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Good work puts robber behind bars

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A Sweetwater man is in the Big Spring city jail facing aggravated robbery charges.

Ronney Dale Windsor, 37, is accused of robbing a 55-year-old woman in the parking lot of Wal-Mart Supercenter Monday night. Windsor allegedly demanded the woman's purse while displaying a knife.

"We were able to arrest the suspect because of good detective work. We had some leads and Det. Tony Hill followed up on them. He went to Sweetwater Wednesday afternoon and arrested Windsor," said Sgt. Victor Brake, Big Spring Police

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Holding up all ten fingers and thumbs, Brenn Swinney indicates only ten more days until Christmas.

Big Spring site of pilot program

■ *Program a consolidation of several state services*

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is one of three project sites selected by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to demonstrate how state and local resources can be combined to better deliver health and human services.

The Big Spring project site is scheduled to open on Jan. 20 at the College Park Shopping Center.

This pilot program will house five state agencies under one roof, including the Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (administrative functions), Texas Rehabilitation Commission, and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

THHSC Interim Commissioner DeAnn Friedholm said, "The Big Spring project will demonstrate the benefits and cost-savings of streamlined service delivery in Texas."

According to the THHSC consumers will be able to experience the benefits of one stop connection for health and human services.

House Bill 7, which created the Health and Human Services Commission, requires the commission to provide coordination and strategic direction for 11 state health and human service agencies which deliver social services and health care.

A unique aspect of the project will be the use of an Integrated Database Network. The IDBN is an automated tool designed to improve cross-agency communication.

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>
> **Bob Mahaffey**

Service delivery staff with proper authorization will be able to use a computerized client index to determine if a client is participating in other programs which will help them better serve the needs of the client.

Workers at the Big Spring site will also use an automated system known as TESS or Texas Eligibility Screening System. TESS will allow a worker to screen consumers for potential eligibility for most services offered by state and local health and human service providers.

Bob Mahaffey, business manager for the Department of Human Services in Abilene said, "The main aspect of this pilot program is to provide on-site better services to client instead of shipping them all over town."

Mahaffey added the other sites scheduled to open include Sulfur Springs in June and Houston sometime in mid 1995.

Morris promoted to GM of Fina's Southwestern Business Unit

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Friday will be Jeff Morris' last official day as manager of Big Spring's Fina Oil & Chemical Refinery.

Morris, who joined Fina in 1974 after receiving a chemical engineering degree from Texas Tech University, has been promoted to a new assignment and will move to Dallas, immediately, to become general manager for the Southwestern Business Unit. He is replacing E.K. Mills II, who is leaving the company.

The Southwestern Business Unit includes the Big Spring refinery, marketing, and supply and transportation in the Southwestern U.S.

Morris said, "I will be in charge of all business activities in West Texas and New Mexico, excluding exploration and production. In a way, I will continue to be responsible for the Big Spring refinery."

Morris is not sure at this point if Dallas will be his permanent home base, but said it is likely and that his family will not move from Big Spring until after the current school year is complete.

In making the announcement of the cross-functional management changes in its downstream and chemical operations, Fina said changes will occur over an extended time period to allow for a smooth transition, adequate transfer of duties, and time for the completion of critical work already in progress.

Replacing Morris as Big Spring's Refinery Manager will be Phil Carruthers, who joined Fina in 1979 after receiving a chemical engineering degree from the University of Oklahoma.

