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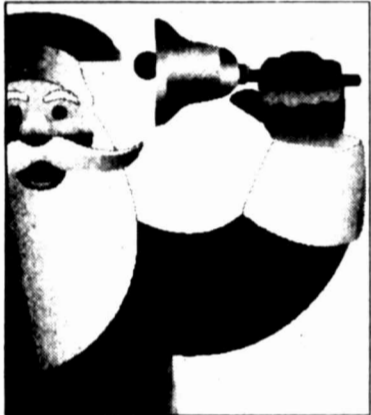
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## HELPING OTHERS...

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

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## Salvation Army Kettles:

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- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center
- Pollard Chevrolet, through Dec. 14.

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- Norwest Bank is sponsoring The Giving Tree.

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## Area holiday lights dazzle judges, who view record number of entries

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

The largest number of entries ever in the Holiday Lighting Contest kept five judges busy for more than five hours Thursday night, gazing at 43 separate Christmas spectaculars.

After all the sights, the decision made was to name many winners rather than just one.

"We're not having one winner, but are naming several Best of the Best. We had more entries than ever before, in areas of town that have never

entered before. There is so much creativity, and we saw some that should have entered but didn't," said contest veteran judge Terri Johansen.

Sponsored by the Spade and Hoe Garden Club, KBST, the Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the lighting contest has been conducted many years.

It began as an idea of the late Edna Womack several years ago, and the tradition continues today, although

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Denielle Burns, a fifth grader at Bauer Elementary, receives her ribbons and blue DARE bag for her winning essay at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation at Municipal Auditorium Thursday. Burns joined more than 250 fifth graders from 13 classes within the Big Spring Independent School District and was one of more than 40 who were honored for their essays.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant



Moss Elementary students, from left, Bree Feaster, Cassie Guinn, Jennie Lopez and Marcy Doty look over items they are considering buying for Salvation Army "angels" at Wal-Mart. Three classes of students in fourth and fifth grades decided to pool the money they would normally use for a gift exchange and buy gifts for several child and senior angels.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

## Water woes

### Cold, aging system have city crews scurrying to repair water line breaks

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Big Spring utilities, department estimates 400,000 gallons of water were lost due to 12 water line breaks from Sunday until Thursday morning.

Residents in the area of Clayton and the area of Mulberry and Drake were without water for up to 15 hours this week.

Cold temperatures and an aging water pipe system are to blame for the recent breaks.

"We are currently working on our 972nd job since Oct. 1," said Big Spring Utilities Department Distribution and Collection Superintendent Rick Boiles.

Installed in the 1920s and 30s, the water pipes are made of cast iron, which has a life expectancy of 20 years. Cold weather causes the ground to expand and contract, putting pressure on the water pipes, he said.

Tuesday's thick dust storm could not stop city utilities workers from continuing to repair the water line breaks.

"We only stop work when there is lightning," Boiles said. "We work in sleet, snow, dust and continue to work until the job is done."

City workers are required to contact all the utilities and allow the utilities time to find and prepare their lines before the city workers can commence on the repairs. This can slow down the repair process.

According to Boiles, the reason so much water is allowed to flow down the street is because workers are flushing the lines.

"We need to flush out the system to get rid of the discolored water and flush out any trapped air in the waterline," Boiles said.

Air left in the lines can cause

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## Howard County bird count planned Saturday; volunteers needed

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Avid bird watchers still have time to volunteer for the 100th annual National Audubon Society Christmas bird count for Howard County.



SIMMONS

"I encourage any experienced

bird watcher to volunteer," said Pat Simmons, local resident bird watcher. "We need help with the count."

The bird count for Howard County will be held Saturday.

Big Spring Christmas bird counters are among 50,000 volunteers who are participating in the National Audubon Society Bird Count, lasting from Dec. 16 until Jan. 3.

According to Simmons, Howard County bird count volunteers will begin around 7:30 or 8 a.m. and try to cover as

much of the county area as possible, counting until the afternoon. The Howard County bird count will last one day only.

The volunteers plan to divide into four groups this year to cover as much of the county as possible.

One Mile Lake, Comanche Trail Park, Moss Creek Lake, Silver Heels, the county club area, and Trinity Park Cemetery are just a few of the areas Simmons would like to cover.

"We want to cover as much

## TO VOLUNTEER

Call Pat Simmons  
at 263-4607

area as we can," Simmons said. "This is why we need as many bird watchers to volunteer as possible."

With the strong winds and the sandstorm on Tuesday, Simmons is hoping to see some unusual birds for this area that were blown off their regular migrating course.

Simmons will also be watching for blue birds this year.

"We did not spot any of the blue birds last year, but there have been reports of these birds at the country club two weeks ago," she said.

The Christmas bird count has turned into the longest running ornithological database. The count continues to grow in importance as a means to monitor the status of resident and migratory bird populations

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## Volunteer firefighters make good use of foam system

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department had a new tool available to them when they responded to a late night fire last week along the old Colorado City Highway.

Eight volunteer firefighters used two compress airfoam system units, called skids, which are units that can be lifted on or off the back of a fire truck, to extinguish a cotton module that caught fire when cotton blowing in the air created a static arc. The firefighters had control of the fire within two or three minutes.

"These compressed airfoam skids bring more of a level playing field to fighting fires," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief.

According to Sullivan, the foam allows firefighters to contain the fire quickly, efficiently, while saving more property than with water.

"Water is not able to penetrate the main seed of the fire because it just runs off, losing

its cooling ability quickly," he said.

The foam sticks to the product and forms bubbles that draw the heat into the bubble.

"The bubble will continue to expand, drawing the heat away until the bubble cannot hold the heat in and bursts," said Sullivan. "Once the bubble bursts, the heat is dissipated into the air."

Howard County firefighters sprayed foam on the top and on all four sides of the module. Firefighters then skimmed the

burnt cotton off the unaffected product and finished extinguishing the burnt cotton.

"I estimated only 10 percent of the product was lost," he said.

The compress airfoam skids are also cost effective. Firefighters use one gallon of water to make 100 gallons of compressed airfoam. Fire trucks carrying 100 gallons of compressed airfoam are equivalent to one carrying 10,000 gallons of water, he said.

Foam uses less water, thus

leaving less water at the scene and less water damage to salvageable property.

The foam is also environmentally safe and biodegradable, according to Sullivan.

The Dora Roberts Foundation bought the first compressed airfoam skid for the department in July 1998.

The department now has five compressed airfoam skids included in its equipment, with a sixth on order.

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RUMPF

## Rumpff named volunteer of year

HERALD Staff Report

Terry Rumpff has been named Howard County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

"I was honored to receive the award. All the volunteer firefighters really deserve it," said Rumpff, a battalion chief who has been with the fire department for a year and a half. "They work really hard and sacrifice a lot of time away from their families in responding to fires and

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Howard County volunteer firemen Bill Smith and Terry Rumpff demonstrate the new airfoam skid. According to HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan, the foam allows firefighters to contain the fire quickly, more efficiently, and will save more property than using water.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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**OBITUARIES**

**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 Plentywood, 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*

**Warren R. "Bill" Westbrook**

Funeral service for Warren R. "Bill" Westbrook, 78, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



WESTBROOK

Mr. Westbrook died Thursday, Dec. 16, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1921, in Idabel, Okla., and married Clara Mae Richardson on Sept. 4, 1945, in Idabel, Okla. He worked in the restaurant business and owned and operated several cafes. He was self-employed as a concrete contractor and had also sold cars for a number of years. Mr. Westbrook was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene where he was active in the children's bus ministry and the Drive Through Nativity. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Clara Mae Westbrook of Big Spring; three sons, Ronnie Westbrook, Steven Westbrook, both of Big Spring, and Danny Westbrook of Madill, Okla.; a daughter, Cindy Ball of Garland; two brothers, Landon Westbrook of Tuttle, Okla., and Wayne Westbrook of Idabel, Okla.; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-2121.

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

**Oscar Cervantes**

Rosary for Oscar Cervantes, 42, Big Spring, was 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service was 4 p.m. today at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Cervantes died Thursday, Dec. 16, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1957, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He owned and operated Cervantes Paint and Body Shop, retiring in 1996 due to ill health. Mr. Cervantes was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Juana Silva of Big Spring; two sons, Oscar Cervantes Jr. and Michael Gomez, both of Big Spring; three daughters, Alma Guzman and Nicole Cervantes, both of Big Spring, and Vanessa Cervantes of Arizona; seven sisters, Mary Ellen Doporto of Big Spring, Lucy Robles of North Carolina, Rosario Medrano of Odessa, Julia Rojas, Sylvia Quintania, Oralia Cervantes and Gloria Garza, all of San Antonio; three

brothers, Ezekiel Cervantes of Odessa, Juan Cervantes of Big Spring, and Jesse Cervantes of Colorado City; two grandchildren; and five step-sons.

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**Joe Clinton Dick**

Graveside service for Joe Clinton Dick, 55, Odessa, was 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with Chaplain Rick Foster, of the Big Spring State Hospital, officiating.

Mr. Dick died Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1944, in Homer, La. He moved to Odessa in 1972 from Louisiana and worked as a roughneck in the oil fields until retiring in 1992 due to ill health. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife, Jewel Allison of Odessa; two step-sons, Kevin Allison and LeRoy Allison, both of Odessa; one step-daughter, Karen Allison of Dallas; one brother, James Dick of Ringgold, La.; and one sister, Willeen Delcor of Shreveport, La.

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

**Laura B. Burrow**

Service for Laura B. Burrow, 89, Kingsland, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, in a Kingsland nursing home.

**Crimestoppers seeking help in finding vandals**

Crimestoppers is seeking any information that leads to an indictment and arrest of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism that occurred at the Big Spring Human Society Sunday.

Vandals destroyed property and wrecked vehicles by ramming them into each other, causing \$10,000 worth of damage.

Anyone with any information about this crime may call Crimestoppers at 264-8477. Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction. Callers may remain anonymous.

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which aids foster children. Come by and select an ornament and bring a gift back to the bank today.

- 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.

**BREAKS**

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more breaks in the water pipes.

The city has seen an increase in water line breaks since the Thanksgiving holidays, according to Boiles.

"We had 19 water line breaks between Nov. 25 and Nov. 29

**BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN**

during the Thanksgiving holidays," he said.

The utilities department is on call 24 hours a day and will call off-duty employees when needed. One two-man crew responds to every call, and more personnel are sent to the scene if the job is more difficult.

