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December 7, 2004

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**Angels available for adoption now**

The Salvation Army Angel Tree program is in place for the holiday season. Angels are ready for adoption at Wal-Mart, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Mall. Teen Angels are ready for adoption at Nannie's Attic and Senior Angels are available for adoption at the *Big Spring Herald*.

**Red Dress Tea is slated for Sunday**

The annual Red Dress Tea presented by the Heritage Museum from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday offers family-style entertainment at the Potton House, 200 Gregg.

The event honors the tradition of a red dress tea, a turn-of-the-century event where ladies once donned their hand-made red Christmas dresses and gathered at a home for tea and dessert.

The plan this year is for families to tour the Potton House and view different Christmas decorations.

**College group collecting toys**

The Mexican-American Student Association at Howard College is collecting toys to give to homeless children around Howard County.

Toys should be brought to the college library, administration building, STEPS lab, student services office or the registrar's office.

Off-campus collection points are the *Big Spring Herald* and KBYG.

Gifts for children of any age will be accepted. The drive will be held through Dec. 15.

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**Police probe deeper into 'accident'**

Chief says conflicting stories prompt second look; woman says officers never took her statement

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is reopening its investigation into an incident that was previously classified as a traffic accident in the 2500 block of N. Monticello Road on Dec. 2.

Alice Broughton, 43, of Talkeetna, Alaska, was thrown



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from the hood of a vehicle during a domestic altercation that began in the 1400 block of Grafa, and is currently hospitalized at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with what family members describe as a "shattered leg and ankle."

According to Police Chief

Lonnie Smith, the case is being reopened due to "conflicting stories" from witnesses.

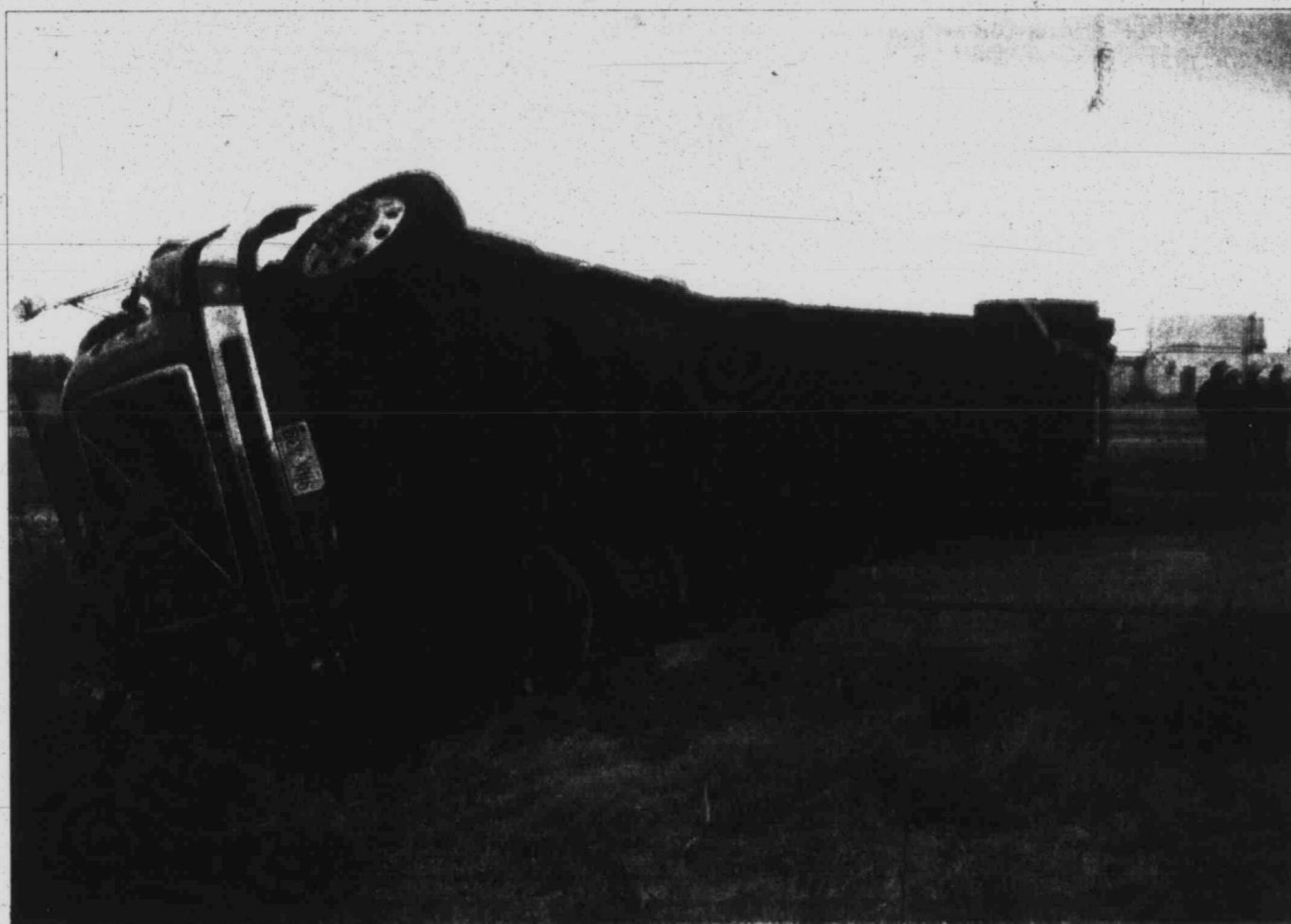
"There is an investigation which is ongoing right now," said Smith. "It's currently being assigned. We're going to do some other checking into what happened, possibly even some polygraph tests. We want to gather more details and facts on the incident. If, after investigating

the matter, it (traffic accident classification) needs to be changed, then it will be changed."

Smith declined to comment on specifics of the conflicting accounts of the accident, which began with a custody dispute between Broughton's daughter and her husband.

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**MISHAP ALONG I-20**



Department of Public Safety troopers and employees of Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service discuss how to move an 18-wheel truck out of the I-20 South Service Road across from the Big Spring Refinery Monday morning. According to law enforcement officials at the scene, the wreck occurred when the truck, which was traveling west on I-20, crossed over the median and the eastbound lane, coming to a stop on its side on the service road. The driver of the truck and a passenger were transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with only minor injuries. High winds and rain may have contributed to the accident.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Local man discovered dead in fire**

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the death of a man whose body was discovered when firefighters responded to a residential blaze at 1202 Lamar early this morning.



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Jessie Woodruff, 40, was pulled from his home by a Big Spring Fire Department firefighter and pronounced dead shortly after.

Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the fire is currently under investigation.

"It's too early to determine the cause of death and the fire is being investigated," said Condray. "We'll know more once we get the autopsy results."

Condray said more than a dozen firefighters and three fire engines were called to the scene of the blaze, which was reported shortly after 3:30 a.m.

"The fire was brought under control quickly," said Condray. "The victim was found in the home's living area. We hope to have more information once the investigation is completed. Until then I really can't comment on the specifics."

When asked if he believed arson may have been involved, Condray said "We don't know at this time. It's really too early to tell."

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**Nativity drive-through opens Friday night**

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Bringing to life the story of Jesus Christ, from birth through Ascension, continues as a holiday tradition for Big Spring, a gift from the Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene.

And church members are set to present the 18th annual Drive-Thru Nativity from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"We have 17 scenes with actors and some of the scenes have animals. This is the largest drive through nativity I've ever seen or heard of," said the Rev. Byron Brown, minister of the Community of Hope Church of

the Nazarene.

Between 130 and 150 church members take part in presenting the event, he said.

**What:** Drive-Thru Nativity.

**Where:** Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene parking lot.

**When:** 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Brown described the scenes, beginning with a contemporary family at home on Christmas Eve, parents sharing the

Christmas story with their children.

The next few scenes are a reenactment of the birth of Jesus, including the shepherds and the manger scenes, as well as when Jesus was crucified.

"The scene of the Ascension is really spectacular," Brown said.

Each of the 17 scenes depicts a different view of the entire Christmas miracle story.

Mary's Song and Joseph's dream are both included, as is a Dedication scene, where Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to a temple to be dedicated to God.

"Simeon is a devout Jew who Mary and Joseph ask to dedicate the baby Jesus," he

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**Grand jury indicts 19 people; one for attacking an officer**

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury indicted 19 people last week, including a Big Spring woman accused of attacking a police officer.

Patricia Francisca Roberson, 21, of 807 Aylesford, was indicted for assault on a public servant, a third-degree felony.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police

Department, Roberson was arrested Oct. 20 for attacking Big Spring police officers during a routine investigation.

"Two officers responded to a call, which came in at about 9:30 p.m.," Everett said following the attack. "They made contact with two subjects at the scene. While they were talking to the two subjects, it was discovered one of them, 37-year-old Terry Spears of Big Spring, had municipal

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**House GOP ready to put final stamp on intelligence compromise**

By JESSE J. HOLLAND  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A long-delayed bill overhauling the nation's intelligence agencies is nearing passage now that President Bush and House Armed Services chairman Duncan Hunter have endorsed a compromise guaranteeing battlefield commanders access to top-secret information.

Bush has called on Congress for months to pass legislation

implementing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations to protect the nation from terrorists. House GOP leaders have been holding up the bill because of Hunter's concerns that it might interfere with the military's ability to get vital information.

Hunter now supports it because House-Senate negotiators added language to ensure Defense officials would have pri-

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## Obituaries

## Edwin J. Bednar



Edwin J. Bednar, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ, with Rick Cunningham, minister and Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends today from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 15, 1922, in Eola and married Luella Tension in 1941 and she preceded him in death in 1967. He later married Zarah LeFevre Dec. 17, 1970, in Big Spring.

Mr. Bednar worked as an aircraft inspector for North American Aviation prior to entering the service. He joined the United States Army, where he served as a medic in the European Theatre. He farmed all of his life in Glasscock County.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ, where he was serving as an elder at the time of his death.

Mr. Bednar had served on the Selective Service Board in Midland for many years. He had also served on the Garden City school board, FSA board in Glasscock County and the Howard County Farm Bureau Board. Mr. Bednar was fluent in the Czech language and did missionary work in Slovakia. He had worked in the Big Spring prison ministry for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Zarah Bednar of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Gene Spangler of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Wilburn and Bonnie Bednar of St. Lawrence; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; two nephews; and two nieces.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Suan Blair; and one brother, Clayton Bednar.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Rosebell Craven Meek

Rosebell Craven Meek, 86, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at her residence. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. James Liggett officiating.

She was born June 14, 2004, in Kennedy. She married Gorman Craven July 21, 1935. He preceded her in death in November of 1986. She married Glenn W. Meek, U.S.N., retired, in 1990. He also preceded her in death in 1991. She came to Big Spring in 1990. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator and later as No. 5 crossbar switchman in Beaumont.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan King and her husband, David of Big Spring and Dr. Gail Fail and her husband, LeRoy of California; two sons, Carl Craven and his wife, Pat of Arizona and Dr. Jerry Craven and his wife, Sherry of Canyon; dear friend that she called her adopted daughter, Esterlin Graham and her husband, Keith of Beaumont; eight grandchildren, Elizabeth Treece and her husband, William, and Bill King and his wife, Wanda, all of Big Spring, Tim Craven and his wife, Sherry of Arizona, Jerry Fail of California, David Craven of Canyon, Laurie Watanabe and her husband, Samio of Kobe, Japan, Virginia Ortega and her husband Paul, and Tom Walters and his wife, Katherine, all of Arizona; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the David and Susan King Endowment Fund at Howard College, in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720, or other favorite charity, especially any library.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-19-24. Bonus Ball: 7.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Number matching four of four: 8. Prize: \$1,447.  
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 24. Prize: \$59.  
Number matching three of four: 1,024. Prize: \$18.  
Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 742. Prize: \$17.  
Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,639. Prize: \$7.  
Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,994. Prize: \$5.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$375,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-13-16-26.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Matching four of five: 138. Prize: \$411.  
Matching three of five: 3,972. Prize: \$10.  
Matching two of five: 39,645. Prize: \$2.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-3

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## Rebecca Michelle Moore Ashley



Rebecca Michelle Moore Ashley died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, in Brown County. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Early with the Rev. Dr. Gary Gramling officiating and assisted by the Rev. Dr. Donnie Auvenshine. Interment will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Trinity Cemetery in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today, Dec. 8, 2004, at Heartland Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 20, 1978 in Brownwood, the daughter of David and Andrea Moore. Rebecca had lived most of her life in Brownwood. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Early and a former member of Southside Baptist Church of Brownwood.

