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## UW campaign closes Friday

HERALD Staff Report

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will officially bring its 1997 campaign to close when it holds its final report luncheon at noon Friday at the Big Spring Country Club. Cost of the luncheon is \$8 per person.

Campaign chairman Archie Kountz will receive reports from different department heads, and a meeting of the United Way board will convene immediately following the luncheon.

The 1997 campaign has a goal of \$212,500 — the same as last year — and Executive Director Carroll Jennings said the drive has a good chance of reaching that goal.

"We won't really know if we reach our goal, because there's still a number of pledges out," Jennings said. "This campaign has been an exciting one, with a lot of participation from a lot of people we haven't seen before."

As of two weeks ago, the campaign was at the \$175,000 mark, but several in-house drives have been held since that time, fueling Jennings' optimism.

## Coahoma to build new science labs at high school

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma High School will soon have new science labs after trustees set the construction process in motion at their monthly meeting Monday night.

At their meeting, trustees voted to send out requests for qualifications for bidders of a proposed design/build contract for the new science facility.

The new science building will be comprised of two rooms, one for chemistry and the other for biology. When the building is complete, physical science classes will be taught in the older

science rooms.

Coahoma superintendent Michael Hartman said this move is necessary to meet expected growth in the high school for the next two years.

"We could use the space now," Hartman said. "But we'll definitely need it next year."

Bidding the project as a design/build contract should save the district money, Hartman said. On design/build contracts, the contractor and architect join forces on the bid, instead of submitting proposals separately.

Hartman expects the district to advertise for bids soon after the Christmas holidays. Bids would then

be awarded a month or so later, with construction expected to be complete well before the start of the 1998-99 school year.

It is unknown what the project will cost, although Hartman estimated it would be around \$250,000. Money for the project will come from the district's general fund balance — its nest egg, so to speak — and will require no tax increase, he said.

District officials weighed other options before deciding to build a new building. One of the options considered was to build a new athletic fieldhouse

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## Buffalo fever overtakes Stanton

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

STANTON — Kyle Kendall has been a dedicated Buffaloes fan since he moved to Stanton 20 years ago.

So when it came down to a choice between attending his nephew's wedding Saturday or watching the Buffs' Class 2A state championship game at Texas Stadium, it was very difficult.

"I'm going to the wedding," Kendall said, "unless he says to me, 'It's OK if you want to go to the game instead.'"

Missing the final one, Kendall said, "is going to be really tough."

Kendall, a pharmacist, has followed the team's ups and downs closely.

"We've come close so many times, but never got to that upper echelon of teams," he said. "Now we're there."

Kendall won't miss every detail of the game, though. He has already planned to call some other fans in the stands on their cellular phones and keep up with the action.

In Stanton, talk of the Buffs' success is easy to find. Folks having lunch at Stanton Drug recently had no problem expressing their emotions about the team's championship run.

"I think they're going to take it," said J.T. Lucas.

"We've come this far, and we



From left, Ruby and J.T. Lucas, with Linda Gonzales and Stanton football player Lucas Gonzales, said the whole town is talking about the Buffaloes. Others said the team's championship run has "put Stanton on the map."

might as well win it," said Lucas Gonzales, J.T.'s grandson and a wide receiver and cornerback for the Buffaloes.

"When we won Saturday in Brownwood, there was a lot of emotion," said Lucas' mother, Linda Gonzales. "We've got good parents who back their kids ... and they're having a great time."

Players and fans agreed just about the entire town of Stanton is united behind the winning team.

"There's a lot of support," Lucas Gonzales said. "You can sure feel it."

"It's put Stanton on the map," said Terry Smith, who can't help being a fan since his house is home to his son, Chad, a lineman, and Tyron Davis, wide receiver.

"A lot of times, we get caught between Midland and Big Spring," Smith said. "But these guys have worked so hard, and it has made a difference."

"It's cool to go around all over town and people talk to you about football," Chad said. "Everybody is talking about it."

"A lot of times, when we go to (other cities), people ask, 'Where's Stanton?'" added

Tyron. "But not anymore."

The family's yard is decorated with several signs of support, including a large red and white sign painted with all of the team numbers.

Craig Graves, a former member of the high school football team, sees the victories from a slightly different perspective.

"I sure wish I could be part of it," he said, crediting the team's wins to "good players and good coaching."

"It's united them," he said. "There is sure a lot of excitement."

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## Chamber preps for a new year

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is in sound financial shape as it prepares to enter the new year.

Wednesday's board meeting also signaled a changing of the guard of the chamber's leadership.

Chamber President Curt Mullins presided over his final board meeting and then handed the reigns to President Elect Ray Kennedy, who thanked Mullins for his contributions to the chamber and the Big Spring community.

"Time flies and I've been in Big Spring for 35 years and appreciate the friendship and support you've given me," Mullins told board members. "The chamber is in good hands for those who are taking the mantle in 1998."

A few weeks ago, Mullins assessed the overall business climate in Big Spring and sees good things ahead despite a number of businesses closing in 1997.

"I do not see any particular trend being set in 1997 by the closing of those businesses which have chosen to do so for a variety of reasons," Mullins said. "The closing of a number of retail establishments in recent years has in my opinion reached a peak and we should begin to see new ones opening which recognize the business opportunities existing for them."

"Low to moderate growth in business should result from expansions we are seeing in the private and governmental sectors and with gradual population increases," Mullins added.

Chamber Program Coordinator Debby Valverde said tickets for the banquet are \$12.50 in advance.

"People are encouraged to pick up their tickets in advance," Valverde said. "It makes things go much smoother."

## Educators 'satisfied' with modest increase

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

A slight enrollment increase county-wide is not enough to make area education officials start popping corks in celebration, but it did bring some quiet smiles of satisfaction.

The most recent enrollment figures for the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts show an overall increase of about 40 students from this time last year. Big Spring's enrollment increased by six students, Coahoma's by 18 and

Forsan's was up by 15 from the same time in 1996.

Big Spring's gains, while modest, reversed recent trends of dropping enrollment, assistant superintendent Murray Murphy said.

"(The gain) is not even an issue. To me, that's flat-lining," Murphy said. "If we had had larger numbers — 50 up or 50 down — then I'd get excited."

"We've been down, down, down the past three years," he added. "Now, we're seeing an

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## Jordan takes No. 2 spot at police department

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

After 16 years as part of the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD), Lt. Pam Jordan has reached a level she would have never thought about back in 1981 — the rank of captain.

The fact that Jordan is a woman is not so much of an issue with her as it is reaching a goal she set for herself several years ago when she decided she wanted to be a supervisor in the department.

Jordan will assume her new position as captain and second in command of the department on Dec. 28 — a day she nervously looks forward to.

"It's a big step and has a lot of responsibility, but I'm looking forward to it," Jordan said. "In the time I've been here, I've worked with Chief (Lonnie) Smith in other areas, so I think that will help quite a lot."

Just as Smith looked to the BSPD staff for support when he decided to seek the chief's position, Jordan said she has received the same level of support from her fellow officers.



Big Spring Police Department Lt. Pam Jordan, pictured working in her office, began her career with the department 16 years ago as a patrol officer and has come up through the ranks. Jordan will assume the position of captain and second in command of the BSPD on Dec. 28.

It was not a matter of proving a point that made Jordan decide to go into law enforcement as a career, but an uncle.

"My uncle was in police work when I was in high school and that's when I decided what I wanted to do," Jordan said. "I never entered my head to

change my mind. Being out in the field and in the academy was all very exciting."

"I had a goal set and I thought I could meet that goal," Jordan added. "I wanted to try to make a difference in the world."

Other young women find it fascinating that Jordan does

what she does, but Jordan does not see herself as a champion among women.

"I recently talked to a teacher who was interested in me addressing a group of girls about being a police officer," Jordan said. "Most women want to know how to get started. Primarily, I fill them in on how things will be at the academy."

According to Jordan, being a police officer is a job you have to want to do.

"No matter what sex you are, you have to want to do the job."

Jordan joined the BSPD in Sept. 1981 as a patrol officer and was promoted to sergeant in April 1984 and then to lieutenant in April 1989.

During her tenure with the BSPD, Jordan has been the recipient of the Police Achievement medal for helping save a young boy who was in a fire; she received the Police Star for injuries received during the arrest of a burglary suspect; and several letters of commendation for participation in various events.

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Tonight, fair. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Friday, increasing clouds and cooler. Highs upper 50s and 60s. Friday night, chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast. Saturday, colder with a chance of rain. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s. Sunday through Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs mid 40s to lower 50s.

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## BSPD officer hurt in training accident

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring Police Department officer was released from a Midland hospital Wednesday after being injured in a training accident.

Police Cpl. Wayne Wright was struck in the eye by a .50-caliber paint ball during a joint training exercise with Cornell Corrections personnel Tuesday afternoon, BSPD Sgt. Roger Sweatt said.

The accident occurred at the

training facility jointly operated by the city and Cornell Corrections. Officers from both departments were involved in an exercise involving carbon dioxide-powered guns when Wright was struck in the eye by a projectile.

Safety glasses had been issued to officers, but Wright was not wearing his at the time of the accident, Sweatt said.

Wright was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, then transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was kept overnight before being

released.

Officials are still unsure as to the extent of damage to Wright's eye. The injury has improved somewhat since the accident, but his chances for a full recovery won't be known until he is reevaluated by doctors within the next few days.

Although paint guns provide a non-lethal version of firearms training for officers, Sweatt said precautions still need to be made.

"(Paint balls) are not as fast as

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OBITUARIES

Peter Harmonson

Service for Peter Harmonson, 78, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997, in a local hospital.

Will Clement

Service for Will Clement, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1997, in a local hospital.

Albert Lindell Newton

Albert Lindell Newton, 67, Big Spring, died on Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1997, at Midway Baptist Church with Rafof Dunagan, Minister of Music, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1930, in Howard County, and married Leola Smith on Dec. 16, 1955, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Howard County and attended Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1949. He farmed all of his life and also owned and operated the Long Gin Company in Stanton from 1974 to November of 1997 when he sold the business.

He was a member of Midway Baptist Church and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include: his wife, Leola Newton of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Debbie Newton, Larry and Terri Newton and Gary and Melissa Newton, all of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Glen Paty of Saudi Arabia; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Bonnie Hale and Doris and Wilbur Pope all of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Viola Newton, one brother, Clifton Newton, one sister, Ella Mae Newton, and one nephew, Randall Pope.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

241 S Johnson 267-828. Ida A. Hughes, 92, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Baptist Temple Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Benjamin Lecroy, 80, died Sunday. Military graveside services will be 1:00 PM Friday at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, in San Antonio.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331.

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Will Clement, 82, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Peter C. Harmonson, 78, died Wednesday. Memorial services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Hodges Chapel of First Christian Church in Lubbock.

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Ida A. Hughes

Service for Ida A. Hughes, 92, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1997, at Baptist Temple Church with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor, and Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hughes died Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home. She was born on Feb. 8, 1905, in Buffalo Gap. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1928, except from 1958 to 1966 when she lived in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was the widow of Clarence McConnell, J.J. (Jim) Sinclair, and Ross B. (Barney) Hughes. She was a member of the Baptist Temple Church and the Big Spring Rebekah Lodge No. 284. Mrs. Hughes was a retired beautician.

She is survived by: one daughter, Belva Waller, Lubbock; one sister, Jewel Hobbs, Fort Worth; one brother, Roy Harrison, Anson; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Billy J. Darnell, Sr.

Service for Billy J. Darnell, Sr., 80, Muleshoe, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1997, at Muleshoe Church of Christ with Royce Don Clay, Jr., of Colorado City, and John Knox, Muleshoe Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Darnell died Monday, Dec. 15, at Kristi Lee Manor, Colorado City.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1917, in Texola, Okla. He married Marie Garner on Aug. 30, 1937, in Eric, Okla. She preceded him in death on Sept. 20, 1997. Mr. Darnell had lived in Muleshoe since 1962, moving from Lubbock. He was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ, member of the Texas Gingers Association, and a member of the Muleshoe Lions Club. He managed and operated the Darnell Gin in Muleshoe.

Survivors include: one son, Billy J. Darnell, Jr., Amarillo; three daughters, Patricia Clay, Ackerly, Karen Speer, Houston, and Linda Van Wagner, O'Fallon, Ill.; two sisters, Zelpha Mae Jaggars, Eric, Okla., and Martha Nell Payne, Abilene; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Muleshoe.

HURT

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Sweatt was not sure if a review of training procedures would be undertaken.

"I know (Chief Lonnie Smith) was talking along those lines the other day, but as for what he plans to do, I don't really know," Sweatt said.

FEVER

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Stanton ISD Superintendent Jim White said Buffalo support has come from surprising sources.

"You don't realize what a success like this will do to a town," he said. "There are people you hardly ever see, who are coming to games. I hope we can build on this for the future."

And on Saturday, when most of the town is expected to travel to Texas Stadium, don't look for a lot of activity on the streets of Stanton.

"They'll pretty well turn out the lights," Kendall said.

JORDAN

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One of the highlights of her 16 years as an officer is the Citizens Police Academy, which Jordan says stands out to her because it involves the public and is a program that will continue.

"But what she has enjoyed the most, according to Jordan, is being on patrol.

"Everything is different," Jordan said. "Nothing is ever the same. You get to meet quite a lot of the public."

As for misconceptions people may have about police work, Jordan says she believes a lot of it comes from television.

"People believe a lot of things that are wrong and I would advise them to go through the Citizens Police Academy," Jordan said.

Being an officer has its own payoffs, according to Jordan.

"I wouldn't trade anything in the world for being an officer," Jordan said. "It does get tough at times, but helping a stranded person can give you the best feeling in the world simply because we often deal with the most negative elements of society."

When Jordan first began her career, the primary focus was just learning the job and doing things right, but as the promotions and more responsibility came, she decided she could be a supervisor.

"I enjoy being involved in decisions about the department and the direction were headed in," Jordan said.

INCREASE

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upturn. Maybe that's an indication of things to come."

Murphy had no ready reason behind the increase, but speculated that a healthy West Texas economy may be the major culprit.

"Overall, the better the economy is, that will equate to more people staying. I think every bit of (the increase) is related to the economy," he said. "Maybe we're seeing a little spurt in the economy. Everything is good right now, so more people are staying here because they can make a living."