Volunteer inmates help free utilities workers by back-filling the job sites for the workers.

Several jobs are planned to proceed in the next several months by the department.

Boiles expects to start laying water and sewage pipes for Beacon Homes on Monday or Tuesday of the next week. He expects the project to take about two weeks to finish.

Also planned is the replacing or repairing of fire hydrants. Once the resurfacing on Gregg is underway, the department plans to replace all the water pipe main crossings along the street.

Due to reductions in the budget, the utilities department will not be able to replace as much of the old water pipe as they would like to replace this fiscal year.

Since 1993, Boiles' crew has replaced 72,900 feet of water pipe, equal to almost 13 miles.

According to Boiles, the department received almost 4,800 in work-related calls last year.

**BIRD COUNT**

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across western hemisphere.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting, and competitive event, the annual count reveals interesting and scientifically useful information on the early-winter distribution patterns of various bird species and the overall health of the environment.

Due to the extremely dry conditions, Simmons expects the count for the sandhill cranes to be down from last year because the cranes do not have many lakes to roost in this year. The 1998 sandhill crane count was down from 1997 by 8,575.

For more information about volunteering for the Howard County bird count, please contact Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

**FOAM**

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"Once we receive the sixth skid, the county fire department will be 100 percent up-to-date for equipment" Sullivan said.

The money for the last five skids have come from the county fire department's budget, according to Gary Simer, president of the Howard County Fire Department executive board, and a county commissioner.

Big Spring Fire Department is looking at the compress air foam technology for future use, according to Fire Marshal Burr Lee Settles.

"Loss of a product affects the consumer," Sullivan said. "The farmer will be compensated by his insurance, but the con-

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

sumer will pay higher prices because of the shortage in the end."

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in training."

Rumpff is a security officer for Northcrest Apartments.

Debra Smith, a member of the firefighter's auxiliary, received a plaque in appreciation of her support to the department.

**LIGHTS**

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Johansen was the only judge with experience, she said.

"I really believe lights anyone puts up are a gift to the community. People decorate for their own pleasure, but they also decorate for the pleasure of the community, for anybody driving by who sees their gift. I really want to say thank you to all those people who gave this gift to the community. The lights are truly a joy to behold," Johansen said.

In the commercial division, Johansen said Best of the Best is the Howard County Courthouse, where employees have carried a snowman motif throughout all floors of the building.

"There are cute snow kids sitting in the windows of the stairwell landings, and on the second floor there are five-foot tall snow people, really huge, roasting marshmallows with little twig hands. The first floor tree is beautiful, and this is absolutely a must see. This is fantastic for the children," she said.

Other commercial entries Johansen mentioned are the Red Mesa Grill, with a Fiesta Christmas display, First Presbyterian Church, which Johansen described as "elegant," Joy's Hallmark and Ward's Western Wear downtown.

And Franklin and Son's Goodyear on Runnels is really pretty. They have Rudolph with

a red nose, stuck in tires. And Marcy House is another Best of the Best, with decorated Christmas trees that show the care and love they have for their residents," Johansen said.

Trinity Memorial Park has a nativity scene by the duck pond, and Johansen said it is worth taking the children to see all the beautiful lights.

"That one is pretty from all directions," she said.

In the residential category of the contest, Johansen said some beautiful displays are available in Big Spring, as well as all points north, south, east and west.

North on the Snyder Highway, the Caldwell home is a feast for the eyes, she said.

"This one is a real show-stopper. It's decorated so beautifully you just want to pull off the road and look at it," she said.

Best of the Best in Lights is the Longorio home on Craigmont. She described their display as "picture perfect."

And the Brewer home on Kyle Road in the Tubbs Addition is "picture postcard perfect," she said.

A Special Lights Fantastic was bestowed upon the Pardee Home on Belvedere, and the Wester's home on Allendale is another Best of the Best.

"That one is beautifully, tastefully done with red and white lights," she said.

On Carol Street in Kentwood, a religious Best of the Best may be found at the Haynes home.

"They have luminaria and it is really pretty," she said.

Others Johansen said warrant a drive past are the Carlisle's on Angela Road in Silver Hills, the Brook's Grandmother's Doll House on Kiowa, the Hyden's on Johnson, the Wise home on Main Street in Forsan and the McKinley home on Monmouth, with their Texas critters.

"They have armadillos pulling Santa's sled, and sandhill cranes and rattlers and longhorns. It's wonderful," Johansen said.

By Monday, the chamber of commerce should have available a list of all the entries.

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Patsy Darnell, 61, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Joyce Smith, 68, died Saturday. Private military graveside rites are to be held Monday, at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
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906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
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.  
Warren B. "Bill" Westbrook, 78, died Thursday. Services will be 4:00 PM Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Henriette L. Kionka, 90, died Friday, December 3, 1999. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, December 18, 1999 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Interment will be private.  
Laura B. Burrow, 89, died Friday. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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\*ANNA AND THE KING (PG-13)  
Daily: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00  
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### Grand jurors: More oversight needed in carnival industry

AUSTIN (AP) — Indictments returned after a teen-age girl died on a carnival ride show the need for more stringent oversight, grand jurors and a prosecutor say.

A Travis County grand jury handed up indictments Thursday against two companies and the owners and operators of a carnival ride.

"Each carnival ride is transported, set up, and torn down by unskilled and poorly trained employees for each of these events," grand jurors wrote to state District Judge Wilford Flowers. "Testimony has indicated that our state has little or no control of this industry."

"As a result of our investigation, we have learned a great deal about the carnival industry that operates in large part in the shadows with transient workers," Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle said Thursday.

"It is a terrible thing for her and her family and if we can

use that as a basis for taking action to prevent future tragedies it will have been time and effort well spent," Earle said.

A year and a half after 15-year-old Leslie Lane was thrown from a spinning ride called the Himalaya, the grand jury accused Yuma, Ariz.-based B&B Amusement Company Inc., and Florida-based inspection company Bob Gill and Associates Inc., of recklessly causing her death.

Employees of both companies also are named in the indictment.

Ms. Lane died March 19, 1998, after the ride at the Austin-Travis County Livestock Show and Rodeo catapulted her into a wall. Her 9-year-old brother and a 16-year-old friend also were thrown from the ride and received minor injuries.

Ms. Lane "was restrained by a lap bar with an inadequate latching mechanism and a lap bar attachment that was inadequate to secure the lap bar to the amusement ride," the indictments state.

Listed in the indictments are: B&B Amusement Company owner Robert Merten Sr.; B&B employees Jeff Campbell, Phillip Joseph Parenti and Joshua Johnson; and Bob Gill and Associates Inc. owner Robert G. Gill.

John Yeager, attorney for Merten family and B&B Amusements, called the accusations an "attempt to criminalize accidental behavior."

"The Merten family categorically denies an awareness and any conscious disregard," Yeager said. "They have been in the amusement industry for 50 years and a company does not last that long if they are unsafe."

If convicted, each corporation could be fined \$50,000 or be forced to pay double the amount of damage caused. Individuals found guilty could face two to 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

"Parents put their trust in the people who operate the rides and assume that proper procedures have been followed to make the rides safe," Earle said, adding that the indictments are a first for the industry. "Those who violate that trust put all our children in danger. It is important that they be held accountable."

The accident prompted a new state law, which takes effect Jan. 1, enabling authorities to inspect and immediately shut down unsafe rides. It also stiffened sanctions for failing to comply with the insurance and inspection rules, making jail time a possibility in addition to fines.

The old law required ride operators to prove that they have insurance and that the ride is inspected at least once a year. Insurance companies can choose their own inspectors, as long as they met certain standards of education and experience.

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### NRCC adopts pollution rules, opens public comment period

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has unanimously approved rules that aim to reduce air pollution in the state's metropolitan areas.

At a packed meeting at its headquarters, the commission approved final rules implementing two new state laws regarding electric deregulation and the reduction of air emissions from older industrial facilities.

The commission also opened a public comment period until Feb. 1 for the proposals, which target Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Galveston, Beaumont and Port Arthur.

"We are desperately looking for alternatives," commission chairman Robert Huston said. "This is very, very hard. There is nothing easy about what we're embarking on today, but we are going to get the job done."

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### Sheriff received honorable discharge

FORT WORTH (AP) — A North Texas sheriff who has used his military police experience in a law-and-order campaign has received an honorable discharge from the Army even though he was labeled absent without leave in the 1970s, records show.

David Williams, who was running for his third term as chief Tarrant County law enforcement officer, was expected to issue a statement today regarding questions about his service record, that showed he was demoted shortly before leaving the military.

His spokesman, Capt. Herb Chambers, said, "He has a very honest explanation. That which has been implicated is incorrect, totally incorrect."

He said the 45-year-old sheriff's reasons for leaving were "personal" and concerned his divorce from his first wife, Rhonda Strom.

"It was one thing in his ... file," Chambers said. "It's a

nothing. But if you're trying to make waves, oh, boy, that's a biggie."

The records show Williams was listed as AWOL on April 2, 1976, and was "dropped from rolls (desertion)" on May 6, 1976. His rank apparently changed from "senior military policeman" to "military policeman" in the following weeks.

Williams, who was with the 546th Military Police Company at Fort Sill, Okla., left the service on July 13 of that year.

Records released from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards show he was honorably discharged from the Army.

Army spokeswoman Elaine Kanellis said a person who has been absent without leave and dropped from the rolls could receive a range of sanctions from his local commander, including small administrative punishments, court martial or discharge. She said it was possible for someone to receive an

honorable discharge after going AWOL.

"He deserted the military. He's deserted the citizens of Tarrant County. I think it's consistent," said Jerry McGlasson, one of the three Republicans hoping to replace Williams as sheriff next year. A primary election is set for March 14.

Williams' adversarial relationship with the county commissioners is well-documented.

Williams sued the Commissioners Court last year, hoping to block the county from enacting part of its \$240 million budget. Before eventually dropping the suit, Williams said he wanted a "fair and equitable" salary structure for his employees as "required by law."

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## OUR VIEWS

### We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING 1999 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**, and all of those helped it be listed in the top 10 for the nation in per-capita fundraising.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM ASSOCIATION** members, who received a \$115,000 enhancement grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

• **BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE DORA ROBERTS REHABILITATION CENTER** for hosting another successful Business After Hours event.

• **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, for putting on another wonderful drive-through nativity scene.

