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HELPING OTHERS...

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

• KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Herald are sponsoring a pet food drive for the Humane Society. Bring pet food to 608 Johnson or 710 Scurry.

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Cold, lack of tabulators keep bird count down way down

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Cold weather, a lack of tabulators and the drought all combined to make Howard County's National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count less than spectacular this year.



SIMMONS

"It was down considerably, less than half what it was last year," said count organizer and National Audubon Society member Pat Williams.

Saturday's count tabulated 83 species and just 11,283 birds. Last year, the birders counted 25,156 birds.

"There were not that many birds this year and the weather was not kind to us at all," said Simmons. "For the second year in a row, we didn't see one blue bird. We think that has to do with the drought. There just

aren't enough berries and other things for them to eat."

She was encouraged by the number of sandhill cranes, however.

"There was a good number of them, 9,017, and I was surprised, actually. I thought the number would be much lower."

Simmons said the group also spotted a dunlin, a shore bird which is not often found in Howard County, but has been seen before.

That's still far below the 17,592 sandhill cranes counted last

year.

Making the count from Howard County were Simmons, Jane Jones, Michelle Werner, Craig Fischer and Garry Spence. Helping out from Midland were Don and Joanne Merritt, Gene Grimes and Valerie Walmsley.

But the nine people had to cover an area of 177 square miles, an impossible task.

"It takes more people to do the job," said Simmons. "And, of course, the weather didn't cooperate either."

Anyone interested in birding is asked to contact Simmons at 263-4607.

This was the 99th anniversary of the event, which takes place in all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, Bermuda, the West Indies and Pacific islands.

Audubon groups go out and count and record every individual bird and bird species encountered during one calendar day.

The individual counts continue through Jan. 3.



Danelle Castillo, left, Major Mary Dell Tolcher, and P.J. Heckler finish filling the last of the bags for the Salvation Army toy drive.

Warmth of giving flows strong today as Salvation Army distribution begins

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

It may be cold outside today, but Howard County residents can be content with a warm heart — the kind of contentment that comes with knowing their efforts will mean a better Christmas for more than 1,000 of their neighbors.

"We're getting ready to start our distribution to the different groups tomorrow," a busy Danelle Castillo, social services director with the Salvation Army, said Monday afternoon.

From 9 this morning through mid-afternoon, workers and volunteers were passing out gifts, food and toys to approved applicants in groups of 50.

In all, 300 families — repre-

senting more than 1,000 people — will benefit directly from programs such as Angel Tree, Toys for Tots and food drives.

Some 732 of them will be children or elderly individuals benefiting from Angel Tree.

Saturday, another \$854.63 was raised in the Toys for Tots gasoline drive, held at H-E-B. Salvation Army volunteers, community volunteers, and United States Marine Corps volunteers all pitched in.

"It went pretty good," said Castillo. "We had a goal of \$1,000 so we didn't quite make that, but it was a good effort."

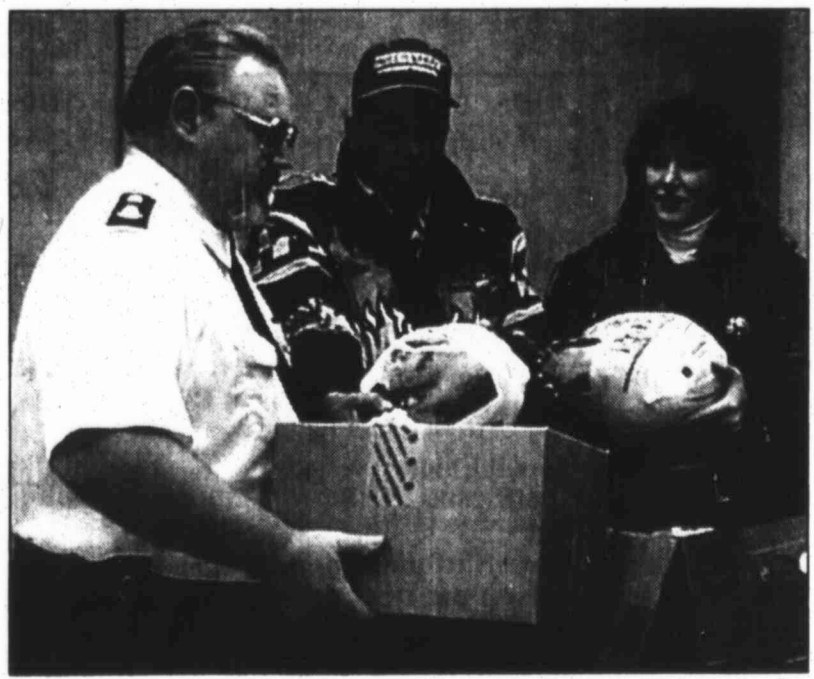
The distribution of items today was for those who had already applied and been cleared for assistance. There is a waiting list, also.

"Anyone who still needs help and can provide us with proof of need will be considered if we have items left to distribute," said Castillo.

Citizens who would still like to help out can do so by taking part in the Ring In A Miracle campaign at H-E-B.

Grocery store customers can have one or two dollars added to their bill at the check out.

Also, the Salvation Army Kettle drive continues this week. Bell ringers are located at various places in town.



Major Roy Tolcher of the Salvation Army accepts a donation of 70 turkeys from the Harley Owners Group. Cooter McCurdy and Lezlie Kurkin were on hand to make the presentation.

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Fatal accident

Amarillo teenager killed, her mom critically injured in accident near Stanton

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A 13-year-old Amarillo girl was killed and three Big Spring residents were injured Monday morning in a one-vehicle accident a mile west of Stanton on Interstate 20.

Kristina Bralley, 13, was pronounced dead at the scene by Martin County Justice of the Peace Zela Graves.

The driver of the vehicle, 34-year-old Kimberly Bralley Moore and mother of the 13-year-old, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital. She remains in critical condition, suffering from facial lacerations and a broken neck.

Another daughter, 10-year-old Brittaney Nicole Bralley, was treated and released. A family friend, 8-year-old Keili Laurent, was also treated and released from Midland Memorial.

All four were ejected from the vehicle, said Trooper Brad Willis. None of them were wear-

ing seat belts at the time of the accident.

Though a cold front was moving into the area, Willis said the road was dry and conditions were good.

"For some reason, the vehicle drifted off to the left. The mother over-corrected, causing the vehicle to go into a broadside skid. It flipped probably two times and they were all ejected," the trooper said.

The vehicle, which was traveling west when the accident occurred at about 11:30 a.m., came to rest on its top across both westbound lanes. Traffic was tied up at the location for about two hours, the trooper said.

He said Mrs. Moore was the lone occupant of the front seat, while all three girls were in the back seat.

Unconfirmed reports indicate Kristina was visiting her mother and sister for Christmas.

Arrangements for services are being handled by Boxwell Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Stenholm touts ag insurance as solution to protect farmers

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm is proposing insurance for agriculture business to help defray the losses experienced by farmers and ranchers — through price changes as well as natural disasters such as drought.

"There is a lot of fear and trepidation out there with price levels way below the cost of production," Stenholm said to more than 50 agricultural businessmen Monday night in Sweetwater.

"We are going to spend a tremendous amount of time starting Jan. 6 to keep as many of you in business as we can,"

he said. Stenholm said agriculture insurance, to be applied similar to home insurance, would cover losses sustained by farmers and ranchers.

He said insurance is the "only politically doable solution" to target prices and phaseout of price supports.

"The No. 1 problem in production agriculture is price today. In the market system, that means you go out of business," Stenholm said.

The congressman applauded the Agriculture Relief Bill with \$400 million designed to help farmers buy down drop insurance.

Many farmers and ranchers within the six county Big Country area attentively watched as that bill was approved.

