sure that the future course will still be long and difficult," Tang Jiaxuan said. "Nevertheless, we have already struck a good beginning."

In Washington, Defense Secretary William Cohen and his South Korean counterpart said the talks "provide the most realistic means to reduce tensions and achieve lasting peace on the Korean peninsula."

In a joint statement, they "expressed the hope that all participants would make sincere efforts to achieve substantial progress."

One of the many stumbling blocks to progress is North Korea's desire for a withdrawal of 37,000 American troops in South Korea.

The North also pressed the American delegation for an end to an economic blockade in force since the Korean War and for direct talks between Washington and Pyongyang, said South Korean journalists briefed by diplomats.

South Korea said the armistice — which it periodically accuses the North of violating — must be respected pending a full peace deal, according to the journalists.

The Korean War began when more than 60,000 North Korean troops, armed by the Soviet Union, invaded the south on July 25, 1950. U.S. forces were ordered in two days later as part of a U.N. force, which advanced across North Korea in the coming months until the Chinese drove them back.

Senior diplomats from China, one of isolated North Korea's last remaining allies, and the United States, still a defender of the South, are attending the talks as mediators.

The meeting agenda was deliberately vague to allow each side to raise points of special concern. The talks became possible last month when North Korea — squeezed by economic collapse and looming famine — dropped its insistence that troop withdrawal be a specific agenda item.

The US and South Korea have refused to consider that, and said troops are vital to ward off invasion from the North.

South Korea and the US are concerned about long-range North Korean missiles and suspected chemical and biological weapons. Washington also has been pressing the North for information about more than 8,000 missing American servicemen.

# Industrial world nears agreement on historic pact

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — Industrial nations neared final agreement today on a historic treaty to reduce the flow of heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere, a down payment on what many scientists say will be a decades-long struggle to reverse global warming.

U.S. and European negotiators, locked in around the clock talks, worked to resolve a string of thorny details, but were expected to approve greenhouse emission reductions of about 6 percent below what they were at the beginning of the decade.

If the last minute differences are settled, an overall deal will be presented to the 150-nation conference late tonight for consensus approval.

The accord would wrap up two years of negotiations to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by setting legally binding limits on 34 industrial nations' emissions of such

greenhouse gases as carbon dioxide and methane.

The reductions would vary slightly among the nations covered, including the US, Japan and the European Union. Developing countries such as China would not face binding emissions caps, but were expected to take action sometime in the future.

Emissions cuts for the industrial nations would begin in 2008.

A flurry of closed-door meetings brought the US and members of the European Union closer to an agreement after Vice President Gore cleared the way earlier in the week for U.S. negotiators to agree to deeper emissions reductions.

But the overall agreement was still being worked out as the 10-day conference raced toward its finish tonight.

The U.S. negotiators agreed to tougher emissions reductions

than originally proposed by President Clinton, who initially directed the negotiating team to not go beyond stabilizing greenhouse releases at 1990 levels in the 2009-2012 time frame.

But the Europeans compromised as well, falling back from their demand for a 15 percent reduction below 1990 levels — an amount the Americans called unrealistic and a threat to economic growth.

An agreement must still be ratified by the U.S. Congress, where opponents are ready to wage an all-out fight to block its implementation. Even before a final pact was approved, Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., predicted Senate rejection.

"The Senate will not ratify a flawed climate treaty," Lott said in a statement issued in Washington.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., head of the congressional

observer team, accused U.S. negotiators of "playing let's make a deal ... make a deal at any cost."

But congressional observer Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., called the agreement "a significant beginning" in efforts to address the issue of a changing climate. He, too, however, anticipated a tough fight in Congress. "We've got to be ready for a battle," he told reporters.

The more than 2,000 delegates to the U.N. conference appeared to have hit a stalemate in the first week of discussions. The logjam was broken on Monday when Gore flew from Washington and directed U.S. negotiators to offer additional emissions reductions.

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### QUICK TRIVIA

◆Legend has it the Christmas tree was first thought of by Martin Luther, inspired by the stars shining through an evergreen's branches on Christmas Eve.

◆The first Christmas tree set up in the U.S., historians say, was in Cambridge, Mass., in 1832.

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

## Rape Crisis/Victim Services making changes

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Rape Crisis/Victim Services is reorganizing after the resignation of its director, with a founding member of the board running the agency temporarily.



WHEAT

Vonda Stephenson resigned as executive director in September.

"This is a high burnout job," said Gail Earls, a board member now serving as interim director. "Even when we have successes, ... it can be difficult to deal with. It takes a special kind of person to handle that."

Earls, who helped found the agency 13 years ago, said she took a leave of absence from the board to serve as director. Before it begins the search for a new executive director, the board plans to reorganize some agency operations.

"We are intentionally waiting to fill that job," explained Dwayne Wheat, president of the board. "We want to bring in a new director when we have some new policies in place."

### AGENCY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Rape Crisis/Victim Services is recruiting volunteers to assist crime victims. Trained volunteers are often the initial contact for local people who have been victims of sexual assault, assault, and domestic violence.

Those interested must be at least 18 years old, complete an application, interview and go through a 40-hour orientation, and commit to a minimum of three 12-hour shifts on call per month. All volunteers undergo a criminal background check.

For more information, call the RC/VS office at 263-3312.

Wheat, a special education teacher and minister, has served on the board three years.

The agency is continuing normal operations, both agreed. It is currently pursuing United Way funds to supplement the grants and donations that support its programs.

Among the changes the board plans are: added staff with more grant money to fund the positions, review of policies and procedures, bylaws and office organization.

Projects on which RC/VS will focus in coming months include increased cooperation with other agencies in the community — an aid to securing grant funding. RC/VS may also appoint an advisory committee to help its board of directors develop policies and give input from a different perspective.

"We always have to call ourselves back to what we're trying to accomplish," Wheat said. "That is to take crime victims and their families through the legal process, to aid them in any way we can."

In 1996, the agency served 514 crime victims locally, including 346 primary victims — directly affected by the crime. The crimes involved included sexual assault, physical abuse, attempted murder, burglary and homicide.

Wheat became involved with the agency first after the death of his daughter, Charla, in February of 1991. Charla, 18, was murdered in her home just two years after her family moved to Big Spring.

A 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School, Charla had been a Howard College student and engaged to be married.

"Within a day or two of her death, someone from the center got in contact with us," Wheat explained. Although he characterizes law enforcement as "very helpful," Wheat said RC/VS was a great source of support that he and his family needed.

"My appreciation for the work of the center is very personal," he said.

Earls, who operates a downtown travel agency, is also director of Teen Court. The RC/VS board also includes Mike West, Dr. Barbara Matthews, Pat Williams, Gwen Ray, Sandra Waggoner and Scott Griffin.

"We will continue to recruit board members," Wheat said. "We're going to try to make the board as diverse as we can."

But the resignation of its director has not put the agency's future at risk, Wheat said.

"The future's as bright for this agency as it's been in a while," he said.

## Tour of homes set for Sunday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Need a break from hectic holiday schedules and entertaining guests? Want to visit someone else's house, and get some decorating ideas to take home with you?

On Sunday, the Big Spring Symphony will sponsor its annual Tour of Homes. For \$10 a ticket, local residents can tour four homes that have been specially decorated for the holidays.

"It's fun to see new houses, or interesting houses," said Marcie Lykken, of the Guild, which supports the Big Spring Symphony. "The Christmas decorations are a great addition. This is the time of year when everybody gets out their special things, and it really makes it fun to do."

Local florists have added to the event by agreeing to decorate some of the homes. People touring can see things they might want to purchase for their own homes.

From 1-5 p.m. Sunday, ticket-holders can tour the homes

### Coming in Sunday (life) — A sneak preview of featured homes

of Cleo and Thelma Carlile at 608 W. 15th, John and Denise Ross at 2901 Robb, Leslie and Kay Zant at 800 Caprock, and John and Cindy Yater at 503 Scott.

Carol Boyd, chairman of the event, said the homeowners put in hours of work preparing.

"When you realize the town is going to come view your entire house, there is a lot of work to be done there," Boyd said. She said the tour satisfies people's curiosity about their neighbors' homes.

"We are all curious about new homes, and large, pretty homes," Boyd said.

Tickets, with maps on the back, are available now at Johansen's Nursery, Bank of West Texas, Blums, Dunlaps, any florist or the chamber of commerce, and all homes on Sunday during the tour.

Proceeds help fund Big Spring Symphony concerts.

## Quick and easy, very tasty recipes

The recipes I am sharing with you are a few of my favorites. Some have been collected from friends. All are fairly quick and easy, as well as very tasty. Enjoy.



Sue Haugh  
Columnist

- Ruby's Chicken Mozzarella Casserole
  - 4 cooked chicken breasts
  - 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
  - 1 can (13 oz) Evaporated Milk
  - 1 box Stove Top Stuffing, Chicken flavor
  - 8 oz. grated mozzarella cheese
  - Cut chicken breasts into bite size pieces. Layer in a 7x11" baking dish.
  - Combine soup and milk. Pour over chicken.
  - Prepare stuffing as directed on box.
  - Plp stuffing onto chicken mixture.
  - Top with cheese.
  - Bake 350 degrees for about 30 minutes uncovered. Broil for one to two minutes for a golden crusty top.