Survivors include her son, Skyler Luke Ashley of Brownwood; her parents, David and Andrea Moore of Early; one sister, Christy Elizabeth Moore of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Joshua David Moore and John William Moore, both of Early; grandmothers, Nina Elizabeth Moore of Fort Worth and Mattie Leola Turner of Big Spring; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, William Roy Moore Jr. of Fort Worth and Johnnie Lee Turner Sr. of Big Spring.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a trust fund that has been set up for Rebecca's son, Skyler Luke Ashley, account No. 20408883 at Texas Bank.

## Jessie Woodruff Sr.

Jessie Woodruff Sr., 40, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Ellie Howell

Ellie Howell, 63, of Big Spring died Monday evening, Dec. 6, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• **JAIME RENTERIA**, 41, of 406 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault/family violence.

• **LEVI CARTER**, 26, of 1604 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **VANESSA MARTINEZ**, 20, of 805 Willia, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• **DANIEL GENE CLAYBURN**, 40, of 1305 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on disorderly conduct - urinating in public.

• **DAVID DOW**, 21, of 1000 S. Rannels, was arrested Saturday on local warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.  
- in the 1200 block of Third Street.  
- in the 1800 block of Gregg.  
- in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.  
- in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.  
- in the 1300 block of Park.  
- in the 300 block of Gregg Street.  
- in the 400 block of 11th Place.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 100 block of Eighth Street.

• **ESCAPE WHILE ARRESTED/CONFINED BY A JUVENILE - FELONY** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

• **MISSING PERSON** was reported in the 1700 block of Rannels.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 1900 block of Mittel.  
- in the 1200 block of Sycamore.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3200 block of 11th Place.

• **UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 1400 block of Sycamore.  
- in the 400 block of Johnson.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

• **INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Johnson.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.  
- in the 1000 block of 21st Street.

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## Bulletin board

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## TODAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• Howard College 26th annual Luminaria begins at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Free and the public is invited.

• Odyssey HealthCare will have a special ceremony honoring the memory of loved ones who died this past year at 6:30 p.m. in Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call James Byler at 263-5999.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West-Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

## WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

## INJURY was reported:

- in the 800 block of Willia.  
- in the 800 block of Birdwell Lane.  
• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama.  
• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:  
- in the 1100 block of Aylesford.  
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following information:

• **NATHAN COLE HANNUM**, 20, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

• **VANESSA MARTINEZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of N. Highway 176.

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of Dealy Road.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds near 10 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds near 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs near 70. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 40.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs near 70.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 40.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

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Staff Writer

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# Jury selected in aggravated robbery case

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A jury was chosen Monday in the aggravated robbery case against a 22-year-old Big Spring man with testimony set to begin today.

Opening statements were expected to begin this morning in 118th District Court when Joshua Detroy Francis, who listed addresses of 1401 Highway 87 Apt. 1403 and 4113 Muir, goes to trial for the aggravated robbery of a Big Spring laundromat.

Francis was indicted by a Howard

County grand jury on Aug. 19, more than a year after the alleged robbery occurred in the 200 block of E. 11th Place.

According to Howard County Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr, who handled Francis' indictment, the offense took place June 11, 2003, but he declined to comment on the specifics of the case.

"Both men face charges of aggravated robbery, a first degree felony which carries a punishment range of five to 99 years to life in prison, as well as a \$10,000 fine," said Orr. "The suspects

reportedly exhibited a deadly weapon during the commission of the robbery — in this case, a knife.

"I'd rather not go into the specifics of the location where the crime took place or the victims or potential witnesses involved."

Orr said it took the Big Spring Police Department, which handled the investigation, more than a year to sort out "who was and wasn't involved," a period the attorney said is slightly longer than normal but not unusual in cases such as these.

According to the police investigation

two black males, in their mid-20s, entered the laundromat and displayed knives to an employee, demanding money.

The suspects fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money and no injuries were reported.

Alfred Lee Mitchell, 18, of 803 Pine, was also indicted in June 2003 for the same crime.

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## PROBE

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"According to the report, she (Broughton) jumped onto the hood of the car and refused to get off," Smith said the day after the incident. "The driver of the car traveled northbound on Grafa at a slow rate of speed and then west on N. Monticello where he came to a stop in the 2500 block. Broughton fell off the hood of the car and sustained a broken leg."

Broughton, who flew to Texas from her home in Alaska to see her daughter, 22-year-old Natasha Ritter, formerly of Abilene, said the police report is anything except an accurate portrayal of

what happened. "I flew to Texas because my daughter called me and told me her husband had hit her for the last time," said Broughton. "I told her to take her two kids and go stay with my sister, Mary, until I could get there. They were living in Abilene at the time."

Broughton said on the day of her arrival at her sister's home in Big Spring, her daughter was contacted by her husband, 25-year-old Tim Ritter, who agreed to grant her a divorce if she allowed him to see their two children, ages 3 and 4.

"When he got there he was riding with his roommate, Matthew Green," said Broughton. "He snatched the children

from my daughter and dove into the back seat of the car he came in. The window on the passenger side door was rolled down a couple of inches, and my daughter was hanging onto the car begging him not to take the children.

"I began walking around to the driver's side of the car. I don't know Matthew and I wanted to beg him not to help Tim do what he was trying to do. When I got in front of the car Tim was screaming to him to go and he hit the gas, knocking me onto the hood of the car. He never stopped."

Broughton said she held onto the hood as Green sped away from the home at what she described as a high rate of speed. "I held on as long as I

could," said Broughton. "My daughter was still hanging on to the window but fell off at some point. Then they made a sharp left turn and I hit the ground. I didn't see the car, but I heard it accelerate and that's when I felt the pain in my leg and ankle. It was so bad I passed out."

Natasha Ritter was able to walk away from the incident with only scrapes and bruises according to her mother, but Broughton wasn't as fortunate.

"I'm getting ready to go into surgery again," Broughton said from her hospital bed Monday. "They're supposed to put steel pins in my leg to immobilize it. I don't know how many surgeries I'll have to have or

when I'll get to go home."

Broughton said her family has been in contact with Tim Ritter, who still has the children in his custody, but a solution to the family's woes seems to be far in the future.

"He's told us not to even bother looking for the children," said Broughton. "Natasha has gone to see a lawyer in Abilene to try to handle this the way it's supposed to be handled. She's just trying to do what's right."

Smith said a verbal statement was taken from Broughton at the hospital shortly after the accident and a statement was taken from Natasha Ritter which he hasn't yet read. However, Broughton claims she hasn't given a statement to police, despite her best efforts to

offer one.

"I kept waiting for them to show up the day after I was admitted to the hospital, but no one came," said Broughton. "I called the police department and they referred me to Sgt. Tony Everett, and I left him a long voice message describing what happened, but I still haven't received a call back."

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## COMPROMISE

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ority in battlefield areas over the nation's spy satellites and other intelligence equipment.

The California congressman had worried that a new national intelligence director, a position the legislation would create to coordinate spy agencies, would have been able to insert himself into the chain of command from the president to the

combatant commanders.

House Republicans were meeting Tuesday to put the final touches on the bill. Lawmakers from both parties expect the bill to pass and said its reforms were long overdue.

"We have not in 50 years changed the intelligence system. We've never walked away from the Cold War model," Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence

Committee, said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show." "We now have a bill which will pass both houses, I hope, that will change the intelligence system and head it in the right direction."

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, the chief Republican negotiator on the bill, told CBS that by creating the post of national intelligence director, the legislation would create "a single individual who will be responsible for coordinat-

ing our intelligence and who will be accountable. We've lacked that in the current system."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., had refused to bring the bill up before Thanksgiving because of the opposition from Hunter and House Judiciary chairman

James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. Sensenbrenner said he would still oppose the bill in Tuesday's GOP meeting because it does not deal with such issues as illegal immigration and asylum changes.

Bush, in a letter to Congress, said the bill should be passed anyway.

## NATIVITY

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said.

King Herod's Fear is another scene, as are the Crucifixion and the Empty Tomb.

"The entire thing ends with a contemporary family," he said.

There are also scenes of a carpenter's workshop, because Jesus was a carpenter, according to the Bible; the traveling couple, Mary and Joseph, on their way to Bethlehem before Jesus is born; and the Inn where Jesus is born.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Anger has become a popular emotion

At times, America's social fabric seems to be too sheer to contain this sprawling, vigorous society. At times, it appears to be unraveling before our eyes.

This week has been one of those times as brawls, battles and shootings dominate the news, pushing even the Iraq war to the inside pages. The smackdown culture created and fed by the entertainment industry, talk radio and the sports world has been slapping us in the face recently and we're finding it rather awful.

Anger has become a popular emotion. It's constantly nurtured by a contemporary society that encourages people to express their rage, to act and react violently and never let any perceived slight or disrespect go unchallenged or unanswered.

The frightening melee at the Detroit Pistons' home court was only the latest and ugliest manifestation of this cultural slide downward. Decorum at sporting events has been declining for years. A college football game last week turned into a riot in the final minutes. Even in staid baseball, fans have leaped from the stands to assault umpires and coaches and players have attacked fans and park employees.

But anger builds audiences, so the entertainment industry feasts on it. How many total hours have been devoted to replaying the fracas in Detroit on network and cable TV? If you have any doubt that violence sells, ask the video game industry, which earns billions of dollars peddling it. A new video game recreates the Kennedy assassination.

In this modern demimonde, losing control is celebrated as an honest, even appropriate expression of outrage. Thug life is lauded for "keeping it real." It was a mite too real at the recent Vibe Awards ceremony taping, when a man slugged famous rapper Dr. Dre and another rapper stabbed the assailant.

But in the real world rather than the make-believe jungle of radio, rap and games there should be consequences.

The NBA players who lost control in Detroit have won long suspensions; the Clemson and South Carolina football players who couldn't keep their composure cost their teammates and schools a lucrative postseason bowl appearance.

Slamming back may be cathartic for the moment, but it can be truly costly when it comes time to pay the bill for outrageous behavior. At least it should be.

A major spice in this cultural stew that appears to be boiling over with no way to lower the heat are apologists, defenders and a parasitic entourage of enablers who benefit from any kind of publicity. The badder, the better in many cases because there is always money to be made.

As it stands, the NBA players who waded into the crowd throwing punches have lost money, status, respect and playing time. But there is no guarantee it will remain that way. Boxer Mike Tyson found other fight venues after he went to prison for rape and was banned for biting off part of Evander Holyfield's ear. Pete Rose is banned from baseball and the Hall of Fame for gambling, but he's still a moneymaking name. A culture that considers O.J. Simpson a candidate for a reality TV show will happily wallow in a celebrity's disgrace.

If shame is an anachronism, as it fully appears to be, there are still consequences to be considered. But even that is in doubt these days.

Ron Artest, the Pacers player who went into the stands in Detroit first and received the harshest punishment, says he has other interests.

It won't be surprising if he ends up with a lucrative job as a commentator, on a reality show or with a gold record.

His rise from infamy is already plotted, somewhere in America.

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## Inside report: 22nd amendment blues

"Welcome to the second term, Mr. President!" said one of George W. Bush's most important Republican supporters in the House of Representatives. He was not directly addressing President Bush but explaining to me the new political climate. Re-elected and at the top of his game, Bush has seen his wishes ignored by the House in not passing the intelligence reform bill so far.

