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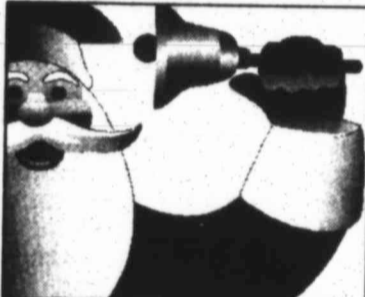


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HELPING OTHERS...

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation 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 263-7331, ext. 234.



Angel Tree locations:

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall
- Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union
- Mel's Fried Fish
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- In addition, Bealls Department Store will give a 10 percent discount to all purchases of Angel Tree gifts.

Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

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 Friday.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive. 30.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas.

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Firefighting captain named year's best

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

At a banquet Tuesday night, Capt. Valerie Sullivan, a six-year veteran with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, was named Firefighter of the Year by her comrades.

"Capt. Valerie Sullivan is a paramedic and a firefighter. She goes out on every call, she's always there, head deep into it, and she does an outstanding job," said Tommy Sullivan, fire chief for the county department. He said the department has responded to 930 fires this year.

Valerie Sullivan, a six-year veteran with the department, works nights as a shift team leader on the adolescent unit at the Big Spring State Hospital. "She received 72 percent of the vote, or five out of every seven votes," Sullivan said.

The chief did not vote during the nomination process. He said in his position, he can only vote in the event of a tie.

This is the first time in the banquet's five-year history that a woman was named firefighter of the year, he said.

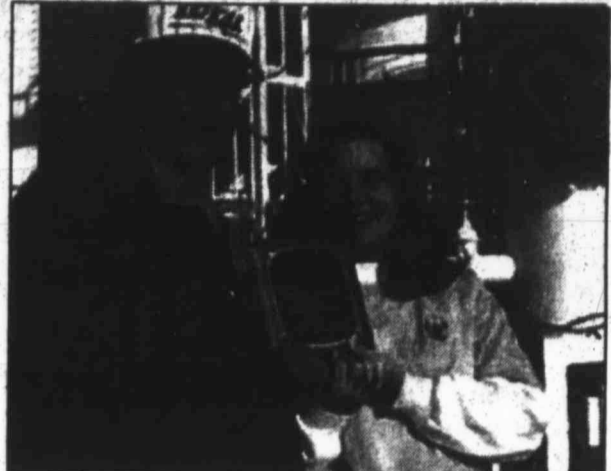
"We have about 66 fire fighters on the force right now, and about 20-25 of them are women," Sullivan said.

Valerie Sullivan, 37, said she became interested in firefighting when she saw the amount of time and energy her husband placed into the experiences.

"I decided if I wanted to see my husband I'd need to check this out and see what it was all about," she said.

The couple have three children, who support their parents efforts as fire fighters, she said.

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Valerie Sullivan, pictured with her husband, Tommy, is Howard County Firefighter of the Year.



First Church of the Nazarene pastor Roger Huff adjusts some props in one of the newly painted scenes on the drive through nativity, which opens Thursday evening.

Nativity comes alive Thursday

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

First Church of the Nazarene's live, drive-through nativity is ready to take the stage — or at least the parking lot.

The 17-scene nativity, which tells the story of Jesus Christ's birth, life, crucifixion and ascension, begins at 6:30 each evening, Thursday through Sunday. All of the scenes are arranged on a winding path through the church parking lot at 1400 Lancaster.

As in previous years, an overflow crowd is expected to line up for a chance to see and hear the Christmas story. Scenes use live actors and animals, with the story narrated from Bible verses on cassette tapes.

Two new scenes added this year are hoped to clarify the story for some visitors. At the beginning, a family will appear, discussing the Christmas story with their children.

This is hoped to set up the next scene, which involves the prophecies of Christ's birth found in the Old Testament. "What we've really tried to do this year is bring the message to a level that everyone can understand, whether you have a church background or not," said the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the church.

The family will appear again near the end of the nativity, making a transition from the Christmas story to scenes about the crucifixion and resurrection.

Huff said Bible verses used in the nativity have been updated this year, to a modern translation. Among other changes, new, brighter light fixtures are

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An Angel

Woman takes it upon herself to ensure kids, seniors have Christmas

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Mary Frances Malone is a woman with a mission.

"After I read those articles by John Walker in Sunday's paper, I knew I had to do something. I can't see 700 people, that's 700 seniors and children, doing without Christmas," Malone said.



MALONE

Malone is talking about the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. This annual community effort to provide Christmas presents for needy area children and seniors has fallen short, with more than 300 angels still available for adoption as of today.

"I'm going to make this work, even if I have to do without. I just have to make this work," Malone said.

She read the stories in Sunday's Herald and decided to begin a one-woman campaign to get the angels adopted, she said.

Malone began calling and talking to people Sunday after she read the articles. Thus far she has contacted friends, acquaintances, businesses, the media, Sunday school classes

and orchestra members.

"I play the harp every Sunday at the Methodist church, and I just walked right into the Sunday school class and interrupted the end of their class. I'm contacting everybody and I'm not through yet," she said.

Danelle Castillo, social service director with the Salvation Army said Malone's efforts began returning Monday.

"We've had \$1,000 donated for the angels, and have seen 226 angels adopted since the articles in Sunday's paper," Castillo said.

Castillo said 319 angels are still on the Christmas trees that have been placed in various retail businesses in town.

"With the \$1,000, I went shopping to buy the presents for the angels," Castillo said.

Thus far, 403 angels have been adopted, she said. The angels tree program will continue until Dec. 11, when the trees and the angels are removed and taken back to the Salvation Army offices.

"I just met Mary Frances, and she is an angel. She has taken it upon herself to help us with the angel tree program to provide Christmas for children who would not otherwise have Christmas," Castillo said.

Malone adopted angels herself, and urged all others she met and knows to do the same.

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Martin County honors Deavenport, retiring as county judge

By **T.E. JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Residents of the City of Stanton and Martin County gathered Tuesday evening at the Stanton Community Center to honor County Judge Bob Deavenport and his wife Dorothy, whose 18



DEAVENPORT

years of service to the area as Martin County Judge will come to an end with the ringing in of the new year.

"Bob has been a great asset to both the city and the county in so many different ways, there's no way for me to name them all," said Martin County resident Merle Mitchell, owner and operator of the 4-Way Cotton Gin.

"This is just our way of showing our appreciation for everything he has done for us."

According to Mitchell, the program, which began at 5:30 p.m. with a reception for

Deavenport's friends and acquaintances, was testament to a job well done.

"Bob has just done so much to help the people of Martin County, as well as the City of Stanton," said Mitchell. "He has held the county together through some very trying times during his tenure as county judge. We are certainly going to miss him in that office."

Mitchell said Deavenport has served the city and county in many different capacities over the years, and expects no less from him in the future.

"This is somewhat of a retirement party for Bob, but don't be fooled," said Mitchell. "I expect that he will remain a very important part of what goes on here, and will continue helping with the different functions through the years."

"The City of Stanton and Martin County have been very good to me over the years," said Deavenport. "I've had more fun in this office than I could ever relate."

"Me and Dorothy really appreciate what our friends here are doing for us. It has been so much fun. When we found out about the program, Dorothy

asked me if they were planning on having a dunking booth with me in it."

Deavenport said his accomplishments over the last 18 years have been facilitated by the people of Martin County.

"The people here in Martin County are just wonderful," said Deavenport. "They are hard-working, conservative people, but are very generous when they need to be. I've seen it over the years with the building of the Little League baseball field, and all kinds of other projects that they have pulled together to get done."

City OKs pact with Poka Lambro

By **T.E. JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members approved a contract Tuesday evening that will allow cellular service provider Poka Lambro PCS, Inc., to locate an antenna on the top of the famous Settles Hotel.

"We are very excited about this contract and the possibilities it provides," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua. "Council members have made it known that they intend to have the revenues generated from this contract placed in a special fund for use on the Settles."

Fuqua said the contract will bring in the first steady revenues for the downtown landmark in many years, and should provide a much needed boost for the Friends of the Settles, a local group dedicated to the renovation of the Settles Hotel.

"This will open up the possibilities for utilizing the Settles, as well as bring in the money necessary to repair and renovate the structure," said Fuqua. "We made it known to Poka Lambro that we hope to renovate the building completely, and they have said they would be very interested in acquiring office space when it becomes possible. That certainly is a positive sign for everyone involved in the Settles project."



FUQUA

Poka Lambro were made public during the last meeting of the city council, when City Attorney Jim Finley announced that the cellular provider was interested in a communications lease contract agreement.

"Poka Lambro PCS, Inc. has requested a communications lease agreement with the city to place a cellular relay antenna on the roof of the Settles Hotel," said Finley during the previous meeting. "They are also asking permission to locate a small area in the building for their equipment."

"They have been really easy to work with on this project, and we're pretty excited about the whole thing. It would be a good way to make use of the building again."

Council member Chuck Caw-

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Randi Partee, left and Amanda Shedy practice their steps as Dream Ballet Dancers during rehearsals of the Big Spring High School performance of "Oldshomol," set Dec. 18-19 at the high school auditorium.

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OBITUARIES

Ret. Master Sgt.
Doyle G. Roberts

Service for Ret. Master Sgt. Doyle G. Roberts, 67, Abilene, will be 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, at Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Travis Brown and Mr. Mark Burrus officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Memorial Park. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Elmwood Funeral Home, Abilene.

Mr. Roberts died Monday, Dec. 7, in an Abilene hospital. He was born on June 28, 1931, in Star. He graduated from Midland High School. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 29 years of service. Mr. Roberts served in the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and Thailand. In 1968, he married Callie Marie Austin in Dell City, Okla. She preceded him in death. He worked for Unichem International for 10 years. He moved to Abilene in 1990 from Farmington, N.M. He was a member of the Taylor County D.A.V. Chapter 36, Abilene Primitive Baptist Church and the Texas Veteran Land Board.

Mr. Roberts is survived by: two sons, Sgt. Major John Austin of Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Daniel Austin of Snyder; a daughter, Debbie Austin of Fayetteville, N.C.; a sister, Eileen Zant Rodriguez of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Abilene Primitive Baptist Church; 3565 Hickory Street; Abilene; 79601; or Hendrick Hospice Care; 1682 Hickory; Abilene; 79601.