- Sandra's Salad
  - 1 pkg. Cabbage Slaw Mix with carrots
  - 1 bunch green onions, chopped (use all)
  - 1 pkg. Oriental Ramen Noodles with seasonings\*
  - 1 small pkg. slivered almonds, toasted
  - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
  - 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
  - 4 packets. Sweet & Low

Please see HAUGH, page 8A.



These Coahoma Elementary students are some of those who participated in the school's Giving Tree effort. Students in various classes took ornaments representing children under the care of Child Protective Services and will purchase Christmas gifts for them. Teachers and Principal Jan Sanders, shown with the students, considered the program a learning experience.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

- MONDAY**
  - Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
  - Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
  - TOPS Club (Take off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in 5:15 p.m., Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr., 6:15 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
  - Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
  - Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian

- Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). Various activities, guest speakers, games, covered dish supper, visit. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
- Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- TUESDAY**
  - Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
  - Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
  - Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
  - Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
  - Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8

- p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. 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 Runnels (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 coun-

- seling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- WEDNESDAY**
  - Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
  - Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

Please see SUPPORT, page 8A.

## Pets not always ideal gift

There is nothing that evokes the warm, fuzzy feelings at Christmas like the pictures of a tiny pup or kitten -- huge bow around its neck -- under the tree. However, that pet should be chosen carefully, and with involvement of the recipient.



Dana Tarter  
Extension Agent

"Because you are making a 10-15 year commitment to them, it's important that the recipient have the choice," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, professor of veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University.

"Most pets are picked as spur of the moment impulse purchases, which is not a good way to pick a pet," she added. The family should sit down and discuss the decision. Does the pet need to get along with children or other family pets? Does it shed its hair, and is that important? How much time can the family devote to feeding and care of the pet? Who will be primarily responsible for the pet?

"Pick an animal that is compatible with what you like," Beaver said. Cats are relatively "low-maintenance," while dogs require a lot more attention. Birds or fish may fit into a family's lifestyle better than a cat or a dog. Birds, however, require a lot of social interaction.

Fish are a low-maintenance, relaxing pet, but there are extra costs associated with aquariums and extra care to

Please see TARTER, page 8A.

### SLICE of life!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Prize winning parade float

This float was entered in Saturday's Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade by Norwest Bank. The enclosed scene of Santa's Workshop won first place in the lighted division. It included a decorated and lighted Christmas tree, realistic snowman and costumed characters.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Eyeglasses offered Saturday

Free eyeglasses are available for adults Saturday at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. from 9 a.m.-noon. All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended. Call the Lions at 267-3068 for more information.

#### Band concerts slated

Big Spring bands will perform their Christmas concerts Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium. Sixth grade begins playing at 6 p.m., followed at about 6:45 p.m. by the 7th grade band. Eighth graders perform at about 7:15, followed at 8 p.m. by the high school band.

### THE LAST WORD

We are all here for a spell, get all the good laughs you can.

Will Rogers

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Robert Benchley

Undermine the entire structure of society by leaving the pay toilet door ajar so the next person can get in free.

Taylor Mead

# A new game plan: Dinner showing its wilder side

By BONNIE WALKER  
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — It's no secret that the '90s chef is game to cook up almost any new taste that can be planted, picked, processed or cajoled out of local farmers.

With the arrival of cool weather, some of the hot new tastes on the local culinary scene also are some of the oldest.

Game, which used to be wild and (relatively) free, is increasingly available on sometimes pricey menus — and in many cases can hardly be called "wild" anymore. Corralled into that category, and showing up on contemporary local menus, you have your emu and ostrich, quail and pheasant, wild boar, Axis deer, venison and the aggressively marketed American Bison (buffalo).

The story is not that game is available in Texas or that Texans like it. Those who grew up with dads and granddads who made a beeline to the deer blinds each fall are all too familiar with meat fresh off the hoof or wing, as the case may be. Sometimes it was a pretty darn good gustatory experience. And sometimes it was not.

What is happening, however, is that these specialty meats are becoming more tame than game.

Whether that venison you order off the menu is marinated in beer, pounded within an inch of its life, chicken-fried and served with gravy — or caressed with a sun-dried tomato sauce and decorated with little rounds of goat cheese — it probably grew up in a sheltered environment and almost certainly is a USDA- or state-inspected and approved product.

"We don't buy anything off the back of a pickup," says Florencia Palmaz, president of San Antonio's GoodHeart Brand Specialty Meats Co., a fledgling operation that specializes in exotic and farm-raised meats and sells to restaurants, markets and individual consumers. Wild boar may be the

only true exotic or wild meat that GoodHeart markets — most of the rest is farm or ranch-raised and much of it comes from Texas.

Fledgling it may be, but GoodHeart's recent Game Dinner at the Quarry pitched its ambitious product line with apparent success. San Antonio's top chefs presented dishes that were anything but tame — from Pistachio-Crusted Pheasant Breast to Wellington of Buffalo Tenderloin to Grilled Ostrich Medallions.

While chefs are always eager to try their hand at something new, consumers usually need to be romanced. There are a couple of reasons consumers are warming up to game cookery, though, says Palmaz, especially in San Antonio. Here, as in other parts of the West, people find the concept less strange than, say, the average East Coast resident.

"These meats are exciting because people can say — 'Wow, I had buffalo' or 'Wow, I had a rattlesnake steak.' For them it is an adventure. I think San Antonians have more adventurous palates, primarily because many of them come from a hunting background," Palmaz says.

But whether they're native Texans or native New Jerseyites, consumers might be more swayed by some of the health arguments for what might be called "the other red meats."

Take the products offered by the Denver Buffalo Company, for instance. One of the leading marketers of buffalo in the world, Denver Buffalo Company has joint-venture relationships with a wide network of breeders, not to mention its own 14,000-acre buffalo ranch outside Kiowa, Colo.

Containing no growth hormones or artificial stimulants, high in protein and containing relatively little fat or cholesterol, buffalo, says the company, is the "meat of the 21st century."

With its own toll-free number (800 BUY-BUFF, or 289-2833), the company offers a product line that includes the buff-dog

(hot dogs that are part beef), buffalo burgers, and buffalo rib-eyes and tenderloins.

This statement from one American bison industry representative appears to be true: "To preserve the buffalo as a species, the best thing we can do is eat them...."

After the massive slaughter of the buffalo, which began in 1830, only 300 to 1,000 remained on the range by 1893. The numbers began to increase at the turn of the century. Today there are more than 200,000 head and the number is growing an estimated 15 percent each year, according to a January article in the business journal Meat and Poultry.

Quail, ostrich and emu-raising facilities also proliferate — these a little closer to home. "Quail really can't be called exotic anymore — it's gotten to be almost as common as chicken," says Razmiko's Ristorante Italiano chef Tomme Johnson. Johnson, a participant in GoodHeart's Game Dinner, runs game specials on his menu every fall.

Ostrich, he says, hasn't impressed him because it lacks flavor. Emu, on the other hand, is "wonderful." A deep, meaty red in color, emu meat should become more popular as chefs take the time to research and practice ways to use it, Johnson says.

Pheasant hasn't become quite so common on menus, partly because chefs tend to shy away from it. "It tends to be dry," says Johnson. He prepares it using an Asian technique he learned from Adam's Mark Hotel chef Michael Bomberg. He steams it first, then breads and quick-fries it.

Edward Ebert, executive chef at the Zuni Grill, presented Goat Cheese and Herb-Stuffed Pheasant Breast with Sun-Dried Cranberry Sauce and a quail dish at the game dinner. Venison, though, is what he has found works best on Zuni Grill's menu starting in the fall. Along with game, he also includes other indigenous ingredients, such as cactus and chiles.

## HAUGH

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1 tsp sesame oil, optional  
Mix first four ingredients together in large bowl.

Whisk the oil, vinegar, Sweet & Low and sesame oil together. Pour over salad, toss and serve.

Use the Ramen Noodles just as they come out of package - do not cook. I put them in a zip-lock, sealed and crushed them with a rolling pin until they were broken into small pieces. Also, just add seasoning packet to salad dry, just as it comes out of packet.

Hash Brown Casserole  
1 can (10 3/4 oz) Cream of Potato Soup, undiluted  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/4 tsp garlic salt  
1 lb. frozen hash brown potatoes  
1 cup (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large bowl, combine the soup, sour cream and garlic salt. Add potatoes and cheddar cheese, mix well.

Pour into a greased 7x11" baking dish. Top with Parmesan Cheese. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Cherrie's Banana Pudding  
1 large package Instant Vanilla Pudding  
1 can Eagle Brand Milk  
1 (8 oz) tub Cool Whip  
1 box Vanilla Wafers  
4 bananas  
Make pudding as directed. Add Eagle Brand and Cool Whip.

Layer wafers, bananas and pudding mix in a 9x13 baking dish.

Refrigerate several hours (covered) and serve.

No-Peek Mystery Stew  
2 pounds beef tips  
1 package Lipton Onion Soup Mix (dry)  
1 cup ginger ale  
1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 (4 1/2 oz) can sliced mushrooms, drained  
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix all ingredients in pan with tight fitting lid. Cover the food with foil before putting on lid. Bake 3 hours. Do not lift lid while cooking.

## TARTER

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change the water regularly.

If the pet is for a child, it is important that the parents feel comfortable with the pet. "Ultimately the responsibility is theirs," Beaver said. "You cannot depend on children to feed and clean. They may do it a little bit, but in reality, right up front the parents should decide that this is their responsibility. They should assume that and pick an animal they are comfortable with."

