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December 29, 1998

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State hospital plans surplus sale for Jan. 6

Big Spring State Hospital's Surplus Sale will be Wednesday, Jan. 6, in the Recycling Building, west of Rip Griffins.

Surplus items will be for sale including desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, appliances and TVs.

Viewing and bidding will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 4-6. The sale will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Call 263-0618 for more information.

Support group is established for Gulf War vets

Support for Gulf War veterans is available through Odessa Desert Shield, Desert Storm Association, Inc.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the support group can call Rhonda 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 web-site at www.odssa.com

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

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Setting off fireworks — or guns — dangerous New Year's stunt

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

The Big Spring Police Department wants you to enjoy ringing in the new year, but not with fireworks or guns.

Fireworks, often saved from the Fourth of July, are sometimes a popular — but illegal — way to celebrate New Year's Eve. Some even take it one step further, shooting a gun into the air as midnight arrives, a crime that can carry even more severe penalties.

"We get some calls every year about 'shots fired,'" said Sgt. Roger Sweat, of the BSPD. "It's hard to say if it's a gun or

fireworks."

Patrol officers can count on driving from call to call in the city's residential areas between 11:30 and just after midnight Thursday, Sweat said. Sometimes, by the time they arrive, the evidence of any crime is gone.

Other times, only the wrappers of fireworks are left behind.

Using any type of fireworks in the city limits is a Class C misdemeanor, which can carry up to a \$500 fine. Anyone caught would be issued a ticket to appear before the municipal judge.

Other possible consequences include a charge of disturbing the peace, or even

arson, if the fireworks cause something else to catch on fire. The penalties of such a celebration could be severe, Sweat said.

Shooting a gun, however, can have even worse consequences.

"If you shoot a gun, the bullets are going to come down somewhere," Sweat said. "If your luck is like mine, that somewhere can get you in a lot of trouble."

"It might come down between someone's eyes. It might destroy someone else's property."

Anyone carrying a gun who is confronted by police will be treated as a

threat, even though he may just be celebrating, Sweat said.

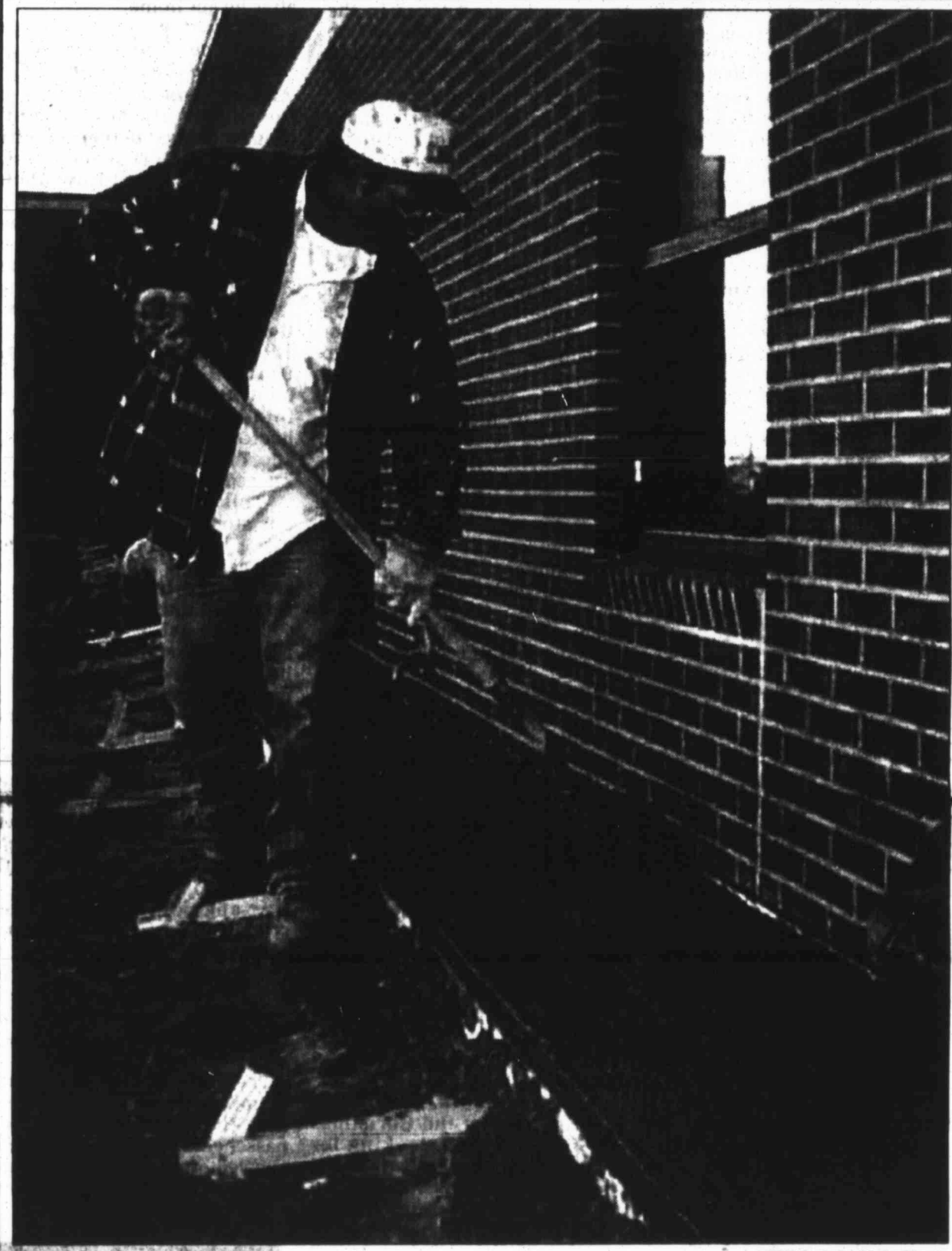
You will probably find yourself looking down the barrel of a gun — this one in the hands of a police officer.

"You can bet you will be held at gunpoint, handcuffed and searched," Sweat said. "And it's 98 percent sure you're going to jail."

The best advice? Find another way to celebrate the start of 1999.

"It doesn't matter what your political belief is," Sweat said.

"We believe in gun control, as far as getting control of any guns that are being used out there."



Phil Masters smoothes out wet concrete forming the mow line around the new junior high which should open in April.

Child safety

Texas credit unions join coaches association to provide ID kits for kids

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Credit unions across Texas — including the eight in Big Spring — have joined with the American Football Coaches Association to provide identification kits for school children across the state.

"Every credit union is working toward the same goal — to make sure it is possible for all school-aged children to have these identification kits," said Katie Kinnian, with Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union.

A \$5 donation will purchase three of the Texas Child Identification Program kits. The kits contain an inkless press for fingerprinting and have a space to hold a child's picture, a record of identifying marks and other information such as the location of the child's medical and dental records.

The information is kept at home by parents and provided to law enforcement authorities in case the child is missing.

"A lot of parents are able to provide a physical description of their child. There are no fingerprints or other information except maybe a photo," said Kinnian.

Statistics show that less than 2 percent of parents have a copy of their child's fingerprints that could be used to help in the return of a missing child. Yet nationwide, more than 800,000



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan
Linda Park with the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union holds one of the student identification kits that credit unions across the state are sponsoring, along with the American Football Coaches Association.

children disappear every year — one child every 40 seconds.

In 1997, the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) distributed 2.1 million of the kits at college football stadiums nationwide. That effort was expanded to seven million kits this year. However, that covers only a small percentage of the

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\$10.8 million Beals Creek project reaches completion

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Decades of planning, preparation and hard work resulted in a reality for the Beals Creek Flood Control Project, which was completed earlier this month.

"We bought the job, and within two months we'll sit down with the Corps of Engineers and discuss the maintenance agreement," said Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring.

The \$10.885 million project includes 7,280 foot of channel that measures about 20 feet wide across the grassy bottom, and between 100 and 200 feet wide at the top, he said.



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"There are some lined areas, but not very much," Darden said.

"What we have done is exactly what the design concept was, and that was to create a detention pond for rain water to accumulate and release it at a controlled rate," he said.

The Beals Creek project, first envisioned 20 years ago, was approved by voters in 1992, who agreed to increase taxes three cents per \$100 valuation to fund the city's part of the work.

In March 1994, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers entered into the agreement, and the job was bid in 1995. Construction began in 1996, Darden said.

"The city of Big Spring is responsible for 25 percent of the project. That's 5 percent cash value and 20 percent in LERRDs, which stands for lands, easements, right of ways, relocations and disposal areas."

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HERALD photo
Decades in the planning and construction, the Beals Creek Flood Control Project was completed earlier this month.

Soil contamination doubled cost of flood control project

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The cost of the Beals Creek Flood Control Project doubled from the time voters approved it in the fall of 1991 and work was halted when workers learned the soil contamination was four times greater than expected.

"We were originally looking at 4,480 cubic yards of soil to be remediated, and we had up to 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil we had to treat. We had a total of 130,000 cubic yards of soil (removed)," said Todd Darden, public works director with the city of Big Spring.

The original contract was \$5,734,529. This cost was to enlarge the creek, build a concrete drop structure from the creek into One Mile Lake, construct a vehicle access bridge and remove contaminated soil, he said.

However, with the concentrated soil contamination, the cost increased to \$10,885,800. Of that amount, the contractor, LaMarque-based Affolter Construction Co. Inc., has earned about \$7 million, Darden said.

The city has to provide 25 percent of the contract, with 5 percent cash contributions and 20 percent LERRDs, or lands, easements, right of ways, relocation of utilities and disposal of the soil taken out.

To provide disposal of the soil, the city

had to have the landfill recertified to 600 parts per million of hydrocarbons. "The contractor takes different fertilizers and discs into the soil, then allows it to aerate. The concern is that the contamination might get into the ground water," Darden said.

The contamination was caused from oil fields and petroleum products used in the area, and Darden said discerning

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Police investigate two sexual assaults

The Big Spring Police Department are investigating the following incidents:

A sexual assault of a child was reported on Dec. 23. According to the report, the assault happened on the west side of town in the early morning hours of Dec. 23. The 14-year-old child reportedly knew the suspect. No other injuries were reported. Det. David Mohn is handling the investigation.

A sexual assault was reported on Dec. 26 by a 38-year-old woman. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male about 5'5", with a mustache. No other injuries were reported. Det. Lupe Liedecke is handling the investigation.

