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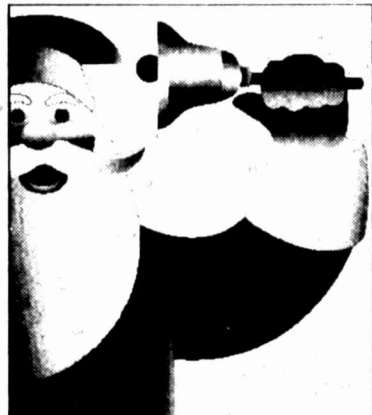
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### HELPING OTHERS...

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

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



### Salvation Army Kettles:

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

### Toys For Tots:

- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center

### Other efforts:

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

- Isaiah 58, Christian assistance agency, is accepting food and toy donations. Hours 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.

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## Mitchem and Sons to operate Topsy Wrecker service again

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Accident free streets is what the crew of Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service and Big Spring Taxi wants from Santa Claus this year, and to help they are offering the Topsy Wrecker and Topsy Taxi Service.

"We put forth all the effort we can to make this a safe and happy holiday, and we wish everybody

to do their bit as we do ours," said the crew of Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service.

From 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, the Mitchem crew will stay on call to offer free taxi and towing service to any person who has had too much to drink.

"We see a lot of bad wrecks in our job," said George Martinez, an employee of Mitchem and Sons. "Every ride we give is one

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George Martinez, John Sant, and Mike Marion, employees of Mitchem & Sons Wreckers, are all volunteering to spend their Christmas and New Year's Eve driving intoxicated holiday celebrators home. The Topsy Wrecker Service will operate from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Call 267-3747 to receive the free service.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Junior high students take food drive seriously

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High School students gathered 3,971 cans of food, more goods for the Salvation Army canned food drive than any other organization.

"This is absolutely wonderful. Our canned food drive is more than half less than usual, and this will really help," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

Most of the seventh and eighth grade students at the school contributed to the food drive. The promise of a class pizza party was the reward for the most cans collected, said Zack Watkins, student council president.

"We set it up so that it was the most cans per student, to make it fair to those small fourth period classes," said Timmi Blackshear, student council secretary.

Each fourth period class gathered together as many canned goods as possible, and Cindy Hillman's eighth grade gifted and talented class won the pizza party with a collection of 801 cans of food.

Second place went to Cheryl Wood's eighth grade algebra class for 778 cans of food. Those students will receive an ice cream float for their efforts.

BSJH's four elected Student Council officers and 14 elected representatives coordinated the efforts of the food drive, and also sold hand-colored paper angels as Christmas tree ornaments for 25 cents.

"We'll be giving the money from the Dress An Angel project, about \$251, to the Westside Community Day Care Center, to be used for their children that attend day care there," Watkins said.

BSJH Student Council sponsors many events for the seventh and eighth grade students throughout the year, Blackshear said.

Thus far, two dances with decorations have been done provided the students, and all student council members did a parking lot sweep and checked for expired inspection stickers and registration tags.

"We checked the inspection stickers to make sure they were in date. And we wiped their windshields, things like that," Blackshear said.



Big Spring Junior High School students Jarrod Reed, left, and Raymond Frank helped load 3,971 cans of food for the Salvation Army canned food drive. Sponsored by the Student Council, seventh and eighth grade students gathered more cans of food than any other group for this Christmas season.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Council members also have two more dances planned, as well as a community clean up day for sometime next semester, Watkins said.

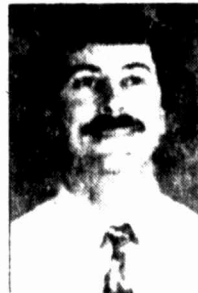
And field trips are also an important part of the council. All eighth grade council members attended a mock trial at Howard County Courthouse.

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## Teachers, administrators work behind the scenes to help ensure needy family has happy Christmas

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

While Big Spring Junior High School students proved their Christmas community spirit by collecting the most canned goods of any local organization for the Salvation Army food drive, teachers at the school quietly worked behind the scenes and adopted a family for Christmas.



TARLETON

"This is just how generous and hardworking my staff is. They learned about a family needed help with Christmas Thursday, and by Tuesday it was taken care of," said BSJH principal Bill Tarleton.

Tarleton said a telephone call was made to Esabella Aguirre, a teacher at Big Spring Independent School District, concerning the plight of one family.

Aguirre contacted Tarleton, who shared the information with one other person.

"And that one conversation with one person in a room

into this," Tarleton said. Coordinated through the efforts of Kim Merket and Debbie Calvert, teachers and staff raised \$234, which was used to purchase several items for this family.

"To the greatest faculty in the galaxy world," reads a memo to the BSJH staff. "Thanks to all of you, a family in need will be able to have a nice Christmas."

Items purchased included both a portable computer and a portable computer printer, as well as one

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## Deaths

### Investigation continues into violent death of area couple

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff's Department is continuing an investigation of a possible double homicide of two Sand Springs residents found dead in their residence Friday morning.

"There has been no ruling from the justice of the peace at this point," said Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz. "We are still in a pending mode until the preliminary autopsy reports are received."

"We are currently investigating this incident as a double homicide," said Fritz.

Carroll Coates, 55, and his wife, Rhonda Coates, 33, were found dead in their two room residence. Apparent gunshot wounds to the head were present on both victims.

The sheriff's department is currently following up on a possible witness who was present when Coates and his wife began arguing, Fritz confirmed.

Fritz also confirmed that the revolver found at the scene was owned by Carroll Coates. No signs of a forced entry or a struggle was evident, according to Fritz.

"We have received some information from neighbors who could have possibly heard gunshots around 9:30 p.m. on Thursday," Fritz said. "When they heard the sound, they did not think of it as gunshots."

Fritz said they have received reports that Coates and his wife were separated and she had recently returned to Big Spring from Colorado.

"We have not talked in length to her family at this time," Fritz said. "We do not know at this point where she was living or what she was doing prior to returning to Big Spring."

After Coates, a Jimmy Hopper Auto Sales employee, had not reported to work, his employer contacted a family member.

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## Christian Renewal Center needs additional funding before it can open its doors

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The Christian Renewal Center, a 36,000-square-foot nondenominational Christian fellowship center, is close to opening its doors, but more funding is necessary to complete the project.

"We are at the point where we are waiting to raise the rest of the money," said Joyce Wash, a member of the board of directors for the center.

Wash estimates that \$350,000 to \$360,000 is needed to fund the construction cost necessary to get the nondenominational Christian center, located off U.S. Highway 87 and across from Comanche Trail Park, in shape for opening.

Wash recommends to anyone thinking of donating to pray because "any donation or gift needs to come from the heart," she said.

Once the needed funds are raised, Wash estimates the center will be ready to open in two and a half months.

"The center currently has three Christian walks scheduled for next year," she said.

An upstairs chapel that will contain 100 seats and stairs leading to the chapel still needs to be constructed. Interior furnishings, including 4,000 yards of carpet, are still left to be finished.

The outside garden area located between the main building and the back 20 bedrooms

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Charles Wash stands in front of a stained glass window at the Christian Renewal Center. The non-profit agency needs about \$350,000 to finish construction. Call 267-5335 to help.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



OBITUARIES

Kay Barnett  
Watson

Kay Barnett Watson, 49, of Round Rock, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999 in Round Rock from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999 at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, and Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



She was born on June 26, 1950 in Big Spring, Texas and married Murph Watson on Oct. 25, 1997 in Big Spring.

She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High in 1968 and was a longtime resident. She worked as a conference coordinator at the law firm of Vinsan and Elkins in Austin, Texas. Mrs. Watson had lived in Round Rock since January 1999.

Mrs. Watson was an active member of the Baptist Church. She was actively involved in Key Club as a sponsor in Big Spring and was currently working in the Texas-Oklahoma District Level of Key Club.

Survivors include her husband, Murph Watson of Round Rock; two daughters and one son-in-law, Shannon and Tony Stuteville of Big Spring and E.D. Barnett of Austin; her mother and step-father, Genie and Wayne Pherigo of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Cindy Stephens of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Haylea and Garrett Stuteville of Big Spring; one niece and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd E. Stephens. The family requests memorials go to the Key Club Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Kay Barnett Watson.

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

Laura Luce  
Burrow

A great lady, Laura Luce Barrow, passed away on Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, in Kingsland. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on July 16, 1910 in Baird, Texas, to Edward A. and Margaret Foster Luce.

She was of the Pentecostal faith but became a member of First Baptist Church after moving to Marble Falls.

She graduated from the Medical Arts LVN School of Nursing in Big Spring and was active in nursing in Big Spring and Marble Falls until retirement.

Laura was a role model for many young people and dedicated her life to helping anyone in need.

She married Guy Marshall Burrow in 1928 and he preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 1968. She was also preceded in death by a son, Guy Murry Burrow, a grandson, Mark Coffman Burrow, four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include a son, Gerald W. Burrow and wife, Eva Nell of Quitman, a daughter-in-law, Ruth Burrow of Casper, Wyo., a sister, Lilly Luce of Marble Falls; a brother, James F. Luce of Georgetown, grandchildren Guy M. Burrow and wife, Debbie, Helen Flippo and husband, Dale, Stephen Burrow and wife, Sharon, Wayne Burrow, Ruth Ann Atwood and husband, Jeff, and Nora Burrow; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity. The family will be at 211 Circle.

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(Paid obituary)

Doris Knocke

Doris Knocke, 73, of Big Spring, died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at St. Mary's Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, following a long illness.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel, Rev. Carroll Kohl and Rev. Steve Stutz will officiate. Private family burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 18, 1926, at Dunn, Texas. She was the daughter of Bonnie Smith Hunter and Earl Hunter. She graduated from West Texas Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock and had worked at Cowper Hospital and later 26 years as a nurse for Big Spring Independent School District. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1952, and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Howard County Retired Teacher's Association.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Knocke (and his wife Jeanie) of Big Spring and Barry Knocke of Marble Falls; four grandchildren, Craig Knocke of Dallas, Nicklaus Knocke of Goodwell, Okla., Kacey Knocke and Brian Knocke, both of White Deer, Texas; one great-grandson, Bryden Knocke of Goodwell, Okla.; one sister-in-law, Dortha Hunter of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews.

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(Paid obituary)

nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Hunter of Colorado City.

The family suggests memorials to the building fund of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 800 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

(Paid obituary)

Ila Mae Madden

Ila Mae Madden, 88, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999 in a local nursing home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999 at Trinity Memorial Park with Rock Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Madden was born on March 19, 1911 in Sweetwater and married Morris L. Madden Sr. on April 5, 1940 in Stanton.

She had been a resident of Big Spring for over 60 years, was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband, Morris L. Madden Sr. of Big Spring; a son, Morris Madden Jr. of New Boston and several nieces.

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Robert Box

Robert Box, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999 in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Harry Grayson  
Davis

Harry Grayson Davis, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999 in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

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need to be leveled out, raised up four feet, and then landscaped. Replacement of some plumbing fixtures has been delayed until funding is found for labor costs, but the plumbing and electrical work is finished.

They are currently waiting to dig a conduit for the sewer line under Highway 87.

"You need to crawl before you walk and right now we are half way up off our knees," she said.

The Christian Renewal Center started from a vision Wash and her husband Charles received when they were attending a Christian walk.

They donated the building and land that housed the Brass Nail night club to be converted into the center.

"We feel that this will be a wonderful asset for the community," she said.

According to Wash, the center is owned and operated by the Christian Renewal Center, a nonprofit corporation, and has seven members serving on the board. No one serving on the board will receive any financial profit from the center.

"We have had many blessings with people who have helped construct the center," Wash said. "The prices on the materials and labor have been incredible and wonderful."

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"We know the center will be finished," she said. "God is the one in charge here, and it will be finished in his time." Call 267-5335 to help.

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compact disc that "contains no explicit lyrics," the women wrote.

With more than \$100 left in the collective donation, the women decided to purchase a gift certificate for the family from a local department store or grocery store.

"This was a great job, a job well done, and I am really proud of my staff," Tarleton said.

STUDENTS

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recently, he said.

"I joined student council because I want to be involved with my community and with my school," Watkins said.

And Blackshear agreed.

"I want to know what's going on with my school," Blackshear said.

TIPSY

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less drunk driver off the road." For those who have had too much to drink, the Mitchem crew wants you to call them before you drive.

They will not offer free rides to anyone involved in an accident or who has been stop by the police. "Their tow will not be free," said Ricky Mitchem, president of Mitchem and Sons Wreckers.

Only one tow per person per night, is permissible, and the crew will only respond to calls for rides within the city limits. Also, no drinking or smoking will be allowed in the taxi or in the wrecker.

This is the 13th year that Mitchem and Sons has offered this special service to the community.

"We want to cut down on accidents, so everyone can have a merry Christmas and happy New Year," said David Mitchem.

Calls for the special service vary from year to year, according to David Mitchem. Some years the company has received up to 30 calls a night, and some years the company has received as little as four.

The Mitchem family works these holiday nights as either support to the volunteers or to respond to calls themselves. They also provide a holiday dinner for the employees who volunteer.

"I have family out there. When we take people who have been drinking home, it keeps them safe, my family safe, and the people of Big Spring safe," said Ricky Mitchem. "I feel that it is worth a little extra effort from us and our staff to help

keep the streets safe." Anyone who has been drinking on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, can call 267-3747 for a free ride or tow.

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The family member found the bodies after gaining entrance to the residence through an unlocked door. The two bodies were found in the back room, which contained the bedroom and kitchen area, according to Fritz.

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green pronounced the victims dead at 10:50 a.m. The bodies were sent to Lubbock Friday for an autopsy.

According to Fritz, this is the first homicide in the rural county he has seen since he began working for the Howard County Sheriff's Department three years ago.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday:

• DAVID RENTERIA, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.

• TONY DELGARZA, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.

• GILBERT HILARIO, 41, was arrested on local warrants.

• MAXWELL WALKUP, 47, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

• STEVEN ALVARO, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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

FIRE/EMS

12:52 a.m., 3200 block Parkway, medical patient taken to Veterans Administration Hospital.

4:36 a.m., 700 block E. 12th, medical patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:19 a.m., 500 block W. 17th, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:13 a.m. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, transfer to Shannon Care Center.

12:28 p.m., Fourth and Gregg, traffic accident, three refused service.

2:46 p.m., 400 block Main in Coahoma, trauma patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:57 p.m., 200 block Virginia, trauma patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:29 p.m., 1600 block Lancaster, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:14 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, patient transferred to the 200 block of Virginia.

5:15 p.m., 900 block Goliad, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:59 p.m., 3200 block Parkway, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

SUNDAY

1:45 a.m., 600 block Ninth, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:14 a.m., 2300 block Wasson, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:34 a.m., 1200 block Fourth, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:08 p.m., 1300 block E. 11th, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:34 p.m., 200 block Virginia, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:40 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, patient transferred to 200 block Virginia.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home  
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
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## Indicted nuclear scientist to sue U.S. authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former nuclear weapons scientist Wen Ho Lee is suing the FBI and the Justice and Energy departments, alleging they violated his privacy and wrongly portrayed him as a spy for China.