• **THE MORE THAN 250 BIG SPRING FIFTH GRADERS** who graduated from the DARE program this week.

• **FORSAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** who exceed their goal in the accelerated reading program, and **PRINCIPAL DEE OWEN**, who challenged them to do it, even at the expense of being "slimed."

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent trip from the San Antonio area to Lubbock, we had car trouble.

Thank you George and David at G&M Garage. They worked hard to get us back on our way.

Big Spring is very lucky to have this repair shop. They are honest, knowledgeable and run a clean shop.

Their prices are good, too. In fact, they are cheap compared to San Antonio.

Again, thanks for getting us in and out so we could enjoy the holiday with our family. God bless you!

THE RICHARD BAIN FAMILY  
SAN ANTONIO

### TO THE EDITOR:

Two very important books may have escaped the attention of some readers.

For people who are interested in the welfare of Planet Earth and want it to be a healthy place to live, Earth In The Balance, by Vice President Al Gore, gives understanding of the issues and suggests solutions.

It Takes A Village by Hillary Clinton is for people who care about children and feel a community has responsibility to cooperate for the welfare of children.

Both of these books are in our Howard County Library and I recommend them.

May I, also, remind us that Dec. 31 offers the opportunity to pray with untold millions around the world. At noon Greenwich Time (6 a.m. Big Spring time) people of faith will synchronize our efforts in a concert of prayer for God's will and blessings for our world. Then, the day will be spent in peaceful pursuits and in an attitude of reverence. This can be the greatest New Year's Event Celebration in history.

NANCY PATRICK  
BIG SPRING

### TO THE EDITOR:

Our fourth grade class is studying the regions of the United States.

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## Book helps shed light on real economic numbers

**I**suggested in a recent column that Americans are living in an illusory world created by corporate propaganda fed to them from the government, the news media, think tanks and the entertainment industry.



CHARLEY REESE

A good antidote to this propaganda is a book that came out three years ago. The title is "America: Who Stole the Dream." It's written by Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele. The publisher is Andrews and McMeel. As I said, it is a fine reality check that effectively and factually puts the lie to this constant propaganda that Americans are living not only in the best of all possible worlds but the best of all possible times.

Example: Americans are among the lowest-paid workers in the industrial world. In 1975,

compensation for U.S. production workers averaged \$6.36 an hour compared with \$6.35 for Germany, \$6.09 for Switzerland, \$4.51 for Austria and \$3 for Japan. These are government statistics.

By 1993, after all this prosperity, U.S. average compensation is \$16.79 an hour — compared with \$25.56 for Germany, \$22.66 for Switzerland, \$20.20 for Austria and \$19.20 for Japan. Looks like some Americans got left out.

Look at consumer debt. In the 1950s, consumer debt was only 65 percent of total wage-and-salary income. By 1995, consumer debt had risen to 166 percent of wage-and-salary income. In other words, the average American owes two dollars for every one dollar he earns. That is a false prosperity.

In the 1970s, personal bankruptcies averaged 183,000; by the 1990s, after all that prosperity, the average was 811,000. All of these examples are provided by the authors, who write how government has shifted from being an ally of the middle class to being its enemy.

"Pick a government policy or a corporate business practice

encouraged or abetted by a government policy, and it's likely to be working against the average America. Foreign trade and imports. Immigration. Taxes. Deregulation. Antitrust enforcement. Mergers and layoffs. Self-employment. Retraining."

Misnamed free-trade policies have accumulated consecutive and record trade deficits, now measuring in the billions of dollars, and we are the only industrial nation to do this. This has cost Americans 3 million manufacturing jobs, which always has the effect of putting people either on welfare or on jobs that pay half or less than the ones they lost.

At the same time Americans have been laid off by the millions, and the government has opened the borders to millions of immigrants — more in the 1990s than during the previous high period at the turn of the century. Oh, you say, but unemployment is so low. Yes, if you believe the government that has changed the definition of unemployment, the Consumer Price Index, even the Gross Domestic Product. But employed can mean a temp

job or poverty-level service job. It can also mean that if you've given up looking for a job, the government doesn't even count you as unemployed.

Prosperity propaganda is for everyone, but true prosperity is for the elite at the expense of everyone else. Look at this for a reality check: From 1965 to 1995, the Gross Domestic Product shot up 901 percent. Wow, that's rich. At the same time this also happened: The number of unemployed increased 118 percent; the number of business failures increased 427 percent; personal bankruptcies increased by 365 percent; persons receiving food stamps increased by 6,386 percent (yes, that's thousand); and the number of households in poverty headed by females increased 121 percent.

In short, the rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and the middle class is doing a disappearing act. By 1992, just 10 percent of the population controlled 67 percent of the total wealth. That left 33 percent of the wealth to be divided by the other 90 percent of the population. Wake up. Get out of the matrix.



## Trying to rescue leisure time

**T**he Atlanta women took turns, clockwise around the restaurant table, saying who they were and what they did.

Susan Hendrix was sales director for an educational toy company. Ruth Sikes is in investing. Nancy Frenkel a certified public accountant. Paige Norwood, lawyer and mediator. Ann Platz, interior designer and author. Doctors, lawyers, corporate chiefs. All articulate, focused, self-confident professionals. Full of fun, but somehow serious.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

A few of the women mentioned hobbies — golf, scuba diving — but the emphasis at the Atlanta Women's Network meeting was on career, not leisure time. (Not a soul, by the way, defined herself by a husband's profession, or flashed wallet photos of a new grandbaby.)

The women were gathered to do what men do so well and have done for so long — help one another in business. Those not due immediately back at their offices stayed after dessert to help wrap Christmas gifts collected for the children in a domestic violence program.

But these, remember, were people with meetings, tight schedules, pressing deadlines. This was no garden party with the impressive pile of gifts an excuse to linger and gossip. The wrapping, like everything else, went at a brisk clip. The working women had to be efficient at their charity — like they are at everything else.

The AWN scene reminded me of a newspaper story I'd read not too long ago, about leisure time. More people in our area, the story said, were averaging 50 or more hours a week at work.

Add the nation's longest commute to work, and you have a society of permanently pressed, often-stressed people.

So much for predictions that one of the main challenges of the 21st century would be deciding what to do with all of our extra leisure time. The shorter workweeks you used to hear predicted routinely have not materialized.

Like supersonic mass transit and a pill to pop to magically erase fat, the three-day week won't be along just yet. If ever. Makes you want to stomp your foot and shake a fist like a petulant 5-year-old and say, "But you promised!"

Who do we blame? Technology keeps throwing fantastic, futuristic things our way, only to confuse the issue. The cellular telephones, pagers, ubiquitous computers and e-mail have proven to be tentacles to the office, not lifelines to more leisure. They keep us on track, not off road. We are plugged in, accessible, on-line — all making us sound more

like appliances than humans.

With more women than ever in the workplace, there's more to do at home once somebody, anybody, finally makes it there. (The self-scrubbing toilet hasn't come along just yet, either.) We jog, garden, cook and recreate on a schedule, by the date book, for a purpose. We pencil in our private time, in case it has to be erased.

I have no solution. Like everyone else — like all those other women — the thing I need more of is time. To think. To stare. To do nothing. I cannot remember the last time I got up in the morning and had nothing to do.

The gadgets that have made life easier haven't made more life. And to get those gadgets, we work longer hours, for more years, for more money.

Someone who arrived on this planet from another galaxy might have trouble believing our plight. The highways are a glut of RVs, SUVs, cars strapped with kayaks and bicycles, trucks pulling horse trailers. We would appear to be recreating fools, all working on that long-predicted, delicious problem of filling frivolous hours.

That's not the story. The newspaper story, by the way, began with a vignette about a family that had to give its dog away; the owners were too rarely home.

That precious commodity of time is eluding more and more of us, women and men. And to introduce yourself by saying where you work is not only convenient, but correct.

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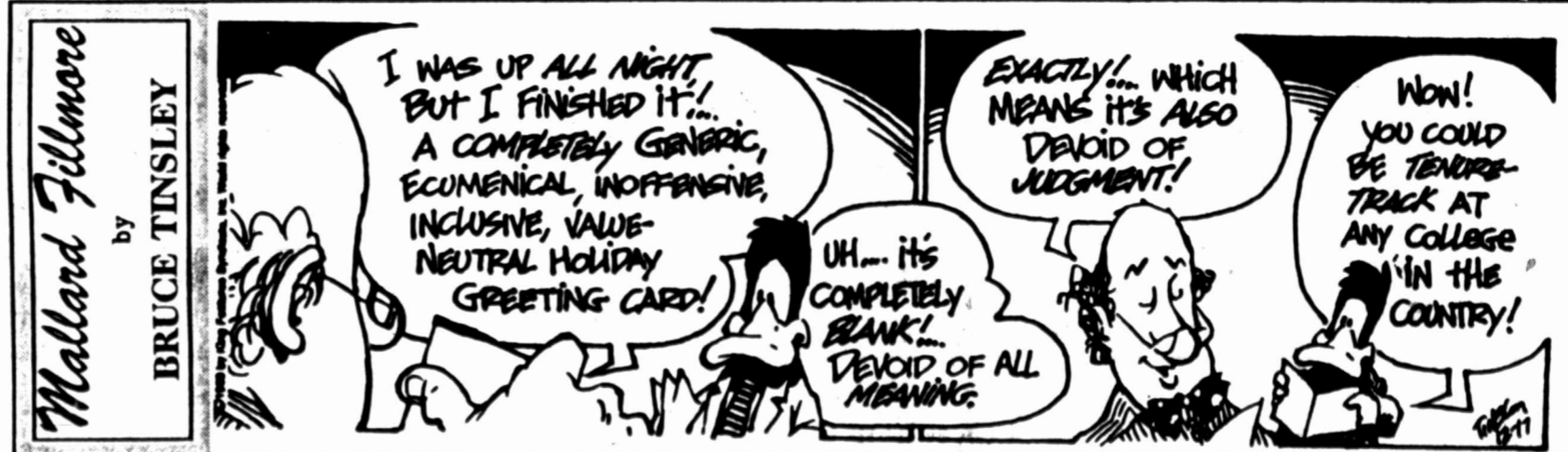
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### Airline agrees to \$8 million fine over storage of hazardous material

MIAMI (AP) — American Airlines is spending millions to change the way it handles hazardous waste after agreeing to pay an \$8 million fine for not handling it properly over a three-year period.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American will pay \$6 million to the federal government and \$2 million to the Miami-Dade fire department to improve the airport's hazardous materials plan. The airline also must develop a program to improve inspection of cargo and passengers before they board American flights.