Stenholm said a cooperative

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Front puts Howard County, most of state in deep freeze

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Wintry weather will accompany Christmas this year, as temperatures are expected to remain in the 20s and low 30s through Friday.

"Highs will not be out of the 30s until Saturday. These cloudy skies and wintry mix will continue Wednesday, Thursday and Friday," said Ray Fagen, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland.

Fagen said the cold pattern will persist, but not too much moisture is expected with lowered temperatures.

"We may have occasional spits of light precipitation, and Thursday and Friday there is a slight chance of light snow or light freezing rain," Fagen said.

Christmas Eve and Day, highs should reach only to the lower 30s, and not reach the freezing mark, he said.

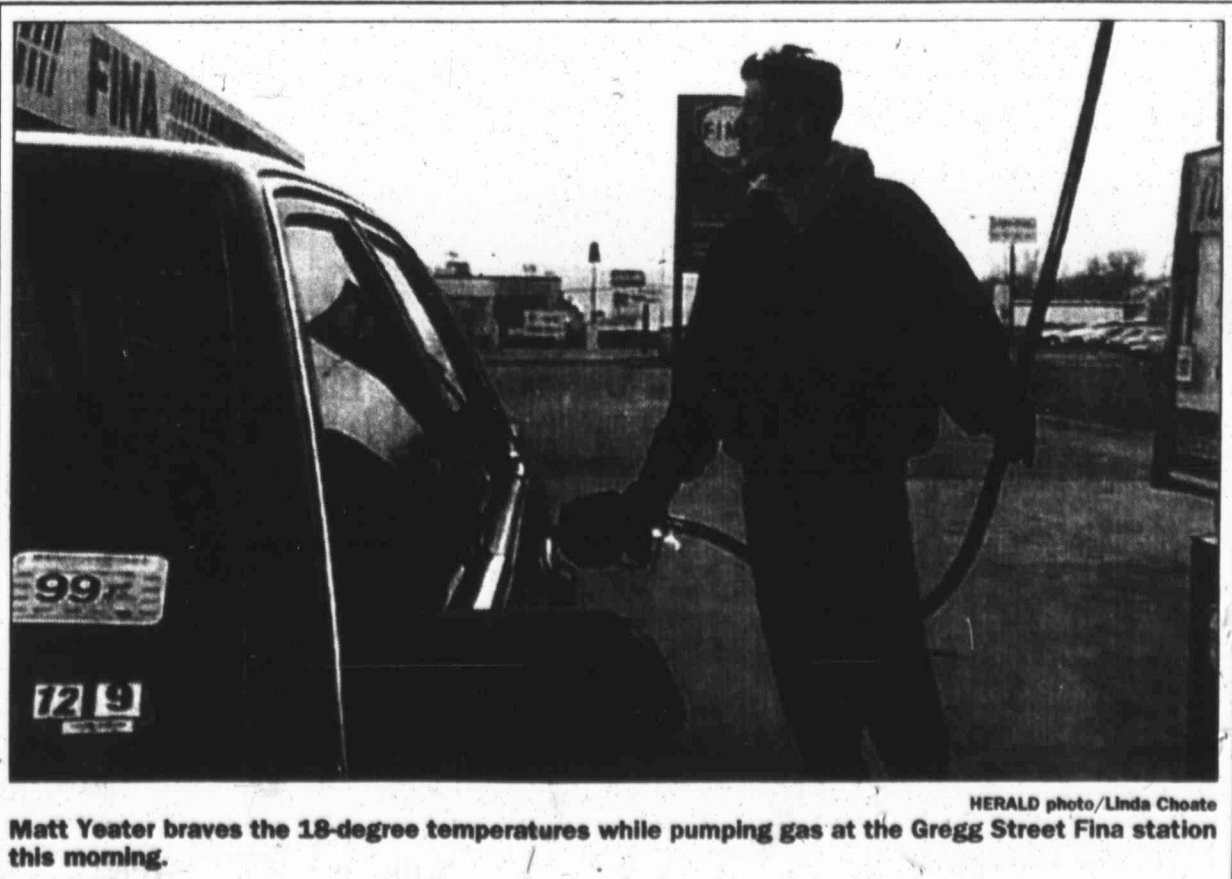
"The accumulation should be nil, but with freezing rain and these low temperatures, that can cause slippery conditions," he said.

On Wednesday, a break in the clouds might produce a spot of sunshine, but the temperatures should be too cold to allow snow or freezing rain, he said.

"Weak impulses moving through in the jet stream Thursday and Friday might cause the critical time of light precipitation," Fagen said.

Lows tonight and Wednesday night should remain in the teens, he said. Thursday and Friday night lows will be in the 20s. Highs will be in the 30s.

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Matt Yeater braves the 18-degree temperatures while pumping gas at the Gregg Street Fina station this morning.

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OBITUARIES

Jasper Wright

Graveside services for Jasper Wright, 95, Big Spring, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998 at Fairview Cemetery in Midland with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor at Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, in a local nursing home.

Mr. Wright was born Aug. 7, 1903, in Midland, where he grew up. After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Calvary at Fort Bliss in El Paso for four years.

He lived most of his life in Blythe, Calif., where he owned and operated a sheep ranch. He moved to Big Spring in 1995. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: one sister, Lottie Faye McDaniel of Big Spring; a brother, Thomas Ledell Wright of Midland; and a number of nieces and nephews. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Duval R. Wiley

Funeral services for Duval R. Wiley, 75, Albuquerque, formerly of Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, in an Albuquerque hospital.

Teri Adams Thomas

Teri Adams Thomas, 41, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998, in Alamosa, Colo., as the result of an automobile accident. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



THOMAS

Teri was born June 21, 1957, in Crowell and married Mike Thomas on Dec. 22, 1978 in Big Spring.

She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1975, then attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a Bachelor of Sociology degree. She received her Masters of Education from the University of Houston. She had taught at St. Mary's Episcopal School for the last eight years as a kindergarten teacher, then was teaching the second grade this year. She was a member of First

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Teri Adams Thomas, 41, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Johnnie June Amos, 83, died Sunday. Services are 11:00 AM today at Myers and Smith Chapel, burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Jasper Wright, 95, died Monday. Graveside services are Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

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United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School. Teri was past president of the Junior Women's Club, had served as president of Dora Roberts Rehabilitation, was the volunteer bookkeeper for the Westside Community Center, had served as treasurer for the National Little League and was active in her community.

Survivors include: her husband, Mike Thomas of Big Spring; one daughter, Allison Thomas, who is a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin; two sons, Jason Thomas who is a sophomore at Big Spring High School, and Scott Thomas who is a sixth grader at Goliad Middle School; her mother, Polly Adams of Kingsland; her brother, Mike Adams of Marble Falls; her sister, Barbara Adams of Wichita Falls; one nephew, Cole Adams of Abilene; three nieces, Brooke Adams of Lamesa, Kim Thompson and Kelly Hill both of Wichita Falls; three sisters-in-law, Katie Grimes of Big Spring, Cleo Kaufmann of Houston and Nancy Allen of Round Rock, and a host of relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Adams. The family suggests memorials to: St. Mary's Episcopal School; 118 Cedar; Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Byram O. Armstrong

Service for Byram O. Armstrong, 80, Jackson, Tenn., were 11 a.m. today at the George A. Smith and Sons South Chapel with Ed Ballard, minister, officiating. Burial followed in the Maury City Cemetery, Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. Armstrong died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at the VA Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

He was a retired contractor and a member of the Bemis Church of Christ. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen Armstrong of Jackson, Tenn.; a daughter, Jean Armstrong of Carlsbad, Calif.; a son, Pat Armstrong of Big Spring; a step-son, Franklin Hollingshead of Gatlingburg, Tenn.; a sister, Delma Graham of Big Spring; two brothers, Desmond Armstrong of Big Spring, and Howard Armstrong of Ackerly; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of George A. Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Jackson, Tenn.

