#### **THURSDAY**

December 16, 1999

WEATHER

**Tonight:** 



TONIGHT 25°-30°

**FRIDAY** 61°-65°

#### **HELPING OTHERS...**

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

If your organization has an established program to help others and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



**Angel Tree locations:** 

- Big Spring Herald (seniors)
- Big Spring Mall Al's and Son B-B-Q
- Wal-Mart
- Cosden Credit Union Scenic Mountain
- **Medical Center**
- Rip Griffin's Gift Shop Gale's Sweet Shoppe

#### **Salvation Army Kettles:**

- Wal-Mart
- Rip Griffin's
- Big Spring Post Office · Bealls For Her
- Cinema IV

#### Toys For Tots:

· Cellular One in the College Park Shopping

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## Back in the black: Big Spring shows sales tax increase this month

By JOHN H. WALKER

A nine-month skid in sales tax rebate checks from the State of Texas ended for Big Spring when the December check showed a 10.56 percent increase over the same period a year ago.

The \$276,411.08 check represents an increase of \$26,407 over last year and brings the year-to-date total to \$3,450,945.16 — or \$169,637.10 down from a year ago.

The increase, based on October sales, holds good promise for January and February"s rebates — which will be

based on sales in November and from \$1,532.56 last year. December and will include the entire holiday season.

Across the region, all but one of the 19 cities and towns monitored by the Herald showed an increase in December. Only Kermit, with a drop of 11.54 percent, failed to improve over last year.

increase, percentage-wise, at 104.45 per-Coahoma's check was \$6,416.28 — more

Coahoma recorded the largest

than double last year's \$3,138.28 over December 1998. Still, Coahoma is down \$14,252 year-to-date.

In Forsan, the increase was 73.94 per cent. The 1999 check was \$2,665.76 - up

The largest rebate checks in West Texas went to Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland, in that

Lubbock received \$2,272,778.15 — more than \$500,000 over the same period a year ago — while Abilene's check was \$1,940,820.67. That represents an increase of about \$366,000 from 1998.

San Angelo, taking advantage of a sales tax increase for improvements to the coliseum and civic center, showed an increase of almost \$500,000 over a year

San Angelo's check was \$1,137,778.49.

from the state while Midland's check was \$1,018,034.60. The amount of increase in each city was less than \$200,000.

Midland's increase also broke a ninemonth skid, although the city is still down \$972,000 compared to the same period a year ago.

Other cities showing increased included Andrews, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Lamesa, Monahans, Pecos, Seminole, Snyder, Stanton and Sweetwater

December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the comp-Odessa received \$1,063,908.32 back troller of public accounts in November.



Allison Banks, Kentwood Elementary student, pours a cup of "slime" on the head of principal Dee Owen Thursday. Owen was "slimed" in celebration of the school surpassing its accelerated reader program goal of 4,000 points, reaching 4,800 points for the school.

## \$1,000 reward offered to help nab vandals of humane society property

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

With a \$1,000 reward being offered for information about vandalism at the Big Spring Humane

**Commissioners** 

approve ban on

aerial fireworks

Howard County Commissi-

oners Court voted unanimously

this week to approve both a

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flames and/or sparks, including

County Judge Ben Lockhart

"I expect the ban to last all

winter unless we start to see

some snow or rain," Lockhart

The aerial fireworks ban pro-

hibits all missiles with fins and

rudders, as well as rockets on a

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had originally signed the burn

ban order on Friday, Dec. 3.

Society, officials now hope to get a break in the case. A vandal or

vandals broke into the Big Spring Humane Society late Saturday night

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Staff Writer



Sunday morning, causing an estimated \$30,000 worth of dam-Sheriff's Department is investigating several leads.

Longtime supporter of the group Stan Partee came forward Wednesday to offer the \$1,000 reward.

"Everybody thinks this was some kid," explained Margaret Lloyd, board member. "We think maybe this will encourage someone to turn someone else in." The vandals were unable to

steal any money, even after prying open the building's safe. The group does not keep money on the property

But they did damage three vehicles, apparently using one age. The Howard County of them as a battering ram on the front gate and other vehicles. also completely

They destroyed the front gate - locat ed on the I-20 north service road and pulled down at least two sections of fencing. They also

destroyed a smaller gate inside the property. "This was just a prank to them, probably," Lloyd said. But it wasn't that to us. They also left the front door of the

building open, where the cats

are, and it was cold outside that

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# Jobs boost

## Efforts of Moore Development, community bringing 800 jobs to Big Spring, Howard County

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring directors conducted business as usual in their last meeting of

1999, and marveled at the direction the corporation has taken this year in bringing more than 800 jobs to Big Spring. "I am appre-

ciative of the original decision to fund this corporation some 10 years ago, and those who had the foresight to pass the sales tax. The results we're seeing today, we're finally beginning to see the fruition after 10 years," said Moore Development President Charles

Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development, said without such outstanding community support, the efforts that are materializing today would not have been possible.

"I'm afraid if I tried to thank 30,000 people, I would leave someone out. The really neat thing about these endeavors is the community support we've had, and all our board members, past and present, who have met at a moment's notice to make a crucial decision,' Sharp said.

With the successful negotiations that brought StarTek USA, with 400 jobs, to Big Spring, along with a solid deal with Solitaire Homes to bring another 200 jobs, and The Veterans Administration State Home that will add an additional 175-200 jobs Moore development directors count 1999 as a very successful year.

"The general atmosphere now is that we are deal makers. It may be a year before we feel the economic impact of what we have done this year. And now we're ready to jump in and start more projects," said director Max Green. Moore Development directors

were quick to recognize the cooperative effort required to bring these successful projects to a beneficial conclusion. "The workforce center has

been especially accommodating. spending hours each and every day with StarTek employees. And Howard College has also been directly involved in these efforts, training StarTek employees," Sharp said.

To date, StarTek has hired more than 200 people for their newest call center located in College Park Shopping Center. Sharp said an additional 150

people began training Wednesday, and payroll "is expected to reach 400 after the Lee George.

a Moore Development director. responsible for the remodeling construction in the former TG&Y building that now houses the call center.

George abstarned from all votes concerning the StarTek project, and said he expects all construction to be complete by mid-January George also agreed with the

other directors that this has been a successful year for Big Spring. And he foresees more economic growth in the years "Success begets success,"

George said.

Sharp agreed, while stipulating that crucial business decisions require a clear head and a sight on the future.

"Growth is one thing, but it is more difficult to grow smart."

## Business After Hours event successful, organizers say By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

More than 50 people attended the final 1999 Business After Hours at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"These have been very successful for our chamber members. The purpose of Business After Hours is to give exposure to businesses. We have businesses request hosting the event. We select the businesses that host Business After Hours on a first come, first served basis, and we have a waiting list now," said chamber executive director Terri Newton.

Business After Hours began as a event two years ago, and focused on three businesses in 1998. This year, four businesses were showcased, and participation in the event has grown as

"I really want to stress that while Business After Hours is a chamber event, it is not just for chamber members. And it's not just for administration or department heads — it's for anybody and everybody who wants to come," Newton said.

Like other chamber events

that spotlight a chamber busi-

Hours provides a public opportunity to highlight what a local business offers, as well as a chance to view the facilities and explore the business's services. Newton said that while many

ness member, Business After chamber activities do showcase a specific business, the events are always open to the public.

"For Business After Hours, the company sends out their own invitations to their clientele, and we send out invitations to chamber members

Most of the participation is

with the business's clientele, so each one is different," Newton

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Wesley and Kristi Beauchamp and Joann and Carl Smoot enjoy the festivities of the Business After Hours event, held at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center Wednesday.

#### **Opal Koonce**

uneral service for Opal Koonce, formerly of Martin County, was 3:30 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Midland, with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial followed in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Koonce died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, in Midland.

She was born on July 18, 1909, in Elida, N.M. She moved to Martin County in 1911. She married Charles A. "Gus" Koonce in Lovington, N.M., in 1929. He preceded her in death in 1980. In 1982, she moved to Midland.

Survivors include: three sons, Louie Koonce of San Angelo, Norman Koonce and Jerry Koonce, both of Midland; a brother, Loyce Hazelwood of Stanton; a sister, Obera Angel of Stanton; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland

#### Patsy Darnell

Graveside service for Patsy Darnell, 61, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at

Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Robert Rivera, pastor of Abundance Grace of God Church, officiating.

Mrs. Darnell died Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Scenic

Mountain Medical Center following a long

DARNELL

She was born on March 7, 1938, in Hale Center. She married W.R. Darnell on Feb. 18, 1955, in Coahoma. She had been a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She is survived by: her husband, W.R. Darnell of Big Spring; two sons, Mack Darnell and Gerald Darnell, both of Big

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Patsy Darnell, 61, died Tuesday, Services will be 4:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial

#### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 William H. "Bill" Shankles,

63, died Tuesday. Services will be 1:00 PM Friday at Baptist Temple Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the funeral home.

Joel "Keith Tucker, 30, died Wednesday. Services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at First United Methodist Church. Intement will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Warren B. "Bill" Westbrook, 78, died Thursday. Services will be 4:00 PM Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Henriette Louise Kionka 90, died Friday, December 3, 1999. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, December 18, 1999 at St Mary's Episcopal Church Private interment will follow.

Oscar Cervantes, 42, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Spring; four daughters, Wanda Dunlap, Zeita Daves, Kathy Sigmon and Deborah Darnell, all of Big Spring; two brothers, A.C. Jenkins and Billy Jenkins, both of Odessa; and 17 grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

#### Joel Keith Tucker

Joel Keith Tucker, 30, was killed in a work-related acci-

Wednesday Dec. 15, 1999. in McKinney Services will be 11 a.m Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church with Ed Williamson,

TUCKER

pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Keith was born on April 15,

1969, in Weatherford, Okla. to

Roger and Martha Tucker.

They relocated to Big Spring in August of 1970. Keith attended schools in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1988. While in school, he was active in Key Club, FFA and the National Honor Society. He also earned his Eagle Scout Award and while a Senior earned several merit scholarships which he used to obtain a Bachelor's Degree from Tarleton State University. During college he became active in the rodeo club and was an officer. He continued his involvement in rodeos by working for Harry Vold, a contractor from Pueblo, Colo. Keith worked part time producing rodeos on his own for the past few years. He loved the outdoors and working with peo-

First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. Survivors include: his parents; Roger and Martha Tucker of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law and nephew, Res. Amy and Jaxon Tucker, all of Midland; an aunt and uncle, Myrt and Curt Overby of Plentywood, Mont.; and uncle,

ple. He worked in industrial

construction trades in Odessa

and in the Fort Worth area. He

was a long time member of the

his grandfather, Jessie Monroe Tucker of Gordon. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, E.H. and Wilma Topliffe and Bertha

Tom Tucker of Honduras and

The family suggests memorials to the Boy Scout Troop 5, c/o First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy, Big Spring; the Justin Cowboys in Crisis Fund through the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association or the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-

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

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#### Bill Westbrook

Service for Bill Westbrook, 78, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

He died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999, at his residence.

#### Oscar Cervantes

Service for Oscar Cervantes. 42, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Other efforts:

 H-E-B Food Stores "Ring In A Miracle" to benefit the Salvation Army, Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1 or \$2 will be added to your grocery total.

 Norwest Bank is sponsoring The Giving Tree, which aids foster children. Come by and select an ornament and bring a gift back to the bank by Dec. 17.

 Isaiah 58, Christian assistance agency, is accepting food and toy donations to be given to needy families in time for Christmas. Hours for donating are Monday and Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 107-109 Runnels, or anytime at First Christian Church.

#### **REWARD**

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night."

Lloyd said board members, volunteers and friends of the humane society, who gathered Wednesday for an annual dinner, are outraged by the vandal-

"We are all so angry. We have been through some difficult times before, and things were going better for us. Then this happened," Lloyd said. "We just hope that offering this reward gives us a way to tempt someone to tell what they know.'

Anyone with information about the incident should call the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

#### BAN

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Tommy Sullivan, Howard Volunteer Department chief, was pleased with the ban : We are in a dangerous situation," he said.

The bans were approved with the stipulation that if the situation changes, the judge can lift one or both.

Commissioners also approved an invoice that will allow the Howard County Library to change from its current catalog

## BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

system provider, Broadart, to

Winnebago.

Winnebago is Windows '95 based, while Broadart is DOS based, according to Howard County Librarian Loraine Redman.

"We have to catalog books nightly with our current sys-Redman said. "With tem." Winnebago, we can catalog books automatically in the system.

The new system will also allow the library catalog to be accessible from the Internet.

Once the new system is in place, Redman plans to apply for a second telecommunications infrastructure fund grant to fund work on a computer lab for the facility.

"One of the conditions for the grant is that the catalog has

online accessibility," she said. Commissioners approved spending the \$2,780 spent annually on the Broadart system to

pay for the switch. According to Redman, the county will spend \$500 a year for the new system.

#### **BUSINESS**

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Business After Hours is expected to continue next year, and continue to grow, she said. John Weeks is the new chamber vice president of business development, and Newton said the direction and scope of the event will be determined by the new committee.

"But I feel certain we will have at least four Business After Hours events next year," she said.

