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## Appraisal board meets Wednesday

Howard County Appraisal District board will convene at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at 315 Main St. Organization of the board is on the agenda. The chief appraiser's report will be presented. Other items are approval of the financial report, travel expenses, bills and minutes.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room.
- Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.
- Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

### TUESDAY

- Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
- Eagles lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
- Texas author Herb Marlow will be at Moss Elementary School at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m.

### 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.
- Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third.
- Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.
- American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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## Community groups, individuals are urged to help lighting committee feed Wilderness Camp inmates

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Comanche Trail Festival of Lights committee will be feeding the Wilderness Camp inmates on Friday and is asking the community to participate.

"They (the inmates) did the majority of the work in hanging



SIMMONS

the lights for the Festival of Lights in December, and this is a small way to say thanks," said Pat Simmons, director of the annual lighting project.

The group plans to feed approximately 125 inmates and personnel. Simmons said the committee is planning to make the feed a quarterly project.

"They would truly enjoy a home-cooked meal. We need help now and in the future, so this is your opportunity, if you would like to take part," said Simmons.

"They have done so much for our

community, not only in clearing trash and vacant lots, but at the golf course and park. They also assist the city in many areas with welding and upkeep of our dumpsters, to name just a few of the jobs they do for us," said Simmons.

Organizations, churches, clubs and individuals interested in helping with the project on Friday or in March, June, September and December are asked to call Simmons at 263-4607.

Friday's lunch will be held at 1 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Erica Thixton, left, and Carol Lewis watch Vance Weaver, center, work a homemade toothpick for one of the many chili samplers at this year's Boss Hog Chili Cookoff on Saturday.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
This orange tabby cat is a regular feature at Bob's Custom Woodwork. The cat rushes to the door and greets all incoming customers with a purr and an invitation for a scratch.

## Law enforcement on council's mind

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Law enforcement matters comprise the majority of business confronting Big Spring City Council members, who convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Set for final reading is a resolution in which the council is expected to accept a \$55,203 special law enforcement grant to help fund a juvenile gang suppression unit in the police department.

On first reading, the council will consider authorizing expenditures from the capital revolving fund for police vehicles and equipment for the police department. Council members are going to be asked to free up a little more than \$126,000 for the purchase of the vehicles and equipment.

In one other law enforcement-related matter, the city will discuss the mayor's special task force fund to combat vandalism and graffiti.

In addition to the police vehicles, the council will also consider on first reading resolutions allowing for the purchase of two crew cab trucks for the utility department, an expense of about \$49,000, and a sanitation truck for the sanitation collection department at just under

\$107,000.

The mayor is expected to be authorized to execute employment agreements between the city and the city attorney and municipal court judge.

Old business includes ordinances and resolutions involving three pieces of property and approval of the investment report.

The city manager's report, previous minutes and vouchers fill out the agenda.

Council members will adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation following their regular meeting and reconvene in open session to take action, if necessary.

## Gun at school

### Goliad student facing expulsion after bringing .45 caliber gun on campus

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

A Goliad student was found to be in possession of a .45 caliber hand gun while at school Friday.

Now the 12-year-old youth faces charges with the juvenile authorities, as well as expulsion from the school.

"We will follow the school code of conduct, which includes disciplinary measures and calls for expulsion for a possession of a fire arm," said Brenda Gainey, principal of Goliad.

Gainey said the incident happened when it was reported to office personnel that a student was in possession of a gun at school.

"We investigated, recovered the gun, called the authorities and he was taken into custody,"

she said.

A campus security code prescribed continued classes for all students while the incident was being investigated and the fire arm located, she said.

This allowed no panic or concern for the students at Goliad and resulted in no upset to the school routine, she said.

"I am very pleased we found the gun and I am very pleased with the way the staff handled the situation. We handled it very efficiently and very well," she said.

The hand gun was not loaded at the time, she said. Gainey said she could give no indication why this student had brought the gun to school, nor what the purpose was for it being on school grounds.

"I really can't say anything else," she said.

Sgt. Roger Sweat with the Big Spring Police Department said the youth will now face juvenile authorities to determine what sort of punishment will be levied for the crime.



GAINEY

## Howard County VFD initiates application for incorporation

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) has initiated an application for incorporation, which could lead to the county's contracting for fire protection with the organization.

Commissioners Bill Crooker and Gary Simer met with county attorney Mike Thomas and VFD chief Tommy Sullivan to discuss the potential arrangement and reported on the session at today's com-

missioner's court meeting.

If the department is incorporated, commissioners would appoint between three and five persons, including one commissioner, to sit on an executive board that would oversee the fire department.

"This board would be responsible for the supervision of the volunteer fire department and the chief and report to the court," Crooker said.

"Essentially, we would not disturb his (Sullivan's) current table of organization," he

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## State hospital sale goes monthly, features some good bargains

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

A surplus sale of goods from the Big Spring State Hospital offers local residents an opportunity to buy merchandise for as little as \$1.

"Our minimum bid is \$1," said Darrell Cooper, therapist technician five with the BSSH.

"We have this surplus sale every month, and we'll have everything from new stuff to old stuff to good stuff to used stuff," Cooper said.

The next surplus sale is set for Feb. 3.

The sale is housed in the Recycling building northwest of I-20 on Hwy. 87. Bids are opened the first Wednesday of every month.

Viewing of the items is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday - Wednesday, before the bid opening, which starts at 1 p.m.

Customers must pay for their items that same Wednesday, but have until Friday to remove their merchandise, Cooper said.

The method of the sale is a little unusual, Cooper explained. Each person who wishes to bid on an item must first register

with Cooper and fill out the paperwork necessary.

Tax is applicable for every item sold, he said.

Then, a bidder places a proposed offer for an item on a small piece of paper.

That piece of paper is then inserted into a plastic drink bottle that is taped to each item.

"We've used these bottles three months now. We just cut them in half to get the bids out," Cooper said.

The item is then awarded to the highest bidder, for that amount plus tax, he said.

A surplus sale is not new to the BSSH, but until the end of last year, the sales were conducted on a yearly basis.

Now, these sales will be every month, he said.

"The first month, in November, we raised about \$1,800, plus tax. In December we raised about \$1,200 plus tax," Cooper said.

The November sale offered 126 items, the December sale 75 items, and the most recent January sale offered 87 items, he said.

"We made about \$1,600 this month, that's gross, because we still have to pay for taxes, and



HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Darrell Cooper, therapist technician, looks over some televisions which were sold in the monthly auction held by the Big Spring State Hospital.

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OBITUARIES

A.D. "Tony" Fisher

Funeral service for A.D. "Tony" Fisher, 55, Palestine, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Gregory A. Megill and Rev. Jeff Parker officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Park, Palestine.

Mr. Fisher died Sunday, Jan. 10, at Trinity Valley Medical Center, Palestine.

He was born Oct. 24, 1943, in Rienzi. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was retired in 1996 from the Union Pacific Railroad after 28 years of service. He served in the US Air Force in Turkey and Webb Air Base in Big Spring.

Survivors include: his wife, Sharon Fisher of Palestine; his mother, Elvie Fisher of Corinth, Mo.; three sons, Alex C. Fisher of San Antonio, Kurt A. Fisher of Palestine, and Eric D. Fisher of San Marcos; and one grandson.

Arrangements under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home, Palestine.

Arthur Carrol Latson

Funeral service for Arthur Carrol Latson, 86, formerly of Big Spring, was 2 p.m. today in the Daugherty Street Church of Christ with Jim Cox, of Breckenridge, and Ted Kell of Brownwood, officiating. Burial was in the Eastland City Cemetery.

