
TONIGHT
$25^{\circ}-28^{\circ}$
WEDNESDA
$45^{\circ}-50^{\circ}$
Helping others.. Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will pubbish locations where you
might help others less fortumight help others less for Army Angel Trees, Salvation Army kettles.
If your organization has an established program to help others, and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at call Marsha Sturdiva
$263-7331$, ext. 234


Angel Tree locations: - Big Spring Mall Al's and Son B-B-O WalMart Mel's Fried Fish - Scenic Mountain Medical Center Department Store will give a 10 percent discount to all purchass of Angel Tree gifts.

Salvation Army Kettles: - Big Spring Post Offic Big Spring Mal
Other efforts:

- H-E-B Food Stores Ring in A
Miracle to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either $\$ 1$ and $\$ 2$ added to your grocery total.
- Canned food drives at all Howard County schools through Dec. 11.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for
new customers who donate 10 new customers who donate 10
cans of food for its food drive.
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- Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Church, 1009 Heary, Catholic Church, 1009 Hear
collecting coats for state
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Inside today...
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17 shopping days 'til Christmas BARCEIONA APARTMENTS
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Torotanu pleace all 263-7331. Office hours are
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday your paper, please call 263-
7335 before 7 p. $m$. on week7335 before $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, on week-
days and $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Sunday.

High school choir members to sing in the holiday season tonight


Seventeen-year-old Howard County resident Adam Andrews was killed early Tuesday/photo Linda Choate morning when Seventeen-ypearold howard county resident Adam Andrews was killed early Tuesday
the
Wreck takes life of Forsan student

| Staff Writer |
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| A traffic accident at the inter section of South Highway 87 |
| and Bryan Rd. |
| $m \mathrm{orn} \mathrm{in}$ |
| claimed the |
| life of 17 year- |
| old Howard |
| County resi- |
| dent Adam |
| Andrews, as |
| well as send- |
| resident and |
| her grandchild |
| to Scenic Mountain |
| Center for trea |
| Justice of the Peace China |
| Long pronounced the young |
| man dead at 8:36 a.m. at the |
| Scenic Mountain Medical |
| Center emergency room. |
| Andrews was a junior at |
| High School, and had |
| been part of both the school's |

By BILL McCLELLAN
Deputies from the Howard County Sheriffs Office were
able to talk a distraught woman into. giving up a loaded hand
gun Monday, diffusing a gun monday, diffusing a situa
tion that could have led to trag. ic circumstances.
"It's been a long day," said
Deputy Lonnie Kincanon, who headed up the investigation at a residence in the Sand Springs
area. area.
It was around 9:30 a.m. when
deputies deputies got the word that a woman with a gun was threat
ening suicide. Deputies investiening suicide. Deputies investi-
gated and entered the residence,
Thousands visit Festival of Lighhts

## By MARSHA STURDIVANT

 Staff WriterChristmas lights shine bright-
ly at Comanche Trail ly at Comanche Trail Park as
the Festival of Lights recorded more than 3,000 people in its first three days of display.
"We are really pleased and "We are really pleased and
attendance is going great. attendance is going great.
People say you can see the
lights from tighey lights from Highway 87 really well," said Pat Simmons, coordi-
nator of the Festival of Lights. nator of the Festival of Lights. which featured a dedication to Dorothy Garrett, a total of 1,056
people arrived to view the dispeople
play.
On
On saturday, 1,307 persorls attended, and on Sunday anoth-
er 825 people came to er 825 people came to see the
lighted park trail
tions, she said. In, spite of vandals destroying
parts of the.lighted display, the parts of the lighted display, the
festival opened on time and complete. However, the first three days have brought
problem for its organizers. Someone is taking out the light bulbs along the trail. And when they take out one light
bulb, one bulb shoots down a buib, one bulb shoots down a
whole string," Simmons said.
Volunteers Volunteers have replaced about 50 lights so far because of theft, she said.
"We're sick and tired of this We're sick and tired of this
vandalism, and we are going to vandalism, and we are going to
catch whoever's doing this," she saidivns who have visited the
Patrons Patrons who have visited the
festival hail from many areas in the southwestern United States,

Simmons said.
Greeters meet
Greeters meet visitors at the
Hwy 87 entrance east, and ask Hwy 87 entrance east, and ask
how many visitors are in the car, and from where.
So far, the volunteers have So far, the volunteers have
recorded home towns in
Wisconsin, New Mexico, Wisconsin, New Mexico,
Oklahoma, Phoenix, Ariz., as well Texas cities, of Dallas,
Houston, Fort Worth, Kerville Houston, Fort Worth, Kerrville
and Fort Stockton, Simmons and
said.
The
The festival will continue 6-10 p.m. through Dec. 31. Greeters
will remain at the spring until will remain at the spring until
Dec. 19, to help conduct traffic and to record census info
tion for funding purposes tion for funding purposes.
"We need to know how many visitors we have, to present to See Lents, Page 2

Deputies diffuse volatile situation
football and basketball teams. $\quad$ at $7: 35$ a.m., when Andrews
"Adam's family has lived here

failed to yield the right-of-way $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{c}\text { Adam's family has lived here } \\ \text { for a long time, and he has a lot } \\ \text { of relatives in the area," said to yield the right-of-way } \\ \text { to }\end{array} & \text { north on Highway } 87 \text {. }\end{array}$ | of relatives in the area," said |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Long following her examina- | $\begin{array}{l}\text { north on Highway } 87 \text {. } \\ \text { "According to the evidence at }\end{array}$ | Long following her examina-

tion. "tt's always so tragic when
the scene and eyde eyewitness
something like this happens to
reports, the young man had something like this happens to reports, the young man had
someone so young, especially
stopped at the intersection's during the holidagy season. My
sympap sign for a car prior to the
symies go out the the fam$\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { sympathies go out the the fam- } \\ \text { ily of the young man." }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { accident,"" said Hester. "He } \\ \text { failed to yield the right of way }\end{array}\end{array}$ According to unconfirmed as he attempted to cross the
reports, the driver of the sec- intersection, and was the reports, the driver of the sec- intersection, and was struck in
ond vehicle involved in the the driver's side of the pick-up ond vehicle involved in the the driver's side of the pick-up
accident, Judy Williams, was he was driving."
in serious condition when she
Hester said the collision that in serious condition when she
arrived at SMMC, but SMMC
officials declined to comment eok Andrews' life was $\begin{gathered}\text { thes said the collision that }\end{gathered}$ officials declined to comment extreme.
on the woman's condition at ewhen the pick-up traveling $\begin{aligned} & \text { on the woman's condition at } \\ & \text { the time of press. } \\ & \text { Williams' } \\ & \text { on } 87 \text { struck the the boy, they cold }\end{aligned}$
who the
lided pretty hard," said Hester was secured in a car-seat at the as he pointed out the position time of the accident, reportedly
suffered only minor injuries in both vehicles. "He was in
pretty bad shape when they got suffered only minor injuries in pretty bad shape when they
the crash. According to Department of Information on funeral se Public Safety Trooper Jason
vices for Andrews was
Hester, the accident occurred
available at press time.
"She was just very distraught, intoxicated. She was having some family problems."