With more than 400 business members of the chamber of commerce, different businesses may participate in the event without any repetition for many years to come, she said.

"I don't see us having any repeats! And another benefit from the program is that this allows us to meet with the business and their clientele and see what their needs are. Each business has its own needs, and this gives us that opportunity.

"I really appreciate working with these businesses, and with the community as a whole. This is the fun part of my job,' Newton said

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#### BRIEFS

CIRCLE SIX, SIX MILES north of Stanton on Hwy. 137, will have a Christmas light dis-

There will be hayrides to tour the camp and see the lights at 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and

After the hayride, there will be hot coffee, hot chocolate and homemade cookies.

There is no cost, however, there will be a donation box set up. For more information call 458-3467.

#### **MARKETS**

March cotton 49.75, up 4 points: Jan. crude 26.38, up 2 points; cash hogs steady at 36; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 56.47, down 7 Department reported the followpoints; Dec. live cattle futures 68.42, down 5 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets unavailable by press

## FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports:

WEDNESDAY 12:16 a.m. — 900 block Goliad,

medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical 12:37 p.m. - 1800 block E.

people refused service. 3:04 p.m. - 400 block Main. trafficiadcident, one patient

FM-700, traffic accident, two

transported to SMMC. 4:41 p.m. - 100 block East 18th, traffic accident, service

refused. 1600 block 7:43 p.m. Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:39 p.m. 600 block Sgt. Paredez, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:11 p.m. - 2900 block Highway 80, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

#### POLICE

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

 DEATRA PARTAIN, 38, was arrested on a Midland County warrant.

· ROBERT SANCHEZ, 35, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

· ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of East 25th.

MINOR ACCIDENT was

#### reported in the 1300 block of Grafa and near the intersection

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700, 400 block of Main and near the intersection of 18th and Main.

· FORGERY was reported at the police station.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Settles.

 DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson.

 CLASS C ASSAULT was reported at the police station.

· THEFT was reported in the 500 block of East 17th, 2300 block of Wasson, 400 block of East FM 700 and 1100 block of North Lamesa.

#### SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's ing arrests:

MARGARET ARISTA SANCHEZ, 54, was arrested on a charge of sale of alcohol to a minor (HCSO).

DEATRA **JUELLE** SMELTZER, 38, was arrested on a charge of theft more than \$20 less than \$200 (BSPD). EDWARD LEE HURRING-

TON, 45, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance an analog (manmade) drug less than one gram (BSPD).

## Records

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#### **CORRECTION**

The 1/2 carat Ladies Ring advertised in Wednesday edition of the Big Spring Herald for Chaney's Jewelry should have read 1/4 carat Ladies Diamond Ring \$199.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## CORRECTION NOTICE

In our December 16 insert, we advertised the CD Still I Rise by 2Pac + Outlawz as available.

Due to manufacturing delays, this title is not currently available. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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# Bonfire exceeded officials' height recommendation

COLLEGE STATION (AP) -When it collapsed, the Texas A&M bonfire stack was already four feet higher than the 55-foot limit set by university officials and, if completed, might have reached \$5 feet, according to a professor's memo released

Wednesday. John A. Weese, a mechanical engineering instructor, estimated in his Dec. 9 memo that the first four tiers of the log stack were 59 feet tall when they fell, killing 12 people and injuring

The memo was sent to A&M's Office of General Counsel to be placed on file for review by a five-member commission investigating the Nov. 18 accident.

A fifth tier, which had not been started, would have added nine feet, while the outhouse that crowns the annual bonfire would have brought the tower to a height of about 75 feet,

discussions with students involved in building the stack and examination of the center pole, which had been marked at various heights with athletic tape, according to Weese's memo.

Weese did not return phone messages left by the Associated Press Wednesday.

While there apparently is no official university policy relating to the height of the bonfire stack, John J. Koldus, the Vice President Emeritus of Student Services, "approved a 55-foot height limit for bonfire in the late 1970s," according to other documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

More than 2,100 documents relating to the bonfire have been compiled for the investigating commission and for public inspection at A&M's Cushing Library.

Before the 55-foot limit was set, the stack often reached The estimates were based on dizzying heights, peaking at 109

Officials citing safety and fire concerns in 1986 considered reducing the stack to 45 feet. They discarded the idea, fearing backlash by students and believing a 10-foot drop would make little difference.

"Since the 55 feet limit was imposed, there has not been a problem with bonfire height," Bill Kibler, associate director of student affairs and then-bonfire adviser, wrote in a Sept. 29, 1986, letter. He added, "It should be the

adviser to insure (sic) that this height limit is not exceeded. This can be easily done by marking the center pole at 55 Neither Kibler nor 1999 bon-

responsibility of the bonfire

fire adviser Rusty Thompson could be reached for comment

Other university officials had little to say about the matter. spokesman

Stephenson said Wednesday morning there was confusion about the intent of Weese's memo and exactly how the bon-

fire stack was measured. Later in the day, he issued this statement:

"For almost a month, administrators and other staff members at Texas A&M University have responded to a multitude of media questions concerning the bonfire," the statement said. "However, now that the special

commission on the 1999 Aggie Bonfire has begun its work, the university is taking the position that its personnel will refrain from commenting on any aspect of the inquiry or on any of the multitude of documents it has placed for public review."

Stephenson said all inquiries to the university will now be directed to Leo Linbeck Jr., a Houston construction executive leading the commission.

Linbeck could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

## **Hutchison files for re-election**

AUSTIN (AP) — As expected, Republican Kay Bailey

Hutchison on Wednesday filed for reelection to the U.S. Senate.

M r s Hutchison, who claimed the Senate seat in 1993, has raised some \$6 million for her campaign. She

**HUTCHISON** 

was the first Texas woman elected to the Senate. Mrs. Hutchison, who served as state treasurer in 1990, so far is opposed only by

Democrat Gene Kelly, a 73year-old retired Air Force attorney from San Antonio who lost statewide races in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996 and

With no gubernatorial campaign in 2000, the top state race is for U.S. Senate

But much focus has been on state legislative races in 2000, a critical year for both parties because the 2001 Legislature will draw new lines for legislative and congressional districts.

Democrats, who have lost every statewide race for the last two elections, have said they are focusing on winning total control in the Legislature. They control the Texas House, 78-72, and are only one seat short of a majority in the 31 member Senate.

Ted Royer, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas, said Mrs. Hutchison's presence in the upcoming election is an important one for the party.

'We fully expect that she will play an integral part in leading the Republicans to victory here in Texas ... as we continue to try to increase our majority. in the Senate and capture a majority in the House," Royer

# Nearly 25 years following the crime, convicted murderer finally executed

a quarter century after a paralyzed Korean War veteran was murdered during a robbery at his Houston apartment, his

killer was put to death. Sammie Felder Jr.'s execution Wednesday night closes one of the longest capital murder cases in Texas.

The seventh-grade dropout was tried three times for capital murder in the death of 41-yearold James Hanks and spent 23) years on death row, avoiding the executioner's needle long enough to climb to fourth in seniority among the state's 460 condemned inmates.

Felder, 54, spoke only briefly after he was strapped to the death chamber gurney

"I'd like to tell my friends I love them, appreciate them being here to support me," he

Then he added: "I'm ready." Six minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

Felder became the second inmate in as many days to receive lethal injection in Texas to death this year. The 1999 total

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Almost is second only to the record 37 executions in Texas two years

> Felder also became the 199th Texas death row prisoner to be executed since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982

Nationally, Felder was the 98th inmate executed, making 1999 the most active for capital punishment in the United States since 105 were put to death in 1951. No other executions are scheduled.

At least nine Texas inmates already are scheduled to die in January.

Felder spent most of his adult life in prison. He first was locked up at age 17 for burglary, then returned twice to prison for burglary convictions.

He had about nine years of cell time by the time he was a 29-year-old orderly working for a company that provided services to disabled residents of the apartment complex where Hanks was found dead on March 14, 1975.

When Felder was pulled over and the 35th and last to be put a month later in Idaho on a traffic violation, police who stopped

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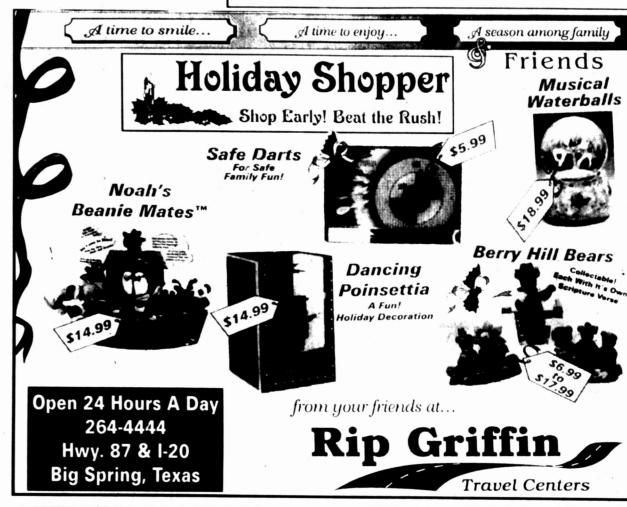
An auto accident while he was in the Army left Hanks without use of his legs and only limited use of his arms and hands.

Another apartment complex employee found him with stab wounds to the sides of his head. His wallet with \$300 inside was missing, along with a pair of stainless steel surgical scissors kept on a table near his bed. Pathologists determined fatal wounds to his head were inflicted with such scissors.

Felder failed to report for work the day Hanks' body was found and never picked up his paycheck.

He later told police he took the wallet and fled to Denver. While there, he bragged to a girlfriend about the slaying. She testified against him at his trial.

A Harris County jury in 1976 convicted him of capital murder and sentenced him to death. A federal appeals overturned the conviction, ruling that Felder's lawyer was absent when Felder talked with a Houston police detective who went to Idaho to interview him.







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OUR VIEWS

Economic future

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have 800 additional jobs by the end of 2000.

s Howard County prepares to leave 1999, the

economic future appears bright. Through the

efforts of Moore Development for Big Spring,

elected officials and others, we are poised to

Much of the credit goes to Moore Development

Executive Director Kent Sharp and members of that

board, both present and past. But as Sharp humbly

said, none of it would have been possible without the

very strong, very positive support displayed by the

StarTek-USA is expected to provide some 400 jobs by

the end of next year. The call center currently

employs about 200 people, with another 150 currently

Solitaire Homes will provide another 200 jobs, and

is expected to begin hiring in mid January. Those

these are not necessarily all new jobs — the firm is

purchasing the former Signal Homes plant — they are

especially significant in that they provide employ-

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Of course, the 800 or so expected jobs are not the

only benefit to our county and community. Howard

College has profited by training StarTek employees. while renovations to house the company have been performed by local contractors. Certainly that will be

In other words, the fact that those operations are

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John H. Walker

**Bill McClellan News Editor** 

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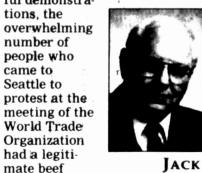
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**ANDERSON** 

The WTO was set up five years ago as a kind of traffic cop for trade among its 135 member nations, which include highly developed western democracies like the United States and countries in Europe, but are dominated by less developed, Third World economies. Its principal, and some would say only, goal is to further reduce trade barriers.

When trade disputes arise. they are settled by the WTO, which is headquartered in Geneva, by trade ministers from the various countries and the bureaucrats who represent them. There is a disturbing element-of secrecy to the WTO's workings, and President Clinton added his voice to the protestors in urging a more

xcept for the anarchists open, democratic process in the group's decision-making. The WTO's tendency to run

WTO protestors had a point

roughshod over U.S. laws unites the left and the right. For example, the **Environmental Protection** Agency prohibits importing shrimp from countries that do not use nets with escape hatch-

es for endangered sea turtles. The WTO ruled that the U.S. provision is a restraint of trade, prompting conservatives who typically mock such protections, to take to the streets with environmentalists. Similarly, Californians were outraged when the WTO ruled that Venezuelan oil could come into the state even though it contains an additive that under

state law has been declared a

danger to the environment.

When trade comes ahead of environmental and labor laws, there is bound to be a backlash in countries where the standard of living is high enough that such concerns can take precedence. What the protestors want are rules that are fair, and that are created in a forum where everybody has a chance to make their case. Granted, the goals of an industrialized economy are going to be different from Bangladesh, where the trade minister pointed out that 90 percent of the population lives in homes without electricity. Sea turtles and gasoline additives are going to

be low on his list.

The future always frightens people, and the WTO has become a convenient whipping boy for all the anxieties that converge at the turn of the century. There is no turning back when it comes to globalization. It's either ride the wave or be drowned by it. But the protests in Seattle should be a lesson in humility to the lions of Wall Street and Silicon Valley who think global commerce can proceed headlong with total disregard to labor and environmental concerns.

There has been a tremendous amount of dislocation in the United States. The family farm has been lost to agribusiness; the domestic steel industry is non-existent; and the corner bookstore is going the way of the corner candy store. These changes are inevitable, but they are losses to be mourned. And for all of Clinton's "I feel your pain" rhetoric, the government has not done a good job taking care of people who get squeezed out of the new economy.