Arrangements under the direction of Elmwood Funeral Home, Abilene.

E. Grady Davis

Graveside service for E. Grady Davis, 75, Waco, formerly of Big Spring, were 2 p.m. today at the China Spring Cemetery with Dr. Charles Shellenberger and G.M. (Mac) Gorham officiating.

Mr. Davis died Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, in a Waco hospital.

He was born in Stamford and lived in Big Spring until entering college. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, commanding a landing craft in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After receiving his pharmacy degree from the University of Texas in Austin, he became the managing partner of The Prescription House in Waco in 1947. He established the Ace Hi Ranch, located between China Spring and Valley Mills, where he and Paul Almanza produced prize winning Registered Polled Hereford cattle.

Survivors include: his wife, Joyce of Waco; a sister, Florence Ragle of Waco; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to one's favorite charity. Arrangements under the

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Adam Lee "Slim" Andrews, 16, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
Lorene Wilson, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Adam Lee "Slim" Andrews

Adam Lee "Slim" Andrews, 16, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, in a local hospital as the result of an automobile accident.

Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, and Rev. Monroe Teeters, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 21, 1982, in Big Spring. Adam had lived most of his life in Big Spring and attended Forsan schools where he was a junior. He was very active in sports, football, golf and weight lifting.

He was a member of Berea Baptist Church. He was a member of the Forsan Band, played the trombone and was in solo and ensemble competition.

Survivors include: his father and step-mother, Donnie and Genia Andrews of Big Spring; his mother and step-father, Jennifer and Bubba Lyles of Ridgeland, Miss.; one brother, Mathew Andrews of Ridgeland, Miss.; one step-brother, Andy Neel of Big Spring; his paternal grandparents, Buddy and Mattie Andrews of Big Spring; and maternal grandparents, Ron and Jo Hewitt of Dallas; grandmother Billie Strickland of Forsan; maternal great-grandmother, Maple Morris of Franklin; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfather, J.P. Morris, and grandfather, Gene Strickland.

Pallbearers will be: Bob Fishback, Roger Huggins, Jerred Fishback, James Thomas, Derrick Wash and Javier Becerra. Honorary pallbearers will be the Junior Class of Forsan High School and the Forsan Buffalo Football Team.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Texas Affiliate, Inc.; Western Division Office; 10 Desta Dr.; Midland; 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
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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 that represent 26 Howard County children who are currently clients of the Children's Protective Services. Visit the bank to adopt one of these children.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting donated cans of food to be distributed to the area needy. Bring two or more cans to the Ritz, the Star or Cinema Four movie theaters and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize.

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"This is quite an honor, and I find being a fire fighter very rewarding," she said.

Also nominated as firefighter of the year were Fernando De Hoyas, Bill Smith, Janette Griffith, Brenda Kenemur, Chris Armstrong and Chris Hogg.

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hoped to add more drama to most scenes. Workers have been busy the last several weeks sprucing up paint, rewiring and adding new details throughout.

"I think the scenes will be the most dramatic they've ever been," Huff said.

Church workers said most visitors arrive at the church parking lot early, so to avoid a crowd, they advise coming after 8 p.m.

More than 150 members of the church will work on this year's nativity, from cast and crew to kitchen staff, artists and traffic control.

This weekend, final preparations were made to the parking lot. Tonight, church members will meet for placement and prayer.

Thursday, despite the colder temperatures that are predicted, the show must go on.

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she said.
"I'm really on fire about this, and I'm really excited. For everyone who gives, we'll all get

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something back. Our hearts will benefit from this Christmas," Malone said.

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thon was the first to suggest that the funds generated by the Settles be "put back into the building."

"I think it would be wonderful to put that money aside in a special fund for the Settles itself," said Cawthon, "who met with resounding approval from the rest of the council.

Fuqua said the approval of the contract, as well as the interest in the building, are very positive for not only the city, but the Friends of the Settles.

"They do so much to help with the Settles," said Fuqua. "We hope these revenues can help them accomplish their goal."

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 54
Tuesday's low 28
Average high 58
Average low 30
Record high 81 in 1977
Record low 10 in 1927
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.03
Month's normal 0.20
Year to date 12.68
Normal for the year 17.74

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0,1,2
CASH 5:10,13,22,31,39

Department/EMS reports:

TUESDAY
5:16 a.m. — 600 block Sgt. Paredez, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:38 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:39 a.m. — 8 miles south Highway 87, traffic accident, extrication, three patients transported to SMMC.

10:22 a.m. — 1500 block Johnson, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:49 a.m. — 3200 block Fordham, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:18 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.

3:40 p.m. — 600 block Gregg, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:34 p.m. — SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to Odessa hospital.

4:54 p.m. — 500 block W. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:11 p.m. — 1900 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

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

JAMES NICHOLAS WINN, 49, was arrested for issuance of a bad check and a motion to revoke probation/burglary of a habitation.

EDDIE DALE CROW, 48, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

JUAN PAUL GARZA, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.

JAVIER CASILLAS, 33, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance.

JAVIER VALENZUELA RUIZ, judgment sentence/driving while license suspended.

ADOLFO FRANCO, 32, was

arrested on a motion to revoke probation/contempt of a child support order.

JY JUNG, 29, was arrested for speeding and failure to appear.

POLICE

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

JESSE AGUIAR, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

CATHERINE EDWARDS, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

PHILLIP KUYKENDALL, 17, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

JASON ORTEGA, 17, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

MICHAEL MACKKEY, 18, was arrested for resisting arrest.

JAMES HAYES, 36, was arrested for burglary of a vehicle.

HENRY RAYMOND, 25, was arrested on local warrants.

WALLACE VIASANA, 44, was arrested on Howard County warrants.

JOSE MUNOZ, 35, was arrested on local warrants.

DAPHNE FRANCO, 34, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

ANTONIO FLORES, 18, was arrested on local warrants.

ARLE WATERS, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.

THEFT in the 1700 block of Marcy, the 1400 block of Tucson, and the 400 block of Johnson.

ASSAULT in the 1600 block of E. 11th Place, the 1900 block of N. Hwy. 87, the 2600 block of W. 13th, and the 1900 block of Wasson.

ASSAULT BY THREATS in the 400 block of Dallas.

INDECENCY WITH A CHILD in the 1800 block of Ridgeland.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 500 block of E. 13th.

CONSUMER NOTICE: The holiday season is here and often, when we think of the holidays, we think of shopping. The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Home for the Holidays", prizes and fun for shopping our local merchants first. West Texas Discount Flooring is part of this program and will provide even more incentive for shopping at home. Most citizens of Big Spring understand the importance of supporting our local businesses not only for local sales tax revenue but also to promote local jobs. However, out of habit, we often think that we must leave Big Spring for selection and prices. This year, break the habit; shop our local merchants first, and keep it "Home for the Holidays". It's an exciting time for West Texas Discount Flooring. We have moved from the corner location of 18th and Gregg right next door in the middle building. We are still in the process of flooring our new home (because we have been very busy flooring yours!) and have decided to rename our "Remodeling Sale", the "Keeping it Home for the Holidays Sale". Bring in ads from other stores and compare our prices. We do! You'll find our prices are lower on most items and our selection is overwhelming. Visit us 7 days a week at our new location at 1712 Gregg (but, pardon the remodeling) or call us at 263-5500 and keep it Home for the Holidays! Visit Clint & Melanie Sheets, Ph.D., Marjorie Squires, Patsy Lopez.

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White House wraps up defense which was clearly targeted for Republican moderates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House hoped to win over GOP moderates with a new, energetic impeachment defense, while unmoved Judiciary Committee Republicans drafted formal charges against President Clinton.

One of the Republicans the president's strategists are trying to reach, Rep. Amo Houghton of New York, said today he opposes impeachment.

Writing in today's editions of The New York Times, Houghton said he intended to vote against impeachment, expressed certainty that Clinton would not be convicted in a Senate trial and asked: "Why not recognize our limited field of action and at the very least end this sad chapter

in our history with a strong statement of rebuke rather than nothing at all?"

Another Republican moderate, former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, was added at the last minute to today's White House witness list. He is a former federal prosecutor who says removal of Clinton would not be good for the country.

Chief White House counsel Charles Ruff was to focus today, in scheduled testimony, on evidence that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr left out of his report alleging impeachable conduct.

Committee Republicans left no doubt that neither Ruff's new, exhaustive, 184-page rebuttal — nor expert witnesses who

testified for Clinton on Tuesday — were persuading them.

"I've been very disappointed today that we've had very little discussion of the actual facts of the case," said Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla.

Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said a preliminary review of the rebuttal "appears to contain no new evidence or challenge the truthfulness of any testimony the committee now possesses."

Hyde mocked a footnote in the brief that denied Clinton committed perjury when he testified, in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, that he could not recall whether he was ever alone with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"On page 77, we read: 'The term 'alone' is vague unless a particular geographic space is identified,'" Hyde said.

In Judiciary Committee offices behind the hearing room, the Republican staff continued to rework draft language on articles of impeachment.

San Francisco goes low-tech after massive power failure brings the city to a near halt

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When a massive power outage ground the city to a halt, it took Benjamin Coe's high-tech world with it.

Coe's telephone didn't work, and his cellular phone batteries were dead. He blew an important online business meeting because he couldn't log on. And when he dashed out to get in his car for a trip to Chicago, his electric garage door opener just clicked softly in his hand.

"I had no idea how much I relied on electricity until today," said Coe, a software sales manager. "Ten years ago this wouldn't have been any problem at all."

He was not the only one frustrated Tuesday, when a construction crew's mistake led to a blackout that affected nearly 1 million people. Office workers were trapped in high-rise elevators, trains and the city's cable

cars halted and the airport had to divert incoming planes.

The power went out across the 49-square-mile city as well as several suburbs to the south at 8:17 a.m. It took more than seven hours before electricity was restored to everyone.

A construction crew forgot to remove two grounding rods after completing maintenance on a substation switchboard, causing a blowout and triggering a chain reaction that knocked two generators offline, said Gordon Smith, president of Pacific Gas & Electric.