Additionally, exercise is another consideration. Cats require less exercise than dogs do and may better adapt to an apartment.

Large dogs such as retrievers, spaniels and pointers have a high energy level and require room to run. Even guard dogs, like Rottweilers, Dobermans and German Shepherds have a lot of energy.

Another option is a grey-

hound, "recycled" from its racing career. "Surprisingly, greyhounds often are good 'couch potatoes,' often being a fairly laid back animal. But, they love to chase things that move, like cats. So you have to be careful with that."

Beaver suggested anyone considering a pet go to the library or bookstore and get books about several different kinds of breeds and their characteristics. "Make your decision based on that," she said.

Christmas is a very bad time to introduce a pet because there are so many activities in the household, so Beaver suggested giving the recipient a "gift certificate" for the pet of their choice. The giver can either give a card decorated with pictures of puppies and kittens or a voucher from a breeder.

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### 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 and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

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•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.

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

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

329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., various Saturdays, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call

Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the meeting date.

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**College Basketball**  
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Massachusetts at Kansas, 9 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30

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## Big changes coming in Big D for Cowboys

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Barry Switzer wants to come back as the Dallas Cowboys coach. So far, he hasn't received a second on his self-nomination.  
Troy Aikman is looking for big changes in the Cowboys next year. Owner Jerry Jones says they will come after the season.  
"It's hard to watch," Aikman said. "Something has to be done."  
The Cowboys, winners of three Super Bowls in the 1990s, won't win their sixth consecutive NFC East title. For that matter, they won't even make the playoffs — the first time in seven years that has happened.  
The NFL office says there is still a distant possibility Dallas can qualify for the postseason, but there are so many scenarios the league hasn't bothered to figure out exactly how the Cowboys

could stay alive.  
In any case, everyone on the Cowboys knows it's over.  
"We'll look at all the issues, but we'll wait until way after the season is over," a crestfallen Jones said. "I know we can't keep having a direction like this."  
Unable to respond under Switzer, the Cowboys have tumbled to 6-8 following Monday night's 23-13 loss to Carolina, the same team that knocked Dallas out of the playoffs in January.  
Rumors sweep Valley Ranch daily that Switzer will retire after the final two games and take a \$2 million pat-on-the-back check for winning a Super Bowl in four seasons as a replacement for Jimmy Johnson.  
"I expect to be back next year," Switzer said Tuesday. "But only Jerry can answer that. I have a loyalty to Jerry and this football team. We'll discuss the job candidly and honestly. I'm

a team guy. I want nothing but the best for this football team."  
After the loss to Carolina, Switzer said: "I'm not even thinking about the offseason right now. We've got two games to play (Cincinnati and the New York Giants) and these guys will try to win. They're professionals."  
Switzer has now lost three consecutive games for the first time in either his college or professional career, a span of 359 games.  
Jones won't give Switzer or his staff a vote of confidence for next year.  
"We've got to learn to play football without mistakes," was about as far as Jones was willing to go on Switzer's future.  
Dallas hadn't lost three games in a row since 1990.  
"It's been a great run through the 1990s," safe-  
See CHANGES, page 2B

### Tickets for playoff currently on sale

**STANTON** — Tickets for Saturday's state Class 2A semifinal playoff game between Stanton's Buffaloes and Italy's Gladiators are currently on sale at the Stanton ISD administration office at the high school.  
Advance tickets, which will be available until noon Friday, are priced at \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets purchased at the gate Saturday afternoon will be \$7 each.  
The unbeaten Buffs, ranked No. 4 in the final regular season Associated Press school poll, will face the Gladiators, also unbeaten and ranked No. 3 in the final poll, at 2:30 p.m. on the turf at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood.

## Bearkats grab all-district spots

Fryszak first-teamer on both offensive, defensive squads  
By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor



Garden City's Bearkats earned six first-team spots and four others on the second team when coaches from District 7-1A met to select their 1997 all-district football team.  
While the district's playoff teams, Sterling City and Irion County, managed to take the lion's share of the mythical all-star team's spots, Garden City's Adam Fryszak, a 5-foot-8, 128-pound junior, was one of five players earning accolades as first-team selections on both offense and defense.  
Fryszak was not only one of four first-team running backs picked for the team, but was among six players in the first-team defensive secondary.  
Bearkats teammates Steven Trevino and Craig Hoelscher, two of the linemen who helped pave the way for Fryszak during the season, also earned first-team offensive spots.  
Hoelscher, a 5-foot-11, 165-pound senior, was the district's top center, and Trevino, a 5-foot-10, 182-pound senior, earned a first-team lineman's spot along with Bronte's Trey Holland, Sterling City's Steve Cockrell, Robert Lee's Jeremy Edging and the Irion County tandem of Rusty Roberts and Roy Mendez.  
Joining Fryszak on the first-team defense were Garden City's Brad Schraeder, a 5-foot-10, 270-pound senior, a unanimous selection at lineman and 5-foot-11, 152-pound junior linebacker Steven Hoelscher.  
"Bearkats wide receiver Zac Zachry was a double honoree on the second team, earning a spot on the defensive sec-

ondary, as well as a receiver.  
Craig Hoelscher was a second-team selection at linebacker, grabbing his second spot on the team, and Jeremy Scott rounded out Garden City's selections as a second-team defensive line pick.  
The district's coaches couldn't single out one player for most valuable offensive player honors, therefore, Irion County's Trey Clark and Sterling City's Brad McDaniel shared the accolade.  
Similarly, Sterling City's J.R. Howard and Irion County's Matt Foster shared the most valuable defensive player honor.  
Robert Lee senior Eli Boxell was the district's first-team quarterback, while Fryszak was joined in the running back corps by Sterling City's Patrick Mitcham, Bronte's Michael Salee and Robert Lee's Will Simpson.  
Irion County's Matt Foster was the first-team tight end pick, while Irion County's Luke Kinney joined Sterling City's Dwayne Howard and Roger Leija in the wide receiver corps.  
The first-team kickers were Irion County's Kenneth Carrell and Miles' Matt McGill, while Irion County's Emilio Partida was selected as a return specialist.  
The first-team defensive line included Schraeder, Cockrell and Roberts, as well as Bronte's Billy Arthur, Sterling

City's Tyson Verastegue and Robert Lee's Jeremy Edging.  
Joining Steven Hoelscher in the first-team linebacking corps were Christoval's Randy Williams, Irion County's Roy Mendez, Sterling City's Brad McDaniel, Water Valley's Sean Reid, Robert Lee's Simpson and Irion County's Johnny Levario.  
In addition to Fryszak, the first-team defensive secondary included Leija and Kinney, as well as Bronte's Michael Martinez, Miles' Tanner Lange and Irion County's Josh Carrell.  
The first-team punters were Johnathon Denson of Christoval and Blake McKeen of Bronte.  
**DISTRICT 7-1A All-District Football Team First Team Offense**  
Most valuable offensive players: Trey Clark, senior, Irion County, and Brad McDaniel, senior, Sterling City.  
Quarterback: Eli Boxell, senior, Robert Lee.  
Running backs: Patrick Mitcham, senior, Sterling City; Michael Salee, senior, Bronte; Adam Fryszak, junior, Garden City; Will Simpson, junior, Robert Lee.  
Linemen: Trey Holland, senior, Bronte; Steve Cockrell, senior, Sterling City; Jeremy Edging, junior, Robert Lee; Roy Mendez, senior, Irion County; Rusty Roberts, senior, Irion County; Steven Trevino, 182 lbs, senior, Garden City.  
Tight end: Matt Foster, junior, Irion County.  
Center: Craig Hoelscher, senior, Garden City.  
Wide receivers: Luke Kenney, junior, Irion County; Dwayne Howard, senior, Sterling City; Roger Leija, senior, Sterling City.  
Kickers: Kenneth Carrell, senior, Irion County; Matt McGill, senior, Miles.  
Return specialist: Emilio Partida, junior, Irion County.  
**First Team Defense**  
Most valuable defensive players: J.R. Howard, senior, Sterling City, and Matt Foster, junior, Irion County.  
Defensive linemen: Steve Cockrell, senior, Sterling City; Brad Schraeder, senior, Garden

## Manning, Woodson headline selections on All-America team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Peyton Manning spent two fun-filled days in Manhattan.  
On Monday, he threw a football across the street into an open third-floor window during the taping of the "Late Show with David Letterman."  
On Tuesday, he became Tennessee's first quarterback to be selected for The Associated Press' All-America team.  
"It's a great honor to be named to the All-America team," Manning, the Vols' first AP All-America quarterback, said. "It's the team everyone talks about and I'm proud to be part of it."  
Manning, who opted to play his senior season rather than jump to the NFL, directed the third-ranked Vols to an 11-1 record and an Orange Bowl matchup against No. 2 Nebraska, returns to town Saturday as the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy.  
The 6-foot-5, 222-pound son of former quarterback Archie Manning completed 287 of 477 passes for 3,819 yards and 36 touchdowns as he became only the third Division I-A quarterback to pass for more than 11,000 career yards.  
Manning was joined on the team by a pair of game-breakers — Michigan's Charles Woodson and Marshall's Randy Moss.