The airline on Thursday admitted it illegally stored hazardous material at Miami International between July 1995 and August 1998. In addition to the fine, American will be on probation for three years.

U.S. Attorney Thomas Scott said it is the first time a major U.S. airline has pleaded guilty to a federal hazardous-waste felony.

"This is not our proudest day," said Don Carly, chairman and chief executive of American's parent, AMR Corp. "I want to publicly apologize and to state publicly our commitment to the spirit and intent of the compliance agreement."

Scott said the airline kept a

55-gallon drum of the pesticide dioxital in a cargo storage area even after Miami-Dade County fire officials told American to get rid of it when some of it spilled and caused a fire.

The airline pleaded guilty to illegally storing flammable material at the airport on repeated occasions between 1995 and 1998. The dioxital incident was the only one specifically mentioned by the airline.

The investigation came during a federal crackdown on dangerous cargo following the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Everglades, which was blamed on a fire caused by an illegal shipment of oxygen generators in the cargo hold.

Sabretech, the aircraft maintenance company that delivered the generators to the ill-fated flight, was convicted in federal court earlier this month of mishandling the cargo.

The investigation of American began in 1997, after passengers at the airport were evacuated from an American plane when 500 pounds of pesticides being loaded as cargo released sickening fumes.

Three weeks later, 60 federal agents raided American's cargo terminal and offices, seizing documents.

### Final full moon to include unusual combination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The final full moon of the millennium comes Dec. 22 on the first day of winter and during the closest lunar approach to the Earth, but the combination is not as rare as some people have thought, experts say.

Sky and Telescope magazine reports on its Web site that people have been sending e-mail and faxes insisting that the combination of closeness to Earth and the winter solstice will make next Wednesday's full moon the brightest in more than a century.

Not so, says Roger W. Sinnott, associate editor.

Approximately the same combination of things happened in December 1991, and it was very close to the same in December

1980. Furthermore, the full moon passed nearer to the Earth in 1930 and 1912 than in this year, Sky & Telescope says.

"This is a cool combination of things and the poet in me loves it," Sten Oldenwald, an astronomer who works for Raytheon at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, said in an interview Thursday. "But it is not particularly rare."

The winter solstice, which occurs when the tilt of the Earth's axis puts the sun directly over the Tropic of Capricorn, comes every December. It marks the first day of winter, Oldenwald said it is not unusual for the full moon to come within 24 hours of the solstice. Perigee, when the moon is closest to the Earth, also happens

quite often in December, he said.

"About every 10 years or so you will get approximately this combination," he said. "It will happen five to seven times in a lifetime."

The full moon on Wednesday will be at its closest approach to Earth in about 70 years, but it will take an exceedingly sharp eye to spot any difference from an average full moon, Oldenwald said.

The moon makes an elliptical orbit of the Earth, ranging on average from about 227,000 miles away at the closest to about 254,000 miles at the farthest. On Wednesday night, the full moon will be 221,620 miles from Earth.

In January, 1930, the full

moon perigee was about 160 miles closer, according to Sky & Telescope. The magazine said the record closeness for a full moon was on Jan. 4, 1912, when the lunar sphere was 221,447 miles from Earth.

"The full moon would have been about 25 percent brighter than average in 1912," said Oldenwald. "but I doubt that you could have told the difference with the naked eye."

People living near the ocean may notice that the tides may run slightly higher than normal on Wednesday because of the perigee full moon, said Oldenwald. But even that is not unusual.

"Beach front property owners should be attuned to it," said Oldenwald.

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### Mexican officials say ninth body found in search at suspected drug graveyards

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Officials said Thursday they have found remains of a ninth body buried at ranches they believed were used by a major drug gang near the U.S.-Mexico border.

The discovery reported by the Mexican attorney general's office was the first in more than a week at the ranches being searched by Mexican troops and police and the U.S. FBI.

According to a news release issued in Mexico City, the skeletal remains were found less than 3 feet deep, covered with lime, at Site No. 3 — one of four ranches near the border city of Ciudad Juarez where the searches are taking place.

The release made no mention of the FBI, whose investigators were doing much of the work in trying to identify the bodies. The presence of U.S. agents caused a political controversy in Mexico, which is sensitive to suspicions of U.S. attempts to expand influence here.

On Tuesday, the attorney general's office said they have found more than 1,000 gallons of chemicals used in processing cocaine, as well as drug-making equipment and weapons, at the same ranch.

A U.S. government informant had said that as many as 100 bodies might be found, but no additional bodies have been found in the past week.

### Workplace injury, illness decline in 1998

WASHINGTON (AP) — Job-related illnesses and injuries in private workplaces were at a record low last year, government figures show.

The total of 5.9 million in 1998 amounts to about 6.7 workers out of every 100, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Thursday. The rate in 1997 was 7.1, the lowest since the agency started keeping track in 1973.

"Employment rose 3 percent in 1998, yet 200,000 fewer workers got hurt or sick on the job than in 1997," Labor Secretary Alexis Herman said.

It was the sixth consecutive year of declines in the illness and injury rate, a statistic that counts nonfatal afflictions caused in private workplaces.

Repetitive stress disorders such as carpal tunnel syndrome and noise-induced hearing loss accounted for 4 percent of the total workplace illnesses and injuries in 1998.

The overall incidence of illness and injury was highest in goods-producing industries, at 9.3 workers per 100.

In service jobs, the rate was 5.6 per 100.

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◆ In ancient Greece, diners would clean their hands and faces with pieces of bread.

## Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## Christmas card sends holiday cheer for 42 years

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Like many people, Sue and Doyle Fowler send out a lot of Christmas cards at this time of year.

But one card, which they sent out this week, has been in the mail almost every year since 1957. The tattered, taped card, picturing a '50s style picture of a Christmas tree, goes back and forth between the Fowlers and their longtime friends, John and Mildred Bentley, who live near Tyler.

"We received the card from the Bentleys when they first moved to Chandler (in east Texas)," explained Sue Fowler. "The next year, Doyle thought we should send it back to them and see how long we could keep it going."

"He is always thinking of something like that." At first, the Bentleys seemed confused, even offended, by the gesture. But when their friends explained the idea, it became a game that both couples have enjoyed for more than four decades.

The small card is now covered in scrawled messages, such as "Miss You," "Love you both," and "Must Go Fishing" followed by the year. There is a period of about two years missing in the early 1980s, when Mrs. Bentley was seriously ill and her husband unable to



keep up with the mailing.

Changes in both families are evident, as new addresses are noted, along with a few of the milestones in both families.

This year, the card is being mailed back to Mr. Bentley alone, since his wife is now living in a nursing home, suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

Mrs. Fowler especially enjoys Christmas traditions, also holding on to a pin that was given to her by her father-in-law in 1945. The family, not able to afford gifts for everyone, drew names to exchange the presents and Mrs. Fowler received.

She said the card is a reminder of some of the season's less commercial meanings.

"The real meaning is that your friends thought of you," she said. "This card shows that, over and over again."

A few years after starting their card tradition with the Bentleys, the Fowlers started several more with friends from the area. But none has lasted as long, or been as constant, as the original.

"I just wouldn't take anything for that little card," Mrs. Fowler said.

**At left, Sue Fowler, wearing a pin she received for Christmas in 1945, holds a holiday card she and some friends have been exchanging since 1957.**

## CLUB NEWS

### Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will have a stated meeting Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Members are requested to bring items to be placed in Christmas baskets for our shut-ins. A Christmas card exchange among those present will precede the meeting.

### Big Spring Woman's Club

The Big Spring Woman's Club held their Christmas Party and Progressive Dinner Monday, Dec. 13, at the homes of Tracy McKenzie and Kim Cooksey. Club members began the progressive dinner at the beautifully decorated home of Tracy McKenzie. They enjoyed appetizers and sandwiches prepared by Paula Moses, Terri Peterson and Susan Weber.

The party continued at the home of Kim Cooksey, which was elegantly decorated for the holiday season. Hostesses Kara Freeman, Charla Lewis and Beverly Warren served wonderful desserts and coffee, which completed the progressive dinner. After dessert, everyone gathered around the Christmas tree to participate in the Christmas gift exchange. Next month, members are encouraged to bring guests and introduce them to the Big Spring Woman's Club.

### 1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club held its annual Christmas luncheon in the home of Zula McCrary. The group toured the home and yard, which was beautifully decorated for the holidays, before being served a delicious meal. Just prior to the closing of the meeting, vice-president Shirley Shroyer presided at a lively gift exchange among the 16 members present. Co-hostesses for the event were Roberta Shive, Bonnie Long and Jan Foresyth.

### Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, held its December meeting/Christmas party in the home of Mrs. John Key on Dec. 11.

Regent Lora Mae Pollard reminded members that applications for World War II veterans to be placed in the DAR Book of Remembrance along with donations for the proposed World War II Memorial are due by the end of the month and should be sent to the treasurer.

Dec. 14, being the bicentennial of George Washington's death, Sue Ann Damron presented a program on "The Last Days of George Washington." A five-hour ride around Mount Vernon in wet, near freezing conditions on Dec. 12, caused Washington to awake with a sore throat on the 13th which led to his death on the 14th. Some say being bled four times caused Washington's death. Others think the infection was so virulent, nothing known at the time could have saved him.

Members brought enough comfort gifts for the veterans at the VA Hospital to fill a large shopping bag.

The annual business meeting will be held at noon on Jan. 8, 2000, at the Big Spring Country Club.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Victory Baptist

Victory Baptist will have a Candlelight Service this Sunday evening at 6. Come and join us as we worship and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus really loves and cares for you and so do we. Victory Baptist is located at the corner of East 11th Place and FM 700. Our regular service times are Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship 11. There will be a Men's Bible Study this Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, at 7.

If you would like a free New Testament, have a prayer request, or have any questions please call the church at 264-0744 and leave a message. Let Jesus happen to you.

### First Methodist

"Mission: To Bring the Doomed People to Safety" (Matthew 1:18-25) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how the Savior actually saves us. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>. Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth

meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir is meeting at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 7 p.m. There is also a Bible study for senior highs on Wednesday nights at 101 Washington. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning. We also have children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross. Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40, and if you are a single adult you are invited to come and visit us!