Holiday closings announced

Howard County residents wishing to conduct any business had better plan on getting it done Wednesday.

Big Spring City Hall and Howard County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday. That holds true for the Senior Center, and for the county library, which will also be closed Saturday.

The post office will be closed Friday only, although the window may close early on Christmas Eve, officials said. An announcement regarding that possibility was to be made later today.

Financial institutions will all be closed Christmas Day. They will close at various times Thursday. See the advertisement on this page for individual information.

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effort between the legislature and the area farmers and ranchers is needed to solve the problems experienced in the agricultural business.

And he applauded the Texas Legislature for their efforts to solve the problems.

"We need to see how we can develop a federal-state-individual program," he said.

"We will have to leverage every possible support that we can. Agriculture is a minority voice in Washington," Stenholm said.

As political leaders shift in Washington, Stenholm said he feels more optimistic with speaker-apparent J. Dennis Hastert. He criticized former Speaker Newt Gingrich for writing agricultural bills in his office instead of in the House Agriculture Committee.

Stenholm with be the ranking minority member, while Lubbock's Larry Combest, (R), will be chairman of the committee.

"This is the first time in history that the chairman and ranking member on the House Ag Committee will be from West Texas. This is a wonderful opportunity to work to restore the bipartisan action," Stenholm said.

Stenholm also defended his vote to impeach President Bill Clinton.

He said he believes the President committed perjury, and said he believes the U.S. Senate "will work this out in a way that Charlie Stenholm and you can live with."

The Abilene Reporter-News contributed to this article

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"Anything raised goes to the Christmas program or relief efforts throughout the year," said Castillo.

All of the money collected by the Salvation Army stays within the Big Spring community, she added.

WINTER

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Saturday and Sunday the wintery weather may retreat somewhat, with highs expected in the 50s, he said.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER of Commerce and Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. will have a Christmas open house from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the chamber office, 215 West 3rd St.

JURY DUTY FOR DEC. 30, 9 a.m., for the Howard County Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, has been canceled.

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

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

MARKETS

March cotton 61.10 cents, down 72 points; Feb. crude 11.08, up 5 points; Cash hogs steady at 13; cash steers steady at 58 even; Feb. lean hog futures 28.97, up 70 points; Feb. live cattle futures 58.32, up 22 points.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 8, 6, 3
CASH 5: 2, 16, 22, 26, 28

Index 8992.45	
Volume 210,863,950	
ATT	73% - 1/2
Amoco	56% nc
Atlantic Richfield	65% - 1/2
Atmos Energy	31% + 1/2
Calenergy Inc.	33% - 1/2
Chevron	84% + 1/2
Cifra	11% to 12%
Coca Cola	66% + 1/2
Compaq Computer	43% - 1/2
Cornell Correc.	17% nc
DuPont	53% - 1 1/2
Exxon	75% + 1/2
Halliburton	32% + 1 1/2
IBM	179% + 3 1/2
Intel Corp	120% - 2
Mobil	89% - 1/2
NUV	10 + 1/2
Palex Inc.	8 + 1/2
Pepsi Cola	39% - 1/2
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Phillips Petroleum	42% + 1/2
SBC Com.	52% - 1/2
Sears	41% + 1 1/2
Texaco	52% - 1/2
Texas Instruments	86% - 2 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	47% - 1/2
Unocal Corp	30
Wal-Mart	78% + 1/2
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	287.30-287.80
Silver	4.89-4.91

POLICE

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

• **MISSING PERSON** (adult or juvenile) reported in the 2500 block of Ann

• **MICHAEL PIERCEFIELD**, 20, was arrested for local warrants.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of Gregg. A compact disc/cassette player stereo, four gumball machines and \$30 cash, total value estimated at \$730, was reported stolen.

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

• **HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR** was reported in the 1300 block of East Fourth.

• **MISTY PHILLIPS**, 17, was arrested for local warrants.

• **THEFT MORE THAN \$500 LESS THAN \$1,500** was reported in the 1800 block of Marcy. A bank bag containing \$1,150 was reported stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of

Douglas.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF CLASS B** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• **A WEEKEND SUMMARY** report that reflects three assaults, two aggravated assaults and two burglary of a habitation were reported.

Also, one burglary of a vehicle, three criminal mischief, one criminal trespass, one driving while license invalid and one evading arrest were reported.

And one possession of drugs, three runaway, 12 thefts, and nine convenient store thefts were reported. A total of 25 arrests and five major accidents were reported for the weekend.

RECORDS

Monday's high 48
Monday's low 12
Average high 57
Average low 28
Record high 84 in 1981
Record low 2 in 1983
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.54
Month's normal 0.49
Year to date 13.18
Normal for the year 18.04
**Statistics not available.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
4:35 a.m. - 500 block Goliad, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:48 a.m. - 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:56 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:14 p.m. - 1500 block Lincoln, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:20 p.m. - Mile marker 190 I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:49 p.m. - 900 block Abrams, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:43 p.m. - 1700 block Johnson, residence fire call, false alarm.

In Observance Of The Christmas Holiday
These Financial Institutions Will Observe The Following Hours

Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union Closed Dec. 24 & 25th	Citizens Federal Credit Union Close 1 pm Dec. 24th Closed Christmas Day	Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union Close 12 Noon Dec. 24th Closed Dec. 25th, 26th, 27th,
Big Spring State Hospital Federal Credit Union Closed Dec. 24th & 25th	First Bank Of West Texas Close 1 pm Dec. 24th Closed Christmas Day	American State Bank Close 12 Noon Dec. 24th Closed Christmas Day
Electric Utilities Credit Union Closed Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th.	Big Spring District T&P Federal Credit Union Closed Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th.	Norwest Close Dec. 24th 12 Noon Closed Dec. 25th & 26th
State National Bank Close 1 pm Dec. 24th Closed Dec. 25th	1st Big Spring Banking Center Close 1 pm Dec. 24th Closed Christmas Day	

American State Bank
Close 12 Noon Dec. 24th
Closed Christmas Day

Happy Holiday!

Dr. Shroff and staff wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Front row, left to right, Renee Mendoza, Pragna Shroff, Janet DeLeon, back row, left to right, Dee Clawson, Kellie Tubb, Denise Flores and Dr. Shroff.

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Drive for censure backed by some Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton faces a Senate trial that could remove him from office, four House Republicans who voted to impeach him are urging the Senate to consider censure rather than removal from office.

And the Senate's senior Democrat, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, who is an expert on Senate procedures, spoke of compromise Monday while hinting that a censure could replace a trial. But he said only senators must decide.

"Whether there is a trial or whether there is some other solution, that decision must be made by senators, and it must be bipartisan or it will have absolutely no credibility with the public," Byrd said in a statement. "There must be no deal involving the White House or any entity beyond the ... U.S. Senate."

Hours after Vice President Al Gore on Monday called for a "fair, bipartisan compromise," the four Republicans wrote Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., urging a censure that "would impose a fine and block any pardon."

Other House Republicans who supported impeachment discussed joining the effort — and senators from both parties also talked of censure — but there appeared to be little chance of avoiding at least the start of a trial.

Lott has said a trial would begin after the Senate returns Jan. 6, regardless of any censure talk. The Republican leader, who is in Mississippi for the holiday break, "is not open to the idea that they're going to derail the process prematurely," said his spokesman John

Czwartacki. "His mindset is that he's in a jufor mode." Senators serve as jurors in an impeachment trial and must have a two-thirds vote to remove a president.