## -Deputy Lonnie Kincanon <br> but could not locate the woman

 Minutes after they left, theyreceived a second call and disreceived a second call and dis
covered that the woman had
been hiding in the rafters been hiding in the rafters of an
abandoned barn. abandoned barn.
"We were able to talk her into "We were able to talk her into
throwing the gun out," said Kincanon, who identified the weapon as a .357 revolver. The gun was cocked and loaded, he
said.

The woman, described as being in her late 30 s , would not
leave the building immediately, however. Family members were able to talk her into coming out.
"She never resisted," said the "She never resisted," said the
deputy. "She was just very dis-
traught, intoxicated She was traught, intoxicated. She was No charges were filed. The
woman was turned over to repwoman was turned over to rep-
resentatives from Mental Health Mental Retardation. Deputy Kincanon said when family members reported the problem they indicated they
had heard a gunshot but couldhad heard a gunshot but could inside or outside of the resiSee Volatile, page 2

In the first portion, a theme of performance by the Minne
Christmas Around the World will be heard. Students will per- Accompaniment will be pro $\begin{array}{lll}\text { will be heard. Stadents will per- Accompaniment wint be pro- } \\ \text { form carols from French, } & \text { vided by some students who are } \\ \text { African and American folk tra- not members of the choir }\end{array}$ ditions, she said. Following intermission, more
secular music will be heard. secular music will be heard.
These will include a rendition not members of the choir.
However, all other performers However, all other performer
are ninth through 12th rader enrolled in choir at Big Spring of "Nutcracker Jingles" from the $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { High School, Lindell said. } \\ \text { The concert is free and }\end{gathered}$

## City council

Council to consider bids, law enforcement grant in meeting this evening

By bill mcleellan News Editor
A law enforcement grant,
compost fees and bids on vehi cles and a computer system are among the agenda items Big will face when they convene at 5:30 this evening.
The law enforcement grant The law enforcement grant, Justice Division of the gover-
nor's office, is for $\$ 60,218$ to fund a juvenile gang suppres sion unit for the police depart
ment. Tonight, the council will ment. Tenight, the a resolution accepting the grant on first reading.
Second reading will come Jan. Fees for the City of Big Spring Compost will be set on second reading tonight. Charges
include $\$ 1$ per pallet; $\$ 5$ per for a quarter-cord, $\$ 50$ for a half. cord and $\$ 75$ for a full cord of firewood; $\$ 20$ per cubic yard for vermine compost; $\$ 10$ per cubic yard for used fencing; and $\$ 1$ for small tree stumps or $\$ 2$ for stumps.
Council members will consider awarding various bids,
including the purchase of lap

Fire strikes at residence of young Big Spring family
By MARSHA STURDIVANT
A house fire about 8 p.m.
Saturday caused an estimated
aturday caused an estimated
$\$ 5-8,000$ worth of damage in the
home of a young family. "One wall will have to be
replaced and the rest of the ouse was sooted," ${ }^{\text {sestaid }}$ Burr Lee Settles, fire marshal. According to the fire chiers
report, the Big Spring Fire
Department received the call at 05 and arrived at the scene 200 E .16 th , by $8: 08 \mathrm{p}$ p.m.
Three fire engines and Three fire engines and an
ambulance responded, and more than 1,000 gallons of water
was used to was used to extinguish the
blaze. blaze.
"When we arrived we found a large amount of smoke coming from the roof, where the air
conditioner is, and the eaves of conditioner is, and the eaves of
the house," Settles said. The cause of the fire was
determined to be an overloaded

See Council, Page 2
ing computer equipment for Big city rejected previous bids on advise from the city attorney
concerning a possible conflict concerning a possible conflict business which bid on the contract. Tonight, council member
will consider authorization of will consider authorization of Cooperative Purchasing Plan. Also due to be awarded are ids for a sanitation truck, and
threequarter ton pickup, a one hree-quarter ton pickup, a one
ton truck, police vehicles and a sport utility vehicle Fupporting reading of resolutions Spring Housing Authority to submit Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Home Investmen tions for various programs are on the agenda. These programs nclude the tenant-based rental ssistance program, the home the owner-occupied housing assistance program. Final reading will also be con manager to enter into an agree ment with TU Electric for installation of parking lights on City Hall grounds.
Replats of various city lots
extension cord, Settles said.
-When an appliance is
plugged in, it is energized, plugged in, it is energized,
whether the appliance is turned on or not. Most tv's have an instant-on feature, so there is
electricity going up into the tv. Maybe the tv malfunctioned, or the extension cord malfuncThe main thing we have to determine is, was it accidental or intentional. In this case, it Sitting on a night stand was a television and VCR, as well as a
clock. These were plugged into an extension cord, which caught fire and perhaps burned
some clothes in the area said. clothes in the area, he
sThe ly sound, although they will have to replace one wall. The
rest of the house was sooted rest of the house was sooted,
and can be washed or cleaned, See FIRE, Pag


## Obituaries

Sue Orson


Methoidst minister, and Paula
Brooks officiating. Graveside services will be at
Rosedile Cemetery in Sour
Rake









MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME \& CHAPEL

NALLEY-PICKLE
\& WELCH
Funeral Home
 (915) 267-6331
died Monday. Serieiess sill be be
2:0
2:0 PM Wednessday at 144 \& Main Church of or chist
Ineerment will follow a T Trinty Coy M. Sch Mondy. Services will be $0: 00$ AM Wednestay at Nalley-
Pickle
W Welch Rosemood
Ros. Chapel. Gravesidid services will
be a R Rosedele cer cetery, Sour Lake, Texas Lorene
Tuisson, 84 , died
Tuusday. Services are pending


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Oct. 9, 1992
The family suggests memori-
als to the American Cancer als to the American Cancer
Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring; or Family
Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring.

J.R. "Shorty

Herd, Jr.
J.R. "Shorty" Herd, Jr., 73, for mer resident of Big Spring, will
be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 1998, at Stacy Cemetery in McCulloch County. Burial will
be under the direction of Heart of Texas Funeral Home, Brady. Mr. Herd died Dec. 6, 1998.
He was born Feb. 16, 1925, in
Doole and worked in the oil
field as a self-employed con field as a self-employed con-
tractor. He had lived in Bi tractor. He had lived in Big
Spring for 35 years, and served
in the U.S. Army during World in the U.S. Army during World
War II.
Survivors include: his former wife, Joanna Herd, Burnet; two
sons, Danny L. Herd, Bend
and Darrell G. Herd, Bend; two sisters, Rita Bailer, Coahoma,
and Frances Elliott of
Bakersfield, Calif.; eight grand Bakersfield, Calif.; eight grand
children and two great-grand
H. Hayes

Alexander
Funeral service for H. Haye
Alexander, Montrose, Colo
will be Wednesday, Dec. 9
Church of Montrose, Colo
Burial will follow in Gran View Cemetery, under the
direction of Crippin Funera Home Chapel.
Mr. Alexander died Dec. 5
998, at St. Mary's Hospital ng a sudden illness. He entered the United States
Army Air Corps in 1942, later serving as an instructor bom-
bardier. He married the former Dorothy Mae Miller of Big
He is.
 Alexander of Springfield, Va and Ben L. Alexander o Sara L. Alexander Martin of
Colorado Springs; four grandchildren and many nieces nephews.
Memorial contributions in
memory of Mr Alexander be made to. Montrose County
Home Health Services, 300 N. Home Health Services, 300 N Arrangements under the
direction of Crippin Funeral
Home, Montrose, Colo.