The message of Seattle is that the world needs some mechanism to address the concerns voiced by the protestors. Clinton predicts labor and environmental standards will be integrated into the next trade round. But after the disruptions in Seattle, the next trade round probably won't occur until midway through the next president's term.

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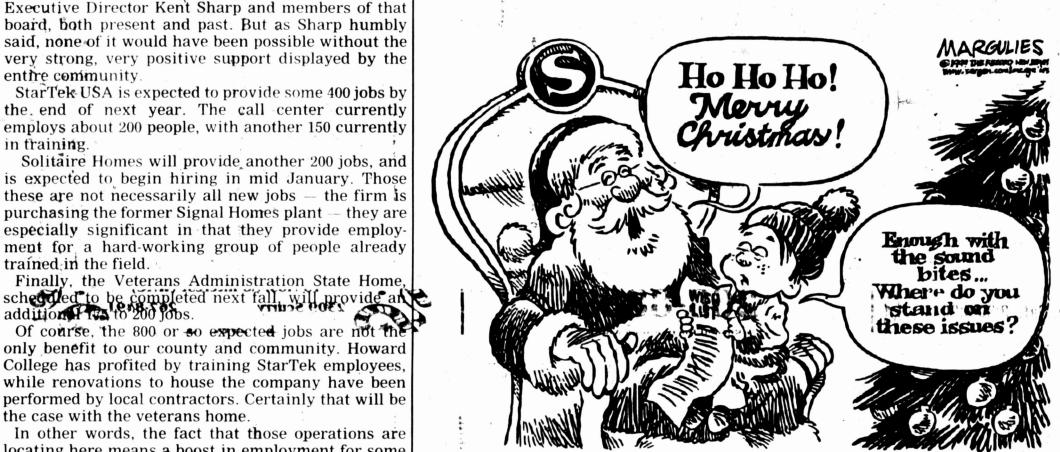
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# Growing old without aging

ran across one of those health exams in a magazine. It had questions like do you smoke, exercise, drink in moderation, cook meat until it is charred, take vitamins and are you more

than 20 poun**ds** overweight The test revealed that I would live to be **86**.6

years old. Actually, I thought I did pretty well. However, there were some weak points in my health regi-

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men. According to the test, I drink too much coffee, don't floss my teeth every day, don't live close enough to my kids and don't take vitamins on a regular basis.

Well, I'm working on improving my health situation. I've already cut down on coffee, started flossing my teeth every day and now take a multi vitamin daily.

The magazine had several articles on how to be healthy.

Every one of them stated how important it was to avoid stress, to laugh, to look on the bright side, to be optimistic.

The authors also suggested keeping your mind active by working crossword puzzles, learning a new language or figuring out a software program.

The articles talked about how many people in the U.S. are 100 years of age or older. Right now the number is 70,000. Within the next 50 years the number could grow to a million or more.

Centenarians are a healthy bunch, generally. Heart disease and stroke, two of the of the leading causes of death, are common for people in their 50s through 80s, but the risk is less for people over 90. In fact, the risk of dying slows

substantially after age 90. There are those who don't pay any attention to health rules and live long lives. A lady in France lived to be 122 and smoked until she was 117. She was financially secure, well educated and physically

People who live long lives don't have to be senile, says one doctor who treats aging patients. Ways to avoid Alzheimer's include exercise, a low fat diet, antioxidants, antiinflammatory drugs, harmones, ginkgo and vitamin E. He also says 10 minutes of meditation twice a day is good. Above all, don't take yourself too serious-

Dr. Kenneth Cooper of Dallas, a proponent of physical fitness, says inadequate sleep, pessimism, depression, and financial worry are "youth drains" that deplete energy and endanger health. He promotes reflection, laughter, Bible reading and other spiritual disciplines. Back to the longevity quiz:

To live a long and healthy life, you need to avoid butter, cream, pastries and fried foods, eat less meat and more fruit and vegetables, don't live in air-polluted areas, stay out of the sun, have healthy parents who lived to be at least 75 and drink lots of water. Limit your alcohol intake to two drinks a day, exercise at least three times a week, take vitamin £ and selenium daily. Spend more time with your kids and grandkids.

Sounds good to me. My New Year's resolutions are going to be all about living a good and healthy life.

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# Report: Beleaguered sheriff went AWOL, labeled deserter in Army files

ken sheriff who gained office in a crime-fighting campaign that showcased his military police experience was labeled an Army deserter more than 20 years ago, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Records obtained by the newspaper in a copyright story for today's editions show that the Fort Worth law officer's Army career ended shortly after he was absent without leave in 1976 as a military policeman.

David Williams, in his seventh year as the county's top law enforcement officer, has

DALLAS (AP) — An outspo- said his department has locked while his reengineered fugitive squad, which once arrested 4,000 people a year, now apprehends about 20,000. He announced his bid for a third term earlier this year.

The sheriff's father, also a military veteran, maintained his son received an honorable discharge from the Army.

"You can't get an honorable discharge and go AWOL that I know of," Gene Williams told the newspaper from his home in Norman, Okla. "It doesn't make doing. good sense to me.'

The younger Williams' mili- 30, 1972, and was stationed with newspaper from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis under the federal Freedom of Information Act. shows he was listed as AWOL on April 2, 1976, and was "dropped from rolls (desertion)" on May 6, 1976.

Williams left the service on July 13, about six weeks shy of his fourth anniversary. Records did not reveal why the 22-yearold senior MP went AWOL, where he went or what he was

up nearly 300,000 prisoners tary record, obtained by the the 545th Military Police Company at Fort Hood, Texas. He was reassigned in November 1974 to the 546th Military Police Company at Fort Sill, Okla.

> Honorable discharges are sometimes given to service members who have gone AWOL, said **Fort** spokesman Daran Neal. Law officers say some desertion reports can even stem from inaccurate or incomplete military records.

As sheriff, Williams has credited his law-and-order stance with a dramatic drop in local

plummeted 57 percent and Arlington's 33 percent from 1991 to 1998 — that helped convince corporations to invest and create new jobs in Tarrant County.

A biographical sketch following his re-election in 1996 noted that Williams "began his law enforcement career in 1972 as a military policeman in the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division."

But his tenure as sheriff since 1992 has included political battles and criticism from police chiefs, county officials and the Republican Party over his use of military equipment, his man-

agement style and supervision of the county jail.

Williams declined the newspaper's written request to be interviewed. He did not return a telephone call today from The

Associated Press. Williams' former Rhonda Strom of Illinois, said the sheriff was a good Christian who might have experienced a "religious crisis" about the time that records show he was

"That was probably about the time he was saved, I don't know," she said, referring to his religious faith.

## Mexico-based DEA agent arrested in suspected murder-for-hire scheme

**BROWNSVILLE** (AP) — A DEA official. Drug Enforcement Administration agent based in Mexico is suspected of trying to arrange a hit on the teen who had been accused of killing his

It's the latest twist in a case that involved three murder trials for a boy accused of pulling the trigger at age 13, and suspicion from the victim's family

Salvador Michael Martinez, 37. is scheduled to appear in federal court this afternoon for a detention hearing.

Brownsville Tuesday after the FBI's McAllen office discovered the alleged murder-for-hire plot. Investigators would not say whether other arrests were expected.

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U.S. Magistrate Judge John that killed my brother." William Black ordered Martinez held without bond Tuesday.

The news was a shock to Martinez's cousin, retired DEA Martinez was arrested in agent Phil Jordan, whose brother, Lionel "Bruno" Jordan, was killed during a carjacking on Jan. 20, 1995 in El Paso.

"It's another tragedy for the family since it's related to the cold-blooded murder of my brother." Jordan said. "I cannot believe that Sal would solicit

Bruno Jordan died just days before Phil Jordan, former head of the DEA's Dallas office, took over as director of the El Paso Intelligence Center. The DEA and other federal agencies run the center together.

Miguel Thirteen-year-old Angel Flores of Mexico was arrested and charged with the murder. An El Paso jury convicted him but the decision later was overturned. Two sucanybody to kill the individual cessive juries failed to reach a

him again and the boy was freed earlier this year.

The Jordan family has maintained that the slaying was not a simple cariacking but rather was intended to send a message to the DEA and to Phil Jordan's

unanimous decision to convict family to stay away from the Juarez drug cartel.

Phil Jordan Martinez as a "dedicated, hardworking DEA agent" and said he learned that the FBI arrested his cousin based on the word of an informant.



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# Tables turn: Lewinsky called to testify today in Linda Tripp wiretap trial

Monica Lewinsky was called to the witness stand today in the wiretap trial of former friend Linda Tripp, whose tape recordings of Ms. Lewinsky led to the impeachment of President

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Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, entered the courthouse by a side door and was secreted in a witness room until she was called to the stand. The crowd waited eagerly after her name was called, but it was not surreptitiously tape-recorded

until after two court officers her confidences about an affair Preston Burton, entered the were sent to summon her that she entered to be sworn in.

This could be payback time Ms. Lewinsky. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation was Clinton was wrapping up in 1998, a tearful Ms. Lewinsky ended two days of grand jury testimony by declaring, "I hate Linda Tripp.

Now Ms. Lewinsky is getting a chance to hurt the friend who

with Clinton.

Ms. Lewinsky's written declaration to a grand jury helped get Mrs. Tripp indicted on state wiretapping charges. Now Mrs. Tripp's attorneys expect her to appear at a pretrial hearing that will determine whether the case goes to trial. Ms. Lewinsky also would be expected to appear as a star prosecution witness at the trial.

Two of Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers, Sydney Hoffman and in the summer of 1998.

courthouse early today about an hour before the hearing was to begin, but declined to say whether their client would testify. Ms. Lewinsky arrived by a side door a short time later. It was Ms. Hoffman who gently walked Ms. Lewinsky through her account of her affair with Clinton during Ms. Lewinsky's first interview with Starr's prosecutors in a secret session at a New York City apartment

Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers have said prosecutors told them her testimony probably would be

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Mrs. Tripp's lawyer, Joseph any way by Mrs. Tripp's statements to Starr, which she gave under a grant of immunity from prosecution.

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Ms. Lewinsky is expected to say that her memory is based entirely on her own conversations with Mrs. Tripp - not on any of Mrs. Tripp's immunized statements.

Mrs. Tripp's lawyers will try to show the opposite - that Mrs. Tripp's immunized statements were a factor and that the case should be dismissed.

## GOP issues modest budget demands to Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) Political maneuvering over the 2001 budget has started with the House attacking Republicans for demanding President Clinton protect Social Security surpluses and forgo tax increases.

"Unfortunately, the Republican rhetoric does not match the reality of massive, irresponsible tax cuts they continue to advocate that would drain the Social Security surplus and cause deep cuts in key priorities from defense to education," White House spokesman Barry Toiv

spoke after House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, sent

Clinton a letter urging him to they are, underlining the dimin- Republicans promising to obey "commit your administration to achieving these important

They also wrote that Clinton's spending blueprint for fiscal 2001 should shrink government while boosting defense spend-

"As Republicans, we believe — and we're sure you do as well — that these principles are nonnegotiable, now and in the future," Hastert and Armey

On Feb. 7, Clinton plans to release a spending blueprint that will total roughly \$1.8 tril-

The four "principles" that Republicans are insisting on are striking for how modest

ished expectations for legislative achievement during the upcoming election year.

While Clinton is expected to renew his call for higher taxes on tobacco and some narrow business activities, he is considered likely to assert that his budget would leave Social Security money alone. He is expected to seek higher defense spending while claiming his proposal would create a leaner, more efficient government.

The GOP letter said nothing about abiding by legal spending limits that affect a third of the budget, covering everything but automatically paid benefits like Social Security.

This past year began with ceeded.

the limits. But facing spending demands from members of both parties, they ended up striking an agreementthat exceeded those caps by \$32 billion. With spending pressures like-

ly to be even greater next year, the two sides are expected to ignore the limits for fiscal 2001. In this year's budget fight, Republicans made their chief goal a pledge to not spend Social Security surpluses to finance

other federal programs. Even though the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said they ended up spending \$17 billion in Social Security funds, Republicans say that using their own calculations they suc-

## Senator says high-interest 'payday loans' trap borrowers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Navy cover \$2,550 in cash advances." Capt. Robert W. "Andy" Andersen calls it a "financial death spiral" in which strapped sailors get short-term, highinterest "payday loans" and fall into a cycle of borrowing and debt.

The loans are made by storefront businesses in "flashy, neon sign-adorned buildings (that) line the roadways surrounding the military bases, obviously targeting the serviceman," Andersen said at a forum Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Paying high fees for the loans, the sailors often are forced to

writing \$2,893 in checks to states, and the volume of pay-Research boosts easier-to-take HIV drug cocktail

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has enabled doctors to develop

AIDS drug cocktails that are

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Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., convened the public discussion on payday loans, which he called "one of the most expensive consumer credit products in existence.

A consumer advocacy group, Consumer Federation America, uses a harsher term: "Legal loan sharking."