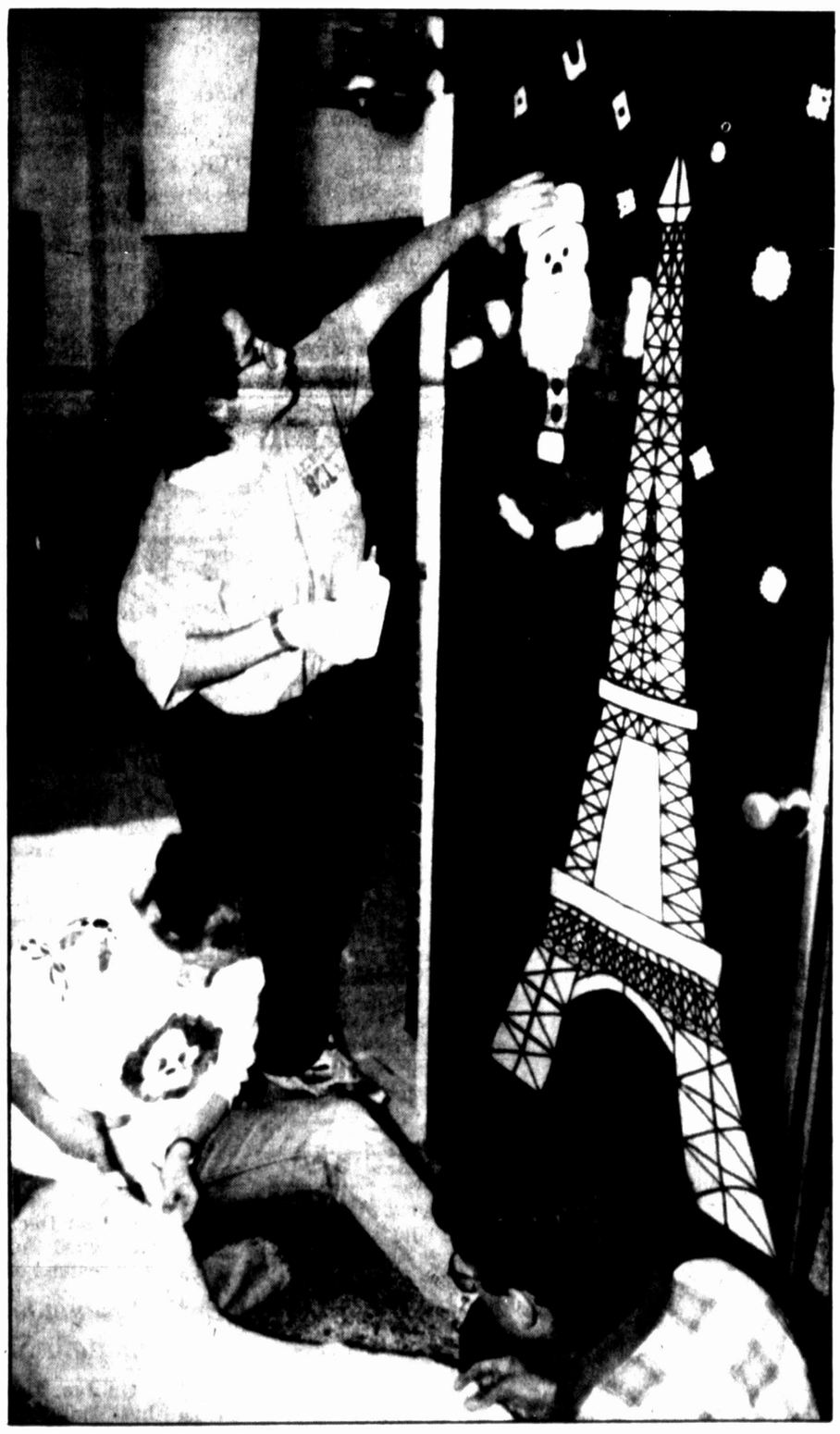
Carruthers currently manages Fina's CosMar Styrene Monomer plant in Carville, La. The Carville plant is a 50-50 joint venture with GE plastics and produces styrene monomer which Fina uses a feedstock for its adjacent polystyrene plant.

Following a suitable transition period, Steve Weber, operations manager at the Fina refinery in Port Arthur, will replace Carruthers as CosMar Plant Manager. Weber joined Fina in 1979 after receiving a chemical engineering degree from the University of Texas.