Make plans for the Seniors New Years Day Brunch at 9:30 a.m. in Garrett Hall. The Christmas Eve Service and Holy Communion will be held at 6 p.m. Friday. The messages will be "The Last Christmas of the Second Thousand Years of Christendom" (Luke 2:1-20).

For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

### St. Paul Lutheran

A Canticle of Joy - A Cantata for Christmas - will be presented by members of the Adult Choir, directed by Angela (Kohl) Conner, Sunday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow immediately. Members of the community are invited to attend. Christmas caroling begins at

6 p.m. on Dec. 22. On Dec. 24, the children's Christmas program will be presented beginning at 6 p.m.

There will be a Christmas Day service beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Kohl is in charge of the sermon.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Jan. 2, there will be only one service at 10 a.m. No Sunday School on either Sunday.

Midweek activities resume on Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. On Jan. 11, Network Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., Pastor Stutz begins his Adult Information Class. This class runs for 16 weeks. Guests are welcome.

### First Assembly of God

"The Missing Christmas" by Nan and Dennis Allen will be presented by the children of First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, this Sunday morning at 10:40. Sharon Rich, the children's pastor of First Assembly will be directing this program. In the evening service at 6, the choir will be presenting a musical, "Carol of Christmas" under the direction of Joyce Havener.

Pastor Havener and the congregation of First Assembly invite the public to join them in this great time of celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

### First Church of God

You are invited to attend the Christmas Cantata presented by the Adult Choir on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at the First Church of God, 2009 Main St. There will also be a special performance by the children.

At that time we will also be observing Christ's birthday. Please make plans to come and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us. A nursery will be provided.

### First Presbyterian

"Prepare the way of the Lord" writes Matthew, chapter 3, verse 3. Prepare your spirit this holiday season by worshiping with us during our Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. If you are unable to be with us in person, please listen to our broadcast on radio station KBST - AM 1490.

Christmas Eve Communion Services will be held at 7 in the sanctuary. Bring your family and friends to this traditional service of carols, candles and communion. Take this opportunity to be still, reflect, and rejoice. "For unto us a child is born."

### First Baptist Church

"Seen It All" is this Sunday morning's sermon topic that Pastor Eddie Tubbs will share.

Our morning worship hour is 10:45 a.m. You are reminded that if you are unable to attend worship in your own fellowship, our services are televised on cable channel 6 each Sunday. We thank Cox Communications for allowing us this air time.

You are invited to attend the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service which will include communion.

May the Christ of Christmas fill your days with His love.

### Trinity Baptist Church

The Music Ministry of Trinity Baptist Church, 810 11th Place, will present the Christmas musical "Journey of Hope," this Sunday evening at 6.

The program will include some familiar Christmas songs, along with several new ones. Some of the featured performers will include Lana Piercefield, Jane Hammond, Patti Adams, Sheryl Allen, Debbie Dunn, Tim Dunn, Steve Moses, Farley Hayworth, Tony Kennedy and Laura Davis, along with our 60-voice Adult Choir.

Everyone's invited! Admission will be free, and there will be a nursery provided for children up to age 3. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

## Dark-skinned Jesus wins Catholic magazine contest

NEW YORK (AP) - A painting of a dark-skinned Jesus, by an artist who used a woman as a model, has been selected by a Catholic magazine as the winner of its contest to update the image of Christ for the new millennium.

The painting, "Jesus of the People," was selected from nearly 1,700 entries for the cover of a special millennium issue being published this week by the National Catholic Reporter, an independent newsweekly and one of the best-known Catholic publications in the country.

"My goal was to be as inclusive as possible," said the artist, Janet McKenzie, from her studio in Island Pond, Vt. "At first glance, he is a black or African-American Jesus, but looking more deeply you see many people in it."

The painting shows a robed and haloed Jesus. Against a

pale pink background are a yin-yang symbol, intended to represent perfect balance, and a feather, symbolizing the American Indian spirituality that McKenzie learned about during a stay in New Mexico.

The painting "is a haunting image of a peasant Jesus - dark, thick-lipped, looking out on us with ineffable dignity, with sadness but with confidence," wrote Sister Wendy Beckett, the 69-year-old British nun and host of a public television series about art. She selected the winner and three runners-up.

In the view of one of the judges, Sherry Lynn Best, who directs an art gallery at Rockhurst University, "It's not real masculine. It's not real feminine. It's not really androgynous, either."

Contestants in 19 countries, ranging from children to prominent graphic designers, submitted entries.

## Surprise reminded us of blessings

Christmas was only a few days away, school was out, and everything was decorated and ready. Even the tree was decorated - and could have been ready - but it wasn't. Under the carefully trimmed branches of the Noble fir, there was nothing but the white sheet which was to substitute for snow. It looked as though Christmas was to be very slim that year.

Our junior-high and high-school-aged daughters knew that things had been tighter than usual that year. None of us were quite certain just what was to come. My wife and I were trying to think of every possibility, but the normal responsibilities required most of our modest income.

The following morning we received a phone call from a church where we had been a few years before. The secretary told me that there was an envelope that had been left for us there. I didn't know what it might be, but I quickly drove the few miles to the church and

went in to get it. Inside the envelope was a check for \$500 provided by someone - just whom we never knew.

Opening this gift changed the whole direction of that Christmas. We got everyone into our trusty Pinto wagon, went to the bank, and then went shopping. It was a wonderful experience that we have remembered through the years. This generous and unexpected gift was enough to meet many needs and to provide for a few wants. Most of all it reminded us of God's great kindness and provision through the caring gift of an anonymous donor.

I have wondered many times what would have happened if I

had not gone after this gift. Would it have gone to someone else? Would we have gone without some things we truly needed? Would our Christmas have been unnecessarily meager?

More than anything else, the Christmas season should remind us that God has given us a wonderful gift in His Son. Like all gifts, He must be received and then "opened" if we are to enjoy the benefits. As Isaiah looked into a future that was none too clear, he spoke of one who was to come who would be God's gift to all people. He wrote:

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be no end to the increase of His government or

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Estelle Howard is artist of the month for the Big Spring Art Association, at the Heritage Museum. She has studied with nationally known artists and has won numerous awards in shows throughout Texas and New Mexico. Her art has also been on exhibit at Herman's Restaurant and other local businesses. She frequently does demonstrations for art clubs in surrounding cities.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR** the income tax assistance program. A training class will take place at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, Monday, Jan. 10-Friday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon each day.

Volunteers will provide tax assistance during February and March. Call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the senior center, 267-1628, for more information.

## THE LAST WORD

There are only two forces that unite men - fear and interest.  
**Napoleon**

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.  
**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

Charity is injurious unless it helps the recipient to become independent of it.  
**John D. Rockefeller**

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# Graham: Everything but humanity changed this century

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Billy Graham has lived through 81 of the 20th century's 100 years and experienced its wonders and upheavals: technological wizardry, antibiotics, transatlantic flight, war and rampant evil, Christian and Muslim advancement and serious cultural challenges to religion.

One thing hasn't changed, says America's best-known religious leader: humanity's quest for salvation.

During a New York trip to address a banquet for United Nations diplomats this week, Graham reflected on religious developments during an astonishing century, and he looked ahead.

"The 21st century will be the same spiritually as the 20th because 'man's heart has not changed. God has not

changed," he asserted in an interview with The Associated Press. "Some of the things I've heard are going to happen technologically are way beyond anything I can think about. I don't think that's going to change society. Society is made up of people, and people are the same the world over."

In the early 1900s, he reflected, optimism reigned among liberal Christians. "Some forecast that this would be 'The Christian Century.' A magazine was named that. They believed things would get better and better in the world."

Then came World War II, which "exploded a lot of this. It was as devastating a war as the world had ever known, with the atomic bomb and so forth, and it had a great impact on all religions." People developed a deeper sense of sin, he suggest-

ed, and looked beyond political nostrums for answers.

He finds the social location of religion has changed dramatically.

"I grew up in the South, and church was a big thing in our lives. I suppose it was throughout the country. In the schools, ministers were brought in to preach sermons, and the Bible was read every day. We had prayer in high school classes. This helped mold my character and my thinking. I knew some things were wrong and some things were right. We've lost that."

U.S. Supreme Court rulings in the 1960s banished such religious exercises from public schools, and other cultural shifts brought a greater secularization of society. And yet Graham, the still-active evangelist, finds the century ending

with ever growing religious interest.

"I see people believing more and more and more in Christ. Maybe not to surrender their lives to him, but they believe he is the only answer to life's problems."

He thinks young Americans especially are "searching for something. They may not know what it is, but a great segment of youth are on this spiritual quest."

Simultaneously, Graham believes American youth is in serious trouble morally.

The way out? "Repentance of our sin and faith in God, the same way that Mr. Clinton says he has taken." Asked what he makes of the president's efforts, Graham simply quoted Scripture: "Jesus said, 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'"

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of peace.  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7 NASV)

Every day God offers the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life through His Son. The invitation goes out, the gift is ready, the need is real, but no one ever comes to claim what has been set aside for them.

Have you ever received the gift that God has set aside for you?

It is already in place, the call has gone out, and the donor's representative is ready to present you with a gift which will change the meaning of Christmas forever. At this Christmas season, please do not neglect to claim what has been reserved for you.

Have a Merry Christmas, and may God's richest blessing fill your heart and mind as you experience His coming in your own life.

Dwayne Wheat is pastor of Berea Baptist Church.

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### IN BRIEF

#### 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.

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 today at All-Star Sports.

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

Tryouts are Saturday and the participation fee will be \$20 per youngster.

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 T-shirt, individual player award and a full service YMCA youth membership for January and February.

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 McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY, HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- 5 p.m.
  - Guthrie (VG) and Hamlin (VB) at Coahoma.
  - Merkel (VG, VB) at Borden County.
- 6 p.m.
  - Lubbock High (VG) at Big Spring.
- 6:30 p.m.
  - Stanton (VG, VB) at Midland Christian.
  - Garden City (VG, VB) at Forsan.
- 7 p.m.
  - Grady (VG, VB) at Dawson.
  - Big Spring (VB) at Kermit.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- NBA
  - 7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT, Ch. 28.

## Notre Dame reportedly hit with major rules violation by NCAA

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Twenty months ago, Notre Dame athletic director Mike Wadsworth characterized the relationship between up to a dozen players and a former booster as just bad judgment.

The NCAA now calls it a major rules violation.

The NCAA planned to announce Notre Dame's first major rules infraction in school history today for that relationship, which included gifts, money and trips for the players, an NCAA source said.