"Interest rates on payday loans average about 500 percent annually, with some loans going well over 1000 percent," said Lieberman, senior Democrat on the Senate Governmental **Affairs** get new loans, sometimes from Committee. "Because of the several companies at the same easy terms and ready availability of these loans, combined with

nucleoside analogue. Like older

AIDS drugs, such as AZT, it

blocks a certain enzyme the

virus needs to reproduce, but

Sustiva is taken once a day,

while protease inhibitors often

must be taken three times daily.

Sustiva's effectiveness were

published in today's New

England Journal of Medicine.

One was study was conducted

in adults, the other in children.

drug you can choose from when

you sit down with a patient,'

said Dr. Robert Schooley of the

University of Colorado, a doctor

In the study of 450 HIV-infect-

ed adults, blood levels of the

virus fell to undetectable levels

in 48 percent of those given the

standard regimen of a protease

inhibitor plus two older drugs,

compared with 70 percent of

those taking a mix of Sustiva

Also, 43 percent of the pro-

tease inhibitor patients stopped

and the same two other drugs.

familiar with the research.

The findings offer "one more

The studies underscoring

does so in a different way.

day loans, provided at some 10,000 **locations** nationwide, increases 15 percent to 25 percent during the holiday season, according to the industry. The industry earned an estimated billion this Lieberman said.

Financially strapped military personnel, college students and seniors on fixed incomes are among the groups most likely to use the loans, the senator noted.

An industry official acknowledged at Wednesday's forum that there are problems, including cases of excessive use of "rollovers," in which consumers are unable to repay the loans and they are extended for two more weeks or so. However, he said no new federal regulation was needed.

"We have ... worked for said. "Flave one sailor who is The loans are legal in 31 almost a year to develop, support and encourage responsible

industry practices," said Billy Webster, president of the company Advance America and president-elect Community Financial Services Association. "I will be the first to acknowledge that our industry has problems.

Payday loans work like this: You need money today, but payday is a week or two away. You write a check dated for your payday and give it to the lender. You get your money, minus the interest fee. In two weeks, the lender cashes your check or charges you more interest to extend, or "roll over," the loan for another two weeks, possibly at a higher interest rate.

The typical fee for a \$100 cash advance is \$15. Industry officials say that is reasonable compared with the fees banks charge for bouncing a check; which average \$22.





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treatment because of side effects. Only 27 percent of the Sustiva group dropped out. HIV drugs can cause nausea, rash, headaches and fatigue, among other things.

'This study really revolutionizes the way HIV is treated,' said Dr. Karen Tashima of Brown University, one of the researchers. "It's becoming or

Dr. Nathan Clumeck of Saint-Pierre University Hospital, in Brussels, Belgium, said a variety of drug mixes without protease inhibitors hold much promise because they need to be given less often, interact less with other drugs and can generally be well-tolerated by patients.



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### Internet tax panel will put off decisions until final spring session SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A issues that appeared to have

panel created to devise tax rules deadline for its recommendations to Congress — unless it decides to do nothing, as some members suggest.

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"We're pretty polarized in our views," said John Sidgmore, vice chairman of MCI WorldCom. "Why wouldn't it be more prudent to punt, to delay the issue?'

The Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce did exactly that Wednesday on two

broad support: barring taxes on for the Internet faces a spring Internet access and repealing a 101-year-old, 3 percent telephone tax originally created to finance the Spanish-American War.

The panel voted 10-5 to delay taking a position on those issues until a Dallas meeting in March, even though a majority of commission members voiced support for both.

"I think there is a consensus," said Gov. Jim Gilmore, R-Va., chairman of the commission. "They wanted to handle it all at

the end."

The end, in this case, is an April deadline set by Congress for recommendations on future Internet tax policy, including the much bigger question of whether sales taxes imposed by 46 states should apply to e-commerce purchases

Some members share Sidgmore's wish to put off the issue for a few years to allow the medium to grow and determine if states actually lose revenue because Internet transactions are not taxed, as many believe.

"This is a real heart and soul issue," said David Pottruck, president of Charles Schwab Corp. "It's unlikely we're going to come up with a solution that can be implemented immediate-

One recommendation gaining ground would put into law the principles of a 1992 Supreme Court case requiring that a business have a physical presence in a state before the state can force collection of sales

governors and other officials taxes. This decision now prevents states from collecting the adopt on e-commerce.

taxes from remote sellers. "It's designed to take away what constitutes substantial physical presence," said Dean Andal, chairman of California Board Equalization and author of the

preserving and clarifying the eral governments more time to

determine what tax policy to

Others, like Gilmore, prefer a clear direction now to exempt some of the conflicts that we Internet purchases by conknow exist in state courts about sumers from sales taxes. And many state and local officials say it would be better to plan for a future in which billions of dollars in taxable goods and ser-

vices are sold via the Internet. 'This is literally a once-in-a-That would have the effect of generation opportunity," said Gov. Mike Leavitt, R-Utah, status quo, giving state and fed-chairman of the National Governors Association.

## Schulz to draw one final 'Peanuts' strip

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Before he officially retires, Charles Schulz plans to draw one more "Peanuts" strip, his editor says.

But whether Charlie Brown wins the love of the little redhaired girl, defeats the kite-eating tree or finally connects with Lucy's football remains to be seen.

"I haven't seen it yet; I can't tell you," his editor, Amy Lago said Wednesday. Then she thought a minute. "Knowing Schulz, probably not."

Lago said she was unsure whether Schulz will draw the strip or put together a collage of characters Schulz has already drawn, but added she would not disclose the final strip or its story line before it is published Jan. 3.

On Tuesday, Schulz announced that he planned to retire his 49-year-old strip.

He had drawn daily strips for use through Jan. 1 and Sunday strips for use through Feb. 13 before undergoing emergency surgery last month.

Doctors diagnosed him with colon cancer at that time, and the 77-year-old cartoonist, who took pride in meeting deadlines, decided to retire when he realized that he did not know when he would be well enough to withstand the pressure of daily deadlines.

He also suffered a series of small strokes during his surgery and now has trouble with his vision while drawing, Lago said.

"You wouldn't know it to see him. He recognizes people and faces," she said, and he is able to draw, but something "clicks in the brain" making it diffi-

He is expected to recover, she said.

#### Vet falsely arrested in drug case will receive \$250,000

TYLER (AP) - Tyler city officials have agreed to pay a veteran \$250,000 because he was falsely arrested and held for a drug offense that occurred while he was serving with the

U.S. Army in Korea. Tyler City Council members approved the settlement payment after meeting in an executive session for more than five hours and then opening the meeting on Tuesday.

An informant identified Vincent Sirles from an old mug shot as being the person who sold \$50 in crack cocaine to undercover officers in Smith County on July 21, 1997.

The seller was identified by an informant as the former Army private following review of a video recorded during a sting. Sirles was indicted and then arrested at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Sirles was held for 30 days in the Smith County Jail before his release. He was held despite an affidavit given Smith County officers by Sirles' captain two days after the arrest that said he was in Korea at the time of the offense.



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## Bringing together two families? Bring in the experts

QUESTION: My husband died two years ago, leaving me and our two children behind. I have met a wonderful man --

also a widower with two kids - and we marry Where should we start to build our new family? And could you identify the issues that are likely to be most difficult for



DR. JAMES **DOBSON** 

DR. DOBSON: I would strongly suggest that you get some outside help as you bring your two families together. It is extremely difficult to do that on your own, and for some people, it is impossible. If you can afford professional counseling from a marriage, family and child counselor who has dealt with blended families, it would be wise to get that assistance. A pastor also might be able to guide you, although there are some tough relationship issues to be handled by a professional who has "been there" before.

One of your kids is likely to see your future husband as a usurper. When a mother or father dies or when a divorce occurs, one child often moves into the power vacuum left by the departing parent. That voungster becomes the surrogate spouse. I'm not referring to sexual matters; rather, that boy or girl becomes more mature than his or her years

tus that comes with that supportive role is very seductive, and he or she is usually unwilling to give it up. The stepfa ther becomes a threat to that child Much work must be done to bring them together.

The kids' lovalty to the memory of their dad is another issue that requires sensitive handling. In their eyes, to welcome the newcomer with open arms would be an act of betrayal. That's certainly understandable, and something that must be worked through with your

I would say the greatest problem you will face, however, is the way you and your husband will feel about your kids. Each of you is irrationally committed to your own; you're merely acquainted with the others. When fights and insults occur between the two sets of children, you will be tempted to be partial to those you brought into the world, and your husband will probably favor his own flesh and blood. The natural tendency is to let the blended family dissolve into armed camps - us against them. It the kids sense any tenston between you and your husband over their clashes, they will exploit and exaggerate it to gain power over the other children.

I have painted a worst-case scenario in order to prepare you for what could occur. Now let me encourage you. Many of these problems can be anticipated and lessened. Others can

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## Band members named to all-region, area honor groups

were named to the All-Region Band, and still others advanced to the area band, from which they will audition for

All-region band members from Big Spring include (all pictured in the photos above), piccolo Lori Maines and Madera Gay at Thurs, Chelsea Churchwell, Becky Vera, Madera Gray Care Murphree and April Ward; cornets Valeria inets Eloy Leal, Vanesa Rodriguez, Jamie Pineda, Chelsea Helsely and Olga Sifuentes; bass clarinet Teri Denton; and on bassoon Chelsea Helsley(alt.)

Also percussionists Holly Price, John Giles, Chris Correa (alt.); French horns Krystal Gonzales, Tanya Adusumilli, both were selected as part of that group as well.

Thirty-six Big Spring High School band members recently Kami Horn, Robert Volker (alt.); trombones Landon Adkins, Jason Martinez and Krystal Deleon; tubas Ricky Yanez and Salvador Rizo; and baritones Adam Partee, Shasta Fuqua and Daniel Hughes (alt.)

Those advancing to area, with their next stop at state competition, include: piccolo, Lori Maines, flutes, Lori Maines, Chelsea Churchwell, Becky Vera and Madera Gray, cornets Valeria Aguirre, Aaron Schooler, Sandra Gainey, Guido Aguirre, Aaron Schooler, Sandra Gainey, Guido Toscano, Toscano, John Ontiveros; French horn Krystal Gonzales; John Ontinveros, Billy Morgan, Corrina Lara, Cameron trombones Landon Adkins and Jason Martinez; baritone Felty and Scott Downing (alt.); Oboe Breck Simmons; clar- Adam Partee; oboe Breck Simmons; clarinets Eloy Leal and Vanesa Rodriguez, and bass clarinet Ter: Denton.

On Piccolo Lori Maines, and on cornet Valeria Aguirre also auditioned in a separate tryout for the 5A All-Region Band, which includes the larger schools from our area, and



**COMMUNITY NEWS** 

Volunteer Lila Holland,

right, helps Sylvia Sanchez

pick out toys for her chil-

dren last week at Spring

Tabernacle. The church

gave toys and other items

to needy families in time

for Christmas, along with

the food it gives every

Thursday. "We just do

what God tells us to do,"

said Mona Lou Tonn, who,

with her husband, Arnold,

runs Spring Tabernacle's

**HERALD photo/Debble L. Jense** 

ministries.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERS provided a meal for the Wilderness Camp inmates Friday, Dec. 10. They prepared fried chicken, ham, potato salad, baked beans, slaw and dessert of various chocolate cakes.

Entertainment was provided by a quartet of inmates and a soloist. The host church members then led the group in several Christmas carols. This is the last of the quarterly meals for the inmates this year.

Any church, club or organization who will be interested in providing a meal for the Wilderness Camp inmates, who do beautification and repair projects throughout our city, should call Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A MEMORIAL TREE FROM the American Cancer Society is set up at Merle Norman in Big Spring Mall. Donors can give a gift to the Big Spring Unit of ACS in

memory or honor of a loved one. When the tree is removed, the ornament marking the gift will be sent to the person honored or the family of the person memorialized. Donations can be made through Dec. 25. Call Lucy Bonner at 263-6305. Memorials can also be mailed to P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring.

## Know the neighbors

Friends are source for family history research

When researching the history of our family, we also need to research their neighbors. Neighbors were often more than that — they were not only best friends, but relatives as

In many cases involving land records, it was neighbors that witnessed the

transactions, it was also neighbors that were god-parents. Some famiwere lies very close and played an important role in the lives and happenings of each other.



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When babies were born, it was very often the women neighbors who helped with the birth and after-care of both the child and mother. The neighbor men would help with the work as well, raising barns, building houses, herding cattle. These are just a few examples of how neighbors helped each other.

When we research our family, look closely at the neighbors. Census records often group people together that went from one area of the country to a new part, and often these people settled very near each other in the new

How many times on census have you found your ancestors, and living very close to them were others from the same states? If you have done very much research, you have found this many times.

Check when these families all came to that area. You can find this out many times by the birth years of their child dren, and you can track their movement by the birth places of the children.

If the neighbors seem to have traveled in the same places, in the same time frame, chances are they are related or at least were neighbors before.

Many times these neighbors intermarried, brothers and sisters of one family, marrying sisters and brothers of another. Also cousins married as well; it was not that uncommon for that to happen.

Watch out for namesakes. When you see a name pop up in a family, especially an odd or uncommon name, check out the neighbors to see if that name runs in their family. They may be in-laws.

