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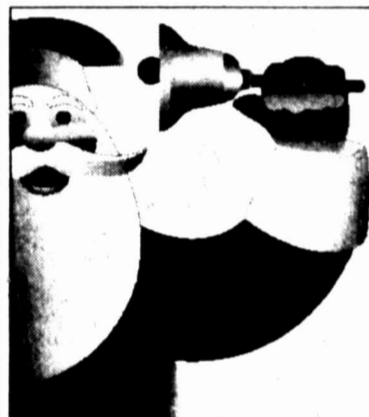
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If your organization has an established program to help others and you would like to be included in this list, call Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 234.



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

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Editor

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 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.

Coahoma recorded the largest increase, percentage-wise, at 104.45 percent.

Coahoma's check was \$6,416.28 — more 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 percent. The 1999 check was \$2,665.76 — up

from \$1,532.56 last year. The largest rebate checks in West Texas went to Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland, in that order.

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 ago.

San Angelo's check was \$1,137,778.49. Odessa received \$1,063,908.32 back

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 nine-month 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 comptroller 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 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 or early



**LLOYD**

Sunday morning, causing an estimated \$30,000 worth of damage. The Howard County 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 of them as a battering ram on the front gate and other vehicles.

They also completely destroyed the front gate — located 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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## Commissioners approve ban on aerial fireworks

**LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court voted unanimously this week to approve both a burn ban and aerial fireworks ban for the county.

The burn ban prohibits burning any combustible material outside an enclosure designed to contain all flames and/or sparks, including campfires.

County Judge Ben Lockhart had originally signed the burn ban order on Friday, Dec. 3.

"I expect the ban to last all winter unless we start to see some snow or rain," Lockhart said.

The aerial fireworks ban prohibits all missiles with fins and rudders, as well as rockets on a stick.

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## 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 an 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 well.

"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-



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.

ness member, Business After 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 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 invita-

tions to chamber members. Most of the participation is with the business's clientele, so each one is different," Newton said.

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OBITUARIES

Opal Koonce

Funeral 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, Ofera Angel of Stanton; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Patsy Darnell

Gravestone 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.



DARNELL

Mrs. Darnell died Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

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 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 accident on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999, in McKinney. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



TUCKER

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 people. He worked in industrial construction trades in Odessa and in the Fort Worth area. He was a long time member of the 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, Rex, Amy and Jaxon Tucker, all of Midland; an aunt and uncle, Myrt and Curt Overby of Plevywood, Mont.; and uncle, Tom Tucker of Honduras and his grandfather, Jessie Monroe Tucker of Gordon.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, E.H. and Wilma Topliffe and Bertha Tucker.

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 79721-1229.

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

*Paid obituary*

Bill Westbrook

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

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.

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

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Center

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.

BIG SPRING AROUND 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 system," Redman said. "With 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.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 5,3,7

Lotto: 11,13,22,24,25,44

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

BRIEFS

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

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

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.

reported in the 1300 block of Grafa and near the intersection of 18th and Lancaster.

• 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.

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 vandalism.

"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.

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 points; Dec. live cattle futures 68.42, down 5 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets unavailable by press time.

FIRE/EMS

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

12:16 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:37 p.m. — 1800 block E. FM-700, traffic accident, two people refused service.

3:04 p.m. — 400 block Main, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:41 p.m. — 100 block East 18th, traffic accident, service refused.

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

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

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

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following 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 HURINGTON, 45, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance analog (manmade) drug less than one gram (BSPD).

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 54, Wednesday's low 19, Average high 55, Average low 29, Record high 78 in 1924, Record low 10 in 1985, Precip. Wednesday 0.00, Month to date 0.00, Month's normal 0.35, Year to date 11.84, Normal for the year 17.99, Sunrise Friday 7:41 a.m., Sunset Friday 5:43 p.m.

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

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

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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. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Warron 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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## 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 75 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 27.

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, Weese said.

The estimates were based on

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 dizzying heights, peaking at 109

feet in 1969. 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-foot 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 responsibility of the bonfire adviser to insure (sic) that this height limit is not exceeded. This can be easily done by marking the center pole at 55 feet."

Neither Kibler nor 1999 bonfire adviser Rusty Thompson could be reached for comment Wednesday.

Other university officials had little to say about the matter. A&M spokesman Lane

Stephenson said Wednesday morning there was confusion about the intent of Weese's memo and exactly how the bonfire 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 re-election to the U.S. Senate.