Lee, who was indicted Dec. 10 on charges he improperly removed nuclear secrets from the Los Alamos (N.M.) National Laboratory, planned to file the lawsuit as early as today in U.S. District Court in Washington, said associates familiar with his plans.

The suit will allege that the three agencies violated the Privacy Act by making unauthorized disclosures of private

information about Lee, and contend that much of the information used to suggest he was a spy was false or unsubstantiated, said the associates, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In making a case against the government agencies, the suit will cite recent Associated Press articles that disclosed that the FBI had doubts as early as November 1998 that Lee was a Chinese spy, but that agents continued to pursue him for many more months amid continued leaks portraying him as a spy, the sources said.

The indictment eventually brought against Lee accused him of downloading a wide array of nuclear secrets from

Los Alamos computers and illegally removing them from the lab on computer tapes. It offered no evidence that Lee gave the information to a foreign government.

Brian Sun, a California attorney representing Lee, his wife, Sylvia, and their two adult children, declined to discuss the lawsuit but said Sunday that his clients tried months ago to get the federal agencies to stop news media leaks.

"The Lees were very concerned about this biased and unfair media coverage and requested that this activity stop, but they were unsuccessful," said Sun, who has represented other prominent Asian-

Americans, including Democratic fund-raiser Johnny Chung.

"It is troubling to any American, much less the Lees, to have a system where government officials can systematically leak for their own purposes and ends and not be held accountable," Sun said. "This may be how government officials in Washington operate, but the law does not allow it and such conduct should not be condoned."

The suit will set up a second front for Lee's legal attack, allowing him to pursue the agencies in civil court while his criminal lawyers defend against the indictment.

## Discovery blasts off on mission toward crippled space telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and seven astronauts roared into the night toward the crippled Hubble Space Telescope, ending an embarrassing string of launch delays for NASA.

The flawless launch came after nine postponements, a record for the space shuttle program.

"We appreciate your patience in hanging in there with us," launch director Dave King told the crew just before Sunday night's liftoff.

"We hope you have a great mission to Hubble, and we'll see you back here before the next millennium."

"We have one request," replied commander Curtis Brown Jr. "We'd like you to send a note to Hubble to get ready, because we're on our way!"

It was NASA's last chance this year to send Discovery to Hubble's aid. One more postponement would have bumped the flight into January.

Everything came together, including the weather, and Discovery soared at 7:50 p.m. Hubble was passing more

than 370 miles above Africa when Discovery blasted off. The shuttle should catch up Tuesday with the \$3 billion telescope, which has been out of service for the past month. Spacewalking astronauts should start making repairs on Wednesday.

NASA officials were thrilled to have a space shuttle aloft after five exasperating months of fixing flawed wires across a grounded fleet. Their victory was especially sweet because of Discovery's perfect condition in orbit.

"It was a difficult route to get here," said King. "It's been a while since we've done this, but it does make it even more satisfying."

Because of all the delays, Brown and his crew will be the first shuttle astronauts to spend Christmas in orbit. Discovery is due back on Dec. 27.

Discovery should have flown in October, but ran into all sorts of trouble: damaged wiring, a contaminated engine, a dented fuel pipe and, just last Thursday, welding concerns. Then rain and clouds interfered Friday and again Saturday.

## Police searching for second possible terrorist

SEATTLE (AP) — Police in the United States and Canada are searching for a suspected accomplice to an Algerian man who is charged with trying to smuggle explosives into the United States.

Ahmed Ressay, 32, was apprehended last week trying to smuggle nitroglycerin and other explosives through Port Angeles, Wash., in his car aboard a ferryboat from Victoria, British Columbia.

Police found a van belonging to Ressay in Montreal on Sunday in the east end of the city, said Cpl. Leo Monbourquette, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A security perimeter was set up and police evacuated people from around the area.

A police bomb squad from Ottawa was called in to inspect the orange GMC van, which police suspected may contain more explosives.

Ressay's arrest sparked fears of terrorism in connection with millennial New Year celebrations. Security at U.S. borders has been tightened.

Newsweek magazine reports Ressay is tied to the Montreal cell of an Algerian radical group. A Montreal Police spokesman said Sunday that the link was a rumor not yet confirmed.

Spokesman Andre Poirier did say a massive manhunt was underway in Canada and the United States for a suspected accomplice.

"He might be returning to

Vancouver" Poirier said of the second man, believed to have stayed with Ressay for a few weeks in a Vancouver motel before Ressay's arrest Dec. 14.

"He might be in Seattle. We don't know," Poirier said.

Ressay reportedly had two ferry ticket stubs in his possession — suggesting a companion may have walked off the boat —

when he was arrested in Port Angeles, a port city of 20,000 about 60 miles northwest of Seattle.

The FBI will not confirm that another man is being sought or otherwise comment on the case, Seattle spokeswoman Roberta Burroughs said. RCMP spokesman Monbourquette confirmed the search but did not

provide other details Sunday.

Newsweek, citing unnamed Canadian police sources, reported in this week's issue that Ressay lived in Montreal for a time with Said Atmani, who was extradited from Canada to France in connection with the 1995 Paris subway bombing that killed four people and injured 86.

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Trains came to a halt on Amtrak and suburban commuter railroads after a two-alarm fire was reported Sunday in a communications shed at 3:17 p.m. on one of the busiest travel days of the year.

Penn Station slowly filled with smoke and was evacuated for four hours as Amtrak passengers waited through hours-long delays up and down the East Coast.

There were no reported injuries, but service was suspended for hours on Amtrak, the Long Island Rail Road and New Jersey Transit, stranding thousands of travelers.

Amtrak reported delays for Northeast Corridor trains between Washington, D.C., and Boston. Trains heading south from Boston were stopping at New Haven, Conn., and north-bound trains were halted in Newark, N.J.

Trains began running through Penn Station again by the early evening.

In New York, Penn Station was filled with would-be passengers lugging shopping bags. A performance of "The Christmas Carol" at the Theater at Madison Square Garden was delayed for an hour, but a New York Rangers game was played as scheduled.

"I came in to see the tree," said Gus Brandstatter of Howell, N.J., referring to the 100-foot-tall Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center. "It looks like I'm staying here."

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Take your time, and enjoy this holiday season

Four major traffic accidents in Big Spring over the weekend which sent five people to the hospital should be a clear signal to us all: slow down, watch out for the other guy, drive smart.

With the holidays, we're seeing an increase in traffic up and down our streets. We're also noticing an urgency out there on the roads — as people rush from one place to another to purchase those last few Christmas gifts, pick up that turkey, get clothes from the cleaners, have the oil changed before that trip to grandma's this weekend.

It's natural to feel hurried. This time of year, there's never enough time to get everything done. And in our haste, we sometimes forget that there are others out there in the same situation — all rushing in and out of stores, up and down the road. We've got to find that one last gift.

The kids are with us because school is out and we can't leave them at home alone. And they're excited about the holidays and just won't sit still. We're discussing possible gifts and talking with a passenger and maybe sneaking a peek at a gift catalog — just for a second.

A second is all it takes to run a red light, jump a curb or veer into the next lane of traffic. It could have been avoided, had we slowed down, kept our focus on the road and remained cautious.

Slow down this holiday season. All the last minute preparations, all the gifts, all the planning won't mean a thing if you or someone you love find yourselves in a hospital bed this Christmas.

It's fun to share gifts with those we love. It's fun to buy them. But more importantly, it's fun to be there with family and friends, celebrating the season.

So don't take chances. Slow down. That last-minute gift isn't worth an injury and repairs to your vehicle. It's not worth the pain, the tears, the hurt.

Slow down, and make sure your Christmas is a safe one.

## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**

I wanted to thank all those who put together the first-ever Spring City Crossroads Classic, held this past weekend at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Sports Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce outdid themselves putting together a class basketball tournament for high school players. A basketball tournament is a difficult event to undertake, but the people of the committee, particularly Chris Cole, Jim Purcell, Charlie Hall and Mike Ritchey, did an outstanding job. Stan Feaster of Howard College did a wonderful job in providing the coliseum and the staff. They were a pleasure to work with and always went the extra mile to accommodate coaches, players and fans.

Every game was competitive and a thrill for those who watched. I think the chamber did exactly what it planned to do: present a positive image of Big Spring and attract visitors to the area, while running an outstanding tournament.

Boys basketball in Big Spring is getting better thanks to people such as these who are willing to give up their time in order to help the young men.

Also, thanks to the fans and parents who came to watch and cheer these young men on. The fans are so important to the players. They feed off their energy and it helps them work even harder to achieve their goals.

Thanks again to all those who made this event a success.

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# Our knowledge hinges on words from strangers

A fairly recent movie, "The Matrix," is an interesting science-fiction thriller. People believe they are living normal lives, but, in fact, it is all an illusion. In reality, their naked bodies are hooked up in vast rows of vats and are used by machines, which control the earth, to generate energy.



CHARLEY REESE

I would like to suggest to you that we, too, are living in an illusory world. Let's think this through. First, our only contact with the world outside of our bodies are our five senses — vision, hearing, smell, taste and touch. These senses send data to the brain, which processes it and stores it in a memory bank.

For most of the time man has been on Earth, if he wished to see something, he had to be physically present. Stories told around campfires would create

imaginary images, but beyond that, ancient man was fairly firmly rooted to the reality as interpreted by his own senses.

As painting developed, but, most importantly, as photography developed — first still, then moving, then electronic — men could be exposed to images of things he had not actually seen. We are even exposed to images of things that are, in fact, deliberate fakes.

The conscious part of our brain knows that when we see a movie, what we are seeing are actors on a set who are wearing costumes and being filmed. On the other hand, these images are stored in our brains without a label that says "false image."

This is important when you realize that, over a lifetime, literally millions of false images will be stored in our brains. The further we get from the moment we first saw the false image, the more difficult it is to sort out what is a true image and what is a false image. For example, if I say "Civil War," most of us will pull up images from the movie, "Gone with the Wind," or

images from the Public Broadcasting Service special on the war. None of us experienced the actual event. Our only visual images of it are from photographs, artwork and Hollywood sets. None of these, not even the photographs, captures the reality of the event in its wholeness.

Bear in mind, too, that we know nothing about the past except what we have been told in words, photographs and artwork produced by others. Suppose something that we have been told happened, in fact, did not happen. Suppose all the words we've read and heard and all the images we have seen in photographs were, in fact, deliberately chosen to deceive us.

It's stunning, when you think about it, that 100 percent of our knowledge of the past is created in our own minds by words and images produced by other people, virtually all strangers. It's also a fact that most of what we call knowledge of the present is likewise created via images and words produced by strangers.

We can be in only one place at one time and directly experi-

ence what is within range of our senses. Beyond that, we rely on words and images transmitted to us by strangers. Whether these words and images are indeed accurate reflections of the real things is difficult for us to know.

Let me suggest to you that most Americans are living in a matrix created by a corporate elite that controls the media, the entertainment industry, book publishing, the government and most universities. Thus Americans, no matter where they turn, are bombarded with the same message: America is the most free, most prosperous country in the world.

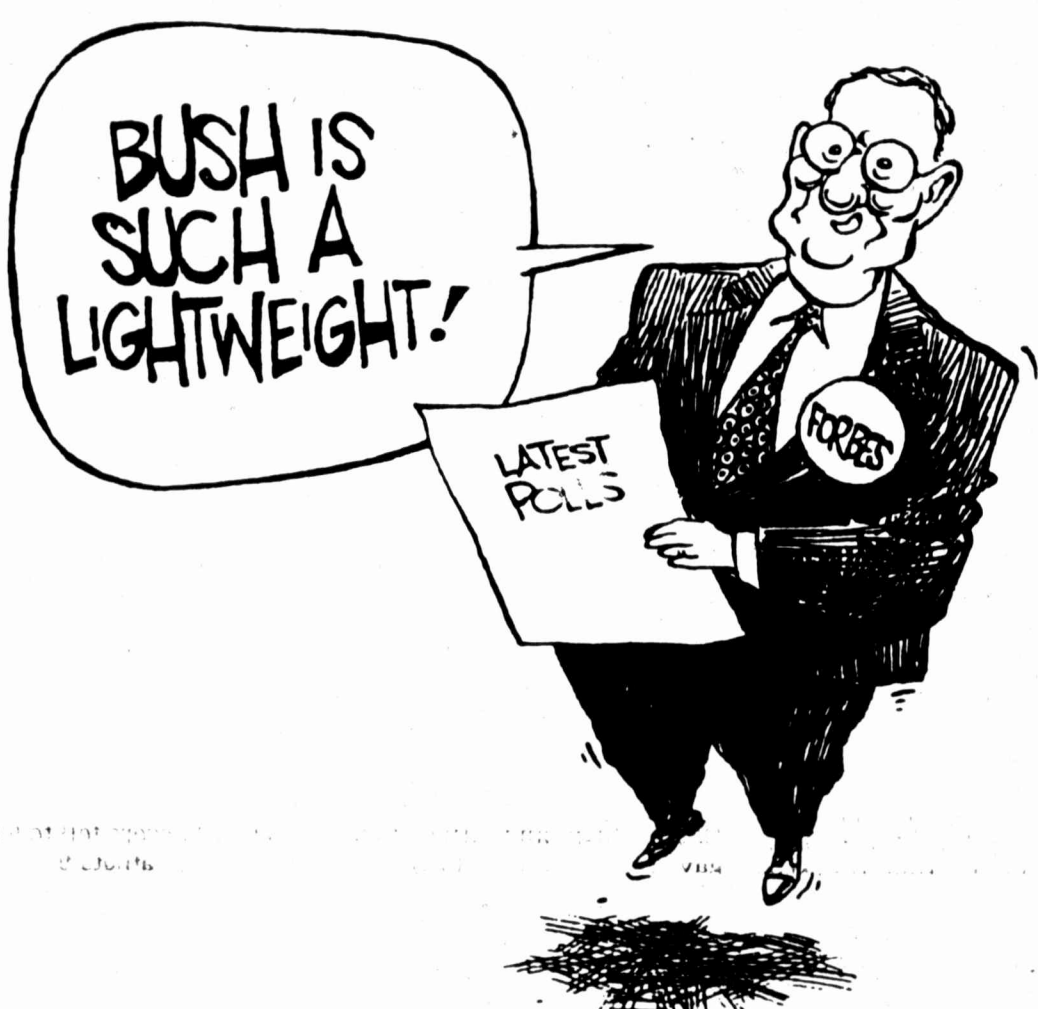
This is the longest-running boom in history. All the economic indicators show prosperity. Globalism is good and inevitable.

Now, certainly many Americans know that they are not prosperous, and it must be disconcerting constantly to be told that they are. The probable result is that they feel their failure must be their own fault.

Wake up folks. Reality might be rough, but it's a lot better than illusions.

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EXRESS NEWS

## Working people seem to need Christmas more

Earlier in the day, I had business in Buckhead. I spent a long time crawling in a conga line of traffic past mansions as big and secured as penitentiaries, past stylish little shops with names like C'Est Moi, all to find a swank restaurant with a number, no name at all.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Imagine. "Meet me at 103 West for lunch." (Sounds like you should pack a sandwich and prepare to see someone's etchings.)