Since three of the five lines powering San Francisco converge there, substations throughout the city went down. Sabotage caused a similar blackout 14 months ago, leaving 250,000 people in the dark for 3 hours.

Mayor Willie Brown declared a state of emergency, allowing

Municipal Railway passengers to ride buses, trolleys and trains free of charge until midnight. And the deadline for city property taxes was extended a day, to Friday.

One death was related to the blackout, that of a 73-year-old woman struck by a truck in a downtown intersection without an operating traffic signal.

But there were no reports of major accidents or looting.

"I was here for the earthquake in '89," said Michael McDonnell of Galway, Ireland. "What I can't get over is how exceptionally civilized everybody is. Dublin would be in chaos."

For many people downtown, it meant a lost morning of work and inconveniences such as dead ATM machines and cafes unable to brew their favorite coffee. Dozens of trains got stuck in tunnels.

\$250 million in questionable payments made

HOUSTON (AP) — More than a dime of every Medicaid dollar the state paid for acute-care health services for the poor during the fiscal year ending in August 1997 was questionable, according to a draft report of an investigation.

Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reports that a

draft report from the state comptroller's office identified \$250 million in possible fraudulent or excessive payments for care given under the program.

"As astonishing as this figure is, it probably underestimates the actual dimensions of the problem," Comptroller, John Sharp wrote in the report.

If possible fraudulent claims that were already under investigation when the review began had been included, another \$133 million in possible overpayments would have been added to the total, the report said.

The \$250 million included about \$1 million paid to dead people.

Rampage leaves accountant, supervisor dead

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Robert Helfer was a meticulous accountant for the state Department of Transportation, described by a neighbor as "helpful to the point of annoying."

Now his co-workers and friends are trying to understand why someone they thought was mild mannered shot two female supervisors during a disciplinary meeting Tuesday.

One of the supervisors died, and Helfer was killed in a shootout with a state trooper.

"It's hard to understand the demons that go through a person's mind that causes this kind of thing," said Bill Vidal, direc-

tor of the agency.

Helfer, 50, shot the two women and then made his way through the building.

"There was evidence in his motions he was not done with whatever rage and anger he had," said Gov. Roy Romer, who met with employees after the attack.

Helfer eventually leaped out a second-floor window, landed on a roof and jumped to the ground. He emerged in a parking lot, where he was confronted by state patrol Capt. Gary Myers and died in an exchange of gunfire. Myers was not hurt.

Helfer, a six-year employee of the Transportation Department,

had been summoned to a hearing to discuss complaints lodged against him by co-workers. The nature of the complaints was unclear.

"He was just making a person's life miserable," Vidal said.

About an hour into the hearing, Helfer shot and killed Sharlene Nail, 47, and wounded Karla Harding, 41. Harding was shot in the hand, shoulder and leg and was expected to be hospitalized for at least two days.

An employee who filed a complaint against Helfer was hospitalized with a heart condition after she collapsed during the attack.

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OUR VIEWS

Nativity scene puts the season into perspective

Do you need a break from the busy holiday season? Have you nearly overdosed on shopping, parties and "Christmas cheer?"

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Your true Christmas spirit may depend on it.

OTHER VIEWS

The 21st century is just over the horizon. Experts agree that a well-educated work force must be the primary vehicle driving a prosperous U.S. economy in the new millennium.

If so, the Texas economy could be in for a bumpy ride. — Many high schools throughout Texas, including a number in Tarrant County, have unacceptably high dropout rates.

Of those high school graduates who enroll in college, only 49 percent graduate, ranking Texas a dismal 48th among the 50 states.

The record for completing college is particularly poor for minorities — among Hispanic college students in Texas, only 36 percent earn degrees within six years; for African-American students, the completion rate is only 27 percent.

— Texas' higher education expenditures per student are below the national average — and, not surprisingly, so is the state's per capita income. A college graduate's lifetime income will exceed that of a nongraduate by more than \$1 million.

If Texas wants a capable, well-paid 21st-century work force, it must advance its higher education system by substantially increasing the numbers of students who earn college degrees.

One of the biggest barriers for many students is financial. That's particularly true for minority students — a disproportionately large number come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. And a 1996 federal appeals court ruling in the much-chronicled Hopwood case has resulted in a prohibition against using state funds specifically targeted to aid minority students.

We strongly urge that the Texas Legislature, in its session beginning in January, approve increased funding for

needy college students along the lines of recommendations made by a state-appointed panel called the Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body. The 25-member panel is headed by former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby. Its North Texas representatives include Hardy Murphy, an associate superintendent for the Fort Worth school district; former Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss; and David Biegler, president of Texas Utilities Co.

The commission is urging that the Legislature appropriate \$500 million over two years for a program to aid students from low- and moderate-income families. Its prime focus would be on helping students who graduate from high schools where at least 40 percent of students are economically disadvantaged.

Students who are strong academic achievers but from modest financial backgrounds would be eligible for the most aid. Under one scenario, a student ranking in the top 10 percent of a high school graduating class and from a family with an annual income under \$30,000 could be eligible for up to \$5,000 from grants and participation in a work-study program. Over four years, the aid could total \$20,000. The aid would be available to students attending both public and private colleges.

The commission also is recommending spending \$60 million for programs focused on recruiting college students from schools with large numbers of low-income and minority students.

If we don't pay for a stronger higher education system now, we'll be paying later — in the form of a less competitive, lower-wage work force. That won't cut the mustard in the high-tech 21st century.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Is Clinton exempt from the restraints of law?

A few years ago, a much anticipated rematch between the reigning welterweight champion Roberto Duran and challenger Sugar Ray Leonard ended abruptly in the eighth round when the champ threw up his arms, declaring, "No mas."

No more. Duran was simply tired of being outmaneuvered by the skillful Leonard and decided to call it quits before the final bell. According to the polls, most Americans would like members of Congress to pull a Roberto Duran on impeachment.

Virtually everyone concedes that Bill Clinton has won the political battle with the Republican-controlled Congress, and he will not be leaving office before January 20, 2001. So why shouldn't Congress just take a walk on

impeachment? Certainly that would be the easy — and politically expedient — thing to do. It would also be the worst abrogation of congressional duty in the nation's history.

Bill Clinton has attacked the integrity and independence of the judicial system, and if he gets away with it, the separation of powers with its checks and balances — which is fundamental to American democracy — will be irreparably weakened. The president lied under oath in court proceedings, not once but many times, not just in a civil deposition but before a grand jury investigating possible criminal wrongdoing. He also induced others to provide false testimony to the grand jury and to a federal court trying a civil case.

The president's actions do not merely constitute perjury or obstruction of justice as they would if anyone else had committed them. They are the willful assault of the chief executive on the judiciary. If the president can, with impunity, lie under oath in a judicial proceeding, the judiciary becomes subordinate to his power. In effect, he places himself above the law and not subject to it.

The Supreme Court in a 9-0 ruling determined that the president was not immune from civil suit, even during his term of office — which is how Paula Jones' lawyers came to depose the president in January. By lying in his civil deposition, the president, in essence, overturned the court's ruling. Rather than announcing that he would not abide by the court's decision — thus forcing an open constitutional crisis — he surreptitiously denied the plaintiff her right to a fair hearing by intentionally lying under oath in his deposition.

But the president's sneak attack on the civil justice system pales in significance to his defiance of the criminal system.

In testifying before the grand jury, the president enjoyed the same legal protection as all other persons in a criminal proceeding, namely, the right against self-incrimination. Knowing he had lied under oath in his civil deposition, the president could have invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to answer questions that would incriminate him. But he chose not to do so, preferring instead to lie again.

Lying under oath — especially

by someone sworn to faithfully execute the laws of the land — is no ordinary crime. The courts administer oaths in the first place because truth-telling is crucial to a fair judicial system. Even lawbreakers are expected to tell the truth under oath, or say nothing at all. Unless witnesses can be counted on to be truthful, the entire judicial system collapses.

If the Congress does not impeach the president for having repeatedly lied under oath, it will send the clear message that he is exempt from the constraints of law. Ever since King John acceded to the demands of his nobles and signed the Magna Carta in 1215, the rule of law has been considered sacrosanct in Western government. No one — not even the king himself — is above the law.

The House of Representatives does not have to determine what punishment Bill Clinton deserves for having betrayed the American people and attempted to subvert the judicial system. But the House must vote articles of impeachment or else bear responsibility for allowing this president to usurp the balance of power in our system.



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The cotton gin at Burton

It was a real thrill to act as parade marshal and master of ceremonies at the annual cotton gin festival in Burton a few weeks ago. The little town near Brenham really puts on a show during the festival, which attracts more than 15,000 people. Not bad for a town with a population of just over three hundred.

Ten years ago, a group of dedicated volunteers began rebuilding the old Burton Farmers Gin, which was in operation from 1914 to 1974. They found the building was in fairly good shape and had the potential for restoration.

All the customer records had been carefully stored inside the gin. The group took on the name Operation Restoration. The Smithsonian Institution was so impressed with the effort the gin was designated a National Museum for cotton growing and production.

The festival in Burton attracts small engine enthusiasts from a wide area. The

gin fires up and gins cotton during the festival. A Bessemer diesel engine runs the gin. The popping rhythm of its rumble and roar is heard throughout the town. The engine was purchased in 1925 to replace the gin's original steam engine. The Bessemer engine weighs more than fifteen tons. It arrived in Burton by railroad on a flatcar. Six men and several teams of mules worked with ropes and block and tackle to maneuver it up a slope and into the engine room.

Events in the folklife area include goose plucking, sauer kraut making, face painting, cow and goat milking and blacksmithing. A midway features carnival rides and food booths. Inside the entertainment tent are some of the best bands, dancing groups and entertainers from Austin and Houston.

All proceeds from the annual festival go to the continuing restoration. Plans include exhibits telling the story of cotton ginning, cotton farming and the cotton town. Enthusiasm for the project has spread throughout the state and nation as evidenced by a wagonload of awards and honors for the tiny town, its gin and its festival. The Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Downtown Association, the United States Department of the Interior and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers have given recognition to the citizens of Burton for what they've done with the gin.