Public school enrollment figures are usually quite fluid, but Murphy expects BSISD numbers to remain consistent for the rest of the school year. And, if kindergarten enrollment rebounds from a sub-par year like this one, a more notable increase may be in the offing in 1998-99.

"This tells me that we're stable, and that's good news because we're not down 50 or so," Murphy said. "And if we have just an average kindergarten class next year, we might be up by 50."

In the past, Big Spring students were free to transfer to Coahoma, Forsan or other area school districts, but that movement was recently restricted by a federal court decision that limits the number of white students who can transfer out of the local district.

So without transfer students as a ready explanation, an

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

increase in Coahoma or Forsan enrollment would seem to be a surprise.

Not so, officials said. "We kind of expected this," Forsan superintendent George White said. "We've noticed an increase in some of the lower grades ... so we've been expecting an increase."

Using elementary enrollment as an indicator, White said he expects FISD enrollment to remain between 650-725 in the near future.

"We're up 15 from last year, and we may be down 15 by the time school ends," he said. "There's going to be some mobility of students."

COAHOMA

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near the football field and renovate the existing fieldhouse into science labs.

That idea was abandoned as being too expensive, Hartman said.

In a related item, the Coahoma school district learned it will receive monetary awards from the Texas Education Agency for superior performance in recent Texas Assessment of Academic Skills testing.

Coahoma High School and Junior High will each receive \$1,000 gifts from the TEA as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System, Hartman said.

The schools are being recognized for gains in student performance reported through the Academic Excellence Indicator System, more commonly known as the state's school report card. In addition to TAAS results, schools were also rated on dropout and attendance rates.

Hartman said the money would go to each school and would not be put into the general fund.

"This is a pretty big honor," Hartman said. "There's several schools that qualify, but there's many, many more that don't."

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America,

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MARKETS

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department EMS reports: Wednesday 12:55 p.m. - 3200 Parkway, trauma call patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

POLICE

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

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- ERNESTO MORALES JR., 24, 1510 Johnson, arrested on charge of revocation of probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon and driving while license invalid.

- DANNY ISBELL, 22, Stinnett, arrested on charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL RUSH, 26, 3726 Adams, arrested on charge of DWI.

- PAUL A. KELLEY, 41, 703 W. Sixth, was found guilty of two counts of revocation of probation. He received two 90-day sentences to county jail and was ordered to pay fines.

- JAMES V. HEIMAN, 25, 4209 Walnut, arrested on charges of burglary of a building and revocation of probation for burglary of a habitation.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 65. Wednesday's low 26. Average high 55. Average low 29. Record high 76 in 1924. Record low 13 in 1975. Precip. Wednesday 0.00. Month to date 0.39. Month's normal 0.38. Year to date 19.34. Normal for the year 18.29. \*\*Statistics not available.

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# Last adult freed, but day-care hostage crisis drags on in Plano

PLANO (AP) — A gunman who invaded a day-care center released the last adult captive early today, but continued to hold a few children hostage for a second day.

Police Chief Bruce Glasscock confirmed this morning that all adult hostages had been released from the Rigsbee Child Development Center. Police refused to say how many children were still captive inside the building, a converted house, or give any details about their treatment.

Police said the man, identified by relatives as James Monroe Lipscomb Jr., had tried to rob someone outside the nearby Plano Bank and Trust shortly before he stormed the day-care center Wednesday afternoon in this suburb north of Dallas.

Police said they arrived at the center about 3:15 p.m. and backed off after they found the gunman in a doorway.

The man released 60 children and three adults shortly after the standoff

began. A fourth adult was released just before midnight, while the last was freed about 4 a.m. today.

Some children were shaken up, but none was injured.

Anna Roberts' 7-year-old granddaughter, Lana Brewer, was among those released early on. Until then, Mrs. Roberts said she had been terrified.

"Gun or no gun, I was going to go in there," she said.

She said she hoped the gunman would surrender peacefully to police and release the other children safely.

"I want to know those babies are all right," she said.

Kerwin Price said the ordeal disturbed his 3-year-old daughter, Kayvin. "She saw the weapon. She's not OK. That's all she's been repeating since I took her to the truck," he said.

Price has worked for the center and was acquainted with Lipscomb. "He's been a little disruptive around there,"

he said. Kelly Burton was among the children released a few hours after the standoff began. "I saw a man with a gun. He said he wasn't going to harm anyone though," she said.

Three-year-old Corey Read also was among those released early on. "He yelled at us. He told me to go inside," he said as Sheri Gibson, his mother, carried him away.

"You feel everything inside — please don't hurt my baby," Ms. Gibson said. "All I could think about was his safety and health."

Several parents of the freed children said police told them three children, including two of the suspect's own, remained inside the center today. The children were 2, 5 and 7, the parents said.

Seventeen hours into the standoff, police officer Carl Duke said authorities were in constant contact with the gunman and telephone negotiations

were going well. Authorities said they had no timeline for getting the man to surrender.

Plano police were receiving assistance from the FBI, Texas Rangers and officers from nearby Richardson. Members from a Garland police SWAT team gathered around a large white truck for a briefing about 8:20 a.m.

"As long as he's willing to talk to us, we'll talk to him. Fatigue is becoming a factor for us. We're all getting tired," Duke said.

Police refused to confirm the suspect's identity or reports that he is married to a day-care employee. Witnesses said the couple has marital problems.

Lipscomb's brother, nephew and neighbor identified him as the hostage-taker.

The nephew, 15-year-old Terrance Shaw, said he hopes his uncle "remembers what he always used to tell me — a moment of madness can lead to a life-

time of sadness." "I don't know why he would do something like this," said neighbor Brianna Stanberry, whose 1-year-old niece was released from the day-care center. "He's never done anything like this before. What's important now is getting the children out of there."

Children who were released were taken to nearby Meadows Elementary School, where frantic parents gathered. Early in the standoff, one woman sobbed uncontrollably and fell to the street when told her child was among the hostages. Others prayed in groups.

As the children were freed, some with eyes red from crying, parents cradled them in their arms.

"She's OK," said Charles Fink, whose 7-year-old granddaughter, Lana Brewer, was released. "That's what counts. She's my love."

Classes at the school were canceled today.

## Louisiana deputy goes from Grinch to Santa

RACELAND, La. (AP) — Sgt. Craig Jaccuzzo took away the Christmas tree, the lights and all the trimmings. He took the baby dolls, remote control cars, fishing poles and even gift wrapping paper.

He had to. All the items — including a go-cart, television, video recorder, car stereo and other expensive gifts — had been purchased with bad checks.

Nolan "Redbean" Vedros Jr., 32, was wanted in four parishes for cashing lost or stolen checks, with forged signatures on a closed account, and using the money to buy \$5,000 worth of presents for himself and the woman and children he lived with.

When Jaccuzzo arrived Dec. 6 at the family's mobile home, they were decorating their new tree. Boxes of new ornaments were torn open and scattered throughout the living room. Holiday music was playing.

"The real Christmas spirit was going on," said Jaccuzzo, who patrols low-income housing developments in Raceland, 40 miles southwest of New Orleans.

It fell to Jaccuzzo to break the mood. He arrested Vedros on charges of forgery, theft and illegal possession of stolen property.

Then the woman began handing Jaccuzzo the gifts, saying her boyfriend bought them when he went shopping with her children — ages 12, 7 and 4. "I felt terrible, like the Grinch," Jaccuzzo said Wednesday.

The 12-year-old boy bravely helped him load the presents into his patrol car while the other two children cried. "Mr. policeman, why are you doing this?" the 7-year-old girl asked him tearfully.

"It was devastating. You never think you have to take a tree. But it was an artificial tree, it was something of value and it was something bought with stolen checks," Jaccuzzo said.

So he took a stuffed raccoon toy he kept in his patrol car and gave it to the crying girl, promising her he would come back with a tree and gifts they could keep.

"It broke my heart to take all these gifts away from the children. They were not aware of the forged checks. They just thought it was going to be their

best Christmas ever but, in fact, it turned out to be the worst," he said. "That's when I knew I had to do something."

A business in Bayou Blue donated a real tree. Jaccuzzo went to the sheriff's motor pool in Lockport and picked up three bicycles that were being fixed up to give away at Christmas.

On Tuesday, he delivered the gifts to the mother.

She looked at him incredulously when he showed up with the tree and the bikes. "She just couldn't believe it. She said, 'You kept your word.' I told her I try to."

Jaccuzzo, a 26-year-old father himself, has since driven by that house and watched the children ride the bikes.

"They don't look at me so much as a police officer," he said. "They couldn't believe a policeman would do that."

Other deputies and a church are helping collect dolls and toys for the children. Jaccuzzo said he will help pay for some of the gifts.

"When you can actually give to someone outside your family that doesn't expect it, it makes your Christmas a little bit sweeter," he said.

## Praise, outrage follow NJ gay adoption ruling

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Adam is like most 2-year-olds — quick, curious, scurrying here and there. Unlike most, his adoptive parents are both men — whose successful fight to keep their boy won the gay movement a step toward equality with heterosexuals, activists said after a landmark court settlement.

The struggle began soon after Jon Holden and Michael Galluccio began caring for Adam, then 3 months old. On Wednesday, they won a settlement that gives gay and unmarried couples in New Jersey the right to jointly adopt children, like married couples. It only affects children in state custody.

Adam Holden Galluccio, blond-haired with rosy cheeks, scurried before the news cameras.

"This is a victory about goodness and equality," Holden said.

Conservatives, already fighting efforts to legalize same-sex marriages, were diametrically

opposed. The settlement is "a victory for homosexual activism and a defeat for children already bruised in life and in need of an intact, committed husband-and-wife family," said Robert Knight, director of cultural studies for the Family Research Council in Washington.

"I think it's a sad commentary," said state Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, Republican sponsor of a bill banning same-sex marriage that has not yet made it to the Assembly floor.

"I think every child deserves to grow up with a mother and father. It's a very natural thing," she said.

The agreement came in a class-action lawsuit brought in June by gay and lesbian families with the assistance of the American Civil Liberties Union. Holden and Galluccio won the right to adopt Adam on Oct. 22.

In about half the states, including New Jersey, each individual in a gay or unmar-

ried relationship could adopt a child, but the "second-parent" adoption required an additional petition, taking more time and money.

Florida and New Hampshire bar adoptions by gay and lesbians. The rest allow individual adoption by gays and have not been tested for second-parent adoptions by a gay partner, said Michael Adams, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

Under the settlement, New Jersey must scrap its policy barring joint adoption of its wards by gay or unmarried couples.

"The settlement guarantees that all couples seeking adoptions will be judged only by their ability to love and support a child," said Lenora M. Lapidus, ACLU legal director.

The state may deny consent only by applying the same standards it applies to married couples, including "considerations such as the stability of the prospective adoptive couple's

relationship," the settlement said.

In addition, it allows any gay or unmarried couple who believe they are denied joint adoption based on marital status or sexual orientation to ask a state judge to enforce the decree and award them legal fees.

Activists said the settlement will put more foster children in permanent homes.

Wendi Patella, a spokeswoman for the state Division of Youth and Family Services, said the agency now has custody of about 100 children who are eligible for adoption. In 1996, 687 children in the agency's care were adopted, she said.

The agency said there are currently 15 unmarried couples seeking to adopt.

Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, estimated there are 8 million to 13 million children being raised by gay or lesbian parents in the United States.

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OUR VIEWS

Stanton's Buffs face tough task as they carry banner for region

Put the last person to leave Stanton Saturday. All those lights to turn out... the town known for its 3,000 friendly people and few old soreheads will more closely resemble a ghost town Saturday, and if you have to ask why, you haven't been paying attention.

The Stanton Buffaloes hope to take their place among the best high school football teams in the state when they face the Rogers Eagles in the Class 2A state title game at 6 p.m. Saturday in Texas Stadium in Irving.

Winning a state title in anything is an achievement of great magnitude, but winning a football championship in pigskin-crazy Texas is enough to secure immortality.

And although newspaper people are supposed to be impartial in such matters, we couldn't think of a nicer group of young men to immortalize.

The Buffaloes have done much more than race through this season with an undefeated record. They have done so with style, grace and a maturity not often seen among a group of teenagers. Although it is becoming more and more common for athletes to engage in "trash talk" or other examples of boorish behavior, the team has comported itself well this season.

But the Buffs haven't made it this far just because they have winning personalities. This team, quite frankly, can play some serious football. From quarterback Kyle Herm to receiver Tyrone Davis to linemen Chad Smith, Jeremy Smith and James Taylor and line-backer Jody Lauder, all-state talent dots the lineup.

This team will need all that talent to be in peak condition Saturday. Rogers boasts one of the best high school passers in U.S. history in quarterback Patrick Hutka. Hutka recently broke the 44-year-old national high school record for all-purpose yardage.

The Eagles will try to pass the Buffs dizzy, just as they have with 14 other opponents this season.

The task facing Stanton will be tough, to say the least. This should be, by far, the toughest test the Buffs have faced all year.

But this team has been tested before, and passed all exams with flying colors. One more effort like that, and Stanton can lay claim to this area's first 11-man state football championship.

And who's to say that's not exactly what the Buffs will do? Certainly not us. There are no more doubts in this corner. We believe.

We do have one question, however: If Stanton does win Saturday, what in the world will the soreheads have to gripe about?

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The weather — always a good topic for tv

By DALE McFEATHERS  
Scripps Howard News Service

Local TV stations have discovered the weather. It is always there, it is cheap to cover, it lends itself to hysteria, and when it is bad the visuals are good.

The only problem with the weather is that you can't always count on it. A typical morning broadcast on my local channels:

"Moscow has record cold, 19 below. Eleven froze to death last night." Footage of muffled, fur-hatted Muscovites struggling through blowing snow. "Is that cold headed our way? We'll be right back."

"Moscow is in the deep freeze. Will we be too? Let's ask Channel Nine forecaster P.J. Isobar. "P.J., are we going to experience some of that Russian winter?"

"No, Tiffany. Lucky for us, we never see any of that weather. Our weather watchers are checking in from all over. 51 degrees downtown. Rockville reports 50 degrees. But out toward the mountains, it's 48, 46 with the wind chill.

