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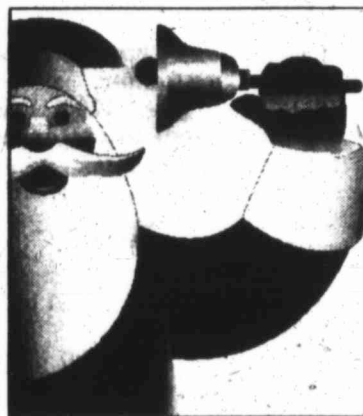
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TONIGHT 35°-40°
SATURDAY 40°-55°

HELPING OTHERS...

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army kettles.



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 or \$2 will be added to your grocery total.
- TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas. 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.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting 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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It's time again to count feathered friends in Howard County

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

By land, by lake, by tree by wire. It's time again to count the birds. Saturday is the annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count for Howard County. What takes place is almost as simple as it sounds.

"We try to get as many birders together as we can and we count the birds," said Pat Simmons, Audubon



SIMMONS

Society member and local birding enthusiast.

This is the 99th anniversary of the event, which evolved from something quite different — a holiday "side hunt" in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and animals in one day.

In protest of the traditional shoot, 27 conservationists got together and counted birds on Christmas Day 1900. Today, volunteers from all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, Bermuda, the West Indies and Pacific islands will count and record every individual bird and bird species encountered during one calendar

day. The period runs from Friday through Jan. 3 with Howard County's day of counting to take place Saturday. About 1,700 individual Christmas Bird Counts will be held during the two and a half week period, according to the Audubon Society.

Locally, the Howard County birders get help from enthusiasts in Midland, who come over and count birds at Moss Creek Lake and the Coahoma area.

The area is a 15-mile radius, extending from the airport to Moss Creek Lake and from the Big Spring State Hospital to Trinity Memorial Park.

"We identify the birds by species. If we

see a sparrow, robin or mocking bird we put them in their category, their species," said Simmons. "Each group records that information and turns it in to me and I compile it and send it in to the Audubon Society."

The groups try to cover as much ground as possible, since a circle 15 miles in diameter represents about 177 square miles.

Simmons said that last year the groups identified 87 species in the Howard County count.

"That's off quite a bit. Generally we have right around a hundred species,"

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Dustin Crider of Lakeview Headstart receives his gift from Santa on Thursday. Each child shared a personal moment and got a gift upon his visit.

VMC effort boosts Northside Community Center

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Vietnam Veterans of America members raised nearly \$1,800 for needy families to spend on Christmas.

"This is our way of paying back the Howard County community and saying thank you for all the help they have given us with our Vietnam Memorial," said Swain Williams, committee member for the fund-raiser and a member of the VMC.

Max Webb, director of Northside Community Center, has selected five families who will benefit from the generosity and hard working efforts of the groups.

A fund-raiser conducted with H-E-B Food Store bestowed a \$300 grocery shopping spree at the store upon winner Mary Leatham.

The majority of the money raised will be given to the five families to spend at H-E-B. The families will be able to purchase food and toys there.

"I promised H-E-B the money would be spent in their store, when they donated the \$300 worth of groceries," he said.

Other donations, given separate from the fund-raiser, will allow these five families to purchase clothes at a local retail store, Williams said.

"Many businesses have contributed donations to the fund," he said.

Williams said the VMC-VVA selected Webb and the Northside Community center as beneficiaries because of Webb's philosophy of people helping themselves, he said.

"Max is really tough, and he's not going to help anyone who's sitting around waiting for the free stuff. He's got tough standards and he doesn't believe every hard luck story," Williams said.

Jack Tibbets, another committee member with the group, said the idea is to help families who need assistance through no fault of their own.

"We are trying to choose families who are trying to help themselves," Tibbets, a VMC



Swain Williams, right, holds the tickets while Andi Andrews draws for the winner during the Vietnam Memorial Committee meeting Wednesday night. Mary Leatham was the winner of a \$300 shopping spree at H-E-B.

member, said. "Money will be given to each family and they will make a trip

to (a local store) to shop. This

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Frosty temperatures coming this way, riding swift breeze

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Winter chill may be in store for local residents as a cold front moving from Canada is due to drop daytime temperatures into the 40s Saturday.

"We're looking at cold air from Canada diving south and some cold air will reach us tomorrow. We will have a shallow rebound Sunday with the highs into the 50s," said Ray Fagen, meteorologist with the National Weather Station in Midland.

Winds are expected to blow fiercely from the south today, up to 22-23 miles per hour, he said.

"And some gusts may be up to 30 miles per hour. It will be breezy today," Fagen said.

However, the windy portion of this cold front should reduce to about 10-20 miles per hour Saturday and Sunday, when the direction changes to the southwest, he said.

Saturday, the Permian Basin has a 20 percent chance of light rain or drizzle, accompanied by the colder air, he said.

Sunday, the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, with highs in the 50s. Monday the temperature might reach the 60s, he said.

However, by mid-Christmas week, temperatures are expected to plummet into the 20s again, Fagen said. "Then we're going to get a second shot of this cold and that will keep the highs in the 40s. Tuesday and Wednesday it should be cloudy and colder."

For the record

Clerk has spent 23 years documenting the lives of Howard County people

By **DEBBIE JENSEN**
Features Editor

Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray likes to say her job begins and ends with the lives of area residents.

That's because most of us have had some dealing with her office, whether we knew it or not. Anytime you bought property, got married or had a brush with the law, Ray's office kept records. Named in a will or lawsuit? See the County Clerk.

Her business, literally, is life and death. From birth certificates to death certificates, the county clerk keeps the records of the lives of people.

"We do the good stuff and the

bad stuff," said Ray, who will retire Dec. 31. "I've enjoyed every minute of it."

Ray almost never left her first job. She started to work in a county clerk's office as a teenager, when a drought dried up most of the farm work in her home of Borden County. She moved to Big Spring after marrying and took a job in the Howard County Clerk's office, for clerk Pauline Petty.

Ray first ran for clerk when Petty retired in 1975, and that election was the only one for which she drew an opponent.

Since then, Ray has always received more votes than any other uncontested candidate on the ballot.

"It's been an honor to serve the people," she said. "I've been blessed. I'm very, very lucky."

In 23 years as county clerk, Ray said she has put in many long hours keeping up with her

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KBST, Herald to help critters for Christmas

Herald Staff Report

Rover and Fluffy — and all the critters at the Big Spring Humane Society — will hopefully have a little bit better Christmas this year. That's the idea, anyway, behind a joint project between KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Big Spring Herald.

"In this, the season of giving, sometimes we forget our little four-legged friends," said John Weeks, KBST and Mix 94.3 general manager. "We need to remember that the animals at Humane Society need help too."

To help with the pet food

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Get pumped for Salvation Army

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Salvation Army volunteers and United States Marine Corps soldiers will go that extra mile Saturday, as their annual Toys For Tots gasoline drive, in cooperation with H-E-B Food Stores, begins at 10 a.m.

"We do this to purchase toys for Christmas," said Danelle Castillo, social services director with the Salvation Army.

Each year, the Marines and the Salvation Army team together and have a fund-raiser to bring in money that will be

used to buy children toys for Christmas.

Last year's event included the efforts of H-E-B, and the grocery store's management have agreed to allow the same promotion this year, she said.

"For every gallon of gasoline sold, H-E-B will donate eight cents to the Toys For Tots program," she said.

Customers need only drive to the H-E-B gasoline pumps. Volunteers will do the rest, she said.

The fund-raiser will continue until 5 p.m., and will feature several volunteer service attendants, she said.

About six members of the Marines, in uniform, will be on-hand to pump the gasoline for customers, as well as wash windshields.

Volunteers will also offer to deliver the payment to the cashier, so a customer need

GASOLINE DRIVE

When: Saturday
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: H-E-B gas pumps
For: Toys for Tots

never leave their vehicle, she said.

"Also, our advisory board members will be there, volunteering, and so will I," Castillo said.

Major Roy Tolcher, commanding officer of the local corps, and Cadet Glenn Queener, who is assigned to the Salvation Army this Christmas season, will be offering service to customers, she said.

Patsy Heckler, bookkeeper for the local Salvation Army

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she said.

There were 25,156 birds counted, including 17,592 sandhill cranes.

"I expect that number to be down because we don't have near the cranes we had last year," Simmons said.

Helpers are needed, and anyone who has an interest in birds is invited to participate. Those who have no experience can assist with record keeping.

"I think lot of people miss so much because we do have a lot of real interesting birds around here. A lot of people don't realize that," Simmons said.

The Christmas Bird Count is the longest running ornithological database. As the county's centennial approaches, it continues to grow in importance as a means to monitor the status of resident and migratory bird populations across the western hemisphere, according to the Audubon Society.

For more information on the local count, contact Simmons at 263-4607.

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duties. She's also spent many a sleepless night worrying about things at the office.

"These records are so important," she explained, "I would have a dream that something had happened at the office, and come up here in the middle of the night and check on it."

Leaving the post, she said, "will lift a lot of responsibility off of these shoulders."

But it is responsibility that Ray has taken on willingly for more than two decades.

"I always felt like, as a public servant, you should be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," she said. "The buck stops here."

And giving that kind of commitment to the clerk's job has been easy, she explained, because it's interesting.

"It's a challenge every single day," she said. "I love to try to trace down things for people."

"On a busy day, 10 or 12 people might be crowded onto the small tables with large books, looking up deeds and other records. The office will file more than 6,500 deeds of trust this year, and take in nearly \$1 million in fines and user's fees.

Computers have come to the office recently, but not completely. Ray said there are still some aspects of the record-keeping job the software programs just won't do.

The clerk also needs more storage room. Stacks and rows of bound records are filling up two offices and a basement storage area.

Many of those records, somewhere, contain the Ray's signature. It's a legacy she's proud to leave behind.

"I take a lot of pride in it." Her dedication to the job has led to several positions throughout the state, teaching other clerks at seminars and programs. Ray has served on com-

mittees through the County and District Clerk's Association, and in 1986, she was named "County Clerk of the Year."

She has also served on several statewide advisory committees for elections and county organizations.

But her favorite part of the job is still local.

"It's the people," she said. "I love to serve the public." As she looks ahead to leaving the courthouse for the last time as an elected official, Ray said she will miss "her girls" the most. Her seven deputy clerks have been like family, she said.

And while she and her husband, Frank, plan to enjoy traveling, and visiting their grandchildren and great-grandson during retirement, Ray said she will probably also miss the routine of going to work at the courthouse every day.

After all, she's been doing it for 46 years.

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drive, bring dry or canned dog or cat food to KBST, 608 Johnson, or the Herald, 710 Scuddy. Those taking food to the radio station will receive a free CD, said Weeks.

"This is great for the animals," said Alen Mince, maintenance supervisor with the Humane Society. "We can use either canned or dry food. As far as the dry food goes, we go through 15 to 20 50-pound bags a week right now, just for the dogs."

The drive will continue through business hours on Christmas Eve. At the close of business that evening, the food will be delivered to the Humane Society.

VOLUNTEERS

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office, and eight members of the advisory board have volunteered their time to help, also.

Bobby Hill, Judge Bob Moore, Don Green, Cynthia Scott, Gary Blount, Sammy Dennard, Lisa Dimidjian and John Walker have all agreed to pump gas and wash windows for the event on Saturday, she said.

Castillo said she hopes every one will turn out and support the efforts to provide toys for children at Christmas.

All money collected by the Salvation Army stays within the Big Spring community, and this fund-raiser is no exception, she said.

"We will spend these dollars in the community," she said.

She and Major Mary Dell Tolcher will travel to H-E-B next week to shop for toys for Christmas packages they prepare for needy children each year.

"Any thing raised Saturday will be spent at H-E-B," Castillo said.

This year more than 700 senior citizens and children were placed in the Angel Tree program. And a waiting list has grown steadily since the completion of that project.

"I had to tell people to call me Wednesday morning. I didn't want to ask them to fill out an application, because I don't want to give them false hope," Castillo said.

HELPING

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way, they can pick out what they want or need. It seems to work better that way," Tibbets said.

Webb said he selects families based on their own efforts of success. His mission at the Northside Community Center is to help those who help themselves.

"Of the five families, Williams said about 20 individuals will be helped.

"Some of these families are large, and we think bigger families need the most help. I hope we can meet these families sometime, especially the family with seven people," he said.

Williams said the idea is for each family to have a good Christmas dinner, and they hope each person is able to purchase a coat for the winter.

"And of course, toys for the children," he said.

Williams said committee members Jerry Groves and Vance Weaver, along with Tibbets, worked diligently to make the fund-raiser a success. "I really like this community, and I'm really proud of this town. I've been really impressed with this town," said Williams, who moved to Big Spring six years ago.

"My wife and I both work, and to some of us, \$1,800 might not seem like that much. But for these families, this helps a bunch. \$1,800 is a lot more to a family that doesn't have very much," Williams said.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL theater and choir students present *Oklahoma!* Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

A special Saturday matinee is set for 2 p.m.

Featuring a cast and crew of nearly 40 students, the musical include such timeless favorites as "Oh! What A Beautiful Morning" and "We're In Love."

This production mixes the best of song, dance and theater. Tickets are \$2 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for adults.

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to *Simpler Pleasures*, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT of Health will be giving flu shots starting Wednesday, Oct. 14. These will be given every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group. "There have been some new bills past and we want to get veterans educated on those and get them going back to the Veterans Administration."