Serving as interim CosMar Plant Manager until Weber's transition is complete will be Jim McClary, who joined Fina in 1968.

Replacing Weber as Port Arthur Refinery Operations Manager will be Steve Pocsik, currently the operations and technical manager of the Big Spring Refinery.

GETTING THE DOOR READY FOR CONTEST



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Melissa Kennemur glues cotton onto Santa's hat as Melissa Ditmore and Amador Gonzales cut a piece for the the bottom as the French One students at Big Spring High School were getting their classroom door ready for the school's door decorating contest on Thursday.

Council making plans to buy new bailer for landfill

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council accepted a committee's proposal to purchase a new trash bailer.

The advisory committee, formed to look at the possibility of purchasing a new trash bailer for the landfill, presented its report Tuesday to the council.

The original estimate for the purchase of a new bailer, according to the council a few month ago, was about $800,000, but the committee thinks a more efficient bailer can be purchased for about $500,000.

The current bailer is in bad shape and in the past three years the maintenance requirements have gone up more than 30 percent, requiring more and more overtime to keep up with the demands of the landfill.

Steve Coleman of Coleman Machine & Supply served on the committee and wrote the report letter that was review by the council.

According to the committee,

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City writing off $48,000 in uncollected utility accounts

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The figures are coming down, but the city of Big Spring is still having to charge off thousands of dollars worth of uncollectible utility accounts.

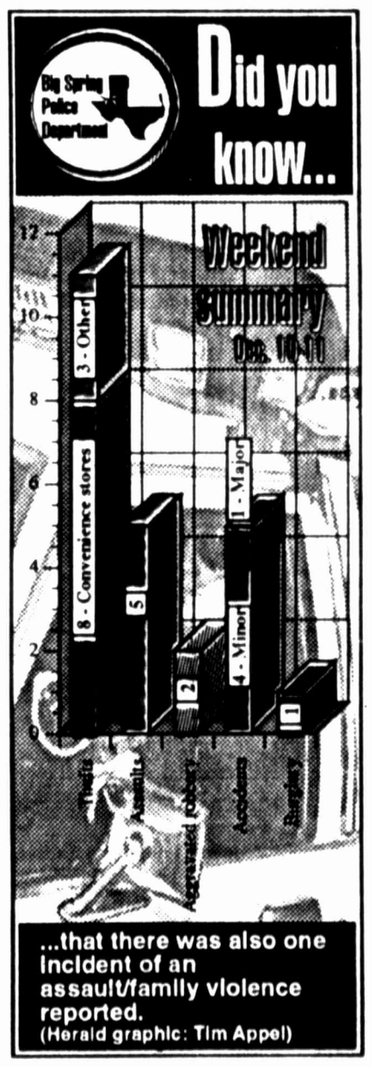
Big Spring's Director of Finance Tom Ferguson said, at Tuesday's City Council meeting, more than $48,000 in uncollectible accounts were charged off in 1993 and in 1992 that figure was $54,900.

He said, "Some new policies have helped this figure come down."

Tuesday council members gave their approval for Ferguson to write off more than $41,900 uncollectible accounts as of Sept. 30.

The balance is from the accounts receivable for billing of utility charges, which has

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...that there was also one incident of an assault/family violence reported.
(Herald graphic: Tim Appel)

U.S. Trivia

U.S. merchant ship Mayaguez was seized by Cambodians when?

May 12, 1975

End of military draft was announced when?

Jan. 27, 1973

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WORLD/NATION



Nation: For nearly two hours, a ranting gunman carrying so much ammunition that it rattled in his pockets held 35 students and a professor hostage in a college lecture hall. See page 5A.

World: Defense Secretary William Perry today welcomed a possible Bosnian peace initiative by former President Carter, but he and the NATO chief expressed skepticism about the mission's potential for success. See page 6A.

STATE

Paying off

The Tigua Indians' decision to bet on gambling seems to be paying off in the early going. See page 3A.