"Checking our Channel Nine Doppler radar map, we see no local precip. And, going to our national satellite weather map, we see no precip of any kind, either, except for his little disturbance near Galveston, Texas, that we'll be keeping an eye on for you.

"But you know what they say about the weather. It changes. Back to you, Tiffany."

"What kind of winter do we have in store. Let's check with a forecaster who has a different approach."

Switch to standup of a bearded old coot in front of a log cabin. He is wearing what appears to be an elaborate orange and brown patterned sweater that turns out, as the camera moves in, to be hundreds of woolly bear caterpillars.

"With us is Hiram Crepple who uses traditional folk techniques to predict the weather. How do you see this winter, Mr. Crepple?"

"When the leaves are tender on the cabbage, the winter will be sort of average."

"I've heard that a narrow stripe on a woolly bear means

a fierce winter. We're your caterpillars telling you?"  
"Nothing. I just like to wear bugs."

"P.J. Isobar back with you. Looks like highs around 50, lows around 30 the rest of the week. A few scattered clouds. But it wasn't always thus. Here with a report from the Channel Nine Weather Patio is Otis Mungeon. Otis?"

A lightly perspiring reporter is standing outdoors on what appears to be a standard suburban patio. He is wearing galoshes, a hat with ear flaps, a down jacket, mittens and holding an umbrella.

"Remember what happened on this date eight years ago? I would have had to wear this outfit to stand on this very spot. We had four inches of snow. Four inches! But the kids enjoyed it."

Footage of ineptly made snowman on snowy lawn with grassy patches, followed by footage of traffic at a standstill in the falling snow. "Is this in our forecast? El Nino says maybe it is. Back after this."

"El Nino, that massive weather maker and trouble

maker in the Pacific. What are its plans for us?" Footage of storm-lashed coasts, wind-seared deserts, torrential rains flooding city streets, a highway shut down by a blizzard. "Let's go to snow removal chief Ron Halite at Snow Central. Ron, are you prepared for El Nino?"

Halite, a burly man in coveralls, is standing in front of a row of snow plows.

"Well, we try to track the anchovy movements off the coast of Ecuador pretty closely, and of course we keep an eye out for reports of out-of-season fish in the Pacific Northwest, but mostly we call the National Weather Service."

"If they say we're in for a good snow, we put the crews on standby. They'd be on standby now except, well, it's 50 degrees so I have them out patching potholes."

Footage of dirty air, smokestacks, closeups of auto exhaust pipes. Tiffany does voice-over: Global warming. Will the schools close? We'll be back at the top of the hour."

(Dale McFeathers is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service.)



An agenda of substance for President Bill Clinton

By LEONARD LARSEN  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, defending himself from criticism by fellow Democrats, reminded reporters at his press conference of the richness of America, that Americans represent only 4 percent of the world's population but have 29 percent of the world's wealth.

Elsewhere during his press conference and still on the defense, the president boasted of spending increases achieved in his presidency for domestic programs lumped under "welfare" — child support and health care, education, and the rest. In what's said to be his "race initiative," President Clinton cited increases in other traditional spending — in funding for higher education and equal employment programs, in minority housing, in "trying to enlist new leaders."

To the extent he was previewing domestic initiatives for 1998, the president, in extravagant wordiness and occasional anger, was only setting the stage for the traditional political argument: Democrats bragging at federal funds they'll spend on the nation's social problems and Republicans accusing Democrats of just throwing money at problems beyond solution.

And Democrats and Republicans are both right in some of this. The awful and

Can government ... ever cure the cancers of our culture, find solutions, fix what ails us and remove the blight?

tragic problems of the poor, the distressed and afflicted in this country must be addressed. But throwing money at what are problems now shared by four and five generations of the same families may only worsen their fate.

There is a great, unanswered question out there beyond where Democrats and Republicans quarrel at the edges over whether too much or not enough federal money is spent to house and feed and school and employ and train and protect the rights of that significant portion of the American population that's regarded as the deserving needy or leeches living off the rest of us.

It's this: Can government, either by throwing billions of dollars at cycles of poverty and distress or by turning its back on social problems, ever cure the cancers of our culture, find solutions, fix what ails us and remove the blight?

The short answer is that we don't know and we've never — or our public officials have never — done the serious work

and spent the serious money to find out. We know, or think we know, how to spend enormous amounts to maintain the poor in poverty and crime-breeding futility but we don't know why it's happened to them and keeps on happening.

Put it this way: The U.S. government spends lavishly on "science" and the products of science — the NASA stunts-in-space program and warplanes costing a billion dollars each, for example — but scientific study to isolate causes and discover cures or potential cures for intractable social problems is largely left to universities and foundations and professional cause chasers of the left and right.

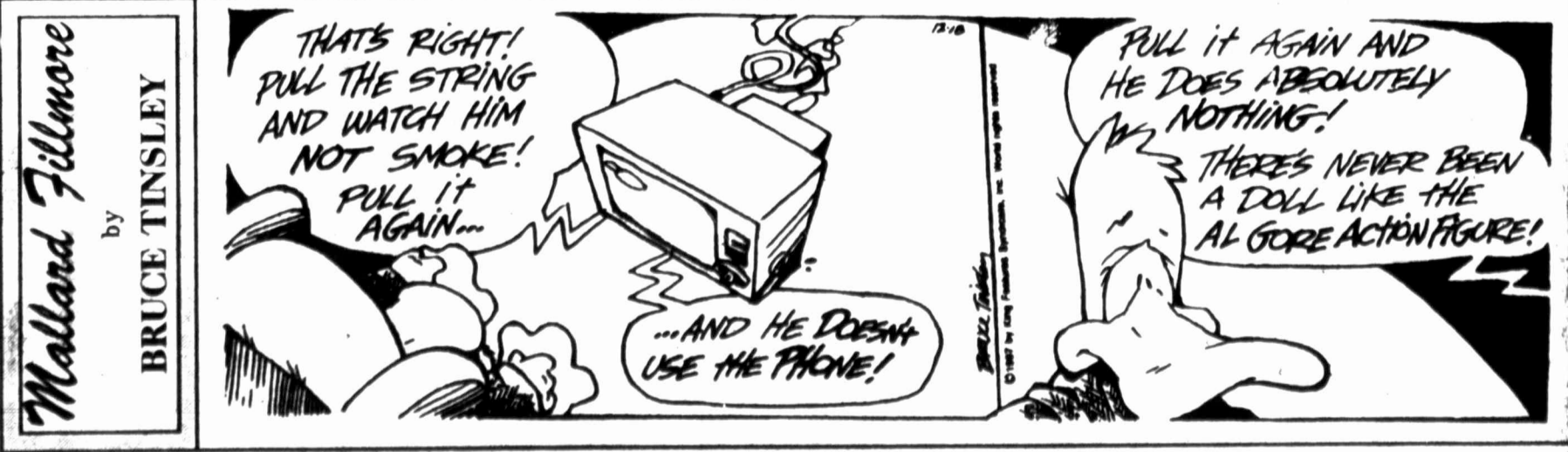
We are in the midst of financing, with what will certainly be hundreds of billions of dollars over dozens of years, NASA's "scientific" exploration of Mars, about which we already know everything remotely useful to earth-bound humans. And we don't know to any degree of certainty or predictability the "science" of our most basic social problems.

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◆ In Scandinavian countries, it was once believed the first person to get home after church on Christmas Day would be the first to reap his or her grain the following harvest.

### QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Raw spinach is far more nutritious than cooked. If you do cook it, don't add too much water, just the amount that adheres to the leaves after washing them.

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

## Season brings cheer, activities to Runnels campus

### Past students recall harsh times, different ways Christmas was observed

Christmas is almost here and there is only one more school day until Christmas vacation.

Christmas has been a very special time of year at Runnels for many years and still is today. We have had a lot of fun with the seasonal concerts, a dance, and other special events. Classes years back also remember the Christmas spirit at Runnels.

Our 1997 Christmas dance was held Dec. 5 in the girls' gym. For \$2.50 admission, there was a professional disk jockey. Here, all different kinds of music were played from country western to rap. There was an abundant supply of refreshments, and the party finally ended after three and a half hours of music and dancing.

Our choir and band have been busy during the holiday season. On Dec. 6, our band was invited to join the high school band and march in the Christmas parade. Members of both bands wore Santa hats and many wore lighted decorations of some sort.

They played "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" as they marched through the streets in the freezing weather. Runnels also sponsored a float featuring "The Last Class at Runnels" All athletes with passing grades were welcome to ride.

Christmas concerts have become a tradition with our school, and the band concert was held Dec. 13. It was a spe-

cial treat for the junior high and high school bands to play at the beautiful Civic Auditorium. It was a lot of fun. The Runnels (8th grade) band played "Carol of the Bells," "Fanfare for Christmas," "Christmas Rock," and "Trombones on the Housatop." The choir concert will be Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Christmas at Runnels is as much different in past decades than it is today. Joe Picie, class of 1928, recalled that in the late '20s, there wasn't much emphasis placed on Christmas in the schools.

Most of the Christmas activities took place in the churches. Real juniper trees would sometimes be cut and brought inside a church. They would often be decorated with real burning candles placed on branches! He did recall that the girls in the Glee Club would sing some Christmas carols at Runnels. Students would often make paper chains out of colored composition paper. Stringing cranberries together with cotton balls between them made other chains to be used for decoration.

The '30s brought Depression days to Runnels. Still, Christmas was mainly a church and home affair. Almost nothing was done at the schools because most people were just so poor.

I appreciate Betty Ray Coffee,

class of 1946, who contacted several of her classmates to get memories of Christmas at Runnels in the '40s for me.

While they had many memories of other things at Runnels, there were few Christmas memories. She states, "Our years were during World War II. This had a profound effect on students activities at Runnels, especially during Christmas. None of the people who I contacted remembered any special school activities. Very few students had money or cars, except a few who drove in from the country. Shoes, all leather goods, sugar, chocolate, gasoline, and tires were all rationed because of the war. That's quite a contrast to today, isn't it?"

"We didn't really do without a lot during the Korean, Vietnam, or Gulf Wars. We walked almost everywhere and met at a drugstore for our 'dates' and visiting. On occasion we went to a movie. We were thankful for the servicemen who returned and saddened by the loss of others,



April Ward  
Runnels Columnist



Runnels athletes with passing grades were welcome to ride on a float in the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas parade.

many with whom we attended school."

Sue Lane remembers that during the '50s, more Christmas programs took place at Runnels (which was then seventh, eighth and ninth grades). A Christmas assembly was always held in the gym before vacation and a nativity scene was often acted out. Classroom doors were decorated, and homeroom parties were held in which small gifts were exchanged.

During the '60s, Christmas at Runnels hit its peak. Christmas programs had become an annual event. Then a junior high with grades 6, 7, and 8, it was in fierce competition with the new school, Goliad. All students north of 11th Place went to Runnels and

everyone south went to Goliad. Jeanie Knocke, class of 1968, was a Runnels Cheerleader and a member of the choir. She said that the last day of school before Christmas Break was very special. Students came to school wearing their best Sunday clothes. During the assembly, the choir and band would perform Christmas carols. There was also a play: The halls and doors were decorated and a Christmas tree would be placed somewhere near the office. There would also be a canned food drive just like we had at Thanksgiving.

As you can see, Christmas at Runnels has changed greatly through the years. We hope this one will be just as good as all those in years past. Merry Christmas!

## VA has surprise holiday visitor

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth,  
good-will to men.  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

It was the night before Christmas at the Big Spring V.A. The work was all done, no more patients that day.



Fred Cox  
VA Medical Center

The charts were all hung on the units with care. In hopes that a discharge soon would be there.

The patients were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of "going home" danced in their heads.  
RN's in white and residents in green

Were softly recalling old Christmas scenes.  
When out on Gregg Street there arose such a clatter,  
Security was called to see what was the matter.

When what to their wondering eyes should appear  
But two tiny elves shouting,  
"Help! Over here!"  
It was a little old driver, who looked sort of sick.

His passengers said, "His name is St. Nick."  
A small 'chubby' man was dressed all in red  
With a makeshift bandage attached to his head.  
They could see in a moment that all was not well.

"O.K. Mr. St. Nick, what happened, you fell?"  
He sadly conveyed, "I tripped over my sleigh,  
But I really can't stop, I must be on my way."  
The brought him inside for the residents to see  
The unusual patient in examining Room B.

"Call a consult stat -- we must check his head --  
Then call up Admitting and get him to bed."  
Lab stats were ordered, a blood test or two,  
Respiratory was called to bring the O-2.

The Chaplain stopped by to comfort the elves,  
And Social Work offered transportation themselves.  
The patient kept saying,  
"Don't worry 'bout me,  
I have deliveries to make and it is almost three."  
"My gifts and my sleigh and my team of reindeer  
Are waiting atop the building out there."  
One by one the staff was heard to exclaim

Please see Cox, page 6A.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Peace poster winner

Miguel Diaz, Runnels Junior High School eighth grader, has taken the first step toward becoming an internationally-recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

Diaz's poster is among more than 300,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 10th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Evening Lions Secretary Bob Noyes said he was impressed by the amount of effort exhibited by the Runnels students. "It's obvious these young people have strong ideas of what peace means to them," he said. "We're proud to be able to share their vision of peace."

Diaz's poster now advances to the second level, the district competition in San Angelo,



Bob Noyes, secretary of the Evening Lions Club, with poster winner Miguel Diaz, local eighth grader.

where his entry will compete against those from many other local contests. The winner there goes on to international judging.

One grand prize winner will ultimately be selected. Grand prize includes a cash award of

\$2,500 plus an expense-paid trip for the winner and his or her family to New York City for the awards ceremony at the United Nations in 1998.

"We're cheering for Miguel as his poster advances in the competition," Noyes said.

## Teacher who defends underdog makes all students feel safe

QUESTION: You once wrote about an overweight fourth-grade girl named Nancy who was teased by some 'dressy' girls as she entered the classroom, while the teacher looked in silence. What would you have done if you had been the teacher on that day?