Laverne
Casey Archer


Perry Cotham
ARCHER
Christ minister, officiating Memorial Park.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Laverne was preceded in } \\
& \text { death by her husband, Billy E. } \\
& \text { Casey of Big Sbring, and her }
\end{aligned}
$$ Casey of Big Spring, and her son, Billy

Marshall.
She grew up in Howar County and was a 1946 gradu-
ate of Big Spring High Schol ate of Big Spring High school.
During the early sixties,
Laverne was co-owner of the During the early sixties,
Laverne was co-owner of the
"Little Miss Muffett" dress shop "Little Miss Muffett" dress sho
for little girls in Big Spring. She and her partner desig After Billy's death, After Billy's death, she
worked as an X-ray technician in Marshall. She later became a profes-
sional artist and was owner of "Ye Old Tole Shoppe" during which time she achieved the
level and honor of "Master Tole Painter." After closing her busi

## ALLAN'S

 FURNITURE 100 Miles Free Delivery ${ }^{\text {PH }}$and J.H. Fuller of Big Spring; her mother-in-law, Roby Lee
Archer of Odessa; a daughter
and son-in -law, Karon and Ret and son-in law, Karon and Ret.
Lt. Col. Ray Magee of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a stepson, Allen
Archer and his wife, Theresa Archer and his wife, Theresa
of Odessa; a sister and spouse,
Joann and Richard Scott of Odessa and a sister and spouse Sherry and Bob Wegner of Big
Spring; a brother and spouse Don and Dottie Fuller o Garland; nine grandchildren aurie Nuta of Ft. Lauderdale la., Susan Lazor of Calhan Belle., Mue, Wash., Jonathan Magee of Greeley, Colo.
Kristin Magee of Silverthorne
Colo Billy Casey Colo., Billy Casey, Lisa Casey, Charlie Casey and James Casey
all of Marshall; eight great
grandchildren, Jessica Jennifer, Justin, Kerri, Jason
Kyle, Ryan and Miranda; and several nieces and nephews.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to M.D Anderson Medical Center
Hospice or a favorite charity
Visitation will be from $6-9 \mathrm{pm}$ Vospice or a favorite charity.
Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday prior
to services from 7 t.30 a.m. noon at Nalley-Pic
Funeral Home.
Arrangements under the
direction of Nalley-Pickle \&
Welch Funeral Home.
Lo Waid obituary Wilson, 84, Big Spring are
pending with Nalley-Pickle \&
Welch Funeral Home. She died Welch Funeral Home. She died
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, at a local
hospital

## Helping Others

Also, a food drive is under way
Call $267-4124$ to donate. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church
collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand
made gift to the church, 508 N .
Aylesford.

- Norwest Bank has a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments thal
represent 26 Howard County chilrepresent 26 Howard County chil-
dren who are currently clients of
the Children's Protective Services. Visit the bank to adopt one of
these chidren. these children.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society is
collecting donated cans of food to collecting donated cans of food to Bring two or more cans to the Ritz,
the Star or Cinema Four movie the the Star or Cinema Four movie the
aters and you will receive a free
tub of popcom. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to


## VOLATILE

dence. After recovering the weapon, the deputy was able to
confirm it had been discharged but apparently not at anyone. He said the woman never
threatened to harm anyone threatened to
except herself
"It was in a secluded location which made it a better situation
for everyone," said Kincanon

## LIGHTS

the Convention and Visitors the Convention and Visitors
Bureau of the Chamber of
Commerce," Simmons said. Commerce,' Simmons said. This year there is no parking in the spring area, except for
handicapped parking, Simmons (3in)

Scenic Mountain
Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place
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Jesse Nunoz, 22, works at Big
Spring Care Center. Veronica,
19, is a homemaker. They have 19, is a homemaker. They have
two small children, Jesse Ray 3, and 16-month-old Julie Renee eronica is expecting the c
ple's third child in March.
Veronica said the Veronica said the wall and
section of the floor were dam aged in the fire
No one was home at the time
of the fire, Veronica said. Her mother, Ester Calderone, had night at her house. Veronica and Jesse were shopping a Wal-Mart.
Calderone said her daughte Calderone said her daughte
was paged at the local depart was paged at the local depart-
ment store by the fire depart-
ment, who feared someone might have been inside the
house.

COUNCIL
ontinued from Page 1
will be considered as well.
Following regular business the board will adjourn to executive session to begin evaluation f the city attorney and munici

## Briefs

THE CITY OF STANTON this evening in honor of
County Judge Bob Deavenport who will be stepping down fol lowing an 18 -year tenure. Deãvenport are encouraged to come out to the Stanton heir support, with the recep the formal program at 7 p. p.m.
There is no charge for admis. sion.

A FUND HAS BEEN set up to help pay funeral expenses
for the family of Kenny Loy Court, who died Dec. 2.
Contact First Bank Texas to donate to the fun
account number 084-556-6.

THE CHOIR OF BSHS will today at 7 p.m. at the
Municipal Auditorium. The public is invited.
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be givthroughout the winter (October-February) to those 18
years or older The years or older. The cost is $\$ 5$
for those not on Medicaid. The
hours will be from $8: 30$ to hours will be from 8:30 to $11: 30$
a.m. and 1 to $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Call 263 . a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 26
9775 for more information.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as teers to deliver meals.
If you can spare one hour per meals, we need you. About 10 to 90 meals are prepared, packcity limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263 -

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free
eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East All adults needing eyeglasses
archase he exam or tlaseses

-Gamblers Anonymous, ${ }^{7}$ Midland room 1, 4601 Neeley, Settleoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and
8 p.m. 12 and 12 study. St. Mary's Church.Call 268-4189 (pager no.
Step study.

THURSDAY -Alcoholics Anonymous,
Settles, noon open meeting
-A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit port and learining organization learning disorders and dyslexlea. Meets second Thursday of January, February, March, January, February, March,
April and May, Cerebral Palsy April and May, Cerebral Palsy
building, 802 Ventura, Midland. -Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical
Center, third Thursday of the Center, third Thursday of the
month. Call Janice Wagner at
26s- 1211.
-Grief
death of death of a loved one. Call
-Alzheimer's Association

On Tuesday Bkearat patch The Master's Touch Will Be Open Until 8 pm on Tuesdays for your shopping convenience.
997 E. FM 700
$267-1480$


## Suit challenges use of fake applicants

CHICAGO (AP) - When in court cases shat ask wheterer




Pjerce, who is black, was told
selected applicants would be celleded later for second interviews, A few hours later,
Loftman, who is white, was interviewed, tested and offered the job. looking for work. They were employment testers, hired by the Legal
Assistance Foundation of Chicago, a not-for-profit agency, to find out whether businesses
discriminate discriminate.