It is indeed a different world on Capitol Hill since Nov. 2. Loyal Bushites are newly candid — though not for public attribution — in criticizing the president's performance on intel reform. They say a word from the White House is no longer sufficient because Bush's political fate no longer is paramount for them. He never again must be tested by the voters, even as House members undergo that ordeal biennially. The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution has rendered Bush a lame duck.

This makes the president's legislative function vastly more difficult. While Bush has laid out an ambitious conservative agenda for the second term, his poor performance on the intelligence bill suggests to his partisans on the Hill the need for an adjustment to reality at the White House. Thanks to the 22nd Amendment blues, it will be much harder to pass bills far more difficult than intel reform.

Actually, the Bush team never dreamed it would have to cope

with the intelligence bill once Congress recessed for the election. The president's men thought they had just dodged a bullet. They never liked the idea of the independent 9/11 commission headed by former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean, and resented Kean and his fellow commissioners warning that blood would be on the hands of Congress and the president if terrorists struck again without a reform bill passed. But non-passage of the bill was eclipsed by other events, especially Osama bin Laden's tape, before the election.

It was widely presumed that comprehensive reform of intelligence would be considered at a more contemplative pace in the new Congress convening in January. Nobody thought the truncated post-election session of the old Congress would take up the bill until House Speaker Dennis Hastert so ordained. Inside House Republican cloakrooms, that decision (pressed on the speaker by his chief of staff, Scott Palmer) was judged a mistake.

Hastert also erred in two of his five selections for the conference committee to resolve differences between the House and Senate bills: Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter and Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner. They are intrepid conservatives but not negotiators. Colleagues fondly regard Hunter as probably the worst negotiator in the House.

It was not that the president was inactive after the election. He telephoned Sensenbrenner and sent Vice President Dick Cheney to see him. But there was no full court press. "This should be a lesson for the president," a member of the

House leadership told me. "Going half-way won't work." At least, it won't work in the second term.

Thus, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, Bush found himself supporting a bill that barely would have passed the House with overwhelming Democratic support and substantial Republican opposition. That would have been a horrible second-term start for the president, and Hastert wisely pulled the bill off the floor.

The last chance for the reform package in the 108th Congress comes Monday when the lame-duck session reconvenes. Sen. Susan Collins, the lead Senate Republican conferee, has called on House Republicans to support their president (audacious coming from a Maine liberal who has consistently opposed Bush's tax proposals) and has declared the conference closed with no more negotiations possible. If she doesn't reopen the conference, the bill may not pass until the Fourth of July. Families of 9/11 victims are staging candlelight vigils to pass the bill, but the effectiveness of such tactics ended Nov. 2.

Even though Tom Kean is again making blood threats if the bill is not passed, waiting until next year to reconsider such a complicated bill may be prudent. Meanwhile, the Bush White House — which is not high on introspection — might consider the president's ineffectiveness and think about avoiding these mistakes on legislation he really cares about.

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## Handgun violence and the forgotten victims

Editors note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published in February 1990.

Does the name Linda Greenwood ring a bell? How about David Burnell or Joshua Brown? No? Well, how about John Lennon? Ahh. Him you've heard of. Caught four slugs from a .38 10 years ago and died. There was quite a to-do at the time, as I recall.

There were candle-lighting ceremonies in which people stood and bowed their heads for 10 minutes of silence. And there were lots of stories. Lots and lots of stories about the Beatle who got killed.

Linda Greenwood and those other people I mentioned were gunned down the same day John Lennon was. But there was no to-do over them.

How could there be? More than five dozen people are killed with handguns every day in this country. And if we stopped to light candles to all of them, well, we could hardly get anything done, could we?

Even though the number of homicides is soaring in America this year, it is often hard to find much information on the victims. It is sometimes hard even to find their names.

Some names, however, will always be easier to find than others. Take Jay Bias.

Ahh. Another name you've probably heard of. He was the brother

of Len Bias, the University of Maryland basketball superstar, who in 1986 celebrated his new contract with the Boston Celtics by ingesting enough cocaine to kill himself.

And this was certainly enough to make us care about the fate of his younger brother — who was gunned down outside a shopping mall last week, an apparent innocent victim and the 113th homicide victim this year in Prince George's County, Md.

All the elements of a good story were there. There was a celebrity. There was a family touched twice by tragedy. And there was an upbeat note: Jay Bias' father, James, has decided to fight for handgun control now that his son is dead, just like his wife dedicated her life to fighting drugs after Len died.

James Bias announced he would form a coalition with Jesse Jackson, no less, "to fight for gun control and to educate youths on alternatives to violence."

"This is something I've been feeling for years but have not acted on it," James Bias said. "I feel grief, but I feel if I don't act now, your child ... could be next."

One wishes him well. His pain is genuine, and his intentions sincere.

But if one acts on one's feelings about handgun violence only after one's own son is killed, then the price is too high. And the problem will never be solved.

This week, I looked up the column I did 10 years ago on the death of John Lennon. I guess I was in a pretty bad mood. All around me, people were lighting candles and singing "Give Peace a Chance" and pledging to make their grief "meaningful."

But I kind of doubted it.

"I am not one of those who believes (Lennon's) death will so shock us, so devastate us, that we will really achieve gun control in this country," I wrote. "Successful politicians stay successful by giving the people what they want. And if there really were enormous support for gun control in this country, the politicians would fall over themselves providing it. But lighting candles for John Lennon isn't going to cause that to happen."

"How come people can't get effective gun control laws passed? Maybe it's because they don't stay passionate long enough. Maybe it's because those people who were silent for 10 minutes for John Lennon are going to stay silent for the next 10 years."

Well, it's 10 years later, folks. And we don't have effective gun control legislation yet. And the slaughter goes on.

It is easy to care about the death of a celebrity. It is easy, though painful, to care about the death of a loved one.

But the trick is to care about those whose names you never read and faces you never see.

The real trick is to care about those thousands who are slaughtered simply because it is too easy to get a handgun in this country.

And when we can bring ourselves finally to care about them, gun control in America may become a reality.

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The dynamic duo found little time last week to hit the streets for the newspaper's 19th Annual Lighted Christmas and a visit from Publication's Melanie Radler.

Yet, priorities, but these still managed to get out for a few hours to share some interest to share.

This week's leather goods, wear, Christmas orations, health treatments, surplus and bakery good



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Lyndel: The cold wind we had sure made we curl up by a hot glass of warm or cider. You Susanne, if you have a taste for son, you should Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth St.

The store offers a variety of Christmas goods from magic reindeer to spiced tea chocolate. Both tea and hot chocolate sold in Christmas glass jars.

Mmm, mmm, to walk out without at least a little guilty but now with gift bags at least excuse — You tasting these chip cookies ju Gale is up to his standard before these away.

Susanne: Lyndel the cookie dough. Hey talk about did you know Crystal Kitchen Design: goods in ad



★ ★ **Shoppin' Robin** ★ ★

The dynamic shopping duo found little time last week to hit the stores as the newspaper staff prepared for the Big Spring Herald's 19th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade and a visit from Horizon Publication's President Melanie Radler.

Yet, priorities are priorities, but these two girls still managed to slipped out for a few hours to dig up some interesting items to share.

This week's topic: leather goods, western wear, Christmas yard decorations, health supplements, surplus supplies and bakery goods:



Treats available at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth St.

Lyndel: The cold winter wind we had Monday sure made we want to curl up by a hot fire with a glass of warm chocolate or cider. You know Susanne, if you want to have a taste for the season, you should pop by Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 1200 E. Fourth St.

The store offers a variety of Christmas treats from magic reindeer food to spiced tea and hot chocolate. Both the spiced tea and hot chocolate are sold in attractive Christmas decorative glass jars.

Mmm, mmm. It's hard to walk out of Gale's without at least sneaking a little guilty pleasure, but now with the store's gift bags at least I have an excuse — You see, I'm tasting these chocolate chip cookies just to see if Gale is up to his superior standard before I give these away.

Susanne: Lyndel, put the cookie down!

Hey talk about a find, did you know that Gaze Crystal Kitchen has Jon Hart Designs leather goods in addition to



Jon Hart Designs leather goods available at Gaze Crystal Kitchen inside Harris Ace Lumber & Hardware, 1515 E. FM 700.

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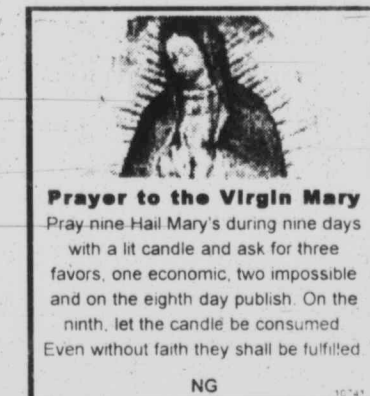
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Snowman available at Harris Ace Lumber & Hardware, 1515 E. FM 700.

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700. Lyndel: Hey, I still think the advertising staff would look so professional with a Jon Hart leather portfolio.

Susanne: "Moving on,



Circle Y western belts, Resistol hats and Anderson Bean boots available at Ward's Boot Saddle and Western Wear at 212 Runnels St.

while I was at Gaze, I noticed that Harris Lumber & Hardware had giant balloon-type snowmen and Santas. Wouldn't one of those be great filled with helium and carried in the annual Christmas parade?

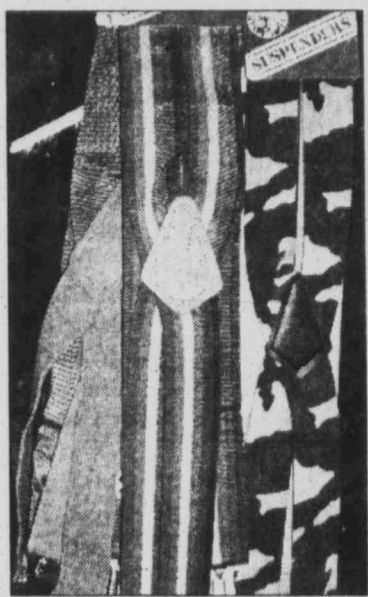
Lyndel: Ah, the Christmas parade — wasn't it wonderful this year. I love how the community comes together to officially kick off the Christmas season.

And speaking of Christmas, I dropped by Ward's Boot Saddle and Western Wear at 212 Runnels St. the other day because I'm searching for a perfect gift to give to a couple of friends of mine who are teaching me to ride a horse.

I really wanted to find something special to thank them because they've been so very patient with me. Wards has such a large selection of Circle Y western belts, Resistol hats and Anderson Bean boots that I just couldn't make a decision.

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Susanne: I know you've been riding for a good eight months or so but have you gotten the nerve to put one of those horses



Desks available at Chuck's Surplus, 904 W. Third.

into a lope or run yet.

Lyndel: Yeh, well I uh... hey, Susanne, did you know that Health

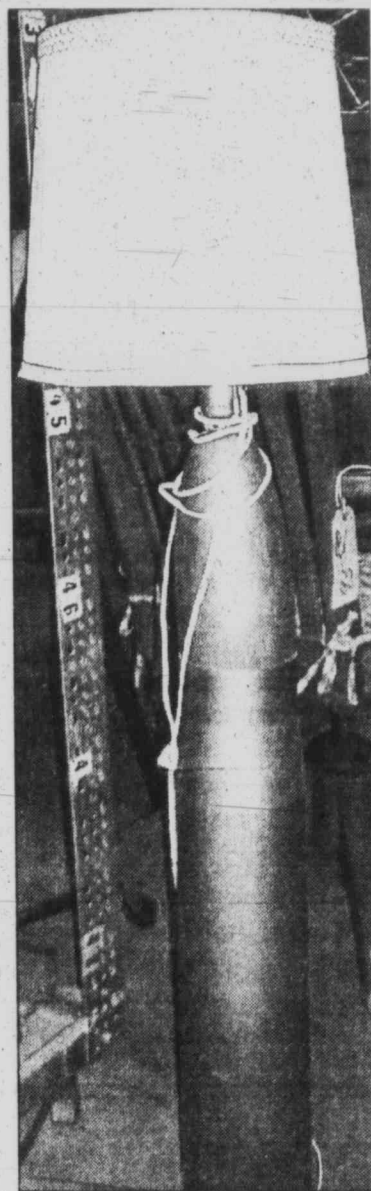


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Essential Life Products, located at 1009 Gregg St., sells Bush of Life Tea. According to literature handed out at the store, the tea may help the body heal itself. It's a powerful adaptogen that can actually stop and even reverse conditions, the pamphlet said. One 1-ounce jar makes eight gallons of tea, enough for one person a month.