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The Burton Farmers Gin is the only restored gin of its era on its original site, in its original building with all of the equipment intact. At the turn of the century there were more than 30,000 cotton gins throughout the cotton belt, 4,600 of them in Texas. By 1925 there were about 15,000 gins in cotton country and less than 4,000 in Texas.

As ginning moved from the plantations to the communities the number of gins declined. The arrival of expensive mechanical cotton pickers and the opening of large irrigated cotton farms in West Texas by the 1950's signaled the decline of hundred-acre cotton farms in the Brazos Valley.

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Leader of the band

Untimely death of well-known musician left legacy of talent, charitable work in community

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For Big Spring senior citizens and other fans of C.W. Fields, Nov. 7 was the day the music died.

Fields died suddenly that day, after a night of entertaining senior citizens at the Spring City Senior Center. Many in the community said they were shocked and saddened by his untimely death.

"Everybody loved him," said Bobbie Leonard, director of the Spring City Senior Center. Fields and his band, C.W. and Company, played at the senior center most every Friday night. Dancers came from all over the area to hear him play and sing.

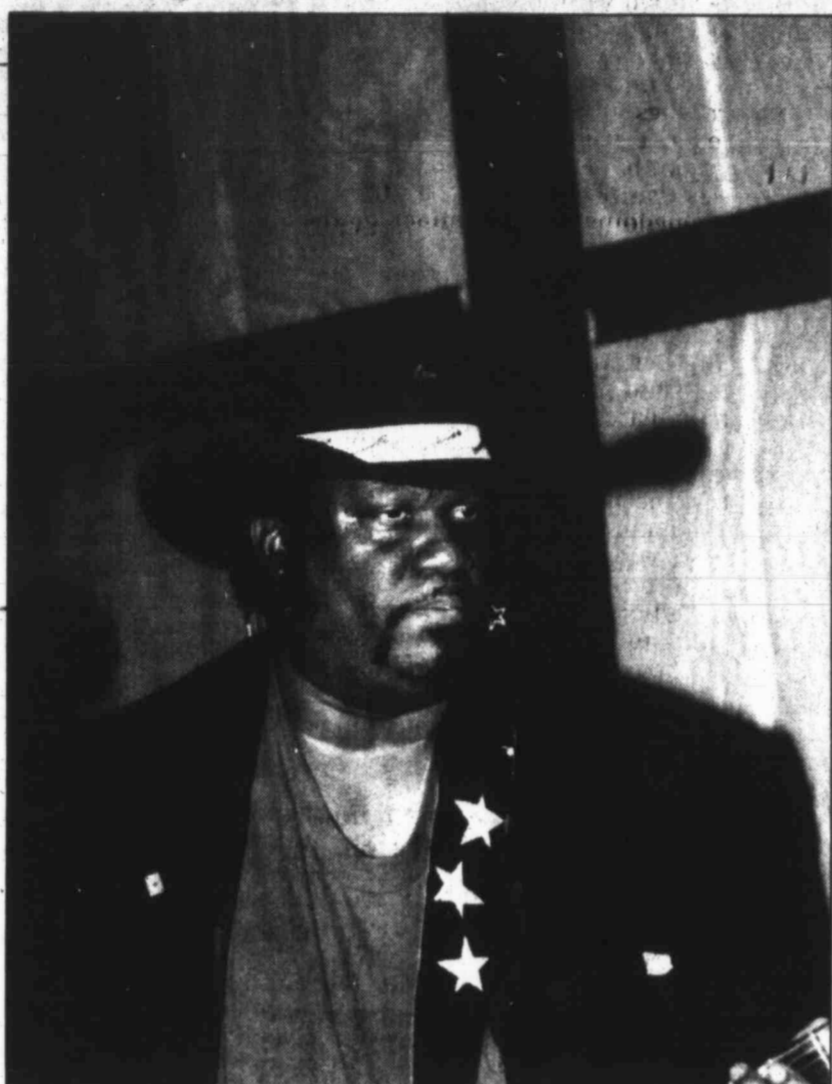
"C.W. had such a good heart," said Dorothy Kennemur, who frequently danced to the music of his band. "He loved to play Elvis, and we loved to see it."

During intermission of those shows, C.W. would visit with the gathered crowd. One time, a friend of Kennemur's asked for a special request.

"We wanted him to learn, 'Put Your Little Foot,'" she explained. "We gave him a tape. He learned the music, and the next time, he played it for us."

Many of his performances around town were benefits, or played for free simply because he wanted to make people happy.

"You couldn't ask for a better person," said Barry Barnett of Harley Owners Group, which often invited C.W.'s band to play for benefits.



C.W. Fields, whose band C.W. and Company played at many community benefits, died Nov. 7. He was known as a performer and friend to such diverse groups as senior citizens and Harley owners.

"He would do any benefit, especially if it was for children," Barnett said. "He was just that kind of person."

Barnett also remembers Fields' Elvis impersonation, which fans often requested. "It was like Elvis never

A Tribute to Our Friend C.W. Fields
by Bert Good

He played and sang like Elvis
That was one of his better traits
I'm sure Elvis will be there to meet him
When he arrives at those famous gates.

He left in such a hurry
We didn't have time to say "good-bye."
I'm sure there must be a reason
But I sure don't know why.

Everyone here on earth loved him
When he sang and played his guitar.
But someone in Heaven liked him better,
That's why God gave him his own star.

When I look up to the heavens
I always say a little prayer
The clouds form and make a picture
And I can see my friend up there.

We are all so sad he left us.
We miss him very much.
Some day we'll be back together
'Cause our friend has that magic touch.

died," Barnett said. Pat Johnston Edwards of Canterbury Retirement Center said C.W. and Company entertained for dances regularly there — without pay. "We'd always have about 65 people," she said. "They enjoyed his music, and he was a very nice person, too." When Fields asked her if his band could play at Canterbury, Edwards said her response was "shock."

"Very few people out there will volunteer their precious time," she said. On the night before he died, Fields was playing his regular senior center gig, and Edwards and Kennemur were there.

"This community is really going to miss his talents," Edwards said. "Lots of people came to those dances just because of his music," Kennemur said. Barnett, upon hearing of Fields' death at age 42, said he recalled his first meeting with the musician. "We had lined up the band, and I had never met him," Barnett said. "At the Harley shop, I ran smack into this great big black guy." After introductions, Fields asked if Barnett was ready for the band to start. "I said, 'Sure,' and he said, 'Let's go make some music, brother.'"

Take the hassle out of holiday shopping

As we spend the next few weeks getting ready for Christmas, there are some things you should think about before you head off to do your shopping. Decide on what you want to buy before you shop.



DANA TARTER

The same principal applies here as when grocery shopping — go without a list and you will end up buying the whole store!

Some things we don't think about but we must budget for: gifts, Christmas dinner, hidden expenses such as gift wrap, lunches on the go while shopping, decorations, cards and postage, mailing of packages and travel expenses. Have you ever stopped to add up all the extras that you spend without even thinking about it?

Keeping a running total of every dollar spent for Christmas is the first way to eliminate "holiday stress." Don't think you can just start this when the holiday season begins. It starts when the first Christmas present is bought.

Some folks start shopping the day after Christmas for the next year. What a tremendous way to take advantage of some of the great sales — but remember, you still have to include those things in your budget.

If this is the case for you, then you will probably will continue shopping for those on your list throughout the year. You may want to try using the following information on a note card you keep in your purse: What item you purchased, who you bought it for, the amount you planned to spend and the actual amount you spent.

When you make a Christmas purchase, record it along with the amount you spend and for whom the gift was purchased. (Hint — if you hide your gifts, you may want to even record where you hid them, reducing the stress level when you begin searching for them. Sound familiar?)

If you are able to make a fantastic purchase, and spend less than you had planned, put the extra money aside in a savings account.

Don't feel you have to "make it up" on another gift. You will be delighted to see how this grows, and how you look for bargains more and more, instead of impulsively buying at the last minute.

One last idea that you may find helpful: make mental notes each year as people are opening gifts. You will get great ideas about what someone might enjoy as a gift next year. Many times, those gifts can be bought at a great price during New Year's sales.

Just a few simple suggestions that might work for you, eliminate the last-minute shopping hassles and allow you to slow down and enjoy the season.

HOLIDAY TIPS

If you're all thumbs, help in on the way!

Wrapping packages attractively doesn't have to be time-consuming or difficult. The key is to get organized by mastering a few basics and using your imagination.

Getting Organized:

•Make a list. To save time and money, purchase supplies at your favorite discount, drug or grocery store. Basics include wrapping paper, regular or double-stick tape, mailing supplies, tissue, gift tags, ribbons, bows and a pen or felt-tipped marker. (Make sure you also have a pair of sharp scissors.)

•If you're pressed for time, consider "convenience products."

These are pre-decorated boxes or padded mailers (if you are mailing gifts) in attractive holiday prints.

Practical Pointers:

•When "eye-balling" a gift isn't enough to determine how much wrapping paper you'll need, use this easy equation to cut exactly the right size: To determine paper length: (2 x box width) + (2 x box height) + 2 inches; to determine paper width: box length + box height + 2 inches.

Example: for a shirt box measuring 11 1/2" (l) x 8 1/2" (w), you will need a 22" x 15" sheet of wrapping paper.

•A fool-proof way to stuff tissue in gift bags is to place the gift in the bottom of the bag

first. Then, lay one sheet flat on the table. Pinch it in the middle between your thumb and forefinger, and jerk it upwards quickly.

The sheet of tissue will automatically form a cone-shaped cylinder.

•For a different look, use pinking sheers to scallop edges of the tissue before forming the cones, or layer red and green tissue and pluck up both sheets together. For a shiny glamorous look, layer a sheet of cellophane on top of a sheet of colored tissue.

Creative Solutions:

•Wrapping gifts in unexpected ways adds to the fun Christmas morning. Roll golf balls in cylinders of tissue, then tie curing ribbon at the ends and in between each ball.

•A decorated coffee can makes a fun disguise for small gifts. Roll the can in several layers of tissue, and glue or tape the tissue to the bottom. Gather and tie loosely with a piece of a ribbon. Decorate with miniature silk poinsettias.