Inar., the target of the eervices race-
bias sting, is suing two black bias sting, is suing two black testers, Pierce and Kyra Kyles,
and the Legal Assistance and the Legal Assistance
Foundation, claiming that pre senting fake qualifications and
feigning int feigning interest, in a job
amount to fraud. Guardian is amount to fraud. Guardian
seeking unspecified damages. seeking unspecified damages. Darch denies the company treated the black applicants
unfairly. The company won a victory in September when a f aderal judge
threw but a discrimination law threw out a discrimination law-
suit filed by the black testers. ment Opportunity Commissio this year dropped plans to file
its own lawsuit in a similar Chicago employment-bias case
after then-House after then-House Speaker Newt
Gingrich criticized the use Gingrich criticized the use of
testers. Gingrich promised to supters. Gingrich promised to
sudget increase for the agency if it promised to focus on a backlog of cases
instead of spending money on instead of spending money on
testing programs. "Why goo out seeking discrim-
ination haphazardly when it can be said that it is sitting on
your doorstep?"

## * ${ }^{*}$ Christmas $O_{\text {pen }}$ House **

The doctors and staff at Scenic Mountain Multi-Specialty Clinic wish to express our appreciation to our patients for 1 making our first year a great one!

Juesday, December 8th
3:00-5:00 pm


## Happy Holidays!

Dr. Toscano \& Staff, Dr. Koop \& Staff
Dr. Stephens \& Staff, and Dr. Rosinska \& Staff
WASHINGTON (AP) Ho -
Facing Republican House
Judiciary' Committee members who won't change their minds,
President Clinton's legal team is mounting a vigorous mpeachment defense aimed at
undecided GOP lawmakers who will decide Clinton's fate in the
With the possibility of a cliffhanger on the House floor next week, white House advised GOP lawmakers are paying attention to administration witnesses and lawyers in commit-
tee hearings today

WASHINGTON (AP) - After
a year of promises during cona year of promises during con-
gressional debates, at town-hall meetings and on the campaign trial, President Clinton and law-
makers are finally getting makers are finally getting
together to talk about how to gird Social Security for the retirement of the nation's huge
baby boom generation. baby boom generation.
Both Democrats Beph
Republicans have pledged to try to find common ground for action in 1999.
But Clinton
But Clinton was not expected to reveal where he stands on
specific ideas for change at a specific ideas for change at a
White House conference starting today.
And with

DALLAS
lawyers who represented Texas in its tobacco settlement made the case to arbitrators that they
deserve more than double possibly 10 times - the $\$ 2: 6$ billion in fees they previously sought, The Dallas Morning
News reported today. News reported today.
Other national lawyers attending last weekend's meeting were shocked when the Texas attorneys told
arbitrators arbitrators they deserve
between $\$ 6$ billion and $\$ 25$ bilbetween
lion in fees, people who attended the meeting told the newspa-

as Thurdarnounce cas early
as Thursday how much the Texas lawyers will receive. The
panel will also decide lawyers panel will also decide lawyers
fees for attorneys representing

## Clinton begins impeachment defense

## Social Security talks und



## Report: Texas tobacco lawyers seek up to $\$ 25$ billion Social Security


#### Abstract

saying they won't move forward until he does, no decision until he does, no decisions about the retirement program's future were likely to come out of the two days of talks. of the two days of talks. "We're at a transition where the question is how do where the question is how do we proceed with a bipartisan process and that's a very big question," said White House budget chief Jack Lew. Clinton was to open the Soci Security conference at a down- town Washington hotel this town Washington hotel this morning with a speech to an audience of about 250 people audience of about 250 people invited by the administration from a broad array of groups representing different views on Social Security. Vice President Al Gore also had been scheduled to speak, but is instead with family in Nashville, Tenn., following the weekend death of his father, for- mer S.en. Albert Gore Sr. Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton were expected to join the Gores for a memori- al service later today. Congressional leaders also were invited to give opening statements at the Social Security event. House Speaker-to-be Bob Livingston, R-La., and Senate Maiority Leader Trent Lott, R- Miss., did not plan to attend personally, but each sent a dele- gation of Republican lawmak. ers. Democratic leaders, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Daschle of South Dakota and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri were Missouri were expected to come along with other Democrats along with other Democrats. House Ways and Means House Ways and Means Archer, R-Texas, planned to make the GOP's pitch for a solu- tion to Social Security's problems without tax increases lems without tax increases and for Clinton to take the first step. ${ }^{\text {step. }}$ You need to submit "You, need to submit to Congress a specific plan to save Cocial Security soon or the job may not get done," said Archer in prepared remarks aimed at


Starr gave Congress, but advi
ers said they want to be carefiul ers said they want to be careful ers with hairsplitting and legalisms.
Tite favorars are expected to cite favorable testimony overlooked in Starr's report such as Ms. Lewinsky's assertion she was never asked to lie and pres'
idential secretary Betty Currie's contention the president never asked her to retrieve presiden-
tial gifts from the former tial gifts
intern. Besides undecided lawmak-
ers, the wider audience is the
public. public lawmakers Florida and Mississippi.
Texas Attorney General Dan $\begin{gathered}\text { The panel can award any. from a } \$ \$ 00 \text { million annual pool } \\ \text { amount it deems appropriate, }\end{gathered}$ set up by cigarette makers. That Morales, who attended the but the lawyers are free to seek fund would also eventually pay meeting, did not return phone more from the state if they get fees in 46 other states that
calls. A spokesman for cigarette
less than $\$ 2.3$ billion. Governor recently reached a $\$ 206$ billion makers declined comment. George W. Bush has promised settlement. The Texas lawyers' There's no assurance that the to fight any attempt to seek Texas team will be tarded anything like $\$ 6$ billion or $\$ 25$ bilion it recently demanded

## An important message to all

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## Our Views

## Take some time

## to experience

 the holiday lightsW
e're constantly amazed at how Big Spring lights up" for the holidays. Tonight, the
lights will ol the shine lights will likely shine a little brighter
and more often. IIts the annual judsing of and more often. It's the annual judging of
nas Lighting Contest and chamber officials the Christmas Lighting contest and chamber ouncicals
report that they have received more than 30 ontries of locations which can be visited by folks wanting to view Christmas lights - a holiday tradition for many. Add that to the ongoing Trail of Lights and
Comañche Trail Park and last Saturday's Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, and it's obvious the city really does "shine" this time of year.
Tonights contest is divided into commercial and Tonight'scontest is divided into commercial and resestingly, only certificates. are
rs; there are no prizes. That the time to set up displays are id them.
The displays at some of businesses and residences
represent something for all of us. Some are religious, in keeping with Christ's birth. Others feature other symbors of this time of year - reindeer, snowmen,
carolers. Still others are almost whimsical , intended to eviving around to see the lighss is something the
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## Other Views

-ss benefit from a pub-
pouring of charity. But Dec. 26, Americans will
in to business as usual, inning the masses of helpWith every year that passfor the phenomenon of "seasonal charity." Even worse,
more communities pass laws every year that essentially
make it illegal to be home-
less.
Advocates for the homeless
call the pattern "compassion carl the pattern "compassion
fatigue." Dig a little deeper, and you'll find that in many places it boils down to some-
thing less romantic: a lack of thing less romantic: a lack of
political will to find soluUSA Today recently por
USA trayed the disturbing rou
tine:
New York City clamped New York City clamped
down on "quality of life" crimes, citing even the squeegee men who wipe
windshields for spare change. Town from which people who violate the city's anti-loiter ing laws can be prohibited.
Even liberal Berkeley has Even liberal Berkeley has
started sweeping the homestarted sweeping the home
less from storefronts on Telegraph Avenue, long hangout for street people Texas cities, too, are part of
the crackdown. Witness the tough ordinance enacted by the Austin City Council in camping, cooking or sleeping in public areas such as parks, sidewalks and alleys.
The National Coalition for The National Coalition for the Homeless estimates that on any given night, 760,000 percent more homeless than in 1988, and that's despite the booming national economy.