Mr. Latson died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, in Eastland Memorial Hospital, Eastland.

He was born on June 17, 1912, in Goliad. He married Esther Frances Latson on April 28, 1934, in Lamesa. He preceded him in death in May of 1997. He was a master electrician and owned and operated his own business in Big Spring and Hurst. He also served as a minister of the Church of Christ in Big Spring, Mesquite, Vealmoor, Westland, Itasca and Brownwood. He was member of the Elliott Street Church of Christ in Breckenridge.

Survivors include: one daughter, Rhama Maxwell of Abilene; one son, Larry Latson of Nashville, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home, Eastland.

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Lottie B. Green, 61, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Anna Lou (Meme) Brooks, 74, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

NALLEY-PICKLE  
& WELCH  
Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

Donald G. McAdams, 68, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Loraine Cemetery, Loraine, Texas.

Billy Bingham, 50, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Anna Lou "Meme" Brooks

Graveside service for Anna Lou "Meme" Brooks, 74, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Brooks died Sunday, Jan. 10, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1924, in Haskell County. She married Donald R. Brooks on Oct. 11, 1958, in Mineral Wells. He preceded her in death on April 16, 1996. She was a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ. Mrs. Brooks had lived most of her life in Sweetwater before moving to Big Spring in 1961. She had worked a number of years at Malone and Hogan Hospital.

She is survived by: two sons, Rocky Brooks of Abilene, and Herb McCain of Midland; two daughters, Andrea Booth of Vacaville, Calif., and Rebecca Lara of Anchorage, Alaska; one sister, Margie Rosenblum of Austin; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Earl V. "Buster" Bruce

Earl V. "Buster" Bruce, 76, Glasscock County, died on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, in a local nursing home. Graveside service was 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Bruce was born on July 19, 1922, in Donley County and married Wanda Joyce Stroud on May 29, 1948, in Amarillo. He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 35 years before retiring and pursuing his first love, raising quarterhorses.

He was a Methodist and a veteran of World War II, serving as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Bruce of Glasscock County; one son, Tim Bruce of Silsbee; one daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Gary Prescott of Ovalo; one sister, Sue Kent of Amarillo; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three nephews, Mark and Charles Stroud, both of Amarillo, and Tom Evans of Big Spring; three nieces, Jonita Ferguson, Debbie Maas, and Linda Stephens, all of Big Spring; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Dayton and Nora Bruce, two brothers, Edward and Emanuel Bruce and one sister, Manzanita Evans.

The family suggest memorials to the Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389, Midland, 79702.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Donald G. McAdams

Funeral service for Donald G. McAdams, 68, Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Jake Chaney, Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Interment will follow at Loraine Cemetery in Loraine. Mr. McAdams died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on April 22, 1930, in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard College prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1951. He served four years in the U.S. Navy as a Petty Officer 3rd Class before returning to Big Spring to work

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for his father, Garner McAdams, in the oil field construction business. He later was employed for several years for Cosden Oil & Refinery. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring and a member of Eagles Lodge Aerie No. 3188.

He is survived by: his wife, Margie McAdams of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Lori McAdams of Big Spring; six step-children and spouses, Robert and Suke Caswell of Georgia, Bimbo and Pam Caswell of Roby, John and Carrie Tillis and Steve and Janie Moore, all of Colorado City, Tommy and Lona Hickson of Sweetwater, Mark and Rebecca Gonzales of Mississippi; one granddaughter, Mickie McAdams of Lubbock; and one grandson, Todd McAdams who is serving in the United States Navy; two step-grandsons, including Derek and Casey Cowley of Big Spring; 15 other step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandsons. He is also survived by several cousins, aunts, uncles and a host of friends including Mary June Fernandez. He was preceded in death by one son, Ricky D. McAdams in 1973, and his parents, Arthur and Olline McAdams.

Arrangements will be under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Billy Bingham

Service for Billy Bingham, 50, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Johnny Cockerham officiating. Interment will follow in the Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Bingham died Sunday, Jan. 10, at his home from cancer. He was born on Feb. 3, 1948, in Brownfield and married Carolyn Mauldin on July 10, 1972, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and had served in the United States Army. He also owned and operated Billy's Upholstery and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs.

Survivors include: his wife, Carolyn Bingham of the home; two sons, Travis Bingham of Coahoma, and Christopher Bingham of Fort Worth; three daughters, Amber Bingham, Audra Bingham, both of Big Spring, and Kimmie Ballard of Fort Worth; his mother, June McCracken of Big Spring; three brothers, Lloyd Bingham of Corsan, Steve Bingham and Cecil Bingham, both of Big Spring; one sister, Frances Bingham of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

VFD

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added. "After lengthy discussion, we feel Chief Sullivan agreed with us that this would be a potential solution to the problems between the department and the court."  
Under the arrangement, the VFD would remain the same, but the new board would be placed over the department. "They would oversee the volunteer fire department - particularly the organization - appoint the chief for a one-year term, prepare the budget and submit it to the court prior to July 1 each year," Crocker added.  
Under the discussed organization, VFD members would select the chief and the board, which would also have just cause removal authority, would approve his selection.

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POLICE

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

- CHAD CAMP, 32, was arrested for public intoxication.
- CHARLES RYERSON, 52, was arrested for public intoxication.
- LOREE HERNDON, 28, was arrested for Albany warrants.
- THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Wrights, 2300 block of Wasson, 900 block of Willia, at 11th and Settles, 2100 block of Allendale, 1500 block of Goliad, and 1700 block of Wasson.
- DANGEROUS TO A CHILD was reported at 400 E. Fourth.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Gregg and FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of South Monticello.
- ISHELL WILLIAMS, 30, was arrested for local warrants.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3200 block of Sword.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of Caylor.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of East I-20.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in at 400 E. Fourth.
- PEDRO RODRIGUEZ, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.
- ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ, 21, was arrested for local warrants.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Owens.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 110 block of East Third.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of Marcy.
- JAVIER DEJESUS, 28, was arrested for no driver's license.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1600 block of Young.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Wasson and Parkway.
- ANTHONY INGRAM, 31, was arrested for public intoxication.
- LUIS MOLINA, 37, was arrested for public intoxication.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th.
- DRIVING WHILE

SHERIFF

Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between Friday at 8 a.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m.:

- BEN JOSEPH GARZA, 19, was arrested on a warrant for bond forfeiture.
- RUDY ARRON JAQUEZ, 28, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- BOBBY DESHAWN LOCKHART, 24, was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a building.
- RICKEY RAY WHITE, 36, was arrested for contempt of child support order.
- JUAN MACIAS BASURTO, 40, was arrested for contempt of child support order.
- VICTOR PRUITT, 31, was arrested on local warrants.
- ADOLFO FRANCO, 32, was arrested for contempt of child support order.

FIRE/EMS

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

- FRIDAY  
11:48 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial.
- 1:07 p.m. - 300 block E. Third, medical call, patient

LICENSE INVALID was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

- DAVID HENSON, 29, was arrested for public intoxication.
- RHONDA VALENZUELA, 30, was arrested for public intoxication.
- GARY WEBSTER, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
- STEVEN DICKSON, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of I-20.
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- THEFT was reported in the 900 block Willia.
- RAFAEL LOPEZ, 54, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset and 1400 block Robin.

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transported to the VA Medical Center.