•"Tie one on" to give packages a designer look.

Try cinnamon sticks, silk scarves, candy canes and miniature ornaments. Toy cars, giant lollipops, and stuffed bean bag toys are cut ties for children's gifts.

•Paper doilies make great package decorations.

•Top a small wrapped package

with a circle cut from a doily and top with a sprig of holly. Or make a lacy doily bow — just accordion — pleat a round doily and staple it in the center for an instant bow.

•To avoid "piecing and patching," use an extra large, extra wide wrapping paper or opt for a plastic drawstring holiday bag.

(Drawstring bags also offer excellent out-of-season storage for comforters, blankets and sleeping bags.)

•If you're wrapping several related gifts, make a "tower." Wrap packages in coordinated wrapping paper and stack. Tie the lower together with metallic Christmas tree garlands.

•Beverage bags are not just for wine. They're also a great choice for wrapping wallets, gloves, neckties, scarves and other small gifts.

•Supply the kids with red, green and white tissue, stickers, glue sticks, ink stamps and old magazines and Christmas cards to cut up. Then let them go to town creating their own "artistic masterpieces!"

If you are in a rush and out of gift wrap, try these tips:

- newspapers, comics pages
- foil
- old maps or calendars
- fabric or paper remnants such as wallpaper and bed sheets
- magazine advertisements
- yellow pages
- tomato cans (minus labels and sharp edges).

In moderation, it's a wonderful life

Planning, attitude key to healthy holidays

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—George Bailey never had it so good.

Sure, the broke banker was down on his luck in "It's a Wonderful Life." After all, it was Christmas and he had to contend with a horde of hungry children, angry Marble Falls residents and Donna Reed. But at least Bailey didn't have to deal with a fluctuating waistline or chucking a workout for a tempting holiday buffet at Mr. Potter's mansion.

With all the succulent munchies invading your world this season, it's easy to relate controlling your weight to poor George controlling his wallet. But with the right planning and attitude, it really can be a wonderful healthful life this yuletide.

"The best advice I can give is to plan ahead," says Dr. Robert L. Jimenez, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the UT Health Science Center. "(During the holidays) we tend to lose our sense of moderation. We get away from our regular routine and healthy habits we have developed over the rest of the year, thus causing us to lose our sense of what's proper and our sense of discipline."

Jimenez suggests having a sit-down with family and friends to work out a game plan for any holiday meal or outing. Discuss who will con-

tribute and in what way, from who's bringing the pot roast to who's the designated driver.

"Obviously, all of us will have a hard time meeting these goals, but at least you've given it some forethought and it will work out a lot better than responding from the seat of your pants," notes Jimenez.

While having a plan can turn the holidays from distressed to de-stressed, licensed dietician Linda Farr says not to let any plan-breaking guilt turn you into a glutton.

"So many people who feel guilty eat more to make themselves feel better," says Farr, owner of Nutrition Associates of San Antonio. "People need to realize that food is part of the activity of enjoying your family and not to overindulge."

"The holidays should be more geared toward family unity than the idea of everything being surrounded by food," notes Gary Brisker, a nutritionist and owner of Full Life Gym. "You can enjoy your family and the vacation by not doing something self-destructive. If you put your focus on enjoying the experience and family, the food will become secondary."

Brisker taught weight training to the Detroit Tigers and now watches the San Antonio Spurs take out their NBA lock-out frustrations in his gym. He See LIFE, Page 6A

SLICE of life!

GIFT IDEAS

(NAPS) — More and more people are choosing personal computing gifts this holiday season. Here are some tips for those on your list, whether you're a budget-conscious shopper or looking for something more extravagant.

- Mouse pads typically run under \$10, available in any variety of design, from cartoon characters to personalized by your own photos.
- Wrist rests designed to save frequent typer's wrists from fatigue run less than \$10, and have been credited with preventing serious problems such as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.
- Software, \$50 and less, runs the gamut from games and cooking to financial advice and entertainment.
- Speakers run around \$80 and let you experience the soundtracks of your favorite games or multimedia software.
- Speech recognition software is available for \$50 and up, allowing the user to speak to the computer as if dictating to a secretary.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A BENEFIT DINNER AND dance for Tim Salazar, cancer patient, is planned Saturday at La Vadera Club. Turkey and dressing plates are \$4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and dance begins at 8 p.m. Musicians are grupo Sensacion.

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 of West Texas to donate to the fund, account number 084-556-6.

THE LAST WORD

A man that has a taste of music, painting or architecture, is like one that has another sense, when compared with such as have no relish of those arts.
Joseph Addison

It was in making education not only common to all, but in some sense compulsory to all, that the destiny of the free republics of America was practically settled.
James Russell Lowell

Home in front of the TV

Companies aiming for ethnic market

NEW YORK (AP) — Marina Kovalyov's mother lives in Brooklyn now. But like many immigrants, her heart is elsewhere.

The people and places of her native Russia are never far from her thoughts. Letters and phone calls keep her in touch with her homeland and, for several hours a day, so does the television.

The Kovalyov family subscribes to a TV service that beams Russian programming into their home — political gossip and local news, old movies from the Soviet era, even some of the blue rock videos that make babushkas cluck in dismay at decadent youth.

It's provided by the Ethnic-American Broadcasting Co., a small company that hopes to grow quickly by appealing to the homesickness of America's newest citizens.

About 70,000 people, almost all of them in the nation's biggest cities, already pay between \$9 and \$25 a month for a window into their old world. EABC also offers Arabic, Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Greek, Italian and Ukrainian programming.

The company was founded as a radio station in 1987 by a Russian emigre, Pavel Paley. He methodically expanded into television, adding customers by wiring one apartment building at a time.

An investment banker, David Moro, bought the company in 1991 and began expanding it beyond the Russian community.

"What attracted me to this business was the amazing loyalty to the viewers that this

service had," Moro said. "It was an umbilical cord connecting them to the culture and language in their home country. And just as important, it became the voice of their community here."

In addition to the shows lifted from television back home, EABC's channels also provide two hours of daily programming with news about immigrant communities and advice on how to pass an American citizenship test.

Nostalgia programming are most popular among EABC viewers. They're also insatiable news watchers, and EABC will frequently telecast specials like election day coverage from overseas.

The company has acquired programming from such services as Italy's Ciao TV, the Egyptian Satellite Channel, Network Asia from India and Pakistan and ECom, a 24-hour Chinese language channel. One of the only ethnic groups EABC has not tried to reach are Hispanics, who already have the well-established Univision and Telemundo networks.

Kovalyov, who runs the Russian-American Arts Foundation in New York, said her mother and mother-in-law watch most of EABC's programming in her family. Both women are in their 70s. While they appreciate the channel, Kovalyov said she wished EABC spent more time helping Russian immigrants learn about their new country.

"There are many people who are not that interested in what's going on in Russia," she said. "We belong here. We came here."

It's basically the same argument that rages over bilingual education in schools: Do these services help or hinder assimilation into a new culture?

Moro said the integration of immigrants into the American mainstream is irresistible, and his service does nothing to stand in its way. Most of EABC's new clients are already three or five years in America, he said. Young families want it more for their older relatives than for themselves.

"What we help do is keep alive their culture and language in the broadcast medium," he said. "There's a richness and a wealth to that that would be unfortunate to lose."

Moro has had to spend much of his time developing a distribution system. EABC's channels are not widely disseminated like broadcast signals or through cable. Instead, subscribers need to buy their own satellite dish or live in a building where special receiving equipment has been installed.

Moro's 250 employees are a mix of the technically and culturally savvy. After all, someone needs to understand why rock videos that would never be shown in America are perfectly acceptable to a Russian audience.

It's not an easy combination, though. During the World Cup, Moro took the advice of American-born staff members believed pre-empting much of the ethnic programming for a month to show soccer would pay off in extra advertising revenue. His Russian programmers quit, arguing that viewers would be angry about losing their regular shows.

No room for New York holiday?

NEW YORK (AP) — Wendy Gibson tried for a month to get a hotel room for her annual shopping pilgrimage to New York City from Binghamton. Fuhgedaboutit.

"I'm staying with my mother" just outside Manhattan, Mrs. Gibson said this week after talking to a string of hotel reservation clerks.

There are no rooms at the inn or the motel or the Waldorf Astoria this holiday season in New York City, travel experts say.

With nearly 9 million winter visitors expected, the city's nearly 65,000 hotel rooms are full or unavailable, and last-minute visitors must either pay big bucks or get creative.

"The rates will range from \$350 to \$700 for a standard room between Thanksgiving and New Year's," said Adam Brecht, a hotel industry analyst with Price Waterhouse Cooper.

The renovation of Times Square, the daily broadcasts of smiling faces outside NBC's "Today" show and good word of mouth have made the city a top vacation destination. Broadway shows this year enjoyed their best ticket sales ever, and top restaurants are booked.

As a result, many New York hotels are turning down 40 to 50 potential guests a night, Brecht said.

The New York City Convention and Visitors Bureau set up a hot line to help direct tourists to hotels.

"You have to be flexible. You may not get the hotel of your choice or the location you want, but generally we can find something," said Fran Reiter, chairwoman of the tourism bureau.

The average room rate in the city is \$245 per day, compared with the national average of about \$80 a day, Brecht said.

That's up 15 percent from \$213 at the same time last year.

Many travel agents are sending people to the city's outer boroughs or to Long Island, New Jersey or Connecticut, said Steve Loucks of the American Society of Travel Agents.

"Part of the problem is that everyone wants the total expe-

rience and that means being in Manhattan," he said.

"There's no room to build new hotels. So if you have a good location, you essentially have carte blanche to charge whatever you want," said Peter Yesawich, president of the travel marketing firm of Yesawich, Peppardine and Brown.

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says if you workout regularly, don't worry if seasonal social engagements eat into your routine. Even if you don't have an exercise regimen, Brisker says don't sweat it.

"When you're away from your gym or your routine, just get out and walk," he says. "Walk with the family so you're not in front of the TV. At least you're burning calories and you're staying active and disciplined."

Farr adds it's OK to give into the temptation of Aunt Glenda's turkey stuffing just be sensible about it.