Susanne: You know Lyndel, I haven't had time to check out Health Essentials yet but, you did peak my interest in Chuck's Surplus at 904 W. Third.

In addition to the military surplus, they have office furniture and say they sell a lot of filing cabinets. They really have a delightful assortment of tools, truck tool chests, old school desks, cast iron skillets and a lot of things you wouldn't



A bullet shell lamp available at Chuck's Surplus, 904 W. Third.

think of.

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## GRAND JURY

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warrants. At that point, Roberson became very aggressive and tried to get between the officers and Spears."

Everett said Roberson kicked Binnix in the groin and another officer in the face before she was subdued and charged with interfering with public duties, assaulting a public servant and resisting arrest.

If convicted, Roberson could face two to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Also indicted were:

- Rebecca Jo Bolton, 25, of 1401 Colorado Road, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

- Steven Jay Clayton 22, of 2628 Dow, evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Bobby Lance Cunningham, 34, currently in county jail, possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, habitual).

- Jeffrey Michael Haggard, 30, of 1406 Stadium, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Rickey Lee Haggard, 33, of 1406 Stadium, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony, enhanced).

- Robert L. Loftis, 45, of 505 S. Monroe in San Angelo, criminal nonsupport (state jail felony).

- Jessie Balthasar Lopez, 41, 2211 Main Street, two counts of driving while intoxicated (both third-degree felonies).

- Luis Adrian Lopez, 25, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of marijuana (state jail felony).

- Sabrina Gutierrez Perez, 25, 2503 Gunter, three counts of abandoning or endangering a child (state jail felonies).

- Jesus Manuel Ramirez, 47, of 506 15th Street, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Brandon Joe Robinson, 18, of 300 Settles, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- John Dee Roman, 35, of 200 Hoover in Coahoma, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- Jimmy Joe Sanchez, 27, of 1005 16th Street, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Raul Garcia Simental, 39, of 503 N.W. 10th Street, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Carlos Soto Jr., 19, of 407 Vealmoor Road in Coahoma, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Alexander Valencia, 46, of 202 Third Street, evading arrest (state jail felony).

- Sandra Ann Velasco, 25, of 507 E. 18th Street, injury to a disabled individual (second-degree felony).

- Johnny Lee Williams Jr., 24, of 900 S. Scurry Street Apt. C, two counts of forgery (both state jail felonies).

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## Karzai sworn in as Afghan president

By STEPHEN GRAHAM

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai was sworn in Tuesday as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president, calling for sustained help from the international community to bolster a young democracy that still faces the twin threats of terrorism and drugs.

The U.S.-backed leader, wearing a traditional green robe and a black lambskin hat, took the oath of office in a solemn ceremony in a restored hall of the war-damaged former royal palace.

Vice President Dick Cheney, the highest-ranking American official to visit Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld were among those who gave Karzai a standing ovation when he arrived.

Karzai repeated the oath of allegiance read to him by Afghanistan's white-bearded chief justice, Fazl Hadi Shinwari. He then swore in his two vice presidents, Ahmad Zia Massood and Karim Khalili, members of

the country's two largest ethnic minorities.

Kabul was calm amid massive security for the ceremony, but overnight attacks near the Pakistani frontier that left 12 dead provided a strong reminder of threats to the nation's stability.

In his inaugural address, Karzai said the hopes of ordinary Afghans would drive him during what is likely to be a tough five-year term. He reiterated his main pledges — cracking down on the booming opium trade, disarming militias and lifting living standards.

"We have now left a hard and dark past behind us and today we are opening a new chapter in our history in a spirit of friendship with the international community," Karzai said, speaking in Pashto and Dari, Afghanistan's two main languages.

He said the fight against terrorism was "not yet over" and urged continued international aid and cooperation to defeat increasing links between extremists and drug-trafficking.

"The same cooperation has led to the rebuilding of the Afghan state and significant progress in restoring peace, stability and security to our country."

Wary of attacks by Taliban or al-Qaida militants, Afghan and international forces launched their biggest security operation since the Oct. 9 election that gave Karzai, who had been interim leader, a landslide victory.

Hours before the ceremony, dozens of insurgents armed with assault rifles and rockets attacked an Afghan military base in Khost province, sparking a fire-fight that left four Afghan soldiers and at least six militants dead, an Afghan commander said.

Also in Khost, insurgents opened fire on a U.S. patrol, which returned fire and killed two of the assailants, U.S. spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said. No Americans were reported hurt.

Militants also tried to launch a rocket toward Kabul on Monday evening, but it landed harmlessly on a

cattle farm outside the city limits, a NATO spokesman said.

Cheney, arriving at the main U.S. base north of Kabul earlier Tuesday, congratulated some of the 18,000 U.S. troops here for helping give democracy a chance to take root.

"For the first time the people of this country are looking confident about the future of freedom and peace," Cheney said. "Freedom still has enemies here in Afghanistan, and you are here to make those enemies miserable."

Before the ceremony, Karzai thanked the United States, his main sponsor, for its help.

"Without that help, Afghanistan would be in the hands of terrorists," he said. "Terrorism as a force is gone. As individuals they are all around and we will continue to look for them."

The list of 150 foreign dignitaries included Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi and Pakistan's Interior Minister, Aftab Khan Sherpao.

## Assault on U.S. Consulate in Saudi Arabia leaves nine dead

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The deadly assault on the U.S. consulate in western Saudi Arabia — the first high-profile attack here in seven months — showed that even highly guarded American targets in the kingdom are vulnerable, and analysts warned terrorists will likely be encouraged to attack again.

Nine people were killed in Monday's assault, in which militants used explosives and firearms to breach the external perimeter of the consulate before they were caught in a gunbattle by Saudi Special Forces, who stormed the compound.

Three of the five attackers were killed in the gunfight, and a fourth later died of his injuries. The fifth was wounded and arrested.

The five victims were consulate staff: one Yemeni, a Sudanese, a Filipino, a Pakistani and a Sri Lankan, according to a Saudi security official speaking to Saudi television. He said 13 people were injured, including five Saudi security men.

The significance of the attack, analysts say, is the target, timing and element of surprise, three factors that

may force a closer look at the Saudi government's efforts in fighting terror.

## Agreement among Ukraine's political foes hits snag

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A tentative deal to ease Ukraine's political crisis foundered Tuesday over the opposition's refusal to endorse constitutional changes and outgoing President Leonid Kuchma's rejection of the call to fire his prime minister.

The agreement between Viktor Yushchenko's camp and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's supporters called for simultaneous passage of two issues by parliament.

One issue was opposition-demanded electoral changes to prevent fraud in the Dec. 26 presidential rerun. The other was government-demanded constitutional reform that would trim presidential powers.

But the deal appeared in jeopardy early Tuesday after late-night European-mediated talks between Yushchenko, Yanukovich and Kuchma.

Yushchenko has pushed for electoral amendments to close loopholes that prompted the Supreme Court to cancel the victory of his Kremlin-backed rival

because of fraud that marred their Nov. 21 runoff.

## New rules intended to help track contaminated food in attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's food supply remains vulnerable to a bioterror attack, experts say, though new rules will help investigators track where in the chain of production and distribution an item may have been tainted.

The regulation, announced Monday by the Food and Drug Administration, aims to trace the source of food contamination after the fact. Most businesses involved in the nation's human and animal food supply will have to keep records showing where they received food and where they shipped it.

An attack on the food supply could happen, say experts led by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who said last week that he worries "every single night" about a possible terror attack on the food supply.

Thompson singled out the possibility that infected food would be imported from the Middle East, but experts say the threat is equally serious for food produced domestically.

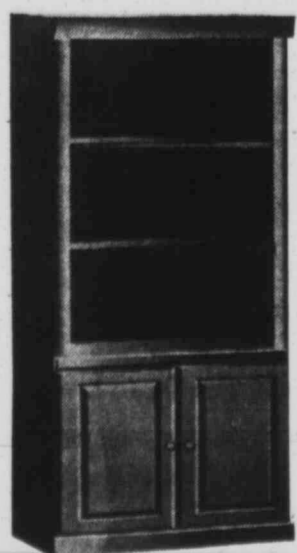


## The Little Red Unread Book

The little red book was read all of the time when he was just a youngbook.



But as the years went by, the little kids who had always read him finally grew up and moved away. So the little red book was tossed up on top of the bookshelf where no one could ever see him.



It was very lonely up there on top

of that bookshelf. And after the little red book had been there for awhile, he became dusty, too. Poor little red, unread, lonely, dusty book! He just wanted to get down from there and let kids open him again and see all of the things that he knew. He knew that on every one of his pages, there was something that someone didn't know!

One day, a big spider made a cobweb right beside the little red book.



The cobweb reached all the way from the edge of the book to the big lamp that was hanging from the ceiling. "Oh, Mr. Spider," cried the little red book, "Would you like to open my pages and see what I have to say?" "Yes, I would love to," said the spider. He pulled and

he pulled on the pages, but he was not strong enough to open them. The little red book helped him as much as he could, but the pages were just too heavy. So, the little red book just gave up and decided that no one would ever see his wonderful pages again. He really missed being opened by the little kids and he remembered how it tickled him each time they did. But at least he had one friend, Mr. Spider!

Now Mr. Spider turned out to be a much better friend than the little book would ever know! Mr. Spider knew that it was going to take a human to be strong enough to open those pages! But what was he to do, because most humans don't like spiders? He could not just walk up to a human and ask, "Will you get the little red book down from the top of that bookshelf for me?" The human would probably get frightened and try to swat the spider. And we wouldn't want that to happen, would we?

Finally, the spider knew how to do it! He would make a spider web that would come all the way down from the little red book to the floor. He knew that a human would see that web and take it down right

away. Humans don't like spider webs. Spiders think they are beautiful!

Only a few minutes had passed after Mr. Spider finished the web when in came that human he was thinking of, with a broom in her hand.



She was going to get rid of that spider web! She started at the bottom, carefully getting the web caught in her broom as she slowly twisted and turned it and then she went straight towards the top of that bookshelf.

When the human got to the very top of the bookshelf, she could not believe what she saw! It was that little book she had been looking for! "Is this where you have been?" she asked. "I have been looking for you for many years and I thought you had just walked off and left me! I really missed you!"

The little red book could not tell her how much he had missed her

and her family. He was so glad to be back where he belonged!

But he had something to do! He had to find Mr. Spider to thank him for leading the human to him. Mr. Spider just happened to come by the next day to see how the little red book was doing. "I am sorry that the human took your web down, but I am glad that she found me," said the little red book. "Don't worry about that web," said the spider. "I can make a new one in a few minutes, but a good friend lasts a lifetime. I will come see you often."

The big spider lived happily ever after! The little red READ book lived happily ever after.

The human lived happily ever after too, because every time she didn't know the answer to a question, she would ask the little red book, you know, that dictionary sitting over there on the shelf!

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# Online university that gave cat diploma sued for fraud

By MARK SCOLFORD  
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Plano-based online university that supposedly granted a graduate degree in business to a pet cat was sued Monday for consumer fraud by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office.

Trinity Southern University, a cellular company and the two brothers who ran them are accused of misappropriating Internet addresses of the state Senate and more than 60 Pennsylvania businesses to sell bogus academic

degrees and prescription drugs by spam e-mail, according to the lawsuit.