An injury to a child was reported Dec. 28. A child reported that a person known did intentionally and knowingly cause bodily harm. Det. Jim Rider is handling the investigation.

Anyone with any information about these or other crimes may call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). Callers may remain anonymous.

10-year flood plain. We believe it will be of tremendous help to those homes and businesses in Jones Valley," Darden said.

A drop structure has been built that allows the rain water to run into One Mile Lake. Also, a vehicle access bridge was built for the railroad, which has track that run parallel to the creek.

"The railroad has 42 percent of the structures, and 57 percent of the total value, \$54.5 million, within this flood plain along One Mile Lake and Beals Creek. Residential is about 38 percent," Darden said.

The completed project will not eliminate flooding in the area during heavy rains, he said.

"But this will help eliminate a lot of flooding," Darden said.

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who is ultimately responsible would be expensive and time consuming.

"There are lots of potential sources of this contamination. Beals Creek is the lowest point in our city," Darden said.

The financial part of the entire project will be finalized in weeks to come, and Darden said the contractor has submitted their pay requests to the federal government.

BRIEFS

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THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as 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.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Monday, Jan. 11, until Friday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for working with the VITA program.

Tax assistance will be available from Feb. 1 through March 31 at locations to be announced later. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center at 267-1628.

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

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

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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.

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 267-3709.

•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 264-8900.

•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.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8820.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

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

Surviving octuplets clear major medical hurdle

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors caring for the seven surviving octuplets have received "dramatic good news," pediatrician Patti Savrick said today.

"The babies had essentially normal head ultrasounds that showed no bleeding in their brains," Dr. Savrick said at a news conference. Bleeding would have indicated the babies were vulnerable to future developmental problems such as cerebral palsy, she said. She added the babies could still have problems but have cleared an important hurdle.

Leonard Weisman, chief neonatal specialist at Texas Children's Hospital, said the infants' survival odds now could be generally estimated at about 92 percent, up from earlier estimates of 85 percent. Bleeding in the brain is expected in about one in four babies at the octuplets' size and stage of development, he said.

Mother Nkem Chukwu likely will be released from neighboring St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital on Wednesday, said her obstetrician, Dr. Brian Kirshon.

Four of the babies kept breathing on their own, while three — Ebuka, Ikem and Gorom — remained on ventilators. Gorom, the last baby out of Ms. Chukwu's womb during a Dec. 20 Caesarean section, is recovering from abdominal surgery.

All of the babies are expected to remain in critical condition for the near future. Doctors have said they probably won't leave Children's until March at the earliest.

The surviving five girls and two boys ranged in birth weight from 1 to 2 pounds. Their sister Odera, a girl born at just 10.3 ounces, died Sunday of lung and heart failure.

"The most significant thing is that it reminded all of us that this child was an individual human being, rather than the usual bundling of all of them as eight babies," said Chido Nwangwu, a member of the parents' Igbo tribe of Nigeria and publisher of the Houston-based newspaper USAfrica and Web site USAfricaonline.com.

The parents have made no funeral arrangements, said Nwangwu, who keeps in regular contact with Ms. Chukwu, 27, and her husband, Iyke Louis Udobi, 42.

Seven of the octuplets were

A BIG SPIN AROUND THE TOWN

born Dec. 20 to Ms. Chukwu, a native of Nigeria. Ebuka, the first, arrived Dec. 8.

The good news increases the chance that the seven surviving octuplets one day will reach an important symbolic milestone in their parents' Igbo culture.

"A mother always wishes her baby can see the face of the sky," Nwangwu said.

Consumer confidence steady, slightly more positive

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumers' confidence in the economy was steady in December, although Americans grew more cautious in their outlook for the coming months.

The Conference Board reported today its index of consumer confidence fell a marginal 0.3 point to 126.1 from a revised 126.4 in November. The index had rebounded last month after a four-month slide.

Consumers were moderately more positive in December about the current state of the economy than they were in November, but the modest dip in the index was caused by a decline in expectations for the economy six months from now, according to the Conference Board, a New York-based, business-financed private research group that compiles its index from a survey of consumers nationwide.

Consumers' comfort level is an important economic indicator since their spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's overall economic activity.

Separately today, the National Association of Realtors reported existing home sales rose 2.7 percent in November to a healthy rate of 4.9 million homes per year. Home buyers were again drawn by low mortgage rates.

"Consumers are still relatively optimistic about the economy," said Lynn Franco, associate director of the Conference Board's consumer research center. "The key to strong confidence levels has been a healthy economy, and the conditions fueling this expansion show no indication of dissipating any time soon."

Americans did show some caution during the Christmas shopping season, looking for bargains and leaving some retailers disappointed with their sales. Discount chains such as Wal-Mart and Target outdid traditional department stores.

A concern voiced by consumers in the conference board survey was employment. In December, consumers were somewhat less optimistic about the availability of job opportunities over the next six months.

Survivors of 1978 crash face memories

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The last time Malburn McBroom addressed this particular crowd was 20 years ago when he told them the awful truth over an airplane intercom.

United Flight 173 was having landing gear trouble and was running out of fuel. McBroom, the pilot, told his passengers he would try to land at Portland International Airport.

His DC-8 never made it. When the engines quit, the plane glided silently for 44 seconds before crash-landing on the city's east side, skidding more than 1,200 feet near a residential neighborhood.

Ten of the 189 people on board — eight passengers and two crew members — died in the crash. Twenty-three were injured, but most walked away from the battered fuselage on Dec. 28, 1978.

Many listened to McBroom again on Monday at a potluck dinner reuniting survivors and their families, members of the rescue crews who helped pull them from the wreckage and neighbors who gave them shel-

ter until help arrived. "It's kind of bittersweet," said McBroom, who is now retired and living in Loveland, Colo. "We saved this many folks, but we lost 10. And that is heavy."

The Federal Aviation Administration said he should have known the plane was running out of fuel and revoked his airline pilot's rating. Later, it was learned that the gauges were not as accurate as flight manuals led the pilots to believe.

McBroom, who suffered a broken leg, shoulder and ribs in the crash, thought about killing himself a few weeks after he got home.

"I knew it wouldn't make any difference," he said. "And I couldn't do it to my family."

Kathy Driscoll, who was on the flight with her two children, could recite their specific seats: "Row 28 D, E and F," she told the others. "How about that? I remember."

Fay Sexton, 76, stood and wondered aloud about a woman he'd thought about for 20 years. He remembers her pleading from inside the plane, "Please, God, save my baby!"

He learned her fate Monday. Diane Gray, who was six months pregnant, stood and told him she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, now nearly 20. The two embraced and hugged for several minutes.

"This is our chance to share our stories and see how we're doing," the reunion's organizer, Aimee Ford Conner, told the crowd. "I'd be nervous, except that I feel like I know you all."

Those who came gave McBroom a standing ovation as he was introduced. During a moment of silence to remember those who died, he bowed his head and wiped his eyes.

"The fact that there are this many people here, it's clear that this needed to happen," McBroom said. "I had a duty to be here. If it helps to bring closure, then it's a worthwhile endeavor."

At one point, the survivors stood and, one by one, said where they had been sitting in the plane. Most recalled the general location — near the right wing, for example, or two rows behind the second emergency exit.

Then they shared stories and mementos and tried to recognize the faces of their fellow passengers. Debby Zahler even showed off a giant stuffed tiger that made it through the flight. She named it Lucky.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
10:55 a.m. — 2300 block Scurry, trauma call, service refused.

4:14 p.m. — 300 block Jones, rubbish fire, false call.

5:25 p.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

11:53 p.m. — 400 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

MARKETS

March cotton 69.82 cents, up 85 points; Feb. crude 11.55, up 9 points; Cash hogs steady at 15; cash steers steady at \$1 higher; at 50 even; Feb. lean hog futures 32.55, up 15 points; Feb. live cat futures 69.87, down 12 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. News quotes provided by Edward B. Jones & Co.

Index	9217.74
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ATT	78 + 1
Amoco	89 + 1 1/2
Atlantic Richfield	45 - 1/2
Ames Energy	31 1/2 + 1/2
Calenergy Inc.	35 - 1/2
Chevron	86 - 1/2
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Coca Cola	69 + 1/2
Compan Computer	41 1/2 - 1/2
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DuPont	86 - 1/2
Exxon	74 - 1/2
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IBM	187 - 1/2
Intel Corp	121 1/2 - 1/2
Mobil	87 1/2 - 1/2
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Falox Inc.	7 1/2 nc
Pepsi Cola	40 1/2 + 1/2
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Phillips Petroleum	42 1/2 - 1/2
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Sears	41 1/2 + 1/2
Texasco	52 nc
Texas Instruments	55 1/2 - 1/2
Texas Util. Co	46 1/2 + 1/2
Unocal Corp	29 1/2 - 1/2
Wal-Mart	80 1/2 + 1/2
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	287.40-287.80
Silver	4.92-4.94

Police

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

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of Bilger. A television, VCR, stereo, compact disc player and miscellaneous jewelry was reported stolen.

• **ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.

• **HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR** was reported in the 200 block of West Second.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Runnels. A Motorola flip telephone was reported stolen, valued at \$90.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Scurry and 400 block of Birdwell.

• **THEFT OF SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of Young.

• **LARRY WHITE**, 27, was arrested for local warrants.

• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported at 16th and Gollard, 800 I-20 Service Road and 2000 Gregg.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 300 block of Northeast 12th.

• **GORDON OCHS**, 42, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **CAMERON SEAGO**, 21, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of West 19th.

• **WEEKEND SUMMARY REPORT** reflects six assaults, three assaults/family violence, three burglary of a habitation, one burglary of a motor vehicle and five criminal mischief.

• **ALSO, FIVE DRIVING** while intoxicated, one driving while license suspended, one injury to a child and one possession of drugs.

• **AND ONE RUNAWAY**, two sexual assaults, six thefts and 10 convenience store thefts. A total of 16 persons were arrested, and one major accident and four minor accidents were reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:

• **JAMES ROBINSON**, 42, was arrested for driving while license invalid/suspended.

• **MICHAEL SHANE WEBB**, 32, was arrested for motion to revoke probation and driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• **REMGIO DELAROSA JR.**, 30, was arrested for criminal mischief more than \$50.

• **FRED GOMEZ CASTILLO**, 51, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• **DANIEL EMERSON JR.**, 53, was arrested for driving while license invalid or suspended, enhanced.

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four million school children in Texas.