I had been invited to a meeting for "professional" women, which means the well-paid working ones. The regulars there exchanged a peck of business cards.

In 25 years in the newspaper business, I've never had a business card, which gives me a kind of perverse pleasure. I understand why a lot of people would need one, but I figure if

you work for the newspaper you're easy enough to find. Sometimes too easy. When necessary, I scribble my number on napkins, tickets and the backs of business cards belonging to others. I have been known to hand over printed bank deposit slips. ("Give me a call, or deposit \$50.")

I figure those scraps are just as easy to keep up with as a business card. (The only time I've regretted not having a card is in honky-tonks where everyone sticks one to the ceiling with a toothpick. That is just the kind of nonsensical tradition I could embrace.)

I like to see Buckhead this time of year, to gawk at wreaths big as life rafts hung on doors fit for cathedrals, to smell the heavenly smells wafting from quaint little bakeries. The women all wear their Christmas suits, and pins, and earbobs shaped like point-tias. And Buckhead's residential wings are all really pretty in an understated, regal, color-coordinated way.

But Buckhead's no Hogansville. Sorry. By night I was back in the countryside, where people decorate with

abandon, not tasteful white lights, and even the humblest trailer, once a year, can become magical with color.

The symbols are mixed in a Waring blender — Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer crash-landed atop the holy stable, Wise Men and harried elves, Mother Mary and Father Christmas — but somehow even cultural confusion works better than a rich man's reserve.

Working people need Christmas more than the wealthy ones, is all I can figure.

They need the inspiration and color and hope that come with putting everything on hold for an entire day. The result is sometimes inelegant but always spectacular.

In the darkness of the country, Christmas seemed imminent again.

Downtown Hogansville might not be the prettiest little town in all of Georgia, but it makes my Top 10. And at Christmas, at night, it will take your breath.

The Grand Hotel windows are from a Christmas shipped straight from 1935, the kind of windows kids used to press

their noses against to stare and wish. My family used to venture to downtown Montgomery to see the department store windows piled high with artificial snow and miniature skaters and pipe-cleaner trees. It was spectacular. We made most of our purchases at a strip suburban shopping center, but made the special trip just to see the windows.

Across the street from the Hogansville hotel is the City Hall, located in the old theater building. I love it when theaters are recycled. Antique stores fill out the rest of the main drag, because the world can't seem to get enough of them.

If you rattle on across the railroad tracks, you'll find the best Italian restaurant in six counties, including Fulton and Cobb. Its name, decidedly unswave, is Hogan's Heroes. I can't get past ordering the tortellini carbonara, but they say everything else is good, too.

So I sat there in the little restaurant by the railroad tracks, warm and full, in a nation not at war, in a town done up for Christmas. It's a wonderful life.

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How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared this week:

1. Cincinnati (8-1) beat Saint Louis 79-64; lost to Xavier 66-64.
2. Stanford (8-0) beat Nevada 68-39; beat Sacramento State 78-56.
3. Connecticut (7-1) did not play.
4. Arizona (9-1) beat Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis 70-41; beat Nebraska 80-59.
5. Michigan State (8-2) beat Oakland, Mich. 86-51.
6. Auburn (7-1) beat Coppin State 63-35; beat Bradley 78-64.
7. North Carolina (8-2) beat Miami 78-68.
8. Kansas (8-2) beat No. 12 Ohio State 80-67; lost to No. 20 Illinois 84-70.
9. Florida (7-1) beat High Point 109-60.
10. Syracuse (7-0) did not play.
11. Duke (7-2) beat North Carolina A&T 101-60.
12. Ohio State (5-2) beat Coastal Carolina 83-75; lost to No. 8 Kansas 80-67; beat Eastern Kentucky 72-40.
13. Tennessee (9-0) beat Memphis 74-67.
14. Oklahoma State (9-0) beat Alcorn State 79-53; beat UNLV 89-75.
15. Texas (6-2) beat Wofford 89-57.
16. Maryland (8-2) did not play.
17. Temple (4-2) beat Villanova 69-66.
18. UCLA (4-1) beat No. 19 DePaul 76-58.
19. DePaul (7-3) beat St. John's 71-65; lost to No. 18 UCLA 76-58.
20. Illinois (6-2) beat No. 8 Kansas 84-70.
21. Indiana (7-1) beat Wyoming 99-80.
22. Gonzaga (7-2) beat Washington 76-66; beat Montana 88-70.
23. Oklahoma (9-0) beat Georgia Southern 102-63.
24. Purdue (6-3) lost to Ball State 72-52.
25. Wake Forest (7-1) beat North Carolina-Greensboro 71-62; beat High Point 79-35.

#### 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.

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#### YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in grades K-6 for its youth basketball program.

The fee includes a T-shirt, individual award and a full 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.

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#### TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

3:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

• Big Spring (VG) at Brownfield.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Wake Forest at Arkansas, ESPN.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

8 p.m. — Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings, ABC.

#### PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. — Miami Heat at Dallas Mavericks, Fox Sports Net.

## Connecticut still No. 1 in women's basketball poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut kept the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll without breaking a sweat.

The Huskies (7-0), who did not play during the past week, received 40 of 43 first-place votes from the media poll to remain firmly entrenched at the top. They've been ranked No. 1 all season.

With only three Top 25 teams losing in the past seven days, all to other ranked teams, there was little change in the poll. The Top Ten stayed the same

and the poll had the same 25 teams as last week.

The biggest changes were Oregon dropping four places to 19th after losing to UC Santa Barbara, and Arizona climbing three places to 14th.

Tennessee (8-1) remained second after running its winning streak to eight with impressive victories at DePaul and St. Joseph's. The Lady Vols received two first-place votes and No. 3 Louisiana Tech (7-1) had one.

Connecticut received 1,072 points in the voting, Tennessee had 1,025, Louisiana Tech 990

and No. 4 North Carolina State (9-0) 940.

Georgia was fifth and UCLA sixth, followed by Texas Tech, Auburn, Penn State and North Carolina. Texas Tech (9-0) and Auburn (8-1) were the busiest teams in the Top 25, each winning three times during the past week.

No. 11 Purdue and No. 12 Notre Dame traded places from last week and LSU remained at No. 13. Arizona moved to 14th and was followed by Rutgers, Iowa State, Duke, Illinois, Oregon and Old Dominion.

Mississippi State, UC Santa

Barbara, Kansas, Tulane and Texas held the final five places.

Many teams played only once during the past week because players were taking final exams, and Connecticut was one of three ranked teams that did not play at all. Duke and Old Dominion were the others.

Kansas and Texas were the only other Top 25 teams that lost in the past week. Kansas lost to Illinois 61-59 in Chicago and Texas lost at Rutgers 68-64, a game that gave Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer her 600th career victory.

Only Texas coach Jody

Conradt and Tennessee's Pat Summitt, both with more than 700 victories, have more than Stringer.

Texas Tech has made major strides in the poll after starting at No. 22 in the preseason poll.

Tech returned just one starter after winning the last two Big 12 championships, but the Lady Raiders got off to a good start by beating LSU in their opener and they're getting strong play from freshman center Plenette Pierson, who's among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage.

## Tennessee Titans move into playoffs, Indianapolis Colts clinch division

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Football Writer

Say hello to the Tennessee Titans in the NFL playoffs.

Just 14 games into their first season as the Titans and their first year in their new Nashville stadium, Tennessee beat Atlanta 30-17 on Sunday to secure at least a wild-card berth. The last time the franchise made the playoffs was 1993, when it was the Houston Oilers.

"It's nice to have the formality of it," veteran lineman Bruce Matthews said, "but immediately we're looking to position ourselves the best we can in the playoffs, get a bye, do all those things, and hopefully knock off Jacksonville and somehow still win the Central."

The host Titans (11-3) were sloppy and will need a better effort in next week's showdown with Jacksonville, which Tennessee trails by two games in the AFC Central. The Jaguars won at Cleveland 24-14.

St. Louis secured home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs by beating the New York Giants 31-10. Indianapolis clinched the AFC East title with a 24-21 victory over Washington, which remained atop the NFC East despite the loss when the New York Jets beat Dallas 22-21.

Tampa Bay missed an opportunity to grab a playoff spot when it was routed at Oakland 45-0. But Detroit didn't gain ground in the NFC Central because it lost at Chicago 28-10.

Seattle's 36-30 overtime loss at Denver cost it a tie for first place in the AFC West. Kansas City, which beat Pittsburgh 35-19 on Saturday, has a one-game lead on the Seahawks, whom the Chiefs play next in Seattle.

Miami beat San Diego 12-9; Philadelphia took New England 24-9; Buffalo edged Arizona 31-21; and Baltimore romped over New Orleans 31-8.

Cincinnati was off this week. Tonight's game has Green Bay at Minnesota.  
**Titans 30, Falcons 17**

Jevon Kearse set a rookie record with 13 sacks, getting two of Tennessee's three. The Titans also forced six turnovers, while Steve McNair threw for one touchdown and ran for a second, and Al Del Greco kicked three field goals.

**Jaguars 24, Browns 14**  
Jacksonville (13-1) lost leading tackler Kevin Hardy with a neck sprain, while Cleveland (2-13) saw quarterback Tim Couch, the No. 1 overall draft pick, go down with sprained ankle.

Fred Taylor rushed for 136 yards and broke off a 41-yard TD run early in the Jaguars' 11th consecutive victory.  
**Colts 24, Redskins 21**  
Indianapolis, 3-13 last season, won its 12th game and 10th in a row as Peyton Manning passed for 298 yards and two touchdowns and Edgerrin James scored twice.

The Colts, who clinched their first AFC East title since 1987, also tied the best one-season turnaround in league history.

**Rams 31, Giants 10**  
Interception runbacks by Devin Bush and Mike Jones gave the host Rams (13-2) seven defensive touchdowns.

Kurt Warner added two touchdown passes to Az-Zahir Hakim and Marshall Faulk had 165 yards in total offense for the NFL's top-rated offense.

New York (7-7) must win its final two games to make the playoffs.  
**Bears 28, Lions 10**

Detroit continued to struggle outdoors, dropping to 1-5 and 8-6 overall. Marcus Robinson caught three of Cade McNown's four touchdown passes. McNown became the first Bears rookie to throw for 300 yards in a game.

While the Bears (6-8) have remote playoff possibilities, Detroit blew a chance to tie Tampa Bay for the NFC Central lead.

**Raiders 45, Buccaneers 0**  
In the worst loss for Tampa Bay (9-5) — a considerable feat considering the Bucs' sorry history — the Raiders (7-7) ended the visitors' six-game

winning streak.

It was the biggest margin of victory for the Raiders since they joined the NFL in 1970 and was built on 122 yards rushing by Napoleon Kaufman and 111 yards by Tyrone Wheatley against a defense that entered the game ranked No. 2 in the NFL.

**Broncos 36, Seahawks 30, OT**  
Denver (5-9) is well out of things, but it damaged Seattle (8-6), which has lost four straight and tumbled out of the division lead. Linebacker Glenn Cadrez went 37 yards with a fumble after Ray Crockett sacked Jon Kitna in overtime.

**Dolphins 12, Chargers 9**  
When John Carney's 36-yard field goal hit the left upright, Miami (9-5) ended a three-game slide.

Olindo Mare made field goals of 32, 21, 30 and 31 yards, tying the NFL mark for field goals in a season, 37. His final kick put the host Dolphins ahead with 3:22 to go after they recovered Jim Harbaugh's fumble at the San Diego 20.

The Chargers fell to 6-8.  
**Eagles 24, Patriots 9**

At Philadelphia, the Patriots fell to 7-7 after starting the season 6-2. Drew Bledsoe threw four interceptions and the Eagles (4-11) managed six sacks in knocking New England from contention.

**Bills 31, Cardinals 21**  
Visiting Buffalo (9-5) solidified its playoff chances as Jonathan Linton, subbing for Antowain Smith, gained 81 yards in 21 carries as the Bills controlled the clock. Doug Flutie completed 21 of 32 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns against Arizona (6-8), which still is alive for a post-season berth.

**Ravens 31, Saints 8**  
Tony Banks threw three touchdown passes and the Ravens tied a team record with four interceptions. Baltimore (7-7) has a three-game winning streak and an outside shot at the postseason.

New Orleans (2-12) has lost five straight and 12 of 13

# Cowboys

## 'Pokes sulk over blown opportunity; Still in playoff hunt

IRVING (AP) — As the Dallas Cowboys sulk over yet another wasted opportunity, at least they know they're still in the playoff hunt.

Instead of moving into the thick of the NFC race Sunday, Dallas remained on the fringe with a 22-21 loss to the New York Jets, who continue doing a nice job of trying to keep other teams out of the postseason with them.

John Hall won it with a 37-yard field goal with 1:35 left.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was especially annoyed that his team blew an eight-point lead on a day when a victory would've given them first place in the NFC East and moved them near the top of the wild-card chase.

Instead, Dallas (7-7) remained tied with the New York Giants, a game behind the Washington Redskins in the division.

"Our entire team knew that the Giants had lost, Washington had lost, Detroit had lost. So everyone knew what was at stake," Jones said. "This was a playoff-type reward if we could have gotten it done. That makes this one of the toughest losses that we've had in the time I've been here."

Playoff ramifications aside, this loss was fairly similar to the Cowboys' previous six defeats.

Dallas blew a late lead, was set back 92 yards on seven penalties and converted just three of 12 first downs — yet still kept it close. This was the Cowboys' fifth loss by seven points or less. The biggest difference was that this was at home. Dallas had been 6-0 at Texas Stadium.

"Anytime you lose when you're in a situation when you can gain ground in the division, it's disappointing," said Eric Bjornson, whose 20-yard touchdown run on a fake field goal put Dallas ahead 14-13 in the second period. "I don't know the whole situation, but I know we are not completely out of it. We have got to pick it up and turn it around quickly."

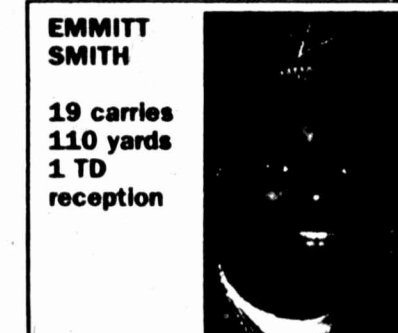
To make the playoffs, the Cowboys must win their last two. They haven't won consecutive games in three months.

Dallas, 1-6 on the road, has just four days to prepare for a game in New Orleans, then the Giants visit Texas Stadium for the finale.

Although the Jets' playoff hopes were erased by a 1-6 start, coach Bill Parcells has done a nice job of keeping New York (6-8) focused on finishing the year right.

"Right now any win is sweet," said quarterback Ray Lucas, who was 20-of-34 for 229 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. "Coach Parcells challenged us in these last three games to fight and we're getting the job done. It's real easy to look past us because of our record, but we've grouped together."