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Simon at 915 728-2746 or email her at ezresort@bitstreet.com or call group president Vic Sylvester at 915 368 4667.

The group also has a website at www.odssa.com

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The STAR Theatre

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Bugs Life (G)

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

March cotton 62.02 cents, up 32 points; Jan. crude 11.08, up 5 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 higher at 13; cash steers steady at 58 even; Feb. lean hog futures 28.67, up 52 points; Feb. live cattle futures 59.15, up 17 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 8862.89 Volume 315,451,770

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Texas Instruments	85 + 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	47% nc
Unocal Corp	31 + 1/2
Wal-Mart	76 - 1/2
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	290.60-291.10
Silver	4.94-4.96

POLICE

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

• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• **TRACEY GRIFFITH, 35**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1800 block of West IH-20.

• **JOHNNY PEREZ, 24**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Johnson, 2300 block of Wasson, 900 block of Willia, and at 18th and Gregg.

• **CERISSA GONZALES, 22**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **GRANZIANA GONZALES, 52**, was arrested for forgery.

• **CLASS C THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

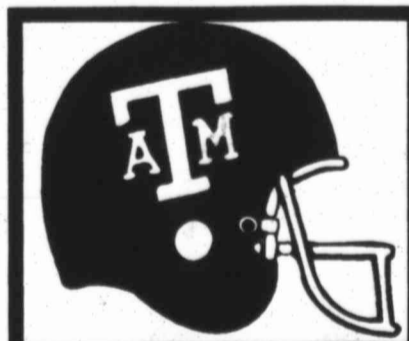
• **WILLIAM GRAVES, 58**, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of Northeast Second.

• **USE/POSSESSION OF INHALANT GLUE/PAINT** was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th.

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• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th. Christmas ornaments were reported stolen.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 500 block of North Lamesa.

• **FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID** was reported at 14th and Donley.

FIRE/EMS

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

THURSDAY

7:26 a.m. - 500 block NE Ninth, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:15 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:48 p.m. - 1400 block Donley, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMMC.

1:56 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:28 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Stanton Care Center.

3:38 p.m. - 3200 block Fordham, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:49 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:49 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 2000 block Virginia.

5:53 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:41 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

9:05 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, public service.

12:22 p.m. - 700 block E. 11th, structure fire, false call.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 57
Thursday's low 32
Average high 55
Average low 29
Record high 76 in 1924
Record low 13 in 1975
Precip. Thursday 0.03
Month to date 0.57
Month's normal 0.38
Year to date 13.21
Normal for the year 17.93
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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Toots Mansfield, 84, died Wednesday. Services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation tonight 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at funeral home.

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Legislation planned to make sure public's business is done in public

AUSTIN (AP) — After hearing from citizens around the state, Sen. Jeff Wentworth says he expects the 1999 Legislature to consider several proposals to help make sure the public's business is done in public.

"Most Texans are for open government. Very few are opposed to it," Wentworth says.

"If we are representatives of the people, we're going to vote to open the people's government to the people. That seems to flow very naturally to me."

Wentworth, R-San Antonio, chaired the Senate's Interim Committee on Public Information, which held eight hearings across the state before making numerous recommendations to the 1999 Legislature. Those include:

— Having government agencies post notice of public information laws in their offices for employees and citizens.

— Requiring that bills introduced in the state House and Senate include a statement detailing their impact on open government issues.

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— Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio

— Speeding up the attorney general's office response to requests for legal opinions on whether documents must be made public.

— Clarifying the law that has kept details secret in some settlements governmental bodies have reached in lawsuits.

— Striking part of a law passed two years ago, and under court challenge now, that would have stopped public access to motor vehicle accident reports.

"The records are held in trust by the governmental employee, the public employee, for the benefit of the citizen-taxpayer. We've got to inculcate that philosophy, that understanding, in everybody involved."

Wentworth said.

While most requests for information are granted routinely, there have been cases of unnecessary delays, and outright refusals, the lawmaker said.

"The problem is where the information sought might be embarrassing to the public entity, or it's just information they would rather not — for whatever parochial reason — want to divulge to the public."

"The public for the most part are adult taxpayers. They can take bad news along with the good. It's all their information and they're entitled to it," he said.

The committee's work won praise from open government

advocates, including the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

The committee's recommendations, if passed by the Legislature, "could provide possibly the biggest single impact on the state's Public Information Act since it first became law," the foundation said in its latest newsletter.

Dolph Tillotson, publisher-editor of The Galveston County Daily News, chairs the legislative advisory committee of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association.

He said the fight for open government helps all citizens, not just the news media. "It's really a problem that affects more average Texans than the media," Tillotson said.

"Every month, the Texas attorney general receives hundreds of requests for rulings on whether or not government information is public information. The overwhelming majori-

ty of those are citizens' requests, not the media," he said.

Several more bills also have been introduced, and others are expected, on open government issues.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, is sponsoring a bill to open meetings when a quorum of members of a governmental body receives information, gives information, asks questions or receives questions from a third party, including their employees.

Such "staff briefing" bills have passed three times in the Senate but died each time in the House.

Wolens said his wife, a Dallas journalist now serving on the city council, helped call his attention to the problem when she sought to cover local government.

"Every time there was an interest in being secret, they would call it a 'staff briefing.' Nobody in the world knew what

was going on in that meeting," he said.

"Maybe these bad things aren't going on to the extent that they used to. Nonetheless, I would like to clarify the law so that governmental entities such as school boards, city councils, are doing the public's business in public as opposed to behind closed doors," Wolens said.

Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, has authored a measure to keep school districts from filing lawsuits that challenge or seek relief from public information decisions by the attorney general.

It stems from a protracted court case in which the Klein Independent School District sued the parent of a student who had sought documents he thought contained information on his child's behavior.

"Whether a good or bad decision is made along the way, there are much more important things to be doing with education dollars," Hochberg said.

Proposed border health institute expected to be announced today

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech and some El Paso officials have settled their spat over a proposed border health institute, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported today.

Tech officials were expected to join University of Texas Chancellor Bill Cunningham and UT-El Paso President Diana Natalicio today in announcing a plan to work together to secure \$50 million for border research in El Paso.

"It certainly looks like we have the underpinnings of an agreement," Tech Chancellor John Montford told the Lubbock newspaper.

"We're going out there with hopes of finalizing an agreement."

Under the agreement, the institutions plan to work together

er during the 1999 legislative session to secure \$50 million of the state's tobacco settlement for Tech to conduct border research in El Paso.

Another \$25 million of the tobacco money will be sought for UTEP.

The Legislature has the final say over how the settlement funds will be allocated. Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said

The institutions also will ask the Legislature to fund a building for the research institute, which will be set up to study border health problems, according to Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

Issues to be looked at will include environmental health, children's health and ailments, such as diabetes, that are preva-

lent along the border.

One of the central issues in the proposal has been who would have control of the institute.

Some El Paso leaders have insisted that the institute be locally controlled; however, Texas Tech officials have said they want to determine how funds allocated to Tech will be used.

The agreement calls for each institution to maintain control over the funding it receives, but Tech and UTEP will collaborate to maximize the resources available, Duncan said.

Duncan said he is hopeful the effort to resolve differences over the research institute will result in constructive dialogue to solve other problems between Tech and El Paso.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **HARLEY OWNERS GROUP AND ALL THOSE GENEROUS CITIZENS** who helped provide for needy children at Christmas by participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

• **RUNNELS JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS** who dressed an angel at Christmas, raising money for clothing and other needed items for children less fortunate than themselves.

• **JERRY WORTHY**, who proved some community projects are worth doing anything — even kissing a pig — to support. Worthy kissed a pig to celebrate successful fundraising by the Hangar 25 restoration committee.

• **MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY**, which received a Texas Telecommunications Fund award. The money will go toward technological advances at the library.

• **BIG SPRING VA MEDICAL CENTER**, as the hospital expansion is nearing completion. Surgical and outpatient clinics are expected to open early next year.

• **MRS. BROOKS FIFTH GRADE CLASS AT MARCY ELEMENTARY**, which decided that, instead of buying presents for each other, they would participate in the Salvation Army's Angel program. They raised more than \$200 to help other children have a merry Christmas.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

It's come down to this: Clinton lied. He ought to say so. He lied pretty much every time he had a chance. Clinton said Sunday and again Monday night that he did not commit perjury. In a technically legal sense, he may be right. But that is beside the point.

For a man who has shown himself to be a brilliant politician, his lawyerly evasions have never masked his lies. Americans saw them clearly. But because most Americans possess something that many in Washington lack — a sense of proportion and context — voter backlash in November awaited the dragging out of prurient details from the Kenneth Starr investigation. Voters thought they had sent a message of sorts, not only in the polls but in the midterm elections: We don't condone Clinton's dishonest, boorish behavior, and he should pay a price for it — but removal from office is

too high a price for the country. Clinton won't admit to perjury, and the Republican leaders in the House say they won't consider censure, only impeachment. Some form of rebuke, short of impeachment, is what Americans want.

The Constitution does not forbid it. The House leadership has no right to preclude it. While many supporters of impeachment have sanctimoniously worried about the precedent of a censure, what they ought to worry about is the precedent of impeaching a president who, outside the Beltway, maintains popular support, in this country and abroad.

A Capitol so out of step with the people it claims to represent, one so easily whipsawed by a group of small but vocal extremists, is a greater danger to the Republic than all of Bill Clinton's selfish lies. ...

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The night before Christmas, the dog was about

By BILL MCCLELLAN
HERALD News Editor

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house a creature was stirring but it wasn't a mouse I knew right away it was my wife's little pup. She thought we were sleeping, and so she was up

The dog was a gift; it was coercion, really. A woman can pout, 'til a man gets downright silly. And now the wife was snoozing; she was really sacked out. She wouldn't have awoke from less than a shout.

Yes, her in her nightgown, I in my BVDs. We had finally settled down to catch some Zs; When off in the kitchen there arose such a clatter, I rolled from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away down the hall, my head in a muddle, I reached the kitchen...and stepped in a puddle. The glow from a nightlight illuminated the room, So how come I stumbled over the broom?

I fell in a sprawl, my legs were not stable. On the way down, my nose hit the table. My head was a spinnin' and when I came to rest Four miniature dog feet stood on my chest.

With a lick and a bark, she bounded away, Into the living room, she ran to play. More rapid than mooses, that rat terrier ran, Me on the follow, rolled newspaper in hand.

"Stop, Skeeter! Stop, Dog! Stop, Pup! Halt, Pooch! Halt, Girl! Oh, come'ere, you mutt! 'Get off the new couch! Now let go of that curtain! Ohhh...If I ever catch you, you're gonina' be hurtin' As winds of a Texas tornado do fly,

She spun round the room, down low and up high. Then up on the countertop, that puppy went. She stopped for a second. I thought she was spent. I make a quick lunge, she ducked me and then Yawned when I dove through the flour bin. As I drew out my head and was turning around, She made for the presents, in a single bound. I was covered with flour, from my head to my toes, My robe in tatters, and blood on my nose. A bag full of toys, she grabbed with glee; I nabbed her, I thought, but instead got the tree. The ornaments, they broke, as they began to fall; The lights, how they fizzled, and that is not all. When I reached for the plug, to turn the bulbs out, What flowed through my body, but electricity, so stout! As smoke encircled my head like a wreath, That dog held my big toe, tight in her teeth. "Skeeter," I moaned, "I give up. Oh, Skeet, I give in." So she bit my swollen nose, and nipped at my chin. She spoke not a word, but went back to work, Down came the stockings; it took just a jerk. Then up from the hall, came the sound of feet, "Momma," it seemed was awake from her sleep. "Now you'll get it pup," I announced with glee. But Skeeter walked over and put her head on my knee. It didn't take long, to know I'd been had, An innocent look at my wife, and one at me, so sad. Then came the wife's voice, so strong and so clear, "Bill, you leave that puppy alone! You hear!" And I exclaimed to myself, as they walked out with a strut, "Don't leave any gifts, Santa; just PICK UP THE MUTT!"

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Somewhere between liberty and order

On the record before the Supreme Court, we know only this about Jesus Morales: In 1995 he was arrested for violating



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Chicago's anti-loitering law. We aren't likely to learn much more about Morales, but before the court's term ends in June we will know a great deal more about the law.

The 1992 ordinance represents one more desperate effort by American cities to cope with the plague of urban gangs. The Department of Justice last year placed the number of these gangs at 23,000, with an estimated 650,000 members. Chicago has roughly 125 gangs, with such names as the Vice Lords and the Latin Kings. Upward of 100,000 members pledge their allegiance.

In a brief filed with the court, the U.S. Conference of Mayors spelled out the problem:

"These street gangs are not benign associations of disadvantaged youths, but sophisticated criminal enterprises... Although criminal gangs have long been part of the urban

landscape, they have taken a dramatic new direction in recent years, away from small-scale and localized activities to highly organized takeovers of entire neighborhoods based on the acquisition of lethal weaponry financed by the lucrative trade in crack cocaine."

The states have struggled in various ways to deal with the situation. California launched a campaign to prevent street terrorism. Ohio took the same approach. Arkansas has made it a separate felony to participate in gang crime. Florida and Georgia have increased punishment for gang-related offenses. Kansas makes prison time mandatory for convicted gang members.

In the case immediately at hand, Morales and five other defendants were convicted of violating the 1992 ordinance. They were sentenced to jail terms of one to 27 days, but the Illinois Supreme Court found the ordinance unconstitutional, vacated the sentences and enjoined enforcement of the law.