How can this be?
important factor. While many among the homeless
are families with children, many more are addicts, men tally ill or both. Yet, waiting ists to get into treatment lists for housing.
Maria Foscarinis, head of
the Washingto the Washington, D.C.-based
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty says, for some communities, it's easier to move people out of public sight." Of course, this do
solve the problem.
"(All) it does is move people around," Foscarinis told likely to help. Arrest records don't help people looking for
work."
SAN ANToNio Express-News

The looming crisis in the state's Teacher Retirement
System health-care plan, System health-care plan,
which faces insolvency in less than two years, should prompt the 1999 Legislature to examine health-care cover age for all school employees in Texas.
Improving their health-care benefits could solve two
problems at once. It would rescue retired employees from a failing plan, and it would be an additional bene fit to attract and retain teachers.
It would be foolish for the Legislature to simply plug for another year rather than create a long-term solution. Restructuring health-care coverage for all school employees could be as impor-
tant as that teacher pay raise tant as that teacher pay raise
all the politicians promised on the stump this year. Austin American-Statesman

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Chronicle saw an icon Chronicle saw an icon in the
Empire State Building. The
Wall Streat Jur ranking to Rep. Charlie Rangel ranking to Rep. Charlie Rangel
These days the icon business. is slow. Mark McGwire and
Sammy Sosa, the home-run Sammy Sosa, the home-run
sluggers, are newly anointed icons. So, too, is the Orioles' Cal Ripken, but that's about the size of the fall crop. Icon
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and tractor, across barnyards and banks. Excesses aren't
always wretched; some can be always
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divine.
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to the aptly named Bayou Teche, a vendor hawks little Papa Noels made from cypress
stumps. The wave of the wood stumps. The wave of the wood
makes an excellent beard. It wouldn't be a bad way to make
a living, either, cruising the a living, either, cruising the
swamp, seeking Santa in a stump.
I am uncharacteristically
excited about Christman excited about Christmas this
year. Maybe the mood will die year. Maybe the mood will die
when I return to Earth from

Louisiana, but I hope not.
My mother used to get exc My mother used to get exci
ed this way. She would start ed this way. She would start
early in the fall, making candles, pouring hot paraffin into
Foremost Milk Foremost Milk cartons like a
mad scientist on the cusp of a mad scientist on the cusp of a
cure. The wax would harden, cure. The wax would harden,
then she'd pull away the card
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shaped like a magnolia leaf,
the TV lamp with shaped like a magnolia leaf,
the TV lamp with reclining
Chinese children Chinese children, the round and pink corduroy sofa pillow.
She boxed it up and shoved it She boxed it up and shoved it
under beds, or high up in closets..
In their place she deposited Christmas, treasures from the attic that we saw only once a
year. Her favorite piece was a year. Her favorite piece was a
miniature, lighted church that played "Silent Night" when you turned its key. She repeat-
edly stopped our sticky fingers efry stopped our sticky finger stained-glass windows, and she alone was authorized to start up the music. on the long journey to the Best

Day of the Year. Her excite-
ment was contagious, and in
time, we adopted holiday projects of our own.
One year I determined to sell One year I determined to sell
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tiently to board the Good Ship Free Enterprise. A huge, offi-
cial-looking portfolio-style book cial-looking portfolio-style book
finally arrived with samples of finally arrived with samples
the cards I could offer to all my earder, paying customers.
But I was a shy child, and, But I was a shy child, and,
besides that, Mother said my wares were far too expensive
for normal people. I never for normal people. I never
knocked on a single door. She helped me wrap up the book
and mail it whence helped me wrap up the book
and mail it whence it came.
More successful were the More successful were the
Christmas piano duets my Christmas piano duets my sis-
ter and I learned. One year we got sheet music for "The Happy Wanderer,", a piece that
forced our hands into impossiforced our hands into impossi-
ble, contortionist positions. ble, contortionist positions.
Again and again we played
that rather that rather irritating song. "I am a Happy Wanderer, when Christmas comes around.
And with my sack, upon my And with my sack, upon my
back, I cover lots of ground. La-dee-dee. La-dee-dah. When Christmas comes around... We took long rides to see relatively few lights. (Not everyback then.) We hung our Christmas cards and marked the calendar with red Rudolph
noses. I swear, I can't see a
And cypress Santa or an alligatordrawn sleigh without thinking
of how my Montgomery, Ala., of how my Montgomery,
mother whipped up a mother whi
Christmas.



Rehnquist rejects call for dialogue on minority hiring WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court's nine mem-
bers, defending themselves against critics who say they don't hire enough minorities and women as law clerks, have rejected calls for a "dia-
logue" with minority bar groups.
Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist told three black members of Congress in a "inappropriate for any justice ... to seek guidance from special constituencies."
Rehnquist attached a copy
of his letter to the of his letter to the three con-
gressmen in responding to gressmen in responding to
NAACP Mfume's request for a meeting to discuss the hiring issue. The Associated Press the highest court's first public utterances on the subject. USA Today reported earlier this year that blacks comprise law clerks hired the 428 court's current nine justices during their tenures, and that less than 25 percent of the clerks have been women. There are no statistics on how many minority or female down.
Each justice hires three or four recent law school graduates each year to help with screening new cases and
researching and drafting opinions. The one-year jobs are prizes for young lawyers, most often leading to highpaying posts in law firms aw schools
Mfume has been the mos
vocal critic of the court's hir ing. He was among 18 people arrested in October for carry ing a protest demonstratio nto court property. said the justices have "institutionalized" a selection process for law clerks "that enders diversity virtually impossible."
the justices until women, et nic and racial minorities hold more of the most prestigious law clerkships in the nation, to Mfume on Nov. 27.
Rehnquist said he was writ ing for himself and his eight 17 letter to Do Democratic Nov 17 letter to Democratic Reps Elijah
Dummings of of Maryland and Gregory Meek of New York.
The three had written to each court member to urge "a
dialogue with minority bar associations regarding the hiring process for judicial clerks and the development of effective outreach programs. Rehnquist responded,
"Each of us is satisfied that no person is exclu led from consideration for a clerkship because of race, religion, gender, nationality or for any "Wer impermissible reason. set forth in your letter identify concerns which all of us share," he wrote, "but you must realize that many facors entirely unrelated to the hiring of law clerks are
responsible for this situation "We select as clerks those who have very strong academic backgrounds and have had previously successful law ierk experience, most often
in the federal courts," Rehnquist wrote. "As the demographic makeup of this pool changes, it seems entire ly likely that the underreprewhich you refer in your letter will also change."
Rehnquist cited judicial independence in stating that any dialogue with minority bar or civil rights groups
would be inappropriate, but said "all of the justices are pleased to consider recommendations and comments from all segments of the bar
with respect to the qualifications and credentials of an applicant."
The predominantly black National Bar Association and the National Organization for
Women have also criticized the court.