DR. DOBSON: Those mocking, joking boys would have had a fight on their hands. I promise you that. Of course, it would have been better if the embarrassment could have been prevented by discussing the feelings of others from the first day of school. But if the conflict occurred as described, with Nancy suddenly being humiliated for everyone to see, I would have thrown the full weight of my authority and respect on her side of the battle.

My spontaneous response would have carried this general theme: "Wait just a minute! By what right do any of you boys say such mean, unkind things to Nancy? I want to know which of you is so perfect that the rest of us couldn't make fun of you in some way? I know you all very well. I know about your homes and your school records and some of your personal secrets. Would you like me to share them with the class, so we can all laugh at you the way you just did at Nancy?"

"I could do it! I could make you want to crawl into a hole and disappear. But listen to me -- you need not fear. I will never embarrass you in that way. Why not? Because it hurts to be laughed at by your friends. It hurts even more than a stubbed toe or a cut finger or a bee sting.

"I want to ask those of you who were having such a good time at Nancy's expense a few moments ago: Have you ever had a group of students make fun of you in the same way? If you haven't, then brace yourself. Someday it will happen to you, too. Eventually you will say something foolish -- something that will cause everyone to point at you and laugh in your face. And when it happens, I want you to remember what happened today."

Then I'd address the entire class: "Let's make sure that we learn something important from what took place here this afternoon. First, we will not be mean to each other in this class. We will laugh together when things are funny, but we will not do it by making one person feel bad. Second, I will never intentionally embarrass anyone in this class. You can count on that. Each of you is a child of God. You were made with his loving hands, and he has said that we all have equal worth as human beings. This means that Susie is neither better nor worse than you. Please see DOBSON, page 6A.



Dr. James Dobson  
Columnist

## Which were the best movies?

### AP names top, bottom of Hollywood's offerings

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

George Clooney, it's clear now, should have stayed in the ER. Demi Moore should have kept her hair, if not her head. Paul Verhoeven ("Starship Troopers") should have saved his money. And Beaver Cleaver really should have stayed in the 1950s.

Perhaps the smartest move in 1997's filmmaking came from Keanu Reeves, who graciously allowed Jason Patric to replace him in "Speed 2: Cruise Control."

Don't be misled, though. Hollywood's offerings for the year certainly contained some high points: The noirish "L.A. Confidential," which toyed with the hardboiled genre and came up shining.

The film reviewers of The Associated Press voted on the best and worst movies of 1997. Results in alphabetical order:

Best Movies of 1997:  
—"Amistad"  
—"Boogie Nights"  
—"Eve's Bayou"  
—"The Full Monty"  
—"Grosse Pointe Blank"

—"The Ice Storm"  
—"L.A. Confidential"  
—"Ma Vie en Rose"  
—"Men in Black"  
—"The Sweet Hereafter"

Worst Movies of 1997:  
—"Batman and Robin"  
—"Deconstructing Harry"  
—"G.I. Jane"  
—"The Jackal"  
—"John Grisham's The Rainmaker"  
—"Leave It to Beaver"  
—"The Locusts"  
—"The Lost World: Jurassic Park"  
—"Speed 2: Cruise Control"

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### How about a holiday camp?

The Big Spring Family YMCA is planning a holiday camp for local kids during the upcoming break from school. For parents who must work while their children are at home, the Y program is a solution.

Trained staff will provide activities for children that are educational and healthy in a safe, affordable environment. For example, at right is Cretchen Kassner giving basketball instruction to Victoria Hannabass. This camp will be Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and Jan. 2. Hours will be 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Still time to see spring lights

The historic spring in Comanche Trail park will be decorated with a lighted display of thousands of lights nightly beginning at 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 1.

For more information, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

### Flu shots through February

Texas Department of Health will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

## THE LAST WORD

Nothing is so soothing to our self-esteem as to find our bad traits in our forbears. It seems to absolve us.

Van Wyck Brooks

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.

Benjamin Franklin

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

George Bernard Shaw

# Santa taking orders on the Internet

By TIM YEADON  
Scripps Howard News Service

Santa's gone cyber and is now accepting your Christmas wish list via e-mail.

Of course, he can't actually answer it himself, he's way too busy. These days, the jolly one has a personal assistant who checks his mail and then forwards you a personalized Christmas response.

"Rudolph will be answering letters right up until Christmas," says Lara Edge, director of online graphics for the "Welcome to Santa's Workshop" web site created just for kids.

"Welcome to Santa's Workshop" (www.santas-workshop.org) is only one of many Christmas home pages on the Internet helping out Santa this year.

The home pages range from religion-oriented to silly. For example Edge's site, sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company, offers this question from its Christmas quiz: When Santa laughs, what happens to his belly? A.) his belly-button turns from an "innie" to an "outie;" B.) it jiggles like a bowl full of jelly; C.) he burps. (Correct answer is B.)

Here is a sampling of Internet sites designed to help plan and enjoy Christmas. (None carry any formal endorsement.)

Tired of the same old Norway Spruce year after year? Arizona Cyprus got you down? Try the National Christmas Tree Association's web site (www.christree.org) for a comprehensive Christmas tree guide.

Buy your Christmas tree on the Internet (www.tnt-

web.com/exmastrees). It comes in a box.

"A Religious Christmas" is offering the chance to experience the joy of the nativity through art, music, drama, sermons and essays (www.execpc.com/(tlide)tmuth/st-john/xmas/main.htm). Assembled by St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wis., this site has a link to every conceivable religious holiday site on the web.

Experience the culinary delights that helped President Clinton wean himself off fast food.

Sample the White House holiday recipes as prepared by White House Chefs Walter Scheib III and Roland Mesnier on first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's "Holiday in the White House" page (www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/First-

Lady/htms/holidays.html).

Have a very merry vegetarian Christmas at VegSource (www.vegsource.com/christmas.htm).

See exactly how long you can procrastinate before you are forced to buy gifts for your in-laws with Christmas.com's "World Famous Countdown 'Til Christmas" (www.christmas.com/html/countdown.html).

Enter and win a \$500 credit at the Readers Digest online store at the "Christmas with Readers Digest" web site (www.rdchristmas.com).

The site also offers recipes, holiday stories, crafts and home projects.

Send an American Lung Association Christmas Seal via e-mail to a friend or loved one (www.christmasseals.org/index.html).

## DOBSON

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ter nor worse than Wade, or Mary, or Brent.

"Sometimes I think maybe you believe a few of you are more important than others. It isn't true. Every one of you is priceless to God, and each of you will live forever in eternity. That's how valuable you are. God loves every boy and girl in this room, and because of that, I love every one of you. He wants us to be kind to other people, and we're going to be practicing that kindness through the rest of this year."

When a strong, loving teacher comes to the aid of a child in her class, something dramatic occurs in the emotional climate of the room. Every child seems to utter an audible sigh of relief. The same thought is bouncing around in many little heads: "If Nancy is safe from ridicule, then I must be safe too."

You see, by defending an unpopular child in the room, a teacher is demonstrating (1) that she has no "pets"; (2) that she respects everyone; (3) that she will fight for anyone who is being treated unjustly. Those are three virtues that children value highly, and that contribute to mental health.

And may I suggest to parents, defend the underdog in your neighborhood. Let it be known that you have the confidence to speak for the outcast. Explain this philosophy to your neighbors, and try to create an emotional harbor for the little children whose ship has been threatened by a storm of rejection. Don't be afraid to exercise leadership on behalf of a youngster who is being mauled. There is no more worthy investment of your time and energy.

## COX

Continued from page 5A.

"My gosh, it's true! He is who he claims!"

"In time for the holiday out he must be,

In time for Christmas and lighting the tree."

"We'd like to go with you, but we must remain

We sent our good wishes to all

just the same."

The order was final, agreed one

and all!

"Discharge, discharge, discharge them all!"

And laying a finger aside of his nose,

leaving his Blue Cross number,

off the gurney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a shout,

"Quick, let's go! I almost didn't get out!"

Then we heard him exclaim as he

drove out of sight,

Healthy Christmas to all and to

all a good night!

With apologies to Clement C. Moore, Author of the original "The Night Before Christmas."

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Did you know the very first Christmas card was created in

London in 1843, when businessman Henry Cole didn't have

enough time to write personal Christmas greetings, as was the

custom of the day.

Cole asked artist John Calcott Horsley to design a card to

send to his friends and business acquaintances. His mes-

sage, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You," is

still the most popular greeting, and is the wish from the entire

staff of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

# Cafeteria kid 10-year-old turns lunch into healthy, pleasant event

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) — Fifth-grader Justin Walker's bid for a student council seat included a promise to get better-tasting cafeteria food that was healthy, too.

The 10-year-old was sick of seeing full trays of uneaten food thrown in the garbage. A year later, students at Alpharetta Elementary School choose from such dishes as beef quesadillas and oven-roasted turkey at the Eagle Rock Cafe. No more tasteless meatloaf.

Justin's success is just the innovation the government is looking for to help turn America's schools into training grounds for healthy eating habits, giving youngsters a better chance against the top three killers of adults — heart disease, stroke and cancer.

"All we have to do is clone him," said Howell Wechsler, a health scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "What an example of how anyone can make a difference. And he was just trying to fulfill a campaign pledge."

Justin made his improvements at a time when the CDC says many schools are giving students the wrong message on health and exercise. Physical education classes are being cut, and participation is low in schools that still have them. And youngsters still would rather have an order of fries than a handful of carrot sticks.

School cafeterias do serve healthy food, but kids won't eat it if it doesn't taste good.

"Programs to promote health eating and physical activity are most likely to be effective when they help kids learn the skills themselves and aren't just cramming kids' heads with facts," Wechsler said.

Justin was weaned on the four basic food groups. His parents told him he'd be stronger and faster if he ate nutritious food — a philosophy that fueled his efforts to change the cafeteria.

"I was quickly reminded by my peers of my promise," he said. "It's easier to give your word, but harder to keep your word."

Justin talked with a family friend who worked for the U.S.

**'Usually, leadership does come from adults like a principal or teacher, but it can come from a 10-year-old.'**

**Howell Wechsler, health scientist**

Department of Agriculture and learned about a program called Team Nutrition that helps school cooks make healthy and tasty dishes.

He formed a committee that surveyed students on their opinions about cafeteria food. The results — thumbs down on meatloaf, white cake and the cafeteria itself. Justin then held a contest to rename the cafeteria and offered his own prized Beanie Baby (Garcia, the tie-dyed teddy bear) to the winner.

After a year of work, the cafeteria got a modern makeover. Chefs from four- and five-star restaurants came in for a day and treated students to chicken nuggets with oriental sauce, Greek salad and apple strudel, all with supplies from the cafeteria kitchen.

All were low fat dishes — and the kids thought they tasted great.

Justin and his committee now called the Youth Advisory Council — also brought in a personal trainer to assist with physical education classes.

All of that, plus a healthy load of homework, wasn't easy.

"Some days in our meetings, we had so many things to talk about, we could barely handle it all," Justin said. "When the bell would ring, we'd have to go."

Wechsler praised Justin's ability to motivate his fellow students and the teachers.

"Usually, leadership does come from adults like a principal or teacher," he said, "but it can come from a 10-year-old."

Justin eats cafeteria food every day and tries to eat healthy snacks, but he still won't say no to pizza. He's already been asked by the middle school he'll attend next year to redo its lunch menu.

# Holiday shopping tips to avoid too much stress

By RHONDA B. SEWELL  
Toledo Blade

It's time for the annual frenzy of holiday gift buying and unless you're an alien from the Planet Perfect, you probably could use some help.

Although results of a recent Spiegel survey, showed that 63 percent of men and 80 percent of women had positive feelings about holiday shopping and gift giving, a day of waiting in lines and bumping into fellow shoppers can be hard on the spirit, if not the feet and credit card.

After consulting Webster's for a definition of shopping — an act requiring one "to visit stores for purchasing or examining goods" — we consulted the experts on how to make holiday shopping a breeze.

Dawn Wells, who was shopping last week at a mall in Toledo, Ohio, said wearing comfortable shoes is a must if you plan to hit more than one store during an outing.

"Getting in and out of the car, staying out longer than you planned, and running to nab an available sales clerk can hurt your feet if you have on the wrong kind of shoes. I wear heels at work, but I'd never wear them out here because I plan to shop for at least three hours."

"I'm off today and I'm getting everything done today," said Mrs. Wells, who was wearing flat leather mules — also called slides — which are easy to get in and out of.

According to the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society, people take an aver-

age of 10,000 strides per day, and high heels shift the force of these strides to place pressure on the ball of the foot and the bones at the base of the toe.

So if you're going to shop after work, take a pair of flat supportive shoes, preferably the comfortable athletic walking type.

Convenience is the key word for shopper Bill Abbott.

"Let's see, I think I've got three more presents, maybe four more to get and that's it. I told myself that I'm going to go to one store and get everything. I ended up going to four," Abbott said.

Experts say people like convenience and hate hassles, especially during the holiday season.

Late-night shopping, or shopping during special store hours — either early in the morning or late at night — can help shoppers avoid long lines and holiday crowds.

This is a good idea, especially when buying groceries for holiday meals.

A 1995 publication, The Food Retailing Review, reports that about 3 percent of shoppers actually prefer the wee hours of the morning for their major grocery-shopping trips.

Although few statistics are kept on late-night shoppers, their numbers go up during the holidays, said Gail Hanger, a spokeswoman for the National Grocers Association.

"People try to avoid lines anyway, and everyone knows that lines are longer during the holidays," she said.

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## Cowboys rookie LaFleur finally gets a chance to show he can catch

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Tight end David LaFleur — a heralded first-round draft pick wearing the official stamp of approval from quarterback Troy Aikman — was expected to be just what the doctor ordered for Dallas' sickly offense.

Without Jay Novacek, the Cowboys' offense was 24th in the NFL in 1996. Finding a solid blocking, pass-catching tight end was a big off-season priority for coach Barry Switzer.

In training camp, Aikman spoke glowingly of the 6-foot-7, 280-pound former LSU star whom he had personally worked out while the Cowboys were trying to decide their draft order last April. "Great hands," Aikman said of the workout. "He's a big guy who can move."

But once the regular season started, Aikman went elsewhere with his passes. Eric Bjornson, not a good blocker, got most of Aikman's attention at the tight end position.

LaFleur blocked and blocked and blocked.