"Don't try to avoid any particular food but concentrate on the quantity you eat," she says. "Eat half portions instead of full portions. You can also eat smaller meals throughout the day rather than one large meal.

Eat until you're not hungry rather than eating until you're stuffed."

Farr says that grazing throughout the day instead of gorging at one feast keeps your metabolism perked up, burning calories and maintaining your weight.

Vegetables, salads and other high-fiber snacks before the main course can help cut down on your appetite.

"The holiday itself is really one day," says Farr. "If you know you're going to overeat on that day, then plan ahead and maybe cut down a little more before or plan ahead for extra exercise after the holiday."

Farr says you can even have your cake and eat it, too.

"For desserts, I would suggest cutting yourself a very thin

slice but enjoying the real dessert," she says. "That way you don't feel deprived that you're not having dessert like anyone else. Just avoid the whip cream."

The main goal is to enjoy the season and not stress-out if you fall from grace.

"The real key is not to let yourself be consumed by the holiday where you forget all the things that got you the results in the past," notes Brisker.

"These are seasons in which we express gratitude for the good things that have happened to us," adds Jimenez.

"It gives us an opportunity to make amends and renew those things we have not done well and to ask forgiveness and try to make resolutions to do better."



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YMCA hoops deadline for registration news

The early registration for the YMCA youth basketball program is Thursday. Those registering for the program after Thursday will be forced to pay a late fee. Youngsters from kindergarten through the eighth grade are eligible to play. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Youth basketball league beginning registration

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association has scheduled registration beginning Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Registration at the mall will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In addition, youngsters can register at Neal's Sporting Goods during business hours throughout the week. A fee of \$20 is required for each participant in the league. For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159 or Rick Watkins at 267-2358.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association. Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

Prairie View A&M fined over band suspension

HOUSTON (AP) — Prairie View A&M has been fined \$31,000 for violating a two-game suspension of its marching band after a highly publicized brawl with Southern University's band.

The Southwest Athletic Conference did not disclose the fine amount voted upon last Thursday by the league's Council of Presidents, but the Texas A&M System confirmed it Tuesday following a request by The Associated Press under the Texas Open Records Act.

The league also ordered Prairie View to conduct workshops and seminars on SWAC membership, "participate actively and in good faith" in all league activities.

Prairie View must pay the fine and agree to comply with the other SWAC sanctions by Dec. 31.

"Needless to say Prairie View A&M is extremely disappointed in the punitive actions taken by the Council of Presidents," said Larry Raab, Prairie View vice president of operations. "From the very beginning of this entire matter, all we have asked for repeatedly is for a fair, open and thorough investigation, per the constitution and bylaws of the SWAC. To date, this has not happened."

PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY:

7:30 p.m. Stanton (13-1) vs. Celina (14-0), in Stephenville.

SATURDAY

3 p.m. Borden County (13-1) vs. Trinidad (14-0), in Glen Rose.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

COLLEGE BASKETBALL 6:30 p.m. — Florida at Duke, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8:30 p.m. — Connecticut at Massachusetts, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — San Jose Sharks at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

Undisciplined Cowboys now third most penalized team in NFL

IRVING (AP) — Running laps for mistakes was a daily ritual under a 100-degree sun this July at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

New coach Chan Gailey said it was good mental discipline for his players to pay a penalty for off-sides and jumped snap counts. The offending players good-naturedly paid in sweat for the foul-ups. But something has happened to this training camp philosophy for the Dallas Cowboys.

Their discipline has broken down. They were penalized nine more times in a humiliating 22-3 loss to New Orleans on Sunday.

Dallas has become the third most penalized team in the NFL with 112 flags for 981 yards. Only the Kansas City

Chiefs and the San Diego Chargers have been penalized for more yards. The Cowboys are even ahead of the Oakland Raiders, the NFL's most penalized team, in the 1990s.

Gailey has harped on it in practice but he still hasn't gotten through to chronic offenders such as right tackle Erik Williams and tight end David LaFleur.

"I'm going to do what it takes to prevent those (pre-snap penalties)," Gailey said Tuesday.

But there will be no mandatory laps or fines. Gailey said laps aren't practical during the regular season and he doesn't believe in the fine system.

One reason Gailey is so liberal is that the Cowboys are still trying to learn his intricate offense with a playbook as

thick as the Irving city phone directory. "I can live with the judgment calls by the officials after the ball is snapped but it's the pre-snap penalties that hurt," Gailey said. "We are still in the learning stage of our offense."

There have been a small group of players who have a light fine system among themselves but they are reluctant to talk about it.

"We are not good enough to win games without playing well," quarterback Troy Aikman said.

So how can such a heavily penalized team win eight out of 13 games?

For one thing, Dallas quietly has become the second best team in the NFL in turnover margin. They've intercepted 12 passes and recovered 11 fumbles and

the offense has coughed up the ball only 11 times.

Dallas' plus 12 ranks only behind former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson and his Miami Dolphins, who are a plus 14. Dallas is two ahead of Atlanta and Jacksonville.

The Cowboys play the Chiefs in Kansas City on Sunday in what could be a yellow flag blizzard unless both teams shut down their penalties.

"We saw the films and I think we learned a lot from what happened last week," Gailey said.

"Everything is correctable. We still have a lot of football left and some great things can happen. It's not like we've been the scum of the earth in the previous weeks."



Stanton's Kyle Herm (3) makes a tackle on Spearman's Michael Lusby during the Buffs' 27-18 quarterfinals win over the Lynx. The Buffs now face Celina's Bobcats in the Class 2A, Division II semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stephenville.

Nothing close yet on Clemens deal; Texas still in mix

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto didn't get much closer to trading Roger Clemens, while Mark Clark, Mark Portugal and Sean Berry found new teams.

"We've gone through this first wave and gotten ourselves into the serious contenders," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said Tuesday after another round of Clemens talks. "Now, it's follow-ups."

The New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are the top contenders to get the five-time Cy Young Award winner, who last week demanded a trade. Cleveland also is in the mix, with the two other teams believed to be in the National League.

New York Mets general manager Steve Phillips said Tuesday he made an offer, but didn't know if Toronto considered him among the final six.

"I haven't gotten the offer finalized," said Ash, who hopes to complete a trade before the winter meetings start this weekend. "We have parts of offers. They're almost in every case two-thirds of the way done, but they're not all they way done. In other words, we've got A and B but not C."

Texas general manager Doug Melvin went to Toronto and met with Ash for about 90 minutes.

"I just felt it was better to sit down face to face. At least you know one way or another whether your going to have a chance or not," Melvin said. "You can do things better face to face than over the phone."

Ash said a deal such as this takes time because of Clemens' contract. He has salaries of \$5 million next year and \$6.35 million in 2000, and Toronto owes \$5 million in deferred money from the first two seasons of the deal, which currently guarantees a minimum of \$31.5 million over four years.

Toronto wants potential suitors to pick up as much of the contract as possible.

"Obviously on a deal of this nature, there are a lot of issues surrounding it that have to be dealt with," Ash said. "This is a

contract that is very complicated in terms of its structure and we're making sure the clubs understand what they're taking on."

Once Toronto has a package of players it like, Clemens would have to negotiate a new contract with that team. He has the power to block just about any deal.

"I haven't gotten to that step in the process yet," Ash said. "I want to first get to the point where we're talking about the best players we can. Then we'll face the next step."

Clark, a right-hander who was 9-14 with the Chicago Cubs last season, agreed to a \$9.3 million, two-year contract with the Texas Rangers. Portugal agreed to a \$3 million, one-year deal with Baltimore and Berry agreed to a two-year contract with Milwaukee.

Clark gets \$4 million in 1999 and \$5 million in 2000. Texas has a \$5 million option for 2001 with a \$300,000 buyout. Clark had a 4.84 ERA in 33 starts, striking out 161 in 213 innings.

Although he was courted by the Cubs, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Boston, Clark said he decided on the Rangers because of a lineup that features AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Rusty Greer.

"I looked over what the Rangers did last year, leading the major leagues in run scoring," Clark said. "I pitched deep into a lot of games, and additional run scoring could lead to a lot of wins. Every time I've been in Texas I've enjoyed it, and The Ballpark in Arlington is a nice place to play. My eyes lit up when Texas called."

Portugal, a 36-year-old right-hander, was 10-5 with Philadelphia last season. The contract, due to be formally announced by Boston today, calls for a \$2.7 million salary in 1999 and a club option at \$3.3 million in 2000 with a \$300,000 buyout.

Portugal, who had a 4.44 ERA in 26 starts last season, joins a rotation that includes Pedro Martinez, Tim Lincecum and Bret Saberhagen. The Red Sox still haven't figured out how to replace the offense of Mo Vaughn, but are said to be talking with Gregg Jefferies.

NBA gives Philly a slam dunk with all-star game cancelled

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The NBA did a 180-degree slam dunk on Philadelphia that would make Michael Jordan proud.

The city where Julius Irving once soared for dunks will have to wait until 2002 to play host to the NBA All-Star game. The jewel of the schedule was canceled Tuesday, costing the city an estimated \$35 million.

"We promise you'll get a first-class All-Star experience in 2002," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

Stern notified Mayor Edward G. Rendell of the decision to scrap the game, leaving hotels, restaurants and other businesses to recoup lost revenue.

The 2000 All-Star game has been awarded to the Golden State Warriors, and the 2001 game is expected to go to the Washington Wizards. But Stern promised it would be back in Philadelphia the following year.

"I don't think it would have been fair for Philadelphia to get a game which would have been a hollow shell of what it normally is," Rendell said. "By (2002), we'll get the real game with the maximum economic benefits for the city and it will be a happy occasion."

But J. Mickey Rowley, executive director of the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association,

told The Associated Press on Tuesday night that Stern's promise was premature. He said the league had not broken its contract with hotels for the Feb. 14 game or signed a new one for 2002.

"We don't have a signed contract," Rowley said. "Until we have a signed contract, there's cause for doubt."

Sixers president Pat Croce said he asked Stern, "Is it in the bag for 2002?" And he said, "Pat, we'll work on it. We're talking to the city right now."

It is the first year since 1951 the game hasn't been held. Speculation grew last week after the league, which has locked out its players over a labor dispute, canceled the NBA Jam Session, a four-day interactive fan event scheduled to kick off at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on Feb. 11.