## 'Date which will live in infamy' remembered 57 years later

PEARL HARBOR, the hull of the Utah. the USS Russell honored gathered at the USS floated away in water cial ceremony was held "There was oil all over the 2,38 water," the 80 -year-old civilians killed a date ly over the wreckage, Saunders was scrubbing Saunders recalled at cere- which President Franklin pay somber tribute. on which 1,177 crew mem- Guamanian - killed dur-
 when he saw the planes Japanese attack that nstant, the USS Arizona into World War II. "It was exploded and the USS Utah rolled over.
The USS Raleigh crewpeople in it.""
All went silent at $7: 55$ man hopped in a boat a.m. Monday; the moment help the wounded. They the Pacific fleet on Dec. 7, used a cutting torch to 1941 nearly four dozen wreaths


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U.S. infant deaths are decreasing, life expectancy is up

WAsingGTON (AP) - More in history, deaths between birth and the There also was a sharp rise in treat and care for underyeight rate in the United States.
American babies are surviving, In adition, teen pregnancies, age of 1 , was 7.1 per 1,000 births. multiple births, another med- and premature babies, Guyer The number of years a per American bables are surviving, In adaition, teen pregnancies, age of 1, was 7.1 per 1,000 births. multiple births, another med- and premature babies, Guyer The number of years a person
even after difficult births, and as measured by the number of That was about 3 percent lower ical complication that affects said.

 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { according to new government tive," said Dr. Bernard Guyer of came despite a } 7.5 \text { percent "higher order multiple births" Yet despite the improvement } \\ \text { increase in the number of low } & \text { - triplets or more - increased in infant death rates, "we still }\end{array}$ statistics. In a study published today in Hygiene anid Ppobicic Health, who increase of about 2 percent in The The increase has come about to other industrial countries,
the journal Pediatrics, statistics analyzed the government data the number of births by women because more women are using said Guyer the journal Pediatrics, statistics analyzed the government data the number of births by women late in their childbearing years.
Preomanev and birth complicafecause more women are using said Guyer.
Singapore Singapore, for instance, had
Medical science is combating an infant mortality rate of 3.8 born in the Unitted States can
expect to live increased in expect to live increased, in part
because of falling death rates because of falling deeath rates
from major diseases and from from major diseases and from
accidents, homicides and suicides. Deaths from HIV, or AIDS, for instance, dropped by
47 percent in 47 percent in 1997 .
Guyer, "reflects improvement Guyer, renlects improvement
at both ends of the life spectrum. The fact that infant mortality is down means that babies
born this year are going to have a longer life expectancy. At the other end, we are able to pro-
long life longer and the aged are
healthier." The most dramatic improve-
ment was among black males, ment was among black males,
whose life expectancy increased whose life expectancy increased
by 1.2 years to 67.3 years. For by 1.2 years to 67.3 years. For
black females, it improved to 74.7 years, an increase of half a year. white females, life expectancy th of a year. And for
up one.tenth white males, it is now 74.3, an
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year. Among other findings:
-Births to teen-age mothers fell in 1997 for the sixth consecutive year to 52,9 births per
1,000 females ages 15 to 19 That is 3 percent lower than the 1996 rate of 54.4 and 15 percent lower than the 1991 rate of 62,1 . "All of the stuff from the last decade -
safer sex, more access to con safer sex, more access to con-
traception - appears to have had an effect," said Guyer. -Based on 1996 statistics, the
latest available, Maine had the latest available, Maine, had the
lowest infant mortality rate at 4.4 per 1,000 live births. The highest rate was in the District of Columbia, with 14.9 infant
deaths per 1,000 live births. deaths per 1,000 live births.
-The number of very birthweight babies, those born at less than 3.3 pounds,
increased slightly, to 1.41 perincreased slightly, to 1.41 per-
cent of all live births in 1997, from 1.37 percent in 1996. from 1.37 percent in 1996.
-Low birthweight babies,
those weighing less than 5.5 those weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth, increased to 7.5
percent in 1997 from 7.4 percent in 1996, continuing a steady increase. The rate in 1984 was
6.7 percent of all live births.

Two jets nearly
hit off Long Island BOSTON (AP) - Two passen ger jet: heading to Europe near-
ly collided off Long Island, N.Y., and federal investigators are trying to determine if a computer maifunction at an air
traffic control center was to traftic
blame.
The planes, traveling at more than 500 mph, came within 1.07
miles of each other Sunday night, the Federal Aviation Administration said. The pilots took evasive action after being
alerted by onboard collision alerted by onboard colision
systems.
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# SPORTS 

## IN Brief

Lady Steers freshmen post win over Snyder Bik springs Lady steer over Snyder's young Lady
Tigers, getting their lead from Larson.
Larson came off the bench to pace the Lady Steers with points, while Paige King an
Tejal Patel each scored eigh points. King also had six
steals on the night. steals on the night also got four points and seven
rebounds
Trom Kennedy.
The Lady Steers will play
host to colorado City's fresh-

## Steer Baseball Boosters'

 first meeting is tonightThe 1999 Big Spring Basebal
Boosters Club will hold an tonight in the Big Spring hig School Athletic Training Anyone interested in sup-
porting Big Spring. High
School baseball School baseball team
encouraged to attend.
Lady Yearlings suffer Lady Yearlings suffer
two losses to Snyder Runnels ${ }^{\text {J }}$ Unior
School's Lady Yearlings were forced to absorb a couple of
losses on the road Monday The e Lady Yearlings "A"
team suffered a $48-25$ defeat leam suffered a $48-25$ defeat
while the " $B$ " team dropped In the "A" game, Big spring
was paced by the six each scored by Esha Ward and
Amanda Lasater. Ashley Smith added five more and
Ashley Tuttle scored four. Ashley Tuttle scored four. Vaughn, $\begin{gathered}\text { efrort byile } \\ \text { Rachelle }\end{gathered}$ Guinn scores seven and
Racher Wester chipped in
three more.