Hopes shattered

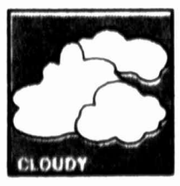
A U.S. district judge has shattered Texas officials' hopes for a court-ordered federal reimbursement of $1.3 billion in costs of illegal immigration, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales said. See page 3A.

Helped offered

A prominent private eye is willing to help authorities solve a baffling body snatching. See page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight



Tomorrow



73 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 46

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, low near 40.

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high mid 50s; decreasing clouds at night, low near 40.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high mid 50s; mostly cloudy night, low near 40.

Accounts

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accumulated in the inactive accounts since uncollectible accounts were last charged off on Sept. 30, 1993.

Ferguson said this charge off represents one year of uncollectible accounts.

According to Ferguson, an inactive account is generated when a customer requests termination of service and then receives a final bill, with credit given for any customer deposits held by the city. If the final bill is paid, the account is removed from the accounts receivable list.

If the bill is not paid, it becomes a part of the inactive accounts receivable list. Ferguson said an inactive account is also created when a customer's service is turned off due to delinquency and the customer never pays to have service restored.

Ferguson also told the council efforts to collect the charged off accounts have met with little success, adding the city will continue to pursue collection of the charged off accounts with whatever means are available.

He added that he has also been in contact with a collection agency and will present a proposal to the council, at a later time, to allow the agency to collect on the charged off accounts.

Bailer

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with some research assistance from city officials, the life expectancy of the bailer would be seven years if the waste volume did not increase more than 2 percent a year, but volume has increased 14 percent per year because Ackerly, Coahoma, and Forsan have had to close their landfills and pay Big Spring for the use of its landfill.

According to Coleman, the bailer, which will be 10 years old in January, is one of the first bailers ever built and is the very first trash bailer in Texas.

Where maintenance is concerned current records show the bailer was down 79 days in 1992, 105 days in 1993, and 141 days in 1994. Total expenses for repairs to the bailer from 1992 to 1994 were more than $157,000.

Since 1991 the bailer's production is down more than 50 percent because of constant repairs. This means the landfill is filling up 45 percent faster than if the bailer was constantly operational.

According to committee member Allen Bailey of Bailey Electric, who has worked on the bailer's electrical system several times, the bailer is worn out.

He said, "It's good for my business, but it's not good for the community."

After the Texas Water Commission passed regulations in 1984 that any new landfill sites would have to be lined with plastic to prevent contaminants from leaking into the underwater table, Big Spring was faced with two options: first, close the landfill within six months because the landfill depth limit had been reached; or second, use the the new trash bailing process, which would allow the city to build up an additional 50 feet on top of the old site.

It was also pointed out at that time the bailing process would give the Big Spring landfill an additional 35 years of life.

During those discussions, it was also learned it would be cheaper in the short run to line pits with plastic, but in the long run, bailing trash and building on top of the old site was the cheapest solution.

The committee, in studying the problems with the current bailer, conferred with Jack Burns from Midland about its landfill and how effective lining would be.

Midland County has just spent $1 million lining one landfill pit that will last for only six months. That county will also spend $1.8 million on their next site that will last for only 12 months.

According to Coleman, Midland is about 4.5 times the size of Big Spring and will spend $2.8 million in 18 months time to line landfill pits. Big Spring, by lining pits, could face a bill of more than $622,000 for something that will only last for a year and a half.

By using the bailing system Big Spring has landfill space that will last until the year 2010. Midland is now looking at Big Spring's bailer system and considering one for its landfill sites.

Big Spring still owes on the current bailer, but the committee recommended that since the city is in the best financial shape it has seen in several years maybe now is the time to reinstate the set aside account (surplus) for items such as the bailer.

At the present time, items like waterline replacement and city streets receive first priority from surplus accounts.