- 1:08 p.m. - 1900 block N. Monticello, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 2:07 p.m. - 2000 block Gregg, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 2:09 p.m. - 2300 block Gregg, medical call, patient transported to Desert Springs in Midland.
- 4:59 p.m. - 1400 block Robin, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 5:42 p.m. - 2800 block Apache, medical call, service refused.
- 5:43 p.m. - 700 block Highland, medical call, service refused.
- SATURDAY  
1:24 a.m. - 3300 block Hwy. 80, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 2:16 a.m. - 1600 block Harding, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 5:29 a.m. - 3700 block Dixon, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 6:56 a.m. - 100 block Village Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 9:31 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.
- 1:50 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.
- 2:41 p.m. - 1700 block Wasson, traffic accident, one transported to SMMC and four refused service.
- 4:11 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 2000 block Virginia.
- 7:13 p.m. - 1300 block Wright, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 7:53 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 9:14 p.m. - 800 block W.I-20, haz mat.
- SUNDAY  
3:31 a.m. - 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 1:26 p.m. - 1700 block Owens, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 3:13 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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# Impeachment trial gets started with concerns about length, witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Senate moves ahead this week with President Clinton's impeachment trial, some Republicans are demanding to hear from witnesses while Democrats warn that testimony could spin the proceedings out of control.

The White House had until noon EST today to respond to Senate summons and declare it will present a defense for two articles of impeachment against the president.

Both the House prosecutors and White House lawyers had until the end of the day to present motions. The White House likely was to seek a motion to dismiss the case.

A vote on that would not come until after the prosecutors and the White House present their cases to the jury of 100 senators and take questions from the senators. That phase begins Thursday with House arguments and could last several weeks.

The decision to call witnesses also will follow the initial presentations.

Republicans and Democrats are divided on the need or wisdom of that step.

"It seems to me it is hard to have a trial without witnesses," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." He said this was "probably the most important trial of this century, and it calls for that type of consideration."

But Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., warned that "you could get into a quagmire, which would be very lurid, which would not be a dignified ending to this sad chapter and would not add enough evidentiary value to outweigh the negatives."

The 13 House "managers," or

prosecutors, say they must have witnesses to properly present their case alleging that Clinton committed perjury and obstruction of justice in trying to cover up his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that they could limit the witnesses to about six. Among them, he named Ms. Lewinsky; the president's secretary, Betty Currie; and Clinton friend Vernon Jordan, who helped Ms. Lewinsky get a job.

"We do not want to get into graphic details. We want to talk

about the obstruction of justice," Hutchinson said.

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said the hope there is that after the initial phase of the trial, senators will realize the case does not warrant removing the president from office and vote to dismiss the charges.

Kennedy said Clinton plans to deliver his State of the Union address to Congress as scheduled Jan. 19, even though the trial will be under way. "We have no intention of being diverted from that," he said.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said on CNN's "Late

Edition" that if Republicans, in a partisan vote, force the acceptance of witnesses the bipartisan spirit that brought senators together on a format for the trial "could degenerate very quickly."

"We know the facts," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said on CBS. "I think we are ready now to present the evidence and make a decision."

Most Democrats say they prefer that Clinton stay in office but that Congress approve a strong resolution censuring him for his actions in the Lewinsky matter.

# Can surplus be utilized to boost accounts outside Social Security?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's advisers are considering how to use government surpluses to help Americans build new retirement savings accounts to supplement Social Security.

Lawmakers and congressional aides said Clinton advisers mentioned their interest in the idea of supplemental accounts at a meeting with House Democrats last week.

"They did indicate they were intrigued by the proposal," said Rep. Bob Matsui, D-Calif. He attended the meeting with top

administration officials including White House chief of staff John Podesta and Lawrence Summers, the deputy Treasury secretary.

As Clinton's State of the Union address scheduled for Jan. 19 nears, the president is looking for ways to push forward reforms of the nation's retirement system without new political fights. Clinton has not yet indicated favor for a particular option.

Supplemental accounts would not directly address the cash shortfall expected to face Social

Security as the nation's huge baby boom generation retires. But they could help Americans be better prepared for retirement.

Plus, they have bipartisan backing.

Last year, important Republican committee chairmen — Delaware Sen. William Roth, of the Senate Finance Committee, and Ohio Rep. John Kasich, of the House Budget Committee — introduced plans to hand back surpluses to American workers in new retirement accounts they could

invest for themselves on Wall Street.

House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri also has said he could support individual investment accounts as long as they were in addition to Social Security, not a replacement for it.

Such accounts might be similar to 401(k) investment plans that many companies offer their employees.

Government surpluses could be used to provide startup money, then again perhaps over the years to match some por-

tions of workers' own contributions.

Many details would have to be worked out. Among the biggest: Who would be eligible for the government-subsidized accounts, everyone or just low-income Americans?

The idea also could meet with resistance because it would spend surpluses without actually doing anything to address how Social Security will pay benefits promised aging baby boomers.

"If we're going to have a new entitlement or a new social ser-

vice program, I'd like to really focus on that separate and apart," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "But right now it's how the hell are you going to pay for the Social Security system?"

Clinton is under increasing pressure from Republicans to present a blueprint for Social Security reforms — and particularly how government surpluses would fit in. That's because his insistence the money be saved for Social Security is thwarting GOP desires to use it for tax cuts.

# Supreme Court to hear landmark case involving student sexual harassment

ATLANTA (AP) — Ignored by her teachers and principal, 10-year-old LaShonda Davis finally turned to her mother to solve a classroom problem: stopping her classmate from grabbing her.

Her mother's help worked. A criminal complaint was filed, and the fifth-grade boy pleaded guilty to sexual battery. He eventually left Atlanta.

Now school officials find themselves at the center of a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that asks: Did they have a right to ignore LaShonda's plight?

"When it happened, it was like the boy got a Purple Heart and my daughter got ignored," said Auriela Davis, the girl's mother. "I think she showed a lot of bravery, and it's the least I could do to continue the fight."

Angered by the way her daughter's concerns were brushed off, Mrs. Davis sued the Monroe County School Board for failing to stop the harassment.

At issue in arguments scheduled before the high court Tuesday is whether the school is liable for the sexual harass-

ment under Title IX — the 1972 law prohibiting schools that get federal funds from discriminating on the basis of gender. The Supreme Court already has held that schools can be held liable when teachers harass students.

"This case is going to impact

just about any educational institution in the United States," said Julie Underwood, general counsel for the National School Board Association, which has filed a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of the school system.

"Talk about putting schools

between a rock and a hard place! Sexual harassment is general society's problem and not something a federal monetary award is going to solve," Underwood said.

The Department of Education and the National Education

Association, the nation's largest teacher union, have filed briefs on behalf of Mrs. Davis.

The National Women's Law Center, a nonprofit advocacy group, is representing Mrs. Davis and LaShonda, now 16 and a high school junior.

# Court postpones execution to review case one more time

HOUSTON (AP) — It has been called one of the most extensively reviewed capital murder convictions in Texas. Now an appeals court wants yet another look at the case of death row inmate Gary Graham.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Sunday decided to postpone tonight's scheduled execution of Graham, saying it needed more time to "evaluate the issues presented in this complex case."

The court did not elaborate on what specifically it wants to review.

Graham, 35, who now prefers to be known as Shaka Sankofa to reflect his African heritage, had been scheduled to die for the May 1981 shooting death of Bobby Lambert during a robbery outside a Houston supermarket.

Dorothy Lambert, the victim's ex-wife, said she had hoped that after years of appeals Graham finally would be put to death. She called the court's decision "awful."