Youth basketball league beginning registration The Big Spring Youth
Basketball Association has
scheduled registration begin scheduled registration begin
ning Saturday at the Big Registratio be from 1 p. the mall w.m p.m. Monday through Friday register at Neal's Sporting
Goods during business hours throughout the week.
A fee of $\$ 20$ is required A fee of $\$ 20$ is required fo Cor more information, cal
Charlie Hall at 263-0159 or
Rick Watkins at Softball umpires needed for high school schedule Fastpitch umpires are cur
rently needed to work softbal games throughout Wes
Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chap
ter of the Southwest Softbal Umpires Association.
Umpires will be calling high Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring
Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton Greenwood, Merma, Midland
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## Playoffs

FRIDAY:
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(14-0), in Stephenville.
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TODAY:
college basketball 6:30 p.m. - Indiana a
Kentucky, ESPN, Ch. 30 . 7 p.m. - Texas Tech a 8:30 p.m. - lowa at 8:30 p.m. - lowa at
Kansas, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Longhorns' Williams named AP's Player of the Year

## AUSTIN (AP) - Texas running back <br> who had 15.

 more. After smashing the major collegecareer. rushing record and Earl
Campbell's school rerd Campbell's school record in the process, The soft-spoken, dreadlocked Californian's staggering rushing totals sent him well beyond Campbell in the NCAA record book, and on Monday
earned him The Associated Press College Player of the Year Award.
It is the first year of the award voted
on by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations. Williams rushed for 2,124
yards and scored 28 touchdown this yards and scored 28 touchdowns this sea-
son and set the Division I career rushing mark in the process.
Williams received the AP award balloting the 143 votes in the AP award balloting, well ahead of
Kansas State's Michael Bishop, who had


Lerry Larned of Midiand, a member of the Texas High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Honor, delivers the keynote address during Monday night's Big Spring Quarterback Club Football
Quarterback Club honors 1998 Steers during banquet by JOhn A. MOSELEY

| By John a. Moseley |  |
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| Spo | Courage isn't what you see in the movies and television," he explained. "Courage is what it |
| S | live up to your convictions |
| turned around a 1-4 record midw |  |
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| Division I playoffs, was hon | and one's nation, Larned add |
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|  | stressed. "Don't ever put anything in it that will |
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|  | each of the varsity players, Head coach |
| tion in Texas, as well as at the junior college and NCAA Division I levels. |  |
| directed his comments to the stude | r |
| athletes, stressing "five ingredients for success. |  |
| irst and foremost of those ingredients, |  |
|  | ty of opportunities to quit, but they |
| e explained. "If you don't you w | hese kids did was never give up |
| nd on the veteran coach's list was | lieving in themselves and |
| to set goals. And those goals, he said | believed was possible." |
| There simply are no unreasonable goals, | he only award presented during the evening |
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|  | noted the coaching staff does not |
| also stressed the athletes $n$ |  |
| remendous courage, have a burning desire to | use they insist |

## Bucs stay alive in playoff chase beating Packers

tobacco juice onto a towel at his feet and savoring the taste of a
victory over the Green Bay Packers.
Sapp his Tampa Bay eight times and bagged a $24-22$
victory their first over NFC victory, their first over NFC 1995. The win bolstered the
Buccaneers' wild-card playoff Buccaneers wild-card playoff
chances and thrilled a sellout
crowd attending the first Monday night game at Tampa
in 15 years. in "This town has waited a long time for us to take Green Bay The Packers had won six
straight in the Battle of the
Bays, usually, because Favre outplayed Trent Dilfer. But this downs and ran for another while Favre
six fumbles. Although the Packers recov-
ered five of the loose balls, the ered five of the loose balls, the
scrambles typified their perfor mance. Injury-riddled Green
Bay fell behind 14-3 early and spent the rest
ing to catch up.
"fter playing these guys six
times, we were beginning t times, we were beginning to
think we were never going to win," Bucs coach Tony Dungy
said. "The difference was tha we got ahead. In the past they got ahead early and controlled
the game." With three games left, Tamp
Bay (6-7) climbed into a thre Bay (6-7) climbed into a three-
way tie with Arizona and New Orleans in the race for the final
NFC wild-card spot. The Cardinals and Saints hold the tiebreaker edge over the Bucs, tiebreaker edge over the Bucs,
who play Pittsburgh on Sunday.
"Our backs were against the wall," Dungy said. "'They' The game was less critical to the two-time defending NFC
champion Packers champion Packers
although they missed a ch
to clinch a wild card berth to chinch a wild-card berth.
make we're definitely going to
back Dorsey Levens said.
'We're going to win the next We're going to win the nex three games. handed. Plagued by injuries al year, the Packers lost center
Frank Winters to a broken leg and receiver Robert
"The injuries are unbelie
able," Favre said "WWe're able," Favre said. "We're losing guys right and left. We did
great
job with who we had." Green Bay outgained the Buc rushing and passing, but spen
too much time going backward Although Favre went 29 -for-4
for 228 yards he often fumble before he could throw
"It got kind of crowded swiping at the football, Packers
said.
Brad
Upshaw
ad Culpepper and Regan Jeff Gooch and Ronde Barbe "We had two fumbles. that was unbelievable," Sapp he was uneasy in the pocket." Favre's record against the Bucs fell to 13-2. Dilfer, mean
while, beat the Packers for ju while, beat the Packers for ju
the second time in nine starts. He had plenty of help. He had plenty of help
Green and Ber
Emanuel turned short Emanuel turned short passes
into long touchdowns for an into long
The patterns were similar
quick slants on third-and-shor with the receiver breaking into the clear. Green's score covere "'They, get 14 points on two big
plays," Holmgren said. "That's plays," Holmgren said. "That's
the way we've beaten them before.
The The Packers closed withi Sapp and Culpepper sacke Favre at the Green Bay 38 on
the final play, and the frenzied crowd gave one last che ment in was a lot of excite ment in the city all week, an our guys sensed that," Dung could play with playoff team

## NFL considering instant replay for this year's playoffs

 of NFL politic
While nothing's official yet, it looks like some sort of replay system could be
in place as early as this season's play. in place as early as this season's play
offs.
That Erickson was contacted by Jerry Seeman, the NFL's supervisor of officials, about the touchdown by the New
York Jets that beat the Seahawks York
Sunday. Replays showed a 5 -yard run by
Jets QB Viny Testaverde went only 4.9 yards and ended up short of the goal
line. Aine. As expected, Seeman sal.
wrong, but the loss stands.
He said
He said, 'The guy who called it saw the helmet go across the line and thought it was the bain, Erickson said
lously.
That play may have been the last straw. League officials say they might have the 24 votes of 31 teams, including
Cleveland, needed to implement instant Cleveland, needed to implement instant
replay for the playoffs. Last March, it fell two votes short, getting 21 of 30 .

Was it a gift for Testaverde and Jets? HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) - The pre-
vouchdown. The refs are out there mak-
vailing opinion among New York Jets
ing judgment calls, and they called it a players seems to be that instant replay is a good idea. They wouldn't have fel that way if replay was in use Sunday.
Many of the Jets understood how for tunate they were that the head lines man gave Vinny Testaverde a touchdown on his 5 -yard quarterback sneak
in the dying seconds of the game with in the dying seconds of the game with
Seattle. Although replays indicated Seattte. Although replays indicate
Testaverde was down before reaching the goal line, Earnie Frantz quickly sig naled touchdown, giving New York
vital $32-31$ victory. "It was a touchdown," cornerback
Otis Smith said with Monday. "That's the way it was called