The Jets almost tied the game on the drive after the Cowboys went up by eight as Lucas threw a 2-yard touchdown to rookie Blake Spence. But the quarterback was stopped a yard



**EMMITT SMITH**  
19 carries  
110 yards  
1 TD  
reception

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Emmitt Smith

short on a 2-point conversion attempt.

Neither team did much until New York's game-winning drive. The Jets didn't have to do much, though. They churned out 41 yards on 11 plays, setting up Hall for the winning field goal.

"I can't say I was 100 percent confident in him because I've seen him miss some kicks for us this season," Parcells said. "But he hit that one real well and it went right down the middle."

Dallas' final drive was unimpressive. The Cowboys, who burned all three timeouts on New York's drive, got a 23-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Raghbi Ismail, then Aikman threw four straight incompletions.

Ismail also scored a 27-yard touchdown on an end-around to put Dallas up 21-13.

Aikman finished 12-of-28 for 158 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. They came in a span of three throws after he'd gone 216 attempts without one.

Emmitt Smith, playing on a strained groin that limited him to one carry last week, had 110 yards on 19 carries.

He also turned a 14-yard pass into the 146th touchdown of his career, passing Marcus Allen for No. 2 on the career list behind Jerry Rice. It also made Smith the leading scorer in Cowboys history.

"We've had our opportunities and the team has let them slide by," Smith said. "We didn't seize the moment."

**NOTES:** The Jets improved to 2-5 against the Cowboys. The last time they played at Texas Stadium was 1971 in the fourth-ever game of the field. ... Smith has now rushed for 100 yards against 20 teams. His second-quarter touchdown also moved him past Tony Dorsett for No. 8 on the NFL career combined rushing-receiving list. ... Hall's 47-yard field goal was a season high. ... Ismail's rushing touchdown was the second of his career and first since Nov. 10, 1996. Bjornson also scored on a fake field goal run just about a year ago. ... The Jets, who lead the league in fourth-down attempts, had another on a fake punt in the third quarter. But Tom Tupa's wobbly sidarm attempt was incomplete.



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### The City of Big Spring

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**Advertising Deadlines**  
Friday, December 24.....Wednesday, 12 NOON  
Sunday, December 26.....Thursday, 12 NOON  
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Notice is hereby given that original  
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WELL were issued on December  
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Howard County, Texas, to SIMI-  
ANNE JOHNSON HAYLEN.  
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manner prescribed by law.  
DATED the 14th day of  
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SIMIANNE JOHNSON HAYLEN,  
2564 December 20, 1999.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT  
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2497, Midland, TX 79702 is  
applying to the Railroad  
Commission of Texas for a permit  
to inject fluid into a formation which  
is productive of oil and gas.  
The applicant proposes to inject  
fluid into the San Angelo Syncline  
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proposed injection well is located  
12 Miles SE of Coahoma in the  
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Fluid will be injected into strata in  
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2500 to 3700 feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27  
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amended; Title 3 of the Texas  
Natural Resources Code as  
amended; and the Statutory Rules  
of the Oil and Gas Division of the  
Railroad Commission of Texas.  
Petitions for a public hearing from  
persons who can show they are  
adversely affected, or who wish  
further information concerning any  
aspect of the application should be  
submitted in writing within fifteen  
days of publication to the  
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Oil and Gas Division, Railroad  
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6741.  
2001 December 20, 1999.

HOROSCOPE

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Stay focused on the big pic-  
ture this year. Don't get caught  
up in details with partners at  
work. You might need to pull  
back often. Stay rooted in real-  
ity, especially with your  
finances and partnerships. Be  
direct with others. Don't allow  
confusion to be come part of  
your life. Verify and clarify. If  
you are single, romantic twists  
could be most interesting in  
late winter. Be open. If  
attached, your relationship  
needs time, and both of you  
need to be willing to talk. Plan  
a long-talked-about trip. GEM-  
NI always pitches in.

The Stars Show the Kind of  
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-  
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-  
Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*You could feel like you  
are in a pressure cooker as you  
attempt to clarify a problem.  
Misunderstandings happen  
because you aren't speaking  
the same language as another.  
Your determination helps you  
become a winner. Tonight:  
Partake in the season's cheer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*Finish up last-minute  
details. Money dealings quickly  
get out of control. Keep your  
wallet close. Mistakes occur  
where you least expect it. Make  
a must appearance. Touch base  
with a boss or someone in  
charge. Play it cool. Tonight:  
Indulge yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*You might be out of sorts,  
feeling that you can't have  
things the way you want. Stop  
grumbling! Take a deep breath  
and direct your energy. Your  
challenge is to jump over a  
problem and find the solution.  
Don't get caught up in the  
immediate. Tonight: Opt for  
some Christmas fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*Everyone is in a tizzy.  
You might feel a bit glum as  
the holiday approaches. Talk to  
a special friend or a partner.  
You can break past a pattern.  
You are simply overwhelmed  
by what you need to do, but  
another will pitch in. Tonight:  
Say "thank you" in your cus-  
tomary style.

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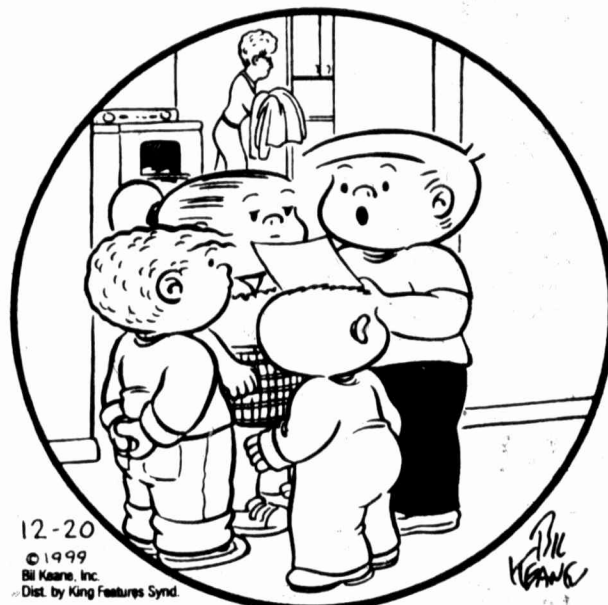
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Grandma's gonna be hard to buy for. She says she already has everything she needs.

"DON'T WORRY, MOM. THEY'RE NOT STAYING FOR DINNER."

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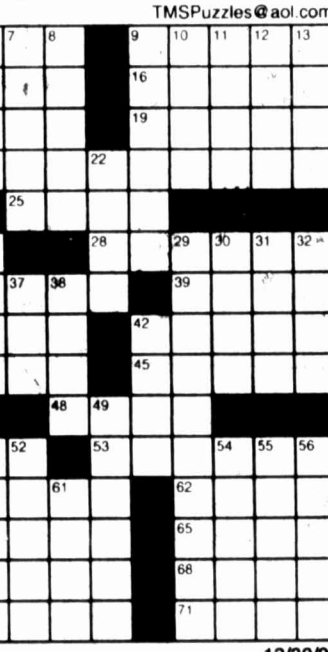
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1999. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 20, 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union. In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed...

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. She's Got a Way singer Billy... 5. Summon... 9. Religious grp... 14. Alternative to a saber... 15. Ron in Mayberry... 16. Draw forth... 17. Become a father... 18. Concavity... 19. Junipero... 20. Business outfit... 21. Golf great... 23. Become visible... 25. Embarrassing loss... 26. British peer... 28. Philanthropists... 33. Among the quick... 36. Run in neutral... 39. Xiamen Island... 40. Polite... 41. Extinct bird... 42. Creates booties... 43. Persia, today... 44. Countless... 45. Octopus arms... 46. Signify... 48. Hang around... 50. Sacred... 53. Open ties... 57. Golf great... 62. Kans. neighbor... 63. Old World lizard... 64. Poetic offerings... 65. Papal name... 66. Spock's forte... 67. Close up... 68. Coastal bird... 69. Packing case... 70. Fashion magazine... 71. Makes sharp turns... DOWN: 1. Jackson or Owens... 2. Narcotic drug... 3. Chilling... 4. Golf great... 5. Old fogey... 6. Mimic... 7. Cruise ship... 8. Release... 9. 1539 Florida visitor... 10. At any time... 11. Standard, briefly... 12. Plant with mucilaginous pods... 13. Stingy... 22. Naked... 24. Scottish Highlander... 27. Capital of Peru... 29. Golf great... 30. Leave out... 31. Memorizing process... 32. Part of DOS... 33. LSD, to users... 34. Italian bread?... 35. Terrible tsar?... 37. Dress in... 38. Puts down... 42. Zen paradox... 44. Cat call... 47. Ancient Balkan region... 49. Scuffle... 51. Set free... 52. Sing with a fluctuating voice... 54. 'The Seven Samurai' director... 55. Held fast... 56. along (ambles)... 57. After-shower powder... 58. Sikorsky or Stravinsky... 59. Blithering... 60. Give off... 61. Arrangement



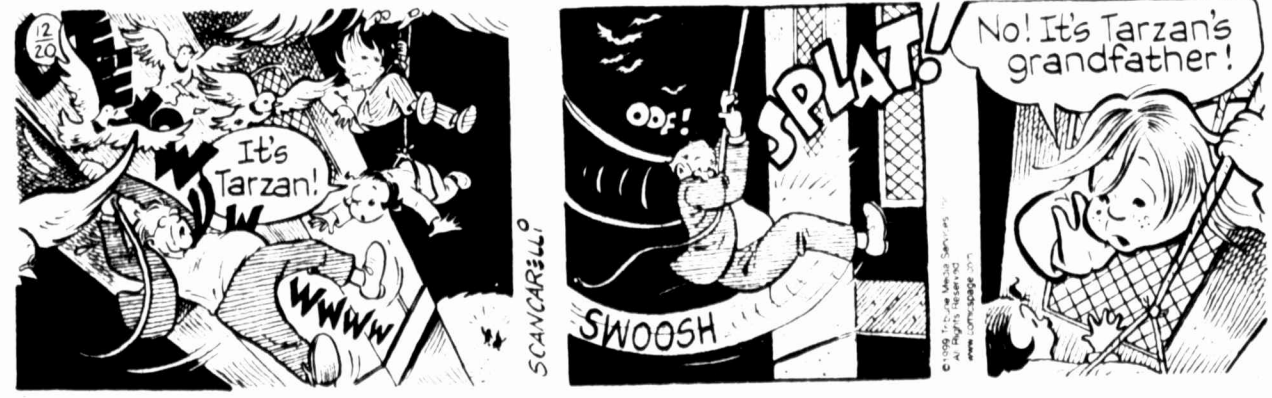
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Advertisement for Big Spring Herald, including contact information, office hours, and a list of staff members.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk died in Athens, Ga., at age 85. One year ago, Nkem Chukwu gave birth in Houston to five girls and two boys, 12 days after giving birth to another child, a girl; The tiniest of the babies died a week later. Today's Birthdays: Movie director George Roy Hill is 77. Rock musician Peter Criss (Kiss) is 54. Actor John Spencer is 53. Actress Jenny Agutter is 47. Actor Michael Badalucco is 45. Actress Blanche Baker is 43. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 42. Country singer Kris Tyler is 35. Rock singer Chris Robinson (The Black Crowes) is 33. Thought for Today: "You can keep the things of bronze and stone and give me one man to remember me just once a year." - Damon Runyan, American writer (1884-1946).



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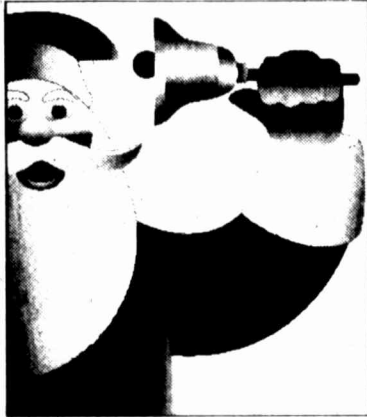
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### HELPING OTHERS...

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

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



### Salvation Army Kettles:

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

### Toys For Tots:

- Cellular One in the College Park Shopping Center

### Other efforts:

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

- Isaiah 58, Christian assistance agency, is accepting food and toy donations. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 107-109 Rannels, or anytime at First Christian Church.

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## Mitchem and Sons to operate Topsy Wrecker service again

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Accident free streets is what the crew of Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service and Big Spring Taxi wants from Santa Claus this year, and to help they are offering the Topsy Wrecker and Topsy Taxi Service.

"We put forth all the effort we can to make this a safe and happy holiday, and we wish everybody

to do their bit as we do ours," said the crew of Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service.

From 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, the Mitchem crew will stay on call to offer free taxi and towing service to any person who has had too much to drink.

"We see a lot of bad wrecks in our job," said George Martinez, an employee of Mitchem and Sons. "Every ride we give is one

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George Martinez, John Sant, and Mike Marion, employees of Mitchem & Sons Wreckers, are all volunteering to spend their Christmas and New Year's Eve driving intoxicated holiday celebrators home. The Topsy Wrecker Service will operate from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Call 267-3747 to receive the free service.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Junior high students take food drive seriously

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High School students gathered 3,971 cans of food, more goods for the Salvation Army canned food drive than any other organization.

"This is absolutely wonderful. Our canned food drive is more than half less than usual, and this will really help," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

Most of the seventh and eighth grade students at the school contributed to the food drive. The promise of a class pizza party was the reward for the most cans collected, said Zack Watkins, student council president.

"We set it up so that it was the most cans per student, to make it fair to those small fourth period classes," said Timmi Blackshear, student council secretary.

Each fourth period class gathered together as many canned goods as possible, and Cindy Hillman's eighth grade gifted and talented class won the pizza party with a collection of 801 cans of food.

Second place went to Cheryl Wood's eighth grade algebra class for 778 cans of food. Those students will receive an ice cream float for their efforts.

BSJH's four elected Student Council officers and 14 elected representatives coordinated the efforts of the food drive, and also sold hand-colored paper angels as Christmas tree ornaments for 25 cents.

"We'll be giving the money from the Dress An Angel project, about \$251, to the Westside Community Day Care Center, to be used for their children that attend day care there," Watkins said.

BSJH Student Council sponsors many events for the seventh and eighth grade students throughout the year, Blackshear said.

Thus far, two dances with decorations have been done provided the students, and all student council members did a parking lot sweep and checked for expired inspection stickers and registration tags.

"We checked the inspection stickers to make sure they were in date. And we wiped their windshields, things like that," Blackshear said.



Big Spring Junior High School students Jarrod Reed, left, and Raymond Frank helped load 3,971 cans of food for the Salvation Army canned food drive. Sponsored by the Student Council, seventh and eighth grade students gathered more cans of food than any other group for this Christmas season.

HERALD photo-Marsha Sturdivant

Council members also have two more dances planned, as well as a community clean up day for sometime next semester, Watkins said.

And field trips are also an important part of the council. All eighth grade council members attended a mock trial at Howard County Courthouse.