My guess is that the high court will affirm, either 5-4 or 6-3. At oral argument on Dec. 9, Justice David Souter seemed especially critical of the ordinance. He was bothered by the discretion vested in police officers. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor appeared to agree. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer wondered

about alternative approaches. This is the key section of the Chicago law:

"Whenever a police officer observes a person he reasonably believes to be a criminal street gang member loitering in any public place with one or more other persons, he shall order all such persons to disperse and remove themselves from the area. Any person who does not promptly obey such an order is in violation of this section."

The ordinance defines "to loiter" as "to remain in any one place with no apparent purpose." The Illinois Supreme Court looked at that rubbery language and found the ordinance "impermissibly vague on its face and an arbitrary restriction on personal liberties."

Several members of the court expressed concern about "no apparent purpose." Justice Souter remarked that some people remain in one public place for a considerable time "just to watch the cars go by." Justice O'Connor wondered at the possibility that gang members might congregate to discuss ending their criminal ways.

Justice Antonin Scalia, injecting a light note, thought such a gathering might have a highly constitutional purpose: Gang members might be exercising their right to complain about the police.

Justice Kennedy, the court's

swing man in 5-4 divisions, asked if Chicago police are specially trained to interpret "no apparent purpose." Counsel assured him that their discretion is indeed restrained. Because of the state court's injunction, the law has not been enforced for the past three years, but under departmental rules arrests are made only in designated areas of gang activity.

Counsel for the city repeatedly emphasized that no one is arrested sheerly for loitering. Morales and his companions were arrested for failing to obey an officer's lawful order to disperse.

There is nothing at all vague about operation of the law. An officer's order to "move on" is incapable of misunderstanding. It means MOVE ON!

The Morales case perfectly exemplifies the prodigious conflict that underlies a free society. Ideally we would live under a government of ordered liberty, but liberty and order are constantly in tension. Too much freedom breeds anarchy; too much order breeds tyranny.

The depredations of street gangs are intolerable, but harassment of law-abiding citizens who hang around "for no apparent purpose" cannot be condoned.

The ordinance goes too far. A constitutional answer to street gangs must be found, but this well-intentioned act isn't it.

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Medical examiner claims angry workers 'staged' body stacking

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County's chief medical examiner claims one or more disgruntled employees are responsible for recent body stacking at the county morgue.

Dr. Joye Carter acknowledged on Thursday that body stacking has occurred, after issuing a denial earlier in the week and contending that photos published in the Houston Chronicle were staged.

She said body stacking is in direct and sometimes intentional violation of office policy.

The Chronicle reported on

Sunday that bodies were stacked at the morgue before and after autopsies.

The medical examiner acknowledged Thursday that she had heard of such reports, but said she and other officials believe it was done by a disgruntled employee.

Body stacking occurs when workers run out of the metal trays used to store bodies before and after autopsies and place the bodies atop or alongside one other.

It is a concern not only because of the lack of respect

for the body, but because it can lead to contamination of evidence if the bodies are stacked prior to autopsy.

The photographer, who has been identified by the Chronicle, steadfastly denied staging the photos. Sheets were moved aside for some of the pictures so that toe tags could be revealed to document when the stacking occurred, the photographer said.

In one instance, the photographer said, a body was removed from a stack in order to reveal the presence of an infant's body

between two adult bodies.

An office employee not connected with the photographer has verified seeing at least some of the stacking shown in the photos, the newspaper reported today.

Morgue supervisor Victor Forney said he had seen stacking in both the "outgoing" and "incoming" office coolers. But he said he agreed with Dr.

Carter that the stacking was done by disgruntled employees in an effort to demean the office.

Forney said bodies are sometimes placed side-by-side when the office runs out of trays.

In those instances, he said, there would be no danger of evidence contamination because the autopsies would have been completed and the

bodies would have been wholly contained within body bags.

Dr. Carter said the stacking photographs and at least five anonymous letters sent to county officials, office employees and the media are hurting morale.

"We've had enough, and it needs to be known that the office is being harassed," she said.

Farmers vote to fund weevil eradication

LUBBOCK (AP) — Cotton farmers in five counties have voted overwhelmingly to fund a \$74 million program to eradicate boll weevils in 875,000 acres of the South Plains region.

The farmers voted 1,309-347 in favor of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone program, officials said.

The Texas Department of Agriculture issued 3,145 ballots to cotton farmers in Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum and portions of Terry and Lynn counties.

By voting for the program, farmers have agreed to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 for dryland to eradicate the weevil, starting with a chemical spraying next fall. That will be followed with in-season treatments for several years.

"We have to eliminate a cost somewhere," said Don Parrish, a grower from Plains. "Down here where we've been spraying

for them every year, it's going to be cheaper on us than what we've been doing."

In addition to paying for the intensive sprayings for four years, there will be costs for maintenance treatments a number of seasons. The pay-back for program costs, however, has been projected to be from six to 10 years, depending on the level of treatments involved, plus the amount of state/federal funding and money borrowed.

Parrish, who was elected to a board position on the Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation during the balloting, said the next step will be to secure 30 percent cost-share funding from the Texas Legislature to help pay the tab for the first two years.

Texas Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has indicated plans to push a \$250 million bill during the next legislative session for the state's active eradication

zones.


If the state money bill passes, the next step will be to establish district offices and hire a supervisor. Initially, said Parrish, zone personnel will begin mapping all fields and conducting some limited trapping before the first of as many as seven chemical treatments can begin around Aug. 15.

"I hope this vote bodes well for the whole state," said Parrish. "But, we still have to work on getting state funding."

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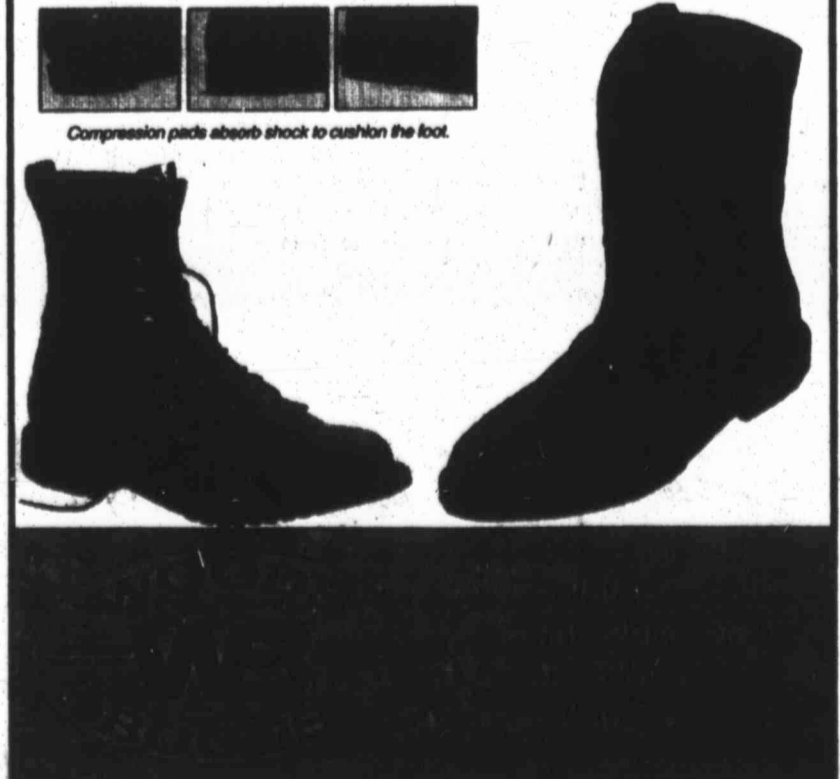
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Strikes against Iraq may not end this weekend, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rubble of Iraqi targets and the future of the Clinton presidency dominated the landscape today as U.S. military forces prepared for more attacks on Saddam Hussein's arsenal while President Clinton faced likely impeachment in the House.

The House planned to spend most of today debating impeachment of the president while at the Pentagon and the White House bomb damage assessments rolled in from the sustained air campaign against Iraq. Officials said a third wave of attacks would begin later today.

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said today in an interview that the air strikes will not necessarily end this weekend with the beginning of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"That is not an automatic deadline," Berger said. Asked if there is anything Saddam Hussein could do now that would prompt Clinton to cut short the bombing campaign, Berger said, "I doubt it. We've been there, done that," alluding to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's last-minute capitulation in November.

"We will continue to proceed until we believe we have done what we can with those targets," Berger said. Saying it was too early to say whether all military objectives had been met, Berger said the strikes had already succeeded in making it clear to Saddam "that he cannot defy the international community and not face consequences, because once he reaches that conclusion there is no restraint on Saddam Hussein, and if there's no restraint on Saddam Hussein there's another Gulf War down the road."

Clinton said the impeachment drama in the House would not deter him from completing his mission in Iraq. House Republican leaders, he said, "will have to decide how to do their job. That's not for me to comment on."

Diplomatic tension was rising to a level almost matching the military and domestic political furor. The air strikes divided the U.N. Security Council and drew protests from Russia, China, France and Iraq. Russian President Boris Yeltsin recalled his ambassador to the United States in protest over the strikes. Clinton was to call Yeltsin today.

Early reports indicated that the strikes against Iraq were going about as well for Clinton as the fight to avoid impeachment was going badly. After two days of strikes by sea- and air-launched cruise missiles and fighter-bombers, there were no reports of U.S. or British casualties, and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said most of the strike reports indicated accurate attacks and heavy destruction of targets.

Briefing reporters Thursday at the Pentagon, Shelton pointed to before and after reconnaissance photographs of Iraq's Directorate of Military Intelligence. "In this photo up here, where you don't see anything but rubble, is what formerly was this building," Shelton said. Even as he spoke, the ground in Baghdad quaked with the impact of cruise missiles carrying 2,000-pound warheads. B-52 bombers circling over the Persian Gulf launched weapons. Navy and Air Force fighters continued their relentless assault on Iraqi air defenses.

Hundreds of protesters across the country demonstrate against air strikes on Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) — Chanting "No More War" and "USA out of Iraq," hundreds of protesters across the country held demonstrations and marches against the continuing air strikes on Iraq.

"If we'd known before when the impeachment vote was going to be, we would have known when the bombing would start," former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark told a rally of 600 outside Grand Central Terminal on Thursday night.

The protesters, some of whom had loved ones in Iraq or in the U.S. armed forces, marched to drums, flutes and a brass band during rush hour as bystanders watched and some cars honked in support.

Athir Shayota, a Manhattan artist originally from Mosul, Iraq, spurred the crowd by chanting "One, two, three, four, we don't want your racist war."

Cathy Greene of the Catholic Worker movement dressed as a haggard-looking Iraqi woman and carried a doll made to look

like a dead baby. She and another protester were arrested for disorderly conduct after they walked into traffic on 42nd Street.

In Los Angeles, dozens of protesters gathered outside the federal building Thursday night. One sign read "Bomb Beverly Hills not Baghdad," another read "Stop the bombing, lift the sanctions now."

"Saddam Hussein is on his chair, nobody can move him," said protester Salwa Said. "But Iraqi people, children ... every

day thousands of people are dying. They're hungry, they're crazy, they're sick. There's no medicine, no food, nothing."

Day Two of "Operation Desert Fox" unfolded Thursday with B-52 bombers firing cruise mis-

siles deep into Iraq because of what the Clinton administration regards as President Saddam Hussein's defiance of United Nations weapons inspectors.

President Clinton vowed to

complete the mission, which he acknowledged would cause unintended casualties, as Republicans insisted they would bring articles of impeachment against him to the House floor.

Investigators searching for clues into American reporter's murder

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Investigators were combing the mountains of western Mexico for clues in the killing of an American journalist who was strangled while hiking to visit an isolated Indian tribe.

"The Mexican government condemns violence and deplores the death of Philip True, correspondent of the San Antonio Express-News," President Ernesto Zedillo said in a statement Thursday.

An autopsy showed that True, 50, was killed several days before Mexican soldiers recovered his body from a 330-foot ravine on Wednesday, said Dr. Mario Rivas Souza, chief medical examiner for Jalisco state.

Rivas Souza said True was strangled to death with a metal archer's bow. The body had no bro-

ken bones, indicating that it probably was dumped after death.

"It is a homicide. It is not an accident," Rivas Souza said in an interview broadcast by the Televisa television network. Before the autopsy, authorities had suspected True may have slipped and fallen into the ravine.

President Ernesto Zedillo ordered federal and state authorities "to spare no efforts" in investigating the death.

True, based in Mexico City, had hiked into the area on Nov. 29, to write an article on the Huichol Indians.

Investigators said he had been killed between five and 10 days ago, but they have no leads on his motive. In the Jalisco state Attorney General's

Felix Javier Ledesma Martinez said. Two special teams of investigators were sweeping the area 155 miles northwest of the state capital, Guadalajara, in the mountains of the rugged Sierra Madre Occidental.

The federal Attorney General's Office announced it was assisting in the case. Federal forensic experts took True's body to Mexico City for a second autopsy.

Authorities had been searching for True since Dec. 10, when he was due back in Mexico City.

A watch and two rings were found on the body, making robbery less likely as a motive.

His body was found half-buried on the banks of the ravine, with his feet at the bottom of the ravine.

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House begins historic impeachment debate as bombs fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are moving ahead with the first presidential impeachment debate in 130 years, even as U.S. bombs rain down on Iraq and the incoming speaker, Rep. Bob Livingston, is confessing to extramarital affairs.