Investigators paid \$299 for a bachelor's degree for a Colby Nolan, actually a deputy attorney general's 6-year-old black cat claiming he had experience that included baby-sitting and retail management.

On Trinity Southern's Web site, where the price for a doctorate is \$499, the school said it awards degrees "to individuals with the same working knowledge as a recent college graduate from a traditional university."

The school allegedly

determined that Colby Nolan's resume entitled him to a master of business administration degree, which came embossed with Trinity Southern's gold seal. A transcript listed the cat's course work and 3.5 grade-point average.

The state is seeking a permanent injunction, civil penalties, costs and restitution for violating consumer law and restrictions on unsolicited e-mail ads.

The defendants are the school; Innovative Cellular and Wireless Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas; Alton Scott Poe of St.

Cloud, Fla.; and Craig Barton Poe of Frisco, Texas.

Alton Poe is vice chancellor and dean of admissions for Trinity Southern, and Craig Poe is president of Innovative Cellular and Wireless, according to the attorney general's office. Craig Poe allegedly used the alias "Desmond Jones" and claimed a fictitious home address in Scranton.

A phone message left on Trinity Southern's customer support hot line was not immediately returned Monday. None of the other three defendants appears to have a

listed or published phone number.

The school's address in Plano, Texas, is a Mr. Parcel mailbox outlet that formerly collected its mail, said store manager Margie Chadwick.

Trinity Southern University stopped picking up its mail there some time ago, Chadwick said Monday, but she was unsure how long ago.

The Commonwealth Court lawsuit accuses the defendants of falsely claiming Trinity Southern University can grant legitimate academic degrees and provide bona

accredited by the non-existent Recoleta University in Argentina, and that it prosecutes or revokes degrees from undeserving recipients.

The attorney general's office said more than 18,000 illegal e-mails were sent out this year with links to Trinity Southern's Web address, including 300 that appeared to originate from the Internet servers of Pennsylvania companies and institutions. The defendants allegedly targeted computer systems that were vulnerable to such abuse to throw off investigators, officials said.

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# Anti-spam screensaver monkeying up progress

He who laughs last... well, he laughs last.

That's the message Internet heavyweight Lycos is learning this week, as the launch of its new "make love not spam" site was immediately hacked and vandalized by pro-spam hackers.



THOMAS JENKINS

Last week Lycos introduced its "make love not spam" campaign (www.makelovenotspam.com) by offering users a screensaver that helps to launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks on spammers' Web sites. The company said the screensaver slows down the power of a computer by slowing down the response times from spammer Web sites — much the same way spammers have compromised PCs to launch unsolicited messages.

However, within hours of the makelovenotspam.com site being launched, the original front page was replaced with a stop message: "Yes, attacking spammers is wrong. We know this, your ISP is doing it. You can't do it. Your address and IP have been logged and will be reported to your ISP (Internet Service Provider) for further action."

Finnish antivirus firm F-Secure, which advised users not to participate in Lycos' campaign because of possible legal problems surrounding the DDoS offensive, reports the site has been hacked by a pro-spam group because "they naturally would have a motive to attack the site."

F-Secure reported the Web site had returned to normal several hours after the attack, but as of press time the makelovenotspam.com site still appears to be down, displaying only the page's hippy-themed and no links to other pages or resources suggesting the site may still be under retaliation attack a week after its launch.

Lycos' launch of the DDoS-driven anti-spam

software is open to Windows and Mac users. Excuse me while I step on my soapbox for just a moment, but doesn't this new effort sound a lot like — well, hacking?

And while Lycos claims to be targeting only dedicated spam servers, am I the only one that realizes that still takes up bandwidth on whatever ISP the makelovenotspam.com program is running?

I'm not a proponent of violence, but someone needs to smack Pollman and tell him to wake up. This new effort is only going to make things harder on the people he claims to be trying to help. And in the meantime, the art of anti-spamming the web is moving forward and getting results that don't mean my Internet moves considerably slower.

Leave it to the illegitimate Internet child of the Hippies — that's right, I said it and most of you were thinking it — to end up slowing down the Web by doing to the spammers what hackers have been doing for years: throwing monkey-wrenches into the gears of progress.

I wonder who's laughing now. I'd be willing to bet it's not those of us that rely on bandwidth driven programs.

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When asked about that possibility, Pollmann sidestepped the question by saying, "We want to hit targeted bandwidth. We are selecting spammers from blacklists. We verify every address. Professional spammers run on very dedicated media."

"It's irresponsible of Lycos to put its name to it because it lends legitimacy to [DDoS] attacks," said Linford. "You can't break into a thief's house just because he breaks into yours. We don't support this or recommend this practice. Directing traffic is part of the degradation of the Internet we are trying to stop."

In its campaign, Lycos entices users to join the "zombie army" with a message that hits home for millions of Internet users. "Are you sick of getting unwanted messages in your inbox?" the message reads. "Here's your chance to join the fight against spam as now you too can get involved. Download the Make Love Not Spam screensaver — the only screensaver that actively works to stop the spammers — and tell your friends to do the same to spread the love."

On its Web site, Lycos, which claims to have an army of more than 66,000 computers, says it has already attacked several Web sites, slowing one down by 85 percent of its operating speed. The

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# Eating at home a much smarter idea

After sitting at three different restaurants, three different days, I came to an earth shattering decision.

I was never going to enter their portals again. Then and there, I made a pact with my husband: Bad service, cold food and a one hour wait could be obtained at home — for free!

And, good to my word, that's what we've had. A smorgasbord of canned biscuits, canned soups and frozen pizzas. However, the price is right and there's no tip required.

Eating at home has so many advantages. It's cheaper than eating out. After sitting in a serviceless environment for more than an hour, only



CHRISTY ALTON

to get a plate that needs to be microwaved, a \$30 price tag seems enormous. For \$30, my entire family of four can have four meals. Incredible.

Another plus of home cooking is the quality time spent with each other, versus a dozen other screeching couples and their gang. We enjoy eating together and blabbing about our day together.

Lastly, all of us can get involved in the process of cooking. Opening cans and ripping apart boxes can require the help of none or many and I choose help.

Will I go out to eat in the future? Sure. But, we will be dining at home more often as not and saving money, munching on goodies.

And the price is right. Christy Alton is mother of two, works full time and is married to her park ranger, Ron.

## Holiday Calendar

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**  
• Drive-Thru Nativity presented by the Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene  
**Sunday**  
• Red Dress Tea from noon until 2 p.m. at the Potton House.  
• Big Spring Symphony Tour of

Homes  
**December 15**  
Festival of Lights opens at Comanche Trail Park.  
**December 18**  
• "Messiah" presented by Big Spring Symphony and Chorale  
**December 25**  
• Christmas Day  
**December 31**  
• Festival of Lights closes

### Scenic Mountain Medical Center invites you to join our... December 2004

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### IN BRIEF

#### Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

#### B.S. football banquet set for next Monday

The Big Spring football banquet has been set for Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafetorium.

The meal will cost \$10. For more information, call the Athletic Training Center at 264-3662.

#### Spurs win despite sluggish effort

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony Parker scored 17 points and Tim Duncan had his 16th double-double of the season to help San Antonio win its eighth straight.

Duncan finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Manu Ginobili and Devin Brown added 12 points each.

Though the victory improved the Spurs to an NBA-best 16-3, this certainly wasn't their best showing. They had 21 turnovers, two shy of their season high, and shot less than 41 percent. Duncan was just 4-of-12 from the floor. Fortunately for the Spurs they were playing the Bulls, who have beaten San Antonio just once in their last 13 meetings.

Tyson Chandler led Chicago with 17 points and 12 rebounds, his fifth double-double.

#### Texas' Johnson wins first defensive honor

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Texas line-backer Derrick Johnson won the Bronko Nagurski Trophy as the best defensive player in college football.

Johnson tied an NCAA record by forcing eight fumbles this season, leading the sixth-ranked Longhorns to a 10-1 record and their first trip to the Rose Bowl. The Big 12 defensive player of the year had 128 tackles, 19 for loss, and an interception.

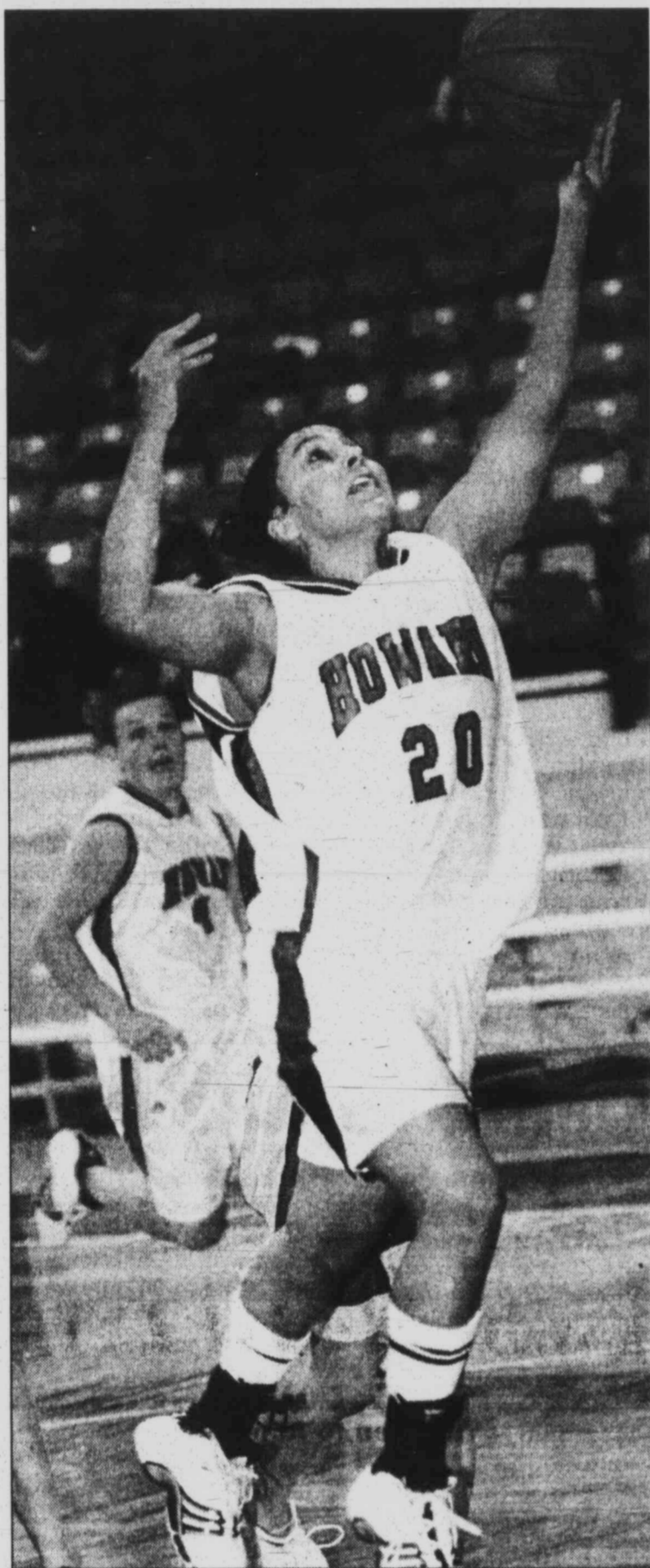
The senior became the first Texas player to win the 12-year-old award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America and the Charlotte Touchdown Club.

#### Hall of Famer Murphy acquitted of charges

HOUSTON (AP) — NBA Hall of Famer Calvin Murphy was acquitted of charges he sexually abused five of his 10 daughters more than a decade ago.

Murphy, 56, had long denied the allegations, saying they were based on resentment and a dispute over money. He could have faced life for sexual assault charges and 20 years for indecency charges.

## Howard rolls through Wayland Baptist at home



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College freshman Dwayne Abraham goes up for a layup against the Wayland Baptist junior varsity Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawk women won the game easily and improved their record to 9-5 overall.