The source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the penalties decided by the Committee on Infractions would not be harsh.

The Chicago Tribune reported Thursday that the discipline likely would include probation and the loss of

a small number of scholarships. The paper also reported that the current coaching staff, including head coach Bob Davie, was not implicated.

Today's announcement could end one of the most embarrassing periods in Notre Dame's history. Last summer, the university waded through an age discrimination lawsuit filed by former assistant coach Joe Moore, and the university has been dealing with former booster Kimberly Dunbar's relationship with the football program since it began its investigation in February 1998.

School officials received the NCAA's report Thursday, but would not say if they will appeal the decision, a move that could prolong the process for months.

According to court documents, Dunbar embezzled more than \$1.2 million from

her employer, Dominiack Mechanical Inc., between 1991 and 1998 while working as a bookkeeper, and spent a portion of the money on Fighting Irish players.

In court documents, she testified that she gave a former player \$5,000 to pay off a sports agent who threatened to reveal his contact, paid for a weekend jaunt to Las Vegas with Derrick Mayes and paid for the families of several players to travel to games, among other things.

Dunbar was released from prison in October after serving a little more than a year for pleading guilty to embezzlement charges.

The university concluded through its own investigation that the players didn't violate NCAA rules by accepting the gifts because, in part, they had personal relationships with Dunbar, who has a child with former Irish player, Jarvis

Edison.

The NCAA disagreed, ruling last year that Dunbar became a representative of the university in June 1995 by joining the now-defunct Quarterback Club, which charged members \$25 for a series of weekly luncheons.

The NCAA enforcement staff also found the infractions to be secondary and presented evidence as such to the Committee on Infractions at a June hearing. But the committee overruled that recommendation and requested that the university submit more information to aid in its deliberations.

A decision had been expected within six weeks after the June hearing, but was delayed several times, including in September, when the university reported other possible violations from separate cases.

## Smith sits out practice, Sanders works weakly

FORT WORTH (AP) — Emmitt Smith's sore groin, which weakened his leg strength, has left his status uncertain for Sunday's game against the New York Jets.

Meanwhile, flu-ridden Deion Sanders will be listed as probable, says Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey.

What Cowboys officials called a "left groin strain" by Smith on the opening play of Sunday's game against Philadelphia resulted in diminished leg strength for the running back.

"Honestly, I don't know what you would label it," Smith said Thursday of his injury. "Groin" is the particular area it's in ... but it's muscle, it's tissue. I still have some soreness in the leg, though some of the strength has come back."

Jim Maurer, Cowboys trainer, administered electric muscle stimulation and heat treatment before Smith practiced Thursday.

Smith, in his first practice this week, was limited strictly to individual instead of team drills.

"He was limited in what he did in practice today because he already had gotten some therapy before he went outside," said Maurer.

"Sometimes it doesn't work out just right where a player isn't able to get treatment and full practice both in."

Maurer was optimistic that Smith could be ready to play against the Jets.

"Emmitt has shown improvement every day," Maurer said. "It is a groin strain. That's where it is ... groin and 'strain' does mean that it's muscular in nature."

The player said he views his "questionable" playing status for only the Jets game, not for the New Orleans and New York Giants games to follow.

The Cowboys would tap Chris Warren if Smith is unable to go Sunday.

Against the Eagles, Warren had almost 30 percent of his season's carries — 25 for 92 yards — and caught four passes for more than 25 percent of his season's receiving.

Gailey said Sanders would be listed as probable.

"He's still sick," the coach said. "He practiced, but you could tell he was not all there. He was struggling through everything because he was a little weak."

Gailey hasn't decided

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Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, pictured here during a 1993 game, has not worked out with the Cowboys this week due to a groin strain. He remains questionable for Sunday's game against the New York Jets at Texas Stadium.

## Irvin preps for second career?

IRVING (AP) — Michael Irvin, whose football career is in jeopardy because of a neck injury, will have a two-hour stint on ESPN this Sunday that could be a prelude to a second career in broadcasting.

The Dallas Cowboys receiver, who talks as good a game as he plays, will be an in-studio guest for the cable network's Sunday morning show.

"He always has things to say," said Jay Levy, a coordinating producer for ESPN.

Levy said Thursday that Irvin and his agent, Steve Endicott, contacted the net-

work to arrange the appearance. Several other current players have been on the show this season, including Dallas' Daryl Johnston, who also has a potentially career-ending neck injury.

"I would imagine if Michael sees his career coming to an end, this would be an obvious second career possibility," Levy said. "It's always intriguing."

Irvin hasn't played since being injured Oct. 10 against Philadelphia. He later learned he has a genetic condition that makes him susceptible to more

## Four Steers named honorable mention all-state by APSE

From staff and wire reports

It was an up and down ... and back up ... football season for Big Spring's Steers.

Perhaps getting off to a better start than almost anyone expected, the Steers won their first six games and earned a No. 10 ranking in The Associated Press schoolboy football poll at one time before scrambling to a 2-3 finish in District 5-4A play, qualifying for the playoffs by surviving a point differential tiebreaker after sharing third place with San Angelo Lake View and Sweetwater.

And while many would say the key to Big Spring success for much of the season was its defensive play, the impressive numbers chalked up by its offense drew plenty of attention.

It was therefore not surprising that three Steers offensive stars and one defensive regular earned mention on the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A All-State Football Team.

Senior quarterback Lance Brock, who passed for more than 1,000 yards, senior offensive lineman Stephen Stokes and junior running back Colby Ford were honorable mention selections on offense.

Ford might have drawn even more attention had he not been ruled academically ineligible for the Steers' final regular season game against Sweetwater and Big Spring's bi-district game with Brownwood.

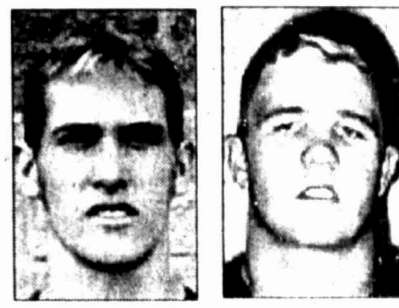
Joining that trio was junior middle linebacker Bowe Butler, who returned from a midseason ankle injury ahead of schedule and quarterbacked the Steers' defensive unit.

Also not surprising was the number of all-state honors bestowed on players from defending Class 4A, Division II state champion Stephenville.

Stephenville's offense puts a lot of pressure on the quarterback position. With so many formations, shifts and routes by the receivers, there's a lot for one player to handle.

The flip side is that Stephenville's scheme also gives the quarterback plenty of opportunity to shine. This year, another one did.

Kendal Briles, son of coach Art Briles, threw for 2,243 yards and 22 touchdowns and ran for 844 yards and nine touchdowns to lead Stephenville into Saturday's Class 4A Division II state championship game



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against Port Neches-Groves. Briles was named the offensive player of the year by the APSE.

"With the way our offense is set up, it spreads the field and gives the quarterback more running and passing lanes," Kendal Briles said. "Quarterback is where we run our offense from, so it's a pretty important position."

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.

Briles becomes the fourth Stephenville quarterback this decade to make first-team all-state, joining Kelan Laker (1998), Glenn Odell (1999) and Brandon Stewart (1999), who was also the offensive player of the year.

Briles was joined on the first team by teammates Aaron Collier, an offensive lineman, an. linebacker Cal Jillson, who was named co-defensive player of the year with Texas City defensive tackle Marcel Moses. Moses helped the Stingarees win the 4A Division I championship.

La Marque, which ended a run of five straight title game appearances, had two first-teamers in offensive lineman Claude Terrell and linebacker Pat Howard.

Greenview, which lost in the regional semifinals to Ennis, had two players from its powerful offense honored, running back Mac Morrow, who set a

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## Finley chases Cleveland as best chance to win World Series

CLEVELAND (AP) — Chuck Finley is left handed, regularly beats the New York Yankees and wants to win a World Series ring.

So do the Cleveland Indians, which is why they signed the free-agent pitcher Thursday to a three-year, \$27 million contract.

"The Indians were always at the top of my list," said Finley, who spent his entire 14-year career with the Anaheim Angels. "This team is a fine-tuned, well-oiled machine. Who wouldn't want to pitch here?"

Finley, 37, turned down better offers elsewhere to sign with Cleveland, who offered him a deal that includes \$7 million deferred without interest. The Indians think the lefty is the missing piece to finally bring them a World Series title.

"I dream every night about pitching in

the playoffs and getting a chance to go to the World Series," Finley said. "I couldn't have found a better situation than here in Cleveland. It's a perfect fit for me."

Indians general manager John Hart said the same thing. "Hart has been chasing Finley for months. He nearly sent four players utilityman Enrique Wilson and three minor league pitchers — to the Angels just before the Aug. 31 trading deadline for Finley.

Hart backed off, but when Finley became available on the free-agent market, the GM zeroed in on his target and went after it.

"I think the match with the Indians and Chuck Finley is at the absolute right time," Hart said. "This ballclub offers what Chuck Finley is looking for, and that's ability to pitch in the postseason.

It's a mature club and we're adding a mature, quality pitcher."

Finley gets an \$11 million signing bonus, of which \$2 million is payable now, \$2 million on Jan. 15, 2002 and the rest in equal installments of \$2,333,333 on Jan. 15 in 2003, 2004 and 2005. He gets annual salaries of \$5 million, \$6 million and \$5 million and in a sign of hope a \$500,000 bonus if he's MVP of the World Series.

Finley's agent, Tim Shannon, said he received offers from Baltimore and Seattle and that the New York Yankees were still calling him as late as Wednesday.

"We talked to everyone," Shannon said. "There were some very fair offers, but this is where Chuck wanted to come. He turned down more money to come here."

The Indians have always needed pitch-

ing help, and that became even more apparent during the AL playoffs when the staff fell apart in the division series against Boston.

Hart was determined to find pitching help during the offseason, and by signing free agent Scott Kamieniecki (\$3.6 million), Cuban defector Danys Baez (\$14.5 million) and Finley, the Indians have bolstered their staff.

Finley, who has a career record of 165-140, will move to the front of the Indians' starting rotation behind right-hander Bartolo Colon, Charles Nagy, Dave Burba and either Jaret Wright or Baez round out a staff the Indians think can get them over the top.

Finley, joined at a Jacobs Field news conference, by his wife, actress Tawny Kitaen, knows there are some questioning why the Indians would sign a 37-year-old pitcher.