### AP'S PICKS

**FIRST TEAM Offense**  
Quarterback — Peyton Manning, Tennessee, 6-5, 222, senior, New Orleans.  
Running backs — Curtis Enis, Penn State, 6-1, 233, junior, Union City, Ohio; Ricky Williams, Texas, 6-0, 220, junior, San Diego.  
Wide receivers — Jacquez Green, Florida, 5-9, 168, junior, Fort Valley, Ga.; Randy Moss, Marshall, 6-5, 210, sophomore, Rand, W.Va.  
Tight end — Alonzo Mayes, Oklahoma State, 6-2, 265, senior, Oklahoma City.  
Center — Dan Kneutz, Washington, 6-4, 290, junior, Honolulu.  
Guard-Tackles — Alan Fancea, LSU, 6-5, 310, junior, Rosenberg, Texas; Benji Olson, Washington, 6-4, 310, junior, Port Orchard, Wash.; Chad Overhauser, UCLA, 6-6, 304, senior, Sacramento, Calif.; Aaron Taylor, Nebraska, 6-1, 305, senior, Wichita Falls, Texas.  
Placekicker — Martin Gramatica, Kansas State, 5-9, 170, junior, Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
All-purpose — Tim Dwight, Iowa, 5-9, 185, senior, Iowa City, Iowa.  
**Defense**  
Linebackers — Greg Ellis, North Carolina, 6-6, 265, senior, Wendell, N.C.; Jason Peter, Nebraska, 6-5, 205, senior, Locust, N.J.; Andy Wadsworth, Florida State, 6-4, 282, senior, Vicksburg, Miss.; Chad Watson, Nebraska, 6-5, 255, senior, Webb City, Mo.  
Linebackers — Sam Cowart, Florida State, 6-3, 239, senior, Jacksonville, Fla.; Andy Katzenmoyer, Ohio State, 6-4, 260, sophomore, Westerville, Ohio; Anthony Simmons, Clemson, 6-1, 225, junior, Spartanburg, S.C.; Brian Simmons, North Carolina, 6-4, 230, senior, New Bern, N.C.  
Backs — Dre' Bly, North Carolina, 5-10, 185, sophomore, Chesapeake, Va.; Donovan Darius, Syracuse, 6-1, 205, senior, Camden, N.J.; Brian Lee, Wyoming, 6-2, 200, senior, Arvada, Colo.; Charles Woodson, Michigan, 6-1, 197, junior, Fremont, Ohio.  
Punter — Chad Kesler, LSU, 6-1, 197, senior, Longwood, Fla.

interceptions.  
Nebraska also placed three players on the team — guard Aaron Taylor and defensive linemen Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter. Wistrom had 17 tackles for losses, 8 sacks and forced three fumbles, while Peter had six sacks and two fumble recoveries.  
Three schools — Florida State, LSU and Washington — each placed two players on the AP team.  
The running backs were Ricky Williams of Texas and Curtis Enis of Penn State. Williams, despite playing for a 4-7 team, led the nation in rushing with 1,893 yards on 279 carries. He also had 25 touchdowns and led the nation in scoring with 152 points. Enis ran for 1,363 yards and 20 touchdowns. He also caught 25 passes for 215 yards.  
Joining Moss at wideout was Florida's Jacquez Green, who caught 61 passes for 1,024 yards and nine TDs. The tight end was Alonzo Mayes of Oklahoma State, who missed the Cowboys' final four games with a separated shoulder after catching 29 passes for 424 yards and seven

## Sprewell apologizes, questions suspension

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — Latrell Sprewell apologized for his one moment of anger that led him to attack his coach. That said, the banished basketball star made it clear he believes he's a victim, too.  
"I am a good person and I've never had any situation like this come up before," Sprewell said at a news conference Tuesday, his first since losing his job with the Golden State Warriors and being suspended for one year by the NBA for

choking and threatening coach P.J. Carlesimo during practice Dec. 1.  
"I feel 10 years of hard work shouldn't be taken away for one mistake. My career didn't happen overnight and I don't feel it should be taken away overnight."  
Sprewell read from a statement and didn't take questions because of pending litigation in the case, but said he apologized to Carlesimo in a phone call Sunday, and he repeated the apology in public.  
"I know this conduct is not

acceptable in society and professional sports. I accept responsibility for what I've done," he said.  
Sprewell's confrontation with Carlesimo, which has sparked national debate over sports-manship, player-coach relations and professional athletes' standing in society as role models, led the Warriors to terminate the three-time All-Star's contract last Wednesday. The move cost him \$25 million, and the subsequent NBA banishment, the longest nondrug suspension in league history, prevents him from playing for another team for a year.  
"The question here is about fundamental fairness to Latrell Sprewell," said Johnny Cochran Jr., the attorney who successfully defended O.J. Simpson against murder charges.  
"Is the penalty consistent with the mistake that he made? We think not. We think this was an arbitrary and capricious action. We hope to turn that around."  
See SPREWELL, page 3B

## Sprewell's 'I'm Sorry' doesn't even last a full quarter of program

By JIM LITKE  
AP Writer

The "I'm sorry" portion of the program lasted only the 10 minutes he held the microphone, not even one full quarter by NBA standards.  
And the very second that messy apology business was out of the way, Latrell Sprewell turned the show over to his handlers, and out came the list of demands.  
Who said the kid couldn't work within a team concept?  
Sprewell's agent demanded somebody do something about run-amok coaches. His union boss wanted a too-powerful commissioner reined in and double-dealing teams punished. His newest advisor, attorney Johnnie

Cochran, demanded an end to slipshod justice. Just about everything but the hole in the ozone layer above NBA arenas was suddenly in play.  
For all that, though, there was also the sense that a compromise proposal might be in the offing. That Sprewell and his growing retinue will bargain for, and win back, the opportunity to play that he forfeited by wrapping his hands around Warriors' coach P.J. Carlesimo's throat and screaming he was going to kill him.  
That would be a shame.  
"Somebody has to see that his rights are looked after," said Cochran, the latest member of Sprewell's defense team.  
That didn't seem to be a problem Tuesday. Besides Cochran, up on a

stage at the Oakland Convention Center alongside Sprewell was his agent, his accountant, his tax man and a half-dozen others. Behind Sprewell was a handful of former teammates, who turned up there after the team's workout ended a few moments earlier a few floors down in the same building.  
If anybody needed looking after Tuesday, it appeared to be Carlesimo — again. Five weeks into the season, his team has won two games, it has just lost its best scorer and defender, and now there is no way for him to put a lineup on the floor that does not include several of the players who lined up behind Sprewell in a show of support.  
Of course, it could be worse.  
Sprewell could actually wind up back with Golden State.  
It sounds impossible, but isn't. What seemed like a done deal could unravel faster than Sprewell's self-control. His appeal of both the Warriors' decision to cancel his contract and commissioner David Stern's year-long suspension will be heard by an arbitrator early next year. Though the action taken by the club and the league has generated huge public support, its underpinnings, on closer examination, aren't all that strong.  
The Lakers' Nick Van Exel stiff-armed a referee onto a courtside press table and was handed a seven-game suspension. Dennis Rodman head-butted an official and kicked a courtside cameraman and got six- and 11-

game suspensions, respectively.  
Imagine league disciplinary expert Rod Thorn being grilled by Cochran to explain precisely how a kick in the groin merits 70 fewer games in the suspension column than a stranglehold.  
Not only that. Sprewell's handlers have already cited one incident in which a player attacked a club official — in 1994, Alvin Robertson went after Piston general manager Billy McKinney — and hinted that they knew of several more that went unreported.  
NBA players association executive director Billy Hunter also suggested that the Warriors' increasingly hard-

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SPORTS EXTRA

PLAYOFF GAMES

Table with 2 columns: Game details (Class 5A, 4A, 2A, 1A) and Results (W/L/T, Score).

AP TOP 25

Table listing top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football poll.

NCAA MEN

Table listing top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football poll for men's basketball.

NCAA WOMEN

Table listing top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football poll for women's basketball.

AP TEAM

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Taylor was joined along the offensive line by LSU's Alan Faneca, Washington's Benji Olson and UCLA's Chad Overhauser. Olin Kreutz of Washington was the center. Tim Dwight of Iowa was the all purpose player. The 5-9, 185-pound senior, returned three punts for TDs and led the nation with a 104 yard average on 19 returns. He also caught 39 passes for 653 yards and eight TDs and completed both of the passes he threw for 86 yards and a TD. Completing the offense was Kansas State placekicker Martin Gramatica, who hit 19 of 20 field goals and 37 of 38 extra points. Gramatica won the Lou Groza Award on Tuesday as the nation's top kicker. The defense has an Atlantic Coast Conference flavor, with end Andre Wadsworth and linebacker Sam Cowart of Florida State and linebacker Anthony Simmons of Clemson joining the three Carolina players. The other linebacker was Ohio State's Andy Katzenmoyer. Wadsworth, the ACC's player of the year, led the nation with 19 sacks, while Cowart, who was out last season with a knee injury, led the Seminoles with 116 tackles.

NFL STANDINGS

Table showing NFL Standings for American and National Conferences, including columns for W/L/T, Pct., PF, and PA.

Monday's Game

Washington at New York Giants, 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14

Dallas at Cincinnati, 12 p.m. Detroit at Baltimore, 12 p.m. Jacksonville at Buffalo, 12 p.m. Miami at Indianapolis, 12 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta, 12 p.m. Tampa Bay at New York Jets, 12 p.m. Arizona at New Orleans, 3 p.m. Green Bay at Carolina, 3 p.m. Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m. Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m. Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m. Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m. Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

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Texas A&M (9-3) vs. UCLA (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Michigan (11-0) vs. Washington State (10-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Florida State (10-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 2 Peach Bowl At Atlanta Clemson (7-4) vs. Auburn (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl At Miami Nebraska (12-0) vs. Tennessee (11-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan. 10 East-West Shrine Classic At Stanford, Calif. East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 17 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, 12:30 p.m. (IBS)

Sunday, Jan. 18 Hula Bowl At Waikuku, Maui Hawaii vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

JUCO MEN

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 9.