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## Teachers, administrators work behind the scenes to help ensure needy family has happy Christmas

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

While Big Spring Junior High School students proved their Christmas community spirit by collecting the most canned goods of any local organization for the Salvation Army food drive, teachers at the school quietly worked behind the scenes and adopted a family for Christmas.



TARLETON

"This is just how generous and hardworking my staff is. They learned that a family needed help with Christmas Thursday, and by Tuesday it was taken care of," said BSJH principal Bill Earleton.

Tarleton said telephone call was made to Esthela Aguero, curriculum director for Big Spring Independent School District, concerning the plight of one family.

Aguero contacted Tarleton, who shared the information with one other person.

"And that one conversation with one person has aomet

into this," Earleton said. Coordinated through the efforts of Kim Merket and Debbie Calvert, teachers and staff raised \$234, which was used to purchase several items for this family.

"To the greatest faculty in the entire world," reads a memo to the BSJH staff. "Thanks to all at your family in need will be able to have a nice Christmas," said Calvert and Merket teachers at the school.

Items purchased included clothing and a portable computer game play as well as one

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## Christian Renewal Center needs additional funding before it can open its doors

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The Christian Renewal Center, a 36,000-square-foot non-denominational Christian fellowship center, is close to opening its doors, but more funding is necessary to complete the project.

"We are at the point where we are waiting to raise the rest of the money," said Joyce Wash, a member of the board of directors for the center.

Wash estimates that \$350,000 to \$360,000 is needed to fund the construction cost necessary to get the nondenomination Christian center, located off U.S. Highway 87 and across from Comanche Trail Park, in shape for opening.

Wash recommends to anyone thinking of donating to pray because "any donation or gift needs to come from the heart," she said.

Once the needed funds are raised, Wash estimates the center will be ready to open in two and a half months.

"The center currently has three Christian walks scheduled for next year," she said.

An upstairs chapel that will contain 100 seats and stairs leading to the chapel still needs to be constructed. Interior furnishings, including 4,000 yards of carpet, are still left to be finished.

The outside garden area located between the main building and the back 20 bedrooms

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Charles Wash stands in front of a stained glass window at the Christian Renewal Center. The non-profit agency needs about \$350,000 to finish construction. Call 267-5335 to help.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Deaths

### Investigation continues into violent death of area couple

LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff's Department is continuing an investigation of a possible double homicide of two Sand Springs residents found dead in their residence Friday morning.

"There has been no ruling from the justice of the peace at this point," said Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz. "We are still in a pending mode until the preliminary autopsy reports are received."

"We are currently investigating this incident as a double homicide," said Fritz.

Carroll Coates, 55, and his wife, Rhonda Coates, 33, were found dead in their two-room residence. Apparent gunshot wounds to the head were present on both victims.

The sheriff's department is currently following up on a possible witness who was present when Coates and his wife began arguing, Fritz confirmed.

Fritz also confirmed that the revolver found at the scene was owned by Carroll Coates. No signs of a forced entry or a struggle was evident, according to Fritz.

"We have received some information from neighbors who could have possibly heard gunshots around 9:30 p.m. on Thursday," Fritz said. "When they heard the sound, they did not think of it as gunshots."

Fritz said they have received reports that Coates and his wife were separated, and she had recently returned to Big Spring from Colorado.

"We have not talked in length to her family at this time," Fritz said. "We do not know at this point where she was living or what she was doing prior to returning to Big Spring."

After Coates, a Jimmy Hopper Auto Sales employee, had not reported to work, his employer contacted a family member.

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OBITUARIES

Kay Barnett  
Watson

Kay Barnett Watson, 49, of Round Rock, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999 in Round Rock from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999 at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, and Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



She was born on June 26, 1950 in Big Spring, Texas and married Murph Watson on Oct. 25, 1997 in Big Spring. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High in 1968 and was a longtime resident. She worked as a conference coordinator at the law firm of Vinsan and Elkins in Austin, Texas. Mrs. Watson had lived in Round Rock since January 1999.

Mrs. Watson was an active member of the Baptist Church. She was actively involved in Key Club as a sponsor in Big Spring and was currently working in the Texas-Oklahoma District Level of Key Club.

Survivors include her husband, Murph Watson of Round Rock; two daughters and one son-in-law, Shannon and Tony Stuteville of Big Spring and E.D. Barnett of Austin; her mother and step-father, Gene and Wayne Pherrigo of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Cindy Stephens of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Haylea and Garrett Stuteville of Big Spring; one niece and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd E. Stephens. The family requests memorials go to the Key Club Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Kay Barnett Watson.

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

Laura Luce  
Burrow

A great lady, Laura Luce Burrow, passed away on Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, in Kingsland. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Bill Ballard, pastor of Airport Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on July 16, 1910 in Baird, Texas, to Edward A. and Margaret Foster Luce.

She was of the Pentecostal faith but became a member of First Baptist Church after moving to Marble Falls.

She graduated from the Medical Arts LVN School of Nursing in Big Spring and was active in nursing in Big Spring and Marble Falls until retirement.

Laura was a role model for many young people and dedicated her life to helping anyone in need.

She married Guy Marshall Burrow in 1928 and he preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 1968. She was also preceded in death by a son, Guy Murry Burrow, a grandson, Mark Coffman Burrow, four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include a son, Gerald W. Burrow and wife, Eva Nell of Quitman, a daughter-in-law, Ruth Burrow of Casper, Wyo., a sister, Lilly Luce of Marble Falls; a brother, James F. Luce of Georgetown; grandchildren Guy M. Burrow and wife, Debbie, Helen Flippo and husband, Dale, Stephen Burrow and wife, Sharon, Wayne Burrow, Ruth Ann Atwood and husband, Jeff, and Nora Burrow; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity. The family will be at 211 Circle. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Doris Knocke

Doris Knocke, 73, of Big Spring, died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at St. Mary's Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, following a long illness.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel, Rev. Carroll Kohl and Rev. Steve Stutz will officiate. Private family burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 18, 1926, at Dunn, Texas. She was the daughter of Bonnie Smith Hunter and Earl Hunter. She graduated from West Texas Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock and had worked at Cowper Hospital and later 26 years as a nurse for Big Spring Independent School District. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1952, and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Howard County Retired Teacher's Association.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Knocke (and his wife Jeanie) of Big Spring and Barry Knocke of Marble Falls; four grandchildren, Craig Knocke of Dallas, Nicklaus Knocke of Goodwell, Okla., Kacey Knocke and Brian Knocke, both of White Deer, Texas; one great-grandson, Bryden Knocke of Goodwell, Okla.; one sister-in-law, Dortha Hunter of Abilene; and several nieces and

nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Hunter of Colorado City.

The family suggests memorials to the building fund of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 800 Scurry Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Ila Mae Madden

Ila Mae Madden, 88, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999 in a local nursing home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999 at Trinity Memorial Park with Rock Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Madden was born on March 19, 1911 in Sweetwater and married Morris L. Madden Sr. on April 5, 1940 in Stanton.

She had been a resident of Big Spring for over 60 years, was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband, Morris L. Madden Sr. of Big Spring; a son, Morris Madden Jr. of New Boston and several nieces.

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

Robert Box

Robert Box, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 20, 1999 in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Harry Grayson  
Davis

Harry Grayson Davis, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999 in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

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need to be leveled out, raised up four feet, and then landscaped. Replacement of some plumbing fixtures has been delayed until funding is found for labor costs, but the plumbing and electrical work is finished.

They are currently waiting to dig a conduit for the sewer line under Highway 87.

"You need to crawl before you walk and right now we are half way up off our knees," she said. The Christian Renewal Center started from a vision Wash and her husband Charles received when they were attending a Christian walk.

They donated the building and land that housed the Brass Nail night club to be converted into the center.

"We feel that this will be a wonderful asset for the community," she said.

According to Wash, the center is owned and operated by the Christian Renewal Center, a nonprofit corporation, and has seven members serving on the board. No one serving on the board will receive any financial profit from the center.

"We have had many blessings with people who have helped construct the center," Wash said. "The prices on the materials and labor have been incredible and wonderful."

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"We know the center will be finished," she said. "God is the one in charge here, and it will be finished in his time." Call 267-5335 to help.

TEACHERS

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compact disc that "contains no explicit lyrics," the women wrote.

With more than \$100 left in the collective donation, the women decided to purchase a gift certificate for the family from a local department store or grocery store.

"This was a great job, a job well done, and I am really proud of my staff," Tarleton said.

STUDENTS

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recently, he said.

"I joined student council because I want to be involved with my community and with my school," Watkins said.

And Blackshear agreed. "I want to know what's going on with my school," Blackshear said.

TIPSY

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less drunk driver off the road." For those who have had too much to drink, the Mitchem crew wants you to call them before you drive.

They will not offer free rides to anyone involved in an accident or who has been stop by the police. "Their tow will not be free," said Ricky Mitchem, president of Mitchem and Sons Wreckers.

Only one tow per person, per night, is permissible, and the crew will only respond to calls for rides within the city limits. Also, no drinking or smoking will be allowed in the taxi or in the wrecker.

This is the 13th year that Mitchem and Sons has offered this special service to the community.

"We want to cut down on accidents, so everyone can have a merry Christmas and happy New Year," said David Mitchem.

Calls for the special service vary from year to year, according to David Mitchem. Some years the company has received up to 30 calls a night, and some years the company has received as little as four.

The Mitchem family works these holiday nights as either support to the volunteers or to respond to calls themselves. They also provide a holiday dinner for the employees who volunteer.

"I have family out there. When we take people who have been drinking home, it keeps them safe, my family safe, and the people of Big Spring safe," said Ricky Mitchem. "I feel that it is worth a little extra effort from us and our staff to help

keep the streets safe."

Anyone who has been drinking on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, can call 267-3747 for a free ride or tow.

DEATHS

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The family member found the bodies after gaining entrance to the residence through an unlocked door. The two bodies were found in the back room, which contained the bedroom and kitchen area, according to Fritz.

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green pronounced the victims dead at 10:50 a.m. The bodies were sent to Lubbock Friday for an autopsy.

According to Fritz, this is the first homicide in the rural county he has seen since he began working for the Howard County Sheriff's Department three years ago.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday:

- DAVID RENTERIA, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.
- TONY DELGARZA, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.
- GILBERT HILARIO, 41, was arrested on local warrants.
- MAXWELL WALKUP, 47, was arrested for driving while license suspended.
- STEVEN ALVAREZ, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department and EMS reports.

SATURDAY

12:52 a.m., 3200 block Parkway, medical patient taken to Veterans Administration Hospital.

4:36 a.m., 700 block E. 12th, medical patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:19 a.m., 500 block W. 17th, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:13 a.m. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, transfer to Shannon Care Center.

12:28 p.m., Fourth and Gregg, traffic accident, three refused service.

2:46 p.m., 400 block Main in Coahoma, trauma patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:57 p.m., 200 block Virginia, trauma patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:29 p.m., 1600 block Lancaster, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:14 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, patient transferred to the 200 block of Virginia.

5:15 p.m., 900 block Goliad, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:59 p.m., 3200 block Parkway, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

SUNDAY  
1:45 a.m., 600 block Ninth, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:14 a.m., 2300 block Wasson, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:34 a.m., 1200 block Fourth, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:08 p.m., 1300 block E. 11th, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:34 p.m., 200 block Virginia, medical patient taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:40 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, patient transferred to 200 block Virginia.

Indict

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Former nuclear physicist Wen Ho Lee, FBI and the Justice departments, alleged his private portrayed him China.

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24th & Johnson - 267-3233  
Carroll F. Coates, Jr. 55, died Thursday. Services will be 11:30 AM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Salem Cemetery.  
Ronda Louise Coates, 33, died Thursday. Services are pending.  
Doris Knocke, 73, died Saturday. Services will be 11:00 AM, Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Indicted nuclear scientist to sue U.S. authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former nuclear weapons scientist Wen Ho Lee is suing the FBI and the Justice and Energy departments, alleging they violated his privacy and wrongly portrayed him as a spy for China.

Lee, who was indicted Dec. 10 on charges he improperly removed nuclear secrets from the Los Alamos (N.M.) National Laboratory, planned to file the lawsuit as early as today in U.S. District Court in Washington, said associates familiar with his plans.

The suit will allege that the three agencies violated the Privacy Act by making unauthorized disclosures of private

information about Lee, and contend that much of the information used to suggest he was a spy was false or unsubstantiated, said the associates, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In making a case against the government agencies, the suit will cite recent Associated Press articles that disclosed that the FBI had doubts as early as November 1998 that Lee was a Chinese spy, but that agents continued to pursue him for many more months amid continued leaks portraying him as a spy, the sources said.

The indictment eventually brought against Lee accused him of downloading a wide array of nuclear secrets from

Los Alamos computers and illegally removing them from the lab on computer tapes. It offered no evidence that Lee gave the information to a foreign government.

Brian Sun, a California attorney representing Lee, his wife, Sylvia, and their two adult children, declined to discuss the lawsuit but said Sunday that his clients tried months ago to get the federal agencies to stop news media leaks.

"The Lees were very concerned about this biased and unfair media coverage and requested that this activity stop, but they were unsuccessful," said Sun, who has represented other prominent Asian-

Americans, including Democratic fund-raiser Johnny Chung.

"It is troubling to any American, much less the Lees, to have a system where government officials can systematically leak for their own purposes and ends and not be held accountable," Sun said. "This may be how government officials in Washington operate, but the law does not allow it and such conduct should not be condoned."

The suit will set up a second front for Lee's legal attack, allowing him to pursue the agencies in civil court while his criminal lawyers defend against the indictment.

## Discovery blasts off on mission toward crippled space telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and seven astronauts roared into the night toward the crippled Hubble Space Telescope, ending an embarrassing string of launch delays for NASA.

The flawless launch came after nine postponements, a record for the space shuttle program.

"We appreciate your patience in hanging in there with us," launch director Dave King told the crew just before Sunday night's liftoff.

"We hope you have a great mission to Hubble, and we'll see you back here before the next millennium."

"We have one request," replied commander Curtis Brown Jr. "We'd like you to send a note to Hubble to get ready, because we're on our way!"

It was NASA's last chance this year to send Discovery to Hubble's aid. One more postponement would have bumped the flight into January.

Everything came together, including the weather, and Discovery soared at 7:50 p.m. Hubble was passing more

than 370 miles above Africa when Discovery blasted off. The shuttle should catch up Tuesday with the \$3 billion telescope, which has been out of service for the past month. Spacewalking astronauts should start making repairs on Wednesday.

NASA officials were thrilled to have a space shuttle aloft after five exasperating months of fixing flawed wires across a grounded fleet. Their victory was especially sweet because of Discovery's perfect condition in orbit.

"It was a difficult route to get here," said King. "It's been a while since we've done this, but it does make it even more satisfying."

Because of all the delays, Brown and his crew will be the first shuttle astronauts to spend Christmas in orbit. Discovery is due back on Dec. 27.

Discovery should have flown in October, but ran into all sorts of trouble, damaged wiring, a contaminated engine, a dented fuel pipe and, just last Thursday, welding concerns. Then rain and clouds interfered Friday and again Saturday.