• Fairley scores 30, Burgess knocks home 29 in Howard victories over Wayland Baptist

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING

Freshmen Latoya Fairley and Charles Burgess led their respective Howard College teams to victory Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the women defeated the Wayland Baptist JV 93-40, while the men won 104-51.

Fairley finished with 30 points, while Burgess added 29 points for the men.

Five minutes into the first half, the Howard women led 8-5 as Fairley and freshman Milica Rogic scored two baskets apiece. Then, the Hawk women went on a 17-0 to go up 23-5. The run was capped off by Ciara Tidwell's 3-pointer. The run also featured two straight three-point plays by Fairley and back-to-back fastbreak layups by freshman Ariel Rhodes and Tidwell.

Wayland Baptist kept the game within reason due to strong 3-point shooting and some free throw opportunities, but the game was never in doubt.

Howard ended the half with a Tidwell layup off a nifty assist from Rhodes. That basket put the Hawk women up by 30 at 47-17.

The basket had a lid on it to start the half as two straight possessions in the second half saw Howard miss two 3-pointers and score zero points.

However, the team was able to fastbreak at will, which led to easy points. They led 69-25 midway through the second half and then rolled to a 53-point win.

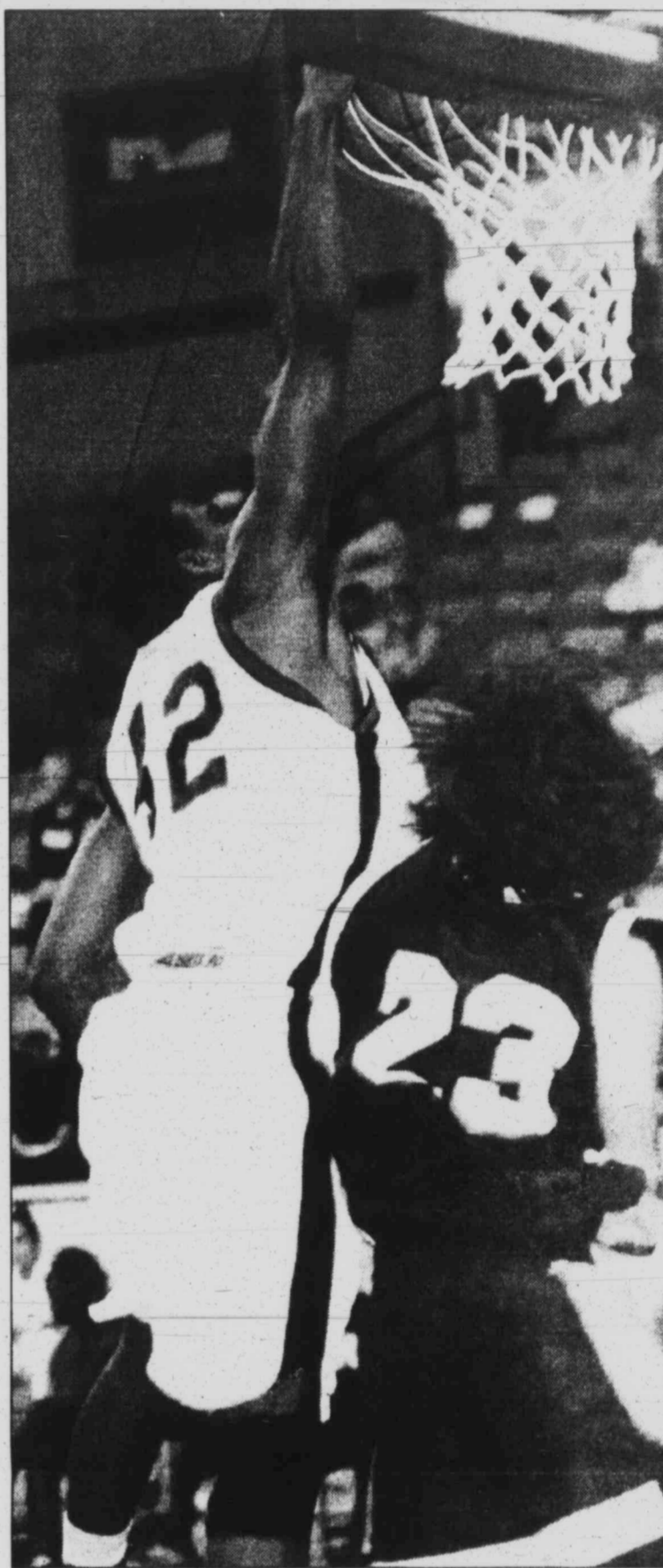
Fairley's 30 points included a four-for-five free throw shooting performance.

Tidwell, a sophomore, scored 18 points and hit two 3-pointers. Rogic scored 14 points, while Sarah Tolliver added 13 points off the bench. The Hawk women went 11-for-16 from the foul line.

Wayland Baptist was led by Katie Joplin's 15 points as she hit four 3-pointers. Krissa Johnson and Celeste Louder added nine points apiece. The Queens hit 10 shots from the field and six of them were from 3-point range. They also shot 14-for-20 from the foul line.

The men also had no trouble in its game. They got out quickly and never looked back as they scored the first 13 points in the game off five easy layups.

Three-point shooting kept Wayland Baptist



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College sophomore Dwayne Abraham throws down a dunk against the Wayland Baptist JV team Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks won the game 104-51 and improved to 11-1 on the season. Abraham finished with four points.

close as back-to-back long range shots cut Howard's lead to 26-14. However, Howard answered with back-to-back 3-pointers by Louis Rodgers and Iman Shokvohizadeh.

Howard pushed its advantage to 42-25 with 4:30 to play in the half and then took a 56-27 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Seven of Wayland Baptist's nine field goals came from behind the 3-point line.

Howard came out sloppy in the second half, but still built a 61-32 lead five minutes in.

The Hawk men led 96-48 with 2:40 to play and then a pair of Burgess free throws gave Howard 100 points.

The scoring was finalized by Rodgers, who hit a jumper in the lane to put Howard up 104-51.

Rodgers finished with 15 points, including three 3-pointers, while Brandon Sampay and James Barrett added 14 and 12

points down low for the Hawks. Shokvohizadeh scored 11 points and sophomore Munir Shakir just missed double figures with eight points.

The Hawks hit six 3-pointers in the game and went eight-for-14 from the foul line.

Trevor and Matt Benton led the Pioneers with 13 and 11 points, respectively, while Chase Clark and Jake Frische added nine points. Wayland Baptist hit 11 3-pointers on the night and made only five shots from two-point range. They also went eight-for-13 from the charity stripe.

The women's next game will take place Wednesday at home against Western Oklahoma State College beginning at 6 p.m.

Both teams will also be in action at home Friday. The women play the Hardin Simmons JV at 6 p.m., while the men challenge the UTPB JV at 8 p.m.

## Big Spring improves, loses two tournament games in San Angelo

• Ritchey's efforts not enough as Lady Steers lose at Concho River Classic

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — The final two games at the Concho River Classic in San Angelo

led to two losses for the Big Spring girls' basketball team. The Lady Steers fell to San Antonio Marshall, 65-45, and then finished the tournament with a 72-56 loss to Schwertz Clemons.

San Antonio Marshall started the game out with a 28-11 advantage in the first quarter and that would be enough to claim victory. The Lady Steers played virtually even the rest of the way, but the early hole was too big to overcome.

"We played toe to toe with them, but one of these days we have to figure out how to play head to head," said Big Spring head coach Tim

VanHecke. "We played well, but they were a wonderful team."

Junior Raegan Ritchey led the Lady Steers with 10 points and eight rebounds, while senior Alex Watkins added 10 points and three assists. Sophomore Codye Burt pitched in with 10 points, while junior Carmen Lewis added four steals.

Big Spring (2-6) started out strong against Schwertz Clemons, but couldn't hang on in the end. The Lady Steers led 23-14 after one quarter and took a 31-31 game into the locker room at halftime, before getting outscored 41-24 in the second half.

"We tried to run the refs ragged in the first half," said VanHecke. "It was a very fast style of play."

"The girls were trying to prove they weren't the last place team in the tournament, but Clemons was too fast, too athletic and too deep for us. We played well in the first half and it was a wonderful game overall."

Ritchey led the Lady Steers again with 16 points, seven assists and six rebounds, while Lewis added 16 points of her own. Senior Cycelye Tuit pulled down seven rebounds.

Big Spring travels to Odessa High tonight. The JV game starts at 4:30 p.m., while the varsity game starts at 6 p.m.



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## Forsan JH teams record wins over Wolves

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Both Forsan junior high girls basketball 'A' teams defeated Colorado City Monday.

The seventh-grade 'A' team won 41-6. They outscored the Wolves 17-0 in the first quarter and led 29-4 at halftime. They also held the Wolves scoreless in the final quarter.

Kelsey Jones led Forsan with 14 points, while Kelsie Wallace added 11 points, while Amanda Longorio scored

10. The win improves the seventh-grade team to 3-2 on the season.

The seventh-grade 'B' team suffered a 10-2 loss. Claudia Jones scored two points for Forsan.

The eighth-grade 'A' team improved its season record to 3-2 with a 44-13 win over Colorado City.

Forsan led 8-0 after the first quarter and then took a 16-4 advantage into the locker room at halftime. The Lady Buffaloes scored 11 points in each of the

final two quarters, while holding Colorado City to nine points total.

Tori Gauer led Forsan with 18 points, while Jade Hughey added 12. Shelby McDonald scored five, including a 3-pointer.

"This was a good win for the girls," said Forsan coach Dave Park. "They came out and played hard and overall it was a great team effort."

The Lady Buffaloes travel to Stanton Monday.

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# Jones' late score propels Cowboys to win over Seattle

By TIM KORTE

AP Sports Writer  
SEATTLE — Bill Parcells told his team over the past two weeks that playoff scenarios can change quickly.

That's for sure. Just look at the Dallas Cowboys, instantly in the thick of the postseason chase.

And check out the slumping Seattle Seahawks, in danger of missing the playoffs after a 3-0 start.

Rookie Julius Jones capped a remarkable comeback for the Cowboys with a 17-yard touchdown run with 32 seconds left, and Dallas stunned the struggling Seahawks 43-39 on Monday night to pull into the crowded NFC playoff picture.

"I have not been around too many like that," Parcells said. "That was unbelievable. I feel fortunate to win."

Jones ran for 198 yards and three touchdowns, and the Cowboys (5-7) overcame a 10-point deficit with less than two

minutes remaining. "I looked around and guys were talking, saying, 'Let's go,'" quarterback Vinny Testaverde said, recalling the huddle at the 2-minute warning. "That tells me they were ready to give everything they had on every play. I admired the courage of our guys."

Testaverde threw for 225 yards and three TDs, including a 34-yard pass to Keyshawn Johnson to get Dallas to 39-35 with 1:45 left.

Jason Witten recovered an onside kick, and Dallas was in business at its 43.

Eight plays later, Testaverde handed off to Jones and immediately raised his arms as he watched the rookie burst through Seattle's defensive line and sprint into the end zone on an 8-yard run.

"There was a huge hole," Jones said. "I can't say enough about the offensive line. They were making holes like that for me all night."

With four games



The Cowboys' Julius Jones dives for the touchdown past Seattle safety Terreal Bierria in the third quarter of their game Monday in Seattle, Washington.

remaining, there's no reason to think the Cowboys can't break into the playoffs just as easily. Dallas is one of six NFC teams at 5-7, and it's a wide-open race.

"Coach Parcells always tells us not to count ourselves out," Witten said.

It's another story for Seattle (6-6), which has won only three games after a 3-0 start and dropped into a tie atop the NFC West with St. Louis. Worse for the Seahawks, the Rams hold the tiebreaker with two head-

to-head wins.

The talk in training camp was that Seattle was ready to contend in the NFC. With road trips to Minnesota and the New York Jets ahead, plus home games against Arizona and Atlanta, nothing is certain.