Mrs. Hutchison, who claimed the Senate seat in 1993, has raised some \$6 million for her campaign. She 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 73-year-old retired Air Force attorney from San Antonio who lost statewide races in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1998.

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 said.



HUTCHISON

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

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Almost 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-year-old 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 said.

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 and the 35th and last to be put to death this year. The 1999 total

is second only to the record 37 executions in Texas two years ago.

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 a month later in Idaho on a traffic violation, police stopped

him discovered he was wanted for murder in Houston.

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 for our county appears bright

As 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 have 800 additional jobs by the end of 2000.

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 entire community.

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 in training.

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 employment for a hard-working group of people already trained in the field.

Finally, the Veterans Administration State Home, scheduled to be completed next fall, will provide an additional 100 to 200 jobs.

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 the case with the veterans home.

In other words, the fact that those operations are locating here means a boost in employment for some of our already existing businesses. That's a real bonus.

We are excited about ending the year on such a positive note, and look forward to a prosperous 2000. It's another example of "Positively Big Spring."

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to the person or persons that I like doing their Christmas shoplifting and taking some decorations Friday night at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. I have never met you but I already know a lot about you.

You probably have never given even one hour to make your community better but you are among the first to say, "there is nothing to do or see in Big Spring" and always trip over to Midland, San Angelo, Lubbock or Abilene to do your legitimate shopping.

You probably have never thought of how many hours it takes to make a project such as the Spring lighting happen. While a few caring citizens, who try to make a difference for children as well as others, are working in the dark, the cold and weekends, what are you doing?

If you needed the decoration to make your life better and to enhance your neighborhood, it may not hurt as much. That, after all was the intention from the beginning. But, I'll bet you take it home, if you didn't sell it, and just plug it in. Now

### what!

After the season, will you store it properly, or will you just throw it in a shed or maybe even worse yet, leave it in the weather to be sure and never work again. If you do store it, will you get it out next year and make sure all the lights work and if not, fix them, or will you just go shoplifting again next year to make sure you keep something new and beautiful? You see, there is more responsibility to having something than just taking what someone else has worked so hard to make beautiful.

Oh, by the way, in your haste to get your merchandise and get away, you left the electrically charged cord in the pool of water. We, luckily, found it before we turned on lights on that evening. I would like to think this was just a careless act not intentional. But, with a thief, how can one know! This was a real safety hazard for equipment, not to mention people. Shame on you! Stealing is bad enough, but to want to hurt someone?

Gloria McDonald  
Big Spring

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# WTO protestors had a point

Except for the anarchists who injected violence into the otherwise peaceful demonstrations, the overwhelming number of people who came to Seattle to protest at the meeting of the World Trade Organization had a legitimate beef about the rush toward globalization.



JACK 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

open, democratic process in the group's decision-making.

The WTO's tendency to run 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 hatches 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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## Growing old without aging

I 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 pounds 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 regimen.

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 active.

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

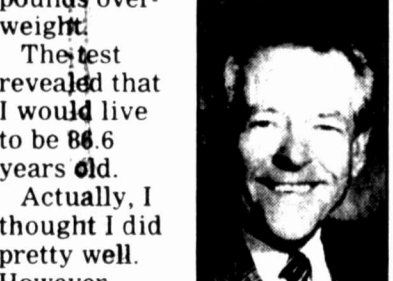
low fat diet, antioxidants, anti-inflammatory drugs, hormones, ginkgo and vitamin E. He also says 10 minutes of meditation twice a day is good. Above all, don't take yourself too seriously.

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 E 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.

I want to grow old without aging.



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## Report

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas police officer who was a crime-fighting showman showed his experience was Army deserter years ago, according to Dallas Morning News records. Records obtained in a copy today's editions Fort Worth law career ended in 1976 as a military law enforcer. David William enth year as th law enforcer.

## Mexico

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

DALLAS (AP) — An outspoken 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

said his department has locked up nearly 300,000 prisoners 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 good sense to me."

The younger Williams' military record, obtained by the 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-year-old senior MP went AWOL, where he went or what he was doing.

He entered the military Aug.

30, 1972, and was stationed with 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 Sill 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

crime rates — Fort Worth's 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 wife, 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 AWOL.

"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 U.S. 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 cousin.

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 that the murder was a message from a powerful drug cartel to the victim's brother, a veteran

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

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

"The investigation is continuing," FBI spokeswoman Brenda Burton said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge John William Black ordered Martinez held without bond Tuesday.

The news was a shock to Martinez's cousin, retired DEA 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 anybody to kill the individual

that killed my brother."

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.

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

unanimous decision to convict him again and the boy was freed earlier this year.