"I'm disappointed that it didn't come off," she said. "It's so hard on the family every time they bring this up."

"What irritates me is they say they have to evaluate it," she added. "It's been 17 years — now that's ridiculous."

Dianne Clements, president of the Houston-based victims' rights group Justice For All, also denounced the court's decision, noting that Graham's conviction already has been the subject of 35 judicial reviews.

"There's no reason to believe that this 36th review will not yield the same results: not credible, guilty as charged," Mrs. Clements said.

But Graham's attorney, Richard Burr, said the appeals court "did exactly what it should have done, which is to give themselves more time to look at this issue."

"We're very pleased," Burr said, adding that he would push for a hearing on evidence that he claims proves his client's innocence.

Officials with the Texas attorney general's office, which could appeal the ruling, did not return a message from The Associated Press on Sunday.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Harley Owners Group cooks up another success

For 10 years, members of the Harley Owners Group and their friends have gathered the second weekend in January for the annual Boss Hog Chili Cookoff.

And, over the years, they've braved all sorts of weather — including below-freezing temperatures, pouring rain, ice, snow, and of course, beautiful West Texas weather like that experienced Saturday.

All along, regardless of the weather, the bottom line for the cookoff has been a worthy cause ... whether it has been Kids' Zone, the Vietnam Memorial, the Salvation Army or the Ceta Canyon MDA Camp.

And all along, participants and spectators alike have had fun as they've raised money for worthwhile causes.

That was the case Saturday, as the weather cooperated with the Harley owners and their supporters to raise monies to help HOG raise operating funds so that the group can continue to support its worthwhile causes — whether it's the Muscular Dystrophy Association or a family who just lost everything in a house fire.

The group is already hard at work planning its next project — raising money to buy a "thermal imaging camera" for the Big Spring Fire Department. The camera helps firefighters see in smoke-filled rooms, making rescue easier.

It's a big project, costing nearly \$20,000, but the Harley owners have successfully undertaken big projects before.

If you missed the 10th annual Boss Hog Cookoff, you missed a day of fun, entertainment, a variety of chili and the chance to help some folks who who seem to never say "no" when someone else needs help.

Mark your calendar now for next January's cookoff — and just to be ready for the weather, get your coat and gloves and shorts and T-shirt ready!

## OTHER VIEWS

Opponents of abortion-on-demand are finding out once again that they must win over hearts and minds before they can achieve significant changes in the law.

A year ago, pro-life groups thought they had found the magic bullet in state laws to prohibit partial-birth abortions.

But almost all of those laws have been overturned in a string of state and federal court decisions, as judges fail to draw the same distinctions that activists do between early and late-term abortions. So now pro-life advocates are turning to Madison Avenue-style advertising to advance their cause, and pro-choice advocates are responding in kind.

The Caring Foundation, a pro-life group, is eschewing political messages in its ads, focusing instead on the woman in crisis and on non-abortion options that are available, such as adoption.

In Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin, where the group's ads have aired on TV for years, laws haven't changed much at all, but the abortion rate has dropped significantly.

Pro-choice groups are not leaving the ad campaigns unanswered.

They are planning ads of their own that will emphasize what they see as the "right to choose" and dangers of lack of access to abortion.

The dueling ad campaigns may be a welcome development in the national abortion debate, which was short-circuited by Roe v. Wade nearly 26 years ago. ...

THE INTER-MOUNTAIN, ELKINS, W. VA

In the 25 years since the Endangered Species Act became law, at least this much is clear: The measure that has had such an impact in the West is badly in need of change. That may be the one thing that all sides in the debate, from environmentalists to the timber industry, can agree upon.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely such a change will come about when Congress takes up the Endangered Species Act again. ... Western lawmakers currently lack the clout to accomplish a major change in the measure, and Eastern lawmakers who might otherwise be persuaded are faced with strong support for the current law by constituents who never have felt its impact on everyday life.

Westerners' best hope for crafting the changes many in the region agree are needed lies in the chance that someday soon some endangered species will be discovered in the Boston-New York-Philadelphia-Washington D.C. corridor that causes the kind of problems the act has wrought here.

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# Is the whole country just going Y2Krazy?

In some states, people are stockpiling food and fuel. Others are building bomb shelters and emptying bank accounts or planning other ways to ride out the apocalypse.

There are hotlines you can call to find out how you will be affected. Therapists are available to help you cope with the grief and anxiety of not knowing if your garage-door opener will be working a year from now.

Then there is the growing number of folks who think the whole thing is a sham. That it'll take care of itself.

The truth about the dreaded Millennium Bug is probably somewhere in between, say experts we've spoken to.

With 355 days and counting before the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31, 1999, millenium hype is already getting out of hand. Nothing has received more ink than the dreaded computer bug now known simply as Y2K. More than 600,000 Web sites are now dedicated to the subject, with wildly varying predictions about the crisis to come.

Briefly, for anyone who's been stuck in a cave the last two years: During the first 30 years of the modern information revolution, about 160 billion lines of code were written to help run almost every aspect of our daily lives. Programs were written to do everything from balance your monthly



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checkbook to launch nuclear missiles.

But the brilliant folks who designed these programs were too busy to look at a calendar. Had they done so, one of them might have realized that the century would soon be ending. This oversight presented a problem, since all their programming used only two digits to indicate the year, instead of four. Unless something is done, computers all over the World will read next year's date as 1900, not 2000.

The prospect of a worldwide computer crash has put many of the same brilliant people to work on fixing the mess they made.

"There is actually a broad range of scenarios," says Bruce Webster, co-chair of a Washington, D.C.-based Y2K group. "The problem with having only two pictures for the future is that when people realize the Pollyanna-everything-will-be-fine viewpoint is not

correct there will be mass panic because then everyone will assume it has to be the other end of the spectrum."

Stories abound of mishaps while testing computers by running the clocks ahead to December 31, 1999: A 500 megawatt British power plant failed when an embedded chip undetected by programmers shut down a sensor in a smoke stack. Computers at a U.S. water-treatment facility confused daily functions and dumped all chemicals into the water at once, rendering the water toxic.

As the date gets closer, a couple of things are becoming clear:

— Cash is king.

Fixing the problem has turned out to be more expensive and harder than originally forecast. It's a labor-intensive undertaking, and cutting corners won't work. Douglass Carmichael, president of a Washington Y2K consulting company, believes "the original picture was very simple-minded." Companies in the lead, Carmichael told us, are now revising original budgets. Companies with financial or credit problems may have trouble raising the money they need to fix their systems.

Last year, AT&T predicted that \$375 million would correct their Y2K problems. Now, the company expects to spend \$900 million and has bumped back its readiness date.

— Uncle Sam can't help. He

has his own problems. Companies that got an early start on fixing the bug are now almost prepared. But some firms have resisted the inevitable because they fear their efforts will be wasted if their contractors or vendors don't do the same. Carmichael says some firms are counting on a government bailout, though there's been no sign of one yet.

"(These companies) are not looking at the big picture," Carmichael says. "They are still thinking of Y2K as a technical problem, when societal impacts are the greater problem."

The federal government itself has come under criticism for being late to the party. Although key federal agencies like the Pentagon and the Social Security Administration swear they'll have the problem corrected, others lag far behind.

The worst disruptions will likely occur overseas, especially poorer nations where computer systems are old and not easily replaced.

Says Webster: "Technologically, we can deal with this. It may take a while, people may be without phone or power for a day, a week or as much as a month, but we have the technology to fix every problem we encounter."

"Where we could see massive problems, is if the public panics or loses faith in our ability to correct problems."