Table listing top 20 JUCO Men teams with columns for Rank, Team, Record, and Location.

JUCO WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Dec. 9.

Table listing top 25 JUCO Women teams with columns for Rank, Team, Record, and Location.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League

BOYDON RED FOX Announced the resignation of Kevin Cummings, general manager of a majority of the Florida State League to become assistant general manager for Mobile of the Southern League.

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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.

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.

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line stance toward Sprewell might have been motivated by a desire to clear salary-cap room. It may not have been Golden State's intention, but firing him did indeed work out better than trading him in that department. That's the sad part about the twists and turns this incident is taking. What looked bad at first glimpse for only one side increasingly looks bad for both. Sprewell attacked his coach not once but twice, trying to get

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 fifth- and sixth-grade 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.

Lady Mavs squads split at Colorado City

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks managed a split with Colorado City Monday, taking a 21-8 win in the "B" game, while dropping a 36-17 loss to the Lady Wolves in the "A" game. Rebecca Fuqua and Krystle Long scored six points each in leading the "B" team to victory, as Fuqua also dominated the boards with 11 rebounds. Rachel Wester had five rebounds, while Rachele Guinn had three steals.

Courtney Brock was the "A" team's leading scorer with seven points. Stacy Vaughn had five rebounds and Ashley Tuttle recorded three steals in the loss. Next action for both Goliad teams comes Jan. 8 when they play host to Sweetwater.

Stanton tourney moved to Greenwood

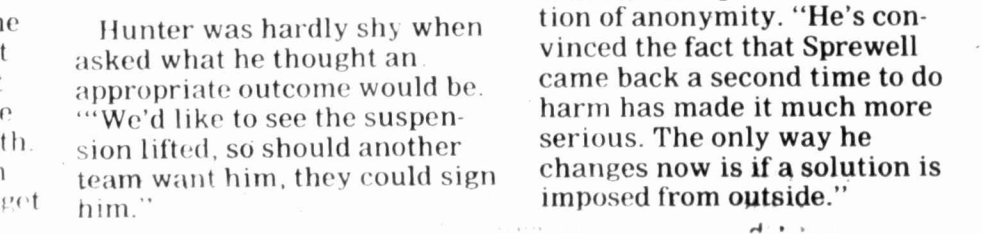
The varsity boys' and girls' basketball tournaments scheduled to be hosted by Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes this weekend have been moved to Midland Greenwood. The move was prompted by the success of the Buffs football team that will face Italy's Gladiators in a state Class 2A semifinal playoff game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Brownwood. The tournament begins Thursday and continues through Saturday. Among the area's teams slated to compete for the tournament championships are Sands' boys and girls, Coahoma's boys and girls and Garden City's girls.

There are several out there just waiting for the chance. A source in the league office said that won't happen without a fight.

"The commissioner won't compromise on this," said the source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "He's convinced the fact that Sprewell came back a second time to do harm has made it much more serious. The only way he changes now is if a solution is imposed from outside."

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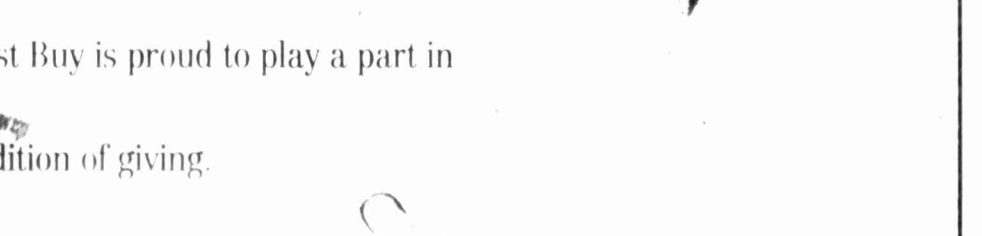
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### TUESDAY'S BASKETBALL GAMES

<b>GIRLS GAME</b> Midland High 65, Big Spring 45 Midland — Aosta 2 2-3 6; Votles 4 1-2 9; Long 9 3-4 17; Jones 1 0-0 2; Foy 1 0-0 2; Kelly 8 0-0 10; Green 2 1-2 5; Calhoun 1 0-0 2; Castillo 4 0-1 8. Totals: 26 7-12 55.	<b>BOYS GAME</b> Water Valley 46, Garden City 34 GARDEN CITY — Guerrero 9; Holt 8; Schwartz 5; Hoelscher 6; Johnson 4; Parker 3; Davis 3. Totals: 19 9-15 48.	<b>GIRLS GAME</b> Sterling City 46, Foran 35 STERLING CITY — Lorenz 2; Rice 4; Crow 2; Grouch 9; Hughes 2; Evans 3; Taber 1; Proctor 2; Totals: 20 24-32	<b>BOYS GAME</b> Water Valley 46, Garden City 34 WATER VALLEY — Leay 14; Hester 10; Millson 8; Benishar 6; Johnson 4; Parker 3; Davis 3. Totals: 19 9-15 48.
<b>BIG SPRING</b> — Neesha Lot 0-2; 6-2; Amy Jackson 0-1-2 1; Chandra 3-3 9; Maggie Haddad 3 3-5 9; Tracy Bellinghousen 1 0-0 2; Kara Hughes 1 2-3 4; Mirena Lot 3 1-2 5; Naide Cole 2 0-1 4. Totals: 12 12-22 41.	<b>GARDEN CITY</b> — S 13 9 7-24 WATER VALLEY 13 16 19 11-48 3-point goals: Garden City 1 (Schmitt); Water Valley 2 (Parker, Hester). Records — Water Valley 2- 5, JV - Water Valley 3-4, Garden City 1-0.	<b>STERLING CITY</b> — Gaston 12; Rodgers 11; Doggett 6; Coleman 3; Carter 1; M. McIntire 2; J. McIntire 6; Totals: 15 11-19 41.	<b>BOYS GAME</b> Garden City 37, Water Valley 35 GARDEN CITY — Masie 17; Goodwin 2; Chandler 4; Niehus 24; Botta 6; Eoff 4. Totals: 22 13- 24 57.
<b>COAHOMA</b> — Sterling 11; Ernest 5; West 8; Tindal 8; Woods 2; Person 2; Wood 7; Herring 4. Totals: 19 7-16 46.	<b>STERLING CITY</b> — Verastegui 15; Hernandez 13; D. Howard 13; Leja 8; Rodriguez 7; J.R. Howard 2. Totals: 21 12-22 56.	<b>WATER VALLEY</b> — Sears 2; Wiese 5; Williams 2; S. Counts 7; Ayers 5; Johnston 1; Jameson 3. Totals: 6 9-14 25.	<b>GIRLS GAME</b> Garden City 37, Water Valley 35 WATER VALLEY 3 7 6 10-28 3-point goals: Water Valley 4 (S. Counts 2, Ayers 1, Jameson 1). Records — Water Valley 3-3, JV - Garden City 5-6, Water Valley 6-8.

# East's best played, and it wasn't Bulls-Knicks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the planners at the NBA office were making this season's schedule, they probably figured they'd have a matchup between the top two teams in the Eastern Conference on television on the second Tuesday in December.

Little did they know that No. 1 vs. No. 2 game actually would be played in a college gymnasium.

On a night when the Chicago Bulls and New York Knicks met on national TV, the Atlanta Hawks and Miami Heat battled at Georgia Tech's arena in the true — based on the standings — marquee matchup.

The Heat walked away from it with a 97-81 victory and a message delivered: Miami might be the East's powerhouse this season.

100-82, Houston trounced San Antonio 108-78, Sacramento surprised Utah 113-101, Seattle beat Minnesota 108-99, Charlotte defeated Toronto 95-82, Washington downed New Jersey 120-99, Detroit beat Denver 92-83, the Los Angeles Clippers topped Dallas 99-92 and Phoenix crushed Vancouver 107-85.

All five Heat starters scored in double figures, but it was Eric Murdock who provided the offensive punch during an 18-6 spurt that decided the game.

P.J. Brown, who had 20 points, finished the run with a dunk that made it 89-72, sending the crowd of 9,156 at Georgia Tech to the exits midway through the final period.

We ran them out of the gym."

**Bulls 100, Knicks 82**  
At Chicago, Michael Jordan became the third-leading scorer in NBA history, almost got into a brawl after Chris Childs threw the ball at him, dislocated his right index finger during a fall to the floor and finished with 29 points.

Jordan, the NBA's nine-time scoring champion, has 27,432 points in 867 games over 13 seasons. Moses Malone scored 27,409 points in 1,045 games during his 19-year career, leaving Jordan No. 3 behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Wilt Chamberlain.

Jordan and Chris Childs had an altercation after battling for rebounding position. Jordan elbowed Childs in the back of the head, Childs threw the basketball at Jordan and the two exchanged chest bumps and words. Each was assessed a technical foul, and Childs was ejected because it was his second of the night.

straight game.

Kevin Willis added 16 points, Mario Ellis had 12 and Matt Maloney shot 4-for-4 on 3-pointers and also scored 12. Reserves Eddie Johnson and Rodrick Rhodes added 13 and 10, respectively.