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AUTO RACING

Indy Racing League... PDM RACING—Signed Sam Hornish Jr. to drive for the 2000 IRL season.

BASEBALL

American League... CLEVELAND INDIANS Agreed to terms with LHP Chuck Faley on a three-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Allen M. Dill, RHP Anthony Chavez, RHP Edgar Ramirez, RHP Darby Hess, INF Jesus Aguayo, INF Triston Brantley and INF Carlos Mendez on minor league contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS Agreed to terms with LHP Jose Rijo on a two-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Jones, RHP Jason Kipnis and C. Reed. Second baseman, infielder and outfielder of the PCL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS—Signed RHP Brian Stephens to the Los Angeles Dodgers to complete an earlier trade.

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whether he'll be able to play receiver Ernie Mills or offensive linemen Larry Allen and Mark Stepnoski. None worked out in team drills.

There was one newcomer in practice: receiver Bryan Still,

who was signed Thursday to fill the roster spot opened when defensive end Greg Ellis went on injured reserve.

"He looked fast," Gailey said. "That's about all I can tell."

Still caught 81 passes for 1,167 yards over 31 seasons in San Diego.

The Chargers released him earlier this year and he played briefly in Atlanta until being released there, too.

"He has a lot to learn," Gailey said. "Really, this is an opportunity for us to take a look at a guy. We, at one point, had him graded very high."

ALL-STATE

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school record with 1,682, and his best blocker, Clennon Miles.

Plainview had two players on the first team, running back Rod Annsley and offensive lineman Matt Jeffers, as did Brownwood, with linebacker Chad Evans and defensive back Corey Crawford.



# Judge orders Carruth back to N. Carolina

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — Barely a month removed from his last NFL game in St. Louis, Rae Carruth faces many months deflecting charges that he helped carry out a plot to kill his pregnant girlfriend.

Carruth, a wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers, appeared in federal court Thursday, a day after he was found hiding in the trunk of a car at a rural motel in West Tennessee.

He is charged with three other men in Charlotte, N.C., with the murder of his girlfriend, Cherica Adams, who was pregnant at the time she was shot.

Carruth, the Panthers' first-round draft choice in 1997, was waived by the team Thursday and suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

For his first court hearing, a brief meeting before U.S. District Judge James Todd, Carruth was required only to acknowledge his identity and agree not to fight a return to North Carolina.

The former star at the University of Colorado, wearing handcuffs and leg irons, responded only with "Yes, sir" when asked at several points if he understood his legal rights.

Asked if he intended to oppose a return to North Carolina, he said, "I'm going to voluntarily go back."

If convicted of murder under North Carolina law, Carruth could face a death sentence. He was taken to federal court on a charge of fleeing across state lines to avoid prosecution.

He was captured Wednesday by the FBI in a motel parking lot in Wildersville, a spot on the side of Interstate 40 in West Tennessee.

An affidavit filed with his federal arrest warrant said the FBI learned of his whereabouts from someone associated with the bonding company responsible for his \$3 million bail in North Carolina.

Ronnie DeLapp, who posted Carruth's bond, said Carruth's mother supplied the tip that led them to the fugitive. The Charlotte Observer reported Thursday night on its Internet site.

DeLapp said Carruth's mother, Theodry Carruth, called him Wednesday afternoon. DeLapp said she told him to expect a call from a woman named Wendy. The woman called and told the bondsman and his colleagues she was with Carruth.

Published reports identified the woman with Carruth as Wendy Cole of Charlotte, N.C., a hairstylist who befriended him and his family when they moved to Charlotte. She owned the Toyota Camry in which Carruth was hiding. The Herald of Rock Hill, S.C., reported today.

Todd ordered Carruth held without bond and turned him over to U.S. marshals. It was not immediately clear when he would be returned to North Carolina. The marshal's office said it does not discuss times and conditions of prisoner transfers.

Adams was 6 months' pregnant when she was shot Nov. 16. Doctors performed an emergency delivery, and her 4-week-old son is listed in fair condition. Adams died Tuesday.

According to the affidavit by FBI Special Agent David Drew, a source with the bonding company told authorities a gray Toyota Camry was seen parked outside Carruth's Charlotte, N.C., home on Tuesday, and the same car was seen in the parking lot at a Wildersville motel on Wednesday.

FBI agents staked out the motel, then located the woman who owned the car. After questioning her and searching her room, authorities asked to look in her car. She told them Carruth was in the trunk, and he surrendered peacefully.

The woman, who has not been identified, has not been charged, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Len Register in Jackson.

Three other men charged with the killing made initial court appearances Thursday in Charlotte.

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Seller will help with closing costs so you can move in the immaculate recently remodeled 3 bdrm home, cent h/air, carport tile fence, storage bldg, new carpet, fresh paint. Payment approx \$350 move in cost approx \$1,000. Owner/agent 263-6892.

Very good 3 br 2 bath home on a super lot. Double (drive thru) garage. Lots of built-in storage and RV parking. \$100,000. Boosie Weaver Real Estate 267-8840

MOBILE HOMES

\*\$16,000 for very nice 2 bedroom 2 bath. We Finance You!! 563-9000

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Your Choice \$99 MOVE-IN SPECIAL w/6 mo. lease or Sign a 13 Mo. Lease & get \$99 Move-In & 13th Mo. FREE. WATER & GAS PAID. 538 WESTOVER ROAD 263-1262

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2019 1999 MODEL CLOSOUT

3 bedroom home as low as \$153/mo!! USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, 520-2177 or (800) 520-2177 - See Hable Espanol! 10% down, 8.99%, 240 months, with approved credit. \$239/mo!! 1997 3/2 set-up skirted, and a/c. Call now 653-7800 or 1-800-698-8003. 5% dn, 13.75% a.p.r., 8 pt buy dn, 360 mos. (w.a.c.) \*\*\$250 per month!! for beautiful 3 bedroom, includes delivery, AC and 5 year warranty!! 563-9000 9.50% VAR, 360 mos, 10% down, W.A.C.

\$3000\* Holiday shopping spree!

With every new Palm Harbor in Dec. Call for appt. 653-7800 or 1-800-698-8003. (\* 1500 per section)

Abandoned Doublewide.

(915) 520-4411.

BIG SCREEN TV, gourmet kitchen, sliding patio door, glamour bath.

Only \$750 gets you in. 653-7800 or 1-800-698-8003 (w.a.c.) EXTENDED!! Pack-rat special!! 42 cabinets and drawers just in the kitchen. This 3/2 home with fireplace is a dream come true @ \$299 per mo. Call 653-7800 or 1-800-698-8003 for appt. 10% dn, 360 mos. @ 8.25 a.p.r. (w.a.c.)

GOOD CREDIT, BAD CREDIT, Bankruptcy, Divorces, Slow Pays. Call the Credit Doctor to own your new home. 80% Approvals.

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RETIRED or STARTING OUT??

2 bedroom mobile home. Very Affordable!! 1-800-698-8003. Local 653-7800.

SI ESTA CANSADO de pagar Renta. Pero su credito esta mal, o no tiene credito. Venga a verme en A-1 HOMES, Midland, TX. O hablame al telefono 563-9000 y pregunte por Cuco Arellano, para ayudarle en su casa mobil nueva o usada.

FURNISHED APTS.

2/1 Apts. • 263-7621 Furnished or Unfur. \$275-\$350 monthly plus electric

Apartments, Unfurnished houses, Mobile Home. References required. Call 263-6944, 263-2341.

OFFICE SPACE

For Rent/ Lease: Office space on FM 700. \$325/mo., utilities paid. Call 915-263-1709

ROOMS

Inn at Big Spring Lobby Hours 8 am - 2 am \$154 wky. \$29.95 daily + tax. Doc Holidays Saloon 263-7621

UNFURNISHED APTS.

2 bedroom garage apt. CH/A, fenced yard, lease, deposit, \$200/mn. 263-6824, 263-7373.

\$99 MOVE IN plus deposit.

1,2,3 bdr. Partially furn. 263-7811 a.m. 393-5240 evenings

Free Rent For Christmas

Half of Dec. Free w/ \$99 Dep 2 bdr. \$265 Eff. \$210 Call 915-267-4217

UNFURNISHED HOMES

1 br. 1 bath, 1102 Sycamore. No Pets!! Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

1619 Harding 4 bdr. 2 bth. \$350/mn. \$200/dep. Sorry No Pets. 263-4922

2 bdr mobile home 1407 B Mesquite \$265/mn. \$150/dep. Also: 2 bdr. mobile 1410 rear-Harding \$265/mn \$150/dep. water paid. Call 267-6667.

2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 304 E. 5th. No pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2/1 \$350/mo + dep. 3/1 \$450/mo. + dep. 3/1 \$550/mo. + dep. 3/2 \$600/mo. + dep. Call 264-9907.

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2510 Carlton. Good neighborhood. Nice, clean 3BR, 2bth, CH/A, 2 living areas, fenced backyard, double carport. \$55/mo, \$250/dep, 267-1543.

3 bdr. 1 bth. CH/A. Lower den w/fireplace, fenced back yard w/patio & lg. storage shed. \$375/mn. 267-1500.

3 Br 1 bath, CH/A. Nice Neighborhood. 2410 Carillon. \$475/mo. + dep. Call 263-4367 or 263-6997

Country living 3 bdr. 2 full baths, fenced, w/d conn., 5816 Oak Road, E. of town. Stove & frig. furn. Call 267-3163.

Extra clean 2Br on nice landscaped half acre. Water well, good location. 263-5272.

FOR RENT

207 Jefferson 3 bdr. 2 bth. fireplace, totally remodeled, new plumbing & electric, CH/A, wood & tile floors, new carpet. \$650 + dep. with good references. 267-2296

FOR RENT

2111 Runnels 3 bdr. 1 bth. HUD ok! 205 E. 22nd (upstairs) utilities pd. \$150/dep. \$300/mn. 915-363-8243.

FOR RENT

407 1/2 East 8th 2 - 1 bdrm Eff Apt. (up stairs) Stove + Ref. \$250 + Deposit.

NO HUD You Pay Bills

267-2296

One, two and three bedroom houses. Call 263-4410.

Ranch Setting within city limits. 2 bdr. 1 bth. fireplace, barns, pens, 30 acres fenced. Ideal for horses/pets. Must be responsible, mature w/ references. \$500 mn. + dep. Call 267-1131.