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

family to stay away from the Juarez drug cartel.

Phil Jordan described Martinez as a "dedicated, hard-working 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

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — 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 Clinton.

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

until after two court officers were sent to summon her that she entered to be sworn in.

This could be payback time for Ms. Lewinsky. As 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 surreptitiously tape-recorded

her confidences about an affair 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

Preston Burton, entered the 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 in the summer of 1998.

Mrs. Tripp's lawyer, Joseph Murtha, said Wednesday her defense team was preparing to cross-examine Ms. Lewinsky today or Friday. State Prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli declined to comment on the possibility that he would call her to the stand.

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

Montanarelli is trying to show that his case was not tainted in

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

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 White 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 said.

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

Clinton a letter urging him to "commit your administration to achieving these important goals."

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

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

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

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

they are, underlining the diminished 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

Republicans promising to obey the limits. But facing spending demands from members of both parties, they ended up striking an agreement that exceeded those caps by \$32 billion.

With spending pressures likely 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 succeeded.

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — Navy Capt. Robert W. "Andy" Andersen calls it a "financial death spiral" in which strapped sailors get short-term, high-interest "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 get new loans, sometimes from several companies at the same time.

"This culminates in a snowball effect of financial death spiral the sailor can't recover from," he said. "I have one sailor who is writing \$2,893 in checks to

cover \$2,550 in cash advances."

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 of America, uses a harsher term: "Legal loan sharking."

"Interest rates on payday loans average about 50 percent annually, with some loans going well over 1000 percent," said Lieberman, senior Democrat on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. "Because of the easy terms and ready availability of these loans, combined with high interest rates, borrowers often become trapped in an ongoing cycle of debt."

The loans are legal in 31 states, and the volume of pay-

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 \$1.4 billion this year, 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 almost a year to develop, support and encourage responsible

industry practices," said Billy Webster, president of the company Advance America and president-elect of the 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.

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.

## Research boosts easier-to-take HIV drug cocktail

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A newly approved medicine has enabled doctors to develop AIDS drug cocktails that are easier to take, cause fewer side effects and appear to work more effectively in children, researchers suggested today.

Over the past few years, drug combinations containing a breakthrough class of medicines called protease inhibitors have made AIDS a treatable disease. Yet some patients fail to benefit, because they cannot cope with taking 15 or 20 pills a day on a precise schedule.

Two new studies suggest that Sustiva, one of a new class of AIDS medicines, may actually work better than the standard treatment, perhaps because it requires fewer pills and has fewer side effects.

Sustiva, generically called efavirenz, was approved last year. It is already joining protease inhibitors as one of the first-line treatments for the AIDS virus.

Sustiva is known as a non-nucleoside analogue. Like older AIDS drugs, such as AZT, it blocks a certain enzyme the virus needs to reproduce, but does so in a different way.

Sustiva is taken once a day, while protease inhibitors often must be taken three times daily.

The studies underscoring Sustiva's effectiveness were published in today's New England Journal of Medicine. One was studied in children. The findings offer "one more drug you can choose from when you sit down with a patient," said Dr. Robert Schooley of the University of Colorado, a doctor familiar with the research.

In the study of 450 HIV-infected 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 and the same two other drugs.

Also, 43 percent of the protease inhibitor patients stopped

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

has become first-line therapy."

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# Internet tax panel will put off decisions until final spring session

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A panel created to devise tax rules for the Internet faces a spring deadline for its recommendations to Congress — unless it decides to do nothing, as some members suggest.

"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

issues that appeared to have broad support: barring taxes on 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

governors and other officials 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 immediately."

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

taxes. This decision now prevents states from collecting the taxes from remote sellers.

"It's designed to take away some of the conflicts that we know exist in state courts about what constitutes substantial physical presence," said Dean Andal, chairman of the California Board of Equalization and author of the plan.

That would have the effect of preserving and clarifying the status quo, giving state and federal governments more time to

determine what tax policy to adopt on e-commerce.

Others, like Gilmore, prefer a clear direction now to exempt Internet purchases by consumers 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 services are sold via the Internet.

"This is literally a once-in-a-generation opportunity," said Gov. Mike Leavitt, R-Utah, 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 red-haired 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 difficult.

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 plan to marry.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

Where should we start to build our new family? And could you identify the issues that are likely to be most difficult for us?

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 youngster becomes the surrogate spouse. I'm not referring to sexual matters; rather, that boy or girl becomes more mature than his or her years and relates to the remaining parent. The child's role is very seductive, and he or she is usually unwilling to give it up. The stepfather becomes a threat to that child. Much work must be done to bring them together.