**Kings 113, Jazz 101**  
At Sacramento, Corliss Williamson scored 19 of his career-high 27 points in the second half, and Mitch Richmond added 24 points.

It was the Kings' second straight victory over Utah. The Jazz entered this season with 14 straight victories over Sacramento.

## SPREWELL

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"There's really only been one side out there. This man really was deprived of any kind of due process. Nobody heard from him at all. That's not the American way," added Cochran, who was at Sprewell's side, along with his agent Arn Tellem and NBA players association head Billy Hunter.

Also attending in a show of solidarity with Sprewell were Warriors players Muggsy Bogues, Bimbo Coles, Felton Spencer, Brian Shaw, David Vaughn and Joe Smith. Robert Horry, a member of the Los Angeles Lakers and a former teammate of Sprewell at Alabama, also was there.

Carlesimo, who has a reputation for an abrasive coaching style, and other Warriors officials declined to comment, also because of upcoming legal proceedings.

The players union has filed grievances against the NBA and the Warriors, arguing the penalties were excessive. And Sprewell himself said he never got a chance to tell his side of the story, a point the NBA disputes. The case will be heard no sooner than Jan. 4 by arbitrator John Feerick, dean of Fordham Law School.

Meanwhile, Houston Rockets forward Charles Barkley said Tuesday that some players might boycott the NBA All-Star game or the World Championships in Greece if the league doesn't ease the punishment.

"I think I'd have great support for a boycott," Barkley said. "I've talked with several players about it. ... If we don't make a stand, it's going to be bad."

Barkley declined to name the players he contacted. Hunter said there has been no movement by the league toward a compromise or a reduction in Sprewell's punishment.

"Everything is geared toward the arbitration," the players union chief said. "I'm hopeful that something might happen

where we could leverage enough pressure to where the league might be open to reviewing it. But I don't think anything will happen until the arbitration."

Tellem would not reveal the strategy for the arbitration hearing.

"No one condones what Latrell did, but there are real questions if there are any limits what a coach can do and are there any rights for the player," he said. "In other jobs, the employee can seek other employment. Here, he can not. The commissioner has denied him the right to work for one full calendar year. That has tremendous implications."

Witnesses said Sprewell grabbed Carlesimo by the throat and threatened to kill him during practice for a team that began the season 1-13. About 15 minutes later, Sprewell returned to practice and again confronted the coach, who was left with a 3-inch red mark on his neck.

Some reports have said Sprewell threw a punch at Carlesimo during that second encounter, and NBA commissioner David Stern labeled that confrontation a "clearly premeditated assault" while announcing the suspension.

But a source said Tuesday that Sprewell disputes some reports of the second confrontation and that he never intended to assault Carlesimo a second time. "He came out to demand that P.J. trade him," said the source, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

Tellem said the confrontations should be treated as "one episode."

"It isn't like he went home for 24 hours. This was one short time where he lost his cool," Tellem said. "He shouldn't have done what he did. That's it."

The news conference was held at the Oakland Convention Center, the building the Warriors use for practice, and began less than an hour after the team finished a workout.

## Miami of Ohio shocks Xavier

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Xavier barely had a chance to enjoy its highest ranking in 39 years.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 29 points and Miami of Ohio withstood a late rally by the seventh-ranked Musketeers for an 80-72 victory Tuesday night at Oxford, Ohio.

Xavier (5-1) entered the game ranked No. 7 for only the second time in school history and had received a first-place vote for the first time. The Musketeers also were seventh-ranked in December 1958.

They didn't live up to their lofty status, which only served to bring out the best in Miami.

"We have to understand

that," coach Skip Prosser said. "We haven't been through that (ranked so high). This is maybe a learning process, some growing pains in dealing with it. We have to understand that it's only going to increase the effort of the other team."

Damon Frierson added 23 points and John Estick had a career-high 14 for Miami (5-1). But it was the 6-foot-8 Szczerbiak's shooting that was the difference for the RedHawks.

After Xavier trimmed a 23-point second-half deficit to 71-65 with 2:17 left, Szczerbiak hit a jumper to blunt the comeback and set up Miami's first victory over a Top 10 team since it beat sixth-ranked North Carolina in 1973.

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**Fall Special Efficiency \$200 1 bdr. \$225 2 bdr. \$275** Clean, quiet and on sight maintenance and management. 915-267-4217

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1425 E. 6th St. 263-6319

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 1997:**  
Accent work, health and enhancing the quality of your life. You will spend money to make money, keeping this cycle active throughout the year. It might be time to start a new exercise regime and eliminate additional stress. Your efficiency and energy are tested. You also develop a charming way of expressing yourself. If you are single, others are clearly drawn to you; admirers pound on your door. If attached, an exchange of feelings is especially deep. TAURUS helps you get anchored.  
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)**  
An offer is too good to turn down. A sense of direction is important to your career. Accept the limelight, and be willing to put in overtime. Your softer side emerges with a friend. Pursue what you want, especially in the romantic realm. Tonight: Go shopping.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
You feel great, and others see that in you. You receive others' attention with comfortable enjoyment. Some good news comes your way that has you beaming. Explore information, and plan a trip. You will need a break after this intense holiday season. Tonight: Smile away.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Pull back. An encounter has an illicit tone to it. Check out people you meet; they might not be available. A partner makes demands. Pay bills, and make sure you remain in the plus column. Good news comes from a distance. Tonight: Curl up in front of the fireplace.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Aim for what you want. Gather with others, make new contacts and network. An associate makes you an offer that you cannot resist. Together, you create a stronger, more caring connection. Talk about a special gift. Tonight: Get festive with friends.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Accept another's attention, and be flattered, but make a conscious decision about how far you want the goo-goo eyes to progress! Making an extra effort at work and getting errands done pay off. You'll want to enjoy the social treats of the season. Tonight: Stand under the mistletoe.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Reach out for another, and talk

Full or Part time drivers. Must be able to work weekends.  
**Dominos Pizza • 2202 S. Gregg**

**Comanche Trail Nursing Center**  
is accepting applications for Nurse Aid positions. We offer the following: competitive wages, Dental Insurance, Holiday pay, Vacation Pay 401k Program. Please come by 3200 Parkway and see Paula Lawrence, EOE.

**LOANS**  
**AVOID BANKRUPTCY** Free Debt Consolidation app. with credit services. 1-800-755-1740 ext.

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**SLAANSLOANS** \$100.00 TO \$446.00 CALL OR COME BY Security Finance 204 S. Goliad 267-4591 Phone applications welcome SE HABLA ESPANOL

**FARM LAND**  
1610 AC+/-: Approx. 25 miles North of Sterling City, TX on pavement. Good grass, level to rolling country, large deer. 2131 ACS: N of Water Valley, Tx. Spring w/lots of pecan trees and wildfowl! Plenty of hills & grazing. Barns, pens, highway frontage & minerals. 1610+OR-ACS: scenic ranch, Robert Lee, TX. Oak, cedar, mesquite, flats hills, beautiful creek. Plenty grass & good hunting. Lee, Lee & Puckitt Assoc., Inc. 915-655-6989

**HORSES**  
Big Spring Horse, Saddle & Tack Auction: Sat. Dec. 13th. Everyone welcome to buy, sell or visit. Lance Folsom 806-792-5919

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**DOGS, PETS, ETC**  
**FOUND:** Vicinity of Kentwood. Part Beagle dog. Approx. 1yr old. Call 267-7987.

Have openings for Weekdays & weekends in December. 6200+ acres in Sonora, lots of deer. Also, Fallow deer & axes deer available. For more info. 915-387-5552 (daytime) or 915-387-3960.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
For sale 5 rolls barbwire, 1 roll 6 ft. chain link wire. 267-5714  
For Sale: Mans Rolex watch asking \$800; also female short Mink Coat asking \$500. Call 263-7597 or 263-0262 ask for Linda M.

**HUNTING LEASE**  
Videos of X-Mas parade for sale: \$10.00 each. Call paper # & leave your #. 1-915-742-0272.

**CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS** Our 20th Anniversary Discounts Cakes, Flowers, Arches & Abras 267-8191

**Just Arrived!** 30 sets of used full size mattresses, starting at \$29.00 per set. Branham Furniture 2004 W. 4th • 263-3066

**FOR SALE:** Commercial oven. Call 267-8241 or come by Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road, Tues-Fri. between 9-5.

**Branham Furniture now offers:** New Refrigerators. Shop and compare. 2004 W. 4th. 263-1469

**FOR SALE:** 1975 D5 CAT Dozer, good mechanical condition. New steering clutches. \$21,500. Call 915-267-3126.

**For Sale:** Darter AeroCommander 1966. 1 quarter share. Serious inquiries only! \$3000 or will trade for Truck. Call after 5:00pm 263-7937.

**FOR SALE:** Partnership in Airplane in 1/4 interest in 1978 Bonanza V-35 \$27,000. Call Eddie Cole 263-5000.

**Tired of Creditors.** Free debt consolidation! APP with credit services. 1-800-619-1092

**SPAS**  
Overstocked on Spas - Large selection at new location at Music City Mall, Odessa, near Sears. Special Christmas prices! 550-3131 or 563-3108.

**ACREAGE FOR SALE**  
I want to sell the farm for cash! I have 120 acres for \$425 an acre with 2 yrs. CPR left. Call 263-7648 or 263-3855.