Neighbors often fought in wars together. Check out the muster list of various wars vour ancestors were in. Most likely, at least several neighbors went together. Many of these soldiers wrote letters about their experiences in the war, and may mention others that served with them, maybe even your ancestors.

Church records list area people that attended, and many of these were relatives and neighbors. Find the area your ancestors lived, then find out what churches were in the area, then track down any extant records. These records can be very helpful in identifying family and friends.

Note: The website address

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## THE LAST WORD

Stay at home in your mind. Don't recite other people's opinions. I hate quotations. Tell me what you know. **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 

I quote others only to better express myself. Michael de Montaigne

> There are two different kinds of marriages — where the husband quotes the wife, and where the wife quotes the husband. **Pablo Picasso**

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for many viewers of this week-

ly hour is Veronica, the babe in

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and an eyeful for the audience. (Check local listings for the syndicated "Lost World" and other series mentioned.) Want more?

What about an age "when Nature and magic ruled the world"? That can only mean "Beastmaster," although it's Dar, the hunky title character, who's livin' la vida loincloth.

"Beastmaster" also features Dar's soulmate Kyra (Natalie Mendoza), dressed down in a form-fitting wrap with midriff on display. And while she doesn't seem to get out much, the Sorceress (Monika Schnarre) casts a spell on viewers while puttering around her cave in a strapless gown with enchanting

On "Relic Hunter," Tia Carrere plays Professor Sydney Fox, an Indiana Jones with cleavage who's always running off to places hot and dank for adventure. Once there, she takes charge. And sweats.

TV basics: Action, nature and babes

Watching her, so do we. With these Retro Action Babes, moisture is a given. Tropical heat is de rigueur. Rivers or rain or perspiration guarantee epic clinginess. And why not? On these shows, the god of wet T-shirt contests is clearly in charge.

Don't confuse these heroines with the modern-world babes in Pamela Anderson Lee's "V.I.P." or her Speedo alma mater,

"Baywatch."

And don't be fooled by 'Cleopatra 2525,'' a half-hour, futuristic action-adventure series premiering next month. It focuses on three buxom, cando women in a world where humankind is driven underground by brutal forces. Fair warning: This looks Spandex

all the way The natural-fiber Retro Action Babes represent an offshoot of the wildly successful "Xena: Warrior Princess,"

albeit with way more vamping. Even so, these shows are meant not just for Dad and hormones-raging, 12-year-old Sonny, but for the whole family. Anything can happen in a ''forgotten'' era or a ''lost'' realm, so, at its best, this genre

offers something for everyone. "You're looking at a period piece that has action, sex, greed, fantasy, science, wizardry, morality and eye

president of New Line Television, which distributes

"The Lost World." Plus, there's lots of useful information.

lesson from Here's a "Beastmaster" s Sorceress: "If you want to punish someone and make them suffer, you need to know what they value and then take it away.

Listen up for fashion dos and don'ts. "Lost World"'s Victoria has no qualms about dashing through the outback in her skivvies. When the reptile people take her prisoner, she turns up her nose at the halter top and harem pants they tell her

"If that lizard man thinks I'm gonna put this on," she sneers,

"he's crazy. A series like this "deals with magic and mystery and fun and adventure," said Friedman. Then the trick is keeping it all in balance. "That," he allowed, "is an interesting challenge."

The challenge is fumbled by "Peter Benchley's Amazon."

Premise: A commercial airliner en route to Rio de Janeiro has crashed in the Amazon jungle, stranding a small group of survivors who must find their unlikely way out.

Hunter,' Like 'Relic "Amazon" takes place in the present, but feels anything but modern with its primitive setting. An added blast from the past besets the six refugees in the form of the Ghost Tribe. descendants of European settlers stranded three centuries earlier.

#### **DOBSON**

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be avoided altogether. It is possible to blend families successfully and millions have done it. But the task is difficult, and you will need some help in pulling it off.

QUESTION: I am 21 and still at home. I am very comfortable there and plan to stay with my parents for a long time. Why not? Tell me why you think it is unwise to go on living where it is cheaper and easier than getting out on your own.

DR. DOBSON: There are individual situations when it makes sense to live with your parents for a longer time, and maybe yours is one of them. I would caution you, however, not to overstay your welcome. That would not be in your best

interests or those of your folks. Remaining too long under the parents' roof is not unlike an unborn baby who refuses to leave the womb. He has every reason to stay a while. It is warm and cozy there. All his needs are met in that stressfree environment. He doesn't have to work or study or discipline himself.

But it would be crazy to stay beyond the nine months intend-

He can't grow and learn without leaving the security of that place. His development will be arrested until he enters the cold world and takes a few whacks on his behind. It is to everyone's advantage, and especially to the welfare of his

mother, that he slide on down the birth canal and get on with

So it is in young adulthood. Until you cut the umbilical cord and begin providing for yourself, you will remain in a state of arrested development. Remaining at home with Mom and Dad is the perpetuation of childhood.

It may be time to put it behind you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.: 80903.

#### **RAWLS**

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given last Thursday in Bobby Rawls column was printed incorrectly. It

www.crcom.net/~brrawls. EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, call the life! desk at 263-7331, ext. 236 and leave a message, or e-mail to: jwalker@crcom.net with "life! section" in the subject line.

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## Feith has become fashion phenomenon

adorn every other page in the "Talking Fashion" section in November's Vogue worn by a socialite Miller sister, an artist and a model and displayed a few pages later as the perfect thing to take on a winter vaca-

His dresses serve as the ultimate party clothes for such fashion luminaries as Gwyneth Paltrow, Helena Christensen, Shalom Harlow, Kate Moss and Madonna.

He kick-started the whole ethnic, Indian look with his Raj Collection: and his clothes are as popular in London, Paris and Berlin as they are in his namesake boutique on Mulberry Street in the NoLita area of New York

Quietly and slowly, Tracy Feith has become a fashion phenomenon one who doesn't take part in the runway shows and who has made his eclectic style a success regardless of fashion trends. He's not yet as well known as his contemporary Todd Oldham is, but fashionable women love the way his clothes make them look.

"I like making women feel really beautiful and sexy and intelligent," says the 30-something Texas native. "There are ironic elements to the collection, but I always feel like a woman can walk down the street in the clothes and look totally gorgeous and sexy and not look like a bimbo. I really love women, and I love to see them walking down the street in my clothes.

Less than a decade ago, he was running his first boutique, a tiny shop in Oak Cliff that opened in 1989. Self-trained, Feith had started customizing his own clothes as a teenager in Sherman.

"I was a skater and into punk rock, and that's what you did. That's how I really started, and that was the first inclination I had that I was into clothes. I was just a kid in Texas that was into motorcycles and skateboards and going to the lake.'

He took a few classes at the University of North Texas in art and painting before trying out a design class that let stu-

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DALLAS (AP) — His clothes dents "do anything — tape stuff years ago. Jewel-toned slippers together or staple or glue it. You didn't have to know anything.

Some of the earliest customers were models who see lots of designers' work and yet choose a bohemian, girly style perfectly in tune to his bodyconscious designs. It wasn't long before he had opened his shop to showcase the entire Tracy Feith aesthetic.

The airy store is filled with color from his sexy bustier tops which he began designing four

and bags complete the look. and it isn't unusual to find a one-of-a-kind piece such as a cut-up rock n roll T-shirt alongside more feminine sundresses and sarongs.

"There's new things that I pick up through osmosis and get obsessed with, but there's always rock roots and Southern woman roots and a little punk element to it.'

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## IN BRIEF

#### **BSHS** softball boosters slate meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club has scheduled a meeting for 7:30 tonight in the meeting room of the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Lady Steers varsity, junior varsity and freshman softball players are urged to attend.

#### YMCA sets hoops camp for Christmas holiday

A basketball camp for both boys and girls has been scheduled for Dec. 20-23 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Big Spring Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter will conduct the camp from 10 a.m. until noon each day.

Basic fundamental skills will be taught to youngsters in grades K-6.

The camp is free to all youngsters who have signed up to play YMCA basketball and \$10 for all others.

Registration is limited to 50 youngsters on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

The Comanche Trail Golf Course, Big Spring Country Club and Stanton Country Club are participating in the program.

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345. Details are also available at all three local

#### Youth basketball program still registering players

Registration for youngsters interested in playing on a Big Spring Youth Basketball Association team will continue through Friday at All-Star

Players can sign up from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m.

Tryouts are Saturday and the fee will be \$20 per player. The league is divided into three divisions for firstthrough sixth-grade players. For more information, call Charlie Hall at 263-0159.

#### YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in kindergarten through the sixth grade for its youth basketball program.

The program fee includes a full service YMCA youth membership for two months.

YMCA full members may register for the program for \$15. Basic program members will pay \$25 and non-members will pay \$32.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### TP&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan. 2 in Howard

TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

#### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Cincinnati at Saint Louis, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8 p.m. — Ohio State at Kansas, ESPN, Ch. 30.

11 p.m. — Southern California at Long Beach State, ESPN, Ch.

7:30 p.m. - New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

# Sealy star, Crane's McGuire headline 3A all-state team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It is a busy time of the year for Sealy's Derek Curry.

'In addition to preparing for Saturday's Class 3A Division II state championship game with the rest of his teammates, Curry is having to study for finals and battle the deluge of phone calls that come with being one of the state's most recruited linebackers.

"It does get kind of tough to prioritize things," said Curry, who is being sought by Nebraska, Tennessee, Notre Dame and Baylor. "I'm trying to keep everything separated, but sometimes it all gets kind of jumbled together.'

Curry added one more thing to the list Wednesday when he was named the 3A Associated Press Sports Editors.

SPRING HERALD

The 10th annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

With Curry leading the way, Sealy's defense allowed 170 yards and 8 points per game. Curry finished with 128 tackles, three interceptions, two recovered fumbles and 10 deflected passes.

"Defense has been a very important part of our success," Sealy coach T.J. Mills said. "And Derek has been a very good defensive player for us.'

Sealy, which is vying for its fifth state title in the last six years, also had offen-

defensive player of the year by sive lineman Keith Zapalac make the squad. The Tigers face Commerce in a championship game for the third time this decade Saturday at Texas Stadium.

Crane quarterback Clay McGuire was the offensive player of the year after leading his team to a second consecutive 10-0 season. He passed for 1,056 yards and 10 touchdowns while rushing for 618 yards and 13 more touchdowns.

McGuire was joined by teammates Dustin Johns, an offensive lineman, and defensive lineman Tyler Nelson.

Diboll also had two players on the team, with offensive lineman Lionel Garr and running back Terry Colquitt making it, as did Childress with running back Willie Thomas and defensive lineman Ben Rhodes.

The rest of the offense included linemen Bryan Adams of Newton and Barry Compton of Midland Greenwood, receivers Davon Rogers of Hitchcock and Gainesville's B.J. Banks, and running back DeCori Brimingham of Atlanta.

Rounding out the defense were: lineman Marcus Wilson of Mexia and Jonathan Green of Fairfield, linebackers Justin Jordan of Sweeny and Corv Johnson of Hooks, defensive backs Skipper Robinson of Breckenridge, Aledo's Zach Bankhead, Jesse Upson of Rice Consolidated and La Grange's Wade Booth.

The kicker was Aledo's Colt Dowd and the punter was Cashan Clark of

# Some guys, like Junior, are too tough to please

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Writer

Ken Griffey Jr. told New York something it's not used to hearing.

"Politely declined," is the way Brian Goldberg, Griffey's agent, put it, but the message was the same.

This was late Monday night, iust after the Mets and Seattle Mariners had worked out nearly all the kinks in a four-forone player deal. It met the conditions Junior set down when he sat down with management a few weeks ago and told them he wanted out of Seattle.

The Mets were closer to his Florida home. They held spring training in Florida. They were a legitimate contender. Yet instead of being encouraged - or at the very least amused — by the Mariners' latest attempt to meet his escalating trade. demands, Junior apparently was insulted.

"I don't understand why they're wasting their time. Goldberg said, "because Seattle has known for two weeks that if he can't go to Cincinnati, he's going back to Seattle for the final year of his contract. He's not going to be a rent-aplayer.'

Some guys are tough to please. Griffey has become impossible, and maybe worse. As a 10-year veteran — the last five with the same club — he has the right to block trades. Now, rather than risk the badguy label by exercising his veto power too often, Junior apparently has started sabotaging them instead.

When he first handed the Mariners a list of teams he would relocate to, there were seven names on it. In a matter of days, the number shrunk to four. Two weeks ago, the only name on list was the Cincinnati Reds.

This seemed to most people like a funny way to bargain. After next season, Griffey becomes a free agent.

Seattle general manager Pat Gillick tried to head off that crisis by offering him the richest contract in history, \$135 million for eight years. When Griffey said it wasn't about money, but about family, Gillick swallowed hard, called the decision "courageous" and set out to make it happen.

In no time at all, Gillick had the Pirates and the Yankees on



Ken Griffey Jr., pictured here during a 1993 game, seems to have no intention of leaving the Mariners for any team other than the Cincinnati Reds.

the speed dial. Griffey told him to erase both. The Reds were apparently his target all along. They were the team of his boyhood. His father, already a coach, is the manager-in-waiting. Their spring training site is just about two hours from the front door of his house.