"We need to get back to work. We have to put it behind us and do the right thing," said Seattle receiver Jerry Rice, who became the NFL's career leader in combined net yards with 23,469. This loss will sting

because the Seahawks were sharp in building an early 14-3 lead. Then came three fumbles that helped Dallas score 26 unanswered points in the second and third quarters.

Seattle wasn't out of it, erasing a 15-point hole with three scoring drives in the fourth quarter.

The Seahawks led 32-29 with 5:29 to go after Matt Hasselbeck's 19-yard TD pass to Jerheme Urban and a successful 2-point conversion pass to Darrell Jackson. It was time for the knockout punch.

Ken Hamlin came up with a huge interception to give the Seahawks possession at the Dallas 41, and Shaun Alexander broke a 32-yard scoring run on fourth-and-1 to put Seattle up 39-29 with 2:46 to play.

Then, Jones and the Cowboys took control.

"It's tough. You feel like you've put them away, but we've learned this year that you have to play the whole game," said Hasselbeck, who completed 28-of-40 for 414 yards passing with three TDs.



The Mavericks' Erick Dampier grabs an offensive rebound away from the Pistons' Ben Wallace at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Monday.

# Detroit downs Mavs in Dallas

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer  
DALLAS — Even when the Detroit Pistons have a big offensive game, all they want to talk about is defense.

While Chauncey Billups tied his season high with 24 points and Richard Hamilton added 19, the Pistons were more proud of the way they stifled Dirk Nowitzki in a 101-85 victory over the Dallas Mavericks Monday night.

Nowitzki came in as the NBA's leading scorer at 27.4 points per game. He still got 27, but it wasn't easy as 15 came on free throws. Rasheed Wallace and Ben Wallace harassed Nowitzki into going 3-for-17 through three quarters with a run of 10 straight misses from late in the first quarter until midway through the third.

"You just have to stay in front of him and make it as difficult as possible," Ben Wallace said. "You can't let him get layups early in the game because once he gets comfortable,

he easily gets on a roll."

Nowitzki was coming off games with 53 and 30 points. He offset his cold shooting on jumpers by going to the basket as much as possible, but free throws couldn't provide the momentum Dallas needed. The Mavericks trailed by 10 at halftime and 21 late in the third, getting no closer than 12 the rest of the way, even once Nowitzki began finding his stroke.

The Pistons wrapped up a four-game road trip at 3-1, with the victories coming by a combined 60 points and the only loss coming by three at San Antonio. Detroit also got Ben Wallace back from a suspension on the second game of the trip.

Dallas seems to bring out the best in Detroit's offense. The Pistons had their two highest-scoring games last season in their two games against the Mavericks and this marked just the third time this season they've broken 100.

Billups got them rolling with their first eight points, then Hamilton took over in the third quarter. He had 13 points in the period, going 4-of-5 with a 3-pointer and making four free throws.

Dallas scored a season-low 39 first-half points en route to their fourth home loss and second on a four-game homestand. The Mavericks lost only five home games last season. They hardly had their usual home-court advantage, however, as a Dallas Cowboys game going on at the same time led to many empty seats, and the big deficit silenced the crowd.

Rasheed Wallace scored 13, Tayshaun Prince added 12 and Elden Campbell hit his first four shots while scoring a season-high 11. Ben Wallace followed a career-high 22 points with eight, but added 15 rebounds.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 13 for Dallas, Josh Howard had 12 and Erick Dampier had 14 rebounds.

# Greer declined arbitration by Rangers

DALLAS (AP) — Outfielder Rusty Greer is reportedly finished as a player with the Texas Rangers after team officials decided not to offer him salary arbitration.

Greer has been on the disabled list with numerous injuries since June 2002 and says he will either play elsewhere or retire. The Dallas Morning News reported in Tuesday's editions.

Because Rangers officials confirmed Greer

will not be offered salary arbitration by Tuesday's 11 p.m. deadline, the team would be barred from signing him until May 1.

"Beyond a shadow of a doubt, I've played my last game" with the Rangers, said Greer on Monday. "There is no question about that."

Greer, who turns 36 in January, hasn't played since July 11, 2002. But he has collected \$21.8 million for that season and the two he's missed. The play-

er also received a \$600,000 buyout for the team declining to pay him \$8,066,667 next season.

He said he hopes to play for another club in 2005, adding that he could be a designated hitter.

Tampa Bay, Minnesota and Kansas City have reportedly expressed interest in Greer, who could sign with one of them before the end of the week.

Greer has a .305 career average.

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**Horoscope**  
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS  
Mercury, now driving in reverse around the universe, waves out the window as it passes Pluto. There's a second chance to look at a rather drastic decision made not so long ago. Whether or not you care to review matters very little. Things get brought up and you must defend or amend your position. Were you too harsh? Too passive? Be honest.  
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've had it with being neat, punctual and respectfully silent at all the right times. You're supposed to be a free spirit, right? Better to rebel in artistic ways than to become a worker gone wild. You're quite a genius.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're on the hunt for people who can make your workload lighter. As long as you're getting help, you may as well choose a partner to whom you're well matched. Work, like golf, is better when you share a similar handicap.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Thoughtful and generous, you make all the right moves toward all the right people. Now, ask yourself, are you doing this for all the right reasons? Regardless, it's very effective. Your approval rating goes up.  
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've got the opportunity to be a newcomer - seize it! It's an opportunity to reinvent yourself. Right now, people around you will accept someone new more readily than someone they've known all their lives.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's the everyday parts of your life that require effort now. If you're married with rug rats, this is the time to make a big effort to put the desire back in the relationship. Do something that will make your sweetheart ecstatic.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The advances you're thinking about may be big (as in change your life), medium-sized (as in change your mind) or small (as in change your clothes). All are good, but the change you resist the most will be the best one to make!  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cosmo diva Helen Gurley Brown invented the word EMO to remind her staff to always appeal to emotions. EMO will make your communication super effective. You could even EMO your way into a wedding proposal.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The world responds to your strength and containment. But it responds quietly, admiring you from a distance - after all, it looks like you don't need any help. Show a bit of vulnerability, though, and help is on the way.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The old adage of Hollywood directors goes that 90 percent of directing is the casting. Do everything in your power to make sure you are assigning the right people to the appropriate role in your life.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in an extravagant mood. Expressing your affection in showy, overboard ways is not necessary, but it certainly is fun! Just be sure not to promise anything too far into the future - this expansive spell won't last.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's so much you don't know about people you see nearly on a daily basis. Ask open-ended questions in a variety of categories. Surprises are in store. The more you learn, the better you'll function as a team.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People around you are obviously status conscious, which could cause a knee-jerk insecurity response from you. Relax, though. You really don't need to talk up your accomplishments - an attitude of success says it all.

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Especially for kids and their families  
**The Mini Page**

By BETTY DEBNAM

Stir Up Some Tasty Family Fun

**Rookie Cookie's Goodies**

**No-Bake Peanut Balls**

**You'll need:**

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 pound confectioner's sugar
- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons shortening
- 2 ounces semisweet chocolate

**What to do:**

1. Cover a cookie sheet with waxed paper.
2. Mix together peanut butter, sugar, butter and vanilla.
3. Chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
4. Roll into 1-inch balls.
5. Melt shortening and chocolate in microwave on high for 30 seconds or until melted.
6. Dip half of each ball in chocolate mixture and put on cookie sheet. Chill in refrigerator. Makes 50 balls.

BE A HAPPY HOLIDAY CHEF, BY GIVING TREATS YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF!



**Cheese Tea Biscuits**

**You'll need:**

- 2 cups sharp cheese, grated
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups rice cereal
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper

**What to do:**

1. Mix all ingredients.
2. Make into a roll about 2 to 3 inches thick.
3. Cover with plastic or aluminum wrap.
4. Place roll in refrigerator until it becomes hard and easier to handle.
5. Slice into thin tea biscuits.
6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven on an ungreased cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Do not cook until brown or they will be overdone. Makes about 36.

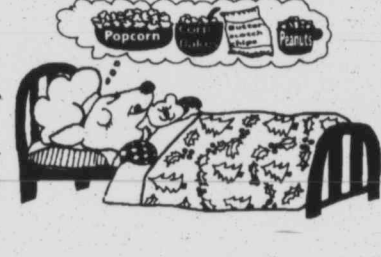
**Corny Crunches**

**You'll need:**

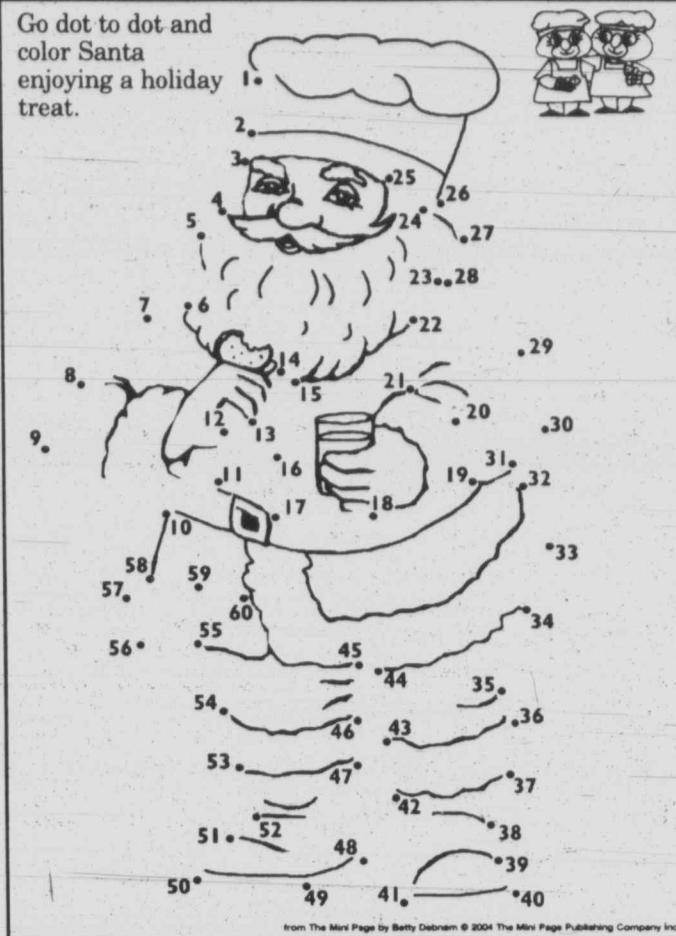
- 2 cups popcorn, popped
- 1 cup cornflakes, crushed
- 1 cup peanuts, chopped
- 1 (12-ounce) bag of butterscotch chips

**What to do:**

1. In large bowl, mix first three ingredients.
2. Melt butterscotch chips in a microwave oven on high for 1 1/2 minutes.



Go dot to dot and color Santa enjoying a holiday treat.



**Rookie Cookie Goodies Holder**

**You'll need:**

- 1 tall potato chip can
- brown, white, black and red construction paper
- 1 large round coffee filter
- glue

**What to do:**

1. Cover can with brown construction paper.
2. Glue coffee filter to top of the lid for hat.
3. Cut and glue on a large triangle for Rookie Cookie's snout.
4. Cut and glue circles for a black nose, white eyes, and black pupils.
5. Cut and glue on brown ears.
6. Wrap around a red strip for a dress.
7. Cut and glue on white collar.

**Rookie Cookie Cookbook**  
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**Gus Goodsport's Report**  
**Supersport: Manny Ramirez**

**Height:** 6-0 **Hometown:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
**Weight:** 200 **Birthdate:** 5-30-72

Picture a parade that attracts more than 3 million people. That's approximately how many fans turned out to cheer Manny Ramirez and the Boston Red Sox after they won the franchise's first World Series since 1918. Ramirez was voted the Series' Most Valuable Player for his great performance against the St. Louis Cardinals.