The new system would take the form used in preseason experiments - with and referees making the final decision from monitors on the sideline.
But it also would allow a coach who But it also would allow a coach who is
out of challenges in the final two min
 admit the controversy swirling around the play - and so many other officiating calls this season - was understand-
able.
Testaverde said. "So when I saw it,"
tried to evaluate it fairly.
"I know the angle
"I know the angle of the replay" is
tough to tough to see and most people are going
to say it was not a touchdown. But there
See JETS, page
utes to make one with the referee's con-
sent. That would apply to plays like the one by Testaverde. Sunday's call, plus a questionable call
that allowed New England to beat that allowed New England to bea
Buffalo a week ago and the botched coi Buffalo a week ago and the botched coin
flip in the Pittsburgh-Detroit game on


## NBA players set exhibition

 for Dec. 19 in Atlantig City NRWW YORK (AP) Michael four Drgann tean - the 1992won't even be playing, and and 1996 Olympic teams and \$1,000.
$\$ 1,000$. long-rumored exhibition
game featuring locked-out NBA players was finally
announced Monday by agents David Falk and Arn Tellem. Tre Game on Showtime" is
set for Dec. 19 in Atlantic City, N.J. With the proceeds' 'going
to chisrity and to NBA players in financial need
"If you look at people who play professional sports, not a secure," union president make a lot of money, and they "Me. I'm financially sec but there a lot of others who aren't. Our objective is to help these people. No matter how nuch money they ve mad they're in need now then it's
up to us to try and help them. up to us to
Ewing said.
Ted to toen players are committed to play, and organizers
hope to have a total of 16 tlay
ers who were members of the

## JETS

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were other guys looking down
the goal line who said I was in the goal zone.
"From the slow motion, you'd think I was down and the angle of the replays shows i was short
of the goal line. But if the camra had been on the goal line looking across from one flag to he other - and I'm taking the I think you'd see a different iew of the ball."'
What unbiased viewers saw was Testaverde's knee hitting
the turf with the ball still short of the goal line. What everyone aw, though, was Frantz's arms in the air. After a short discus sion, Frantz's call was upheld

- to vehement protests from - to vehement protests from
playoff chanke, who saw their What coach Bill Perceltsisaw was what Frantz saw - at least officially. I sill go with what aid, adding he never watched television Sunday night, so he didn't see a replay. "All you guys are telling me it looks lik he didn't get in. What do you
want me to do, call them up and forfeit it? "We were fortunate. That's "We were fortunate. That's
the way it is. I've been on the
other side of those recently, as tecent as last year." Linebacker Bryan Cox and receiver Keyshawn Johnson
both said they favored a return of replay.


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## Maryland, Stanford register similar victories

 energy left Monday night, just over 24 ours after their emotional confrontation in the opening round of the BB\&T Classic tense 62 -60.Maryland victory
Luckily, the No. 2 Terrapins and sixth record virtually identical victorient to lesser foes.
Maryland
Maryland won the championship, 92-75 ver DePaul, after Stanford pulled away in he second half to beat George Washington $70-56$ in the consolation game.
The Terrapins ( $10-0$ ) led by only four The Terrapins ( $10-0$ ) led by only four ing of a young DePaul team that starts three freshmen.
"We came out today a little flat. They took
advantage of it"" said Terence Morris, who said Maryland forwar from the field and matched his career high with 22 points.
"I thought we were tired coming in,"
Maryland coach Gary Williams conceded. "Of course, that's not something you can even talk about or worry about. You just have to be ready to play",
The letdown was inevitable, given the The letdown was inevitable, given the came in with a five-game winning streak but the Terrapins probably figured this
game was going to be a comparative breeze game was going to be a comparative br
"That score is not indicative of how close the garme was,", Williams said.
The same can be said for The same can be said for the Stanford
George Washington game. Although the George Washington game. Although the
Cardinal (5-2) led the entire second half, the margin was only five points with $9: 25$ left. That's when Mark Madsen took over scoring six straight points - two free
throws, a layup and a dunk off an alley-oop pass, - to make it $61-50$. Minutes later, Madsen made a foul shot and Kris Weems followed with a 3 -pointer for a 67.54 lead
with $4: 33$ left. Clearly, Stanford wasn't in the proper Colonials mind to play the feisty,: physical "Whether we want to admit it or not, easerer to get up for No . 2 Maryland; "on-
en ars
versely, George Washington can always get up to play Stanford." In the only other Top 25 game, No. 2
Arkansas routed Western Carolina 90.54 Arke two day BB\&T Classic was valuable for all four teams, each of which learned
something that can be applied later in "This shows our players we can do some things better, and that's good," Williams said. "Our rebounding is not where it
should be. We were outrebounded both
ames here, and you can't do that and Stanford, meanwhile, got a lesson in play associated with brand or oase tbalr ofte "It was agritty, tough win for us, just lik hey're all going to be," coach Mik Montgomery said. "It was a pretty good bounce-back for us, considering how em
tional and physical the game was yester dePaul coach Pat Kennedy talked abou he benefit of playing one of the best team minutes. After going head-to-head agains Maryland, they'll certainly be prepared fo "(Maryland) is a tonference USA. national championship. We learned a lot Kennedy said. "This is what it's about growing as a young team. This game will b stretch." And even George Washington (3-3) expect
ed to profit, despite losing twice.
-1, despe losing
Arkansas 90, W. Carolina 54
Pat Bradley scored 32 points, including 8 of-12 from 3-point range, as Arkansas defeated Western Carolina.
Arkansas ( $6-2$ ) shot 59 percent from the field, including 67 percent on 3-pointers. a loss to Villanova on Nov. 22, scored 1 points for the Razorbacks. Derek Hoo added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

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leaders in Columbus, Ohio. In 1949, the Chinese from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists
pressed their attacks. In 1978 Golda In 1978, Golda Meir, prime
miniser of srael from 1969 to 1974, died in Jerusalem at age
80.
in 1980, rock star John
Lennon was shot to death out side his New York City apart ment building by an apparently
deranged fan. ieranged fan. In 1986, House Democrats
selected majority leader Jim Wright to be the chamber's 48th speaker, $\begin{aligned} & \text { succeeding } \\ & \text { Thomas. }{ }^{\text {s. }} \text { Tip" } \\ & \text { O'Neill. }\end{aligned}$. In 1987, President Reagan and Gorbachev signed a treat under which the superpower agreed to destroy their arsenals
of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.
Ten years ago: Sovie President Mikhail Gorbachev to return home following a killer earthquake in Armenia. Five years ago: President
Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trad
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Duran) is 42 . Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 41 . Country singer Marty Raybon (Shenandoah) is 39 . Rock musi-
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    Monday's New York newspapers, all three of which had a ying on the ground a foot short
    The call in the game's closing
    seconds kept the Jets tied with Miami in the AFC East and nocked the Seahawks from
    playoff contention. It also had an impact on Wilson's Bills,
    Miami and New England, hich are in a four-way scram ble with the Jets in the AFC
    As for replay, the technology is in place because of the exper iments during exhibition
    games. All that's needed is ames. All that's needed is a
    phone or internet vote by the owners. No timetable for that has been set.
    The system that has been iving coaches challenges on calls - perhaps two a half or wo a game - with the referee making the final decision after
    viewing the play on a sideline

    That would help end the objections to the old system booth and was beset by end less challenges and endless delays, some lasting longe han five minutes.
    Few pretend that replay
    olves everything. Dan Rooney president of the Steelers, said ast week he thinks officials are overly managed