"We certainly hope to make up the business, but there's no guarantee," said Wendy Reisman of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in downtown Philadelphia. "Obviously, we were counting on this revenue."

About 5,300 rooms were booked for the event for the league officials, players, fans and journalists expected to attend the game at the First Union Center. The bookings

alone were expected to bring in about \$3 million, Rowley said.

"And you can probably double that amount when you include associated revenue, such as meals," Rowley said. "The hotel is obligated to mitigate the damages."

Rendell said the NBA is in discussion with the city about compensation for lost hotel bookings.

The Ritz-Carlton was one of 18 area hotels with specific contracts with the league. Reisman said her hotel lost "hundreds of thousands" since about 80 percent of their 290 rooms had been booked.

About 175 of the 193 rooms at the Sheraton Rittenhouse Square were booked from Friday to Sunday of All-Star Weekend for journalists, said the hotel's director of sales, Bruce Hamlin. He estimated his hotel would be able to resell some of the lost bookings because of Valentine's Day and that the next day after that, Feb. 15, is Presidents Day.

Anticipating the game would be canceled, city tourism officials began working on an advertising blitz to recoup the losses weeks ago, said Meryl Levitz, president of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corp.

Steers knock off Lamesa again, Lady Steers tumble

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers improved their record to 4-5 Tuesday night with a thrilling 58-56 road win over Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes, while the Lady Steers dropped a 75-45 loss to the Lady Tors at Steer Gym.

After seeing Lamesa jump out to an early lead, the Steers battled back to within two points at halftime, the Golden Tors owning a 25-23 edge at the intermission.

The second half was a different matter, however, as the Steers jumped in front and with 41/2 minutes remaining owned a 10-point lead.

Lamesa battled back, and took a 56-55 lead with less than a minute remaining. Steers senior post Chauncey Ford got a rebound and a put back that gave Big Spring the lead and then Casey Cowley added an insurance free throw moments later.

Sophomore guard Colby Ford paced the Steers with 14 points, while Chauncey Ford added 11 and Andy Hall

had 10. The Steers now head to the Concho River Classic in San Angelo, opening the tournament with a 1:30 p.m. game Thursday against El Paso Bowie.

The Lady Steers, now 4-7, managed to stay with the Lady Tors in the first half of the girls' game, but Lamesa outscored Big Spring 24-5 in the third quarter to pull away.

Sophomore forward Melissa Forth led the Lady Steers with 15 points, while Lamesa's Jaqueline Macias tied her for game-high honors.

Senior post Annie McKinnon added nine points for the Lady Steers who will now to Monahans and face the Lady Lobos at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

GIRLS GAME LAMESA 75, Big Spring 45 LAMESA - Macias 15, Smith 13, Barrios 7, Meador 6, Kirkland 5, Shook 9, Vaughn 4, Phipps 5, Barron 5, Navars 4. Totals 28 19-25 75. BIG SPRING - McLellan 1, Jackson 2, McBee 3, Gibbs 7, Fourth 15, Capillas 2, McKennan 9, Johnson 2, Flenniken 4. Totals 15 13-27 45. Score by Quarters: 18 17 24 16-75 13 15 5 12-45. BIG SPRING: Sophomore guard Colby Ford paced the Steers with 14 points, while Chauncey Ford added 11 and Andy Hall had 10.

Bulldogs, Bulldogettes fall to Coleman, Odessa Permian

COAHOMA — Coleman and Odessa Permian escaped with narrow victories Tuesday as the Bluecats rallied to take a 75-68 win over the Bulldogs and the Lady Panthers were forced into overtime before issuing the Bulldogettes their fourth loss of the season.

In the opener, the Bulldogettes saw a halftime lead disappear as Permian outscored Coahoma 20-12 in the third quarter.

Coahoma responded and tied the game in the final period forcing the extra period.

Cassie Tindol paced the Bulldogettes with 17 points and post Jayci Roberts added 15 more.

The nightcap saw the Bulldogs jump out to a lead, only to see the Bluecats nail a dozen 3-point shots to post the upset.

"They probably had a career night shooting the ball," Bulldogs coach Kim

Nichols said, "but you have to rise to the occasion and step up your defense and we didn't. In fact, we're not playing very defensively right now."

Blake Nichols paced the Bulldogs with a game-high 36 points, while Ryan Peckham added 13.

The Bulldogs open play in the Greenwood Tournament at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, facing Colorado City's Wolves, while the Bulldogettes will play at 6 p.m. facing Denver City's Lady Mustangs.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include BOYS GAME (Coleman 75, Coahoma 68), GIRLS GAME (Odessa Permian 68, Coahoma 62), and COAHOMA (Tindol 17, Roberts 15, Wood 12, Atkinson 10).

SPORTS EXTRA

JUCO-MEN

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 7:

Rank	Team	Record
1	Indian Hills, Iowa (9)	8-0
2	Kilgore, Texas (4)	12-0
3	Barton County, Kan. (2)	14-0
4	Utah Valley State (1)	11-0
5	Tallahassee, Fla.	12-1
6	Dixie, Utah	9-1
7	Hutchinson, Kan.	11-1
8	Weatherford, Texas	13-0
9	Spartanburg Methodist, S.C.	8-1
10	Pasco-Hemond, Fla.	10-1
11	SW Missouri State	9-1
12	Vincennes University, Ind.	8-1
13	Northland Pioneer, Ariz.	8-1
14	Southwestern, Iowa	11-0
15	Allegheny, Md.	9-1
16	Bacone, Okla.	12-1
17	Paris, Texas	11-1
18	Mississippi Gulf Coast	10-1
19	Georgia Perimeter	11-1
20	Arizona Western	7-0

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded OF Chris Singleton to the Chicago White Sox for a player to be named later.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Clark on a two-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Wayne Morgan director of international scouting and special assistant to general manager. Announced that contract of Herb Rayburn, director of Latin American operations, will not be renewed. Named Patrick Guerrero Dominican Republic scout. Promoted Chris Buckley to assistant director of American scouting. Named Ty Nichols, Tim Huff and Andy Beene scouting supervisors.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Traded RHP Felix Rodriguez to the San Francisco Giants for future considerations.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Sean Berry on a two-year contract.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Named Bob Cluck scout and Jerry Roster minor league infield coordinator.
NEW YORK METS—Named John Stearns advance scout.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived RB Raymond Harris. Activated WR Brian Manning from the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Waived RB Ray Zolner.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed WR Michael Westbrook and WR James Thrash on injured reserve. Claimed S Matt Stevens off waivers from the Philadelphia Eagles.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled D Ken Sutton from Albany of the AHL. Placed D Kevin Dean on the injured list retroactive to Dec. 4.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled D Marek Malik and F Byron Ritchie from New Haven of the AHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Claimed C Harry York off waivers from the Pittsburgh Penguins.
COLLEGE
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE—Named Andy McCollum football coach.
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA—Named Bobby Keasler football coach.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP
Durhamville (11-3) vs. Converse Juddon (14-0). Noon, Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.

DIVISION II SEMIFINALS
Midland Lee (13-1) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (9-5). 6 p.m., Saturday, Showell Stadium, Abilene.

CLASS 4A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP
Grapevine (10-4) vs. Bay City (12-1). 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

DIVISION II SEMIFINALS
Stephenville (13-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (13-1). 5 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 3A DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP
La Marque (12-0) vs. Smithson Valley (11-2). 1 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos.

CLASS 3A DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP
Stephenville (13-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (13-1). 5 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	347	230
Miami	9	4	0	.692	298	185
New England	8	5	0	.615	285	245
Buffalo	8	5	0	.615	301	262
Indianapolis	2	11	0	.154	229	364
Ceena	10	3	0	.769	348	269
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	276	251
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	233	241
Baltimore	6	8	0	.423	219	263
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.154	217	354
West	13	0	0	1.000	436	237
Denver	7	6	0	.538	226	271
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	242	242
Kansas City	6	7	0	.462	269	294
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	201	271

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	328	239
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	270	331
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	219	276
Seattle	4	9	0	.308	264	357
Philadelphia	3	10	0	.231	125	291
Central	12	1	0	.923	442	242
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	336	264
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	247	272
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	266	300
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	219	323
West	11	2	0	.846	353	239
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	385	272
San Francisco	6	7	0	.462	238	268
New Orleans	3	10	0	.231	221	302
St. Louis	2	11	0	.154	264	353

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-clinched division title

Thursday's Game
Philadelphia 17, St. Louis 14

Sunday's Games
Buffalo 33, Cincinnati 20
New Orleans 22, Dallas 3
Jacksonville 37, Detroit 22
Atlanta 28, Indianapolis 21
Washington 23, Pittsburgh 9
Washington 24, San Diego 20
San Francisco 31, Carolina 28, OT
New York Jets 32, Seattle 31
New York Giants 23, Arizona 19
Denver 35, Kansas City 31
Miami 27, Oakland 17
Tennessee 16, Baltimore 14
Minnesota 48, Chicago 22

Monday's Game
Tampa Bay 24, Green Bay 22

Sunday, Dec. 13
Arizona at Philadelphia, 12:01 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 12:01 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 12:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 12:01 p.m.
Denver at New York Giants, 12:01 p.m.
New England at St. Louis, 12:01 p.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 12:01 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 12:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:01 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 12:01 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 3:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Miami, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14
Detroit at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

AL
Today's Game
Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday's Games
Ablene 4, Alexandria 1
El Paso 3, Amarillo 2
Edmonton at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
New Mexico 3, Odessa 1
Fort Worth 1, Arkansas 0
Waco 6, Central Texas 5, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN2)

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WPHL
Today's Game
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Arkansas at Lake Charles
San Angelo at Abilene
New Mexico at Amarillo
Odessa at El Paso
Central Texas at Corpus Christi
Shreveport at Fort Worth

TOP 25-FOOTBALL

Rank	Team	Record
1	Tennessee (7-0)	12-0
2	Florida St.	11-1
3	Ohio St.	10-1
4	Kansas St.	11-1
5	Arizona	11-1
6	UCLA	10-1
7	Florida	9-2
8	Texas A&M	11-2
9	Wisconsin	10-1
10	Tulane	11-0
11	Arkansas	9-2
12	Georgia Tech	9-2
13	Virginia	9-2
14	Nebraska	9-3
15	Michigan	8-3
16	Air Force	11-1
17	Notre Dame	9-2
18	Syracuse	8-3
19	Georgia	8-3
20	Texas	8-3
21	Oregon	8-3
22	Penn St.	8-3
23	Missouri	7-4
24	Miami	8-3
25	Mississippi St.	8-4

At Memphis, Tenn.