The letter to Lott was signed by Reps. Sherwood Boehlert and Benjamin Gilman of New York, Mike Castle of Delaware and Jim Greenwood of Pennsylvania. Castle has been publicly advocating a censure, but House Republican leaders did not allow that alternative Saturday when Clinton was impeached on two articles of perjury and obstruction of justice in concealing his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"We are not convinced and do not want our votes interpreted to mean that we view removal from office as the only reasonable conclusion of this case,"

the four wrote Lott.

"In considering this matter, the Senate should take into account the subject of the president's false testimony, the degree to which the issue relates to his official duties, the degree to which his conduct threatens the integrity and function of the government ... and the will of the American voter. We believe those factors may lead the Senate to conclude that a remedy short of removal is in order."

Ken Johnson, spokesman for Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., said the lawmaker had discussions with a half-dozen House colleagues who, like himself, voted for impeachment. Tauzin and the other lawmakers "believe it's time to put this behind us," Johnson said, adding: "The Senate is not likely to remove the president."

TEXAS BRIEFS

Grand jury declines to indict officers

HOUSTON (AP) — A Fort Bend County grand jury declined to indict seven Houston police officers in the death of a suspect who was shot 14 times after a car chase.

Grand jurors declined on Monday to indict Sgt. Antonio Guzman, 40, and Officers Ruston K. Alsbrooks, 38; M.J. Manuel, 26; Tony N. Nguyen, 29; Leopoldo Rubio-Ronso, 27; Tony Tomeo, 34; and S.W. Wilkins, 34.

The officers shot and killed Derek Jason Kaeseman, 24, on Oct. 25 after a lengthy chase that began near downtown Houston and ended in Fort Bend County.

The Harris County medical examiner's report said 59 shell casings were found at the scene and that Kaeseman suffered 14 bullet wounds, including three in the back.

The seven officers are still subject to a Houston Police Department internal-affairs investigation but have been performing their regular duties, HPD spokesman Robert Hurst told The Houston Chronicle.

Outside the grand jury room, the dead man's mother, Susan Hartnett, 48, said she was disappointed.

"They killed my baby, and they think it's OK? I mean, Merry Christmas," Hartnett said.

Her attorney, Vicki Pinak, said civil action will follow the final internal affairs report on the case.

Sudden-death disorder gene sought

DALLAS (AP) — Researchers say they have all but located a gene responsible for a heart-rhythm abnormality that can cause young, seemingly healthy people to drop dead without warning.

The disorder, arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia, or ARVD, could be responsible for 5 percent to 15 percent of sudden deaths among people under 35.

People who are diagnosed with the disorder can be treated with implanted defibrillators, drugs and, occasionally, surgery. But often, ARVD goes unnoticed until a person drops dead.

Researchers found the gene's approximate location by studying seven generations of a large Canadian family that included 10 people with ARVD. They hope to isolate the gene and then clone it — perhaps within a year or two — and develop a blood test to identify carriers of the deadly flaw.

"The immediate benefit is you can then screen people who have the bad gene, and they can have a defibrillator put in," said Dr. Robert Roberts of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. A defibrillator shocks the heart to restore a normal rhythm.

The findings were published in Tuesday's issue of *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

How many is too many children at once?

HOUSTON (AP) — While doctors try to ensure the health of the world's first surviving set of octuplets, some in the medical community fear the remarkable births could threaten infertility programs.

"We look at this as a disaster as an infertility standpoint," said Dr. Randle Corfman, director of the Midwest Center for Reproductive Health in Robbinsdale, Minn.

Corfman worries that insurance companies may reconsider providing health coverage for women like Nkem Chukwu who undergo fertility treatment. And others question if the treatment justifies the health risks of underdeveloped multiple births.

By the time Mrs. Chukwu's eight tiny children are well enough to be taken home, an estimated \$2 million will have been spent on their care, about \$250,000 a child, predicts Texas Children's Hospital's chief neonatologist Dr. Leonard Weisman.

Doctors said the infants, who have not yet been named, could be in the hospital for up to two months, while their mother may be released within a week.

The six girls and two boys remained in critical condition at Texas Children's.

House clerk quits following critical report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The clerk of the House of Representatives, Robin H. Carle, resigned Monday after an inspector general's report concluded she used her House credit card to buy personal items and had a staffer run personal errands, House officials said.

The House Oversight Committee announced Ms. Carle was leaving but did not give a reason.

She is the first woman to hold the clerk's post, which pays \$132,800 a year.

The House inspector general's report was not made public, but sources familiar with the findings, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said it accused Ms. Carle of making \$500 to \$600 in personal purchases with her House credit card in 1997 and this year.

The staffer was used to pick up Ms. Carle's Christmas tree and for other errands, according to the House officials.

Ms. Carle, reached at her home in Washington's Virginia suburbs, said, "I'm going to a great job at the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, and that's my statement."

Asked about the inspector general's report, she said, "I'm not going to start down this path."

Ms. Carle was named clerk

when Republicans took control of the House in January 1995. She formerly was a top official at the Republican National Committee and chief of staff at the Department of Health and Human Services in the Bush administration.

An announcement by the House Oversight Committee, headed by Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said Ms. Carle resigned effective Jan. 1.

Deputy Clerk Jeffrey J. Trandahl has been chosen to fill the position on an interim basis.

The clerk is one of the top officials in the House, and many staff operations are run by the

clerk's office.

In cases of congressional vacancies, the clerk assumes control of a legislative office and chooses one or two former aides to run it until voters choose a replacement.

The clerk calls the members-elect to order at the beginning of each Congress, and presides over the House until the speaker is formally elected.

The clerk receives messages from the president and the Senate when the House is not in session and acts as a records custodian.

The position is elected every two years when the House organizes for a new Congress.

Drug maker accused of anti-competitive practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Santina Day got an unwelcome surprise when the price for a tranquilizer she uses skyrocketed. To save money, the New Castle, Pa., woman has been taking a tablet every six hours, instead of every four.

That drug, clorazepate, is one of two at the heart of the federal government's charge Monday that Mylan Laboratories Inc. conspired to cut off competition through an exclusive deal with a key supplier.

The Federal Trade Commis-

ssion, in announcing a \$120 million lawsuit, said the deal allowed the Pittsburgh-based generic drug manufacturer to raise prices by more than 25 times for anti-anxiety drugs, lorazepam and clorazepate.

The spike in prices almost single-handedly distorted a government measurement of wholesale inflation in May.

For Mrs. Day, 67, who began using clorazepate after she had a heart attack, the increase further strained her limited budget. Prescription drugs already consume up to 15 percent of the

monthly Social Security checks she and her husband receive.

"I went from a regular brand to a generic brand to save money, and when the generic started to go up, I couldn't figure it out," she said.

"Everybody has a right to make a profit, but I don't think they should be able to gouge us."

William J. Baer, director of the trade commission's Bureau of Competition, said the federal civil lawsuit the agency was filing today was driven by Mylan's efforts to create a virtual monopoly.

"It's not unlawful for a company to take advantage of price opportunities, but it is unlawful to conspire," Baer said. Mylan's actions "deprive many consumers of access to these drugs and put consumers' health at risk," he said.

Baer said Mylan reached a deal late last year to be the exclusive buyer of active ingredients made by Profarmaco S.R.L. of Milan, Italy. Other makers of those ingredients cannot supply adequate quantities to Mylan's competitors, essentially shutting them out.

FDA approves world's first Lyme disease vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans who live in tick-infested regions can start getting shots to protect themselves against Lyme disease: The government approved sale of the world's first Lyme vaccine.

SmithKline Beecham's long-awaited LYMERix will help prevent the serious disease, the Food and Drug Administration said Monday, but it won't eliminate the threat.

"It is important for people to realize (the vaccine's protection) is never going to be 100 percent," stressed FDA immunologist Karen Elkins.