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The Next Media Obsession

## The quest for fire leads to one simple solution

There is a shortage of brick masons in Georgia. If you are a young man or woman looking for a trade, consider that a hot tip.

For four years and some-odd months I have looked for a mason to work on my fireplace. My old house has been enlarged more times than a guest stripper on Jerry Springer. One of the additions grew taller than the fireplace, so that now it won't draw. Which means that the smoke pours into the living room, not out the chimney.

Now whenever I am riding around and see an efficient-looking crew working on a brick house, or a brick mailbox, or a brick anything, I stop

and talk. I brake for brick. "So," I say, trying to sound casual and not desperate. "You do brick."

"Yep," the man with the trowel says.

"And a nice job you're doing, too," I say for the lube effect.

"Yep." Then I tell my story, leaving out the part about how the existing chimney leans to port and has holes the size of Ecuador. I figure to point that out once the fellow arrives and is lashed to the job. Sometimes the brick workers politely take my name and address and agree to come look at the problem. Usually, they just tell me up front that my fireplace is too small a job to interest the likes of them.

There is so much new construction abroad that patching old chimneys is low priority amongst brick masons. Last year, for instance, they built a new Target store in our town, which must have tied up every mason in the county for months. There are a lot of cinder blocks in a Target store. One day I sat in my car and

watched as a whole anthill of workers marched to and fro with blocks that looked like sugar cubes.

I forget all about the fireplace and its digestive problem in the summer, to be honest. Around Christmas I fill it with candles, which, I figure, are better to burn than nothing. At least with candles I have the only open fireplace in these parts that smells like vanilla bean.

But in the glorious fall, I stand and wistfully stare at the Black Hole. I think, for the millionth time, about importing a real craftsman from Natchez, Miss., where carpenters and masons are not scared of old houses. In Natchez a short, leaning chimney would be a Texas League obstacle.

This fall I grew tired of stopping by the side of the road and begging strangers to take my money. So I solved the problem without anybody's expert help.

You've seen them in catalogs, or in garden supply stores. Some are shaped like fish or other animals. But most of the

Mexican fireplaces look like fat flower pots with chimneys sticking out of them.

What a perfect solution. An outdoor fireplace is easy to start, easy to clean and a great place for the cats to sleep when it's not in use. You can poke at the logs just like you would in a real fireplace. And the fireplace comes with a little wrought iron stand so the deck beneath it won't get too hot.

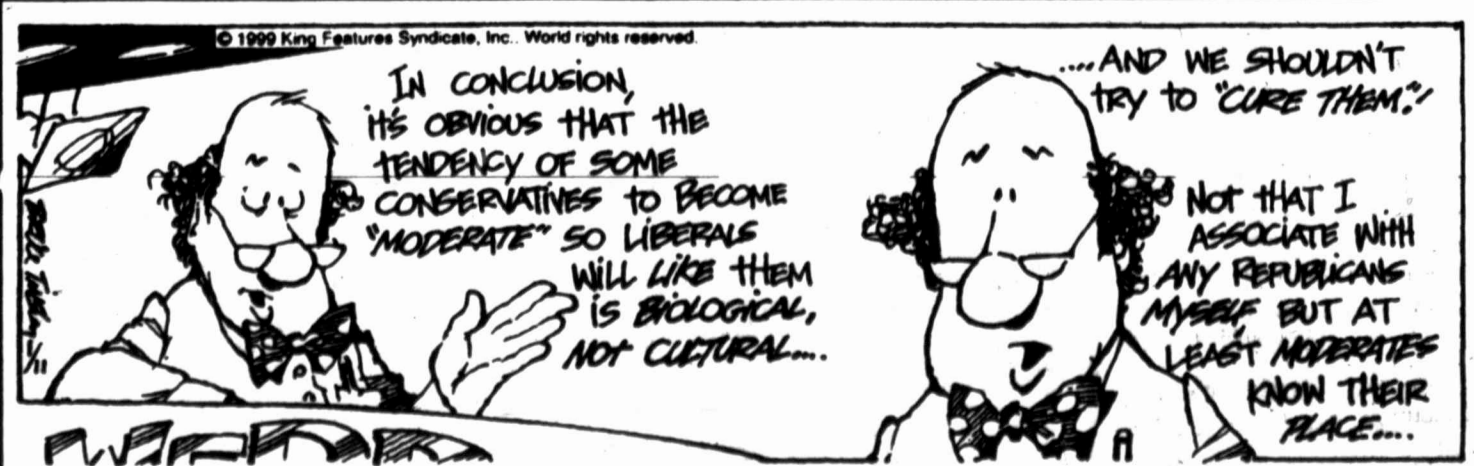
So far, I've had two fires. I sat right outside the living room on the deck and used my personal, portable fireplace. I hoped that a mason or two would happen by and see me, warming my hands like a bum at a barrel.

Sure, a few friends have snickered at the idea, have suggested I'm trying to warm up the whole of the great outdoors. Fireplaces aren't only about heat. They are a focal point, an aesthetic dimension. They crackle and pop.

I'm not sure where I'll be spending most of January, but I'm taking my fireplace with me.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Baseball boosters slate meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

All parents of prospective high school baseball players who wish to help support the 1999 Steers teams are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call James Clements at 267-1069.

#### BSHS Golf Boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Golf Boosters Club will hold its first meeting of the school year at 7 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring golfers and other supporters of the high school golf program are urged to attend and make plans for the coming season.

#### 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.

#### Big Ten puts seven in latest hoops poll

Ohio State made its first appearance in The Associated Press college basketball poll in six years today, giving the Big Ten a record-tying seven teams in the rankings.

The top six teams — Connecticut, Duke, Cincinnati, Stanford, Maryland and Kentucky — held their spots from last week, but there were some significant moves in the rest of the Top 25.

Wisconsin, Auburn and Iowa all made a jump of at least five places.

Ohio State (13-3) came in at No. 21 and joined fellow Big Ten teams Iowa, Purdue, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana in the Top 25.

### TODAY

#### JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m.  
• Odessa Lady Wranglers at Howard Lady Hawks.

8 p.m.  
• Odessa Wranglers at Howard Hawks.

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.  
• Midland Trinity at Big Spring (boys).

### ON THE AIR

#### TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men  
6:30 p.m. — Georgetown at St. John's, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8:30 p.m. — Kansas at Missouri, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
11 p.m. — TCU at SMU, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Howard teams host Odessa in WJCAC openers tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Odessa College's Wranglers and Lady Wranglers don't figure to hold any mystery for Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks tonight as they open Western Junior College Athletic Conference WJCAC play.

The No. 6-ranked Lady Hawks will get things started at 6 p.m., playing host to a Lady Wranglers team they've already beaten by 32-points — an 86-54 romp during December's Econo Lodge Classic. The Hawks will follow suit at 8 p.m., but figure to have a tougher time with the Wranglers.

It is the Wranglers' overall athletic ability that concerns Hawks head coach Tommy Collins the most.

"They're extremely athletic ... fast and good leapers," the Hawks boss explained. "They're going to press and run, so they're never out of a game. By a like token, as a result of the type of game

they play, you're never out of one against them, either.

"The last time we played OC, we had a 16-point lead in the second half," Collins added. "The next thing you know, we've made a couple of mistakes, turned the ball over a couple of times and they were right back in the game and within three points of us. We were able to build it back and win by more than 10, but that just shows you the ability they have."

While the Lady Hawks had little trouble in handling the Lady Wranglers in their last meeting, head coach Matt Corkery isn't about to overlook his team's opponent.