RENT - SALE - LEASE:

607 W. 18th. 2700 sq.ft., pool, spa, \$650 a month. For more information call Ardy, 263-6743.

SELL/RENT

2br. 2bth. 2br. 1bth. 3br. 2 bth. w/CH/A. Owner finance. 267-3905.

Unique and nice ranch style 2 bdr. 1 bth. central air, carport, detached workshop, Hillside view over city park/pool course. \$350 No Pets Please. References/ground maintenance required. McDonald Realty 263-7616

Very good condition 2 Br, 1 bath. No pets, no utilities paid. \$395/mo plus dep. 263-8513.

TOO LATES

□ Baby items, clothes, '94 Ford PU bumper, Epson 870 dot matrix printer, computer software, & books. Sat. 7-1, 1303 Pennsylvania

Found a puppy. Found North of Coahoma. If this is your puppy call 267-4839 & identify.

2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. \$350/mo, \$200/dep. Call 264-9522.

3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath mobile home in Coahoma. 210 Rancier. Call 393-5380.

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require your personal touch. Don't neglect anyone close to you. Tonight: Get int o some Christmas music. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You might still be having a difficult time really understanding a child or a special relationship. Somehow, you pull the wool over your own eyes when dealing with this person. Discussions give you insight, though you might need to admit you were wrong. Tonight: You don't need any mistletoe! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*Establish stronger understanding with others. You get yourself into a holiday mood and really don't care too much about a family member's grumbling. Complete any leftover Christmas shopping or errands. Your mood is contagious. Tonight: Go along with a partner's plans. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*Make time for some fun after clearing out any leftover holiday errands. You will want to get into the full swing of the season. Your ability to reorganize and read through others' behavior proves to be an enormous asset. Explain your ideas to a partner. Tonight: Don't overdo just yet. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*You don't have to reveal what you are thinking. Listen to your inner voice; make positive decisions for you. Emphasis is on a child or new

love interest. Be reasonable when choosing a gift. Don't try to overcompensate. Tonight: Relish the moment. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*Make calls early on and catch up on a friend's news. Together, you can plan your day. There's a lot to do with family. Handle domestic matters. Invite others over; be mellow and express the holiday mood. Caring grows in your relaxed mood. Tonight: Indulge others as well as yourself. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*Touch base with friends. A boss or parent is most demanding, and you might need to adjust your plans. You are getting mixed messages in the present atmosphere. Work with facts instead. Get into the levity of the season. Tonight: Out with favorite people, at favorite places. BORN TODAY Director Steven Spielberg (1947), actor Ray Liotta (1955), musician Keith Richards (1943) For America's best extended hroscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 710-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com © 1999 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

DEAR ABBY: I am a medical student near graduation. In my admittedly brief experience in the local hospitals, I have already seen the damage alcohol and drugs can wreak on a life and the many relationships it poisons. Too often it takes a dramatic, life-threatening and socially costly event to provide a patient "insight" into his problem. In June 2000, I will receive my medical license. I wrote the following in the selfish hope that it will keep me from having to deliver this bitter news, even for just one night. The words in quotes are my spoken words. The words in parentheses are what I'm really thinking. HEALER IN SAN DIEGO DEAR HEALER: The short essay you have written is sobering and thought-provoking. I hope its message will reach those who need to heed it - and remind them to set limits on the amount they imbibe. Read on: "I realize you must be upset, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_." (But you can only imagine how frustrated I am by this daily occurrence.) "I am calling to inform you of your son's admission to the hospital." (Where we still haven't figured out why people do this to themselves.) "As I understand it, the paramedics were called" (to a party where no one was sober enough to explain what happened) "and were required to administer CPR in order to revive your son's heart." (While his friends continued their drunken reveling, undisturbed.) "He is currently on a machine to assist in his ventilation." (Because he drank so much he stopped breathing.) "His brain suffered a significant period of anoxia." (And if he ever wakes up, he can never have his life back.) "His condition is serious, but he is receiving expert care." (I wish I could tell you just how worried you should be!) DEAR ABBY: I am a strict Catholic who does not believe in "kinky" activities. It was my second date with a seemingly conservative gentleman. Everything was going well, so I felt comfortable holding hands with him - until he proceeded to stick my pointer-finger in his mouth. We had just come from dinner, so he couldn't possibly have been hungry! What are your thoughts on this situation? - SHOCKED IN PITTSBURGH DEAR SHOCKED: It could have been worse. At least he wasn't a thumb-sucker. Never do anything you're not comfortable doing. There are

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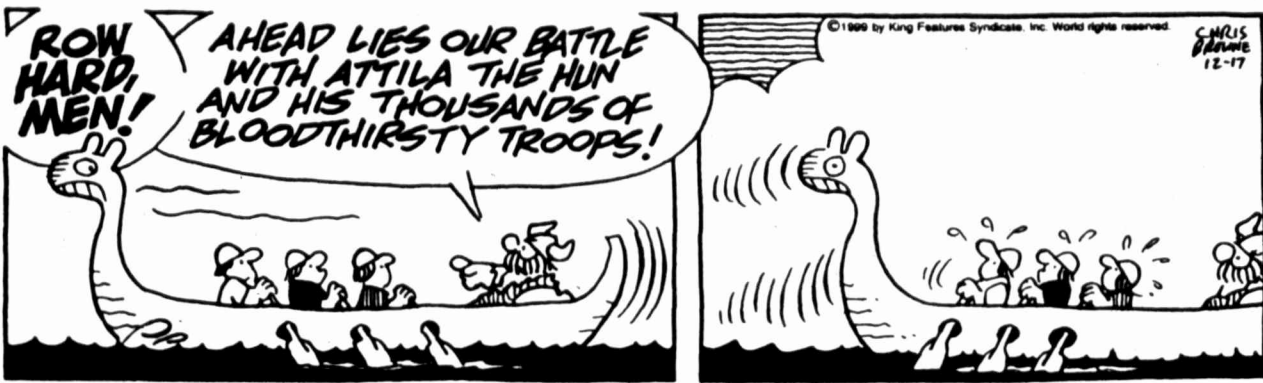


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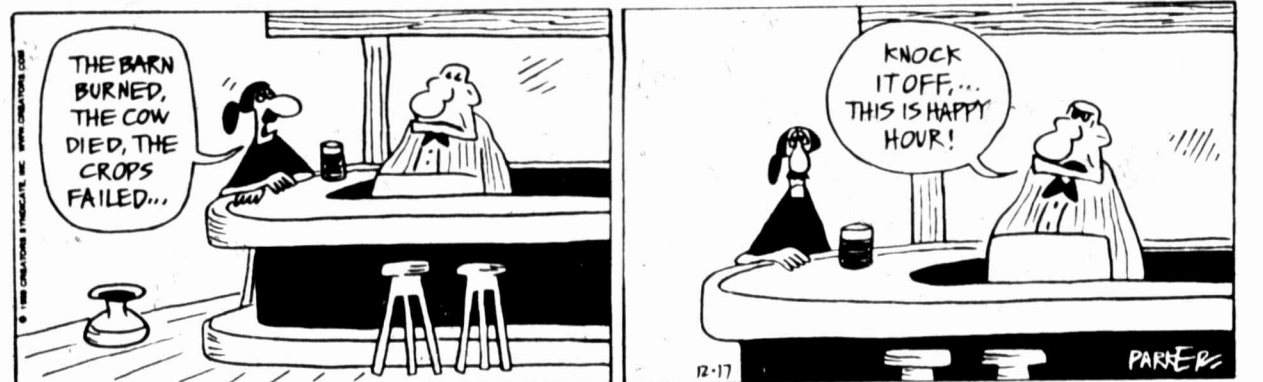
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 1999. There are 14 days left in the year.

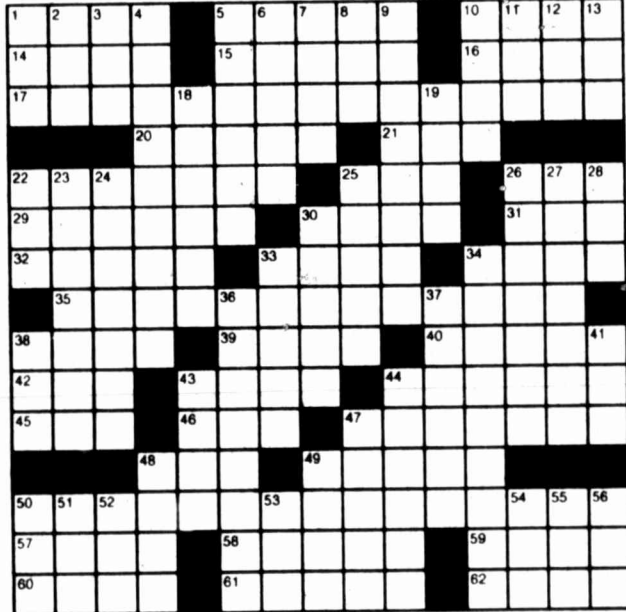
Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright went on the first successful manned powered-airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia. In 1925, Colonel William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial of insubordination.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Matthew Higgins Concord, NH

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In 1939, the German pocket battleship "Graf Spee" was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay. In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast. In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the "Atlas" intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time. In 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed its Project "Blue Book" by concluding there was no evidence of extraterrestrial spacecrafts behind thousands of UFO sightings. In 1969, an estimated 50 million TV viewers watched singer Tiny Tim marry his fiancée, Miss Vicky, on NBC's "Tonight Show." In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford. In 1979, in a case that aggravated racial tensions, Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance executive, was fatally beaten after a police chase in Miami. Four white police officers were later acquitted of charges stemming from McDuffie's death. Ten years ago: More than 100,000 Soviet citizens turned out to honor the late human rights advocate Andrei D. Sakharov, a day before he was buried in Moscow. Five years ago: North Korea shot down a U.S. Army helicopter which had strayed north of the demilitarized zone -- the co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon, was killed; the pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, was captured and held for nearly two weeks. Six shots were fired at the White House by an unidentified gunman. One year ago: The United States hit Iraq with a second wave of punishing airstrikes. Republicans advanced the impeachment case against President Clinton to the House floor for a debate the following day. House Speaker-designate Bob Livingston shocked fellow Republicans by admitting he'd had extramarital affairs. Today's Birthdays: Newspaper columnist William Safire is 70. Actor Armin Mueller-Stahl is 69. Magazine publisher Robert Guccione is 69. Singer-actor Tommy Steele is 63. Rock singer-musician Art Neville is 62. Actor Bernard Hill is 55.