**COMM. REAL ESTATE**  
**GREGG STREET** at 8th St., 85 foot frontage with 2400 square foot building ideal for retail, office or restaurant. Sales price less than half of tax valuation, minimal down, excellent long-term seller financing. 263-8350.

**HOUSES FOR SALE**  
3 bd., 1 bath brick. New AHJ, storm doors & windows, new roof, ceiling fans. 1216 E. 17th. 263-4305.

**3 bd., 1 bath. Dining room, double lot. 1107 E. 15th, & 1017 E. 21st. Owner Finance. 267-6050.**

**OWNER CARRY:** \$1000 down/\$265 month. 2BR, 1BA. 1400 Nolan (806) 791-0367

**OWNER FINANCE:** 2200 S. Monticello. Very Nice 2 bd., 1 bath, 1 car garage. \$500/down, \$379/mo. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

**2701 Central - Kentwood:** 3 bdr., 2 bath. Corner lot 1 blk. from school: \$2,500.00 Call 263-5802

**3 bdr., house in a very commercial area.** Many possibilities. \$18,000 - \$2,000 down. Weaver Real Estate. 263-3093

**3 BEDROOM, 2 bath living/dining rooms, central heat, refrigerated air. Separate apartment. Fenced yard. 263-0577.**

**IPAY CASH FOR HOUSES** quick, courteous response. Don Hankins, 806-794-5964.

**1104 MULBERRY:** 3 bd., Carport, fenced. Auto. Heat. \$300/dn., \$260. Monthly. Must have excellent credit history. 806-794-5964.

**MOBILE HOMES**  
Over stocked Close Out All Homes must goooooo! A-1 Homes San Angelo 653-1152, 1-800-626-9978

**1992 Mobile home,** the absolute last one, furnished 3 bedroom don't miss this one. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881 Se habla espanol

**Be in your new home for the holidays,** be proud to have your family come to your house this year. "feature doublewide" 3 bedroom 2 bath only 5% down, \$289.00 month, 15 yrs. 9.50% apr var. Homes of America Odessa, Tx.

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All 1997 Vehicles Reduced For Year End Closeout!! All '97 Models Must Go!!!

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Air conditioning, alloy wheels, AM-FM Cassette, Chrome Pkg. And Much More!!!

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Entire Stock of 1997's Reduced!! Save Today!!!

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**'97 Pathfinder XE 4-Dr.**  
Convenience Pkg., Sport Pkg., power equipment, remote keyless entry and more.

**Bob Brock Nissan 500 W. 10th Best Value In Town**

**Family friend's stalking is good reason for girl to fear**

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a scared 15-year-old girl who was being pestered by a family friend, and whose parents did not take her fear seriously.

To "Quaking in California," I would like to say: "If Sam has taken photos of you at the mall and is leaving suggestive notes on your door, he is already stalking you! Do something about it now. Go to the police and let them know your fears."

I am a convicted sex offender, and I see it as only a matter of time before this man comes after this young lady and rapes her. The police should be notified immediately. She is in my prayers. — 'TREATED' IN MONROE, WASH.

DEAR TREATED: The girl's letter brought a flood of mail from readers who identified with it and offered advice. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice fell a little short. She is worried that "Sam" might start stalking her. I've got news for you: He already is! California stalking laws are very specific, and Sam's activities would definitely qualify as such. Sam is 34 and trying to start a relationship with a 15-year-old. Last time I checked, that was illegal — consensual or not. Being drunk is no excuse. She would be best advised to talk to the police and seek a restraining order. When looking for friends, maybe her parents should look somewhere other than the local bar. — BRYAN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: I'm 32, but when I was 15, a friend of my brother's (who is 10 years older than me) started making passes at me. This went on for about two months. It ended with my being raped. The emotional scars I have dealt with; the physical scars I cover up.

Abby, "Quaking in California" has reason to be afraid. "Sam" is stalking her, and if her parents won't listen, she should take copies of the notes from her father's friend to the police. — K.H. IN FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR READERS: I regret that space limitations prevent me from printing all of the excellent letters I have received offering support and direction for "Quaking in California."

**TOO LATES**  
Colt Gold Cup National Match 45ACP \$650.; Colt Python 6" Nickel 357 Mag. \$550; Colt Python 6" Blue 357 Mag \$500.; Smith & Wesson 625-S Mountain Gun 45 Long Colt \$550. Call 263-7837 after 6pm.

1969 Volkswagen Karmen Ghia, Hard top. Runs dependably. \$2500. 267-5549.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 1997, for: One new dump truck and one new 1/2 ton pickup.  
Bids may be mailed to the Auditor at P.O. Box 1949 or delivered to Room 202, County Courthouse, Big Spring, Tx. 79721-1949.  
Specifications are available in the County Auditor's Office, Courthouse, Big Spring, Tx. 79720. The telephone number is 915/264-2210.  
Bidders should use lump-sum pricing for each vehicle.  
Hewlett County Auditor  
1997 December 4 & 10, 1997

**TOO LATES**  
\$975. 1984 Buick LaSabra Stationwagon. Loos & runs good. 620 State.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for our Food Service Department until 2:00 p.m. January 6, 1998, in the following areas:  
Caterline Food Fresh Produce  
Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on January 15, 1998, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
1998 December 5 & 10, 1997

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT  
Lynco Energy Company, 2121 San Jacinto St., Ste 860, Dallas, TX 75201 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.  
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, West Moore Unit Lse 20544, Well Numbers 69W, 70W, 72W, 73W, 74W. The proposed injection wells are located 5 miles Southwest from Big Spring in the Moore Field in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3176 to 3215 feet, 3184 to 3217 feet, 3216 to 3265 feet, 3210 to 3235 feet, and 3178 to 3215 feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).  
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6:30	News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	News-Lafayette	Walkers	News Grace Under	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Mi Querida Isabel	Santa Claus	Dulces of Hazzard	(15) Blister Aose: Iron	Gay (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Law & Order (CC)	Discovery	Discovery	Lois & Clark-Superman	NFL-Acces Sports News	College	Movies: Spellbound	Planet Groove
7:30	Spin City (CC) Drama-Reg	Beverly Hills, 90210 (CC)	Salimbancos Cigue du	Rescue 911 (CC)	Navy (CC) Murphy Brown	Spin City (CC) Drama-Reg	3rd Rock-Sun Tony Danza	NBA Basketball: Tony Danza	El Alma No Tiene Color	Nearly Wast!	Eddy Arnold	Eagle II (CC)	Movies: Kingpin (CC)	Movies: Tin Cup (CC)	Cheerful Dollar	Biography	Titanic: Untold Stories	Gift of Song	FOX Sports NFL Monday	Baseball: Villanova at	" "	" "
8:30	Drew Carey Elen (CC)	Party of Five (CC)	Social Rderance	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Public Eye (CC)	Drew Carey Elen (CC)	3rd Rock-Sun Working (CC)	Lakers at Warriors	Alguna Vez	Christmas (25) The	Prime Time Country (CC)	Best of the Best 3: No	" "	" "	Prologue Van Impa	American Justice	Titanic: Anatomy of a	" "	Tampa Bay Lightning at	Duke College Baseball: Villanova at	Primer WENN	Hill List
9:30	PrimeTime Live (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	- The Show	Hawaii Five-0 (CC)	Chicago Hope (CC)	PrimeTime Live (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Inside-NBA	Fuera Lente Loco	Christmas Star (CC)	Merry Christmas	Turning Back (25) Camo	Dead Man's (25) Past	Titanic: First Look	Prairie the Lord (CC)	50th Century	Disaster	Gift of Song	Dallas Stars	Isabel: Massachusetts at	the Bad Man	Comicview
10:30	News (CC) Cheers	Home Imp. Mad Ab: You	Gael Force	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show (CC)	Movie: You Only Live	P. Impacto Noticias Uni.	Walt Disney Presents	Dallas	sear 3: Prime Species	Track (CC) (25) Movies:	Movies: Redline (CC)	" "	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	" "	Sports News	Kansas Sportscenter	Movie: Dr. Terror's	BET Tonight
11:30	Nightline (35) Keenen	Vibe	An Irish Musical	Three Stooges	Show (CC) Married... With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (CC)	Ent. Tonight (32) Late	Twice	No Ritmo de la Noche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dulces of Hazzard	Movies: Lord of Illusions	Sci-Fighters (40) Best of	Jerry Seville Dupleads	Biography	Titanic: Untold Stories	Movie: A Christmas Story	FOX Sports News	(CC) Billards	House of Horrors	227 (CC) Midnight Love	" "
12:30	AM Ivory Wayne Politically Inc.	Martin (CC) In the Heat of	Event Family Towers	Paid Program	Late Late Show	News Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Gayle King	Movie: Prayer	Club America	Movie: Herbie Rides Again	Prime Time Country (CC)	" "	(12:15) Movie:	Real Best Mr. Show With	Full Gospel Update News	American Justice	Titanic: Anatomy	Story	Big 12 Show NCAA: Start	Golf Hawaii	Movies: Spellbound	" "