"The credit unions of Texas were asked to help and they have gladly done so," said Cleo Young, with the Government Employees Federal Credit Union. "It's such a good cause."

Funds go directly to the Texas Child Identification Program and the kits will be passed out to the schools by the AFCA.

"We don't keep anything. It all goes directly into the fund," said Linda Park, with the Big Spring Education Employees Credit Union.

Locally, credit union employees have volunteered their time to promote the program at the Big Spring Mall and Wal-Mart. "It's a really worthwhile project," said Young. "Each credit union has literature available to explain what the program is all about."

Howard County residents interested in donating funds to help purchase the kits may contact any credit union.

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Darden said.

Former city engineer Ralph Truskowski began the project, along with former assistant city manager Tom Decell, Darden said.

"They really kicked this project off," he said.

The idea behind the Beals Creek project was to protect homes and businesses from flooding during the wet weather. A 50-year flood plain was originally intended, but costs required the scope of the plan to be limited to 10 years, Darden said.

"I believe this will handle normal rainfall amounts within a

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Rubin expects solid economic growth, low inflation in 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — World economic problems and an unpredictable stock market should not stop the United States from enjoying continued prosperity in 1999, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin says.

"There will be normal ups and downs," Rubin said Monday in a CNN interview. "But I think the best scenario is solid growth and low inflation."

Rubin's comments came a few days after the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged, a sign that the central bank believes in the resiliency of

the U.S. economy even as the world struggles to recover from an 18-month downturn.

"We've had six quite remarkable years," Rubin said.

Spurred by American consumers, he helped offset losses in U.S. export sales because of slowing economies in Asia, Russia and Latin America. Rubin said those countries are not going to turn things around overnight but should recover with U.S. assistance.

"It will take time for the world to work its way through these problems,"

Rubin said. "I think we've made real progress. There's no reason in the world the global economy can't get back on track."

On another subject, Rubin said Congress and President Clinton should develop bipartisan plan to reform Social Security despite the impeachment vote in the House and the upcoming trial in the Senate.

"Obviously, the present atmosphere makes it more difficult," he said. "It is imperative that we get together as quickly as possible."

Unless changes are made, Social

Security will become insolvent by 2032 as the big baby boom generation retires and fewer younger workers pay into the system. Because the federal budget is projected to run a surplus of \$1.6 trillion over the next decade, both Republicans and Democrats have said that the time is right for reform.

Rubin declined to say whether Clinton would propose a specific plan in his State of the Union address next month — something leading Republicans want the president to do — saying the president must decide whether such an announcement might

risk "politicizing and polarizing" Social Security.

Many Republicans want to use part of the surplus to cut taxes, possibly a significant across-the-board income tax rate reduction. Rubin did not rule that out, but said there should be a "great national debate" after Social Security's future is guaranteed on whether the remaining surplus should go to tax cuts or spending in priority areas such as education.

"I wouldn't advocate anything until we've addressed Social Security," Rubin said.

Judge criticizes Texas clemency process

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge has lifted stays of execution for two Texas death-row inmates, but not without harsh criticism of a clemency process he called "extremely poor and certainly minimal."

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks said in his ruling that condemned inmates Joseph Stanley Faulder and Danny Lee Barber received minimal due process, but just barely.

"It is abundantly clear the Texas clemency procedure is extremely poor and certainly minimal," Sparks wrote in an opinion released Monday. "Administratively, the goal is more to protect the secrecy and autonomy of the system rather than carrying out an efficient, legally sound system."

Barber and Faulder both sought and received stays from

Sparks based on their claims that the Texas clemency process is unconstitutional because the 18 parole board members vote in secrecy via fax or phone.

In lifting the stays, Sparks said the clemency issue is one for the Texas Supreme Court or the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals — not him — to consider.

But he partly agreed with the pleas of the condemned men.

"Giving reasons for its decisions and/or holding hearings to allow petitioners and other interested parties to present evidence would not threaten the employment of the Huntsville executioner," Sparks wrote.

Still, Sparks said Faulder and Barber failed to prove "that they were denied access to the

clemency process or that the votes in their cases were arbitrary, capricious, whimsical, or based on improper facts."

Representatives of the parole board argued in a two-day hearing before Sparks last week that the clemency process is fair and that they consider every petition carefully.

"We maintained all along that we thought we met minimal due process and apparently he agreed," said board chairman Victor Rodriguez. "We will look at his decision, we will study it and see."

In the clemency process, the board can either reject or grant an inmate's request that they recommend clemency to the governor.

After such a recommendation, the governor can commute a death sentence to life

imprisonment.

The judge suggested that the parole board could head off further attacks on the clemency process by holding open hearings or requiring that members give reasons for their decisions.

"Without even a minimal institutionalized procedure to protect against arbitrary decision-making, every clemency denial will be subject to judicial review," Sparks wrote.

Neither Barber nor Faulder has received a new execution date.

Faulder, whose Dec. 10 scheduled execution ultimately was delayed by the U.S. Supreme Court on a separate legal issue, awaits a final ruling from the high court. Barber could get a new date as early as next month.

Social Security ready for Y2K, Clinton claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's announcement that Social Security payments will not be hindered by computer glitches related to the year 2000 was hailed by some computer experts, but they're more concerned about systems that aren't prepared.

"It's good news, but certainly expected given that Social Security was out front all along," said Ed Yourdon, a New York City computer consultant and author of "Time Bomb 2000," a book about the Year 2000 computer problem, known as Y2K. "The danger is that people might generalize that things are going to be OK. Most of us in the computer field think that 75 percent of the government agencies and businesses will make it."

Yourdon said it was "a question of whether you look at the glass as half-full or half-empty. What's the effect of the 25 percent that's not done?"

Jack Gribben, spokesman for the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, said White House officials focused on the computer problem are "most concerned about organizations in government and business where the head of the organization does not have Y2K as one of their top priorities."

The Y2K problem arose when programmers of early computers represented each year by its last two digits, rather than by all four — for example, 1972 as 72, 1973 as 73, and so on. To save computer memory that was vastly more expensive at the time.

Trouble begins when computers try to add or subtract dates

using that two-digit format and the world approaches the year 2000, or 00.

The larger, older mainframe computers still used by government and big corporations for many vital functions are particularly vulnerable.

"Unless organizations that have done little on Y2K mount aggressive efforts over the next year, we could face disruptions that are local in nature if there are small businesses that aren't paying attention," Gribben said. "If your mayor or county manager isn't paying a lot of attention, there could be problems. Local governments provide a lot of services to people."

The president assured Americans on Monday that Social Security will be paid without delay in the new millennium because government computers are free of programming bugs many expect at the start of 2000.

"The millennium bug will not delay the payment of Social Security checks by a single day," Clinton said in a White House ceremony.

"It's a good showing for Social Security," said Tim Wilson, publisher of Y2K News Magazine in Crossville, Tenn. He said about two dozen other departments and agencies are still working on the problem, and congressional watchdogs have said one-third of them will not be ready.

"Health and Human Services is the one that worries us the most," Wilson said, noting that agency delivers Medicare, Medicaid and welfare payments through the states.

Reward-hungry friends turn in prison escapee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The last time Aaron James tried to escape from Riverbend prison, guards shot out the tires of his stolen truck before he could bust through a prison fence.

This time, he made it out — only to be foiled by his drinking buddies, who realized they could claim a \$5,000 reward for turning him in.

James, 24, serving a 50-year sentence for second-degree murder, kidnapping and robbery, was the last of six inmates who escaped Sunday morning from the maximum-security prison, and all were back behind bars within 36 hours.

James, captured Monday

evening, was pulled from a crawl space beneath a home about seven miles from the prison.

"He was out there boozing it up with some old friends," said Capt. Michael Tyler of the state Department of Correction. "After they got through with the party, somebody said, 'Hey guys, he's worth a lot of money.'"

James offered no resistance when he was found, Tyler said. Neither did any of the other escapees. Officials wouldn't comment when asked whether the friends would actually receive the reward.

Lyle Van Ulzen, 33, a convicted murderer and arsonist, and burglar Jay Denton, 32, were

captured about 11 a.m. near a lumber yard three miles from the prison. Nine hours earlier, Billy Coffelt, 44, sentenced to life for being a habitual criminal, was captured about two miles from the prison.

All three told officers they were wet, dirty and tired.

The first two to be recaptured were Michael Perry, 26, who is awaiting trial on first-degree murder charges, and William Riley, 33, serving a life sentence for murder. They were found late Sunday hiding near the edge of a residential area about three miles from Riverbend.

Each inmate faces up to five more years in prison for the escape.

The prison, which once

housed James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, is home to Tennessee's death row. It has about 700 inmates and is in a mostly industrial, wooded area along the Cumberland River.

There have been only two escapes in its nine-year history. In 1995, four inmates escaped in a hidden compartment in a truck. They were captured and a prison employee was convicted of aiding the escape.

In March, James and another convicted killer used a homemade rifle to steal a prison truck, which they drove through a fence. Guards shot out the tires before they made it through a second fence to freedom.

Flood, mudslides, snow continue to wreak havoc in Northwest, South

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Driving rain and melted snow have triggered floods and mudslides throughout western Oregon, blocking roads and stranding residents. More rain was in the forecast today.

"We're praying to God it's not another storm coming through," farmer Denise Josi said as her calves bobbed in belly-deep water near the coastal town of Tillamook. "If it is, my dad is going to break down."

As thousands made do without power in the Southeast after a Christmas Eve storm, rain, mud and snow turned things into a nightmare across the Northwest. Particularly hard hit was Tillamook, a town of 4,000 about 50 miles west of

Portland.

Following 4 inches of rain over two days, a landslide south of town buried U.S. Highway 101 while the Wilson River swamped the highway under 9 feet of water north of town.

Coast Guard skiffs ferried 20 stranded homeowners to safety, including a stroke victim who was taken by boat to a waiting ambulance.

Kathy Kammerer, 35, and her two children were forced into a Red Cross shelter after flooded roads stymied their attempt to drive up the coast.

"We drove into town and found that Tillamook had become an island," she said. "It looked like we would be floating away, but we were lucky."

Mudslides were also a prob-

lem in Washington, where melting snow was expected to swell rivers flowing out of the Cascades. Some mountain routes were closed Monday for fear of avalanches.

In McKenna, a town of 200 about 50 miles south of Seattle, residents of a nursing home were evacuated Monday as sandbags were thrown up along the surging Nisqually River.