With no other serious bids, Gillick tried to make that deal. Cincinnati offered pitcher Scott Williamson and a few other players. Seattle wanted Williamson and a few other players. The deal broke down two weeks ago, when a tug-ofwar developed over Reds second baseman Pokey Reese.

Exactly why Reese, a second baseman who probably had the best year of his career, could kill a deal for the best player in baseball is a question that Gillick and Jim Bowden, his counterpart in Cincinnati, might both yet have to answer. Gillick at least can claim to need Reese to fill in at short- See GRIFFEY, page 2B

stop in case the Mariners lose Alex Rodriguez to free agency after next season, too.

Bowden's situation is a little trickier. If the Reds trade for Griffey and can't afford him the next year, he paid too steep a price. On the other hand, if he waits out Gillick and Griffey isn't bluffing about threatening to play out the season in Seattle and then walk, he can get him for even less.

Ever helpful, Goldberg said of Junior, "He's perfectly willing to go back to Seattle for his last year, and it'll be a good experience. That is not a bad thing at all for him in his mind.

Right. Does the word "mercenary"

ring a bell? Fans in Seattle were already

falling out of love with Griffey. Unhappy with a new ballpark he was very unproductive the

# Buffs' Hull, Harris honorable mention all-state honorees

From staff and wire reports

For much of the 1999 season, Stanton's Buffaloes seemed to be the Rodney Dangerfields of the schoolboy football world.

While the Buffs returned just one starter on offense and a like number on defense from their 1998 Class 2A state semifinalist team, had coach Mark Cotton kept telling anyone who'd listen that the Stanton wasn't rebuilding, but reloading.

That was indeed what the Buffs did.

Still, the Buffs went through the season unranked in the Associated Press schoolboy football poll.

While the Buffs season came to an end with a playoff loss to Iraan's Braves, that was not until Stanton had reclaimed the District 3-2A championship, going through the regular sea-

son undefeated.

Much of Stanton's saccess during the season could be attributed to senior quarterback and linebacker Will Harris and junior running back and defensive back Jeremy Hull.

The Associated Press Sports Editors finally delivered some recognition for that duo's accomplishements this week when both earned honorable mention status on the 1999 Class 2A APSE All-State Football Team.

Hull was recognized on both offense and defense, while Harris was selected at linebacker.

The 10th annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season, and balloting was conducted during the play-The offensive player of the

year was Kerens senior running back Terrell Harris, who rushed for 2,307 yards and 31 touchdowns on 267 carries. He also averaged 36 yards and scored a touchdown on kickoffs. Mart, which beat Boyd in the Class 2A Division I title Saturday, had three players on the squad, including defensive player of the year John Garrett. Garrett, a senior linebacker, had 120 tackles and eight sacks to make the team for the second vear in a row. Quarterback Quan Cosby and offensive line-

Offensive lineman Josh Dean

man Dustin Hicks also made

the first team.



HULL **HARRIS** 

and wide receiver Brandon Autry of Boyd both made the

Omaha Paul Pewitt, which won the 1998 Division I state title, had three players on the first team, including running back Kenny Boyd, defensive lineman Delwynn Johnson and linebacker Jimmy Wilkerson.

Three teams had two players

make the first team. Hemphill defensive tackle Ed Henson and offensive lineman Ryan McDaniel made the squad. Iraan had running back Clint Smithson and defensive lineman Brandon Alldredge made it. Lindsay punter Cody Secrest and linebacker Blake Crutsinger were also honored

Rounding out the offense were Arp lineman Clint Gillispie and receiver Brian Goodman of Union Grove.

Other defensive honorees included defensive backs Bobby Bruce of Hughes, Chase Plagens of Goldthwaite, Reagan County's Marcus Stenix and Joseph Williamson of Garrison

Joining kicker Grant May from Celina were center Bryan Thomas, who helped the Bobcats average nearly 400 yards per game, and linebacker Clay Evans, who led a defense that allowed just 143 yards per game.

CLASS 2A OFFENSE

Dustin Hicks, Mart. 6 3, 275, Sr. State and All-Region by Pigskin Prep. Ryan McDaniel, Hemphill. 6-6, 295, Sr

79 pancake blocks. Leading blocker on team that averaged 8.8 yards per carry. Verbally con-Clint Gillispie. Arp. 64, 320, Sr. - 25 pan cake blocks, 40 knockdowns, 4 year starte

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Leading blocker on team that averaged 400 yards per game on offense. Graded 98 percent season's biggest game

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See ALL-STATE, page 2B

# Both Applewhite, Simms scheduled to see action in Cotton Bowl

Texas is calling it a quarterback controversy, the Longhorns will use Major Applewhite and Chris Simms in the Cotton Bowl.

"I don't think people will make a big deal out of it," said Applewhite, the Big 12 player of the year. "If there's a big deal to be made out of it, it's through the media. That's where it's going to come from. There's no big deal being made of it here. It's all about winning ball games.

Texas coach Mack Brown announced his plan Wednesday at a news conference prior to his team's first practice for its Jan. 1 game against No. 24 Arkansas

Applewhite, a sophomore, started all season for the No. 14 Longhorns (9-4) until a stomach virus sidelined him for the start of the regular season finale against Texas A&M.

Simms, a highly touted freshman, led Texas to a 16-6 halftime lead before the

AUSTIN (AP) — Although nobody at Aggies rallied for 20-16 victory. Applewhite played the final quarter and the entire Big 12 championship against Nebraska, which Texas lost 22-6.

Brown, who successfully used two quarterbacks while coaching North Carolina, has said he'll use both next season. Using both players in the Cotton Bowl accelerates his plan. Coaches will script a game plan for

when to play Simms and Brown said he'll stick to it regardless of how either quarterback performs. Simms said he understands he will play at least a couple series in each half.

"I'm excited that I'm going to get to play a little," Simms said. "There's nothing in stone yet for what I'm going to

Said Applewhite: "It's not a 50-50 thing.

He's going to play some.' Brown said the move is a reward for Simms and not a knock against

Applewhite. "I think we have two tremendously talented players at quarterback," Brown ningest quarterbacks in school history said. "It has nothing to do with Major. I don't want anyone to think otherwise. Chris played well enough in the A&M game that we think he deserves the chance to play.'

Since Simms signed with Texas, fans have expected the country's top-rated quarterback recruit and son of former NFL quarterback Phil Simms to pressure Applewhite for the starting job.

At 6-foot-5 and 210 pounds, Simms is a prototypical quarterback with the strong arm and quick release. He also showed good mobility on several rollouts and downfield runs against Texas A&M.

At 6-1 and 210, Applewhite isn't as physically imposing, but he's picked apart defenses with his accuracy and ability to read blitzes. He also showed a soft touch throwing downfield on his way to 3,357 yards passing and 21 touch-

downs. In two years, he's set many school records and has become one of the winHe also has had a knack for leading the team to comeback victories.

"The reason we're in the Cotton Bowl is Major Applewhite," Brown said. "He's had a great year. Whether he got sick or not, we would've worked toward this.'

Simms said he doesn't view this oppor tunity as a prelude to taking over the

"I'm really not worried about the big picture right now," he said. "I think as a team and for myself about just concen-

trating on Arkansas. Simms played sparingly until the A&M game. He is 19-of-36 passing for 232 yards and two TDs with one interception this

Applewhite, who led Texas to victories over Nebraska each of the last two seasons, had one of his worst games against the Cornhuskers in the Big 12 title game. He was just 15-of-42 for 172 with three interceptions and no touchdowns. He

was sacked seven times

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7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$1.9 million

Payout: \$2.5 million

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Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabama (10-2)

Payout: \$11-13 million Nebraska (11-1) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Florida State (11-0) vs. Virginia Tect

Missisisippi (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

## Sports Extra

#### TRANSACTIONS

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to
erms with INF-OF Jeff Conine on a tworear contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named

lesse Flores and Jerry Jordan national prosscheckers in the scouting department, Scott Cerney and Kevin Murphy professional scouts, and Jonathan Darsky player development assistant.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Traded

OF Dante Powell to the St. Louis Cardinals for INF Luis Ordaz. CHICAGO CUBS—Signed C Joe Girardi to a three-year contract. Named Chuck Wasserstrom manager of media COLORADO ROCKIES-Agreed to

terms with INF-OF Terry Shumpert on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Chandler Martin for assignment. FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded OF Todd Dunwoody to the Kansas City Royals for NF Sean McNally.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Traded OF Carl Everett to the Boston Red Sox for SS Adam Everett and LHP Greg Miller. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Acquired

RHP Roberto Manzueta from the Arizona Diamondbacks to complete a previous trade and assigned him to minor-league system. BASKETBALL

lational Basketball Associatio CHICAGO BULLS—Placed G Hersey awkins on the injured list. Activated G red Hoiberg from the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Placed C

Gheorghe Muresan on the injured list Activated F Michael Cage from the FOOTBALL

National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed DB
Vashone Adams.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed RB Kevin Faulk and DE Greg Spires on injured reserve. Signed CB Terry Billups and LB Marc Megna from the practice squad. Signed CB Kelly Malveaux to the

oractice squad.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed OB Jim Kubiak to the practice squad. Placed TE Eric Green on injured reserve. PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed TE ony Cline. Placed DE Nolan Harrison SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-Signed

B-LS Randy Kirk. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled
RW Christian Matte from Hershey of the DALLAS STARS-Acquired D Kevin Dean from the Atlanta Thrashers for uture considerations, Signed F Kirk Muller to a contract for the remainder of

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Named Nelson Eddy vice president of market

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Now Jersey at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. Ottawa at Vancouver, 9 p.m. Friday's Games
Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
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Washington	8	5	0	.615	375	323
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	254	267
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	281	205
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	186	265
Philadelphia	3	11	0	.214	210	317
Central						
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	.692	221	174
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San Francisco

Thursday's Game essee 21. Oakland 14 unday's Games
Washington 28, Arizona 3 Baltimore 31, Pittsburgh 24

Carolina 33, Green Bay 31 Dallas 20, Philadelphia 10 St. Louis 30, New Orleans 14 San Francisco 26, Atlanta 7 San Diego 19, Seattle 16 New York Jets 28, Miami 20

Jacksonville 27, Denver 24 Louisville 78, Cent. Florida 58

Oklahoma St. 79, Alcom St. 53

**FAR WEST** 

Oregon St. 78, E. Washington 62 UNLV 87, Austin Peay 66

Women's Scores SOUTH

LSU 73, SMU 56 South Florida 61, Jacksonville 44 Southern Miss. 64, La. Monroe 48 Wake Forest 74, High Point 43 MIDWEST

Minnesota 68, Saint Louis 42 SOUTHWEST Arkansas St. 86, McNeese St. 55 Texas Tech 85, Lamar 41

#### FAR WEST Arizona 78, N. Illinois 46 Nevada 75, W. Michigan 67

Top 25 - Men

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 12: 1236,3-1

Cincinnati (62) Stanford (8) Michigan 5

North Carolina . Florida 10. Syracuse 11. Duke 12. Ohio St., 13. Tennessee 14. Oklahoma St 15. Texas

16. Maryland DePaul Indiana

The top 25 teams in The Associated

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with first-place votes in parentheses

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and records through Dec. 12:

1. Connecticut (41)

3. Louisiana Tech (1)

2. Tennessee (2)

. Gonzaga I. Oklahoma 24. Purdue 25. Wake Forest TOP 25 - WOMEN

#### MEN'S SCORES

arvard 66, Dartmouth 59 emple 69, Villanova 66 SOUTH ouisiana-Monroe 82, Houston 81 **GRIFFEY** 

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second half of last season.

Letting fans know he wants out

of town isn't the way to rekin-

Knowing this, Gillick seems

prepared to call Junior's bluff.

He conceded keeping Griffey

wasn't high on his list. But it

Green Bay Minnesota .846 .462 .308 .231 .154 182 314

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y-clinched playoff spot

Cincinnati 44, Cleveland 28 Indianapolis 20, New England 15 New York Giants 19, Buffalo 17

Tampa Bay 23, Detroit 16 Kansas City 31, Minnesota 28 OPEN: Chicago

londay's Game

Mississippi 77, SE Louisiana 46 Wake Forest 71, UNC-Greensboro 62 Arkansas 70, Texas-Pan American 56

5. Georgia 6. UCLA 7. Texas Tech Auburn Penn St. North Carolina

Notre Dame 13. LSU

Iowa St. Oregon Rutgers Arizona 18. Duke

Kańsas Old Dominio

Mississippi St

UC Santa Barbara

Saturday, Dec. 18

Monday, Dec. 20

4. N.C. State

Pittsburgh at Kan. City, 11:40 a.m. San Fran at Carolina, 3:15 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago, Noon Jacksonville at Cleveland, Noon New England at Philadelphia, Noon New Orleans at Baltimore, Noon

New York Giants at St. Louis, Noon

Washington at Indianapolis, Noon Tampa Bay at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.

New York Jets at Dallas, 3:15 p.m

Sunday, Dec. 19
Atlanta at Tennessee, Noon

San Diego at Miami, Noon

Seattle at Denver, 3:15 p.m.