Plus, it takes three shots over a full year to build optimal immunity — meaning if people start getting the required LYMERix doses this winter and spring, they won't have maximum protection until the year 2000 tick season.

"You'll have to continue to use insecticides, continue to check for and remove attached ticks," Elkins advised. As one researcher put it, she added, "People should not consider this a license to run willy-nilly through the woods."

The FDA approved LYMERix for vaccination of people ages 15 to 70 who live or work in grassy or wooded areas where Lyme disease-bearing ticks are present. Although doctors say a Lyme vaccine is urgently needed for children, SmithKline is still studying whether LYMERix is safe in children and adequately protects them.

Another big question is how long the protection offered by those first three LYMERix shots will last. SmithKline is studying whether people will need yearly booster shots.

SmithKline said it will ship the vaccine to doctors' offices in a few weeks, but refused to disclose the price.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium carried by pin-sized ticks that live in wooded and grassy areas nationwide, but especially in the Northeast and upper Midwest. The government counted about 16,000 new cases in 1996, the latest figures.

Typically, Lyme disease causes a telltale bull's-eye rash plus fatigue, chills, fevers and joint pain. Antibiotics can cure it. But if it's left untreated, Lyme disease can severely damage the heart and nervous system.

Until now, doctors' best advice was to use insecticide, watch for ticks and, when venturing into tick-prone areas like unmowed grass or brush, wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks or boots.

But that's hard advice to follow since ticks are most active in the summer. In addition, the tiny ticks are hard to spot and some patients don't suffer early Lyme symptoms, so not everyone at risk knows to seek help.

SmithKline's LYMERix offers the first immune protection. The vaccine creates antibodies that recognize an outer protein of the Lyme bacterium, called Osp-A.

Unlike typical vaccines, LYMERix can fight the bacterium while the germ is still inside the tick — before the victim is infected. When the tick sucks a vaccinated person's blood, it will ingest the antibodies, which can neutralize Lyme germs inside the tick.

In a study of almost 11,000 people in high-Lyme states, volunteers received three shots: Two given a month apart anywhere from January to April, just before the Northeast's peak tick season, and a third shot a year later.

During that first summer tick season, when patients had received only two LYMERix shots, the vaccine proved 50 percent protective.

But after the third shot, during the following summer, patients who got LYMERix had 78 percent fewer cases of Lyme disease than people who got three dummy shots.

LYMERix offers no protection against other tick-borne diseases, another reason people who get vaccinated still must watch carefully for ticks, said Dr. Allen Steere of Tufts University, who helped test the vaccine.



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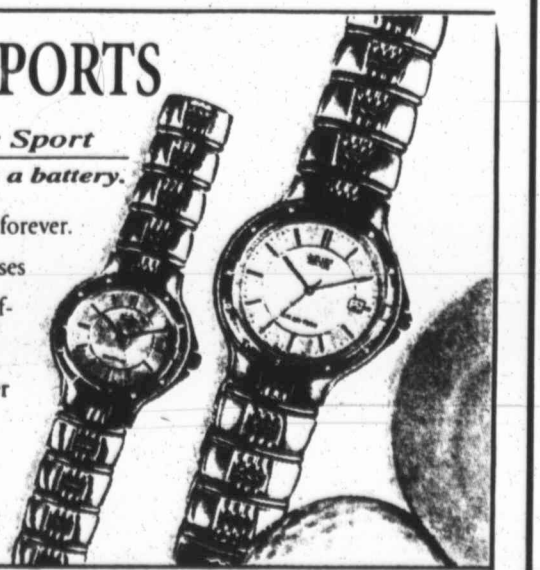
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Administration contends Saddam weakened by strikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. and British attacks against Iraq could well hasten Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's demise, a State Department spokesman says.

"We believe that the future will see an Iraq that is not governed by Saddam Hussein, and that future will draw closer as this realization grows and grows that he alone is responsible for what's going on inside his country," spokesman James Foley said Monday.

Deposing Saddam "was not an object of the action, but we believe that he has been weakened, and we believe it's only a matter of time until he does depart power," Foley said.

In the meantime, U.S. military forces will remain in the Persian Gulf because Saddam still poses a threat, the commander of Operation Desert Fox said.

"I don't think anybody has a crystal ball and can predict when Saddam will go away," said Gen. Anthony Zinni, head of the U.S. Central Command. America's allies in the region "appreciate us being there providing a counter and a deterrent to that threat."

Offering his first overview of the operation, Zinni said U.S. and British forces hit 85 percent of their 102 planned targets, 74 percent of them successfully. "Operation Desert Fox was a

highly successful operation," echoed Defense Secretary William Cohen.

The operation delayed Iraq's development of ballistic missiles by at least a year, Cohen said. It also made it harder for Baghdad to use chemical or biological weapons against its neighbors; "severely damaged" the Iraqi military's communications systems, and diminished Iraq's ability to safeguard its weapons of mass destruction program.

Should Iraq again threaten its neighbors, "We're prepared to act," Cohen said.

Iraq's refusal to cooperate fully with the U.S. inspectors searching for weapons of mass

destruction prompted the United States and Britain to attack last week. President Clinton declared a halt to the effort Saturday evening.

Zinni said that overall, Operation Desert Fox involved more than 30,000 troops directly, and 10,000 more who provided support from bases around the world.

In addition, forces flew over 600 sorties in four days. More than 300 aircraft were involved in the operation, dropping 90 air-launched cruise missiles and some 600 other bombs. He also said some 40 ships participated, with 10 launching more than 300 Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Zinni showed pictures of damage inflicted to Iraq's ministry of defense in Baghdad, the Baath Party headquarters and a jamming station in Tikrik. Pointing to the scarred building, he quipped: "I guarantee you, nobody's working in the Baath Party headquarters."

Queried about defiant statements out of Baghdad that Iraq was victorious, Zinni said, "I think our friends in the region and others clearly look at what happened to Iraq and realize that Saddam ... suffered a defeat."

He scoffed at charges by Iraqi officials that the campaign had targeted civilians, as well as schools and hospitals.

"We absolutely do not target those types of things," he said.

Iraqi officials said Monday that the airstrikes killed 62 soldiers.

They claimed the civilian casualties were "much, much higher" but refused to give details. Zinni, however, said he had no idea how many Iraqis may have been killed.

"We are not in the business of body counting," he said.

Asked if he had ordered a halt to any of the troops being dispatched to the region, Zinni said he was completing a report on the matter for Cohen.

The force in the Persian Gulf region remains some 20,000 strong.

PM Netanyahu ridicules rivals, wants guarantees

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opened what promises to be a bare-knuckles re-election campaign today by deriding the "fantasies and ambitions" of his political rivals and insisting the Israeli public will back his tough stance toward the Palestinians.

"We will go to the people and the people will give us the support to achieve peace with security," the prime minister told Israel radio a day after Israel's parliament voted overwhelmingly for early elections and rejected Netanyahu's peace policies.

The collapse of Netanyahu's hard-line governing coalition and the start of what is expected to be a 4-month-long contest for the prime minister's job appeared to put the already ailing Mideast peace process on hold.

That is drawing bitter protests from the Palestinians, who insist Israel is bound to honor the Wye River accord, just as it remains committed to other pre-existing international agreements.

"It's really unfortunate that the only thing that Mr. Netanyahu has decided to stop is the peace process with us," chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told The Associated Press today.

Erekat called on the Clinton administration to press Netanyahu to move ahead with the promised handover of West Bank territory. In Washington, the State Department said Monday that Israel should go ahead with the pullback, as stipulated by the accord.

Netanyahu refused anew today to do so, but said the upcoming election did not play a part in the continued freeze on Israeli compliance.

If the Palestinians meet demands laid down over the weekend by the Cabinet, "Israel will carry out its part in the agreement, without any relation to the election schedule," the prime minister's office said in a statement.