## Police searching for second possible terrorist

SEATTLE (AP) — Police in the United States and Canada are searching for a suspected accomplice to an Algerian man who is charged with trying to smuggle explosives into the United States.

Ahmed Ressaym, 32, was apprehended last week trying to smuggle nitroglycerin and other explosives through Port Angeles, Wash., in his car aboard a ferryboat from Victoria, British Columbia.

Police found a van belonging to Ressaym in Montreal on Sunday in the east end of the city, said Cpl. Leo Monbourquette, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A security perimeter was set up and police evacuated people from around the area.

A police bomb squad from Ottawa was called in to inspect the orange GMC van, which police suspected may contain more explosives.

Ressaym's arrest sparked fears of terrorism in connection with millennial New Year celebrations. Security at U.S. borders has been tightened.

Newsweek magazine reports Ressaym is tied to the Montreal cell of an Algerian radical group. A Montreal Police spokesman said Sunday that the link was a rumor not yet confirmed.

Spokesman Andre Poirier did say a massive manhunt was underway in Canada and the United States for a suspected accomplice.

"He might be returning to

Vancouver," Poirier said of the second man, believed to have stayed with Ressaym for a few weeks in a Vancouver motel before Ressaym's arrest Dec. 14.

"He might be in Seattle. We don't know," Poirier said.

Ressaym reportedly had two ferry ticket stubs in his possession — suggesting a companion may have walked off the boat —

when he was arrested in Port Angeles, a port city of 20,000 about 60 miles northwest of Seattle.

The FBI will not confirm that another man is being sought or otherwise comment on the case. Seattle spokeswoman Roberta Burroughs said. RCMP spokesman Monbourquette confirmed the search but did not

provide other details Sunday.

Newsweek, citing unnamed Canadian police sources, reported in this week's issue that Ressaym lived in Montreal for a time with Said Atmani, who was extradited from Canada to France in connection with the 1995 Paris subway bombing that killed four people and injured 86.

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## Penn Station fire disrupts train service

NEW YORK (AP) — A fire in Penn Station made a mess of thousands of shopping excursions and holiday visits on the last weekend before Christmas.

Trains came to a halt on Amtrak and suburban commuter railroads after a two-alarm fire was reported Sunday in a communications shed at 3:17 p.m. on one of the busiest travel days of the year.

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- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any weekly play

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OUR VIEWS

Take your time, and enjoy this holiday season

Four major traffic accidents in Big Spring over the weekend which sent five people to the hospital should be a clear signal to us all: slow down, watch out for the other guy, drive smart. With the holidays, we're seeing an increase in traffic up and down our streets. We're also noticing an urgency out there on the roads — as people rush from one place to another to purchase those last few Christmas gifts, pick up that turkey, get clothes from the cleaners, have the oil changed before that trip to grandma's this weekend. It's natural to feel hurried. This time of year, there's never enough time to get everything done. And in our haste, we sometimes forget that there are others out there in the same situation — all rushing in and out of stores, up and down the road. We've got to find that one last gift. The kids are with us because school is out and we can't leave them at home alone. And they're excited about the holidays and just won't sit still. We're discussing possible gifts and talking with a passenger and maybe sneaking a peek at a gift catalog — just for a second. A second is all it takes to run a red light, jump a curb or veer into the next lane of traffic. It could have been avoided, had we slowed down, kept our focus on the road and remained cautious. Slow down this holiday season. All the last minute preparations, all the gifts, all the planning won't mean a thing if you or someone you love find yourselves in a hospital bed this Christmas. It's fun to share gifts with those we love. It's fun to buy them. But more importantly, it's fun to be there with family and friends, celebrating the season. So don't take chances. Slow down. That last-minute gift isn't worth an injury and repairs to your vehicle. It's not worth the pain, the tears, the hurt. Slow down, and make sure your Christmas is a safe one.

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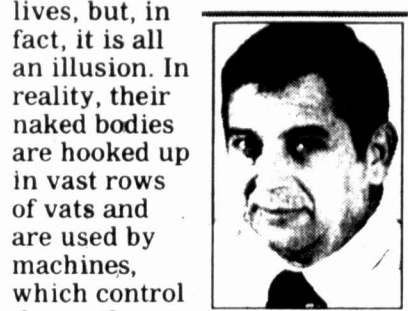
**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I wanted to thank all those who put together the first-ever Spring City Crossroads Classic, held this past week end at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Sports Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce outdid themselves putting together a class basketball tournament for high school players. A basketball tournament is a difficult event to undertake, but the people of the committee, particularly Chris Cole, Jim Purcell, Charlie Hall and Mike Ritchey, did an outstanding job. Stan Feaster of Howard College did a wonderful job in providing the coliseum and the staff. They were a pleasure to work with and always went the extra mile to accommodate coaches, players and fans. Every game was competitive and a thrill for those

who watched. I think the chamber did exactly what it planned to do: present a positive image of Big Spring and attract visitors to the area, while running an outstanding tournament. Boys basketball in Big Spring is getting better thanks to people such as these who are willing to give up their time in order to help the young men. Also, thanks to the fans and parents who came to watch and cheer these young men on. The fans are so important to the players. They feed off their energy and it helps them work even harder to achieve their goals. Thanks again to all those who made this event a success.

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Our knowledge hinges on words from strangers

A fairly recent movie, "The Matrix," is an interesting science-fiction thriller. People believe they are living normal



CHARLEY REESE

lives, but, in fact, it is all an illusion. In reality, their naked bodies are hooked up in vast rows of vats and are used by machines, which control the earth, to generate energy. I would like to suggest to you that we, too, are living in an illusory world. Let's think this through. First, our only contact with the world outside of our bodies are our five senses — vision, hearing, smell, taste and touch. These senses send data to the brain, which processes it and stores it in a memory bank. For most of the time man has been on Earth, if he wished to see something, he had to be physically present. Stories told around campfires would create

imaginary images, but beyond that, ancient man was fairly firmly rooted to the reality as interpreted by his own senses. As painting developed, but, most importantly, as photography developed — first still, then moving, then electronic — men could be exposed to images of things he had not actually seen. We are even exposed to images of things that are, in fact, deliberate fakes.

The conscious part of our brain knows that when we see a movie, what we are seeing are actors on a set who are wearing costumes and being filmed. On the other hand, these images are stored in our brains without a label that says "false image."

This is important when you realize that, over a lifetime, literally millions of false images will be stored in our brains. The further we get from the moment we first saw the false image, the more difficult it is to sort out what is a true image and what is a false image. For example, if I say "Civil War," most of us will pull up images from the movie, "Gone with the Wind," or

images from the Public Broadcasting Service special on the war. None of us experienced the actual event. Our only visual images of it are from photographs, artwork and Hollywood sets. None of these, not even the photographs, captures the reality of the event in its wholeness.

Bear in mind, too, that we know nothing about the past except what we have been told in words, photographs and artwork produced by others. Suppose something that we have been told happened, in fact, did not happen. Suppose all the words we've read and heard and all the images we have seen in photographs were, in fact, deliberately chosen to deceive us.

It's stunning, when you think about it, that 100 percent of our knowledge of the past is created in our own minds by words and images produced by other people, virtually all strangers. It's also a fact that most of what we call knowledge of the present is likewise created via images and words produced by strangers.

We can be in only one place at one time and directly experi-

ence what is within range of our senses. Beyond that, we rely on words and images transmitted to us by strangers. Whether these words and images are indeed accurate reflections of the real things is difficult for us to know.

Let me suggest to you that most Americans are living in a matrix created by a corporate elite that controls the media, the entertainment industry, book publishing, the government and most universities. Thus Americans, no matter where they turn, are bombarded with the same message: America is the most free, most prosperous country in the world.

This is the longest-running boom in history. All the economic indicators show prosperity. Globalism is good and inevitable.

Now, certainly many Americans know that they are not prosperous, and it must be disconcerting constantly to be told that they are. The probable result is that they feel their failure must be their own fault.

Wake up folks. Reality might be rough, but it's a lot better than illusions.

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Working people seem to need Christmas more

Earlier in the day, I had business in Buckhead. I spent a long time crawling in a conga line of traffic past mansions as big and secured as penitentiaries, past stylish little shops with names like C'Est Moi, all to find a swank restaurant with a number, no name at all. Imagine. "Meet me at 103 West for lunch." (Sounds like you should pack a sandwich and prepare to see someone's etchings.)

I had been invited to a meeting for "professional" women, which means the well-paid working ones. The regulars there exchanged a peck of business cards. In 25 years in the newspaper business, I've never had a business card, which gives me a kind of perverse pleasure. I understand why a lot of people would need one, but I figure if

you work for the newspaper you're easy enough to find. Sometimes too easy. When necessary, I scribble my number on napkins, tickets and the backs of business cards belonging to others. I have been known to hand over printed bank deposit slips. ("Give me a call, or deposit \$50.")

I figure those scraps are just as easy to keep up with as a business card. (The only time I've regretted not having a card is in honky-tonks where everyone sticks one to the ceiling with a toothpick. That is just the kind of nonsensical tradition I could embrace.)

I like to see Buckhead this time of year, to gawk at wreaths big as life rafts hung on doors fit for cathedrals, to smell the heavenly smells wafting from quaint little bakeries. The women all wear their Christmas suits, and pins, and earbobs shaped like poinsettias. And Buckhead's residential wings are all really pretty in an understated, regal, color-coordinated way.

But Buckhead's no Hogansville. Sorry. By night I was back in the countryside, where people decorate with

abandon, not tasteful white lights, and even the humblest trailer, once a year, can become magical with color.

The symbols are mixed in a Waring blender — Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer crash-landed atop the holy stable, Wise Men and harried elves, Mother Mary and Father Christmas — but somehow even cultural confusion works better than a rich man's reserve.

Working people need Christmas more than the wealthy ones, is all I can figure.

They need the inspiration and color and hope that come with putting everything on hold for an entire day. The result is sometimes inelegant but always spectacular.

In the darkness of the country, Christmas seemed imminent again. Downtown Hogansville might not be the prettiest little town in all of Georgia, but it makes my Top 10. And at Christmas, at night, it will take your breath.

The Grand Hotel windows are from a Christmas shipped straight from 1935, the kind of windows kids used to press

their noses against to stare and wish. My family used to venture to downtown Montgomery to see the department store windows piled high with artificial snow and miniature skaters and pipe-cleaner trees. It was spectacular. We made most of our purchases at a strip suburban shopping center, but made the special trip just to see the windows.

Across the street from the Hogansville hotel is the City Hall, located in the old theater building. I love it when theaters are recycled. Antique stores fill out the rest of the main drag, because the world can't seem to get enough of them.

If you rattle on across the railroad tracks, you'll find the best Italian restaurant in six counties, including Fulton and Cobb. Its name, decidedly unsuave, is Hogan's Heroes. I can't get past ordering the tortellini carbonara, but they say everything else is good, too.

So I sat there in the little restaurant by the railroad tracks, warm and full, in a nation not at war, in a town done up for Christmas. It's a wonderful life.

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3. Connecticut (81) - 68-39; beat Sac 78-56.
4. Arizona (92) - 68-39; beat Sac 78-56.
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IN BRIEF

Top 25 Fared

- How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared this week:
1. Cincinnati (8-1) beat Saint Louis 79-64; lost to Xavier 66-64.
2. Stanford (8-0) beat Nevada 68-39; beat Sacramento State 78-56.
3. Connecticut (7-1) did not play.
4. Arizona (9-1) beat Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis 70-41; beat Nebraska 80-59.
5. Michigan State (8-2) beat Oakland, Mich. 86-51.
6. Auburn (7-1) beat Coppin State 63-35; beat Bradley 78-64.
7. North Carolina (8-2) beat Miami 78-68.
8. Kansas (8-2) beat No. 12 Ohio State 80-67; lost to No. 20 Illinois 84-70.
9. Florida (7-1) beat High Point 109-60.
10. Syracuse (7-0) did not play.
11. Duke (7-2) beat North Carolina A&T 101-60.
12. Ohio State (5-2) beat Coastal Carolina 83-75; lost to No. 8 Kansas 80-67; beat Eastern Kentucky 72-40.
13. Tennessee (9-0) beat Memphis 74-67.
14. Oklahoma State (9-0) beat Alcorn State 79-53; beat UNLV 89-75.
15. Texas (6-2) beat Wofford 89-57.
16. Maryland (8-2) did not play.
17. Temple (4-2) beat Villanova 69-66.
18. UCLA (4-1) beat No. 19 DePaul 76-58.
19. DePaul (7-3) beat St. John's 71-65; lost to No. 18 UCLA 76-58.
20. Illinois (6-2) beat No. 8 Kansas 84-70.
21. Indiana (7-1) beat Wyoming 99-80.
22. Gonzaga (7-2) beat Washington 76-66; beat Montana 88-70.
23. Oklahoma (9-0) beat Georgia Southern 102-63.
24. Purdue (6-3) lost to Ball State 72-52.
25. Wake Forest (7-1) beat North Carolina-Greensboro 71-62; beat High Point 79-35.

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. Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club. Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.acs-tx.org. Details are also available at all three local courses.

YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in grades K-6 for its youth basketball program. The fee includes a T-shirt, individual award and a full 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.

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Connecticut still No. 1 in women's basketball poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut kept the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll without breaking a sweat. The Huskies (7-0), who did not play during the past week, received 40 of 43 first-place votes from the media poll to remain firmly entrenched at the top. They've been ranked No. 1 all season. With only three Top 25 teams losing in the past seven days, all to other ranked teams, there was little change in the poll. The Top Ten stayed the same

and the poll had the same 25 teams as last week. The biggest changes were Oregon dropping four places to 19th after losing to UC Santa Barbara, and Arizona climbing three places to 14th. Tennessee (8-1) remained second after running its winning streak to eight with impressive victories at DePaul and St. Joseph's. The Lady Vols received two first-place votes and No. 3 Louisiana Tech (7-1) had one. Connecticut received 1,072 points in the voting, Tennessee had 1,025, Louisiana Tech 990

and No. 4 North Carolina State (9-0) 940. Georgia was fifth and UCLA sixth, followed by Texas Tech, Auburn, Penn State and North Carolina. Texas Tech (9-0) and Auburn (8-1) were the busiest teams in the Top 25, each winning three times during the past week. No. 11 Purdue and No. 12 Notre Dame traded places from last week and LSU remained at No. 13. Arizona moved to 14th and was followed by Rutgers, Iowa State, Duke, Illinois, Oregon and Old Dominion. Mississippi State, UC Santa

Barbara, Kansas, Tulane and Texas held the final five places. Many teams played only once during the past week because players were taking final exams, and Connecticut was one of three ranked teams that did not play at all. Duke and Old Dominion were the others. Kansas and Texas were the only other Top 25 teams that lost in the past week. Kansas lost to Illinois 61-59 in Chicago and Texas lost at Rutgers 68-64, a game that gave Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer her 600th career victory. Only Texas coach Jody

Conrad and Tennessee's Pat Summitt, both with more than 700 victories, have more than Stringer. Texas Tech has made major strides in the poll after starting at No. 22 in the preseason poll. Tech returned just one starter after winning the last two Big 12 championships, but the Lady Raiders got off to a good start by beating LSU in their opener and they're getting strong play from freshman center Plenette Pierson, who's among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage.