Today's history-making debate would be extraordinary enough just for its legal arguments on whether President Clinton committed "high crimes and misdemeanors" in connection with his sexual relationship with a White House intern half his age.

But Democrats have staked out a new and emotional partisan position, vehemently oppos-

ing the debate during a time when U.S. forces are attacking Iraq.

Democrats refused to agree with majority Republicans on a time limit for debate, leaving it uncertain when the House would vote on four articles of impeachment.

While the White House resumed a last-ditch anti-impeachment lobbying campaign Thursday, presidential allies said they expected at least one of four proposed articles to pass, triggering a trial in the Senate.

Republicans, suspicious of the timing of the bombing in Iraq, had delayed the debate one day and insisted that the House not

wait any longer to consider the articles. But in laying out the case against Clinton for concealing his affair with Monica Lewinsky, Republicans have on their minds the astonishing admission Thursday night from Livingston, the man due to become House speaker on Jan. 6.

The Louisiana Republican, just hours after announcing the debate would not be postponed, told a stunned Republican caucus — convened for the impeachment issue — that "I have on occasion strayed from my marriage."

But contrasting his own case with Clinton's misleading court testimony in the Lewinsky

affair, Livingston said his relationships "were not with employees on my staff, and I have never been asked to testify under oath about them."

The House Judiciary Committee last week approved impeachment articles that accused Clinton of perjury in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit, perjury before a grand jury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power.

The case of Andrew Johnson in 1868 is the only other time the House voted to impeach a president. Johnson was acquitted by a single vote in the Senate.

The committee resolution presents the articles on behalf of

the House "and of the people of the United States of America, against William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States."

With nine television networks expected to provide the debate

live, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt said Democrats "strongly object to this matter coming up ... any day in which our young men and women in the military are in harm's way."

Livingston admits extramarital affairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shocked Republicans are showing early support for Rep. Bob Livingston after the man they have chosen to be the next House speaker admitted that he has had extramarital affairs.

The stunning confession by the 55-year-old Louisiana Republican came on the eve of today's House debate over impeaching President Clinton for covering up his own infidelities with Monica Lewinsky.

It added yet another surreal element to two days that have seen Washington enveloped by the possible removal of a president and an abrupt, ongoing U.S. military attack on Iraq.

Lawmakers said Livingston's revelation, which came in an emotional, closed-door evening meeting of House Republicans, would have no effect on the move to impeach Clinton.

"The case against the president is completely different," said Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa. "It's not about sex, it's about lying under oath, obstruction of justice, witness tampering."

Colleagues said Livingston received two standing ovations after he read a statement admitting that he has "on occasion strayed from my marriage" of 33 years to his wife, Bonnie. The couple have four grown children and remain married.

"Bob Livingston has the full support of our conference," said Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif. "He has earned more support for his honor, his directness in addressing this."

"It's a matter between Speaker Livingston and Bonnie," said Rep. Bob Franks, R-N.J.

Some Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity, said support for Livingston might waver by Jan. 6, the day the 106th Congress convenes and he is supposed to be elected speaker by the full House. These Republicans worried that Livingston's admission could supply damaging ammunition

to Democrats trying to draw parallels between his behavior and Clinton's.

Lawmakers said there was no talk he would resign or not seek the speaker's post. Livingston, who emerged last month as successor to the resigned Newt Gingrich, indicated he was eager to stay.

Dollar coin design departure from tradition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The design most likely to be selected for a new gold-colored dollar coin, by New Mexico sculptor Glenna Goodacre, would be a radical departure from traditional American coin design.

For one thing, the subject — Sacagawea — looks directly at the observer.

Every other coin in use — the penny with Abraham Lincoln, the nickel with Thomas Jefferson, the dime with Franklin Roosevelt and the quarter with George Washington — shows the subject in profile.

Then there is the subject herself. She is not a president. Rather she is a teen-age mother,

a Shoshone who accompanied explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to the Pacific Ocean in 1805.

The U.S. Commission on the Fine Arts considered three designs by Goodacre of Santa Fe. In the one they recommended for Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin's selection next month, Sacagawea is turning, as if ready to go. She looks back over her shoulder.

In another departure from tradition, her infant son, Jean Baptiste, sleeps on her back.

It would be the first depiction of a child on a U.S. circulating coin.

A second design by Goodacre is similar to the first, only with-

out the baby. A third shows Sacagawea in profile, her chin upraised, looking west.

Goodacre, who modeled Sacagawea after a 22-year-old Shoshone college student in New Mexico, said she sought to show "her spirit and her intelligence and her eagerness to lead the way." She said she hoped Rubin selected the version with Jean Baptiste because "that's part of her story."

U.S. Mint Director Philip Diehl said the design with the baby, recommended by the arts commission, also is a clear favorite among the more than 90,000 viewers who have commented through the Mint's Internet site.

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Don't want to buy meaningless stuff? Get feel-good gifts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Don't want to spend the holidays giving meaningless gifts that will be thrown in the back of closets?

Then look for presents that benefit others. Because there are plenty.

There are soaps and gourmet foods made by women who were abused, drug-addicted or homeless in Chicago; beeswax candles that benefit poor people in North Carolina; and baskets of Tex-Mex soups and salsas produced by Denver women trying to get off welfare.

Or you can purchase a backpack from Nashville-based Campus for Human Development and help fill it with combs, toothbrushes,

socks, underwear and other items that will be distributed to homeless people.

"We need to refocus how we spend our holiday dollars. It shouldn't be about buying sweaters or neckties when there are so many people in need," said Kate McGregor of Nashville.

She spends her Christmas money on crafts by poor artisans and donates to charities in the names of loved ones.

There are myriad local charities around the country selling holiday gifts.

The Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation offers poinsettias in Memphis and Nashville, while the Rotary Club in Lincoln City, Ore., sells

Christmas wreaths to raise money for college scholarships.

Aquariums and zoos are constantly looking for donations, and Wildlife Protection Unlimited of Newport Beach, Calif., promises a T-shirt for every \$15 donation.

The Internet provides an easy way to find a charity organization.

There is the Starbright Foundation, organized by director Steven Spielberg and retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf to provide computers and Internet access to seriously ill children so they can keep in touch with one another.

The foundation is selling "The Emperor's New Clothes" book and audio-CD in an effort to

raise money. Also online is World Vision International, which has a gift catalog.

The organization steers donations to various causes, such as homeless children and hurricane victims.

SERRV International distributes crafts by poor artisans around the world.

Originally the Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation Vocation, it was created in 1949 by the Church of the Brethren to help refugees in post World War II Europe.

Now the nonprofit organization, which is based in New Windsor, Md., sells about \$5 million a year in crafts through church sales, catalogs and small

stores, spokesman Brian Backe said.

"There's a growing niche of people looking for more meaning in the way they shop for Christmas and holidays," he said. "They want more meaningful gifts and more meaning in their lives."

SERRV also sells products made closer to home — at The Enterprising Kitchen in Chicago, Candles of Hope USA in Durham, N.C., and the

Women's Bean Project in Denver.

The Women's Bean Project was started a decade ago by Jossy Eyre, a volunteer at a women's homeless shelter.

"She saw that it was nice that they had a roof over their heads, but that was as far as it went," Bean Project spokeswoman Lisa Vargo said.

"She thought it'd be good to turn down time into productive time."

Take the strain out of gift-giving, receiving

By NEALE S. GODFREY
The Associated Press

With the holidays come the exchange of gifts, no matter whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. It's a time of sharing and giving, but it also can be a time of confusion, frustration, and uncertainty for many youngsters. A few simple guidelines can make the gift-giving process easier for all.

First, help your children plan in advance. Make sure that everyone in the family has a gift-planning calendar for all events during the year that require present-giving.

They can use the calendar not only to remember birthdays and other dates, but as a way to help save money for gifts. After your child estimates how much she wants to save, she can plan how many weeks she has to save.

Make sure your children understand the importance of giving appropriately. An over-generous gift can embarrass the recipient or signal the beginning of an unhealthy competition.

A family meeting is a good

place to start to set a limit on spending for each other. Perhaps older children could be permitted to spend more on gifts. Or you can help younger children by matching their savings.

Another solution is to have the children pool their resources for one gift, with everyone putting in what they can afford as a percentage of their allowance. Pooling money and ideas can be loads of fun.

Another way to keep children on a budget and teach them the value of money is to let them calculate the cost of their holiday wish list. When they tally up all they want, they may be surprised at the steep cost!

The gift detective
Gift-giving is mostly about thoughtfulness. A gift says "I care." In this regard, a good game for your children is "The Gift Detective."

Suppose your child has noticed that Grandma and Grandpa have a beautiful collection of antique brass candlesticks. Your child can't afford to buy new candlesticks. But she could polish the ones they have. Your children could also give

"gift chits" to people they love. If Grandpa loves gardening, your child could promise to do some weeding. If Grandma lives in the city, six blocks from the grocery store, a week of delivery service might be just the thing for her.

One of the best gifts my children ever gave me was a "No Fighting Zone" chit. It was good for three fights. If the children started fighting, I could pull out my chit and they'd stop. It really worked!

Other gift tips
Remember, you should write your own letter to Santa. Seriously, a list is useful for your children to have. Children deserve to know what you want so they can plan accordingly.

A friend remembers one childhood Christmas when his mother announced to the family that she wanted seamless stretch nylon stockings for Christmas. My friend wasn't sure that he knew what seamless stretch nylon stockings were, but he remembers vividly his satisfaction in actually knowing there was something he could get for his mother that she wanted.

Receiving
Knowing how to receive is often as important as knowing how to give. Your child must learn that it's the thought that counts when she gets gifts as well as gives them.

Sometimes people give children toys that would have been fun three years ago, or clothes that are "way uncool." If this happens, what's the right response? Should your child lie and pretend to love the gift?

"No. If your child doesn't like the gift, she can still honestly say, 'This is great! Thanks a lot.' It is great that someone thought of them.

Don't forget that holidays are stressful times, especially for little children, and gracious receiving is not a natural response, it's a learned response. If your young child bursts into tears when she gets a gift she doesn't want, understand what she's feeling and don't punish her. Instead, explain that it's all right to be disappointed, but you have to consider the feelings of the person who gave it to you.

And don't forget those thank-you notes!

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◆The U.S. officially recognized Jan. 20 as Martin Luther King Day for the first time in 1986.

◆Engagement and wedding rings were first worn by the ancient Romans.

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Big Spring Herald

Friday, December 18, 1998

College Baptist says goodbye to associate pastor

By JEAN WARREN

Contributor

Kevin Cook, associate pastor for music and education at College Baptist Church, has resigned to accept a position with Southside Baptist Church in Carthage.

Kevin, who has served the local church for five years, says he and his wife, Ginger, have enjoyed the fellowship at CBC and also their associations with the Big Spring community.

The King's Men, a vocal ensemble he organized, has performed for numerous groups in the community, as well as for worship services. On last Memorial Day, they sang for the dedication of the F-4 Phantom Jet at the Vietnam Memorial.

Along with Helen Stanley and Lillian Gould, Kevin organized weekly devotional services at Carriage Inn; he also led Sunday morning services at

Mt. View Lodge.

For two summers, he served as music director at youth camps at Circle 6. He played keyboard for the Singing Men of West Texas, for two years.

Kevin, who is a graduate of Baylor, holds two Master's Degrees from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, one in Music and another in Divinity. He came to Big Spring from the First Baptist Church in Lipan, where he served for seven years.

One of his goals, when he came to CBC, was to help young people to be involved in the music program. He notes that two young people from the local church, Tamberlyn Bloodworth and David Gunn, qualified for the Select Ensemble. Gunn currently sings with the King's Men.

Kevin says he will have the same goal, involving young people, in the music program of the church, when he takes up

his duties at Carthage. There, he will serve as associate pastor for music and adults.

Ginger Cook, like her husband, has been very involved at CBC, serving as church organist and director of the children's choir program. She has also worked in the Sunday School Preschool Department.

Ginger, who is a graduate of Texas Christian University, is a piano teacher. Presently, she is accompanist for the Big Spring High School Choir concerts.

Son, Paul, joined his parents and his sister, Katy, on April 28 of this year. The move will enable Ginger's parents, in Louisiana, and Kevin's parents, in Arkansas, more opportunities to enjoy their grandchildren.

To express their appreciation to Kevin and Ginger, members of the congregation of College Baptist are planning a banquet and reception Sunday.



The Cook family, Kevin, associate pastor at College Baptist Church, his wife, Ginger, and their children will be leaving Big Spring for Carthage. A reception to honor them is planned Sunday.

Spend your time where it really counts

Oh the days dwindle down. To a precious few. November, December... And these few precious days, I'll spend with you!

The "purest" will immediately notice that I did not quote the above song verse quite the way it was written. But that's all right. I wrote it the way I wanted to and since I am writing this article, I can write it like I want to.

The days have dwindled down to a precious few here in 1998. It has been a good year, but a fast one. If you are like me, you haven't finished the things you wanted to finish.

I know I haven't accomplished half of the things I wanted to do. I still have projects laying on my desk from 1997. (If I looked deep enough I might even find a few things left over from even before that.) But the way I figure it, if I didn't get it done, the world survived anyway and if the world ends any time soon, it really doesn't make much difference whether I did it or not.

But as suggested by verse above, what is really important is that I am spending these last few days of 1998 with "you". The "you" is your and my friends, whoever that is.