Brigham Young (8-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
San Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 5
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-1), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Washington State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. UCLA (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)
Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 10
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

NHL

Today's Games
Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Tennessee at L. Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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N. Jersey at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.

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13	Virginia	9-2
14	Nebraska	9-3
15	Michigan	8-3
16	Air Force	11-1
17	Notre Dame	9-2
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19	Georgia	8-3
20	Texas	8-3
21	Oregon	8-3
22	Penn St.	8-3
23	Missouri	7-4
24	Miami	8-3
25	Mississippi St.	8-4

Hawks, Lady Hawks keep winning

Howard College's Lady Hawks and Hawks each added two more "Ws" to their season records this past week.

The Lady Hawks dominated the Econo Lodge Classic with a thrashing of the Hardin-Simmons junior varsity 91-11 and then closed out the classic with an 86-54 thumping of conference rival Odessa College.

The Lady Hawks' season record now stands at 11-1 and they'll now take a short break before heading to the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Classic, Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Their next home game will be at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 7, as they play host to Blinn College.

For the Hawks, it was two big wins during the WJAC preseason conference tournament that improved their season record to 8-2.

The Hawks took a convincing win over Frank Phillips' Plainsmen 84-60 on Friday and then responded well the following night taking a 75-56 win over the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos.

Howard's men are now headed to the Allegany Classic in Cumberland, Md., this weekend before beginning their Christmas break. They'll then take part in the Las Vegas Shootout, Dec. 31-Jan. 2 and won't have another home game until opening conference play with an 8 p.m. game against Odessa College's Wranglers on Monday, Jan. 11.

The Lady Hawk Fast Break Fan Club celebrated a Christmas Dinner with the

It's official: Tyson begins comeback

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The start of Mike Tyson's comeback is set. What's unclear is how long it's going to last.

Looking fit in a black muscle T-shirt and wearing a crimson beret, Tyson appeared at a news conference Tuesday to announce what promoter Dan Goossen called the worst-kept secret in boxing — that Tyson will face Francois Botha on Jan. 16.

"Mike Tyson's the biggest act in show business," Goossen said afterward.

The former heavyweight champion, who hasn't fought for nearly 17 months, actually appeared to be enjoying himself at times, which hasn't always been the case at these gatherings.

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER

Lady Hawks Monday night at the Branding Iron Restaurant. Coach Matt Corkery was pleased with the turnout and would like to encourage all roundball fans to jump on board and become a fan club member.

The club's membership currently stands at 54. For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5043 or Clois and Peggy Snell at 394-4673.

The counter on the Sports Hotline's answering machine is increasing weekly — a sight that is pleasing to see.

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Stan Feaster is sports information director at Howard College.

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Total Local Sources	3,181,701
STATE SOURCES	
State Distributed	940,150
Total State Sources	940,150
FEDERAL SOURCES	
Federally Distributed	174,255
Total Federal Sources	174,255
TOTAL REVENUES	4,296,106
EXPENDITURES	
Instructional Services	2,364,008
Instructional Related Services	271,761
Pupil Services	613,629
Administration	224,848
Plant Services	546,264
Ancillary Services	7,967
Intergovernmental Services	68,938
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,097,415
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	198,691
Other Resources & Uses	1,135
TOTAL EXCESS REVENUES/ OTHER RESOURCES	199,826
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General Operating Fund	2,350,086
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2,350,086

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NFL says instant replay may not come as instantly as some believe

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL's push for instant replay is on hold. "Right now it remains a possibility, not yet a probability," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Tuesday, the day after the league announced it is considering a form of replay for the playoffs.

The basic problem is the one replay proponents have faced for the past seven years — how to unite behind one system. The format under consideration for this year would give each team two challenges, plus an emergency challenge at the discretion of the referee in the last two minutes, and the decision would be made by the referee looking at a sideline monitor.

But it's already led to the kind of bickering, even within teams, that has doomed previous attempts to reinstate it.

The Green Bay Packers are a prime example. Coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee, tried harder than anyone to get replay instituted last March. He doesn't want to go forward with replay now because it would appear the league is responding to public pressure. General manager Ron Wolf favors replay immediately.

And Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said: "There might be teams that aren't in the playoffs because of the lack of replay, and how fair would it be to have it for the playoffs?"

There are signs that longtime opponents are willing to return to replay to stem the criticism after three well-publicized gaffes — the coin flip in the Pittsburgh-Detroit game on Thanksgiving; the calls that gave New

England a win over Buffalo; the touchdown that gave the New York Jets a 32-31 win over Seattle on Sunday when replays showed Vinny Testaverde came up short of the end zone.

Jerry Seeman, the director of officials, told Seattle coach Dennis Erickson that head linesman Earnie Frantz, who ruled Testaverde was over the goal line, had mistaken Testaverde's white helmet for the brown ball.

And Sports Illustrated reported that Seeman was vehement in his denunciation of the pass interference call in the end zone that led to the Patriots' win over the Bills.

"We don't determine the outcome of games," the magazine quotes Seeman as saying on a tape distributed to officiating crews.

"There is no foul," he adds. "It's incomprehensible as much as we prepare ... when we make such a blatant error in judgment we deserve the criticism we get. ... Under no condition should an official or officials ever be involved in a situation like that again."

Those calls and the public reaction have changed a lot of minds.

Both the Bills' Ralph Wilson, who is subject to a \$50,000 fine for his criticism of officiating, and Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay have said they would probably vote for replay now.

Wellington Mara of the Giants, who have voted against replay every time it has been proposed, has indicated to other owners he might switch.

That would seem to be enough to

reinstate replay, which was in effect from 1986-91, but was voted out because the system used then was too time consuming and indecisive. In that case, there was a replay official who could review any questionable call and made the decision from the press box.

But the vote may not take place until the meetings in March because coaches such as Holmgren and some owners want time to discuss it in person, not vote by conference call or e-mail, as the NFL does during the season.

Last March, the new replay system got 21 of 30 votes, two short of the 23 needed. This time, with Cleveland voting, 24 of 31 votes are required. But Browns president Carmen Policy always voted for replay, and if just the Buccaneers and Bills switch, that would put it over the top.

Iowa snaps Kansas' 62-game home winning streak, 85-81

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It took nearly five years before someone finally beat Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse.

Iowa ended the nation's longest home winning streak at 62 games by beating the 10th-ranked Jayhawks 85-81 Tuesday night.

"For crying out loud, this is the greatest win in the history of the Hawkeyes," said Iowa's Kent McCausland, who hit two 3-pointers in the final 1:40.

It was Kansas' first home loss since Feb. 20, 1994, when Missouri beat the Jayhawks 81-74.

"It's mind-boggling," Kansas center Eric Chenoweth said. "The streak's always been in the back of our heads."

Iowa (6-1) beat Kansas from long range, going 8-for-11 on 3-pointers in the second half. McCausland was 4-for-5 from

beyond the arc after the break and finished with 15 points.

Meanwhile, Kansas (5-2) struggled on short shots. The Jayhawks missed 12 of 23 free throws and didn't make two in a row until midway through the second half.

Kansas' home winning streak was a school record, but wasn't close to the NCAA mark of 129 set by Kentucky from 1943-55.

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 5 Kentucky 70, No. 11 Indiana 61 in overtime; No. 7 North Carolina 98, Buffalo 49; No. 9 Purdue 69, Illinois State 55; No. 12 New Mexico 101, Texas-Pan American 94; and Gonzaga 82, No. 22 Washington 71.

Kentucky 70, Indiana 61

Heshimu Evans had 22 points and nine rebounds as Kentucky beat Indiana for the fifth straight time.

Bob Knight, coaching in his 1,000th college game, threw a kicking fit in overtime after Indiana's Kirk Haston was called for traveling with the Hoosiers trailing 56-51.


Knight got a technical after kicking a sheet of red plastic on the face of the scorer's table. He then kicked the plastic again, leaving a dark mark.

"I thought it was a bad call," said the Indiana coach. "I thought Haston got smacked."

Kentucky's Scott Padgett, who finished with 17 points, made one of two free throws after the technical. Evans was fouled on the ensuing possession and made two free throws to give the Wildcats (8-1) an eight-point lead.

Luke Recker scored 18 points for Indiana (8-2), which forced overtime by making three 3-pointers in the final 65 seconds of regulation.

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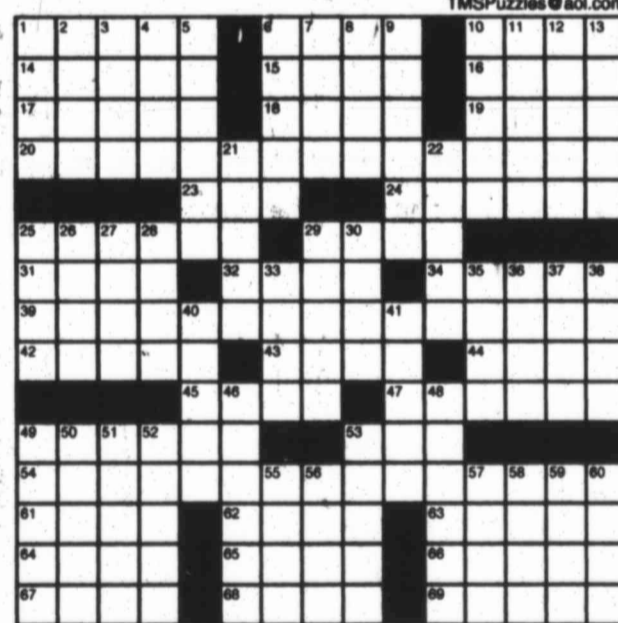


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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Gerald R. Ferguson Portland, OR

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