For Oregon, it is some of the worst flooding since February 1996, when melting snow and heavy rain killed eight people and hundreds of cattle.

"I didn't have nearly enough (insurance) for this," said Doug Rosenberg as 50 volunteers helped him clean up damage to his hardware and building supply company in Tillamook.

"The last one was supposed to be the 100-year flood, and I wasn't going to be here another 100 years."

Another inch of rain was in the forecast, and nearby rivers were expected to remain above flood levels for the next few days. That spells trouble for dairy farmers who must milk their cows at least once every 12 hours, or risk infections and ruined milk.

Near Albany, about 60 miles south of Portland, authorities said more than 30 roads that were either closed or covered with water. At least 10 homes were evacuated.

To the southwest, on the eastern foothills of the Coast Range near Alesia, a landslide crushed a house on its way to burying

Oregon Highway 34. A mother and her teen-age son managed to crawl out of the debris, flag down a motorist and catch a ride to a friend's house.

"They showed up here with stocking feet and just the clothes on their back," said the friend, Randy Campbell. "No shoes, no coats, no nothing. They were soaked."

Across the country, the effects of the ice storm are still being felt.

Diane Dodson wasn't sure she could take much more after five days of wearing heavy sweaters and jackets indoors and doing without water and electricity in Quinton, Va.

"I feel grubby and I'm losing all sense of time," said Ms. Dodson, one of about 54,600 peo-

ple in Virginia who still had no lights or heat Monday, down from more than 285,000 at the height of the storm.

Ms. Dodson and her 5-year-old son, Nicholas, left their cold, dark house on Christmas Eve and moved into a nearby home with a fireplace. To pass the time, Ms. Dodson, Nicholas and neighbor Tony Mehalko rearranged furniture.

State health officials urged people to check on neighbors after at least two elderly Virginians who had lost electricity and heat died of hypothermia. Virginia Power expects to have service fully restored Wednesday.

In Tennessee, 4,500 customers remained without electricity Monday night.

Saddam Hussein said using air skirmishes as part of anti-sanctions strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest U.S.-Iraq clash, a missile exchange over northern Iraq, was provoked by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as part of a calculated strategy to challenge tight Clinton administration and U.N. controls on his nation, U.S. foreign policy experts say.

The Pentagon says U.S. and British patrols in the "no-fly" zones over Iraq will continue in an atmosphere of increased tension after the incident in which Iraq said four soldiers were killed.

"I'm sure that pilots will be much more alert," said Col. Richard Bridges, a Pentagon spokesman. "There'll be more adrenaline running. But the mechanisms to respond appropriately are already in place."

Tony Cardenas, analyst at the Center for Strategic International Studies, said, "What you're watching here with Iraq challenging the no-fly zones is just the noisiest part of a very broad strategy. It's a visible sign of resistance."

Saddam's rejection of U.N. weapons

inspections prompted four days of U.S. and British missile and bombing strikes earlier this month. Baghdad also is suggesting Iraq might not renew a 2-year-old U.N. oil-for-food program next year designed to ease the impact of economic sanctions on the Iraqi populace.

At the same time, the Iraqi military has been goading Western warplanes to hit its air defenses in Western-patrolled no-fly zones set up to limit Saddam's power.

On Monday, U.S. warplanes fired

three missiles and six precision-guided bombs to strike an anti-aircraft site in northern Iraq that launched three missiles at U.S. fighter jets on patrol, the Pentagon said.

Iraq reported four soldiers killed and seven injured.

Before Monday's incident, the Iraqi military had claimed its anti-aircraft gunners had driven off an attack by "enemy" warplanes that flew from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia on Saturday, and Iraqi leaders vowed to fire on warplanes "violating" its airspace. Over

the weekend, two British Tornado planes reported Iraqi anti-aircraft fire in the distance.

In Baghdad, Iraqi officials harshly denounced American pilots as "murderers and criminals" and claimed that all of Iraq's actions were defensive.

The Iraqi News Agency also reported that the Iraqi missiles "almost certainly" shot down an enemy plane. White House spokesman David Leavy called the report "totally not true."

British officials also said none of their planes was hit.

Third casino-bound bus crashes in New Jersey

WALL TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A bus bound for Atlantic City casinos crashed, injuring 13 people in the third such accident in less than a week. None of the injuries were life-threatening.

What caused the Greyhound bus to crash into a bridge abutment Monday evening wasn't immediately clear. The right front of the bus hit the abutment, cracking the windshield

and sending glass flying.

Thirteen people were taken to hospitals for treatment of minor injuries such as bumps, bruises and cuts.

The two earlier crashes, both of buses taking New York City gamblers to and from Atlantic City casinos, prompted lawmakers to press for increased bus safety, such as seat belts, and higher fines for safety violations.

A Christmas Eve crash on the Parkway in Sayreville killed eight people. And an accident Sunday on the New Jersey Turnpike injured all 31 people aboard a casino-bound bus. Authorities say excessive speed probably was a factor in that second crash. The cause of the first crash was still under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board and other agencies.

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OUR VIEWS

Put a few extra cans in the bag for the needy

When you are out doing your weekly grocery shopping this week, consider picking up a few extra cans of food for the needy.

Two or three dollars worth won't dent most budgets too badly, but it could make the difference in whether one of your less fortunate neighbors gets a warm meal this winter.

Place those cans in your basket and when you get to the checkout line, ask that they be placed in a separate bag.

For people who bring 10 or more cans of food, TCA Cable will waive labor costs for new hookups, transfers or upgrades.

Those are nice incentives, but if you can't take advantage of them, don't let it deter you from helping out anyway.

One other thing...time is short. Wednesday is the deadline for the TCA Cable canned food drive.

So consider dropping a few cans in the shopping basket. Or a box of macaroni, rice or cereal. A jar of peanut butter. Anything that is non-perishable can be used.

Maybe you don't need to go shopping and don't want to fight the crowd. That's fine. Grab a few cans from the pantry and run them on down to 2006 Birdwell. It only takes a few minutes and it means so much to so many.

Helping someone have a hot meal this winter will give you a warm feeling inside by knowing you did your part to help a worthy cause.

OTHER VIEWS

In recent days America has waged war — on Iraq and on its own president. Never, since the end of the irreconcilable Vietnam debate, have two political camps been so hostile towards each other as in Congress at the weekend for the decision on the impeachment of Bill Clinton.

It was the hard-liners who decided this confrontation. The small number of moderate Republicans were rolled flat.

This does not show a shortcoming in the American constitution, but primarily the weakness of the parliamentary system. As in the Weimar Republic, the voice of the center was eliminated ... in Washington, with the aim of preventing the moderating influence of a middle way.

It is high time that the forces in the Senate put an end to the scandal. The United States, a world power, must end its internal war over the sex and lies of the president and return to political concerns.

TAGES ANZEIGER, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

For the second time in its history the American House of Representatives have formally opened impeachment proceedings against a U.S. president. An historic step? Maybe. But only when man understands history. Because only historians knew just a few months ago that the first president was not Nixon, but Andrew Johnson — Abraham Lincoln's vice president and successor. Johnson's case, that was also primarily burdened with party political interests and less from real political shortcomings, failed in the Senate — and Clinton's case also has hardly a chance to get the needed two-

thirds majority for an impeachment. Not the least because the American people have said clearly what it thinks of it: Nothing. With the last election in November the Republicans had to take clear losses, and also with their vote on the weekend they helped the image of Clinton in the public more than hurt it, as the latest polls show.

BERLINER MORGENPOST, BERLIN

... President Nixon resigned from office in 1974 before the House of Representatives took an impeachment vote against him in the Watergate scandal because he thought he could not avoid impeachment.

President Nixon said in a tearful voice that he had decided to resign from his office to give priority to the national interest.

In contrast, President Clinton, during a visit to Palestinian territory, said impeachment would not benefit the state or the people.

Even after he was impeached, he declared that he was determined to continue the work of his presidency until the last hour of the last day of his term, emphasizing that remaining in office would benefit the people.

We fear that the partisan confrontation will increase during the impeachment trial in the Senate and the U.S. political situation will go into further confusion. ... We hope that the impeachment trial, which begins early next year, will proceed smoothly and that U.S. politics will regain its balance and stability as early as possible.

ASARI SHIMBUN, TOKYO

Lame arguments help Demos dodge issue

Well, Willie Clinton has been impeached and the sky didn't fall. Nor will it fall when the Senate takes up impeachment.



CHARLEY REESE

It will not fall if the senators boot him out of office, which at the present moment, I doubt they will do.

These days one has to become an expert in the varieties of hiefery dust.

The Democrats, the party of slime, gave up addressing the issues. Following the orders of the sociopath in chief, they just attacked Republicans. The lame arguments they put forth are interesting for their lack of logic and seamy sophistry.

One was that you shouldn't impeach the president while the president has unconstitutionally committed troops to combat. Seems to me that's yet another reason to impeach him. Besides, most of the

troops despise Clinton. And besides again, Democrats, unaware of the Constitution it seems, have forgotten that America's military does not involve itself in politics.

Another lame argument is that impeachment is a coup d'etat, aimed at overthrowing the election. By that logic, all elected officials should be exempt from criminal prosecution because every time one of them gets caught committing a felony, that's overturning an election. Only a constituent of the Democratic Party would swallow that bilge.

The funniest of their arguments is that it was a partisan vote. Of course. Democrats made sure it would be. Still, five Democrats voted for impeachment, and some Republicans on some of the articles voted against it. That's bipartisan.

The White House-dictated strategy from day one was to charge the Republicans with being partisan. Democrats staged a walkout, arranged Hillary Clinton's trip to the Hill, and attended the pep rally at the White House. All of that was a planned series of partisan maneuvers and photo ops

to further the propaganda campaign. Anything to distract the public from the substance of the charges.

In desperation, on some occasions some Democrats would say, "Okay, even if he did commit perjury, that doesn't rise to the level of an impeachable offense." Give 'em credit for creating a new cliché. They never say, of course, which felonies do rise to the level of an impeachable offense. Apparently their idea of the presidency is that there are some crimes the president is permitted to commit and some crimes he's not, though they don't spell out which crimes are OK and which are no-nos.

The Constitution makes no such fine distinctions. It says simply treason or other high crimes and misdemeanors. Perjury, which nets an ordinary soul hard prison time, certainly rises to and above the level of misdemeanors.