What is really important in life is relationships. People, not things, are important. We get so concerned about the things we need to do and the things we want to accomplish that we can totally lose sight of the fact that it is people that really make the difference in life. To have had the opportunity to spend another year of God's grace with your friends and family is really the only thing that will make any difference in the long run.

God has given many of us the opportunity to spend another year with a wonderful man or woman whom we call our husband or wife. God has given many of us the opportunity to spend time with our children and their spouses and perhaps our grandchildren.

God has given others of us the opportunity to spend time with our extended family, the people of God who worship with you weekly in your church.

What makes life all worth living is to be able to love and be loved by your family, whether that is a blood relative family or extended Christian family. In Christ we are all one family...one body.

During the past year God has allowed us to laugh together...to cry together...to rejoice together...to be sad together. Surely we have all experienced blessings. Some

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CARROLL KOHL

CLUB NEWS

Mary Jane Club

Coahoma's Mary Jane Club held their December meeting in the beautifully decorated country home of Sue Tindol. Co-hostesses for this annual Christmas event were Marie Ethridge and Nan McKinney.

Members participated in a lively gift exchange prior to the salad luncheon at which time each in attendance was presented with an angel table decoration.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club met for their annual Christmas luncheon in the home of Zula McCrary with Roberta Shive as cohostess.

Jan Foresyth and Delores Currie assisted.

Members enjoyed a tour of the beautifully decorated home and grounds prior to the serving of the elegantly appointed meal.

A gift exchange followed.

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church was the scene of the second annual Women's Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 5. Members and guests were treated to a concert by the Singing Women of West Texas, directed by Donna Chambers.

This talented group of ladies toured Europe last summer and performed for various special events. A number of the singers are from the area, as is Big Spring's own Kathy Highley. Kathy is a member of Baptist Temple. Alicia Phifer, a junior member of Rhapsody, Big Spring High School's select singing group, is also a member of the church.

Betty Lepard read some humorous Christmas poems and essays during scene changes and Mrs. Clyde Angel gave a most inspiring commentary on "decorating our hearts for Christmas." Twyla Stroup laughingly remarked that she received such a good dose of the Christmas Spirit that she planned to decorate after all!

First Christian Church

The First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, would like to take this opportunity to invite the community to bring your family and friends and join us on Thursday, Dec. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We will gather as we do each year to share in the glad tidings of the angels through song, scripture, Holy Communion and candlelight.

Services at the First Christian Church will follow the regular morning schedule for the next two Sundays, Dec. 20 and 27: 9:15 a.m. Elders meeting, 9:30 a.m. singing, 9:45 a.m. church school, 10:50 a.m. morning worship service.

Please note: All youth groups are canceled for both Sundays Dec. 20 and Dec. 27. Also, Bible study and choir rehearsal will not be held on Wednesday Dec. 23 or Dec. 30.

May the peace, love and joy of Christmas be with you during this season!

First United Methodist Church

"Why, In Bethlehem?" (Luke 2:1-20) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the

CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the Christmas story and how it affects us today. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Partee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394.

The Christmas Eve Service including Communion, will begin at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The title of the service is "Working Men Invited to See the King" (Luke 2:1-20). Everyone is invited to participate. Call the church office at 267-6394 for more information.

First Church of God

Music is a very effective way to communicate the wonderful Christmas story. You have an opportunity to hear what Christmas will do for you, in an unusual way, this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at the First Church of God, 2009 Main Street.

The Adult Choir, under the direction of Glenda Hendrickson and Linda Lindell, will present an original collection of Christmas music and readings, to make your Christmas more meaningful. You are invited this to come.

CrossRoads Church

Come and Celebrate Jesus with us! You are invited to a special Christmas service at CrossRoads Church this Sunday evening at 6:30.

This service will be a time to glorify and praise Jesus Christ. Come to CrossRoads Church and let Jesus happen to you. For more information or for a free New Testament, call Pastor Jeff Janca at 264-0734. If no answer, please leave a message.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet in the Parish Hall Saturday at 8 a.m. for their monthly meeting and breakfast.

We will hang the greens and decorate the church following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday. A light lunch will be served in the Parish Hall for

those who stay and help.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet this Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Parish Christmas Caroling and Party is on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Meet at the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, our party will be at the home of Rocky and Barbara Harris, 612 Tulane.

Christmas Eve Eucharist begins at 10:30 p.m. at the church. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

First Assembly of God

"Unwrapping the most important gift," is Pastor R.T. Havener's message this Sunday morning at the First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster.

The message will address the various kinds of wrappings and the removing of them to reveal the greatest gift ever given.

In the evening service at 6, pastor Havener's message will be "Was the virgin birth necessary?"

This message will deal with the great theme of the "Incarnation," and point out the four ways in which God made a human body.

Both services will include special music.

Christmas Eve there will be a Candle Light Communion service from 7 to 8:30.

The congregation of First Assembly invite you to join with them as they celebrate the wonderful birth of our Lord this Christmas.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

On Sunday immediately following the morning worship, the youth will sponsor a fajita dinner and a silent auction. We will also have a special guest, a visitor from "The North Pole!" The cost of the fajita dinner if \$4 per person with a maximum of \$16 per family. The proceeds will go to help the youth for 1999 with conferences and camps.

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship and fellowship.

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., morning worship and children's church is at 11 a.m. and the evening worship is 6 p.m.

Business advertise their religious beliefs

ABILENE (AP) — You can be sure you won't be taken to the cleaners at Ingram's Cleaners, sold a lemon at Hilliard's auto, or stolen blind at Herrington Optical.

Not that you would at any other cleaners, auto sales, or optical in town, but these businesses, along with others in Abilene, advertise that they practice Christian principles.

And they had better practice what they preach, or else they're sure to hear about it. Some post Bible verses on marquees, others place Christian symbols in their offices or use them in advertising.

Business owners that use religious symbols in promoting their product do so at some risk. People will expect a higher standard of service and some may even suspect that religion is being used as a sales gimmick.

Owners interviewed said they have no trouble living up to the higher standards and insist their motives are pure.

"We've dedicated this business to the Lord," said Mike Hilliard, owner of Hilliard's auto sales on Butternut.

"It's not to get business by any means," said Willard Herrington, owner of Herrington Optical on Butternut. "We do it for no other reason than to show people we are Christian."

Lynn Ingram, owner of Ingram's Cleaners, agreed.

"We don't do it to get noticed, we do it to serve the Lord," Ingram said.

Drive in the vicinity of South 27th and Buffalo Gap Road and you'll get a double exposure. Lynn Ingram's brother, Ron, owns Four Seasons Car Wash next door to the cleaners and both post Scripture readings on their marquees, along with an occasional "Help Wanted."

"If they don't get it on Buffalo Gap Road, they get it on South 27th," joked Lynn Ingram.

Hilliard began using a Bible Scripture in his auto business after his baby son's critical illness nine years ago changed his life.

"I went along there a long time thinking I could do everything," Hilliard said.

But when he discovered he was powerless over his child's illness, Hilliard said he began realizing his need of God.

"We almost lost him," Hilliard said of his son, who is healthy now. "That was just a real eye-opener."

Later that same year, 1989, Hilliard's business failed and he had a number of judgments against him. When that experience was behind him and all the judgments had been settled, Hilliard saw the light.

"It was just sort of like God gave us a fresh start," he said of himself, his wife, Lisa, and their three sons.

Hilliard has a painted sign out front with a permanent Scripture, 2 Corinthians 5:17, which reads, "If anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone; behold, all things have become new."

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SUPPORT FOR GULF WAR veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

"We will be setting up some meetings, sharing information, things like that," said Rhonda Simon, a Colorado City resident who serves as area representative of the support group. "There have been some new bills passed and we want to get veterans educated on those and get them going back to the Veterans Administration."

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Simon at 915 728-2746 or email her at ezresort@bitstreet.com or call group president Vic Sylvester at 915 368 4667.

The group also has a website at www.odssa.com

THE LAST WORD

Those who lose dreaming are lost. Australian Aboriginal proverb

Aspects are within us, and who seems most kingly is king. Thomas Hardy

The little I know, I owe to my ignorance. Sacha Guitry

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Spring City Stompers Dorothy Kennemur and B.D. Mason performed as part of the group for residents of Carriage Inn earlier this week. The line dancers gave performances at nursing homes and retirement centers throughout the community.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate



KOHL

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through it all what was important was that we walked the road together and helped to strengthen and bear each other up.

And now these last few precious days of 1998, let's make it our goal to spend them with family and friends in worship together, to study together, to celebrate the birth of Jesus, to join the angels in singing praise to God, to watch the old year pass into history, and to experience the arrival of yet another year which we will call 1999, which will be the last year of the 20th century. "And these few precious days, I'll spend with you."

What will the new year bring? God knows, I don't. But although I do not know what will come, I know that God will be with us and guide us and direct us and they will be blessed days, because we will spend them with our family, our friends and that indeed makes them "special days."

Carroll Kohl is pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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A heading at the top of the sign, "Restored," sometimes brings questions from puzzled customers.

"What do y'all do, refurbish cars?" is a typical question, Hilliard said.

But mainly, people comment that they appreciate the messages or they are uplifted by them, the business owners said.

And, they also know that people expect a certain business ethic from an owner who advertises that he is a Christian.

"I think they would expect me to not be a liar, to not be a cheat," Hilliard said.

Lynn Ingram said customers at his cleaners sometimes mention his Scriptures in passing.

"They'll say, 'thank you for the encouragement - it's refreshing,'" he said, or "You know, I needed to hear that today."

All the business owners inter-

viewed said no one has been critical of their decision to use Scripture or Christian symbols in advertising. In fact, the opposite is more likely to be true.

Book offers children a look at religions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Try as she might, Peggy Fletcher Stack wasn't getting through to her 7-year-old son Jamie, who wanted specifics of how his Mormon faith differed from the beliefs held by the Presbyterian church they had visited.

After all, both faiths sing, pray and talk about Jesus.

She scoured the children's section of the local library and found nothing.

"There are books for older children, but they lump all of Christianity together and then talk about Jews and Hindus," she said. "And there was nothing for younger children."

Stack, who covers religion for The Salt Lake Tribune, had stumbled onto an apparent void in the religious book market: a title on comparative religions aimed at grade-school children.

Now, she and artist Kathleen Peterson have produced a kids'-eye view of the ways the world worships. "A World of Faith," their 64-page volume, explains in terms a child can understand the history and basic beliefs and practices of 28 religions.

Each faith is given a page of text and, on a facing page, a colorful illustration of people, architecture, clothing and other symbols peculiar to that religion.

Stack and Peterson weren't far along before discovering at least one reason why no such book existed: It required painstaking paring and precision to satisfy not only children and parents, but clergy, scholars and rank-and-file members of each faith.

"You are combining the passion of religion with our passion for children," said Phyllis Tickle, contributing religion editor for Publishers Weekly. "I don't envy them."

Stack, who studied at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, remembers poring over more than a dozen books spread around her home library, then trying to compress her newfound knowledge into two paragraphs of simple prose.

"It didn't speak to me," she said of the final draft. "But if it spoke to a Catholic child then I put it in."