The kids' loyalty 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 children.

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. If the kids sense any tension 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

Thirty-six Big Spring High School band members recently were named to the All-Region Band, and still others advanced to the area band, from which they will audition for state honors.

All-region band members from Big Spring include (all pictured in the photos above), piccolo Lori Maines and Madera Gray; flutes Chelsea Churchwell, Becky Vera, Madera Gray, Aaron Murphy and April Ward; cornets Valeria Aguirre, Aaron Schooler, Sandra Gainey, Guido Toscano, John Ontiveros; French horn Krystal Gonzales; trombones Landon Adkins and Jason Martinez; baritone Adam Partee; oboe Breck Simmons; clarinets Eloy Leal, Vanesa Rodriguez, Jamie Pineda, Chelsea Helsey and Olga Sifuentes; bass clarinet Teri Denton; and on bassoon Chelsea Helsey (alt.).

Also percussionists Holly Price, John Giles, Chris Correa (alt.); French horns Krystal Gonzales, Tanya Adusumilli,

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 Toscano, John Ontiveros; French horn Krystal Gonzales; trombones Landon Adkins and Jason Martinez; baritone Adam Partee; oboe Breck Simmons; clarinets Eloy Leal and Vanesa Rodriguez; and bass clarinet Teri 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 both were selected as part of that group as well.

## 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 well.

In many cases involving land records, it was neighbors that witnessed the transactions, it was also neighbors that were god-parents. Some families were very close and played an important role in the lives and happenings of each other.



BOBBY RAWLS

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 land.

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 children, 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 your 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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Volunteer Lila Holland, right, helps Sylvia Sanchez pick out toys for her children 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 ministries.

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<p><b>SLICE of life!</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY NEWS</b></p> <p><b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERS</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>A MEMORIAL TREE FROM</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>THE LAST WORD</b></p> <p>Stay at home in your mind. Don't recite other people's opinions. I hate quotations. Tell me what you know.</p> <p><b>Ralph Waldo Emerson</b></p> <p>I quote others only to better express myself.</p> <p><b>Michael de Montaigne</b></p> <p>There are two different kinds of marriages -- where the husband quotes the wife, and where the wife quotes the husband.</p> <p><b>Pablo Picasso</b></p>
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# TV basics: Action, nature and babes

NEW YORK (AP) — Once upon a time, in an age before Spandex, a woman's life was a rugged affair. Not only did she have to cope with dinosaurs and bad guys with green skin, but worse, her wardrobe was limited to suede bikinis.

Now, in the modern world, TV is exposing these conditions. Especially the skimpy attire.

"At the dawn of the century, a band of adventurers set out to prove the impossible — the existence of a prehistoric world." So begins "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World."

The most notable revelation for many viewers of this weekly hour is Veronica, the babe in the buckskin. Played by Jennifer O'Dell, she serves the adventurers as their local go-to girl, an indispensable guide — and an eye-ful 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 pattering around her cave in a strapless gown with enchanting décolletage.

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. 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, can-do 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

candy," said Bob Friedman, president of New Line Television, which distributes "The Lost World."

Plus, there's lots of useful information.

Here's a lesson from "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 to wear.

"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.

Like "Relic Hunter," "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 stress-free environment. He doesn't have to work or study or discipline himself.

But it would be crazy to stay beyond the nine months intended.

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 life.

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 is: 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

DALLAS (AP) — His clothes 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 vacation.

His dresses serve as the ultimate party clothes for such fashion luminaries as Gwyneth Paltrow, Helena Christensen, Shaom 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-

dents "do anything — tape stuff 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 body-conscious 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 and Heidi-esque dresses to his lower-priced Raj Collection, which he began designing four

years ago. Jewel-toned slippers 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."

Prices of his work aren't cheap — \$150 for blouses and up to \$400 for dresses in the Raj line, \$400 to \$2,000 in his namesake line.

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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 courses.