Of course, having lived through Watergate, I can tell you that no Democrat, no liberal, no newspaper ever lamented back then "that we must not drag the country through an impeachment process." No sir, they were eager to lynch

Richard Nixon. And they were enjoying every second of it.

When Nixon was in the cross-hairs, nobody complained about the country's business being held up while Congress dealt with impeachment. That, too, is a pitiful argument now being used by the indefensible Clinton defenders. In the first place, impeachment is the country's business. In the second, since Congress works with the speed of chilled molasses, we won't notice any difference. Congress never gets its work done on time even when the members aren't considering impeachment.

Clinton at least can be proud of his defenders — Larry Flynt, the pornographer; assorted actors, one of whom, Alec Baldwin, has called for the murder of Rep. Henry Hyde and his family (let's see if the Justice Department prosecutes Baldwin for threatening a federal official); the hypocritical feminists; the gay lobby; and the shameless Democrats. Looks to me like a conspiracy by left-wing extremists to keep the bad guy in office.

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Strange things predicted in '99

If you think 1998 was a strange year, just imagine what the next 12 months will bring. Here's my forecast for 1999.

Jan. 25, President Clinton orders 830 Cruise missiles fired at the tiny kingdom of Bhutan, nestled in the Himalayan mountains between India and Tibet.



LINDA CHAVEZ

In a televised speech, the president says the Bhutanese army, consisting of 23 arming yak divisions, poses a serious threat to world peace and stability. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart rejects any connection between the bombing and the start of the president's impeachment trial in the Senate, scheduled to begin tomorrow.

Feb. 8, in a surprise move, the White House announces that the president is replacing his entire impeachment defense team. The president's new lawyers, Johnnie Cochran and Barry Scheck, are expected to make a vigorous defense, arguing that the FBI lab tampered with evidence in order to frame the president.

June 21, the Senate defeats both articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton by a vote of 83-17. In an unrelated incident, the new female publisher of Hustler magazine, Susan MacDougal, announces that the July issue of the magazine, which was expected to include compromising photos of 38 Republican

Cochran also is expected to introduce a letter signed by 4,572 historians and 811 Nobel prize winners in science attesting that in all likelihood the DNA is actually Thomas Jefferson's.

April 1, in a new spirit of bipartisanship, Senate Republicans agree to replace presiding impeachment judge Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who stepped down this week, with Judge Wapner. "What better jurist than the man who presided over the People's Court to judge the People's President, a man who wants nothing more than to get this mess over with so that he can get back to doing the People's Business," said Larry Flynt, the new White House communications director. Flynt denied any connection between Rehnquist's departure and the recent publication on the White House web site of photos of the Chief Justice skinny dipping with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the fountain outside the Supreme Court.

May 24, Johnnie Cochran instructs defense witness Monica Lewinsky to retire to the Senate cloak room to try on the infamous blue dress. When the zipper breaks, Cochran admonishes the Senate: "If the dress don't fit, you must acquit."

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and 12 Democrat senators, was entirely destroyed in an early morning fire at a printing plant near Mena, Ark.

July 4, President Clinton signs the 27th Amendment to the Constitution to repeal the two-term limit on the presidency. Vice President Al Gore is absent from the Rose Garden ceremony.

Oct. 1, President Clinton announces that he will begin a new initiative to put 100,000 new midnight basketball referees on the job by the year 2005. This is the president's 89th popular "100,000 initiative" since taking office. His last proposal, to increase the minimum wage to \$100,000 a year, is credited with boosting the president's approval rating to a record 98 percent.

Nov. 25, President Clinton signs an executive order abolishing Thanksgiving as a federal holiday. Although the White House has issued no formal statement on the matter, friends of the first family claim the idea was Hillary Rodham Clinton's. The First Lady is reported to believe that the Puritans at Plymouth were charter members of the right-wing conspiracy which tried to destroy her husband.

Dec. 31, the Republican-controlled Congress fails to pass a budget, and the government once again shuts down. Mrs. Clinton decides to attend the annual New Year's eve Renaissance Weekend bash at Hilton Head, S.C., leaving the president alone back at the White House to attend to more important matters.

"Hey Betty, before you leave, send that intern in with the pizza, will ya?"

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IN BRIEF

YMCA holding training clinic for hoops coaches

The Big Spring YMCA will be holding a free training clinic for all youth recreation coaches on Saturday.

The seminar will be from 1-3 p.m. following a noon coaches' meeting.

For more information, contact Cindy at 267-8234.

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 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

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

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses.

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.

UConn remains No. 1 in AP women's poll

Connecticut remained a solid No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, though the Huskies' margin wasn't quite as overwhelming as their last victory.

One day after rolling to a school record for victory margin in a 117-20 rout of Quinnipiac, Connecticut received 38 of a possible 41 first-place votes to lead a top seven that stayed the same for the second straight week.

The poll had the same 25 teams for the third consecutive week.

Connecticut (9-0) totaled 1,022 points in the voting by a national media panel — 36 more than Tennessee (9-1), which received the three other first-place votes. UConn has been No. 1 for six straight weeks after Tennessee and Purdue each led the poll for one week.

Purdue (8-1) was third with 942 points and Georgia (10-0) was fourth with 878, followed by Louisiana Tech, North Carolina and Notre Dame. Texas Tech won three games in Hawaii and climbed two places to eighth, UCLA fell one place to ninth after losing at Tennessee and Clemson moved up one spot to 10th.

Colorado State slipped two places to 11th after suffering its first loss, 80-75 to California.

Penn State held at No. 12 and Old Dominion remained 13th. Then it was Alabama, Rutgers, Virginia Tech and Duke, followed by Iowa State, Nebraska, Florida, Kansas, Virginia, Memphis, Santa Clara and George Washington completing the Top 25.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE FOOTBALL

4 p.m. — Music City Bowl, Virginia Tech vs. Alabama (ESPN).
6:30 p.m. — MICRON PC Bowl, Miami vs. North Carolina State (TBS).
7:30 p.m. — Alamo Bowl, Kansas State vs. Purdue (ESPN).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 p.m. — Pete Newell Challenge, North Carolina vs. California (FXS).
10:30 p.m. — Pete Newell Challenge, Temple vs. Stanford (FXS).

'Bubba' Franks earns spot on All-Big East first team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Former Big Spring Steers star Daniel 'Bubba' Franks, currently in his second season as tight end for the Miami Hurricanes, has earned first-team All-Big East Conference honors.

Franks, who earned the starting tight end's position on the Hurricanes' young offensive front with a strong showing as a red-shirt freshman in 1997, caught 13 passes for 179 yards and three touchdowns during Miami's 8-3 regular season, but was primarily honored for his blocking abilities.

The Hurricanes head into tonight's MICRON PC Bowl against North Carolina State's Wolfpack having aver-

aged 186.1 yards per game rushing with the 6-foot-6, 245-pound Franks and tackles Joaquin Gonzalez, the All-Big East rookie of the year, and Richard Mercier, also a first-team all-conference pick, clearing the way for running back Edgerrin James to average 111.7 yards per game.

Edgerrin was Miami's third player named to the all-conference first team, joining West Virginia's Amos Zereoue, Boston College's Mike Cloud and Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb in the offensive backfield.

McNabb was named the conference's offensive player of the year, the third time for him to win the award after leading the Orangemen to their third consecutive Big East title. He finished the season with 2,134 yards passing and 22

touchdowns while rushing for 438 yards and another eight scores.

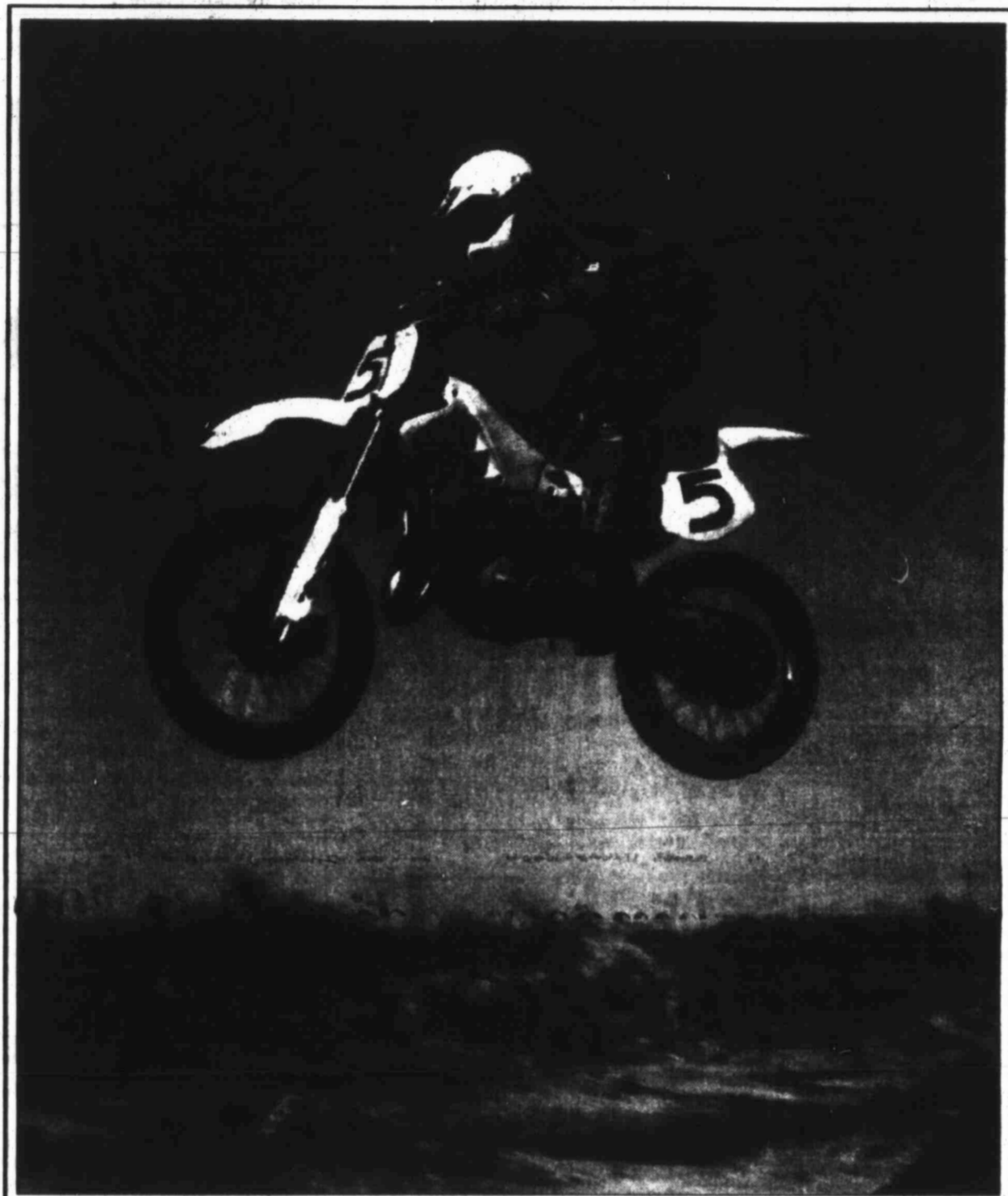
Virginia Tech defensive end Corey Moore was named the conference's defensive player of the year. He led the conference in quarterback sacks with 14, the second best in Big East history, and keyed the Hokie defense that led the league in fewest yards allowed.