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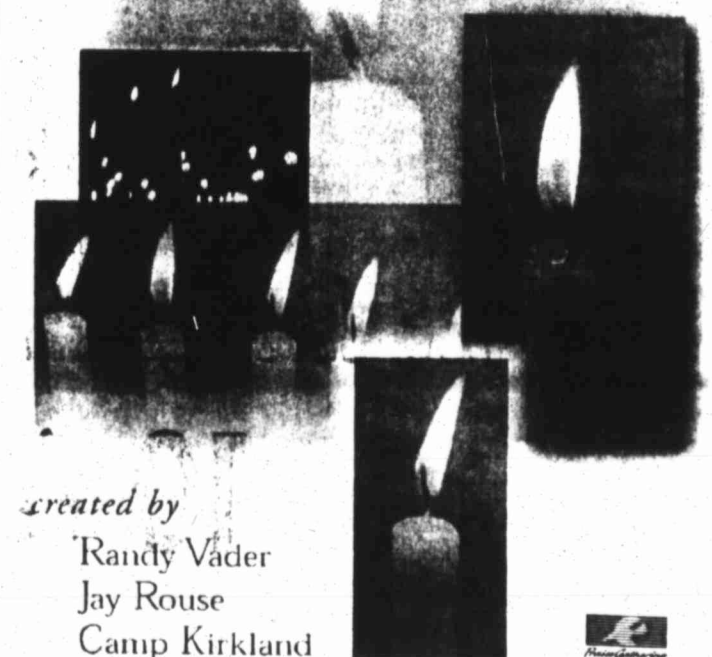
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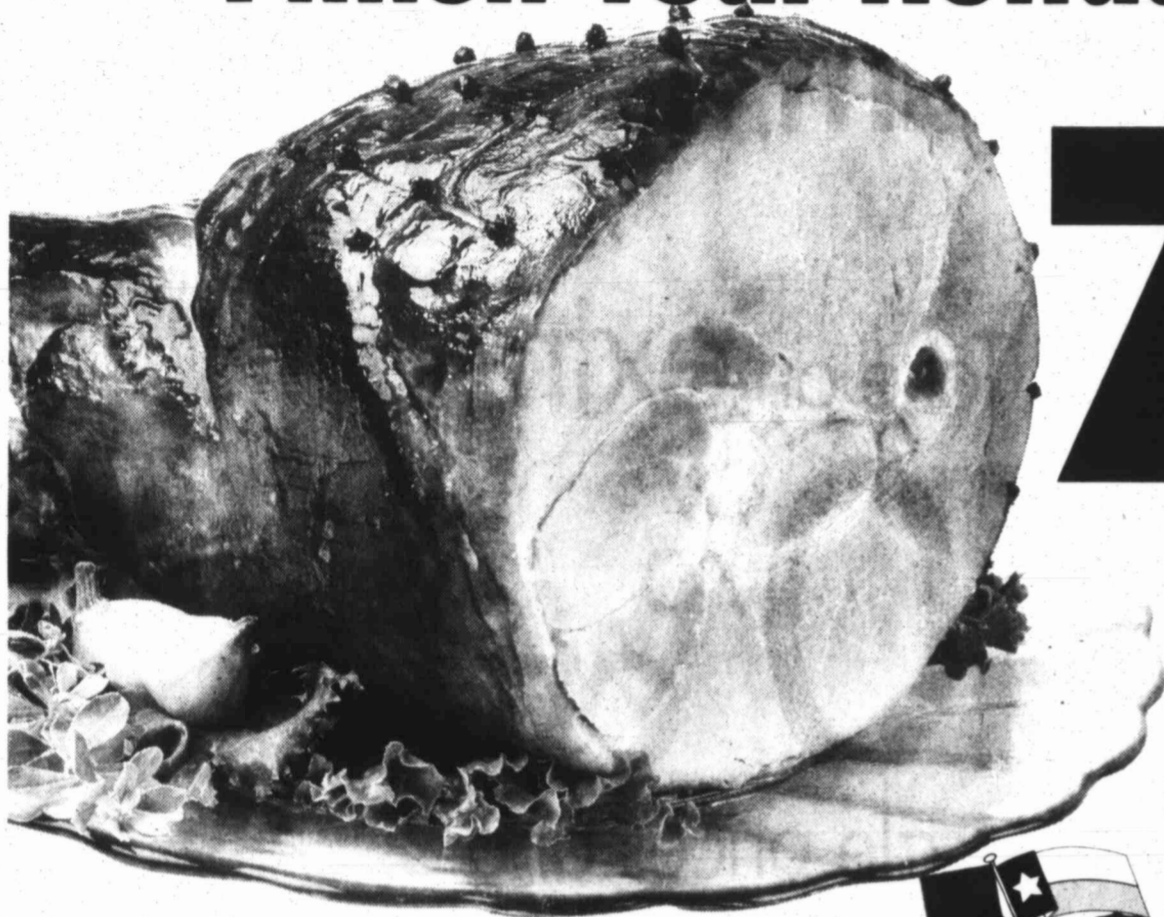
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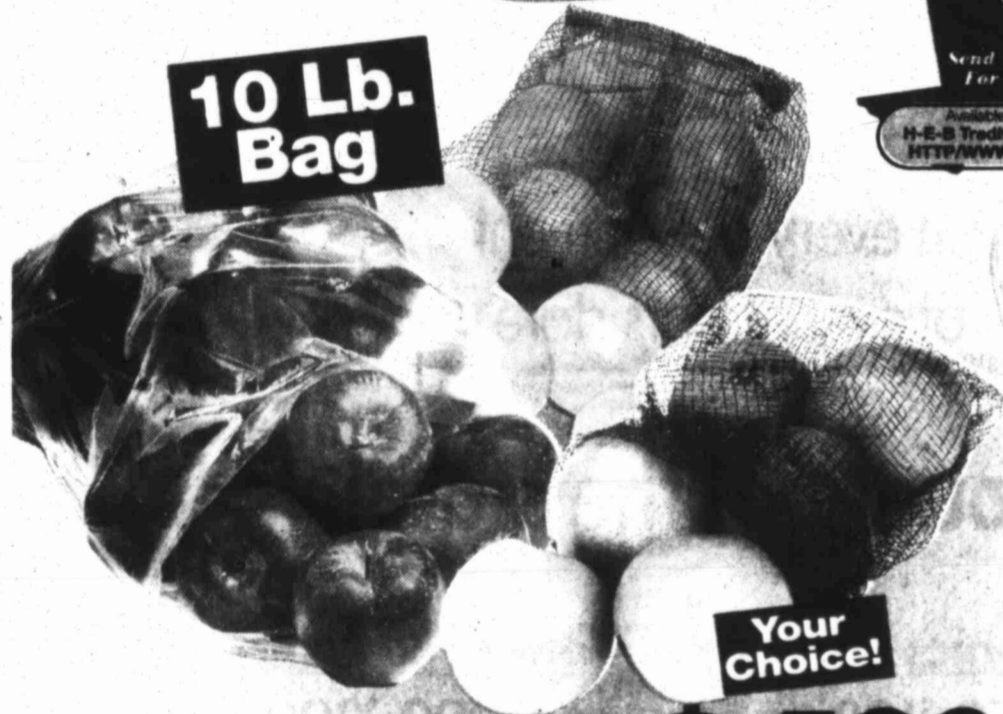
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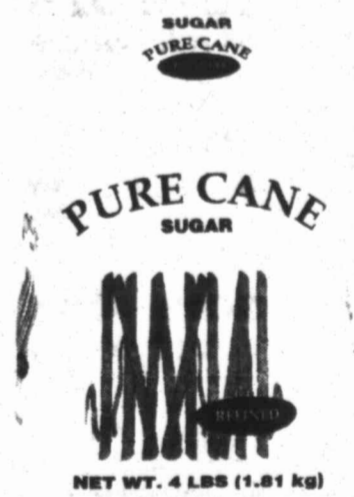
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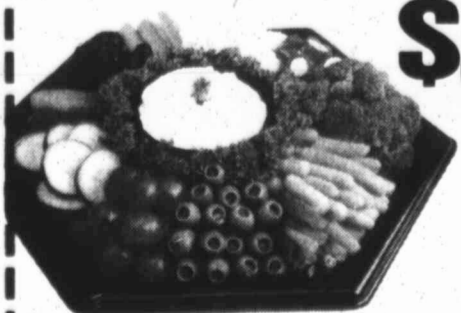
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IN BRIEF

Today is youth hoops registration deadline

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association is currently registering youngsters for league play at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is open to boys and girls in the first through sixth grades. All games will be played on Saturdays at Rannels Junior High School.

Registration at the mall will be from 6 to 8 through tonight.

In addition, youngsters can register at Neal's Sporting Goods during business hours.

A fee of \$20 is required for each participant in the league. The deadline for registering is today.

For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159, Duane Murphree at 394-4557 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.

Taylor surrenders to face drug charges

TEANECK, N.J. (AP) — Lawrence Taylor, the former New York Giants who has battled drug addiction for more than a decade, turned himself in to police to face drug charges, the New York Daily News reported today.

The newspaper said Taylor surrendered to Teaneck police Thursday and posted a \$2,500 bond on charges of possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance.

Teaneck police would not comment on the report early today.

Taylor's latest legal troubles began Sept. 29 when police officers, acting on a tip, executed a search warrant on a room rented in Taylor's name at the GlenPointe Marriott hotel. Crack cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia were found there and seized. Taylor was not in the room.

Taylor, on the Pro Football Hall of Fame ballot for the first time, checked into a rehab center in the New York area in late October, a week after being arrested in Florida on crack cocaine charges.

At the time, Taylor's lawyer, Thomas Melani, said the former football player could face prison time if he didn't seek immediate drug counseling. The arrest could violate a plea agreement made last year.

TONIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- 6 p.m.
 - Big Spring at Lubbock (girls)
- 6:30 p.m.
 - Rotan at Coahoma (girls and boys)
 - Forsan at Garden City (girls and boys)
- 7 p.m.
 - Dawson at Grady (girls and boys)
- 7:30 p.m.
 - Frenship at Big Spring (boys)
- 8 p.m.
 - Stanton at Reagan County (boys)

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

- 6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Detroit Red Wings, FXS, Ch. 29.
- 6:30 p.m. — Montreal Canadiens at Buffalo Sabres or Dallas Stars at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers host Frenship tonight, Coahoma entertaining Rotan

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

While area schools began their break for the holidays, players on Crossroads Country basketball teams won't be enjoying as long a break as their classmates.

A full slate of games is set for this weekend, and most area teams have also scheduled games for Monday before taking a break for Christmas.

Big Spring's Steers will play host to Frenship's Tigers at Steer Gym tonight at 7:30, while the Lady Steers travel to Lubbock where they'll face Lubbock High's Lady Westerners in a 6 p.m. game.

The Steers head into tonight's game after playing well, but losing three straight games at the Concho River Classic in San Angelo.

"We're just committing some mental mistakes at times when it really hurts us, but we're still improving every time we step on the floor," Steers coach Jimmy Avery said. "The important thing is we're still getting tremendous effort from every kid on the team. I'm not going to say a word about execution, because that's taking care of itself as we have more and more time to put or scheme in place."

The Lady Steers head to Lubbock after having lost to Monahans' Lady Lobos

on Monday.

Tonight's schedule also finds Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes playing host to Rotan at 6:30. Another 6:30 varsity start will find Garden City's Bearcats and Lady Bearcats playing host to Forsan's Buffaloes and Queens.

Coahoma boys' coach Kim Nichols is also pleased with the way the Bulldogs are playing at this stage of the season, following a big win over Midland Christian Monday night that saw senior guard Ryan Peckham score 33 points.

"We went through a couple of games there where we just weren't playing very good basketball, but we've got that turned back around right now," Nichols

said. "We're playing awfully good basketball."

Grady's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats will host Dawson at 7 p.m., while Stanton's Buffaloes will make their season debut at Reagan County at 8 p.m.

Stanton's Lady Buffs are scheduled to play in Big Lake at 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Monday's schedule calls for Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers to entertain Crane with varsity girls' action starting at 6 p.m.; Coahoma's Bulldogettes taking on Trinity Christian in Lubbock at 1 p.m.; and Forsan's boys and girls will play host to Water Valley at 6:30 p.m.

Williams headlines all-state team

From Staff and Wire Reports

Andrews' Shaud Williams, perhaps one of the best running backs in the history of West Texas schoolboy football, has been named as Class 4A offensive player of the year by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Williams, in fact, is the only player on the APSE Class 4A team to repeat from the 1997 squad.

Joining him on the first team offense was teammate Jose Gonzales, who helped open the holes that allowed Mustangs star to rush for 2,121 yards.

It was the third straight season in which Williams surpassed the 2,000-yard mark, as he led all Class 4A rushers.

But it was Class 4A, Division II finalist Stephenville that grabbed the largest number of first-team selections to the APSE squad.

Kelan Luker, Cody Cardwell and Rob Lilly were in eighth grade when Stephenville won its second of two straight state titles. The Yellow Jackets return to the title game this weekend and that trio is a big reason.

All three were named to the team released Thursday.

Lilly was the key to an offensive line that helped the team amass an average of 556 yards per game during a 9-1 regular season. Luker threw for 2,817 yards and 30 touchdowns while Cardwell had the most catches (61) and yards (1,457) in the class, scoring 14 TDs and running for three more.

Stephenville plays La Marque (13-0) on Saturday for the Class 4A Division II championship. There was only one 4A title given out when the schools met in 1993 and 1994, with Stephenville winning both. La Marque won the last consolidated title in '95, then took the first two Division II trophies in '96 and '97.

Grapevine, which beat Bay City last weekend for its second Division I title in three years, had one player make second team — end Jason Schindler.

Sports writers around the state chose the ninth annual APSE team based strictly on regular-season performance. They selected nominees during the season and balloting took place during the playoffs.

West Orange-Stark, which finished the year 10-0 and ranked No. 2 in the AP poll, joined Stephenville with three first teamers.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Andrew Shaud Williams (21) shown here avoiding the tackle attempt by Big Spring's Joe Owens (15) was named offensive player of the year and a first-team selection to the Class 4A Associated Press Sports Editors all-state football team.

Stark's honorees included offensive lineman Charles Crochet, defensive lineman Kelton Traylor and defensive back Derrick Thibodeaux.

Brock Anderson of Fort Worth Wyatt was honored on the offensive line and teammate Donald Burrell was picked at defensive line and was named defensive player of the year.

Burrell, 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior, had 97 tackles, 18 sacks, 45 tackles for loss, forced five fumbles and recovered two for touchdowns and recorded two safeties.

Brownwood also had two honorees: Colby Freeman, a run-pass threat who shared top quarterback honors with Luker, and linebacker Jared Morris.

Tomas Sanchez of Fort Worth Arlington Heights, who set a national record with 46 career field goals, was named the top kicker.

Other skill position honorees included ends Jeremy Arnold of Clint and Delrick Taylor of Longview Pine Tree and running backs Kris Briggs of Carthage and Richard Whitaker of Jacksonville.

Rounding out the offense are offensive linemen Dean Mayfield of Sweetwater and Wade Wittliff of Corpus Christi Calallen.

Other defensive linemen were Gabe Sanford of Smithson

Valley and Evory Thompson of Waller. The other linebackers were Reed Boyd of New Braunfels Canyon and Willie Woodbury of Fort Stockton.

Rounding out the defensive backs were Scott Hall of Schertz Clemens, Clint Mitchell of Nederland and Tony Powell of Borger.

Roy Wright, who averaged 43.4 yards per punt and had six pinnings inside the 10-yard line, was voted the top punter.