**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 Sports. 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 first-through 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 County. TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McInty 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**  
Men  
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. 30.  
**NBA**  
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

defensive player of the year by Associated Press Sports Editors. 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-

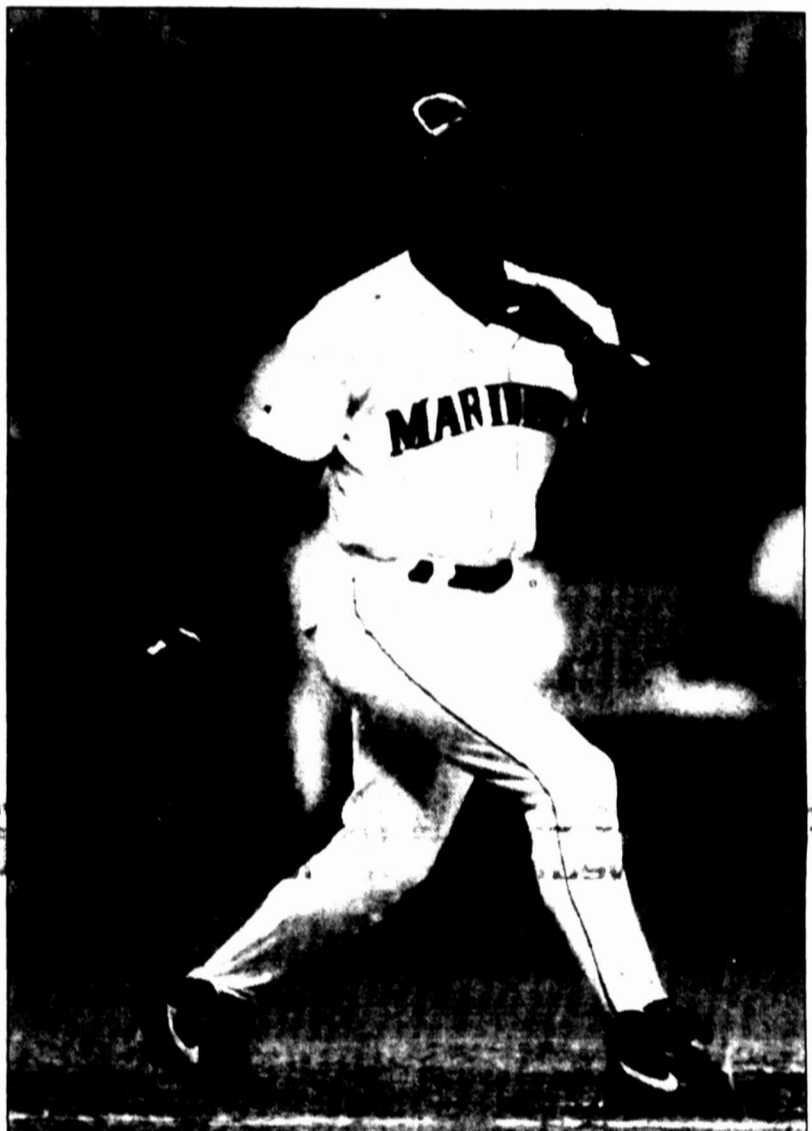
sive lineman Keith Zapalac make the squad. The Tigers face Commerce in a championship game for the third time this decade Saturday at Texas Stadium. Crane quarterback Clay McGuire was the offensive player of the year after leading his team to a second consecutive 10-0 season. He passed for 1,056 yards 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 Cory 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 Alvarado.

## 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. No. "Politely declined," is the way Brian Goldberg, Griffey's agent, put it, but the message was the same. This was late Monday night, just after the Mets and Seattle Mariners had worked out nearly all the kinks in a four-for-one 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-a-player."



**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.**

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 bad guy 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

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-of-war 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-

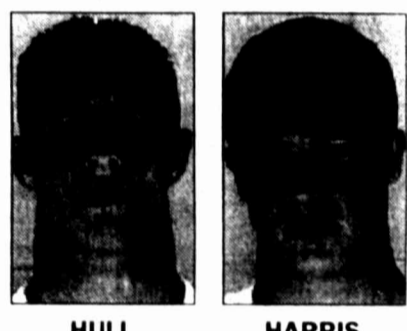
stop in case the Mariners lose Alex Rodriguez to free agency after next season, too. Bowden's situation is a little trickier. If the Reds trade for Griffey and can't afford him the next year, he paid too steep a price. On the other hand, if he waits out Gillick and Griffey isn't bluffing about threatening 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 my 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

## Bufs' 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 Bufs 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 Bufs did. Still, the Bufs went through the season unranked in the Associated Press schoolboy football poll. While the Bufs 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 season undefeated. Much of Stanton's success 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 accomplishments this week when both earned honorable mention status on the 1999 Class 2A APSE All-State Football Team.