Instead, he notes Odessa's women are a much better team than they've been in recent seasons and expects them to have improved since November.

"The thing you have to remember is that they're still building their program," Corkery explained. "They've got a better group of athletes and they're pretty confident. I'm sure they've looked at the tape of that game, looked at where they made

mistakes and do their best not to make them again."

That doesn't mean the Lady Hawks can look for wholesale changes in the Odessa game plan.

"I wouldn't think they completely changed their style of play for us," Corkery added. "They're just going to do the same thing we've done. Look at what worked against them last time and try to do more of that this time around."

Both the Hawks and Lady Hawks opened the season as the favorites in pre-season balloting by the WJCAC coaches. Both Collins and Corkery admit their teams are among the conference's elite, they say there's plenty of competition.

"People still say we're a slight favorite," Collins said. "But I'd say South Plains has to be considered every bit as strong. They're deep in talent and playing well."

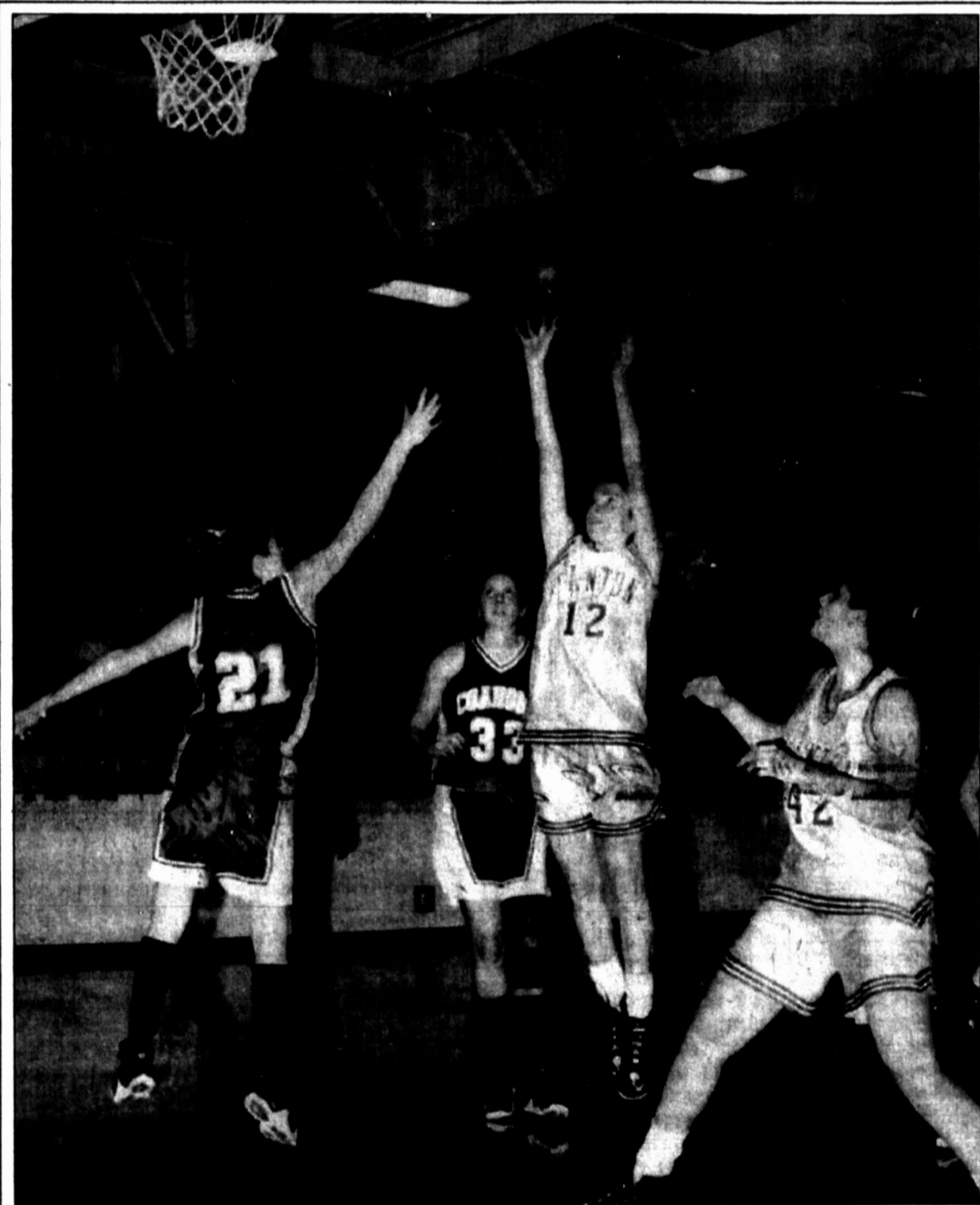
"Midland probably isn't as strong as people thought they'd be earlier in the season, but they're still extremely good and I really believe Odessa's probably the fourth team that has to be included

in the mix," Collins added, explaining the importance of tonight's conference opener. "The real key will be the other teams in the conference ... they're the ones who'll really decide who wins it all. You're going to have to be ready to play your best basketball every time you walk out on the floor or you're going to get beat."

Corkery, whose Lady Hawks will carry a 15-1 record into tonight's opener, New Mexico Junior College and Midland College figure to be the Howard's toughest competition in the conference.

"New Mexico has to be in the mix ... have the best team they've had in the last three or four years," he explained. "They went to the regional tournament last year with six freshmen. Those kids are all back and they had a good recruiting class."

"Midland has a good balanced team with an strong inside game and excellent perimeter shooting," he added. "They rebound extremely well and will be extremely tough to beat."



Stanton's Rachel Madison (12) puts up a shot over the outstretched arm of Coahoma's Brandie Hart (21), as teammate Jessica DeLeon (42) positions herself for the possible rebound during the Lady Buffs' 49-38 win in the District 3-2A opener for both squads. Both teams will play crucial district games Tuesday night, as Stanton plays host to Post and Coahoma entertains Tahoka.

## Confident Vikings continue roll with win over Cardinals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Welcome to Minnesota for NFC championship week. The Vikings were expecting you.

Supremely confident since the day they reported to training camp in July, the Vikings proved once again Sunday that stopping their amazing offense, especially in the rollicking Metrodome, just might be impossible.

And this time they did it largely by using Randy Moss, Cris Carter and the rest of their fearsome passing game just to scare the Arizona Cardinals. Running backs Robert Smith and Leroy Hoard did most of the damage in the 41-21 victory, sending the Vikings to the conference title game they've been anticipating all season long.

"I'm thinking about Atlanta right now," cornerback Jimmy Hitchcock said in the crowded but remarkably businesslike Vikings locker room. "Because everybody has been looking forward to this game. We knew it was going to come."

That will be next Sunday, when the NFL's two best teams meet in a game that will guarantee the NFL a dome team in the Super Bowl for the first time. The Vikings (16-1) will be trying to get back to the Super Bowl for the first time since the 1976 season, when they lost for the fourth time, while the Falcons (15-2) will be trying for their first trip to the NFL title game.

The Vikings are favored by 10 points — and that's as close as anyone has come to them in the last eight games. They are 9-0 at home this season, winning those games by an average score of 36-13.

The Vikings' defense has been solid. That unit did its part Sunday by forcing three turnovers, the first two interceptions by Robert Griffith, that led to 17 points. But even Minnesota's defenders know where most of the credit lies for this season's success — on offense.