Netanyahu's latest conditions to the Palestinians, which they have rejected, include a renunciation of claims to statehood rights and Jerusalem; a confiscation of arms; an end to violence and incitement to violence; and a renunciation of claims that Netanyahu had agreed to release Palestinians jailed for killings.

A leading rival in the race for prime minister — to be chosen by a direct vote that is likely by the end of April — is Ehud Barak, head of the opposition Labor party. He pledged today that if elected, he would "go full engines forward for the peace process."

"I would save the mutual trust that is the precondition for making bridges over political gaps," Barak told the AP. "Netanyahu has lost the trust."

In addition to Netanyahu and Barak, a half-dozen other figures have indicated they will jump into what is shaping as a political free-for-all.

Others likely to declare their candidacy include hard-liners such as Benjamin Begin, the son of the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and Limor Livnat, Netanyahu's communications minister.

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IN BRIEF

Water Valley sweeps two games from Forsan 5's; No report from Coahoma

WATER VALLEY — Water Valley's Wildcats took a pair of basketball games from Forsan here Monday night.

In the girls game, Water Valley used a 5-0 second quarter to spark a 34-31 win over Forsan's Queens.

In the boys game, Water Valley broke open a 12-12 game at the end of the first period en route to a 65-35 romp over the Buffs.

Water Valley outscored Forsan 18-8 in the second period, 21-12 in the third and 14-3 in the fourth.

In other area action, Coahoma's girls were scheduled to play at Lubbock's Trinity Christian, but no game report was turned in to the Herald.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 Texas courses for a \$35 fee.

Both Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 other courses in West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses, as well as by contacting the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-227-2345.

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.

Boxing referee Mills Lane announces plans to retire

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The referee whose action led to Mike Tyson's temporary banishment from boxing for biting Evander Holyfield's ear is calling it quits.

Mills Lane of Reno said Monday that he's ending his 31-year career as a referee because he wants to devote more time as a national television boxing analyst.

"It's been a blast, a real helluva ride," he said. "But I think it would be a conflict of interest to make public comment (about boxing) and at the same time be an active referee."

"Sure, I'll miss it, but I feel I'm going out on my own terms. I'm not as good as I was five years ago. You don't hear the bell as well and move as well when you're 61."

Lane gained international attention in June 1997 when he disqualified Tyson for biting off a piece of Holyfield's ear during a heavyweight championship bout in Las Vegas. It was Lane's 96th title fight.

TODAY ON THE AIR

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8 p.m. — Duke vs. Kentucky, Jimmy V Classic (ESPN).
11 p.m. — Oklahoma State at UNLV (ESPN).
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
8 p.m. — Anaheim at Colorado (ESPN2).

Breaks go against Lady Steers in 48-36 loss to Crane's Lady Birds

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers just couldn't climb the hill Monday night at Steer Gym in a 48-36 loss to Class 3A Crane's Lady Birds.

"We just couldn't get over the hump," explained Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter. "I think it's a combination of a lack of experience and just getting a little bit of luck."

Big Spring (4-10) had trailed by 14 points at the end of the third period, but battled back to close to within eight, 38-30, when Annie McKinnon hit a jump shot and free throw after she was fouled.

McKinnon had gotten in position for the basket following a steal by Amy Jackson, one of four straight steals by the Lady Steers.

Big Spring had battled back off the strength of a 7-1 run to start the final

period, getting a basket by Jackson following a turnover as well as a backdoor basket by Heather Gibbs.

But just as quickly as the Lady Steers went on their brief run, Crane was off and running again — taking advantage of errant Big Spring passes to quickly open a 13-point, 45-32 lead, en route to the final margin.

"We just couldn't capitalize on the breaks we got," Loter acknowledged. "We'd get a steal, then we'd give it right back and they'd get an easy basket."

"We just need a little bit of luck." While Big Spring never led, the feeling was that the Lady Steers were never more than Loter's "little bit of luck" away from being able to battle Crane on even terms.

For instance — after trailing 13-6 at the end of the first quarter, Big Spring got back-to-back baskets by Melissa Flenniken and Melissa Forth to pull

within three before Crane took advantage of a pair of Lady Steers turnovers to go back up by seven.

Big Spring again closed to within three — 18-15 when Flenniken scored in close — before trailing by five at the half, 24-19.

But it was a disastrous third period that, for all practical purposes, spelled doom for the Lady Steers.

Crane opened the period on a 7-0 run to go up by double digits at 31-19, then gave up a basket to Alexis Casillas before stretching the lead to 14 following another pair of baskets.

The Lady Birds led 37-23 at the end of the period.

Flenniken and Forth led Big Spring in scoring with seven points each, while McKinnon and Leslie McLellan had six points apiece. Johnson led Crane with 11, while Dungan had 10.

Big Spring held a 28-27 rebound advan-

tage on Crane, while both teams had trouble controlling the basketball. Big Spring committed 37 turnovers and Crane 29.

Big Spring's next game is at 7:30 Monday night against Abilene High School in the Abilene Tournament. The Lady Steers will then play two games on Tuesday in the tournament.

The next home game for Big Spring will be Jan. 2 against Colorado City.

CRANE 48, BIG SPRING 36
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CRANE 13 11 13 11 — 48
BIG SPRING 6 13 4 13 — 36
Three-point goals — Crane 2 (Abbott, Esparza), Fouls — Crane 12, Big Spring 17. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Crane 27, Big Spring 28. Turnovers — Crane 29, Big Spring 37.

Marino outduels Elway in 31-21 triumph

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins are in the playoffs, and the Denver Broncos are in a slump.

Dan Marino dominated in his first matchup against John Elway since 1985, throwing for 355 yards and four touchdowns to lead Miami past Denver 31-21 Monday night.

Miami (10-5) clinched the final AFC playoff berth as a wild-card entry, giving the AFC East four teams in postseason. The Broncos (13-2), who were unbeaten and looked unbeatable two weeks ago, lost their second game in a row.

The Broncos had little incentive because they had already clinched the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. Their loss to the New York Giants last week dashed the tantalizing prospect of an unbeaten Denver team playing in Miami, where the 1972 Dolphins are revered for achieving the NFL's only perfect season.

Miami fell behind 10-0 before Marino threw scoring passes of 9, 56 and 17 yards to Lamar Thomas, who came into the game with just seven touchdowns in a six-year career. Marino then hit Oronde Gadsden with an 8-yard scoring pass for a 28-13 lead.

The Dolphins' defense did the rest. Elway, playing in Miami for the first time in his 16-year career, completed only 13 of 36 passes for 151 yards and was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter.

Terrell Davis managed just 29 yards in 16 carries, leaving him 170 yards shy of 2,000.

Marino went 23-for-38 and surpassed 3,000 yards passing for the 13th season, an NFL record.

Denver scored on a kickoff return for the first time since 1972 on Vaughn Hebronn's 95-yard runback with eight minutes left, and Bubby Brister's two-point conversion pass to Ed McCaffrey made the score 28-21.

A 42-yard field goal by the Dolphins' Olindo Mare with 1:10 left clinched the win.

Miami's Jimmy Johnson coached the game despite the death of his mother Sunday in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Broncos shut down Miami's feeble running game, but Marino got hot late in the first half. After a controversial



Miami quarterback Dan Marino rolls out to pass in this file photo. Marino threw for four touchdowns in the Dolphins' 31-21 win over Denver in Monday night NFL action.

calling cost the Dolphins an apparent fumble recovery deep in Denver territory, Marino moved Miami 50 yards and hit Thomas with a 9-yard touchdown pass, cutting the Broncos' lead to 10-7.

A 56-yard catch-and-run play by Thomas — helped when George Coghill failed in his attempt at an interception — put Miami ahead for the first time 14-13 early in the third period.