1998 ALL-BIG EAST FOOTBALL TEAM
First Team Offense
Wide receivers: Shawn Foreman, 6-1, 205, Sr., West Virginia; Latief Grim, 5-11, 180, Soph., Pittsburgh; Kevin Johnson, 5-11, 196, Sr., Syracuse.
Tackles: Solomon Pigg, 6-6, 300, Jr., West Virginia; Richard Mercier, 6-2, 290, Jr., Miami.
Guards: Doug Breenzinski, 6-6, 305, Sr., Boston College; Scott Nieman, 6-3, 310, Syracuse.
Center: Eric de Groh, 6-5, 295, Sr., West Virginia.
Tight end: Daniel Franks, 6-6, 245, Soph., Miami.
Quarterback: Donovan McNabb, 6-3, 213, Sr., Syracuse.
Running backs: Mike Cloud, 5-11, 201, Sr., Boston

College: Edgerrin James, 6-1, 220, Jr., Miami; Amos Zereoue, 5-10, 200, Jr., West Virginia.
Player: Shayne Graham, 5-11, 196, Jr., Virginia Tech.
Return specialist: Kevin Johnson, 5-11, 196, Sr., Syracuse.

First Team Defense
Linebacker: Kentrick Ham, 6-5, 260 Sr., Miami; Chris Hovan, 6-3, 265, Jr., Boston College; Corey Moore, 6-0, 217, Jr., Virginia Tech; John Thornton, 6-3, 300, Sr., West Virginia.
Linebackers: Dan Morgan, 6-2, 220, Soph., Miami; Gary Sills, 6-2, 235, Sr., West Virginia; Nate Webster, 6-0, 220, Soph., Miami.
Cornerback: Loren Johnson, 6-10, 184, Sr., Virginia Tech; Hank Poteat, 5-11, 190, Jr., Pittsburgh.
Safety: Phil Nash, 6-0, 196, Sr., Syracuse; Pierson Prioleau, 5-10, 191, Sr., Virginia Tech.
Punter: Jimmy Kibbie, 5-10, 192, Jr., Virginia Tech; Jason Malicki, 6-2, 220, Sr., Boston College.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Donovan McNabb, Syracuse.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Corey Moore, Virginia Tech.
SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Kevin Johnson, Syracuse.
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR — Joaquin Gonzalez, Miami.
COACH OF THE YEAR — Terry Shea, Rutgers.



Duane Fulgham of Big Spring flies past a jump during his first-place finish at a 125cc division motocross race in Midland on Sunday. Fulgham is a student at Runnels Junior High School.

Lady Steers, Bulldogettes open tourney

HERALD Staff Reports

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers and Coahoma's Bulldogettes had decidedly different experiences Monday during their opening-round games at the Abilene High Girls' Basketball Invitational.

The Lady Steers, playing Abilene's host Lady Eagles, suffered a 66-22 defeat, while the Bulldogettes took an 85-79 win over Lamesa's Lady Tors.

After getting off to a slow start in the first quarter, the Lady Steers found themselves on the short end of a 10-4 score, but the worst was yet to come.

While Big Spring found its range, scoring 11 points in the second quarter, the Lady Eagles scored 26 of their own to take a 36-15 edge into the halftime intermission.

Big Spring then went ice cold in the final two periods, while Abilene poured on the coals in improving its record to 12-3.

The Lady Steers were paced by the sophomore tandem of Melissa Flenniken and Melissa Forth. Flenniken led the way with nine points, while Forth finished with seven.

Abilene, however, countered with three players in double figures. Autumn Spence paced the Lady Eagle attack with 13 points, while LaSharla Richardson had 11 and Misty Mays had 10.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to face Coahoma at noon today.

The Bulldogettes opened with senior forward Cassie Tindol pumping the nets for 33 game-high points and junior post Jayci Roberts adding 27 more.

Lamesa was paced by Jaqueline Macias' 27 points. Other first-round games saw Abilene Cooper take a 70-33 win over Breckenridge and Snyder knock off Eastland 62-47.

AREA ROUNDUP

Coahoma, Stanton boys take tournament wins

BIG LAKE — Coahoma's Bulldogs rallied from a first-quarter deficit to take a 65-53 win over Midland Greenwood's Rangers Monday in the opening round of the Reagan County Invitational basketball tournament.

Blake Nichols led the way for the Bulldogs, scoring 15 points, while Ryan Peckham added 12 more.

After seeing Greenwood jump out to a 21-14 lead after the first eight minutes, the Bulldogs rallied to outscore the Rangers 21-11 in the second quarter to take a 35-32 halftime lead. They then capitalized on an ice cold third quarter for Greenwood to take a 50-35 edge into the final eight minutes.

The win improved Coahoma's record to 12-4 on the year, while the Rangers dropped to 5-11.

In another first-round game, Stanton's Buffaloes chalked up their first win of the season in only their second outing following an extended run in the Class 2A football playoffs, knocking off Wall 62-57.

After trailing 47-38 going into the fourth quarter, the Buffs exploded for 24 points in the final eight minutes to take the win.

Senior post Chad Smith led the way for the Buffs with 19 points, while point guard Kyle Herm added 14 points and Austin Kelly had 13. Justin Cobb rounded out Stanton's double-digit scoring with a 10-point showing.

Coahoma 65, Greenwood 53
GREENWOOD — Gilliam 3 2-2 11, Odum 5 0-0 13, Wornack 2 0-0 4, Synetich 1 0-0 3, Hinzburg 1 0-0 2, Ay 1 0-0 2, Stringer 1 3-4 5, Gasch 5 3-4 13. Totals 19 8-11 53.
COAHOMA — Garcia 3 3-4 9, Green 2 0-0 4, Nichols 5 3-5 15, Harrook 3 2-3 8, Bennett 1 0-0 3, White 2 4-8 8, Peckham 4 4-5 12, Morales 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 17-28 65.
Scores by Quarters:
Greenwood 11 11 11 16-53
Coahoma 22 11 15 15-65
Three-point goals: Greenwood 7 (Gilliam 3, Odum 3, Synetich), Coahoma 4 (Nichols 2, Bennett, White).
Total Fouls: Greenwood 21, Coahoma 16. Fouled Out: Gilliam, Hinzburg.

Stanton 62, Wall 57
STANTON — Horn 4 5-7 14, Cobb 5 0-1 10, Martinez 0 0-1 0, B. Smith 0 2-2 2, Kelly 5 2-5 13, Hull 1 0-2 2, Cook 0 2-4 2, C. Smith 9 1-3 18, Harris 0 0-0 0, J. Smith 0 0-0 0. Totals 24 12-25 62.
WALL — Martin 2 1-2 5, Morales 1 0-0 2, 2-2 2, Weatherford 6 4-8 18, Braden 7 1-4 16, Kitchener 0 0-1 0, Holch 0 2-4 2, Carter 6 0-0 12. Totals 22 10-21 57.
Scores by Quarters:
Stanton 19 8 11 24-62
Wall 12 15 20 15-57
Three-point goals: Stanton 2 (Kelly, Horn), Wall 3 (Weatherford 2, Braden). Total Fouls: Stanton 20, Wall 21. Fouled Out: C. Smith, Weatherford, Kitchener. Technical Fouls: J. Smith, Weatherford.

Cowboys wary of cardiac Cardinals after winning two games already

IRVING (AP) — Dallas coach Chan Gailey, who beat the Arizona Cardinals twice during the regular season, knows the playoffs are a brand new game.

"One team thinks it has the answer and the other team thinks it finally has it figured out," Gailey said Monday. "There are different dynamics involved when you play a team three times."

Dallas routed the Cardinals 31-10 in the season opener behind two touchdown passes by Troy Aikman and 124 yards rushing by Emmitt Smith.

On Nov. 15 in Arizona, the Cowboys appeared on the way to doing it again, building a 28-0 lead before Jake Plummer rallied the Cardinals but fell short 35-28.

The teams meet for a third time on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Texas Stadium where the Cardinals have lost nine consecutive games.

Dallas won the NFC East with a 10-6 record and ended the sea-

son with a 23-7 win over Washington.

Arizona earned a wild card on a 9-7 record with a 16-13 win over San Diego on Chris Jacke's 52-yard field goal with the clock running out.

"We're sure the Cardinals will come in with a lot of confidence and feel they can win a close game at the end," Gailey said. "We feel that way, too."

Gailey said the Cowboys won't make any special preparations for the elusive Plummer, who recently signed a \$29.4 million contract.

"Jake is dangerous when he gets out of the pocket," Gailey said. "He runs around and makes things happen. We have to keep containment and we have to be smart about the way we do it. We just have to keep doing what got us here. We've been in a lot of must games this year and this is a must win. I'm just glad we have this game at home."

Cornerback Deion Sanders

went out with a toe injury in the second Arizona game and the Dallas secondary was burned by Plummer for 314 yards and two touchdowns.

It took a controversial play by cornerback Kevin Smith on Rob Moore in the Dallas end zone with no time left to save the Cowboys. Smith aggressively battled Moore for the ball and there was no flag from the officials. The Cardinals vigorously proclaimed interference should have been called.

Sanders tried to play in the next game but had to come out. He's missed five straight games and was listed as doubtful for the Cardinals.

Gailey said while the Cowboys expected tight end David LaFleur to return after missing three games with a knee injury, Sanders is "in a much more doubtful category."

Gailey gave the Cowboys players a day off Monday.

Odds makers installed Dallas as a five-point favorite.