The Class 4A All-State high school football team, released Thursday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular season performance:

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

(tie) COLBY FREEMAN, Brownwood, Sr., 6-3, 220 — 58-98-1,217, 16 TDs, 143-1,498 yds., 13 TDs rushing, 643 of rushing yds on downfield option pitch, has started 46 games.

(tie) KELAN LUKER, Stephenville, Sr., 6-1, 200 — 134-224-2,817, 30 TDs, 5 INTs; offense averages 556 ypg.

RUNNING BACKS

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Rangers welcome Williams with cap and No. 37 jersey

AUSTIN (AP) — The hat had no holes for the dreadlocks and the jersey was No. 37 instead of No. 34.

But the Texas Rangers on Thursday welcomed their newest outfielder-tailback, presenting University of Texas running back and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams with his first Rangers hat and jersey.

Texas purchased Williams' contract from the Expos on Tuesday, a day after Montreal took him from the Philadelphia Phillies with the fourth pick of the major league draft for players left off 40-man rosters.

"We know Ricky's football talent is No. 1. We're just hoping we can somehow get Ricky in our organization and this is a first step," said Rangers General Manager Doug Melvin. Melvin, Rangers President Tom Schieffer and Manager

Johnny Oates all traveled to Austin to present Williams with the cap and jersey.

Williams had to push his dreadlocks back from his forehead to put on the hat and his muscles bulged in the button-down jersey.

Williams wore No. 34 for the Longhorns, but that number is off limits at the Rangers, who retired it in honor of former pitcher Nolan Ryan. No. 37 has its own significance as the number worn by Williams' late friend and former college football star Doak Walker.

Williams is the two-time winner of the Doak Walker award given to the best running back in college football.

"I didn't choose it. It was a surprise to me," Williams said. Most signs — including a lifetime .211 batting average in the

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HERALD photo/Ulinda Choate

Frankie Reyes gets an autograph and a chance to chat with Odessa Jackalopes Terry Flynn, left, and Martin Ohrstedt during a promotional signing at HEB on Thursday.

Jones knows what team's really worth

DALLAS (AP) — According to Forbes, the Cowboys are the most valuable sports franchise in North America with an estimated worth of \$413 million. What the magazine article should stress is that there is only one way to prove it.

Which is, if someone were willing to meet the price. Someone has.

There have been three attempts to buy the Cowboys from Jerry Jones since Feb. 25, 1989, the date he purchased the franchise from H.R. "Bum" Bright. These weren't tire-kickers in search of a discount. They talked serious money.

The first offer came hours after Jones and Bright agreed by handshake on a sales price of \$147 million. The next day, a higher bid hit the table. Jones could've resold the Cowboys within 24 hours and left town with a \$10 million profit.

The second arrived in 1995 after Barry Switzer's first season as head coach. The Cowboys missed winning their third Super Bowl in a row when they lost to San Francisco in the NFC Championship Game, 38-28. Jones was then offered twice his original purchase price. Quick math places that figure around \$294 million.

Finally, within the last 18 months, an investor pitched Jones a figure beyond the present \$413 million estimate by Forbes. If he went as high as \$441 million, it meant Jones could have sold the Cowboys for triple their purchase price in less than 10 years.

As of last Tuesday, Jones hadn't sold the Cowboys to anyone. Nor will he on any foreseeable day of the week. He plans to own and operate the franchise until the end of his working life. Sons Stephen and Jerry Jr. and daughter Charlotte will carry on from there.

Jones got around to talking about offers to sell the Cowboys through a chance remark he made during a previous interview. Something about how surprised people would be if they knew how much money he'd turned down in the past. When Forbes produced its estimate, thought association revived the memory of Jones' throw-away line.

I put two and two together and came up with \$413 million. Upon request, Jones put his

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Xavier Hernandez on a two-year contract. Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Linton on a three-year contract and invited him to spring training. Designated OF Willie Greene for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brian Moehler on a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Chris Costello media relations manager.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bill Rife on a one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Signed OF Pete Incaviglia, INF Scott Coolbaugh, RHP Dan Carlson, RHP George Giontas, C Marcus Hargel, RHP Al Kermode, C Izzy Molina, LHP Matt Rubeel, 1B Dess Wilson and OF Eric Young to minor league contracts.
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with INF Manny Alexander on a one-year contract.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Claimed OF Manny Martinez off waivers from the Pittsburgh Pirates.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with C Todd Pratt on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with LHP Pete Schaefer on a two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Jose Oquendo manager of the Peoria Chiefs of the Midwest League.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with SS Rich Aurilia on a two-year contract.
BOXING
USA BOXING—Announced the resignation of Chris Campbell, executive director.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Announced a working agreement with Louisville of the AHL.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed RW Zigmund Palfy to a five-year contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned G Zac Bierk to Cleveland of the IHL.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SAN JOSE CLASH—Signed Brian Quinn, coach, to a one-year contract.
NHL
Thursday's Games
Boston 5, Ottawa 2
Calgary 3, Philadelphia 3, tie
St. Louis 3, Phoenix 2
Washington 3, Chicago 1
Vancouver 2, Colorado 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, Los Angeles 4, OT
San Jose 3, Nashville 1
Today's Games
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Chicago at Philadelphia, Noon
Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Dallas at Ottawa, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Phoenix, 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m.
ABL
Thursday's Game
Seattle 67, New England 64
Today's Games
Philadelphia at Chicago, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes American Conference (East, West) and National Conference (East, West).

Texas Tech 101; Pan American 88
Texas-El Paso 69, Texas Southern 54
FAR WEST
Cal Poly-Slo 106, E. Washington 75
Oregon St. 87, Chicago St. 56
Pepperdine 94, Southern Cal Coll. 64
Santa Clara 79, UC Santa Barbara 69
Stanford 101, Nevada 57

WPHL

Thursday's Games
Alexandria 7, Shreveport 5
Fort Worth 4, Waco 1
Amarillo 7, Arkansas 0
Today's Games
Russia One Abilene
San Angelo at El Paso
Russia Two Monroe
Lake Charles at Odessa
Alexandria at Waco
Austin at New Mexico
Amarillo at Shreveport
Tupelo at Central Texas
Corpus Christi at Fort Worth
Saturday's Games
Alexandria 7, Shreveport 5
Russia Two Alexandria
Arkansas at Monroe
New Mexico at Odessa
San Antonio at San Angelo
Central Texas at Waco
Tupelo at Corpus Christi
Fort Worth at Shreveport
Sunday's Games
Tupelo at San Angelo
Abilene at El Paso

BOWLS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
San Diego State (74) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11) vs. Louisville (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Albany Bowl
At Albany, N.Y.
Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U. (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
New York (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (13-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

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y-cinched division title
Saturday's Games
New York Jets at Buffalo, 11:35 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Chicago, 12:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12:01 p.m.
Kansas City at New York Giants, 12:01 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 12:01 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 12:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 12:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
Denver at Miami, 7:20 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 26
Minnesota at Tennessee, 11:35 a.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27
Buffalo at New Orleans, 12:01 p.m.
Carolina at Indianapolis, 12:01 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 12:01 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 12:01 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 12:01 p.m.
New England at New York Jets, 12:01 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 12:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 28
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7:20 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Nashville at New England, 11 a.m.
Seattle at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Columbus at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 6 p.m.
MEN'S GAMES SOUTH
Alabama 84, NE Louisiana 67
Belmont 58, Campbell 39
Chattanooga 67, W. Virginia St. 51
Charleston 83, Francis Marion 44
Florida 72, Jacksonville 53
Marshall 85, Rio Grande 62
Morehead St. 64, Jacksonville St. 60
North Carolina St. 81, Winthrop 51
North Carolina 77, Louisville 72
Northwestern State 69, Tennessee St. 55
South Florida 69, Conn. College 55
MIDWEST
Ill. Chicago 78, Fla. Intercontinental 70, OT
Kansas 74, DePaul 66
Ohio St. 99, Florida Atlantic 70
Ohio U. 90, West Virginia 72
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 84, Denver 55
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Legendary golf coach Dave Williams dies

HOUSTON (AP) — Dave Williams, who led the University of Houston, to 16 NCAA golf championships and sent many of his players on to the pro tour, has died. He was 80.

Williams, who died late Wednesday in Wharton, began coaching the men's golf team in 1952. By his retirement in 1987, he led the Cougars to 340 tournament victories and 14 conference titles in a career spanning four decades.

In 1988, the Golf Coaches Association of America named its collegiate coach of the year award in honor of Williams.

Forty-one of his players won All-America honors, and eight became NCAA individual champions.

Some of Williams' pupils became regulars on the PGA Tour, including Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Bruce Lietzke, John Mahaffey, Bill Rogers, Fuzzy Zoeller, Keith Fergus, Ed Fiori, Homero Blancas and Kermit Zarley.

"His health was bad the last couple of years but he meant so much to so many people, you hate to see him go," said

Fergus, a three-time first-team All-America player. "He pretty much got college golf to where it is today. We used to pile into his old green station wagon and here we'd go. It wasn't a lot of flying to tournaments."

Williams was a master recruiter who never professed to be knowledgeable about the intricacies of the game.

"He was a great recruiter," Fergus said. "He'd talk to the moms and they'd want their

sons to go to UH because they thought he'd take care of them. And he did.

"UH was THE place to go then. As soon as he called me, I knew where I wanted to go."

Williams had the same effect on most of his players.

"He did more for golf than any other coach," said Brown. "He brought us in and made us part of his family. That's why we played so hard for him. He was like family."

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Oilers pose tough chore for Jaguars, rookie quarterback Quinn

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The last time Jonathan Quinn started a football game, it was at the Division I-AA level for Middle Tennessee State.

Welcome to the NFL, kid. Quinn, a third-round draft pick and third-string quarterback for Jacksonville, was thrust into the lineup last week-end against Tennessee. The Jaguars already were without Mark Brunell (ankle sprain), and backup Jamie Martin injured his knee against the Oilers.

Quinn did a so-so job in one half against the Oilers, going 12-for-18 for 107 yards and an interception in a 16-13 loss. That victory kept Tennessee alive in the AFC Central race, and the Jaguars (10-4) could blow their first division title if they lose their final two games while the Oilers win theirs.

That means Quinn needs to produce on national cable television Sunday night at Minnesota, hardly the best situation for a rookie quarterback. The Vikings simply have the league's best record (13-1, same as Denver) and can clinch home-field advantage for the entire NFC playoffs with a win.

"He throws the ball well, has very strong arm and really showed outstanding poise the other day being pressed into battle," coach Tom Coughlin said. "He's a young developmental player on the rise and I see an outstanding future for

Eagles' Rhodes expecting to be fired

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Coach Ray Rhodes expects to be fired when the Philadelphia Eagles' disappointing season is over.

"It will be resolved quickly," Rhodes said. "I do feel that I've had an opportunity here, we didn't get it done and there's nothing for me to ... complain about. I didn't get it done, so ... move on. It's time to move on."

Rhodes spoke to a small group of reporters as the Eagles (3-11) prepared for Sunday's game in Dallas against the Cowboys.

He has deflected questions about his future for weeks.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie declined to comment on Rhodes' remarks, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Rhodes said he expects to have another job in the NFL next season.

"I had a job when I came here, and I'll have one when I leave," Rhodes said.

He has a year remaining on his contract, so the Eagles would be obligated to pay him if he is fired and he decided to sit out 1999. Rhodes rejected the idea, however.

"I'm not the type of guy to take a year off," he said.

Rhodes said he doesn't have another job lined up, but he wasn't worried about it.

"I've got too many people in the league I've worked with and been around. I'll get something."

He insisted that he was still working to get the team fired up to play the division-leading Cowboys, who beat the Eagles 34-0 last month.

"It's still the Eagles and Cowboys," Rhodes said. "They need to win this game to clinch the division. I want the guys to go down and fight their butts off. That's what I've asked of them ... fight your butt off and let the chips fall where they may."

Jon Quinn."

That future is now.

"There's just a lot of stuff you have to know, a whole number of variations on each situation, so many different things to be prepared for," Quinn said. "A big game in college obviously doesn't have the magnitude of this one. We're going against the best team in NFC, maybe the NFL, right now."

Minnesota, which has nine Pro Bowl players, seeks its first NFC Central title since 1994, the most wins in franchise history and the NFL scoring record (the Vikings need to average 31 points in the last two games to do it).

That means no coasting for coach Dennis Green's team, which plays the Oilers next weekend.

"We're not being hunted. We're hunting the Super Bowl

championship," Green said. "We have the advantage that Green Bay, San Francisco and Denver don't have. All three of those teams have won Super Bowl championships and we

have not in the history of our organization. We are hunting the Super Bowl championship, and we will be ready to play the next team in our quest to do that."

Tennessee will enter an emotional cauldron in Green Bay (9-5), which needs one win to clinch a wild-card berth. The game figures to be Reggie White's finale at Lambeau Field.

"I'm sure it's going to be emotional, because I love it here," said White, who turned 37 Saturday. "I love playing here and I love the players. I think the thing that's really been hitting me is I'm realizing how much I really care about these guys. And in the process of that, how honored I am to have been a part of this organization and to play in front of these people."

The Oilers thought their post-season chase ended two weeks ago, but they've rebounded to go from .500 to 8-6.

"Two weeks ago, after our Seattle loss, we felt like we needed to win four in a row to

get in and that sounded like a huge task," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said. "But after the last two wins, two in a row doesn't sound nearly as tough."