On the next possession, Thomas made an acrobatic catch for a 17-yard touchdown and a 21-13 lead.

A pair of fumbles led to the Broncos' first touchdown. Miami lost the ball at midfield when center Tim Ruddy hiked the ball from shotgun formation off the hip of Marino, who wasn't ready for the snap, and linebacker Bill Romanowski recovered.

Ten plays later, Denver scored when Elway fumbled as he was being tackled at the 1-

yard line, and teammate Rod Smith dived on the ball in the end zone.

Two other apparent Elway fumbles were ruled incomplete passes by referee Phil Luckett, who was involved in the notorious Thanksgiving coin-flip fiasco and an erroneous ruling on the final play that cost Seattle a victory against the New York Jets.

Denver's Jason Elam kicked field goals of 52 and 44 yards but missed a 43-yarder.

Hoops

Duke-Kentucky game drawing much attention

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Not many regular season college basketball games draw the attention Duke-Kentucky is getting.

A big deal is expected when No. 2 plays No. 3, as will happen tonight in the second game of the Jimmy V Classic. This has become the toughest ticket for a game at Continental Airlines Arena since the Final Four was held there in 1996.

Two of the prominent programs in the history of the sport can do that. Two of the most dominant of the last decade make it a certainty.

"Playing Kentucky is terrific. It's good for both of us and good for college basketball," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "To have a matchup like this out of conference is what keeps college basketball going. It's not about individual players or coaches, it's about programs, and this is two of the best of all time."

No. 8 Purdue (11-1) will play South Carolina (4-5) in the first game of the doubleheader to raise money for cancer research. The games are played in the name of Jim Valvano, the late coach who won a national championship at North Carolina State in 1983.

Krzyzewski, who was with Valvano almost every day of the last five months of his life, wants to make sure this game is about more than basketball.

"We want to make sure the V Foundation is highlighted, and to have so much attention focused on it is terrific," Krzyzewski said. "It's an evening to remember a fight my good friend fought and he lost his life to cancer. That is the most important thing going on that night."

This is the fourth edition of the doubleheader that is part of a huge undertaking to raise money for cancer research in Valvano's name.

"Jimmy always made me laugh, whether it was at a clinic or a camp or just when you would see him," Purdue coach Gene Keady said. "That's what I miss is the laughing. The world needs the people like Jimmy who made people laugh."

Duke was the team of the early '90s, winning consecutive national championships in 1991 and 1992 and appearing in four of the first five Final Fours of the decade.

Kentucky has been in charge as the '90s come to a close, appearing in three straight national championship games and winning it all in 1996 and 1998.

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IN BRIEF

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In the girls game, Water Valley used a 5-0 second quarter to spark a 34-31 win over Forsan's Queens.

In the boys game, Water Valley broke open a 12-12 game at the end of the first period en route to a 65-35 romp over the Buffs.

Water Valley outscored Forsan 18-8 in the second period, 21-12 in the third and 14-3 in the fourth.

In other area action, Coahoma's girls were scheduled to play at Lubbock's Trinity Christian, but no game report was turned in to the Herald.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 Texas courses for a \$35 fee.

Both Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 other courses in West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses, as well as by contacting the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-227-2345.

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.

Boxing referee Mills Lane announces plans to retire

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The referee whose action led to Mike Tyson's temporary banishment from boxing for biting Evander Holyfield's ear is calling it quits.

Mills Lane of Reno said Monday that he's ending his 31-year career as a referee because he wants to devote more time as a national television boxing analyst.

"It's been a blast, a real helluva ride," he said. "But I think it would be a conflict of interest to make public comment (about boxing) and at the same time be an active referee."

"Sure, I'll miss it, but I feel I'm going out on my own terms. I'm not as good as I was five years ago. You don't hear the bell as well and move as well when you're 61."

Lane gained international attention in June 1997 when he disqualified Tyson for biting off a piece of Holyfield's ear during a heavyweight championship bout in Las Vegas. It was Lane's 96th title fight.

TODAY ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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Breaks go against Lady Steers in 48-36 loss to Crane's Lady Birds

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Big Spring's Lady Steers just couldn't climb the hill Monday night at Steer Gym in a 48-36 loss to Class 3A Crane's Lady Birds.

"We just couldn't get over the hump," explained Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter. "I think it's a combination of a lack of experience and just getting a little bit of luck."

Big Spring (4-10) had trailed by 14 points at the end of the third period, but battled back to close to within eight, 38-30, when Annie McKinnon hit a jump shot and free throw after she was fouled.

McKinnon had gotten in position for the basket following a steal by Amy Jackson, one of four straight steals by the Lady Steers.

Big Spring battled back off the strength of a 7-1 run to start the final

period, getting a basket by Jackson following a turnover as well as a backdoor basket by Heather Gibbs.

But just as quickly as the Lady Steers went on their brief run, Crane was off and running again — taking advantage of errant Big Spring passes to quickly open a 13-point, 45-32 lead, en route to the final margin.

"We just couldn't capitalize on the breaks we got," Loter acknowledged. "We'd get a steal, then we'd give it right back and they'd get an easy basket."

"We just need a little bit of luck."

While Big Spring never led, the feeling was that the Lady Steers were never more than Loter's "little bit of luck" away from being able to battle Crane on even terms.

For instance — after trailing 13-6 at the end of the first quarter, Big Spring got back-to-back baskets by Melissa Flenniken and Melissa Forth to pull

within three before Crane took advantage of a pair of Lady Steers turnovers to go back up by seven.

Big Spring again closed to within three — 18-15 when Flenniken scored in close — before trailing by five at the half, 24-19.

But it was a disastrous third period that, for all practical purposes, spelled doom for the Lady Steers.

Crane opened the period on a 7-0 run to go up by double digits at 31-19, then gave up a basket to Alexis Casillas before stretching the lead to 14 following another pair of baskets.

The Lady Birds led 37-23 at the end of the period.

Flenniken and Forth led Big Spring in scoring with seven points each, while McKinnon and Leslie McLellan had six points apiece. Johnson led Crane with 11, while Dungan had 10.

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tage on Crane, while both teams had trouble controlling the basketball. Big Spring committed 37 turnovers and Crane 29.

Big Spring's next game is at 7:30 Monday night against Abilene High School in the Abilene High Tournament. The Lady Steers will then play two games on Tuesday in the tournament.

The next home game for Big Spring will be Jan. 2 against Colorado City.

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Marino outduels Elway in 31-21 triumph

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins are in the playoffs, and the Denver Broncos are in a slump.

Dan Marino dominated in his first matchup against John Elway since 1985, throwing for 355 yards and four touchdowns to lead Miami past Denver 31-21 Monday night.

Miami (10-5) clinched the final AFC playoff berth as a wild-card entry, giving the AFC East four teams in postseason. The Broncos (13-2), who were unbeaten and looked unbeatable two weeks ago, lost their second game in a row.

The Broncos had little incentive because they had already clinched the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. Their loss to the New York Giants last week dashed the tantalizing prospect of an unbeaten Denver team playing in Miami, where the 1972 Dolphins are revered for achieving the NFL's only perfect season.

Miami fell behind 10-0 before Marino threw scoring passes of 9, 56 and 17 yards to Lamar Thomas, who came into the game with just seven touchdowns in a six-year career. Marino then hit Oronde Gadsden with an 8-yard scoring pass for a 28-13 lead.

The Dolphins' defense did the rest. Elway, playing in Miami for the first time in his 16-year career, completed only 13 of 36 passes for 151 yards and was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter.