"You've got to complement those guys," defensive end Derrick Alexander said. "Those guys have been putting up 35, 40 points all year. It's hard to beat a team that's scoring that many points."

The Cardinals' defensive plan clearly was to take away the big passing plays that have become

Minnesota's signature, but the Vikings won in a more traditional fashion.

Smith and Hoard each set Minnesota playoff records: Smith with 124 yards and Hoard with three TDs. The passing attack did its part, with Randall Cunningham throwing three TD passes and Moss and Carter each catching 45-yard passes to set up scores.

It was all too much for the upstart Cardinals (10-8), who were in the playoffs for the first time in 16 years. Second-year quarterback Jake Plummer threw two interceptions before he had his first completion or Arizona had its initial first down.

Plummer admitted the ear-splitting noise in the dome rattled him. The decibel level even kept offensive coordinator Marc Trestman from providing a few calming words that sometimes settle his young prodigy.

"We have not been in a place this loud," Plummer said. "The first interception was a case of me being young and hyped up and wanting to make a big play when I should be patient."

"Usually Trestman can tell me, 'First-down passing, relax if it's not there and go to your check-down.' But it is so loud in here he really couldn't communicate that to me."

The Vikings led 17-0 after Griffith's second interception. Mario Bates scored all three of Arizona's touchdowns, setting a franchise playoff record, but the Cardinals never got closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

Still, it was a promising season for Arizona, which established itself as a team on the rise with last weekend's playoff win at Dallas, its first since the 1947 season.

"We've definitely tasted success this season, and once you've done that you remember it," said Arizona running back Adrian Murray. "This season will go a long ways in helping us to prepare for next season. We played well, and this might be a Super Bowl team."

"Whatever Minnesota accomplishes the rest of the way, they deserve it. They're a machine." That's how the Vikings feel, too. They've never been cocky about what they believe they can do on offense and as a team. Just honest. And so far, no one has proved them wrong.

## Lady Vols knock off top-ranked UConn

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — The midseason matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2 had all the feel of a prize fight, beginning with pregame introductions from famed ringside announcer Michael Buffer.

"Let's, get ready for rrrrrrrrrroundball," Buffer said, standing at midcourt before a sellout Gampel Pavilion crowd of 10,027.

When it was over Sunday, defending national champ Tennessee had knocked a young Connecticut squad out of the unbeaten ranks and sent a strong message that experience matters.

The win snapped UConn's 54-game home win streak, the

longest in the nation. The Lady Vols (13-1) evened the series at 4-4 and avenged a 1996 loss to UConn that snapped Tennessee's NCAA record 69-game home win streak. The current longest home win streak is now held by Grambling at 47.

"Everytime we play Connecticut it seems like 40 minutes of intense basketball," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt. "I'm proud of us because in the last minutes we stepped up. In order to win the big games, you have to make the big plays."

UConn had two brief leads in the second half.

## Jets give long-suffering fans 34-24 win over Jacksonville

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With the field covered with shadows, the temperatures dipping into the low teens and the clock ticking off its final seconds, Curtis Martin gazed into the stands at Giants Stadium and saw an incredible sight.

Most of the long-suffering souls in the record crowd of 78,817 were still on hand on this early January day for a Jets' game, yes a Jets' game — smiling, hugging and cheering and giving one of many final shouts of "J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets."

Beating the Jacksonville Jaguars 34-24 Sunday behind two touchdowns apiece by Curtis Martin and Keyshawn Johnson has not only moved Bill Parcells' Jets within a game of its first Super Bowl since 1969, it has also seemingly restored a downtrodden franchise

team, and that's what we want to be," said Johnson, who had a spectacular game with nine catches, a fumble recovery and an interception to go along with two TDs, one rushing and one receiving. "They've got the edge, they're rolling. I think what really helped them out and get going again was losing (to the Giants and Miami late in the season). They have got their confidence back now."

The Jets rolled up 429 total yards and 29 first downs while holding the ball for 39:16. Martin, Johnson and Vinny Testaverde were the keys to the offense.

Martin had 124 yards rushing on 36 carries, six catches for 58 yards and scored on two 1-yard runs in the third quarter. Johnson had 121 receiving yards, including a 21-yard TD catch to cap the Jets' opening drive, and a 10-yard run on a second-quarter reverse to

push the lead to 17-0. Jets' mistakes helped set up two of Mark Brunell's three touchdown passes. The first came on a 52-yard bomb to Jimmy Smith on the final play of the first half.

After Martin's first touchdown run restored the 17-point lead, Reggie Barlow's 88-yard return on the ensuing kickoff set up a 3-yard, fourth-down TD pass to Keenan McCardell. A fourth-quarter fumble by Wayne Chrebet led to a Mike Hollis' field goal that narrowed New York's lead to 31-24.

The Jaguars were just as giving. A big mistake came on a 47-yard fumble return when safety Chris Hudson attempted a lateral that was recovered by Johnson. Instead of Jacksonville having the ball in New York territory trailing 10-0, the Jets got the ball back and scored.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 12:**  
Opportunity knocks on your door this year. Success is yours if you can avoid being triggered. Your ability to detach can make you or break you. Friends mean well; you are likely to expand your horizons. If you are single, your romantic life feeds off a very active social life. A friendship could develop into more. If attached, work toward a common goal together. Socializing often draws you closer. Scorpio supports your ideas and goals.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Your efforts are rewarded and come back many times over. Use your instincts with partners and in financial dealings. You might be overwhelmed by another's ideas. Think big, so you can make as much money as you would like. Investigate different options. Tonight: Get a new CD.\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Good will punctuates interactions. You win; help others do the same. Discussions are mutually beneficial. You now know that you are working as a team. Get into a project that inspires you and others. Aim high. The rewards could surpass your expectations. Tonight: Graciously thank another.\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
Dig into work and get the job done. You feel great because of what you accomplish. Be aware that more success is on the way. A promotion or pay raise is likely. Make time to socialize later in the day. You could mix business and personal life later. Tonight: Dinner out.\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Creativity is high because of information you become privy to. Be sensitive to a loved one at a distance. You learn another point of view. Touch base with others. Romance builds to a new level if you are open. Talk about what both of you want. Tonight: Get some needed exercise.\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Laughter helps you get past a heaviness. Allow a partner to add more fun into your life. Listen carefully to another; you will understand clearly where he is coming from. Closeness marks your interactions. There is a new sense of bonding. Tonight: Kick up your heels.\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Another offers all that you can and more. Distinguish between reality and what is only a wish. Letting go...