Wolfpack wide receiver looking for big day against Miami

MIAMI (AP) — All-American receiver Torry Holt of North Carolina State has at least 100 yards in receptions in eight games this season. The Miami defense has given up 100-yard games to eight receivers this year.

Wolfpack quarterback Jamie Barnette couldn't deny that his eyes lit up a little bit when he saw those statistics.

"You look at the films and see plays like that, you can't help but get a little excited," said Barnette, likely to aim for Holt as often as possible when the Wolfpack (7-4) face No. 24 Miami in tonight's Micron PC Bowl.

"That's not to say they're not good," Barnette added. "Anybody can have a bad day at the office. But when those things come your way, you've got to take advantage of them."

Holt has 1,604 yards on 88 catches this season, accounting for 47 percent of the Wolfpack's passing output. He ranks second nationally with 145.8 yards per game, topped by a 255-yard effort against Baylor and 225 yards with four touchdowns against Clemson.

"He has to be a major part of our offense and we've got to get him the football," N.C. State coach Mike O' Cain said.

"We won't do anything different with him."

Miami (8-3) will be without its top cornerback; Leonard Myers still isn't fully healed from torn cartilage in his left knee. The starting secondary is likely to consist of one first-year freshman, two redshirt freshmen and a sophomore.

"We look upon it as a challenge for us," said cornerback Markese Fitzgerald, a redshirt freshman. "You can't expect to keep (Holt) from having any catches. That's impossible. But it'll be a good game if we can go out and not give up 300 yards passing."

Oddly, Miami's secondary struggles haven't been debilitating. The Hurricanes are 5-1 when an opposing receiver gets 100 yards, including a 2-0 mark when two receivers top the mark.

"You don't go in and recreate the wheel in the 12th game of the season," Miami coach Butch Davis said. "We're not going to be able to go out there and master eight or 10 different coverages to stop one particular individual."

The Hurricanes can produce their own fireworks on offense, averaging 36.5 points. Tailback Edgerrin James set a school record with 1,416 yards rushing.

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card financially. Understand
your limits and you won't get
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through many changes within
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Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You have a lot to say and do.
Surprisingly, someone doesn't
get your message. Try as you
might, you cannot solve a prob-
lem. Friends urge you to join
them. Visit and enjoy those
around you as much as you
can. Tonight: Where the gang
is.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Spending dominates, and you
feel out of control. Don't
depend on that bonus or
promised check. Work with
what you have, not what you
wish for. A partner surprises
you and takes a counter stance.
A boss means well, even if he
is flaky. Tonight: Balance your
checkbook.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

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A partner's demands have
you out of kilter. Make your
own decisions. Pressure is too
much with someone who's at a
distance. It becomes apparent
that you think differently.
Regroup after a change of
plans. Make that additional
effort. Tonight: You rule the
roost!***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You could be overtired, react-
ing strongly as a result. Think
through recent developments at
work. You will feel better once
you decide to eat more sensi-
bly. An associate means well
but is a bit off. Listen to his
ideas, but defer a decision until
you're ready. Tonight: A good
night's sleep.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Make time to for key year-end
meetings; some could turn into
celebrations. Pressure from a
child or loved one could be
tense and difficult. You find
partners evasive at times, how-
ever unintentionally. Always
keep long-term goals in mind.
Tonight: Where your friends
are.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You feel locked in the ulti-
mate pressure cooker. As you
juggle demands at both work
and home, you might wonder
what you can do to ease this
situation. Perhaps a different
schedule would be effective.
Make a New Year's resolution
to change this. Tonight: Up
late.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Reach out for others. An
alternative viewpoint could be
just what you need. You are

misunderstood by someone.

You might be torn, feeling
forced to choose one friend
over another. Use your tradem-
ark creativity and dexterity
to ease through a problem.
Allow more fun in your life.
Tonight: Heat up the
night.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Chill out and refuse to
respond to pressure. Review
recent ideas and consider what
could make a difference. There
is a problem surrounding your
work or a boss. Be more
relaxed about what you need to
do, and allow your ingenuity to
take over. Tonight: Vanish
home.***

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Wyatt Tate Brady a/k/a, Wyatt
Tate Brady, Defendant in
Execution on the judgment filed of
record in the 219th District Court of
Collin County, Texas, pursuant to
the Uniform Enforcement of
Foreign Judgment Act in Cause
No. 219-806-97 upon which a Writ
of Execution was issued by the
Collin County District Clerk on
December 8, 1998, on a judgment
rendered in the District Court of
Pontotoc County, Oklahoma on
May 19, 1997 in favor of Mary D.
Brady, Personal Representative of
the Estate of Mary Estrada Brady
in Cause No. C-94-104, is the
owner of the following described oil
and gas royalty interests in
Glasscock County, Texas to be
sold under said execution:
1/2 x 73.5% x 5/128 royalty interest
in all of Section 35, Block 35,
Township Two South, Survey T&P
RR Co., Glasscock County, Texas;
1/2 x 73.5% x 5/128 royalty interest
in all of section 36, Block 35,
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and
1/2 x 73.5% x 1/128 royalty interest
in all of Section 37, Block 35,
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RR Co., Glasscock County, Texas.
The above-described property
belonging to the said Defendant in
Execution was levied upon at
10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 14th day
of December 1998.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the above-described property will
be offered for sale at the North
Courthouse Door, 117 East Currie
Avenue in Garden City, Glasscock
County, Texas at 1:00 o'clock p.m.
on the 5th day of January, 1999,
to satisfy the judgment referenced
above.

ROYCE PRUIT, SHERIFF
GLASSCOCK COUNTY, TEXAS
2132 December 16, 22, & 29, 1998

Restaurateurs who heed this
cry for help would stand 10 feet
tall in the eyes of us little peo-
ple. -- SHORTY FROM WIS-
CONSIN

DEAR SHORTY: As a person
who is 5-feet-nothing, I feel
your pain. However, I'm sur-
prised that a pillow or "boost-
er" wasn't available upon
request. I'm printing your mes-
sage for restaurateurs to see -
but a better solution might be
to bring your own cushion
when you dine out, in case the
restaurant owner misses this
column.

DEAR ABBY: I have noticed
that from time to time you
print jokes in your column. I'm
wondering if you ever heard

Positive results on medical
test is signal to take it again

DEAR ABBY: People who are
in treatment for infertility in
California must be tested for
sexually transmitted diseases.
Much to our shock, my hus-
band tested positive for hepatis
B, which is typically trans-
mitted via sexual con-
tact. Because we knew that
he had not been exposed,
we requested that our doc-
tor perform the test again to
be sure that the test
result was correct. Our
doctor complied with
great reluctance - and sure
enough, the test came back
completely negative!

We had a terrible time con-
vincing our doctor that the
test should be repeated. I
hope no one else has to go
through that. Please, Abby,
encourage your readers to
have important tests re-
peated to ensure the results
weren't false. -- RELIEVED
IN SANTA BARBARA

DEAR RELIEVED: I've done
it before, and I'm pleased to
do it again. Readers, never
hesitate to have important
tests repeated, or to ask for
a second, or even a third
opinion, if there's a question
about a diagnosis.

DEAR ABBY: Please print
this on behalf of all the short,
older people who enjoy dining
out but who feel dwarfed sit-
ting at tables built to accom-
modate taller people.

Restaurateurs: Please give
us a lift! Those of us who
have shrunk with age, are
crippled with arthritis or
have lost range of motion in
our shoulders would certainly
appreciate a "boost" in the
form of a cushion to allow us
to sit higher at your tables -
or a chair that sits higher off
the floor. We would have more
leverage and could manipulate
the cutlery much easier.

As long as there are special
areas in restaurants for smok-
ers and non-smokers and accom-
modations for the disabled,
why not be innovative and
accommodate us? The older
population is increasing by
leaps and bounds, infirmities
and all, and many of us are
tired of feeling that we're
sitting in a hole while we eat!

Restaurateurs who heed this
cry for help would stand 10
feet tall in the eyes of us little
people. -- SHORTY FROM WIS-
CONSIN

DEAR SHORTY: As a person
who is 5-feet-nothing, I feel
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DEAR ABBY: I have noticed
that from time to time you
print jokes in your column. I'm
wondering if you ever heard

this one? -- CHARLES PIERCE,
TOLUCA LAKE, CALIF.

DEAR CHARLES: How gener-
ous of you! As a matter of
fact, I hadn't heard it. How-
ever, I'm sure many readers
will relate to it, as I did:

Talk show host Larry King
was interviewing the devil.
When Larry asked him what
his greatest achievements were,
the devil responded by saying,
"The world wars were fun to
do. That iceberg didn't just
'happen' to be in the way of
the Titanic. I put it there! Then,
of course, there were some
monumental earthquakes, floods,
mudslides -- and the
Hindenburg. That was a blast!"

Larry thought for a moment
and pressed further: "I know,
but what was your GREATEST
achievement?"

The devil's horns began
vibrating. His eyes flashed
neon red. He leaned across
the desk into Larry's face and
said, "Call waiting."

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to
confirm your advice to
"Confused," who lost her
boyfriend in a motorcycle
accident and is wondering if
it's too soon for her to get
involved with another man.

I lost my husband of six
years the same way. I can
tell her from experience that
six months is too soon to
become involved. Grieving
people are very vulnerable.
The first advice grief coun-
selors give is, "Make no
serious life decisions for
at least one year after the
death of a loved one."

Some very poor decisions
can result if they are made
while grieving. I married my
second husband two years after
my first husband died because
of an overwhelming need to
feel connected. I divorced him
two years later.

My advice to "Confused" is:
Involve yourself with a group
of people so you don't become
emotionally dependent on one
person. Although loneliness
can become overwhelming and
the need to reach out is very
powerful, give yourself some
time. You will be doing your-
self -- and the young man -- a
favor. -- A WISER WIDOW
NOW

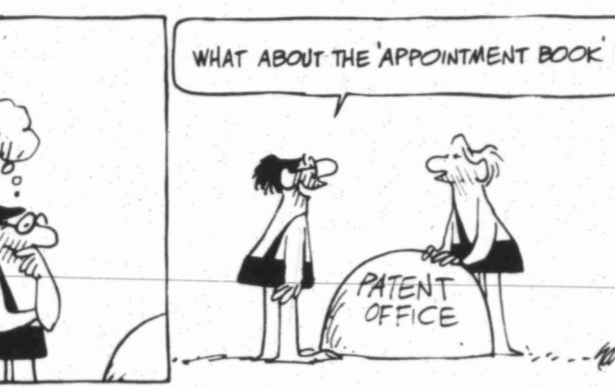
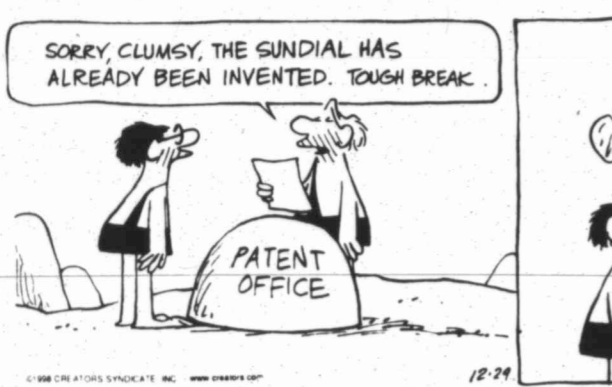
DEAR WIDOW: Thank you
for writing. I hope "Confused"
sees your letter. Your hard-
won wisdom could spare a
younger woman unnecessary
pain.