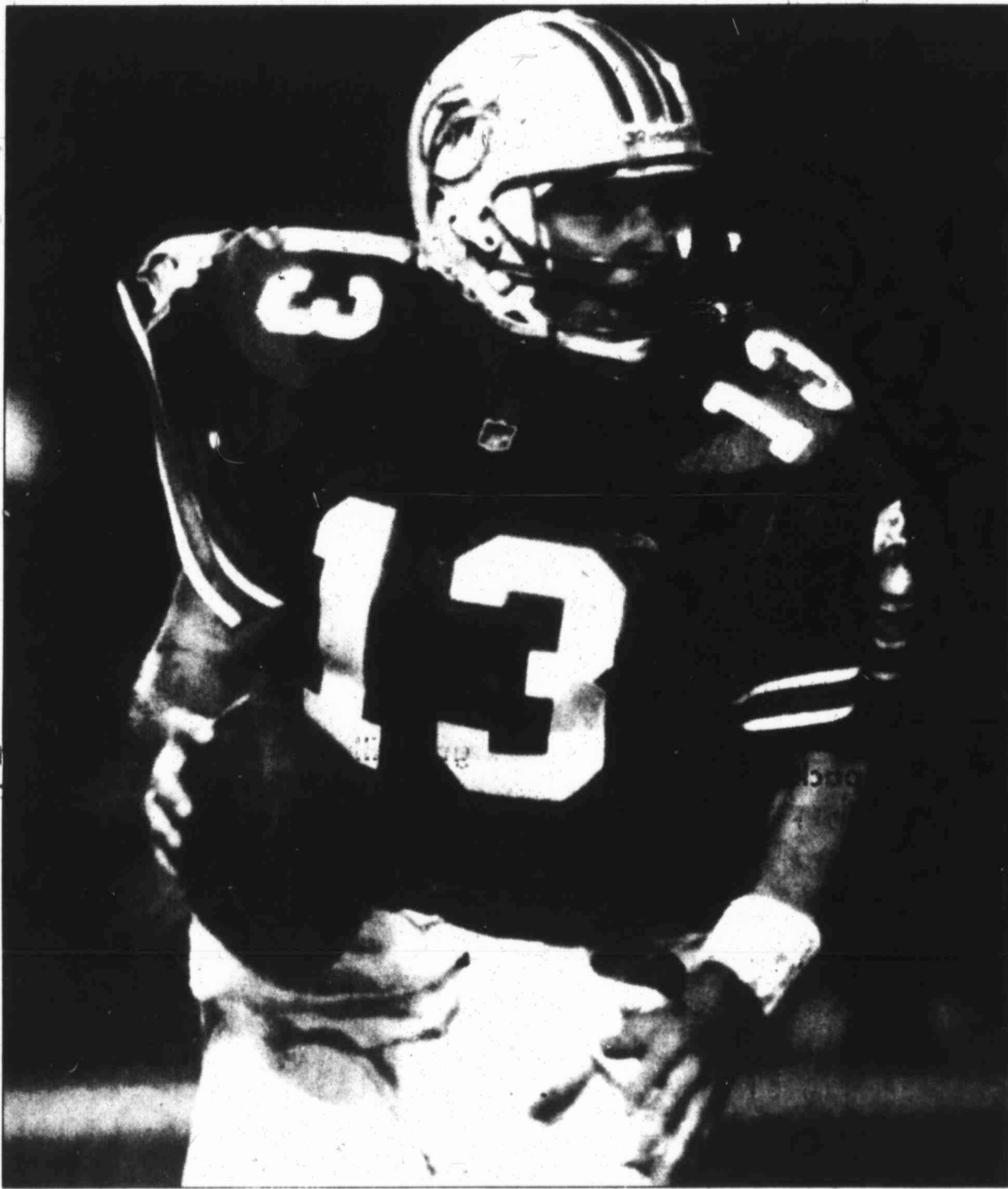
Terrell Davis managed just 29 yards in 16 carries, leaving him 170 yards shy of 2,000.

Marino went 23-for-38 and surpassed 3,000 yards passing for the 13th season, an NFL record.

Denver scored on a kickoff return for the first time since 1972 on Vaughn Hebronn's 95-yard runback with eight minutes left, and Bubby Brister's two-point conversion pass to Ed McCaffrey made the score 28-21. A 42-yard field goal by the Dolphins' Olindo Mare with 1:10 left clinched the win.

Miami's Jimmy Johnson coached the game despite the death of his mother Sunday in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Broncos shut down Miami's feeble running game, but Marino got hot late in the first half. After a controversial



Miami quarterback Dan Marino rolls out to pass in this file photo. Marino threw for four touchdowns in the Dolphins' 31-21 win over Denver in Monday night NFL action.

ruling cost the Dolphins an apparent fumble recovery deep in Denver territory, Marino moved Miami 50 yards and hit Thomas with a 9-yard touchdown pass, cutting the Broncos' lead to 10-7.

A 56-yard catch-and-run play by Thomas — helped when George Coghill failed in his attempt at an interception — put Miami ahead for the first time 14-13 early in the third period.

On the next possession,

Thomas made an acrobatic catch for a 17-yard touchdown and a 21-13 lead.

A pair of fumbles led to the Broncos' first touchdown. Miami lost the ball at midfield when center Tim Ruddy hiked the ball from shotgun formation off the hip of Marino, who wasn't ready for the snap, and linebacker Bill Romanowski recovered.

Ten plays later, Denver scored when Elway fumbled as he was being tackled at the 1-

yard line, and teammate Rod Smith dived on the ball in the end zone.

Two other apparent Elway fumbles were ruled incomplete passes by referee Phil Luckett, who was involved in the notorious Thanksgiving coin-flip fiasco and an erroneous ruling on the final play that cost Seattle a victory against the New York Jets.

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Hoops

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A big deal is expected when No. 2 plays No. 3, as will happen tonight in the second game of the Jimmy V Classic. This has become the toughest ticket for a game at Continental Airlines Arena since the Final Four was held there in 1996.

Two of the prominent programs in the history of the sport can do that. Two of the most dominant of the last decade make it a certainty.

"Playing Kentucky is terrific. It's good for both of us and good for college basketball," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "To have a matchup like this out of conference is what keeps college basketball going. It's not about the players or coaches, it's about programs, and this is two of the best of all time."

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Krzyzewski, who was with Valvano almost every day of the last five months of his life, wants to make sure this game is about more than basketball.

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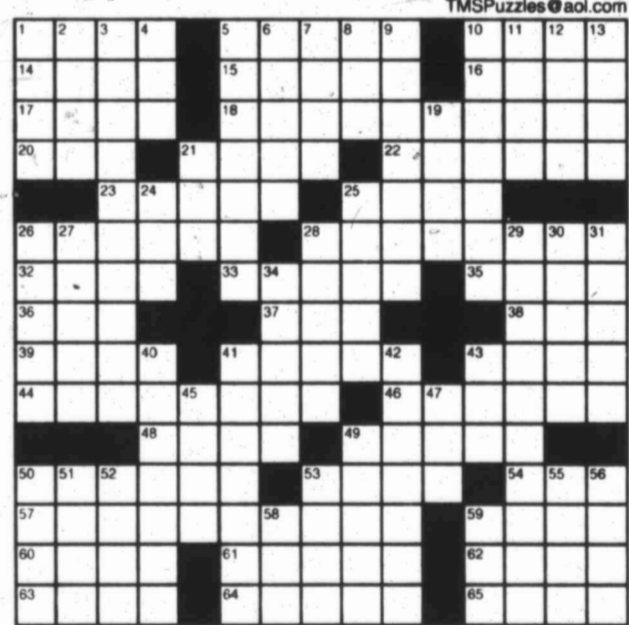
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1998. There are

nine days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of American troops at Bastogne, Belgium; Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!"

On this date: In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies under the command of Ezek Hopkins. In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Eugene R. Puffenberger Reston, VA 12/22/98

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