Buffalo at Arizona, 7:20 p.m. OPEN: Cincinnati

Green Bay at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

#### BOWES SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 18 Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas Payout: \$1.2 million

Utah (8-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5

p.m. (ESPN)
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Hariptin (7.4) vs. SWAC champion,
11:30 a.m. (1885)

Payout: \$750,000 Texas Christian Carolina (9-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Gray vs. Blue, 11 a.m. (ABC) Aloha Bowl At Honolulu

Payout: \$800,000 Arizona State (6-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-5), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Payout: \$800,000 Oregon State (7-4) vs. Hawaii (8-3). 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Motor City Bowl At Pontiac, Mich. Payout: \$750,000 Marshall (12-0) vs. Brigham (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 28 Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Payout: \$1.2 million Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Penn State (9-

3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Dec. 29

wasn't out of the question,

thing in the world to play the

season with the guy, with the

And all it would prove is that

sometimes justice means

absolutely nobody gets what he

"It wouldn't be the worst

### **ALL-STATE**

Continued from page 1B

downs. 386 yards rushing. State leader in receiving. QUARTERBACK

Quan Cosby, Mart, 5-10, 180, Sr. — 47 of 71 passing for 1,031 yards and 12 touchdowns. 63 carries for 662 yards and 13 touchdowns. 14 punt returns for 530 yards and 7 touchdowns. Has

Kenny Boyd, Omaha Paul Pewitt, 5-10, 180, Sr 111 carries for 1,359 yards (12.2 per carry) and Clint Smithson, traan, 5-8, 170, Sr. - rushed for

1,470 yards and 23 TDs on 147 carries in regular season for No. 4 ranked team, but never once played all 4 quarters Terrell Harris, Kerens, 6-0, 220, Sr. — 2,307 yards, 267 carries, 31 TDs, 5-182 TD KO ret. Rushed for 2,615 as a Jr.

Grant May, Celina, 6-0, 165, Jr. — Kicked 48 straight extra points. 59 of 61 PATs for season. Made only field goal attempt.

2A OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Terrell Harris, Kerens

Blake Crutsinger, Lindsay, 6-2, 260, Sr. — 141 tackles, 37 for losses, 21 sacks, 6 fumble recoveries (2 for a touchdown) and 2 blocked punts. Brandon Alldredge, Iraan, 6-2, 250, Sr. — dominating player had 68 tackles, 13 sacks, 18 TFL, 2

caused fumbles, 2 recovered fumbles for No. 4 Delwynn Johnson, Paul Pewitt, Sr. 6-5, 235 — 74 tackles, 9 sacks. Defense had 6 shutouts. Ed Henson, Hemphill, 6-3, 270, Sr. — 90 tackles, 28 assists, 26 tackles behind the line, 14 sacks, 45 pressures, 2 fumble recoveries, 6

John Garrett, Mart. 6-2, 220, Sr. - 120 tackles and 8 sacks. First team All-Stater in 1998. Pre-season all-stater by Pigskin Prep in 1999.

Clay Evans, Celina, 5-11, 185, Jr. - Led team again in tackles and this time with 108. Caused 3 fumbles, recovered one and had four sacks. Jimmy Wilkerson, Paul Pewitt, 6-4, 225. Sr. -76 tackles, 2 ints, 3 forced fumbles, 7 sacks in 7 games. Led a defense which allowed 21 yards rush-

ing avg/gm.
DEFENSIVE BACKS Bobby Bruce, Hughes Springs, 5-10, 165, Sr. — Chase Plagens, Goldthwaite, 6-3, 175, Sr. - 77 tackles, 5 interceptions, one fumble recovery. Had 9 interceptions in 1998 and was first-team all-state.

Marcus Stenix, Reagan County, 6-2, 175, Sr. led Owls to second consecutive playoff berth: fin-

ished with 98 tackles, also had 6 INTs, Defense allowed only 10.9 points and 203 yards per game. Joseph Williamson, Garrison, 6-0, 177, Sr. — 55 tackles and 8 interceptions. Had two interceptions in two different games. PUNTER

Cody Secrest, Lindsay, 5-11, 240, Sr. — 33 punts for 40.1 average, 4 inside 10 yard line and longest was 72 yards.

2A DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR John Garrett, Mart.

#### OFFENSE

OL — Ben Wilkerson, Hemphill, 6-5, 285, Jr.
OL — Jeremey Huddleston, Malkoff, 6-3, 260,

- Chris Sipes, Beckville, 6-6, 320, Sr OL — Jesse Durden, Comfort, 6-0, 205, Sr.
OL — Evan Cardwell, Hutto, 6-3, 240, Sr.
END — Chase Plagens, Goldthwaite, 6-3, 175,

END — Trey Oliver, Millsap, 6-1, 155, Sr. QB — Michael Schoepf, Salado, 5-11, 180, Sr. RB — Dereck Syfert, Comfort, 5-11, 190, Sr. Vonchess Griggs, Van Vleck, 6-1, 185, Sr. Adrian Barnett, Shiner, 5-10, 185, Sr. KICKER - Lenny Williams, New Deal, 5-10, 205

DEFENSE

Randall Cooper, Boyd, 6-1, 235, Sr.
Casey Hamilton, Alto, 6-2, 265, Sr.
Corey Miles, Goldthwaite, 5-10, 170, Sr. Nick Davis, Hemphill, 5-10, 190, Jr. Capp Culver, Canadian, 6-3, 210, Jr.

Aaron French, Hemphill, 5-11, 195, So Aaron French, Hemphill, 5-11, 195, So.
 Matt McKinney, Refugio, 64, 235, Jr.
 Tate McMullan, Iraan, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 Tommy Clutter, Boyd, 5-9, 161, Sr.
 Alex Boyd, Refugio, 5-11, 155, Jr.
 Brian Goodman, Union Grove, 5-11, 180

PUNTER - Jordan Lambert, Lockney, 6-3, 190

#### HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

Offensive Linemen: Duane Commiato, Kerens Derek Hoopman, Iraan; Nick Valdez, Italy; Billy Mendoza, Iraan; Lance Krogh, Canadian; Dustin Kargi, Stanton; Justin Guy, Grand Saline; Jerod King, Mart; Eddie Schwarz, Canadian; Francisco Facundo, Goldthwaite: Artemio Hernandez, Refugio; Luke Goode, Lone Oak; Reid Spivey, Garrison; Eli

Cook, Ore City; Randy Miller, Gunter.

Offensive Ends: Hercules Tarver, Omaha Paul Pewitt; Joseph Williamson, Garrison; Brandon Walker, Garrison; Eloy Nunez, La Villa: Wesley Killingsworth, Gilmer Harmony, Gabe Box, Comfor Paul Lucas, Salado; Gerald Johnson, New Deal Brian Smithson, Iraan; Juan Bedolla, Elysian Fields Quarterback: Matt Jones, East Chambers; Derel Maupin, Canadian; Kaleb Tierce, Boyd; Dejuar Davis, Italy; Larry Lumbreras, Dilley; Kyle Hallman Union Grove: Zack Edwards, Refugio; Craig Anderson, Lone Oak; J.B. Stone, Iraan; Bobby

Bruce, Hughes Springs.
Running Back: Garrett Granberg, Blanco; Sam Doty, Rio Vista; Chris Harris, Elysian Fields; Jeremy Hull, Stanton; Jarrod Manoy, Frankston; Keylon Kincaide, Troup; Jason Bush, Banquete; John Garrett, Mart; Fernie Carasco, Van Horn; Justin Miller, Lone Oak; Cody Courtney, Beckville; Alex Boyd, Refugio; Jacob DeLeon, Kenedy. Kicker; Brent Green, Iraan; Jincarlo Carbaial

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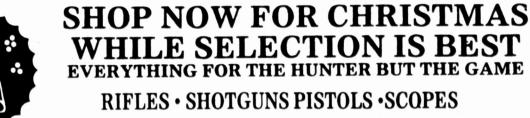
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Idalou: Brad Veale, Van Alstyne, Holmes, Garrison; Clint Gardner, Centerville

Steven Hagler, Brackett; Darren Roberson, Lexington; Keland Lewis, Italy; Cesar Peregrino, Stratford; Aric Carglie, Idalou; Thomas Anciso,

Linebackers: Gilbert Gonzalez, Ben Bolt; DeJuan Davis, Italy; Mitchell Marks, Malakoff; Roger

Michael Jackson, Goldthwaite; Will Harris, Stanton; Eric Hall, Canadian; Brian Fleck, Rio Vista; Mark Foley, Iraan; Hercules Tarver, Ornaha Paul Pewitt Blake Rives, Thorndale; Gabriel Martinez, La VIIIa Eric Robinson, Alto; Jimmy Wilkerson, Paul Pewitt Skyler Walden, Stratford; Rene Marcias, Van Horn

Skyler Walden, Stratford; Rene Marules, Vell 1997, Jimmy Holt, Ore City; Dusty Barber, Spearman.
Defensive Backs: Jeremy Hull, Stanton; Kyle Pressler, Comfort; Garrett Granberg, Blanco; Steven Riley. Abernathy; Archer City; Cleve tiley, Abernathy; Matthew Bures; Brent Green, Iraan.

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#### FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 15. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water is clear; 58-65 degrees; Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and finesse baits fished in the mornings and noon time in 2 to 10 feet around the boat houses on McCartney Island. Crappie are good on minnows fished around lighted docks in the mornings and at night in 5 to 10 feet. White bass and hybrid stripers are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 60 degrees; 1007.96'; Black bass are fair from the midlake to the islands on pumpkin worms, chrome/blue Rat-L-Traps and silver/blue 1/4oz. spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow on minnows fished over brush piles. White bass are fair but small on Horizon Perk Minnows and Spin Traps jigged vertically in 20 plus feet from Beaver Island up lake. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait over deeper points and sunken islands. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut baits. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines with live bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water off color; 60 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are fair on slabs, spoons and live bait. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on cut and prepared baits fished in 30 to 50 feet.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; Black bass are fair on 3/4oz. jigging spoons fished on the main river channel bends adjacent to humps and ridges. Spotted and smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished on the main lake in 30 to 35 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow on prepared baits.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 52 degrees: 6' low; Crappie are good on minnows fished in 15 feet of water near the derricks. Very few people on the lake due to cold temperatures. BRADY: No report available.

COLORADO CITY: Water stained; 44 degrees; 13' low; No report avail-

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 45 degrees; Hybrid stripers are fair on live shad fished in 4 to 6 feet on the west side of the lake. Blue catfish are good on shad fished in 4 to 6 feet on the west side of the lake. Few fishermen out due to poor weather condi-

HUBBARD CREEK: Water fairly clear; 47 degrees; 8.5'low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished along the edges of the hydrilla. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in in 8 to 12 dest and blue catfish are good on live balts rished in 25 feet. Yellow catrish are fair on live perch fished in 25

KEMP: No report available.

NASWORTHY: No report available. NOCONA: Water stained; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and jigging spoons fished in 5 to 18 feet. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows fished in 10 to 18 feet. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on slabs and jigs fished in the main lake. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish

OAK CREEK: Water fairly clear; 58 degrees: 14.75' low: Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished off the docks. White bass are fair to good on minnows and jigs. OH. IVIE: Water clear; 56 degrees;

13.5' low; Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and slabs fished in the mouths of the creeks. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night under lights. White bass are fair to good on slabs fished in 25 to 30 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait fished in 20 to 25 feet.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 62 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass are slow on jigs and crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 20 feet. White bass are slow on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 20 feet. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cut baits fished in 30 to 45 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on live perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water stained; 66 degrees; Black bass are fair on dark colored Texas-rigged worms fished off the bank. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows fished in 2 to 18 feet. Striped bass are fair on slabs and shad fished in 12 to 16 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait

and shrimp fished in 4 to 12 feet. STAMFORD: Water stained; 65 degrees; 12.75' low; Black bass are fair on large minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on stink and punchbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch

and goldfish. SWEETWATER: Water murky; 62 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished in the shallows. Few people on the lake due to cold temperatures

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 62 degrees; 40 feet low: No fishing report due to extreme low lake level. Boats can be launched form Sailboat point but caution is advised on entire

WHITE RIVER: No report available.





By BETTY DEBNAM

## **Changing the World The Wright Brothers**

For thousands of years people dreamed of flying. About 100 years ago, two brothers made that dream come true. Wilbur and Orville Wright invented the first practical airplane. Their first flight was on Dec. 17, 1903. **Growing up** 

Wilbur and Orville's father, Milton Wright, was a United Brethren Church bishop who had to travel a great deal. While away from home, he wrote encouraging letters to the boys.

was very good with tools. She taught the boys how to build things. They grew up in Dayton, Ohio, and

Their mother, Susan Koerner Wright,

other Midwestern towns. They had two older brothers and a younger sister.



A very important toy

When Orville was 7 and Wilbur was 11, their dad brought them a special rubber-band-powered flying toy called a

It was this toy that first got the brothers interested in flight. They built many more improved or bigger models of the toy, learning their first lessons about flight.