TUESDAY												DEC. 29											
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6:30 PM News (CC) Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	Show-Funny New Addms	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seintght (CC)	Roseanne College	Gotita de Amor	Movie: Toothless	Waltons (CC)	Target Movie:	Like Son	Menace (CC)	Harold-Victory John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	ER (CC)	Last Word Sports News	Alabama vs. Virginia Tech	(CC)	Planet Groove		
7:30 PM Home Imp. Hughteys	King of the Hill Furniest	Nova (CC)	Life, Camera Life, Camera	Movie: The Bodyguard	Home Imp. Hughteys	3rd Rock-Sun Newsradio	Football: Micron.PC	Vivo por Elena	(-35) Movie:	Country Dances	Walking and Talking (CC)	Movie: Beverly Hills	Movie: Midnight in the Garden of Good and	Light of the Southwest	Biography	Storm Warning!	Best of WCW '98 (CC)	Hardcore Football	(CC) College	(-15) When Dinosaurs	BET Soundstage		
8:30 PM Spin City (CC) Sports Night	World Records	Surviving the Bottom Line	World's Greatest	(CC)	Spin City (CC) Sports Night	Just Shoot Me Will & Grace	Bowl -- Teams TBA	Mentira	Angels in the Endzone	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Welcome to	Ninja (CC) Hangin' With	the Garden of Good and		Inside Story	New Detectives	College Basketball: Pete	Football: Alamo Bowl	Football: Earth (CC) Thea	Sun, the Moon and the Stars	ComiView		
9:30 PM NYPD Blue (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Magic III			NYPD Blue (CC)	Dateline (CC)	(CC)	Primer Impacto Nac.	Friends-AIDS	Video Play-back: TNM	the Dollhouse Movie: End of	the Home-boys (CC)	Evil (CC) This Red Line	News Life in Ward	Poirot	FBI Files		vs. UNC College	Purdue (CC)	Movie: Superhero II	BET Tonight		
10:30 PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club	News (-35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Movie: Highlander	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni.	Walk Disney Presents	Dallas (CC)	Summer	Movie: In the Company of	Hookers: Going Out Again	Something Good	Law & Order (CC)	Storm Warning!	Movie: Hoffa						
11:30 PM Politically Inc. Hollywood	Cops (CC) Newsradio	Movie: The Hustler	AXN Life, Camera	Show (CC) Married...With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) Late		Mucho Gusto	Zorro (CC) Disney Album	(-05) Movie: Hazzard (CC)	Dead Tides	Men Hot Springs	(10:55) The Dentist II	Crystal Lyons Aquilla Nash	Biography	New Detectives		Basketball: Stanford vs.	Sportscenter (CC)	(CC)	Sparks (CC) 27 (CC)		
12:00 AM (12:06) Ricki Lake	Judge-Brown	Marin (CC)	Paid Program	Late Late Show	Roseanne Show	Night (CC) (31) News	(-25) Movie:	Gordo y Flaca El Blablazo	The Last Flight of	Prime Time Country (CC)	(CC)	Women (-45) Movie:	(-40) Movie: A	Faith Pleases God	Inside Story	FBI Files		Temple Sports News	College Basketball	(12:15) When Dinosaurs	Midnight Love		

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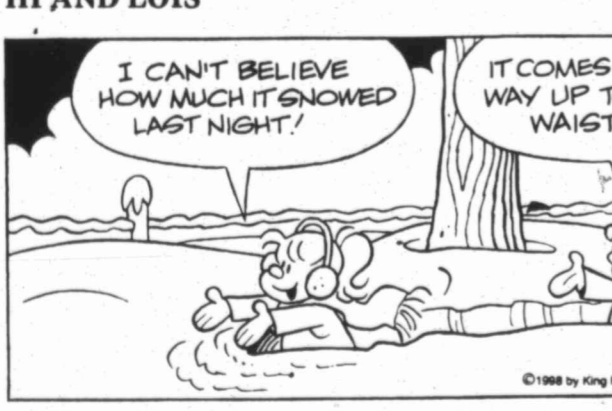
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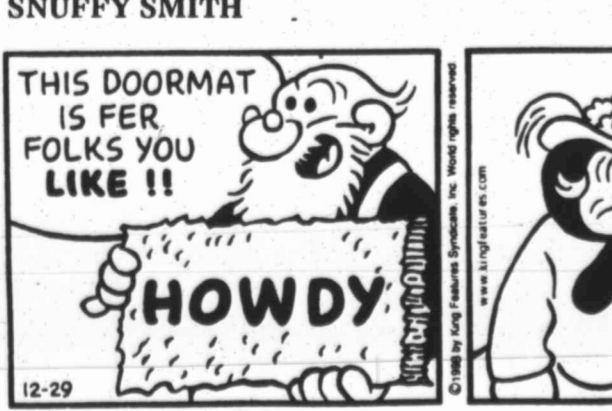
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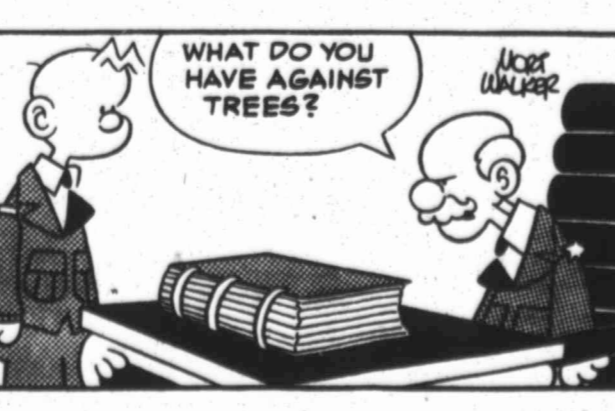
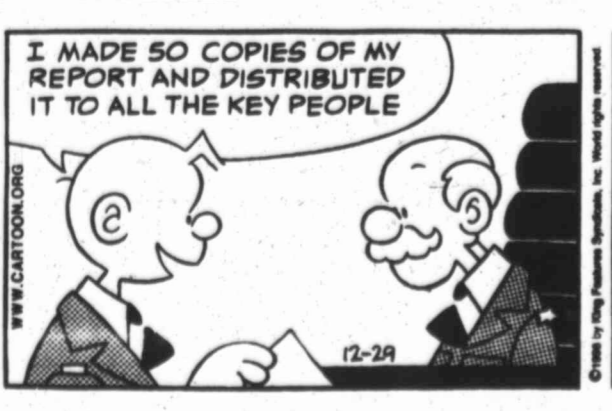
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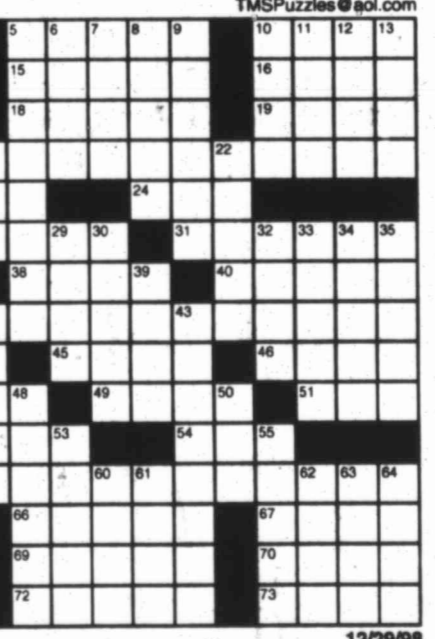
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 1998. There are

two days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state. On this date: In 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in England.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C. In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812. In 1837, Canadian militiamen destroyed the Caroline, a U.S. steamboat docked at Buffalo, N.Y.

THE Daily Crossword

- Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
- ACROSS
- Road safety grp.
 - Littlenecks, e.g.
 - Witty remark
 - Abu Dhabi leader
 - Weird
 - Hodgepodge
 - Volcanic flow
 - River nymph
 - Body toss
 - 1975 hit by Shirley
 - In the past
 - Novelist Levin
 - Sch. near Harvard
 - Spoken
 - Trousers
 - Mineral deposits
 - Pennsylvania port
 - Stand by
 - 1964 Beach Boys hit
 - Provide with income
 - Small town
 - Span
 - Opera song
 - Florida city
 - Passover repeats
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 - 1987 Motley Cru hit
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In 1851, the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized, in Boston. In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as some 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them. In 1934, Japan renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and the London Naval Treaty of 1930. In 1940, during World War II, Germany began dropping incendiary bombs on London. In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas, Nev. In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people. In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died at his home in Sussex, England, at age 92. In 1996, war-weary guerrilla and government leaders in Guatemala signed an accord ending 36 years of civil conflict. Ten years ago: The Federal Aviation Administration, responding to the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, announced tightened security measures for U.S. air carriers at 103 airports in the Middle East and Western Europe. Five years ago: Nearly three weeks after the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was repaired by the crew of the space shuttle Endeavour, scientists reported "absolutely no sign of problems." One year ago: Hong Kong began killing 1.4 million chickens to stem the spread of a mysterious bird flu that had already killed four people. Today's Birthdays: ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 64. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 61. Actor Jon Voight is 60. Country singer Ed Bruce is 58. Rock musician Ray Thomas (The Moody Blues) is 57. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 52. Jockey Laffit Pincay is 52. Actor Ted Danson is 51. Actor Jon Polito is 48. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 47. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 39. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 37. "Soul Train" host Mystro Clark is 32. Actor Jason Gould is 32. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips (Toad The Wet Sprocket) is 28.