Tennessee Titans move into playoffs, Indianapolis Colts clinch division

By BARRY WILNER AP Football Writer

Say hello to the Tennessee Titans in the NFL playoffs. Just 14 games into their first season as the Titans and their first year in their new Nashville stadium, Tennessee beat Atlanta 30-17 on Sunday to secure at least a wild-card berth. The last time the franchise made the playoffs was 1993, when it was the Houston Oilers. "It's nice to have the formality of it," veteran lineman Bruce Matthews said, "but immediately we're looking to position ourselves the best we can in the playoffs, get a bye, do all those things, and hopefully knock off Jacksonville and somehow still win the Central."

The host Titans (11-3) were sloppy and will need a better effort in next week's showdown with Jacksonville, which Tennessee trails by two games in the AFC Central. The Jaguars won at Cleveland 24-14. St. Louis secured home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs by beating the New York Giants 31-10. Indianapolis clinched the AFC East title with a 24-21 victory over Washington, which remained atop the NFC East despite the loss when the New York Jets beat Dallas 22-21.

Tampa Bay missed an opportunity to grab a playoff spot when it was routed at Oakland 45-0. But Detroit didn't gain ground in the NFC Central because it lost at Chicago 28-10. Seattle's 36-30 overtime loss at Denver cost it a tie for first place in the AFC West. Kansas City, which beat Pittsburgh 35-19 on Saturday, has a one-game lead on the Seahawks, whom the Chiefs play next in Seattle. Miami beat San Diego 12-9; Philadelphia took New England 24-9; Buffalo edged Arizona 31-21; and Baltimore romped over New Orleans 31-8. Cincinnati was off this week. Tonight's game has Green Bay at Minnesota. Titans 30, Falcons 17

Jevon Kearse set a rookie record with 13 sacks, getting two of Tennessee's three. The Titans also forced six turnovers, while Steve McNair threw for one touchdown and ran for a second, and Al Del Greco kicked three field goals. Jaguars 24, Browns 14 Jacksonville (13-1) lost leading tackler Kevin Hardy with a neck sprain, while Cleveland (2-13) saw quarterback Tim Couch, the No. 1 overall draft pick, go down with sprained ankle. Fred Taylor rushed for 136 yards and broke off a 41-yard TD run early in the Jaguars' 11th consecutive victory. Colts 24, Redskins 21 Indianapolis, 3-13 last season, won its 12th game and 10th in a row as Peyton Manning passed for 298 yards and two touchdowns and Edgerrin James scored twice. The Colts, who clinched their first AFC East title since 1987, also tied the best one-season turnaround in league history. Rams 31, Giants 10 Interception runbacks by Devin Bush and Mike Jones gave the host Rams (13-2) seven defensive touchdowns. Kurt Warner added two touchdown passes to Az-Zahir Hakim and Marshall Faulk had 165 yards in total offense for the NFL's top-rated offense. New York (7-7) must win its final two games to make the playoffs. Bears 28, Lions 10 Detroit continued to struggle outdoors, dropping to 1-5 and 8-6 overall. Marcus Robinson caught three of Cade McNown's four touchdown passes. McNown became the first Bears rookie to throw for 300 yards in a game. While the Bears (6-8) have remote playoff possibilities, Detroit blew a chance to tie Tampa Bay for the NFC Central lead. Raiders 45, Buccaneers 0 In the worst loss for Tampa Bay (9-5) — a considerable feat considering the Bucs' sorry history — the Raiders (7-7) ended the visitors' six-game

winning streak. It was the biggest margin of victory for the Raiders since they joined the NFL in 1970 and was built on 122 yards rushing by Napoleon Kaufman and 111 yards by Tyrone Wheatley against a defense that entered the game ranked No. 2 in the NFL. Broncos 36, Seahawks 30, OT Denver (5-9) is well out of things, but it damaged Seattle (8-6), which has lost four straight and tumbled out of the division lead. Linebacker Glenn Cadrez went 37 yards with a fumble after Ray Crockett sacked Jon Kitna in overtime. Dolphins 12, Chargers 9 When John Carney's 36-yard field goal hit the left upright, Miami (9-5) ended a three-game slide. Olindo Mare made field goals of 32, 21, 30 and 31 yards, tying the NFL mark for field goals in a season, 37. His final kick put the host Dolphins ahead with 3:22 to go after they recovered Jim Harbaugh's fumble at the San Diego 20. The Chargers fell to 6-8. Eagles 24, Patriots 9 At Philadelphia, the Patriots fell to 7-7 after starting the season 6-2. Drew Bledsoe threw four interceptions and the Eagles (4-11) managed six sacks in knocking New England from contention. Bills 31, Cardinals 21 Visiting Buffalo (9-5) solidified its playoff chances as Jonathan Linton, subbing for Antowain Smith, gained 81 yards in 21 carries as the Bills controlled the clock. Doug Flutie completed 21 of 32 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns against Arizona (6-8), which still is alive for a post-season berth. Ravens 31, Saints 8 Tony Banks threw three touchdown passes and the Ravens tied a team record with four interceptions. Baltimore (7-7) has a three-game winning streak and an outside shot at the postseason. New Orleans (2-12) has lost five straight and 12 of 13

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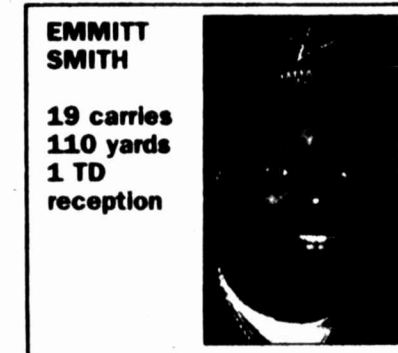
'Pokes sulk over blown opportunity; Still in playoff hunt

IRVING (AP) — As the Dallas Cowboys sulk over yet another wasted opportunity, at least they know they're still in the playoff hunt. Instead of moving into the thick of the NFC race Sunday, Dallas remained on the fringe with a 22-21 loss to the New York Jets, who continue doing a nice job of trying to keep other teams out of the postseason with them. John Hall won it with a 37-yard field goal with 1:35 left. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was especially annoyed that his team blew an eight-point lead on a day when a victory would've given them first place in the NFC East and moved them near the top of the wild-card chase. Instead, Dallas (7-7) remained tied with the New York Giants, a game behind the Washington Redskins in the division. "Our entire team knew that the Giants had lost, Washington had lost, Detroit had lost. So everyone knew what was at stake," Jones said. "This was a playoff-type reward if we could have gotten it done. That makes this one of the toughest losses that we've had in the time I've been here."

Playoff ramifications aside, this loss was fairly similar to the Cowboys' previous six defeats. Dallas blew a late lead, was set back 92 yards on seven penalties and converted just three of 12 first downs — yet still kept it close. This was the Cowboys' fifth loss by seven points or less. The biggest difference was that this was at home. Dallas had been 6-0 at Texas Stadium. "Anytime you lose when you're in a situation when you can gain ground in the division, it's disappointing," said Eric Bjornson, whose 20-yard touchdown run on a fake field goal put Dallas ahead 14-13 in the second period. "I don't know the whole situation, but I know we are not completely out of it. We have got to pick it up and turn it around quickly."

To make the playoffs, the Cowboys must win their last two. They haven't won consecutive games in three months. Dallas, 1-6 on the road, has just four days to prepare for a game in New Orleans, then the Giants visit Texas Stadium for the finale. Although the Jets' playoff hopes were erased by a 1-6 start, coach Bill Parcells has done a nice job of keeping New York (6-8) focused on finishing the year right. "Right now any win is sweet," said quarterback Rav Lucas, who was 20-of-34 for 147 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. "Coach Parcells challenged us in these last three games to fight and we're getting the job done. It's real easy to look past us because of our record, but we've grouped together."

The Jets almost tied the game on the drive after the Cowboys went up by eight as Lucas threw a 2-yard touchdown to rookie Blake Spence. But the quarterback was stopped a yard



EMMITT SMITH 19 carries 110 yards 1 TD reception "We've had our opportunities and the team has let them slide by. We didn't seize the moment." Emmitt Smith

short on a 2-point conversion attempt. Neither team did much until New York's game-winning drive. The Jets didn't have to do much, though. They churned out 41 yards on 11 plays, setting up Hall for the winning field goal. "I can't say I was 100 percent confident in him because I've seen him miss some kicks for us this season," Parcells said. "But he hit that one real well and it went right down the middle."

Dallas' final drive was unimpressive. The Cowboys, who burned all three timeouts on New York's drive, got a 23-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Raghbi Ismail, then Aikman threw four straight incompletions. Ismail also scored a 27-yard touchdown on an end-around to put Dallas up 21-13. Aikman finished 12-of-28 for 158 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. They came in a span of three throws after he'd gone 216 attempts without one.

Emmitt Smith, playing on a strained groin that limited him to one carry last week, had 110 yards on 19 carries. He also turned a 14-yard pass into the 146th touchdown of his career, passing Marcus Allen for No. 2 on the career list behind Jerry Rice. It also made Smith the leading scorer in Cowboys history. "We've had our opportunities and the team has let them slide by," Smith said. "We didn't seize the moment."

NOTES: The Jets improved to 2-5 against the Cowboys. The last time they played at Texas Stadium was 1971 in the fourth-ever game of the field. ... Smith has now rushed for 100 yards against 20 teams. His second-quarter touchdown also moved him past Tony Dorsett for No. 8 on the NFL career combined rushing-receiving list. ... Hall's 47-yard field goal was a season high. ... Ismail's rushing touchdown was the second of his career and first since Nov. 10, 1996. Bjornson also scored on a fake field goal run just about a year ago. ... The Jets, who lead the league in fourth-down attempts, had another on a fake punt in the third quarter. But Tom Tupa's wobbly sidearm attempt was incomplete.

Gerald Williams leaves Atlanta for Tampa Bay and \$5.75 million pact

NEW YORK (AP) — While David Segui and Rudy Seanez accepted salary arbitration and are going back to their old teams, Gerald Williams left Atlanta for a \$5.75 million, two-year contract with Tampa Bay. Williams was among 12 players rejecting salary arbitration offers in the hours before Sunday's midnight EST deadline, a group that included pitchers Aaron Sele, Juan Guzman and Arthur Rhodes. Also rejecting were pitchers Norm Charlton, Chris Haney, Graeme Lloyd, Omar Olivares, Darren Oliver and Steve Trachsel, along with outfielders Shawon Dunston, Thomas Howard and Williams. Free agents who accepted arbitration are considered signed, while those who rejected can still negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8. In all, teams offered 21 players arbitration on Dec. 7. Segui goes back to the Toronto Blue Jays, who acquired him from Seattle on July 28. The 33-year-old first baseman hit .299 last season with 15 homers, 27 doubles and 52 RBIs. Seanez, a 31-year-old right-hander, returns to the Braves. He was 6-1 with a 3.35 ERA and three saves in 56 appearances. Williams joins the revamped Devil Rays, who last week acquired Vinny Castilla from Colorado and agreed to a \$34 million, four-year contract with Greg Vaughn. The 33-year-old outfielder was a big surprise last year for Atlanta and was the leadoff hitter during the final two months of the season. Atlanta went 39-14 with him at the top of the order, and he joins a lineup that includes Castilla, Vaughn, Jose Canseco and Fred McGriff. The five combined to hit 161 homers last year — 16 more than the Devil Rays' team total. Williams hit .275 and had career highs in home runs (17) and RBIs (68). After making \$1.4 million last season, he gets \$2.5 million next year and \$3 million in 2001. The Devil Rays have a \$4 million option for 2002 with a \$250,000 buyout. Sele is considered the best of the free-agent pitchers still on the market. The 29-year-old right-hander was 18-9 with a 4.79 ERA for the Texas Rangers

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Gifted Health Care, Inc. Home Care Attendants needed in Big Springs and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For more information call 1-800-665-4471 or 1-915-644-5604.

Now hiring Managers. Interviewing Dec. 20 & 21, 2PM - 5PM. Please bring resume. No phone calls please. EOE

Dennys Restaurant 1710 E. 3rd. Big Spring, Texas

Opening with established company, good benefits, 401k, advancement opportunities. Purchasing/expediter. Will train. Send resume to P.O. Box 2158, Big Spring TX. 79720.

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House Parents  
Cal Farley's Ranch (36 miles from Amarillo, TX), and Cal Farley's Family Program (near Borger, TX), provide nurturing, homes, education and other opportunities to disadvantaged youth. We are currently seeking married couples for our child care team! From the moment you and your spouse take up residency, you will make a difference in these children's lives. Starting salary is \$37,850/couple, within an isolated group youth home, utilities, meals, extensive training, and a 6 day on/3 day off rotation. Must have a stable marriage of several years and no more than 2 dependents (none preferred). Relocation allowance for qualified applicants. Must possess HS diploma/GED; college preferred. For more information, visit our website at www.calfarleyboysranch.org. For application packet, contact HR @ 1-800-687-3722 or 806-372-2341. (EOE)

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The city of Big Spring is accepting for the position of Building Maintenance Worker in the Airpark. Class A CDL driver's license required or ability to obtain one within 3 months of employment. Applications will be accepted until Tuesday December 21, 1999. Applications are also being accepted for General Maintenance Worker in the Cemetery until January 3, 2000. For qualifications and further information contact City Hall personnel, 310 Nolan St. Big Spring, Tx or 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Wanted F/T help to start after the first of the year. Experience preferred but not necessary. Must have High School diploma or G.E.D. Good salary & benefits. NO Calls! Apply in person, 121 E. 3rd.

West Texas Centers for MHMR seeking part-time LVN. Provides nursing duties to individuals with mental illness in an Outpatient Clinic. Psychiatric nursing experience preferred. Salary \$9.30 per hour paid biweekly (up to 30 hours per week). E.O.E. Applications may be obtained at 409 Rannels.

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Salary is commensurate to experience and full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need apply to the Personnel Office of Malone and Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720 or fax resume to 915-264-7019. EOE.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE is now hiring CIA's for the 10-6 shift. \*Excellent benefits \*10 days vacation after one year \*Great starting pay Apply in person at 2009 Virginia

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Steel buildings, new, must sell. 3x40x12 was \$10,200 now \$6,990

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FOR LEASE: 5600 sq ft. warehouse with 3 offices on 2 acres, fenced land.

FARMS & RANCHES

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HOUSES FOR SALE

2 bedroom on 4 ac. Owner Finance with low down pay and easy qualifying.

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Low or 0 down! Gov't and bank repos being sold Now!

HOMES FROM \$199,300!

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ABANDONED HOMES in Big Spring.

Take up payments w/nothing down. Local 264-0510

For Sale By Owner 123 Jonesboro Rd. Nice 2 bdr.