ACROSS:

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5. shuttle; Down: I. bat,

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block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally

See if you can find: WRIGHT, ORVILLE, WILBUR, PLANE,

AIR, FLYING, GROUND, WEIGHT, TOY, POWER, TEST,

WIND, PILOT.

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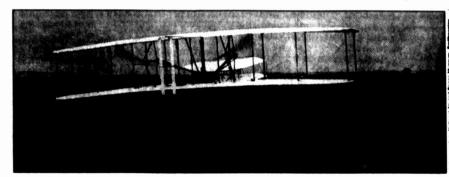
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Help Alpha Mouse find

the blueprints for making

Fit the names of things that fly into the puzzle.



It was Orville Wright's turn to fly when the Wright Flyer made its history-making flight on Dec. 17, 1903. Wilbur Wright watches the first successful powered, controlled flight in the world.

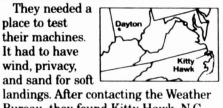
**Partners** 

When they grew up, they started a printing business, even designing their own presses. For about a year they put out their own newspapers. Later, they started a shop to repair and build bicycles.

Excited about experiments others were doing with flying machines, they decided to build their own.

They needed a place to test their machines. It had to have wind, privacy, and sand for soft

DOWN:



Bureau, they found Kitty Hawk, N.C. During their early tests, they camped in a tent on the beach. Conditions were tough. There were high winds, blowing sand and terrible mosquitos.

After two years of experiments, they moved into a shed they had built to house their glider, putting in beds and a kitchen.

Flying! On Dec. 17, 1903, the

brothers tested their latest machine. It was freezing cold and windy, but the brothers wanted to be home for Christmas.

This time their flyer flew! Although it flew for only 12 seconds, it was the first time a powered machine under the control of a pilot flew in the air and landed at a point as high as its takeoff

That day they flew three more times. Their final flight of 852 feet lasted 59 seconds. From that time on, the world would never be the same.





Go dot to dot and color these

pioneers of flight.

#### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Pie in the Sky You'll need:

• 1/4 cup butter or margarine

melted • 11/2 squares bittersweet

chocolate, melted 1½ cups sugar

• 1 tablespoon flour

• 1/2 cup milk • 1 teaspoon vanilla • 1/8 teaspoon salt • 1 unbaked pie shell

• 2 eggs, beaten

What to do:

1. Combine butter or margarine and chocolate in a medium bowl. Mix well. 2. In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients except pie

shell. Mix well 3. Stir chocolate mixture into large bowl. Mix well. Stir several

4. Pour into pie shell.

5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes.

# Airplanes Take Off



Hundreds of years ago, people's experiments with flight were much like those of the

not succeed. In 1783, two brothers made the first balloon flight. Although balloons were fun to fly, they went where the wind

blew, and were not practical for traveling. In the 1700s, people began to figure

out the scientific reasons for flight. First serious studies

Sir George Cayley (1773-1857), a British nobleman, made the first serious attempts to invent the airplane.

He researched studies on windmills and on ballistics, or how shells shoot from firearms. Using knowledge gained from those sources and his own research, he built the first successful gliders.

Showing the world

Otto Lilienthal (1848-1896), a German inventor, made about 2,000 flights in gliders he had designed and built by himself. He died following a glider crash. No one had ever made so many

flights. And for the first time, there were photographs. These pictures, appearing all over the world, proved human flight was possible. They captured the Wright Brothers' interest



Lilienthal's the pilot machine legs for the



carrying flying machine, the aerodrome, from a houseboat in the Potomac River near Washington, D.C., in 1903.

Dr. Samuel Langley, an American scientist (1834-1906), was able to get many model airplanes to fly. He did not do so well when he built planes big enough for humans.

On Dec. 8, 1903, Langley's aerodrome plunged into a river in front of newspaper photographers. Reporters

Nine days later, Wilbur and Orville



Try and try again

across the country made fun of the idea that people could fly.

Wright proved them wrong.



go much faster. The Bell X-1 was the first to fly faster than the speed of sound.



by other inventors. But they taught

anyone who had gone before. Here are

• a control system. This was the

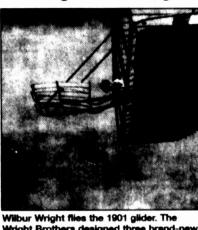
some of their major breakthroughs:

themselves more about making

• brand-new gliders.

airplanes than they learned from

The Wright Brothers, giants of flight The Wright brothers were inspired



most important thing they invented. Before that, although people could rise into the air, they could not direct where they were going. • the propeller.

Wright Brothers designed three brand-new gliders to test their ideas about wings and The Mini Page thanks Tom Crouch, senior

Washington, D.C., for help with this issue ook through your newspaper for places

you'd like to visit. How would you get



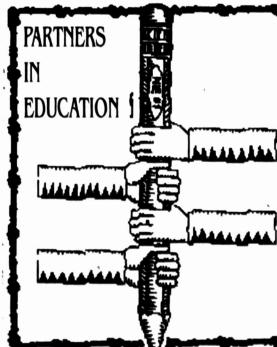
• airplane engine. With the help of Charles Taylor, a machinist in their bicycle shop, they designed and built their own engine

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\*\*\*\*Unexpected developments hurt your feelings at times. touch you and others. You'll feel empowered and wonderful as a result of news you hear. Share what is going on with can be easily understood. If you friends. Extremes mark the day; excitement punctuates a easily, although you could end relationship. Remember, you up in a volatile relationship. like the highs! Tonight: It is vour call

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*Step back and think. Your

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instincts help you understand a your desk. Tonight: Enjoy your partner and know exactly what is proper for him. A boss surprises you, and you need to respond from a gut level. Be careful about spending funds before they land in your wallet.

Tonight: Plans change rapidly. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\*A friend comes through

for you in a completely unexpected manner. Be willing to walk through new doors and take risks. News from a distance changes your ideas of what you would like to do. A co-worker surprises you. Tonight: Where your friends

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*Take the time to make a must appearance. A boss cares a lot and will go to the mat for you. You become quite aware of a partner and his needs. You are rewarded for your indulging and nurturing ways. Tonight: Start hitting the party

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\*Take an overview when life takes some interesting twists and turns. Your sense of humor comes out when you're with a partner. Laugh, rather than taking his comments per sonally. Another really does care, but he has an odd way of showing it. Tonight: Take off

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Build, rather than tear down. Know what you want and expect, and convey it in a manner that a partner can hear. Sometimes being a role model is far more effective than words. Your actions speak. A pleasant surprise coccurs. Tonight: Take time with a loved one.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\*Listen, and you'll learn a lot about a loved one as well as a parener. You might not understand exactly what is on a child's mind, but take a look at his actions. Sometimes you simply need to establish limits. Don't keep pouring money into a proble m. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)-\*\*\*\*Your gentle manner con-

vinces others that there are problems. Let go of what isn't your cross to bear. Allow another to grapple with the real issue. Work provides challenges that energize you. Clear

co-workers

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

\*\*\*\*\*Your fiery side emerges with a loved one. What you say could surprise some and stun others. Your words might seem a bit brusque, but they do get to the bottom of an issue. Be careful, because you could be overly sensitive with someone. Tonight: Let the good times

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

\*\*\*You find that your money has developed a life of its own. It almost seems to spend itself! You can put a halt to this process, but you really need to reverse a pattern quickly. A friendship or relationship is very important to you, but don't let it c ost you. Tonight: Happy at home

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\*You have high-voltage energy, and you might not know which way to turn. You go into spontaneous mode and get moving. Get your messages; return your calls. A boss or semeone you care a lot about wants to let you know how important you are to him. To night: Ever social and into the holidays.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*Clear out work, as well as any pending holiday presents. You might feel a need to shake off the holiday doldrums. You might feel cranky. Make a call to a loved one at a distance and share your feelings. You'll feel renewed. Tonight: Do as much shoppi ng as you can through catalogs or the Internet.

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## Pets are the wrong cargo for the back of pickups

DEAR ABBY: On my way to still exists work today, I followed a pickup truck with a beautiful husky dog in the back. As we sped along, he moved anxiously from one side of the truck to the other. Suddenly, the dog jumped out, hit the pavement and began

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tumbling out of control. I was driving a full-size van at 60 mph. I slammed on the brakes and was able to keep from running over the poor animal.

I pulled off the road and saw the dog

had gotten up and was hobbling across the grassy median toward oncoming traffic. Fortunately, I was able to coax the animal into my arms and I held him until the driver of the pickup returned. I will never forget his stupid explanation: "Why, he has never done this before!" It took all my willpower to keep from smacking the driver up against the side of his head.

Please, Abby, pass this story on to everyone. If just one person reads it and decides to keep his or her pet inside the cab with them, it will have been JOHN C., DAYworth it. -TON, OHIO

DEAR JOHN: Thank you for an important letter. Not only should pets not be allowed to ride in the back of a pickup truck, neither should human beings. As your story illustrates, animals can be unpredictable. And should the driver get into an accident, there is absolutely no protection for the passengers in the back.

DEAR ABBY: I go to garage sales every Saturday and generally come across some interesting items. I found the enclosed 'Death Cookbook Recipe" in a set of cards from 1966, put together by the Missouri Avenue Baptist Church, Clearwater, Fla. It is amazing that 30 years later, the problem

If you feel it is worth sharing with your readers, please print it. I found it very interesting. BARBARA CONDON, MAT-TITUCK, N.Y.

DEAR BARBARA: It's definitely worth printing, particularly during the holiday season when people are "partying." Read on: DEATH'S COOKBOOK

Take: 1 reckless, natural-born

3 drinks of whiskey 1 fast automobile Soak the fool in the whiskey, place in the automobile, then

After due time, remove from the wreckage. Place in a satin box and garnish with flowers.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I just moved to Michigan from a Southern state because of his job. I had to leave mine, and I want to find new employment here. However, I am 17 weeks pregnant.

If I interview for a job, should I tell my prospective employer of my pregnancy then, or wait until I receive an offer? I am not showing yet. - NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW You are not required by law to inform prospective employers that you are pregnant. If they withdraw an offer because they learn that you are pregnant, they are in violation of fair employment practices.

If you're 17 weeks pregnant, they are going to see soon enough. Enjoy your "New Millennium" baby!

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklets I and II, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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**Big Spring Herald** 

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Sunday, December 26..... Thursday, 3 p.m.

**Circulation Phones** The December 24 paper will be delivered as a

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The Big Spring Herald offices will be closed December 24 and will reopen for business at 7:30 a.m. Monday, December 27.

Friday, December 24......Wednesday, 12 NOON Sunday, December 26.....Thursday, 12 NOON Monday, December 27.....Thursday, 3 p.m.

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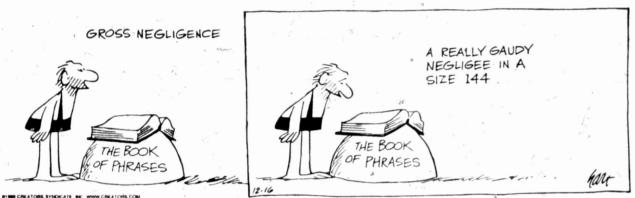
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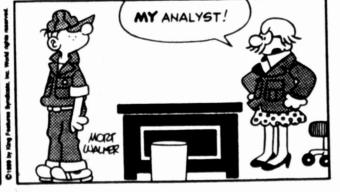
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"MY MOM SAYS SHE'D RATHER SHOP ONLINE, THAN STAND IN LINE."

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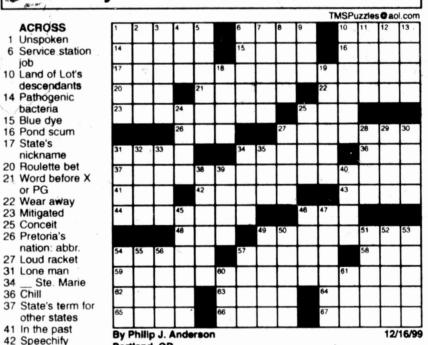
Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on

Dec. 16, 1899, Sir Noel Coward. the English actor, playwright and composer, was born in London.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of

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England, Scotland and Ireland. In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

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In 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte was divorced from the Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1916, Gregory Rasputin, the monk who'd wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was murdered by a group of noblemen.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counter-attack against Allied forces in Belgium.

In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1985, reputed organizedcrime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

In 1991, the UN General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-to-

Ten years ago: Federal appeals court judge Robert S. Vance was killed by a mail bomb at his Alabama home. Walter Leroy Moody Junior was later sentenced to death for killing Vance, and received seven life terms on federal charges in that killing and the death of civil rights attorney Robert E. Robinson.

Five years ago: The White House and Republicans traded barbs over whose tax plan was fairer to the middle class, a day after President Clinton presented a package of proposed tax cuts. White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announced she was leaving her job at the end of the year.

One year ago: President Clinton ordered a sustained series of airstrikes against Iraq by American and British forces in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of UN weapons inspectors. The House delayed a debate set to begin the next day on four articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

Today's Birthdays: Author Sir Arthur C. Clarke is 82. Civil rights attorney Morris Dees is 63. Actress Joyce Bulifant is 62. Actress Liv Ullmann is 60. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 58. T-V producer Steven Bochco is 56. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 53. Actor Ben Cross is 52.