## Switzer's fate may not be settled until February

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones keeps talking around the future status of coach Barry Switzer, but he has dropped hints that a decision is at least six weeks away, and maybe longer.

"We may go to the end of February before anything is decided on our staff," Jones said Wednesday. "We may not even make a state-

ment. It just may become evident on what we plan to do as we look at free agency, attend combines, and prepare for the draft."

Switzer said Tuesday he has done a better job of coaching this year than he did when the Cowboys won the Super Bowl two years ago. But, Jones has steadfastly refused to say whether the former Oklahoma coach or his staff will be back next year against the New York Giants.

Then Bjornson got hurt. And in the 15th game of the season, LaFleur caught three passes, two of them for touchdowns, in a loss to Cincinnati. They were the first touchdown passes caught by a tight end all season.

"I hope I opened a few eyes," said the quiet-spoken LaFleur.

He certainly did — on a diving catch in the end zone for one of the touchdowns.

"That was a heck of a play," Aikman said. "I think everyone agrees that David did a great job as a blocker. And I think he has grown as receiver. I think he will make a tremendous improvement when he goes to his second training camp. I think he can make a major contribution to this team next year."

LaFleur reacted calmly to his first NFL touchdown passes. There was no dancing. No spiking of the football.

"I didn't know how to react," he said. "It took me by surprise."

LaFleur could be a surprise for the Cowboys one year late.

"He looks like he could be the complete tight end," Switzer said. "He's already shown he can be a good blocker in this league. Now, he shows he has the hands."

Said scouting director Larry Laceywell: "The first year is a learning experience for rookies, particularly in the offensive line. He's blocked very well and now we need to exploit his offensive talents."

LaFleur is expected to be one of Aikman's prime targets in Sunday's meaningless regular season finale against the Giants.

"David is getting a chance because Bjornson got hurt and it looks like he's making the most of it," Aikman said.

## Bill Bates nears end of career

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys safety Bill Bates has been through it many times before.

The season is winding down and again there are reports that his career with the Cowboys may soon be over after 15 seasons.

It's been the same every year as the final game approaches. There are reports that Sunday's game against the New York Giants will be his last in a Cowboys uniform.

Bates, who has spent his entire career with the Cowboys, says that final game may really be approaching.

"In the back of my mind, I know this has a very good chance of being my last game," Bates said Wednesday. "It's going to be special. Obviously, there aren't many games left for me."

Bates made the team in 1983 as an undrafted free agent from the University of Tennessee, somehow surviving 15 seasons, three owners and three head coaches.

He has played in 230 games, including the playoffs, which is the second-highest total in team history. His 216 regular-season appearances are just seven shy of the club record held by defensive end Ed "Too Tall" Jones.

Although Bates would like to return for a 16th season to break the club record, he realizes that the uncertainty surrounding the Cowboys' off-season plans and the development of several younger players could force him to retire.

The team is 6-9 and out of the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1990.

## Eagle air game concerns Buffs

A perceived slight could be difference

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

STANTON — A new challenge is in store for Stanton's Buffaloes when they step onto the floor of Texas Stadium at 6 p.m. Saturday to face Rogers' Eagles for the state Class 2A football championship — stopping a passing offense even more vaunted than their own.

It's a concern that Stanton coach Mark Cotton readily admits.

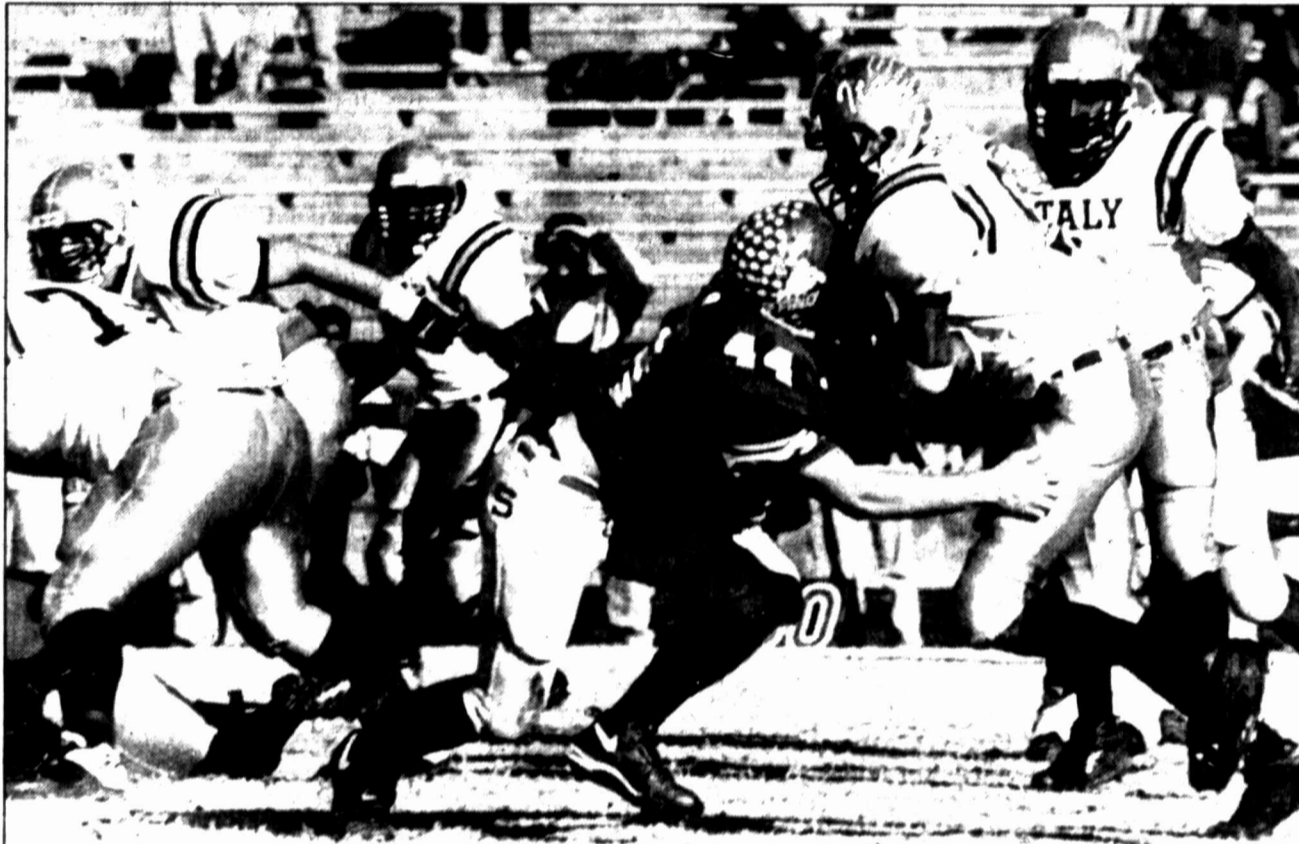
"I just wish somebody could tell me how to stop their (Rogers') passing game," Cotton said prior to putting his team on a bus for Odessa where they went through workout drills on Ratliff Stadium's artificial turf surface.

"We haven't had to face a purely passing team," Cotton noted. "Of course, they (Eagles) run with the ball, but it's the same kid you've got to stop ... (Patrick) Hutka."

While Cotton has glowing praise for Hutka, Rogers' all-state quarterback, and his teammates, his demeanor is strikingly similar to that he evidenced a week earlier when expressing glowing admiration for Italy's Gladiators who fell 35-7 victim to the Buffs' stampede in last week's semifinal.

Cotton noted that Shallowater threw the ball with some success against the Buffaloes in their bi-district game, as did Albany in the quarterfinals.

But the Eagles' offense is something the Buffs haven't faced.



STANTON linebacker Jody Louder (44) makes a big tackle on Italy's Randy Johnson, throwing the Gladiators' main weapon for a loss during the Buffs' 35-7 win in last week's Class 2A semifinal playoff game. Having proved they can stop a heralded running attack, the Buffaloes will now face Rogers' record-setting passing game in Saturday's state championship game.

## TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for Saturday's 6 p.m. state championship game between Stanton and Rogers are currently on sale at the Stanton ISD administration building. They are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All tickets at the gate will be \$8.

"There's no reference point," Cotton explained. "It's a run and shoot offense ... a one-back, shotgun formation and they go without a huddle."

"They try to keep you off balance," he added. "They want to control the tempo of the game and they've been extremely effective at doing that. You can't get a lot of substitutes in on defense if they don't want you to."

Hutka, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound senior and converted wide receiver gets plenty of praise from Cotton.

"He's a good one ... everything everyone's said about him," the Buff boss explained. "He deserves all the attention he's gotten. He throws the ball extremely well and they've got three great receivers to go with him."

Through 15 games, Hutka has thrown the ball for a state record 4,346 yards, completing

273-of-452 passes for 52 touchdowns.

In addition, he leads the Eagles in rushing with 1,431 rushing yards, and with 41 return yards, he's piled up 5,818 total yards — erasing one of those "unbreakable" school-boy records for total yards in a season established by Kenneth "Sugarland Express" Hall in 1953. Hall's 44-year-old mark was 5,146 yards.

Asked whether Stanton's star junior quarterback Kyle Herm and senior wideout Tyrone Davis might have piled up similar numbers if the Buffs' hadn't faced such weak opponents

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## 'Niners again Riceless

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jerry Rice came back, and now he's gone again, and for the second time this season the San Francisco 49ers are dealing with the loss of the game's premier receiver.

"Everybody to a man feels sad for Jerry," coach Steve Mariucci said. "Everybody to a man knows we've gone through this already and have won and we simply have to do it again, so on we go."

Rice's first injury occurred in the season opener at Tampa Bay, when he tore two ligaments in his left knee.

Initially thought to be lost for the year after reconstructive surgery, Rice pursued an aggressive rehabilitation and received clearance to play in the 49ers' game against Denver on Monday night, won by San Francisco 34-17.

He was in the midst of a triumphant return when he cracked the kneecap in the same knee after catching a touchdown pass from Steve Young and coming down hard on the rebuilt joint.

Rice, who had never missed a game due to injury in his 12 previous seasons, underwent surgery Tuesday to repair the broken kneecap. He faces another grueling rehabilitation, possibly up to 2 months.

But that leaves the playoff-bound 49ers (13-2) without Rice, whose touchdown Monday night made him the first non-kicker to score 1,000 points.

"To not have the greatest receiver ever to play the game in the lineup, that definitely hurts," tight end Brent Jones said.

"It was such an emotional high to have him back, and then to hear about that was tough. But guys are going to keep it on. I know Jerry wants us to win the Super Bowl. He wouldn't have come back if he didn't want us to win it."

Steve Young said he wished Rice's comeback could have lasted a lot longer.

"It was a great few plays and I was very excited to throw him the ball," Young said. "It seemed like riding a bike. It was very easy and I loved it while it was there. But it really was for such a short period, and we've been doing this (without Rice) for a long time."

## With Shaq missing, Bulls simply wipe floor with Lakers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shaquille O'Neal wasn't there, and all Scottie Pippen was show off another designer suit. So you can't read too much into what the Chicago Bulls did to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Still, if this really was the team of the present playing the team of the future, much work remains to be done if Los Angeles really plans to supplant Chicago.

The Bulls simply wiped the floor with the Lakers on Wednesday night, jumping out to an early double-digit lead

## NBA ROUNDUP

and never letting up as they earned a 104-83 victory in a much-anticipated matchup of two of the league's most entertaining teams.

"Until someone knocks us off the block, we're still king of the hill," said Michael Jordan, who hit 12 of his 22 shots and scored 36 points.

Kobe Bryant, a player who's being described more and more as the heir to Jordan in terms of talent, scored a career-high

33 points. But 16 came in the fourth quarter after the outcome was no longer in doubt.

In other NBA games, Atlanta defeated Cleveland 94-83, Indiana beat New York 87-80, San Antonio topped Vancouver 98-87, New Jersey edged Detroit 105-101, Charlotte downed Milwaukee 99-90, Minnesota got past Philadelphia 94-90, Washington stopped Miami 88-74 and Boston beat Toronto 88-83.

Chicago's starters outscored their L.A. counterparts 52-24 in the first half as the Bulls took a 57-41 lead. The Lakers got no

closer than 16 in the second half.

Luc Longley, who missed the previous game with a sprained ankle, added a career-high 23 points, and Dennis Rodman had 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who shot 50 percent as they improved to 11-1 at home.

Eddie Jones, the NBA's best-shooting guard at 52 percent coming in, was 1-for-11, and starting forwards Rick Fox and Robert Horry combined to go 2-for-15. In addition, the Lakers were outscored 54-36, so they never got their vaunted running game going.

## Hawks 94, Cavaliers 83

At Atlanta, Steve Smith scored 23 points and the Hawks, bolstered by the return of top reserve Alan Henderson, pulled away in the fourth quarter to extend their winning streak to four games.

The Hawks (19-5) were coming off a four-game West Coast trip in which they won the final three games. They pulled even with Seattle for the top record in the league.

The Cavaliers lost for the second time in three games after a 10-game winning streak.

## Sealy's fourth title chase led by four first-team all-state picks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Regular season, postseason, all-state teams ... it doesn't matter. If it's from Class 3A, then Sealy is going to dominate it.

The Lions, who on Friday night will try becoming the first team in state history to win four straight championships, placed a class-best four players on The Associated Press Sports Editors all-state team released Wednesday.

Three came from the Sealy defense, which allowed just 29 points in the regular season. The honorees were lineman Daniel Ballard, defensive back Michael Griffin and linebacker Adam Zapalac, a first-teamer last year who also was voted the defensive player of the year.

"I'd have to say this is the best defense we've played all along (during the championship run)," Sealy coach T.J. Mills said. "Hopefully we'll

keep it up for one more ballgame."

The Lions — one of only four three-time champions and the first of that group to make it to the finals the next year — had one offensive first-teamer in Jason Carr, a lineman who helped pave the way to an average 383.6 yards per game. Linemates Keith Bilski and Vince Doyle made second team, as did place kicker Derek Lechler.

Cuero, which was shut out by Sealy in the regional finals, placed three players on the first team: offensive lineman Forest Aleman, linebacker Kevin Nesloney and defensive back Joe Thomas, who also made first team last year.