During the regular season, Ramirez had a .308 batting average, hit 43 home runs and drove in 130 runs. It was the seventh straight year the All-Star outfielder had hit 30 home runs or more.

Ramirez, who was born in the Dominican Republic and went to high school in New York City, joined the Red Sox in 2000. Now the Sox and their fans are happier than ever they've got Manny, "the Man."

**Meet Cheryl Chase**

For 13 years Cheryl Chase has been the voice behind "Angelica," the star of the animated kids' series "Rugrats" and "Rugrats All Grown Up." Cheryl grew up wanting to become a comic actress. She studied child development in college and then attended an acting school in New York City. She later got parts in some plays and moved to Los Angeles to become a professional actress. There she began her career as a voice-over actress.

Cheryl's "Angelica" is just one of many characters she has brought to life over the years. She played the voice of "Baby Elizabeth" in the movie "Baby Boom." Cheryl has also had voice-over parts for Nickelodeon's "Ren & Stimpy Show" and in the upcoming animated Fox Family series "Pigs Next Door." She has made several Angelica CDs and sings again in the new "Rugrats Holiday Classics" CD.

Cheryl grew up in New Jersey. She lives in Los Angeles with her dog, Lucy Renee, and four rabbits. She turns 46 on Dec. 25.

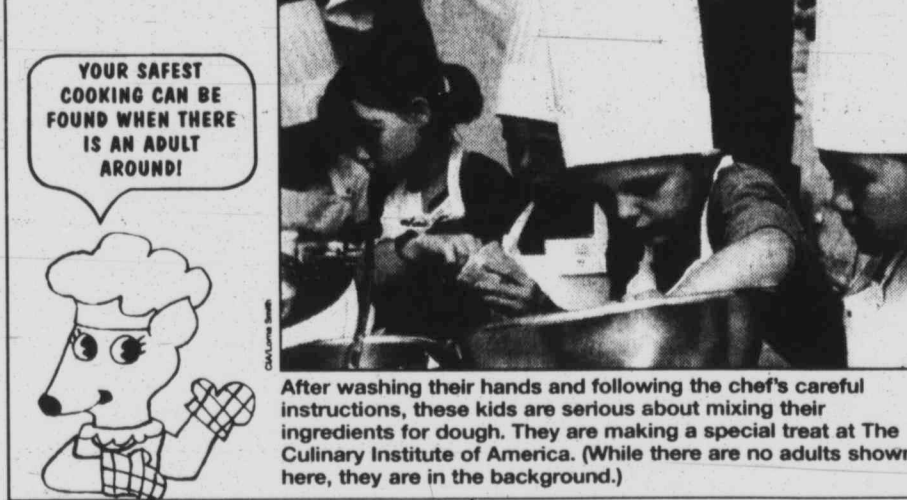
**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Julie:** What did the strawberry say to the girl who had all A's and B's on her report card?  
**Sharon:** "Berry good!"

**Jose:** What do you call a duck with all A's on his report card?  
**Gomez:** A wise quacker!

**Grandpa:** Joe, why did you get a C in history?  
I used to get all A's when I was your age.  
**Joe:** But you had it easier! History was at least 50 years shorter!



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After washing their hands and following the chef's careful instructions, these kids are serious about mixing their ingredients for dough. They are making a special treat at The Culinary Institute of America. (While there are no adults shown here, they are in the background.)

**Family Cooking**

**Latkes (Potato Pancakes)**

Latkes (LAHT-kees), or potato pancakes, are a favorite Hanukkah food. It is a Hanukkah custom that latkes are served at least once during the holiday season. They should be served right after cooking and are good with applesauce.

**You'll need:**

- 2 cups potatoes, peeled
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 eggs

**What to do:**

1. Soak potatoes in cold water for 1 hour.
2. Drain and grate potatoes.
3. In large bowl, combine potatoes, onion, salt and pepper. Mix well.
4. Add flour and baking powder.
5. Add eggs and mix well.
6. Drop mixture by tablespoons in well-greased frying pan over medium heat. Spread out with back of spoon.
7. Cook until brown on one side. Flip over and brown on other side. Makes about 15 latkes.

**Basset Brown The News Hound's Holiday Treats TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of holiday goodies and cooking terms are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: VANILLA, TABLESPOON, TEASPOON, CANDY, BAKING, POUND, CHOCOLATE, CHIPS, SUGAR, PECANS, SALT, POTATOES, CUP, OUNCE, PEANUT, BUTTER, FLOUR, EGGS, CLOVES, GINGER, SPRINKLES.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are making Christmas cookies. See if you can find: elephant's face • carrot • muffin • exclamation mark • peanut • cat • letter U • letter T • funny face • two ladders • banana • flying bird • letter D • word MINI • lips • frog • caterpillar • toothbrush • question mark • sailboat • letter V

**Holiday Pizza-Cookie**

**You'll need:**

**Crust:**

- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips

**Toppings:**

- 1/4 cup marshmallows
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup mini candy-covered chocolate pieces

**What to do:**

1. In a large bowl, mix shortening, butter and sugars until smooth.
2. Beat in egg and vanilla.
3. Stir in flour, baking soda and salt.
4. Add chocolate chips.
5. Spread dough evenly on an ungreased 14-inch pizza pan.
6. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown.
7. Remove from oven and add toppings.
8. Return oven for 6 to 8 minutes.

9. Cool slightly and cut with a pizza cutter.  
Yield: 4 portions

**French Toast**

This will be a fun treat to make for the family over the holidays.

**You'll need:**

- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 4 to 6 tablespoons butter
- 8 slices of bread
- maple syrup
- powdered sugar

**What to do:**

1. Combine eggs, sugar, milk and spices in a bowl.
2. Put sliced bread into mixture and turn until bread is soaked.
3. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in frying pan.
4. When butter bubbles, place soaked bread in pan and brown on both sides.
5. Add additional butter to pan when needed.
6. Place two pieces on each plate, cover with maple syrup and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 4 two-piece servings.

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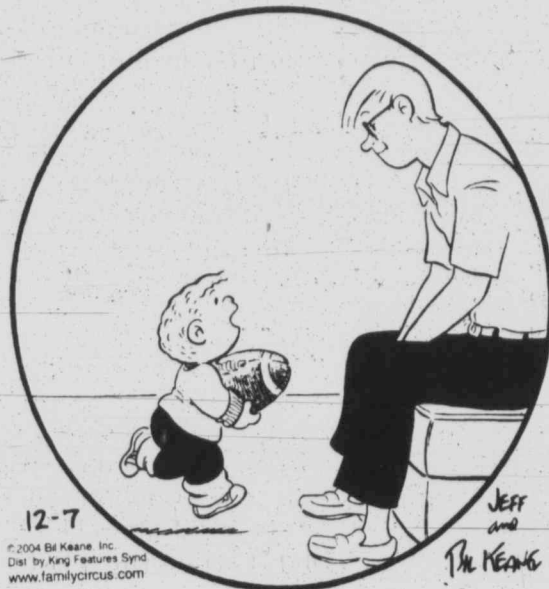
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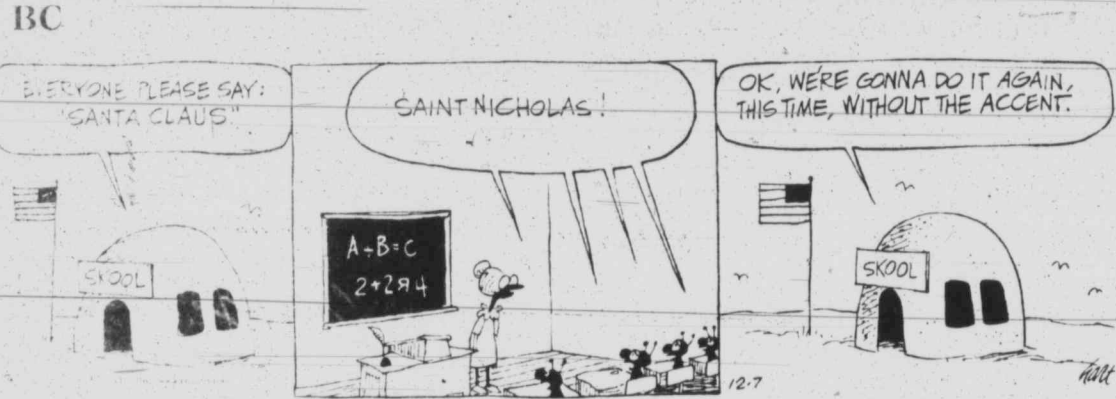


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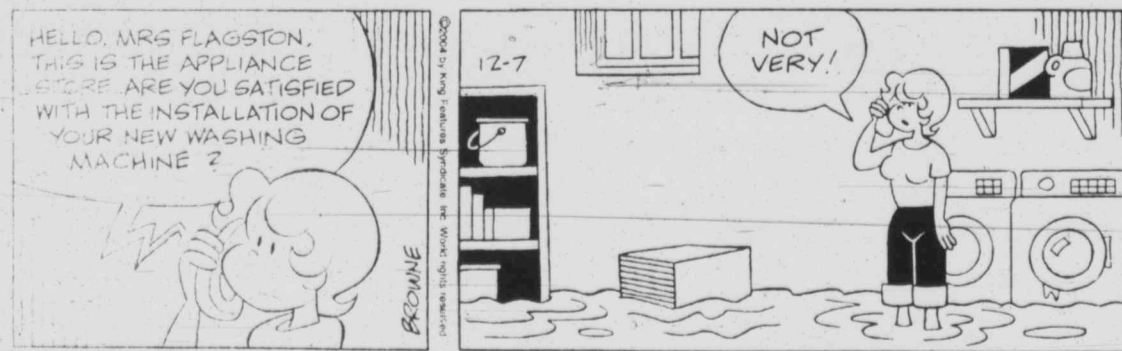
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 7, the 342nd day of 2004. There are 24 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date: In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1963, during the Army-Navy game, videotaped instant replay was used for the first time in a live sports telecast as CBS re-showed a one-yard touchdown run by Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh. (Navy beat Army, 21-15.)

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

In 1972, Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards.

In 1983, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC-9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines

jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eli Wallach is 89. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 73. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 72. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 67. ABC News anchorwoman Carole Simpson is 64. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 57. Country singer Gary Morris is 56. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 55. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 49. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 48. Former "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall is 46.

Answer to previous puzzle

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1 Suspenders alternative  
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13 Lotion ingredient  
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15 Made simpler  
17 Memorable circus partners  
20 Inventor Howe  
21 Bambi, for one  
22 Decongestant target  
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25 Compact \_\_\_ player  
27 Uplifting tune  
30 Fractions of a qt.  
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40 Improved, in ads  
43 Makes muddy  
44 Chew out  
45 Wind up  
46 For the wholesale price  
48 Australian bird  
49 Brit's exclamation  
50 Acorn, essentially  
52 Ireland  
54 Chimps and gorillas  
57 Well-kept  
59 Tibetan priests  
63 Type of inn

**DOWN**

1 Infant  
2 Mideast airline  
3 Actress Loughlin  
4 Apartment dweller  
5 Shade tree  
6 Book that illustrates 'interstates'  
7 Horse's hair  
8 Threw in  
9 Split \_\_\_ soup  
10 Wet-weather wear  
11 Norway's capital  
12 Looks at  
16 Hairdresser's bottle  
18 "Made in the \_\_\_"  
19 Hat edge  
24 Goad  
26 Repaired a shoe  
27 Sign of the Balance  
28 "It is a tale told by an \_\_\_"  
29 Clear thinking  
31 Because  
33 Minstrels' instruments  
34 Battleground  
35 Laurel's partner  
37 Reverend Jackson  
38 Mileage gauges  
41 Book's mini-dictionary  
42 Indistinct sight  
47 Be inclined (to)  
49 Quite confused  
51 What red ink symbolizes  
53 Sort  
54 Network owned by Disney  
55 Summit  
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60 Polite address  
61 Arthur of tennis  
62 More than surprise  
64 Thumbs-down votes  
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