**HULL** and wide receiver **HARRIS** Autry of Boyd both made the 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 playoffs. 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 year in a row. Quarterback Quan Cosby and offensive lineman Dustin Hicks also made the first team. Offensive lineman Josh Dean

and wide receiver Brandon Autry of Boyd both made the team. 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 Delwyn 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 together. 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 FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**  
DUSTIN HICKS, Mart, 6-3, 275, Sr. — Top line man on state's No. 2 team. Preseason All State and All-Region by Pigskin Prep.  
RYAN MCDANIEL, Hemphill, 6-6, 295, Sr. — 79 pancake blocks. Leading blocker on team that averaged 5.8 yards per carry. Verbally committed to Baylor.  
CLINT GILLISPIE, Arp, 6-4, 320, Sr. — 25 pancake blocks, 40 knockdowns, 4-year starter who benches 460 and squats 725. 5-1 in 40-yard dash.  
JOSH DEAN, Boyd, 6-4, 275, Sr. — anchored line on 100 team averaging 44 points, 270 rushing yards and 409 total yards.  
BRYAN THOMAS, Celina, 5-10, 240, Jr. — Leading blocker on team that averaged 403 yards per game on offense. 3-ranked 98 percent in season's biggest game.  
**ENDS**  
BRANDON AUTRY, Boyd, 6-6, 190, Sr. — 46, 693, 15 TDs.  
BRIAN GOODMAN, Union Grove, 5-11, 180, Jr. — 71 catches for 1,479 yards and 12 touch-

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

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Although nobody at 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 (7-4). 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

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 play." 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 tal-

ented players at quarterback," Brown 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 touchdowns. In two years, he's set many school records and has become one of the win-

ningest quarterbacks in school history. He 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 opportunity as a prelude to taking over the job. "I'm really not worried about the big picture right now," he said. "I think as a team and for myself about just concentrating 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 season. 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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NFL STANDINGS

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Kentucky (6-5) vs. Syracuse (6-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

ALL-STATE

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downs, 386 yards rushing. State leader in receiving... QUARTERBACK... QUAN COBBY, Mart. 5-10, 180, Sr. — 47 of 71 passing for 1,031 yards and 12 touchdowns.

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN: D'angelo Rhodes, Mart. Justin Carroll, Cisco; Nick Valdez, Italy; Jerod King, Mart.

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Jeremy Mull, Stanton; Kyle Pressler, Comfort; Garrett Granberg, Blanco; Steven Wurthich, Archer City; Clevie Riley, Abernathy; Matthew Bures; Brent Green, Iran.

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WOMEN'S SCORES

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TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record. Includes Connecticut, Tennessee, Louisiana Tech.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Table with columns: Class, Team 1, Team 2, Time. Includes Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A.

BOWLS SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Bowl Name, Location, Time. Includes Las Vegas Bowl, Heritage Bowl, Aloha Bowl.

NBA

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 102, Chicago 91
Utah 96, Boston 86
New Jersey 111, Cleveland 101

NHL

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 8, Los Angeles 3
Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
Pittsburgh 6, Carolina 3

MINI'S SCORES

Table with columns: East, South, Louisiana-Monroe, Houston.

GRIFFEY

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second half of last season. Letting fans know he wants out of town isn't the way to rekindle the romance.

GRIFFEY

wasn't out of the question, either. "It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world to play the season with the guy, with the club we've got."

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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. jugging 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 available.

**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 conditions.

**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 8 to 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on live baits fished in 25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch fished in 25 feet.

**KEMP:** No report available.

**NASWORTHY:** No report available.

**NOCONA:** Water stained; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and jugging 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 are slow.

**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 from Sailboat point but caution is advised on entire lake.

**WHITE RIVER:** No report available.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Changing the World  
**The Wright Brothers**

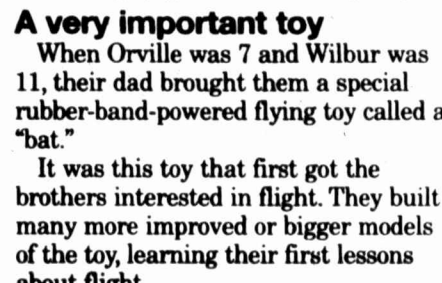
For thousands of years people dreamed of flying. About 100 years ago, two brothers made that dream come true. Wilbur and Orville Wright invented the first practical airplane. Their first flight was on Dec. 17, 1903.

**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.  
Their mother, Susan Koerner Wright, was very good with tools. She taught the boys how to build things.

They grew up in Dayton, Ohio, and other Midwestern towns. They had two older brothers and a younger sister.