For Sale By Owner: 3 bdr, 2 bth 2 car garage, carport, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Tom @ 263-3916, office 263-2300

FOR SALE BY OWNER 3 bdr, 2 bth, house in Kentwood - 2100 Merrily

House for sale by owner. 2 bdr, 1 bth, carport, corner lot, lots of storage. Call 263-7437

NO DOWN PAYMENT 1203 WOOD

\$200/mo. quick payment 425-9995

Northside: 3 bedroom, 2 bath house on 2.75 acres

Seller will help with closing costs so you can move in the immaculate recently remodeled 3 bdr 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

HOUSES FOR SALE

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MOBILE HOMES

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

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FURNISHED APTS.

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

FURNISHED HOUSES

1407 Virginia 1 Bedroom, one bath. Furnished. Call 267-2298.

2504 E. 24th. 1 Bedroom, one bath. Furnished. Call 267-2298.

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 6 am - 2 am \$154 w/ky. \$29.95 daily + tax. Doc. Holidays Saloon 263-7621

UNFURNISHED APTS.

Free Rent For Christmas Half of Dec. Free w/ \$99 Dep 2 bdr. \$265 Eff. \$3210 Call 915-267-4217

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

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2 bdr mobile home 1407 B Mesquite \$265/mo. \$150/dep. Also: 2 bdr. mobile 1410 near Harding \$265/mo. \$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 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. \$350/mo., \$200/dep. Call 264-9522

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

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

2506 Central. 3Br-2bth, CH/A, garage, fenced yard. 263-3350 or 634-0997

2510 Carlton. Good neighborhood. Nice, clean 3Br, 2bth, CH/A, 2 living areas, fenced backyard, double carport. \$550/mo, \$250/dep. 267-1543

3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 4219 Hamilton Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

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

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

3210 Drexel: 3br 2 bth CH/A, Clean, Single garage Fenced yard. Also: 3617 Hamilton clean, 3 bdr. CH/A, fenced yard. Call 263-3350

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FOR RENT

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

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 Andy. 263-6743.

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

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

For Rent, 2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Partially furnished. For more information call 394-4669.

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Gent's Rolex, one ct. dia. bezel & new 18K Italian bracelet. \$3,000 firm. 1 1/2 ct. dia VS2 \$5,750 1 ct. dia VS1, \$3,000 Both diamonds have G I A certificates. Also 3/4 ct European cut dia, nice, \$1,250. New ladies ring, 1 ct. T.W. baguette dia. \$475. (915) 267-5837

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BERTY AGATHA TIDWELL

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of BERTY AGATHA TIDWELL were issued on December 1, 1999 in Cause No. P-12619 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to SIMIANNE JOHNSON HAYDEN.

The residence of said SIMIANNE JOHNSON HAYDEN is 2232 Goldenrod Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, the post office address is 2232 Goldenrod Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76111.

All persons having claims against the Estate of BERTY AGATHA TIDWELL are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 14th day of December, 1999.

SIMIANNE JOHNSON HAYDEN, 2663 December 20, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FIELD PRODUCTION WELL PERMIT Anadarko Petroleum Corp., P.O. Box 2497, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to connect fluid into a formation being a productive oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Angelo Snyder B.S. Well Number 10 & 11. The proposed location well is located 12 Miles SE of Coahoma in the Snyder Field in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2925 to 2780 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code as amended. Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statute Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Persons who can show they are adversely affected, or persons for whom further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to: The Enforcement Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12467, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Telephone: (512) 463-6762.

12/20/99

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, DEC. 21:

Stay focused on the big picture this year. Don't get caught up in details with partners at work. You might need to pull back often. Stay rooted in reality, especially with your finances and partnerships. Be direct with others. Don't allow confusion to be come part of your life. Verify and clarify. If you are single, romantic twists could be most interesting in late winter. Be open. If attached, your relationship needs time, and both of you need to be willing to talk. Plan a long-talked-about trip. GEMINI always pitches in.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*You could feel like you are in a pressure cooker as you attempt to clarify a problem. Misunderstandings happen because you aren't speaking the same language as another. Your determination helps you become a winner. Tonight: Partake in the season's cheer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*Finish up last-minute details. Money dealings quickly get out of control. Keep your wallet close. Mistakes occur where you least expect it. Make a must appearance. Touch base with a boss or someone in charge. Play it cool. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*You might be out of sorts, feeling that you can't have things the way you want. Stop grumbling! Take a deep breath and direct your energy. Your challenge is to jump over a problem and find the solution. Don't get caught up in the immediate. Tonight: Opt for some Christmas fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

!!! Everyone is in a tizzy. You might feel a bit glum as the holiday approaches. Talk to a special friend or a partner. You can break past a pattern. You are simply overwhelmed by what you need to do, but another will pitch in. Tonight: Say "thank you" in your customary style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*Clearly, you don't have the kind of control you would like. Meet another halfway. Know what is acceptable. Misunderstandings pop up from all different areas of your life. A partner, though sometimes belligere, comes through for you. Tonight: Where y our friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Attempt to build better relationships with those in charge, who are definitely uptight. Help them relax. It all comes back to you in multiples. Caring increases because of your generosity. Be willing to pitch in. Others will appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Working

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*Just when you thought a misunderstanding was letting up, confusion runs amok. You cannot be sufficiently clear or direct. Others see situations differently than you do. Refuse to exaggerate. A child surprises you. Tonight: Detach, and keep an eye on your behavior as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*You might not be as clear as you would like to be. Money agreements and decisions might be up for review. Refuse to get behind the eight ball with your spending. Family delightfully surprises you. Let a loved one express his ideas. Tonight: Time for a family chat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Another seems contrary, and your response does nothing to cool this situation off. Stay on top of problems. Be as generous and thoughtful as possible. Cut as much slack as you can. Information you receive is very important. Tonight: Go with a spontaneous invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Dig into work. Be willing to say "mea culpa" to avoid a problem. You might know you aren't wrong, but opt for peace. Be careful with spending. Remain in touch with your long-term needs. Do a last-minute check so that you have all your gifts. Tonight: Keep at it and you will get everything done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*Stay on top of problems. Don't get stuck like others. Use your independent mind to find the correct way to get past immediate obstacles. Be careful with a fragile relationship. Misunderstandings pop up from nowhere. Tonight: Make love, not war.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*Family and those you care about could be testy. Examine long-term goals carefully, don't jump to unexpected conclusions. Stay calm, don't get triggered by the pre-Christmas frenzy. Others are clearly reacting to holiday pressure. Tonight: Head home.

BORN TODAY

Former TV host Phil Donahue (1935), actress Jane Fonda (1937), former tennis player Chris Evert (1954)

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Hotline volunteers get as much as they give by helping others

DEAR ABBY: Please print my letter about volunteering on suicide prevention/crisis hotlines.

Suicide affects most of us at some time in our lives. Most of us know someone who has considered suicide, attempted it or killed himself or herself. While it is a challenge to talk with someone about suicide, doing so opens communication in an amazing way. It is an enriching experience for both the person in crisis and the volunteer. I hope the U.S. surgeon general's recent statements on this issue will draw nationwide attention to its importance. There IS something that can be done about it - become a volunteer! Contact your local suicide prevention/crisis hotline and find out how. A VOLUNTEER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR VOLUNTEER: Your letter is an important one. I'm often asked to recommend worthy causes to which people can donate time or money. I can think of no more meaningful way to fill one's extra time than by liberally saving the lives of others. It takes some time and training to become a hotline volunteer; however, the emotional payoff is beyond description.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Here's how we solved the "appropriate gift problem for our elderly parents."

Knowing that my mother-in-law was having difficulty keeping her house cleaned (vacuuming, floor scrubbing, etc.), we decided to give them one gift that would last all year. We eliminated Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, anniversary and Christmas presents, and instead hired someone to come into their home and clean it once a month. My husband, his sister and I pay for the service each month.

We lost my mother-in-law last year, and the day after her funeral, my father-in-law asked if we could continue the service because it was so very much appreciated.

No longer do I have to wrack my brain to buy something I'm not sure would be wanted or needed. ANN MANOS, GRAVETTE, ARK.

DEAR ANN: I can't think of a more practical gift. Thanks for an ingenious solution to a problem that crops up every year.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooks I and II, P.O. Box 147, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0147. (Postage is included in price.)

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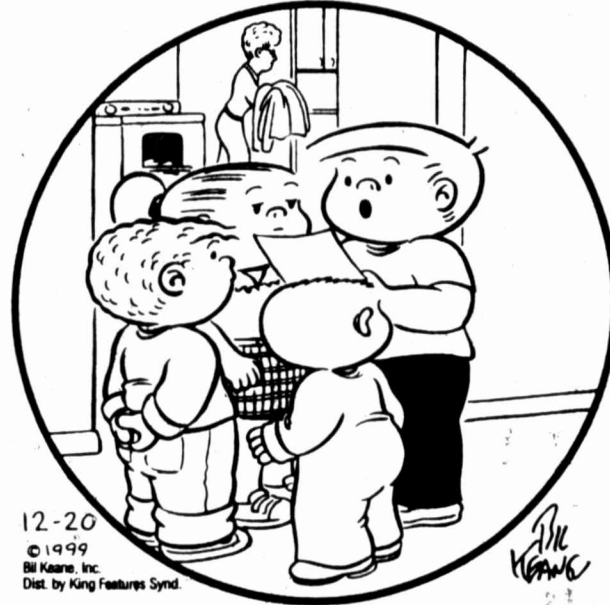
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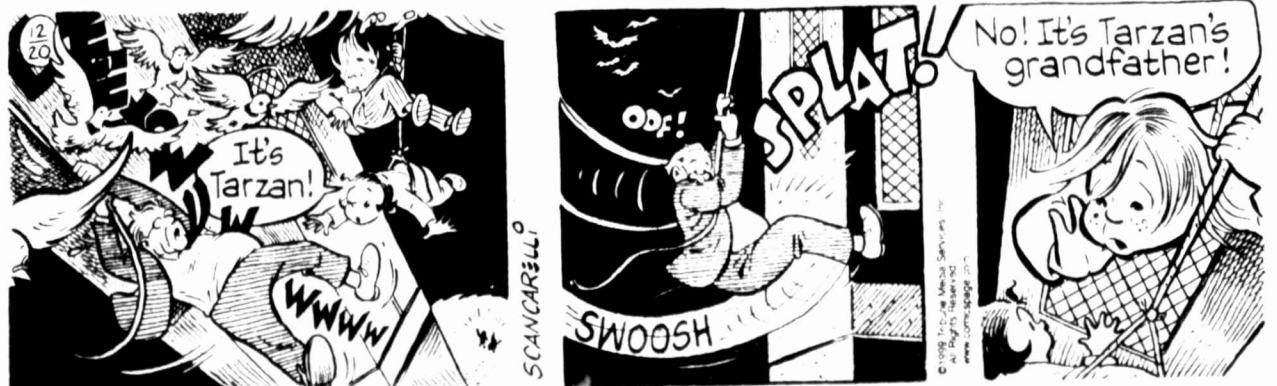
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Grandma's gonna be hard to buy for. She says she already has everything she needs.

Don't worry, Mom. They're not staying for dinner.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

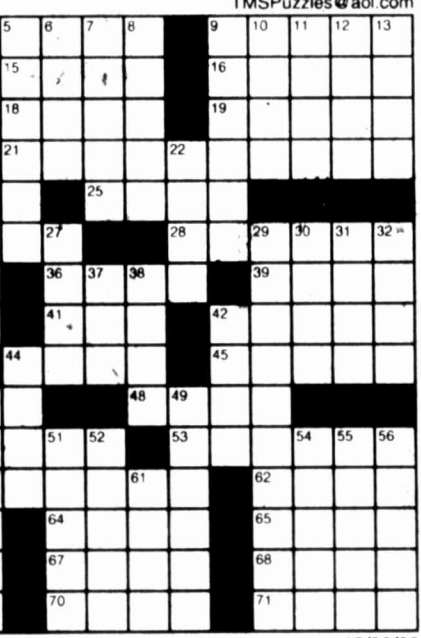
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1999. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 20, 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union. On this date: In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans. In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his 'March to the Sea.'

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS 1 'She's Got a Way' singer Billy 5 Summon 9 Religious grp. 14 Alternative to a saber 15 Ron in Mayberry 16 Draw forth 17 Become a father 18 Concavity 19 Junipero 20 Business outfit 21 Golf great 23 Become visible 25 Embarrassing loss 26 British peer 28 Philanthropists 33 Among the quick 36 Run in neutral 39 Xiamen Island 40 Polite 41 Extinct bird 42 Creates booties 43 Persia, today 44 Countless 45 Octopus arms, e.g. 46 Signify 48 Hang around 50 Sacred, briefly 53 Open ties 57 Golf great 62 Kans. neighbor 63 Old World lizard 64 Poetic offerings 65 Papal name 66 Spock's forte 67 Close up 68 Coastal bird 69 Packing case 70 Fashion magazine 71 Makes sharp turns



By Eugene R. Puffenberger Reston, VA 12/20/99

Saturday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN 1 Jackson or Owens 2 Narcotic drug 3 Chilling 4 Golf great 5 Old fogey 6 Mimic 7 Cruise ship 8 Release 9 1539 Florida visitor 10 At any time 11 Standard, briefly 12 Plant with mucilaginous pods 13 Stingy 22 Naked 24 Scottish Highlander 27 Capital of Peru 29 Golf great 30 Leave out 31 Memorizing process 32 Part of DOS 33 LSD, to users 34 Italian bread? 35 Terrible tsar? 37 Dress in 38 Puts down 42 Zen paradox 44 Cat call 47 Ancient Balkan region 49 Scuffle 51 Set free (ambles) 52 Sing with a fluctuating voice 54 'The Seven Samurai' director Kurosawa 55 Held fast 56 along (ambles) 57 After-shower powder 58 Sikorsky or Stravinsky 59 Blithering 60 Give off 61 Arrangement

Advertisement for Big Spring Herald, including contact information for advertising and circulation, and a list of staff members.

In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tier rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays. In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66.

In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74.

In 1980, the government of the Soviet Union confirmed that former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin had died two days earlier at the age of 76.

In 1987, the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with a tanker off Mindoro island, killing more than 3,000 people.

Ten years ago: The United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Five years ago: Former President Jimmy Carter succeeded in getting Bosnia's warring factions to agree to a temporary cease-fire. Marcelino Corniel, a homeless man, was shot and mortally wounded by White House security officers as he brandished a knife near the executive mansion. Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk died in Athens, Ga., at age 85.

One year ago: Nkem Chukwu gave birth in Houston to five girls and two boys, 12 days after giving birth to another child, a girl; The tiniest of the babies died a week later.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director George Roy Hill is 77. Rock musician Peter Criss (Kiss) is 54. Actor John Spencer is 53. Actress Jenny Agutter is 47. Actor Michael Badalucco is 45. Actress Blanche Baker is 43. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 42. Country singer Kris Tyler is 35. Rock singer Chris Robinson (The Black Crowes) is 33. Thought for Today: 'You can keep the things of bronze and stone and give me one man to remember me just once a year.' - Damon Runyan, American writer (1884-1946).