The action begins Saturday with the New York Jets at Buffalo and Tampa Bay at Washington. Other Sunday games are Baltimore at Chicago, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Kansas City at the New York Giants, St. Louis at Carolina, San Francisco at New England, Indianapolis at Seattle, Oakland at San Diego, New Orleans at Arizona, Atlanta at Detroit and Philadelphia at Dallas.

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The mailman (not Malone) brings appeal on proposal

NEW YORK (AP) — When NBA players opened their mailboxes, they found a letter from commissioner David Stern.

Taking his case directly to the players, Stern mailed each of them a nine-page letter complete with charts and graphs outlining the owners' latest collective bargaining proposal.

"I urge you to focus on the extent of the compromises the owners have made from their initial bargaining demands," Stern wrote. "The proposals now on the table represent the following significant concessions that were made in direct response to your union's forceful assertion of your concerns":

- No hard salary cap.
- The retention of the Larry Bird exception allowing teams to go above the salary cap to sign their own free agents.
- No immediate changes to free agency timing rules.
- A limit to the escrow tax that would be collected from players' paychecks.

"We view this as a desperation tactic by the NBA," union director Billy Hunter said in a statement. "They had counted on the passage of time to weaken the players, and it has become obvious that strategy has failed. The fact is, we have kept the players fully apprised of the league's offer."

Some of the owners' changes to their previous proposals had not previously been disclosed. Among them:

- An increase in the maximum allowable raise, from 10 percent on Bird contracts and 5 percent on other contracts, to 12.5 percent on Bird contracts and 7.5 percent on others.
- Allowing a maximum contract length of seven years for Bird players, up from six years, and six years for other contracts, up from five.
- Allowing a team to use the new "middle class exception" to re-sign its own free agent, instead of limiting it to another team's free agent.

Negotiating team member Jim McIlvaine of the Seattle SuperSonics said the letter offered no bombshells.

"It's basically what we've been telling the players, so I don't think anyone who reads it will be surprised," McIlvaine said.

Hunter, meanwhile, backed off his previous insistence that there undoubtedly will be a season.

"At this stage I'm not so sure," he said on WFAN radio in New York. "I can't say I'm convinced there will be a season. I think the owners have already decided if they have to sacrifice this year in exchange for their long-term gain, they're prepared to do it. But if they are ready to make a deal and are prepared to compromise, we can make a deal tomorrow."

Houston Rockets star Charles Barkley, however, told Fox Sports News that he believes the end of the lockout is not far away.

"I'm optimistic, but I think we've only got a week to two weeks," Barkley said. "If we don't sign in the next two weeks, we've got to cancel the season because it loses its credibility. You can't play 30 to 40 games and expect the thing (the season) to be legit."

Barkley said an end to the lockout by the end of this month would mean a start of the season by late January.

"That's what I want for Christmas," he said. "The sides are fighting over how to split \$2 billion in annual revenues."

Several major issues remain unresolved, with the main points of contention being what percentage of revenues will be devoted to salaries, whether the union will accept an absolute limit on what players with more than seven years' experience can be paid, and whether the owners will accept additional salary cap exceptions that would increase the number of players in the league's so-called "middle class."

Stern's letter included a 12-point summary of the principal terms of a new agreement.

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In this fast-paced world, it seems we never have enough time to get everything done. At work, things can be very competitive, and industry is demanding more and more from its workers. At home, more is demanded of everyone in order to meet family needs, and sometimes we are even too busy to enjoy what we have. We live with computers, telephones, and beepers close by to help us keep in constant touch with the world. Everyone is striving to survive, and get ahead.

Our Heavenly Father does want us to work, but he does not want us to be constantly depressed, unhappy, or overly stressed, and He has given us common sense to realize when we are trying to do too much. We should prayerfully ask God to help us keep a healthy balance between work and leisure time.

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could become very important.
You might decide on a big
investment or purchase of a
home. You will fulfill one wish
or desire. You possess a certain
charm and magic, drawing others
easily. Your choices reflect
your appeal, emotionally and
materially. If you are single, a
special person enters the picture.
You could hear wedding
bells! If attached, you give
much more of yourself to your
relationship, resulting in a
much better rapport. CAPRI-
CORN adores you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Passions run high. Someone
is means well, but lures you in
with a heavy agenda. Despite
your strong will, you'll need to
be responsive to this person
because of the role he plays in
your life. Don't lose your tem-
per; just play along. Tonight: A

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Choose the high road. Your
compassionate feelings are
aroused. Don't trigger; main-
tain perspective. You might
have too much to do. A choice
needs to be made between relat-
ing or getting it all done. You
might figure out a way to do
both! Tonight: A Christmas
happening.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Get into the moment. Don't
sweat the details. One-to-one
relating takes priority. A child
or friend might want to get into
a favorite Christmas pastime.
Where the action is might not
be your required destination.
Discuss what you want from
each other. Tonight: Make it
cozy and warm.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Others seek you out. You can-
not resist one particular per-
son, so why try? Socializing
and enjoying the holiday sea-
son happen naturally. A family
member throws many temper
tantrums. Obviously, he is not
in the same convivial mood as
you are, but he needs your

HOROSCOPE

attention. Tonight: The party
circuit.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You might feel frantic with
all you need to accomplish,
wanting to take time and enjoy
each holiday chore. Visit with
a friend or two and sip an
eggnog. As you relax, every-
thing seems doable. Listen to
holiday music. Swap gift ideas.
Tonight: Do what you want!*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Laughter marks your day.
Take off with a loved one or
child and make the holidays
happen. As you do errands or
participate in a fun hobby
together, your feelings become
even clearer. Bonding contin-
ues to be intense. Tonight: Be
reasonable.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Finish home decorating or
any other projects. Bringing
family together for a celebra-
tion adds to the spirit of the
holidays. Energy is high; you'll
get a lot done. Be patient with
a loved one who might need some
extra attention. Tonight: Relax
under the twinkly lights.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Get an early start. Do some-
thing special for a loved one.
Take time and think about this
person in what you say and do.
Resentment could come out if
you need to change plans.
Learn to express disappoint-
ment before it builds. Tonight:
Out and about.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Indulge others, yourself
and/or that special person. Be
careful not to forget an impor-
tant get-together in the midst of
all that merry-making. Be real-
istic about spending. You could
easily lose your temper if plans
fall short of your expectations.
Tonight: Relish the
moment.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are personality-plus. A
boss or an authority figure
could become demanding. They
could easily lose his temper
because the holidays could be
getting to him. Be understand-
ing and sensitive. Your caring
comes through; you draw in
others. Tonight: Whatever you
want.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Take a back seat and don't
lose your cool. Your feelings
are very sensitive, and you
might misread someone. Check
out new acquaintances with
care. In several days your per-
spective could change. Adjust
plans to fit your needs.
Tonight: Do what feels right for
you.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Join friends, head for the par-
ties and celebrate life. A part-
ner could be annoyed by your
social streak. Don't let an argu-
ment develop. Keep long-term
goals in mind when dealing
with others. You don't want to
burn any bridges in the
impulse of the moment.
Tonight: Have fun.*****

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CRANFILL were issued on
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The residence of such Executrix is
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All persons having claims against
this Estate, which is currently being
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them within the time and in
the manner prescribed by law
DATED December, 1998.
LANE ARTHUR
Attorney for the Estate
2133 December 18, 1998

Two are no better than one when pills are out-of-date

DEAR ABBY: A couple of
weeks ago, my grandfather was
having chest pains. He has a
history of heart problems, and
had been prescribed nitroglyc-
erin pills for emergencies.
Unfortunately, the pills had
expired long ago. My
grandfather knew it and
took two to make up the
difference. It didn't, so he
took two more. Abby,
my grandfa-ther took six
pills within a half-hour and
was feeling progressively
worse. He called my grandmother and
asked her to call 911.

A few hours later, we learned
that he had suffered a severe
angina attack. It didn't damage
his heart, but he could have
avoided a

FRIDAY DEC. 18

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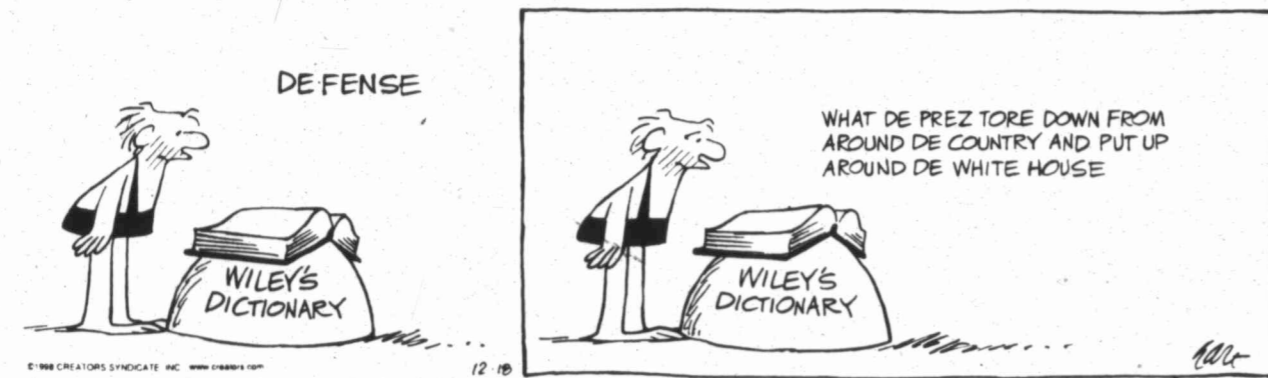
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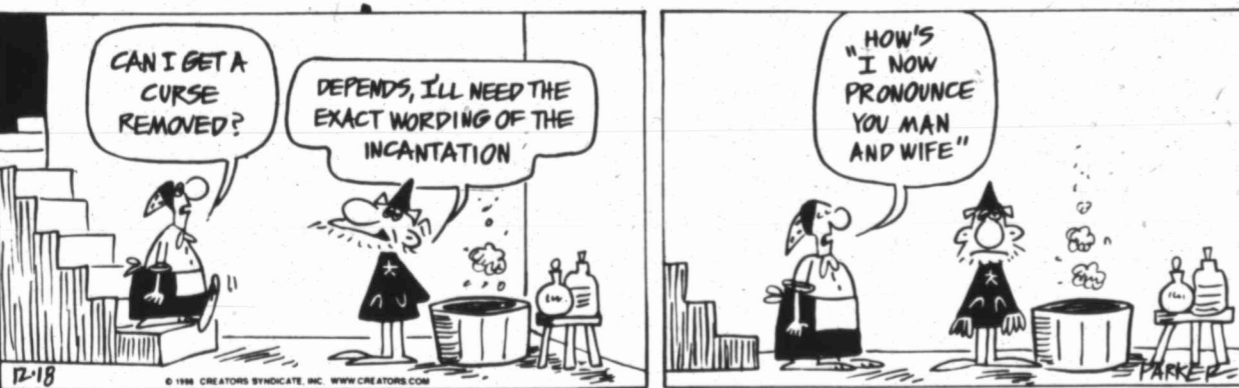
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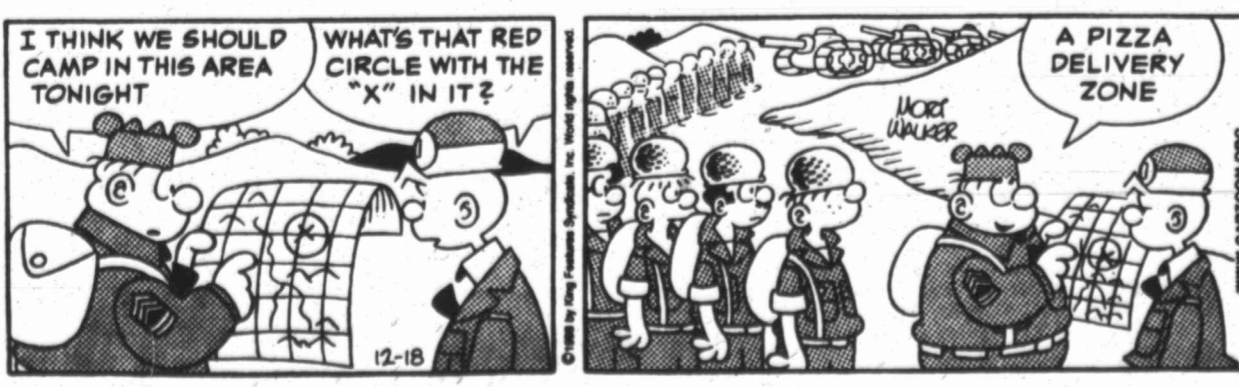
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1998. There are 13 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words, including 'Damage', 'Scheduled next', 'Grp. of oil producers', etc.

Antonio Stradivari, died in Cremona, Italy. In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home. In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76. Ten years ago: PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to discuss how to continue the momentum gained by the first U.S.-PLO dialogue.

Five years ago: The United States and Germany pledged close cooperation to help Boris Yeltsin through Russia's political and economic crises in a meeting in Oggersheim between Vice President Al Gore and Chancellor Helmut Kohl. One year ago: President Clinton extended indefinitely the deadline for withdrawal of U.S. troops helping with the U.N. peacekeeping effort in Bosnia.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ossie Davis is 81. Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 71. Actor Roger Smith is 66. Blues musician Lonnie Brooks is 65. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 55. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 52. Movie director Gillian Armstrong ("My Brilliant Career") is 48. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 48. Actor Ray Liotta is 43. Actor Brad Pitt is 35.

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