Commerce, Sealy's title game opponent, had two first-teamers in offensive lineman Brian Oellerman and defensive back Cornelius Hines.

Groesbeck also had two first-teamers in defensive lineman Jason Cahill and linebacker Brian Truett.

Aledo and Clint also each had two guys on the first team, although they combined for only three spots because Aledo's Dustin Proctor and Clint's D.J. Check shared the quarterback spot. Offensive lineman Matt Morris was Aledo's other honoree and end James Arnold was the other Clint selection.

The eighth annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Offensive lineman Cheyenne Sharp of Vernon and running back Toby Shain of Seminole are first teamers for the second straight year.

Other running backs were Dale Cope of Eustace and Corrigan-Camden's Anthony Harrell, who ran for 2,275 yards and 34 touchdowns. He is offensive player of the year.

Rounding out the first-team offense were end Mike Walters of Fort Worth Carter-Riverside and kicker Matt Douglas of White Oak.

Filling in the defensive first-team were lineman Jeremiah Love of Iowa Park, linebacker Kyle Baker of Lorena, defensive back Zeb Ferris of Brady and punter Justin Mayes of Kenedy.

The Sealy defense was stingy all season, allowing an average of 124 yards and 2.9 points per game. In five playoff games, opponents have scored 40 points, 14 of them in the final seconds of blowouts.

Mills credited Zapalac, a two-year starter at middle linebacker, for anchoring the defense.

"Adam is the quarterback of our defense; he makes all our calls," Mills said. "He's a hard worker, very dependable and a great tackler. He doesn't get beat. He finds a way to get to the football."

# Lady Longhorns coach Jody Conrard seeks milestone — 700th win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas' Jody Conrard can't remember her first victory. But no one is letting her forget the significance of her next.

Conrard, the all-time winningest coach in women's college basketball, goes for victory No. 700 tonight at home against Northwestern.

With an overall record of 699-202 (77.6 percent), Conrard would become the first women's college coach and only the eighth — men's or women's — to reach the 700-victory milestone.

The company includes the likes of North Carolina's Deam Smith and Kentucky's Adolph Rupp.

"I think this means that I'm old and I've been around the longest," Conrard joked Wednesday. "It's nice because people are taking note of it and because there have been a lot of special players and games along the way."

She is 582-137 in 22 seasons at Texas, including the first Division I team in history to go undefeated (34-0) in winning the national championship in 1986.

She is second only to Indiana's Bob Knight (705) in victories among all active college coaches.

"When I first started coaching, they didn't pay people to coach women's basketball," Conrard said. "It was something you did in addition to teaching or being an administrator. It's great to see how everything has evolved."

"Now, coaching women's basketball is respectable with good pay and fans are interested in the game."

Conrard, who pulled in \$12,000 a year in the early 1970s as an administrator and coach at University of Texas-Arlington, now takes home

\$255,000 per year. Texas players would love to give their coach No. 700 as quickly as possible.

"This victory probably should have come already," said junior guard Vanessa Wallace, referring to the Longhorns' 2-4 start, due in part to a season-ending knee injury to 6-foot-4 center Carla Littleton.

"It's special to be part of a program like this and to learn from someone who has had so much success," Wallace said. "It's great to be a part of history. So many players contributed to this, and I'm sure they share in our

excitement for coach Conrard."

Conrard, ever the perfectionist, said she finds it ironic that pursuit of the victory milestone comes at a time when her team is struggling.

"When the spotlight shines on your program, you would like to have a winning record," Conrard said. "There's irony that it comes at a time when we are trying to find ourselves."

Conrard has averaged 27.6 wins per year at Texas with one losing season.

"I guess that's what means the most, that I have been able to sustain a level of consistency in winning," Conrard said.

## 3A ALL-STATE

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

**LINEMEN**  
FORST ALEMAN, Cuero, 6-2, 200, Sr. — 55 pancake blocks, six scoring blocks for team that averaged 367.4 yards.

**JASON CARR**, Seely, 6-3, 230, Sr. — dominating blocker at tight end for team that averaged 363.6 yards.

**MATT MORRIS**, Aledo, 6-2, 260, Sr. — didn't allow sack, offense avg. 414 yards, 44 points.

**BRIAN O'LEARY**, Commerce, 6-1, 235, Sr. — top lineman for team that averaged 37 points.

**CHEYENNE SHARP**, Vernon, 5-11, 200, Sr. — first team last year, 72 knockdowns.

**ENDS**  
**JAMES S. ARNOLD**, Clint, 6-0, 175, Sr. — 67-1,191 yards, 13 TDs.

**MIKE WALTERS**, FW Carter-Riverside, 5-10, 175, Sr. — 72-1,156, 7 TDs.

**QUARTERBACK**  
**D.J. CHECK**, Clint, 5-11, 170, So. — 186-391-24, 2,741 yards, 27 TDs.

**DUSTIN PROCTOR**, Aledo, 5-11, 175, Sr. — 66-127-1,287, 18 TDs passing, 84-731, 10 TDs rushing.

**RUNNING BACKS**  
**DALE COPE**, Eastview, 6-1, 190, Sr. — 291-2,001 yards, 20 TDs.

**ANTHONY HARPELL**, Conroy-Camden, 6-2, 190, Sr. — 215-2,275, 34 TDs for 297 yards against Center and twice scored 5 TDs in one game.

**BOB SHAIN**, Seminole, 7-1, 208, Sr. — 143-1,069, 31 TDs in nine games, first team last year.

**PLACE KICKER**  
**MATT DOUGLAS**, White Oak, 5-9, 150, Jr. — 11 of 11 FGs, 53 long, five of 40 yards or more, 26-of-28 PATs.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Anthony Harpell, Conroy-Camden.

**DEFENSE**

**LINEMEN**  
**DANIEL BALLARD**, Seely, 6-0, 215, Sr. — anchored defensive line for team that allowed just 124 yards per game and gave up 29 points all season.

**JASON CARROLL**, Groesbeck, 6-3, 210, Sr. — 122 sacks, 11 forced fumbles, 3 caused fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 INT returned for TD.

**TREMIAN LOVE**, Iowa Park, 6-2, 225, Sr. — 45 sacks, 12 sacks for touchdowns, 16 pressures, one interception, one fumble recovery.

**LEVIN NELSON**, Llaneta, 6-4, 240, Sr. — 93 sacks, 32 sacks, 5 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, 7 QB knockdowns, one interception.

**LINEBACKERS**  
**MIKE BAKER**, Lorena, 6-3, 195, Sr. — 192 tackles (17.5 per game), 15 tackles for losses, 4 fumble recoveries, 3 forced fumbles.

**BRIAN THURTELL**, Groesbeck, 6-0, 200, Sr. — 153 tackles, caused 4 fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries, 1 INT, 1 blocked punt and 2 blocked kicks.

**ADAM ZAPALAG**, Seely, 5-11, 190, Sr. — top tackler on defense that allowed just 29 points in 10 regular season games.

**DEFENSIVE BACK**  
**ZEB FERRIS**, Brady, 5-11, 190, Jr. — 122 tackles, 10 for loss, 3 caused fumbles, 4 recovered fumbles, 5 pass breakups, 8 sacks, 1 blocked punt, 12 QB pres. sues.

**MICHAEL GRIFFIN**, Seely, 5-10, 170, Sr. — anchored secondary for 10th district champion that allowed just 502 yards passing all season and 29 points all season.

**CORNELIUS HINES**, Commerce, 5-11, 185, Sr. — three-year starter, 82 tackles.

**KE THOMAS**, Cuero, 5-9, 170, Sr. — 47 tackles, 12 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 INT (17 yards), 8 pass-defended defensive backs.

**HUNTER**  
**RUSTIN MAYES**, Kenedy, 6-2, 185, Sr. — 42 points, 11-32 yards (13.9 mpt), long, 7 of 10 blocked.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Adam Zapalag, Seely.

**SECOND TEAM**

**OFFENSE**  
**OL TANNER ALEXANDER**, Perryton, 6-2, 210, Sr.

**OL KEITH BILSKI**, Seely, 5-11, 190, Sr.

**OL JAROD BROTHERS**, Fairfield, 6-5, 275, Sr.

**OL VINCE BOYLE**, Seely, 6-2, 230, Sr.

**OL FRANK LONGORIA**, Denver City, 6-0, 277, Sr.

**OL TORY BREWER**, La Grange, 6-0, 180, Sr.

**OL MARCUS OLIVER**, Hirochook, 6-0, 190, Sr.

**OL BRADLEY HAZEL**, Llano, 6-3, 205, Sr.

**OL JEFF DUNLAP**, Bonham, 6-0, 190, Sr.

**OL ERIK MORRISON**, Lubbock Cooper, 5-11, 185, Sr.

**OL DERRELL MOTEN**, Gatesville, 5-11, 190, Sr.

**OL DEREK LECHLER**, Seely, 6-2, 220, Sr.

**DEFENSE**  
**OL JIMMY BYAN**, Winkley, 6-0, 215, Sr.

**OL ZELVIN TALLEY**, Ruston, 6-0, 260, Sr.

**OL JEREMY VANGA**, Cameron, 6-2, 255, Jr.

**OL JEFF WILLIS**, Breckenridge, 5-11, 195, Sr.

**OL CASSIUS JOHNSON**, Martin, 6-0, 190, Jr.

**OL JARED MILLS**, Kamm, 6-11, 215, Sr.

**OL MATT TRISSELL**, Tangle, 6-2, 212, Jr.

**OL BRIAN CYPRIAN**, Breckenridge, 5-9, 185, Sr.

**OL LUKE INMAN**, Childress, 5-11, 175, Sr.

**OL J.R. THORNTON**, Cuero, 5-9, 170, Sr.

**OL TODD YEAGER**, Iowa Park, 6-1, 175, Sr.

**OL RUBIN HANNA**, Monahan, 6-0, 170, Sr.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

**OFFENSE**  
**LINEMEN**  
**HINKO AGUIRRE**, Muleshoe, **DANIEL BENEDICT**, Llano; **JACK CASHEN**, Vero, **CHEVY FOX**, Childress; **Derek Lacoefield**, Aledo, **David Loid**, Cameron, **Joe Jay**, Pecos, **Bandera**, **Josh Thompson**, Breckenridge, **Justin Strumbaugh**, Cuero, **Wayne Peterson**, Gainesville; **Cody Walker**, Breckenridge, **Wesley Wiseman**, Friona, **Dustin Wuest**, Austin Lake Travis.

**ENDS**  
**Juan Accorero**, Mountain View, **Chris Chapman**, Breckenridge, **Yante Cheaves**, Martin, **Tommy Dominguez**, Mathis, **Doug Evans**, Bowie, **Jason Fox**, Pittsburg, **Justin Grotan**, Abilene, **Wylie**, **Bradley Kaswell**, Llano, **Ronnie Kemp**, Whitesboro, **Stephen Oliver**, Clifton, **Eric Jerez**, Palestine, **Westwood**.

**QUARTERBACKS**  
**Mike Bessy**, Liberty Hill, **Randy Hymas**, Hitchcock; **D.J. Jurena**, Spring Hill, **Steve Stogsdill**, Sanger, **Chris Walker**, White Oak.

**RUNNING BACKS**  
**Alan Adkison**, Perryton, **Luke Barrett**, Anahuac; **Alan Emerson**, Colorado City, **Roxy Gutierrez**, Frisco; **D.T. Hopkins**, Crockett, **Ryan Jones**, Van, **Keith Perry**, Goliad, **Chedrick Ricks**, Vernon, **Willie Thomas**, Childress.

**PLACE KICKER**  
**Pat Mazurak**, Randa.

**DEFENSE**

**LINEMEN**  
**Rock Aguirre**, Muleshoe, **Tiffany Anderson**, Colorado City, **Jacob Hernandez**, Devine, **Ryan Degenhardt**, Liberty Hill, **Quint Ellis**, Frisco, **Tam Farch**, Gearyville; **Sidney Gaines**, Vernon, **Philip Garcia**, Lorena; **Mike Koch**, Van, **Charles Sanders**, Dimmit, **Calisto Seal**, Childress; **Chad Shindle**, Frisco; **Mike Thomas**, Bridgeport, **Richard Wagner**, Joliet.

**LINEBACKERS**  
**Luke Barrett**, Anahuac; **Chris Barron**, Dalhart; **Bryant Curtis**, Denver City, **Jose Farnbo**, Colorado City; **Tim Gard**, Bandera; **Josh Goolsby**, Bridgeport; **Jason Kramer**, Madisonville; **Pat Mazurak**, Bandera; **Harold Sanderson**, Breckenridge; **Marco Sorros**, Cuero; **Kenn Sierra**, Childress.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS**  
**John Aluyen**, Gainesville; **Billy Bickett**, Llano; **Von Brooks**, Pleasant Grove; **Marcos Carter**, Ruston; **Tommy Bernsey**, Fairfield; **Bradley Kessell**, Llano; **Aaron King**, Friona; **Bo Don Lacy**, Comanche; **Jeremy Madkins**, Martin; **Derrell Moten**, Gatesville; **Skipper Roberson**, Breckenridge; **Tate Sandifer**, Devine; **Ben Schenman**, Crane; **David Vitz**, Lubbock Cooper; **Chad Wright**, Iowa Park.

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in District 6-2A, which resulted in them leaving the lineup sometimes as early as the second quarter of games, Cotton expressed doubt.

"I don't know that we could have put up those kind of numbers," Cotton said, adding that he still believes Herm's accomplishments have been overlooked in the hoopla surrounding Hutka's record-setting performance this season.

"Our offense has just over 6,000 yards this season as a team," he explained. "He (Hutka) has over 5,800 by himself. That's not just impressive, it's almost unbelievable."

It should be noted, however, there's a confidence in Cotton's comments that seems to imply he has an ace up his sleeve.

That ace might have been supplied by Wednesday's release of the Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 2A all-state football team that not only included Hutka and favorite receiver Josh Whatley as first-team selections, but Eagles lineman Kyle Eaton was picked on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Davis was the only Buffs selection to the first team, while Herm was a second team pick on both offense and in the defensive secondary. Buff linemen Jeremy Smith, James Taylor and Chad Smith, as well as linebacker Jody Louder were honorable mention selections.