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others have a greater role in your life adds a new dimension. Discuss work and day-to-day matters. You might see the need for even more structure. Tonight: Relax at home.\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Acknowledge those who make a difference in your life. You might need another to pitch in. Charge into work; ask for help if necessary. You don't have to do everything! Screen calls, as popularity soars. A rose-colored haze surrounds a loved one. Be realistic. Tonight: Indulge in some light play.\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Let your imagination soar. Express feelings without hesitation. You find the right way to say what you are thinking. A family issue is unclear, though you might hope otherwise. Perhaps the best you can do is recognize that you have been unrealistic. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Take a back seat. You can feel secure. Quit worrying so much. You gain greater clarity through observation. Take some time for yourself at lunch. A long walk could be right up your alley. You might want to explore a nearby health club. Tonight: Beam in what you want.\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Listen to a friend as you try to solidify an emotional matter. A child or loved one pleases you. Think through a decision carefully. You might not have a complete grasp of the expenditures at hand. Be realistic. Create a budget with a certain goal in mind. Tonight: Get some overdue zzz's.\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Accept responsibility and you'll be more than adequately rewarded. Establish ground rules, but don't hesitate to aim high. Others trust your judgment. Listen carefully to a friend. They have some very special news. Another genuinely cares and lets you know. Tonight: Your smile works magic.\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
You are personality plus. Get into the joy of the moment, start working on realizing a long-held dream. Plan to make it a reality. You will find travel very beneficial. A foreigner could play a significant role. Intuition serves you well with another who is in control. Tonight: Work late if you must.\*\*\*

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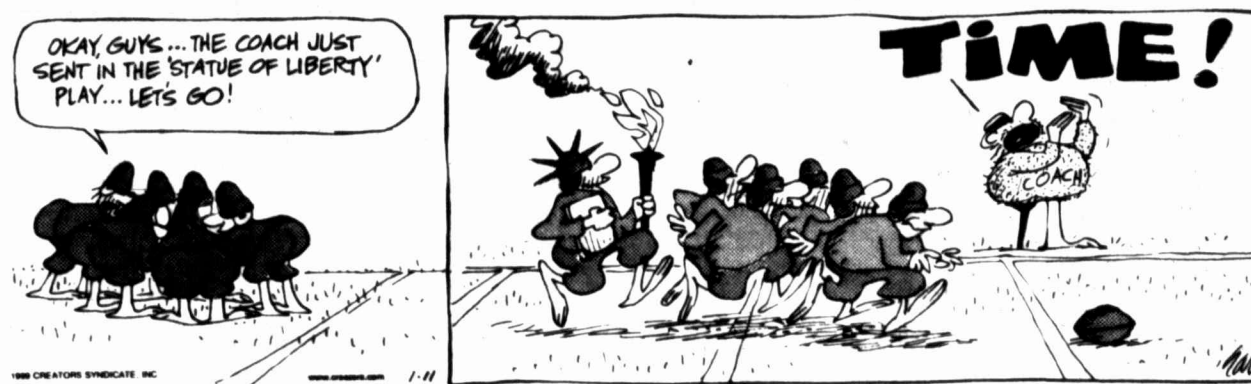
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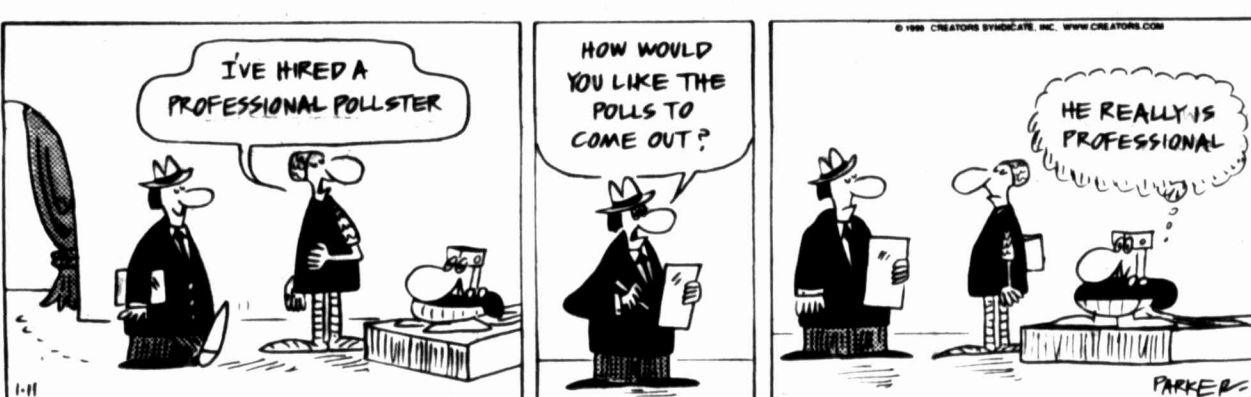
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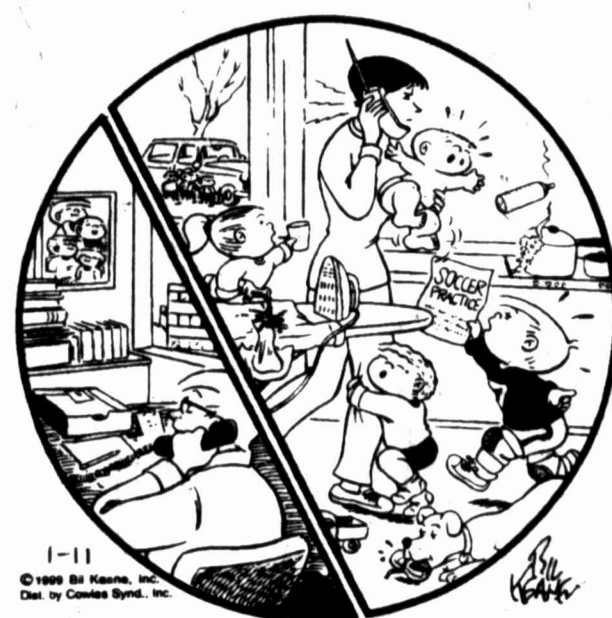
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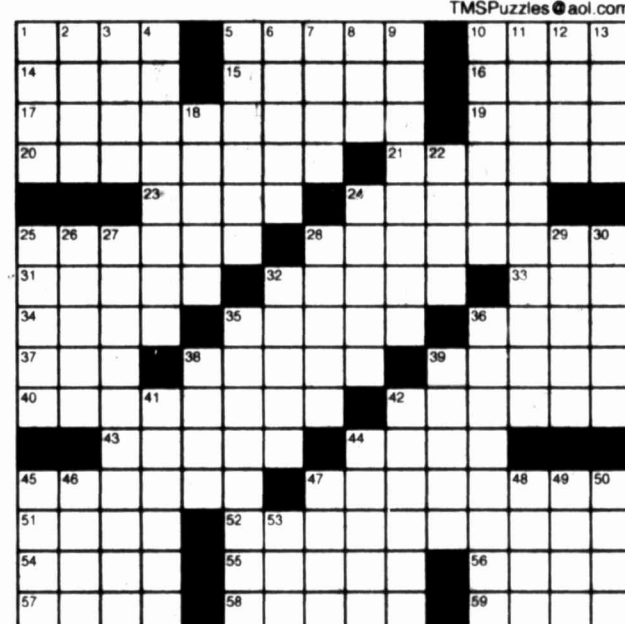
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Jan. 11, the

11th day of 1999. There are 354 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

On this date: In 1757, Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, was born in the West Indies. In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created. In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union. In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York. In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean. In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies. In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China. In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

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By Xan Lattimore Rosemont, PA 1/11/99

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In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a Palestinian suspected of involvement in the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut Six orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked. Ten years ago: President Reagan bade the nation farewell in an address from the Oval Office. Five years ago: NATO leaders concluded a summit in Belgium by warning Bosnian Serbs of their willingness to order bombing raids in former Yugoslavia to relieve embattled Muslim enclaves. President Clinton, who attended the summit, then traveled to the Czech Republic for a short visit. One year ago: The Denver Broncos beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 24-21, to win the American Football Conference Championship; the Green Bay Packers defeated the San Francisco 49ers, 23-10, to claim the National Football Conference Championship. Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 73. Producer David L. Wolper is 71. Actor Rod Taylor is 69. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien is 65. Country singer Naomi Judd is 53. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 47. Thought for Today: "If you are ruled by mind, you are a king; if by body, a slave." - Cato, Roman statesman and historian (234 B.C.-149 B.C.)