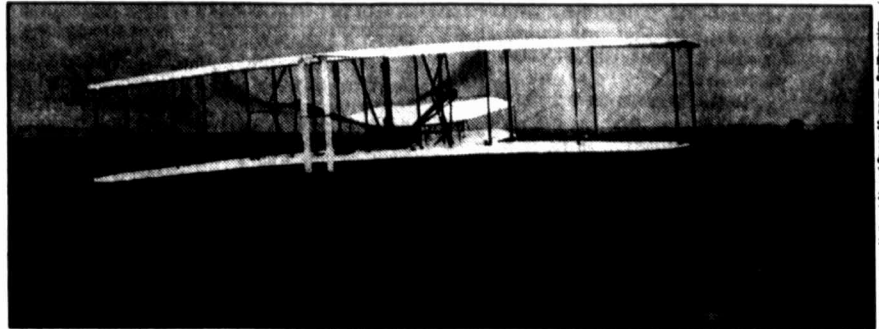
Wilbur Wright, age 12



Orville Wright, age 8

**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 "bat."

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.



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 landings. After contacting the Weather 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.



Kitty Hawk

**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 spot.

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.



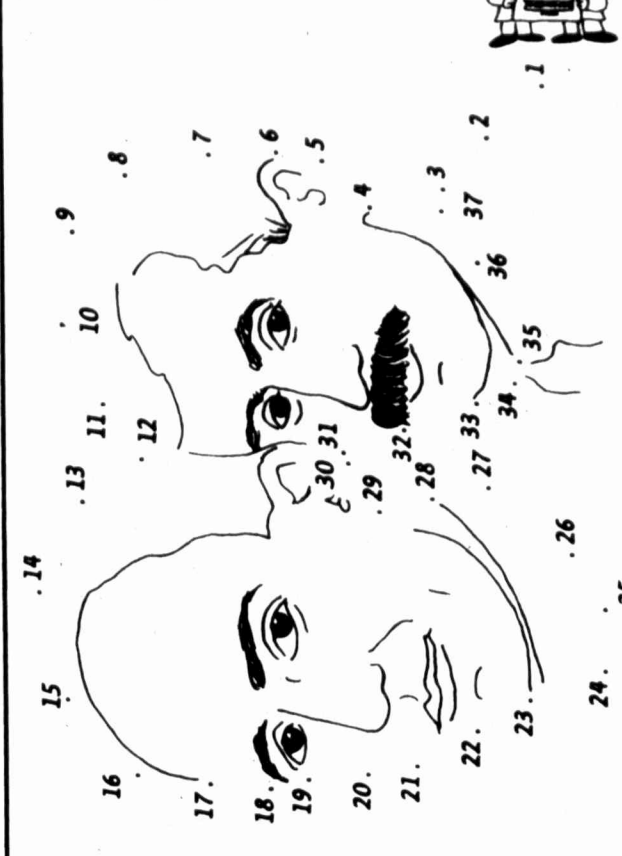
Wilbur Wright (1867-1912)



Orville Wright (1871-1948)

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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
  - 1 1/2 squares bittersweet chocolate, melted
  - 1 1/2 cups sugar
  - 1 tablespoon flour
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 1 unbaked pie shell
- 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 minutes.
  4. Pour into pie shell.
  5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes.

**PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE LE-DO**  
Fit the names of things that fly into the puzzle.

**ACROSS:**

1. A flying mammal.
2. A flying insect.
3. A flying reptile.
4. A flying bird.
5. A flying machine.
6. A flying vehicle.

**DOWN:**

1. A flying insect.
2. A flying bird.
3. A flying machine.
4. A flying vehicle.
5. A flying mammal.
6. A flying reptile.

Answers: Across: 1. bat, 2. rocket, 3. insect, 4. glider, 5. airplane, 6. airplane. Down: 1. bat, 2. rocket, 3. insect, 4. glider, 5. airplane, 6. airplane.

**MAZE** Help Alpha Mouse find the blueprints for making his airplane.

**FLIGHT TRY 'N FIND**  
Words that remind us of the history of flight are hidden in the 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, BICYCLE, GLIDER, PARENTS, CONTROL, DREAM, LIFT, WIND, PILOT.

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**Airplanes Take Off**

Hundreds of years ago, people's experiments with flight were much like those of the monk who tried to fly by jumping off a tower wearing artificial wings. He did 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.