It's quite possible that all the attention the Eagles have received will be the best motivator Cotton could have received in preparing the Buffs.

A perceived lack of respect seems to have been a primary factor in the Buffs' demolition of the No. 3-ranked Gladiators last week.

One thing is certain, it puts a "game face" on their head coach.

When Cotton received the weekly faxed report on high school football prepared by *Texas Football* magazine Tuesday, he literally snorted at a paragraph that referred to Stanton's "improbable" run to the finals.

"Improbable ... I don't think I like that term," Cotton told an assistant. "Three of the last four Class 2A state champions have come from West Texas. Kind of makes you wonder why people think we shouldn't have gotten this far."

Cotton didn't have to say it, but the message was clear: Maybe a fourth title in five years would change a few attitudes.

**FISHING REPORT**

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 17:

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water fairly clear; normal level; Black bass are slow to fair on Texas-rigged 8 inch worms. Hybrid stripers are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and white jigs fished around brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shiners and shrimp and on trotlines baited with shad fished in deep water.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water clear; low; Black bass are fair to good on Carolina-rigged worms and on deep-diving crank baits. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait. White bass are slow to fair on slabs and spoons fished in deep water. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut perch.

**WEST**  
**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp.

**OH-WE:** Water fairly clear; Black bass and smallmouth are fair on worms and on jigs fished over main lake points and on crank baits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs fished in deep water and around barges. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch fished in the river.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; low; Black bass up to 3 pounds are slow on jigs and spinner baits. Striped and white bass are fair on slabs, jugging spoons and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the docks. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and trotlines baited with cut bait.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
**Stanton Buffaloes vs. Rogers Eagles**  
Live from **TEXAS STADIUM**  
Saturday, Dec. 20th  
6:00 p.m.  
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Especially for kids and their families  
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**A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**

Queen Victoria took the throne when she was only 18. She ruled England longer than any other English queen or king. She was so strong and England became so powerful during her rule that a period in history was named for her.

She ruled for 63 years, from 1837 to 1901. This period is known as the Victorian era.

Many of the Christmas customs we enjoy today can be traced back to this time.



The Victorian lifestyle is re-created at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., the largest home in America. This children's Christmas tree is decorated as it might have been 100 years ago, in the 1890s.

**Victorian scenes**

The picture that many people have in their minds about the Victorian era is one of wealthy people enjoying themselves.

Real life for most Victorians was very hard. Many children worked. Thousands of immigrants lived in slums.

But it is fun to look back at pleasant things in times that were happier for many people, especially at Christmastime.



This picture is from an 1882 issue of St. Nicholas magazine. It was very popular with kids.

**Victorian toys**



Wooden and paper toys and games were popular. Girls loved dressy dolls.



Toys of tin and iron were first mass-produced in Victorian times.

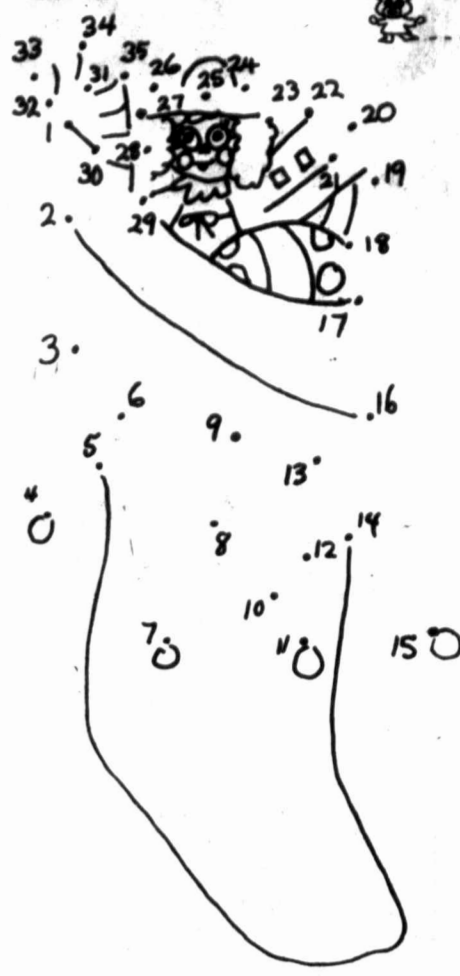
**Santa**

A newspaper cartoonist, Thomas Nast, gave us the first picture of Santa as we know him today. Before that time, he had been pictured in many ways, such as a bishop, a gnome or a dwarf.



A Kid's Guide to the White House features nearly 100 pages of facts and fun about what it's really like to live and work in The White House. Written with The White House Historical Association, it's a one-of-a-kind resource book filled with art, photos, drawings, games, puzzles and much, much more. To order, send check or money order for \$8.95 plus \$2 postage and handling per copy to: A Kid's Guide to the White House, P.O. Box 419942, Kansas City, MO 64141. Make checks payable to Andrews McMeel Publishing.

Go dot to dot and color.



**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN UPBEAT FROG?  
OPTIMISTIC!

(sent in by Kumari Robinson)

Q: What is a cow's favorite game?  
A: Moooo-nopoly!  
(sent in by Melissa Carry)

Q: What did a cow say when he slipped?  
A: "Mooops!"  
(sent in by Joanne Kim)

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**  
**Carolers Cookies**

- You'll need:**
- 3/4 cup margarine, softened
  - 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
  - 1/2 tablespoon vanilla
  - 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1 cup walnuts, chopped
  - 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- What to do:**
1. Combine margarine, corn syrup and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix until smooth.
  2. Stir in flour, cinnamon and walnuts. Mix well.
  3. Place by teaspoonfuls on an ungreased cookie sheet.
  4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 to 18 minutes.
  5. Sprinkle powdered sugar over the cookies. Let cool. Makes about 3 dozen.

**VICTORIAN TRY 'N FIND CHRISTMAS**

Words about a Victorian Christmas are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: CHRISTMAS, VICTORIAN, TOYS, QUEEN, CUSTOMS, TREE, GAMES, WEALTHY, MAGAZINE, SANTA, CARDS, DECORATE, DICKENS, CAROLS, ANGELS, SLEIGH, SING, MUSIC, POEM

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are peeking on a Victorian Christmas Eve. See if you can find:

- kite
- canoe
- caterpillar
- ruler
- knife
- candy cane
- sock
- bell
- pencil
- word MINI
- number 8
- tooth
- lips

**A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**

**Decorated trees**

Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, put up a Christmas tree when their son was born in 1841. Prince Albert was from Germany, where Christmas trees were popular.

In 1850 a picture of the royal family's tree was printed in a magazine, and the custom spread from England to this country.

Trees had been decorated in the U.S. since the 1700s, but smaller, garlor-type trees were not used until the 1800s. In America, Christmas trees had been big because people could cut their own from the woods.

Victorian Christmas trees were often decorated with lighted candles. Toys and sweets hung from the branches. Strings of popcorn and berries were twirled around the tree.

**Night before Christmas**

Clement Moore, an American minister, wrote the most popular of all Christmas poems, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," in 1823. This poem, now known as "The Night Before Christmas," was as popular in Victorian times as it is today. Clement Moore was the first to talk about Santa's sleigh and reindeer.



This drawing is from St. Nicholas magazine around 1896.



Toys were often a big part of the Victorian Christmas tree display, as shown in this scene from St. Nicholas magazine.

**Angels**

People loved to decorate with angels, especially plump baby-like angels called cherubs. The Victorians often put an angel at the top of their Christmas tree.

**Christmas carols**

Caroling was very popular during this period. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by a minister and an organist in Philadelphia. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was written and put to music in 1850 in Massachusetts.

**Legal holiday**  
Christmas Day became a legal holiday in all states between 1836 and 1890.

**Author Charles Dickens**

Charles Dickens is the great English author of one of the most famous stories ever written, "A Christmas Carol." This tells the tale of the miser, Scrooge, and the crippled boy, Tiny Tim. Dickens lived from 1812 to 1870. He left school at the age of 14. Later he became a newspaper reporter.

He often walked as much as 30 miles a day.

He was the father of 10 children, but he did not write any books for kids. However, he did influence children's literature. Before his time, most children's stories taught stern lessons about being good. After his time, stories were not as stiff and did not have such strict moral messages.

Pretend you are living in Victorian times. Look through your newspaper for things that would not have been around 100 years ago.

Next week The Mini Page visits the Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker."

# Herald Classifieds

### AUTOS FOR SALE

For Sale: 1985 Lincoln Continental, 4 dr., white & silver gray, loaded, good condition. \$1900.00 267-6173.

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1901 N. Lamesa Hwy Big Spring, TX 79721 915-268-7256 EOE

Sincere man, jack of all trades, master of none. Wants to work. 801 Aylesford (Max)

The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for the position of Dispatcher. To check minimum qualifications and receive more information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346 by Monday, Dec. 22, 1997. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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under that mistletoe!\*\*\*\* GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others seem brusque and busy; you need smiles. Don't get uptight but, rather, walk in their shoes. What is going on with them? Meanwhile, make plans for a special get-together this weekend, with people whom you adore. Don't push too hard. Tonight: Easy does it.\*\*\* CANCER (June 21-July 22) Communication is needed. You might feel you're hitting a block at work, or with someone in your daily life. Remain sure of yourself. Make calls, and decide on gift certificates for those presents you haven't found. Tonight: Partake in Christmas cheer with friends.\*\*\* LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Whoa! Slow down before you get yourself in trouble. Taking any kind of risk is a mistake. It can hurt you, emotionally and financially. Play it conservative. Take care of yourself first. Magnetism is high. Just be careful how you use it! Tonight: Finish up your shopping.\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can undermine yourself, or you can let your sunny side out. You need to honor what feels like a matter of integrity, but don't let it ruin your day. Finish errands. Make plans to visit with a friend. A change at

Attack of the hot new Christmas toys

By LISA JENNINGS Scripps Howard News Service

Kenneth Curry gets up early on Saturdays to watch cartoons, but not because he's a fan of X-Men. As team leader for toys and seasonal products at a Target outlet in Memphis, Curry wants to watch the commercials. Like it or not, the holidays are coming, and Curry wants to know what the hot toys will be this season.

"I look for the frequency of ads and try to figure out how the toy works," he says. "Kids can't describe it like an adult will when they come in looking for it."

You won't see Kate Morrison, for example, running from store to store to find the too-hot-to-find anywhere toy on Christmas Eve. Seen shopping with her two sons at Curry's Target more than two months ago, Morrison says, "I'm usually finished with my Christmas shopping by the end of October. I like to enjoy Christmas."

Morrison's 2 1/2-year-old son, Will, was immediately captivated by what many believe is destined to become the season's sensation: Interactive Barney.

With promoters calling Barney "the Elvis of the preschool set,"

this is the first step into the toy market by high-tech giant Microsoft. In this case, Barney is an ActiMates early learning system — a computer game dressed as a plush doll that sings, talks and plays games.

ActiMates Barney can be used in three ways: Alone, for a suggested retail price of \$109.95, Barney has a 2,000-word vocabulary. Squeeze his purple appendage and he plays 12 games and sings 17 songs, and he can play peek-a-boo if you cover his eyes.

For an additional \$64.95, you can buy a PC Pack that comes with a CD-ROM that activates Barney with a transmitter (you must have a Windows 95 or higher operating system). Now Barney has a lot more to say and sing, and you can talk back, via the keyboard.

Squeeze Barney's hand to play, and Barney's friend Baby Bop pops on the screen and says she wants to play too. All at once you've got a virtual crowd helping your child learn computer skills, shapes, numbers and letters.

Another \$64.95 will get you the TV Pack, which works with most VCRs and comes with a VHS cassette that activates your Barney

so he can comment on the video your child is watching and sing along.

In some areas the Barney show broadcast by PBS will also be encoded to interact with ActiMates Barney.

Though some parents may find it a bit creepy when toys start talking back to the TV — what if they start changing the channels? — toys have definitely found their voice this year.

On the tail of Tickle Me Elmo by Tyco, now owned by Mattel Inc., came a line of smaller Sesame Street characters, such as Tickle Me Big Bird (\$15). The newest is Sing and Snore Ernie (\$30), wearing bunny slippers and his pajamas. Poke his belly and he starts singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," then he drifts off and snores loudly. Stand him up and he says, "I feel great!"

Real Talkin' Bubba (\$40), a wise-cracking bear with a Southern drawl who was much in demand last year, is back. But this year he's wearing pants — overalls, of course.

Some dolls have talk shows. Craig Olanove, a store director for Toys R Us, says his outlet has begun pre-selling a Rosie O'Donnell doll (\$24).

And even Barbie talks like she never has before. This month Mattel plans to introduce the Talk With Me Barbie (\$90), which comes with a CD-ROM that enables children to customize their conversations with the doll.

Using their computers, children "teach" Barbie her owner's name, birthday and favorite topics of discussion (shopping, careers, playing house, etc.) and the information is downloaded into Barbie's computer so she can talk back, with her mouth moving in sync.

Non-blond Barbie fans will also be glad to note that the hair of this year's caucasian version of Happy Holidays Barbie (\$35) is brunet — previously they have always been blond.

Among the less verbal dolls, Casey Cartwheel by Toy Biz (\$20) has kids doing cartwheels.

Last year the hot newborns were the Take Care of Me Twins. But the product's parent, Toy Biz, must be taking fertility drugs, because this year it's Take Care of Me Triplets (\$35).

Movie-related products are still popular. This year it's Star Wars figures (around \$5). The Little Mermaid is back with Singing Ariel (\$30) and the Talking Musical Mirror (\$20).

Aches of older parents were big worries for little child

DEAR READERS: On Oct. 15, I asked those of you who were the children of "older parents" to write me about how it affected you, in order to help a couple in their 40s decide whether or not to start a family. I was unprepared for the avalanche of letters I received passionately arguing both sides of the issue. Some of the loving tributes brought tears to my eyes.

The letters ran about 4-to-1 in favor of starting a family. However, today we'll hear from those who voted "no." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I hope the 40-somethings who are considering becoming parents will consider my advice: PLEASE DON'T!

You might be fooling yourselves about how young and fit you are. When your child is an infant, maybe you won't look like his grandparents. But trust me, the age difference will show up before long.