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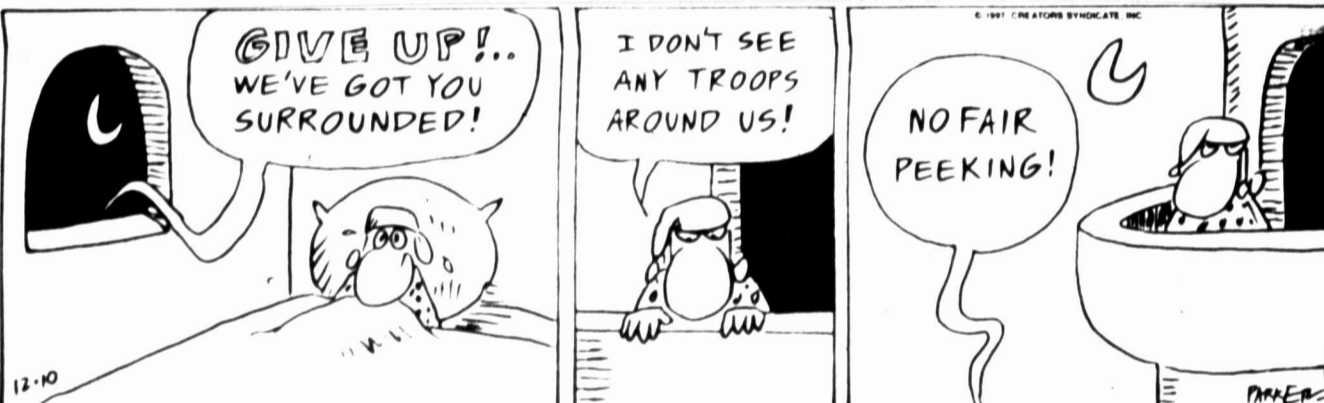
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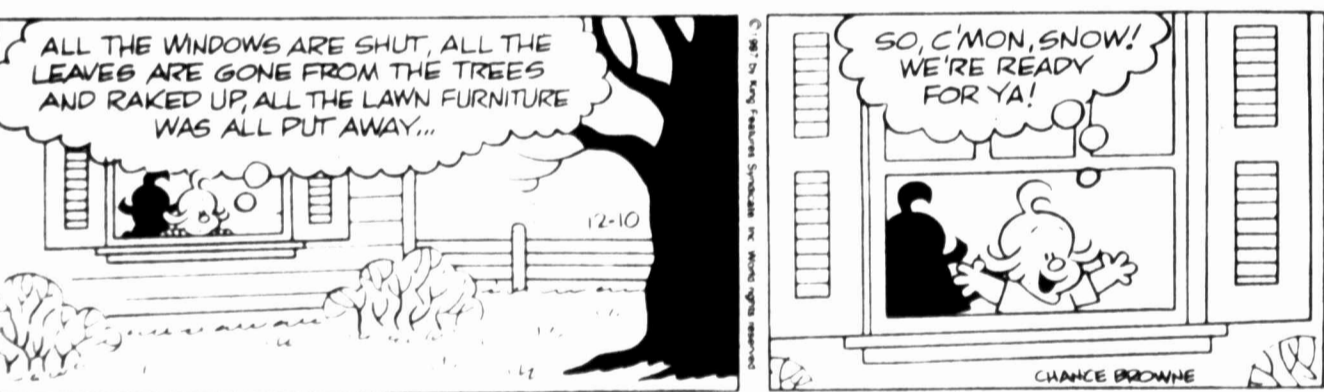
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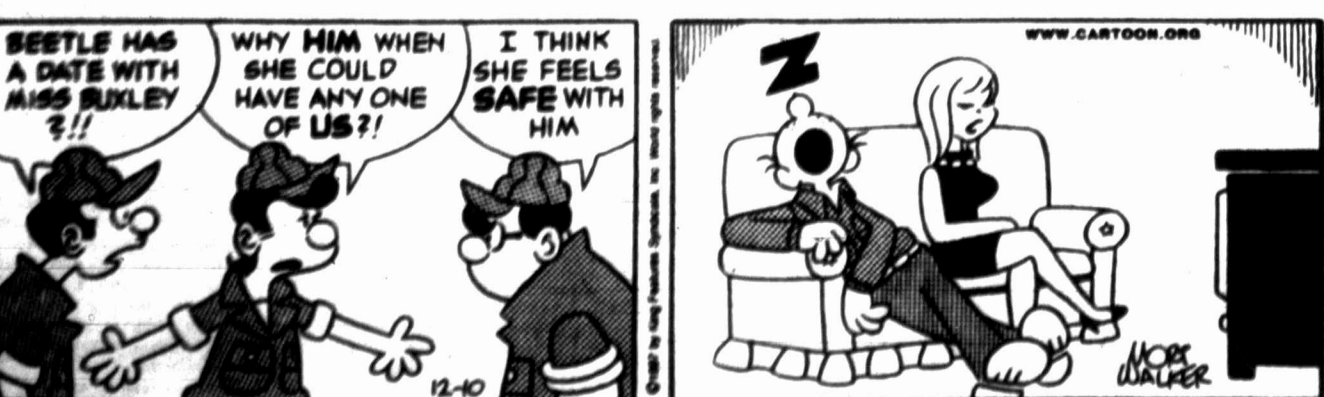
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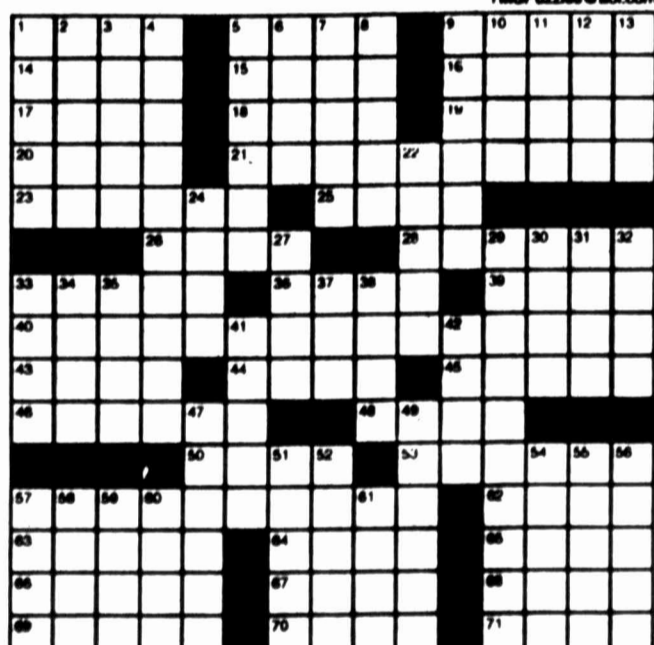
The ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Today is Wednesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 1997. There are 21 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.  
On this date:  
In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.  
In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.  
In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris, officially ending the Spanish-American War.  
In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.  
In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.  
In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.  
In 1958, the first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the United States as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York City to Miami.  
In 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.  
In 1967, singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.  
Ten years ago: President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev concluded three days of summit talks in Washington. Violinist Jascha Heifetz died in Los Angeles at age 86.  
Five years ago: President-elect Clinton announced his first Cabinet selections, including Lloyd Bentsen to be treasury secretary and Leon Panetta to be budget director. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., apologized for what he called "unwelcome and offensive" actions toward women, but refused to resign.  
One year ago: Roman Catholic Bishop Filipe Ximenes Belo and exiled activist Jose Ramos Horta, opponents of Indonesia's occupation of East Timor, accepted the Nobel Peace Prize. On International Human Rights Day, President Clinton urged the Senate to embrace a 17-year-old treaty barring abuses against women.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Campus soldiers' grp.
  - Crow calls
  - Encourages in wrongdoing
  - Bryce Canyon's state
  - Spoken
  - Page number
  - Masculine
  - Greek salad requirement
  - Tropical vine
  - Creat
  - Heavyweight on the scales
  - Familiar kin
  - Leveling device
  - Dug the garden
  - Lower or under
  - Scatter
  - Mild oath
  - Hindu music
  - Heavy ending indication
  - Major or minor constellation
  - Gymnast Korbut
  - Sales shot
  - Charles, the actor
  - First N.T. book
  - Per (for each day)
  - Impatient interjections
  - Weighty singer
  - Niagara's source
  - Hang in loose folds
  - Stop up
  - Piummeted
  - Minute amounts
  - Big foot's size
  - Allow ending?
  - Water boundary
  - First name in mysteries
  - Western art colony



By Frank R. Jackson  
Washington, D.C.  
12/10/97

Tuesday's Puzzle solved.



- DOWN
- Cuban dance
  - Hokkaido port
  - Grackle's scratcher
  - Talk of weighty matters?
  - Columbian export
  - Environa
  - Power units
  - Sword stroke
  - Burning
  - Hest to vaporization
  - Airline to Tel Aviv
  - Pitchfork element
  - Ride therapy
  - Given to eternal talk
  - Davenport's location
  - Wooded valley
  - Get lean
  - Mandilovs of tennis
  - Farm produce
  - Skin eruption
  - Frameswork post
  - Shortened preposition
  - Gather strength
  - Comic's bill
  - Genesis man
  - Pagliacci
  - Mach+ jets
  - Most unusual
  - Smashing Monica
  - Bank security letters
  - End of a buck?
  - See-ya!
  - Health resorts
  - Christmas carol

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Today's Birthdays: Actor Harold Gould is 74. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yetter is 67. Actor Tommy Kirk is 56. Actor Tim Considine is 56. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 54. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 51. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 49. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 46. Actress Susan Dey is 45. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 37. Actress Nia Peoples is 36. Country singer Kevin Sharp is 27. Rock musician Scot Alexander (Dishwalla) is 26. Singer Puff Johnson is 25.