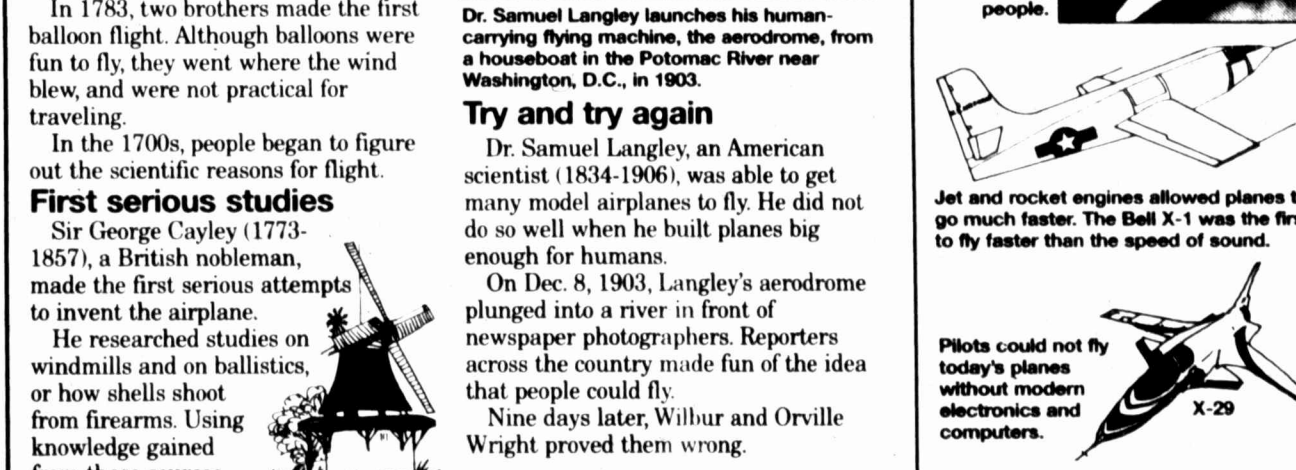
In the 1700s, people began to figure out the scientific reasons for flight.

**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.



**Later major advances**  
The Douglas DC-3 is the most important passenger plane ever. It was the first to make a profit carrying people.

Jet and rocket engines allowed planes to go much faster. The Bell X-1 was the first to fly faster than the speed of sound.

Pilots could not fly today's planes without modern electronics and computers.

**Try and try again**  
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 across the country made fun of the idea that people could fly.

Nine days later, Wilbur and Orville Wright proved them wrong.

**The Wright Brothers, giants of flight**  
The Wright brothers were inspired by other inventors. But they taught themselves more about making airplanes than they learned from anyone who had gone before. Here are some of their major breakthroughs:

- brand-new gliders.
- a control system. This was the most important thing they invented. Before that, although people could rise into the air, they could not direct where they were going.
- the propeller.
- airplane engine. With the help of Charles Taylor, a machinist in their bicycle shop, they designed and built their own engine.

Wilbur Wright flies the 1901 glider. The Wright Brothers designed three brand-new gliders to test their ideas about wings and to learn to fly.

The Mini Page thanks Tom Crouch, senior curator of aeronautics, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., for help with this issue. Look through your newspaper for places you'd like to visit. How would you get there?

Next week The Mini Page looks at some important finds from ancient China.

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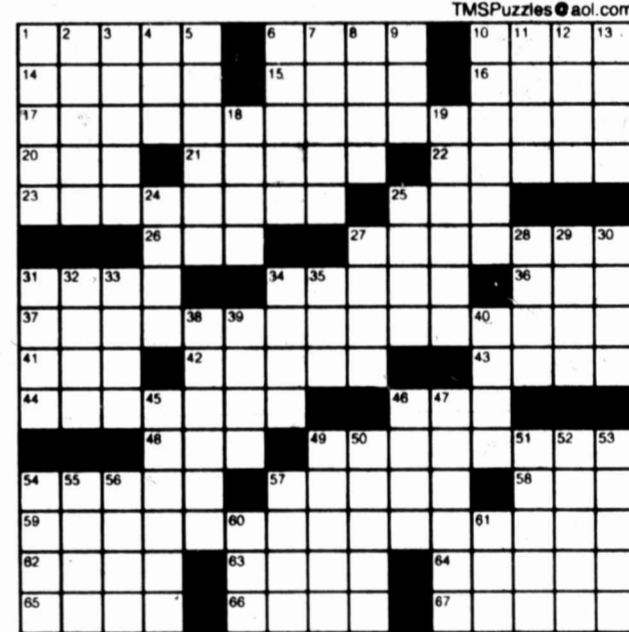
Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Dec. 16, 1899, Sir Noel Coward, the English actor, playwright and composer, was born in London.

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

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Phillip J. Anderson Portland, OR

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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SNUFFY SMITH



BETLE BAILY



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