Have you ever taken care of an infant long enough to discover how exhausting infant care can be? Will you have the stamina to stay up all night with a sick child and still go to work in the morning? When you're in your 60s and your child is a teen-ager, will you snap back after being up all night wondering where that child is? Or worse, because you DO know — thanks to a cop who called to say your kid has been arrested? Don't think it won't happen.

No matter how healthy you feel, the actuarial tables are not on your side. If you feel the need to have children in your life, I recommend you take in foster children. — NO NAME PLEASE, ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was 45 and my dad was 51 when I was born. Dad died when I was 16, leaving me to care for my mother, who was 62. I basically had no parents, and my youth was stolen by responsibility.

If those people want children in their lives, please tell them to be a Big Brother or Sister, or adopt an older child. There are too many unwanted and neglected children out there

already. I grew up with parents who were too old and too tired all the time. I grew up in funeral homes because my dad was the youngest of 12, and the aunts and uncles were dropping like flies. Believe me, it's no life for a kid. Sign me ... THE ACCIDENT

Tomorrow we'll hear from those readers who spoke for the majority — and urged the hesitant couple in their 40s to "go for it!" Stay tuned.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share an act of kindness that I experienced.

I am an American of Japanese descent, born in Torrance, Calif. My mother died when I was very young. My siblings and I were placed in a Japanese orphanage in Los Angeles.

My story takes place in the mid-'30s when I was in the second grade. At that time, and for many years prior, Asians and other non-whites were discriminated against by private citizens, businesses and government. For example, only two or three beaches were open to us, and very few of us were allowed to matriculate in the colleges and state universities.

However, the public schools were not segregated. I attended Micheltorena grade school on Sunset Boulevard. The brown bag lunch I took to school from "home" was usually a beet sandwich with a little mayonnaise and a green apple. Sometimes I got a peanut butter sandwich with an apple. The peanut butter was diluted with syrup and spread so thin there was literally no space between the slices of bread.

After a couple of months, some of the students who sat on the same bench to eat lunch noticed my thin sandwiches. One day, a Caucasian girl named Gloria sat down beside

me. She reached into her lunch box and brought out a baloney sandwich and handed it to me. My God, a sandwich with a nice piece of meat and lettuce and mustard, too! I had never had anything like that before. Every couple of weeks, she would bring me another wonderful sandwich.

When the next semester began, she was not at school, so obviously her family had moved. I never saw her again, but every once in a while I think of Gloria and how compassionate she was. More recently, I began to think about how compassionate her mother must have been, too, bowing to Gloria's request for an extra sandwich for someone who had little. What a lovely person she must have been to have instilled such generosity in her little girl — especially for someone of a different race.

I don't remember Gloria's last name, but I do remember that she had freckles and bangs, and that she wore her brown hair so short that it covered only half her ears. I hope she reads this so she'll know that even today I am thankful for her kindness. — TOSHI FUJIKAWA, SAN PEDRO, CALIF.

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stronger, loving feelings into the holiday season. Tonight: Let the music lead you.\*\*\* AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A friend reverses a decision and puts you into limbo. But if you use the opening for special time with a loved one, you could be very happy. Still, let this friend know how you feel. Emphasize quality relating; don't feel pressured. Tonight: Go for an experience!\*\*\* PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A boss stomps on your plans. You might feel you are pushing against forces beyond your control. You gain because of your willingness to be flexible. Friends miss you, but you could pull this off. Don't hesitate to ask for help. Tonight: Join friends for parties and celebrations.\*\*\*

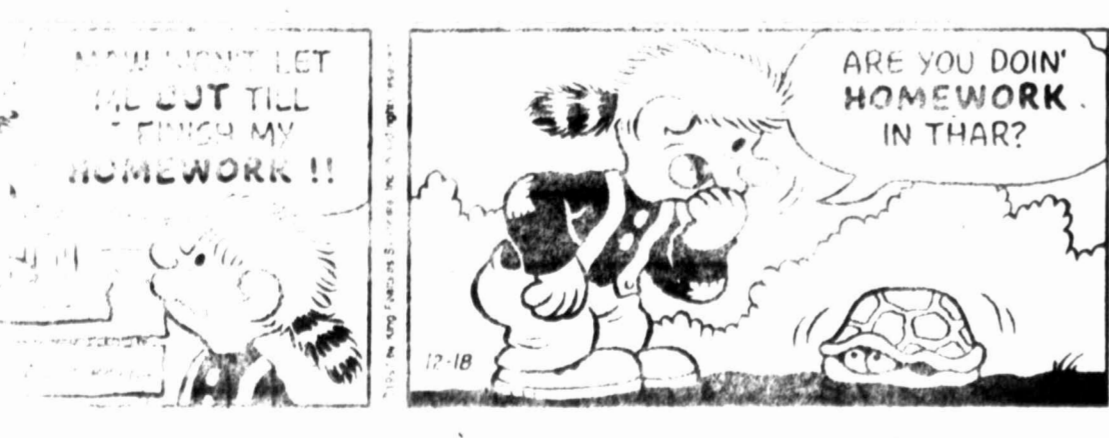
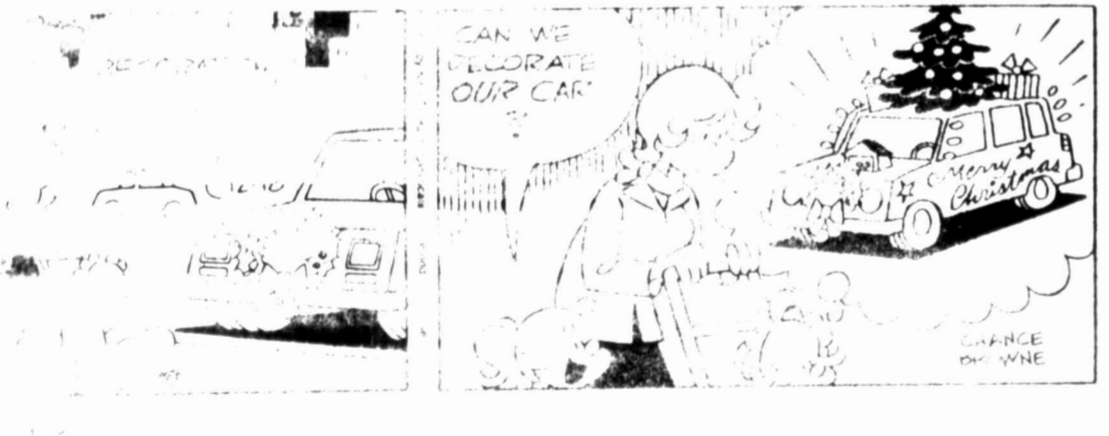
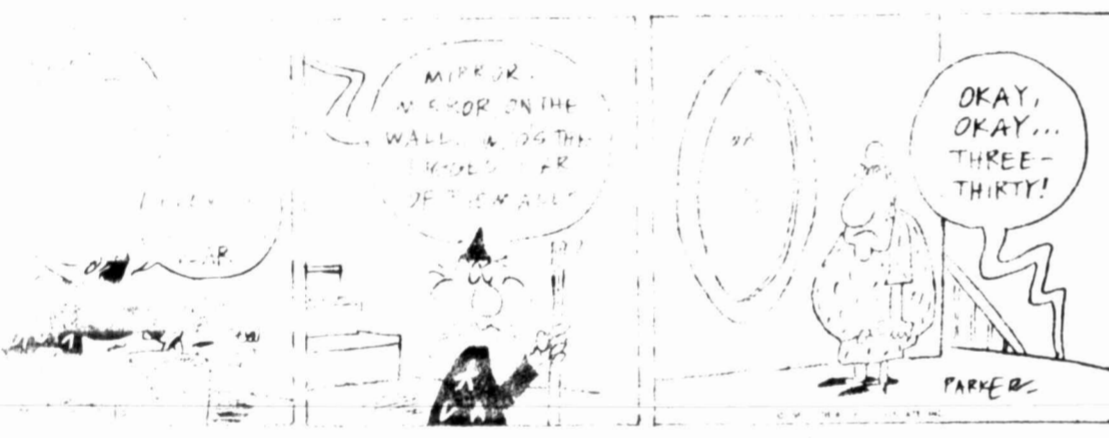
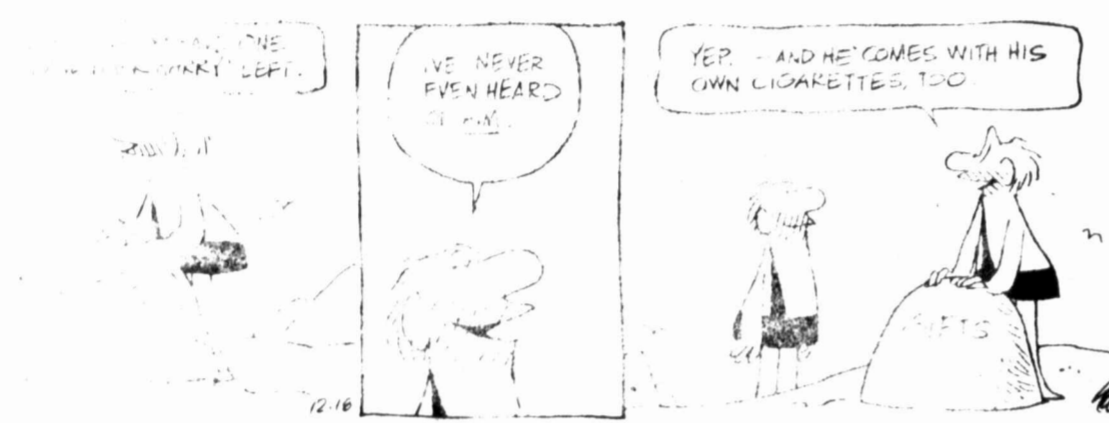
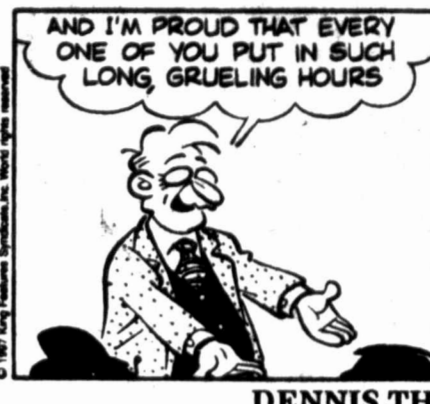
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home is key. Tonight: You are the star of the night.\*\*\* LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a back seat, and honor what is happening with you. Your feelings might be hurt during a conversation. Cocoon, to figure out what struck you. Take time alone for mysterious errands, and try to visit a dear friend. Tonight: Doors open easily for you.\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Money might be a problem, and it could mar your holiday fun. Lighten up, and use your enormous creativity to infuse this period with joy. Join friends, and make an informal office party happen, if one isn't scheduled. Others need you. Tonight: Be with the gang.\*\*\* SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are noticed when in the limelight. You don't realize how strong you come on. Diplomacy goes a long way to help your public image. Meet responsibilities, and complete what is needed. Whip the season into shape with your boundless energy. Tonight: Attend a "must" event.\*\*\* CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might feel as if something is askew, and it is. But don't push your luck. Make long-distance calls, reach out for others and prepare to greet family and friends. Incorporate

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### THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Today is Thursday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1997. There are 13 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.  
On this date:  
In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.  
In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.  
In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a

secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation "Barbarossa" was launched in June 1941.)  
In 1944, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.  
In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.  
In 1957, the motion picture "The Bridge on the River Kwai" premiered at the RKO Palace Theater in New York City.  
In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went online. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)  
In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.  
In 1972, the United States began the heaviest bombing of North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)  
In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.  
Ten years ago: Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for plotting Wall Street's biggest insider-trading scandal. (He served about two years of his sentence.) Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was married in a traditional Islamic ceremony to businessman Asif Ali Zardari.  
Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously denounced Israel's deportation of more than 400 Palestinians and demanded their immediate return. Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.  
One year ago: FBI agent Earl Edwin Pitts was arrested, accused of selling secrets to the Russians. (Pitts was sentenced in June 1997 to 27 years in prison after admitting that he'd conspired and attempted to commit espionage.) Aides to President Clinton disclosed that Asian-American businessman Charles Yuh Lin Tse, who delivered \$460,000 in questionable donations to the Clintons' legal defense fund, had been to the White House at least 23 times since 1993.

### THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Immediately, if not sooner
- Arose
- Disimulation
- Melancholy
- Puerto Rican seaport
- Comic Johnson
- With 60 Across, some advice from 37 Across
- Currency of Teheran
- Start of a recovery
- Billy Crystal film, "City"
- Howard and Caron
- "Caribbean Queen" singer
- Starts the poker pot
- Sampled
- Getz or Kenton
- Film featuring "I Only Have Eyes for You"
- Southern constellation
- Starmaker perhaps
- Choice abbr.
- True blue
- Ages and ages and ages
- Suggest additional revisions
- For rent, in London
- Story so far
- Sun rooms
- Predict
- Obliquely
- Pennsylvania port
- See 17 Across
- "Back in Black" rockers
- Delight
- Yemen capital
- Final position
- Added shading
- Those people

DOWN

- "Rush, Rush" singer
- Gradient
- Bee and Em
- Peevish
- Petite piano
- Mazel
- Till pile
- Eye and: pref
- Writer or painter
- Winter coats
- Face east
- 10 Winter coats
- Marine shockers
- Broad smile
- Discontinue
- Like a reed-choked swamp
- Assassinated Egyptian
- Switch tall?
- Euphemistic oath
- Reminder of a wound
- Legend
- Celestial planetesimals
- Director Forman
- Peter
- Tchaikovsky
- So far, no
- Precipitator
- Pick up
- Packed in
- "Lohengrin" lady
- Italian director
- Pasolini
- Hindu poobah
- As a unit
- Backed into a corner
- Tight closure
- Boat in "Jaws"
- Currency of China
- A1A, I65, or 66, e.g.

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Today's Birthdays: Actor Ossie Davis is 80. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 70. Actor Roger Smith is 65. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 64. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 54. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 50. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 47. Actor Ray Liotta is 42. Actor Brad Pitt is 34. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 31. Tennis player Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 26.

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