Obituaries

Manuela Gonzales



GONZALES

Rosary for Manuela Gonzales, 74, Big Spring, will be 7:30 tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 1994, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Interment will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gonzales died Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She was born June 9, 1920, in Terlingua, Texas. She married Pantaleon Gonzales on Jan. 7, 1942, in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband: Pantaleon Gonzales, Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law: Elvira and Thomas Olague, Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law: Manuela and Felipe Galindo and Petra and Roberto Oliva, all of Big Spring; two sisters: Juanita Ruiz, Big Spring, and Maria Oliva, Greely, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Tom Olague, Jr., Jimmy Olague, Ray Mendoza, Jr., Sammy Gonzales, Michael Oliva, and John Oliva.

The family will be at 207 E. 19th.

Paid Obituary

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
BIG SPRING

Leonard Glenn McPeak, 33, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 4:00 P.M. Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Robbery

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public information officer.

Brake says Windsor may be connected to another robbery that occurred earlier Monday evening in the parking lot of the Lions Club, 1607 East Third Street.

A 77-year-old woman was robbed at knife point and the suspect took $30 before fleeing in a gray four-door car.

Windsor remains in the city jail under a $15,000 bond set by Judge Bill Tune.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

Springboard

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

•Big Spring High School Art Club and Humanities class open house to commemorate completion of Bible Lands mural, 8-9:30 p.m., room 205 of the high school.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Alford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 1610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Couples golf play, 5 p.m., Comanche Trail Golf Course. Call Mary Robertson, 267-7144.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Tape Study, 615 Settles.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

•Human Services Council, 10 a.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Call Gwen Hoggard, 263-3312.

•Goliad, Runnels, all Big Spring High School choirs and Rhapsody will present a Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., high school auditorium. Admission free. Poinsettias $10 each; benefits go to choir expenses and costumes.

FRIDAY

•Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by The Super Six Band. Area seniors invited.

SATURDAY

•Family support group, 1 p.m., Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

•Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chapparal Road. Call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 1610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

•American Legion Howard County #355, 3:30 p.m., Post Home.

•4-5:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Annual Christmas Tea in Parlor of the First United Methodist Church.

•Candlelight Organ Recital by Randy Stevens, 6-7 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

MONDAY

•"Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868 or 263-5367.

Disney's THE LION KING



Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•GARY LEE COLVERT, 43 of 1202 East Third, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MICHAEL DAVID DOUGLAS, 31 of 1606 Nolan, was arrested for criminal mischief.

•JIMMY E. RODRIQUEZ, 37 of 501 N.E. Ninth, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•JEFFREY LAYNE McDONALD, 27 of 1802 Wasson, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•RONNEY DALE WINDSOR, 37 of Blackwell, was arrested for aggravated robbery.

•ASSAULT in the 1100 block of Sycamore and 700 block of Birdwell.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1000 block of North Main.

•THEFTS in the 2000 block of Wasson and 500 block of Goliad.

•MINOR ACCIDENT at the intersection of Benton and Second Street. A citation for failure to yield right-of-way was issued and no injuries reported.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•KEITH OLSON, 49 of Route 3 Box 270, turned himself in to the sheriff's office on an outstanding warrant for cruelty to animals. He was released after posting a $200 personal recognizance bond.

•JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 30 of 1710 Purdue, was released from jail after posting bonds totaling $15,500 on two counts of aggravated robbery and issuance of a bad check.

•BENNY ONTIVEROS ISLAS, 30 of 4115 Parkway, was released after serving a 90-day sentence for contempt of court.

•OLGA C. MARTINEZ, 33 of Snyder, and NERI ELIZABETH SANDOVAL, 19 of Snyder, were released from county jail after posting bonds of $10,000 each for aggravated robbery.

Records

Wednesday's temp.	73
Wednesday's low	45
Average high	55
Average low	28
Record high	78 in 1933
Record low	13 in 1985
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.31
Year to date	17.69
Normal for year	18.23

**Statistics not available.

Markets

March cotton futures 84.70 cents a pound, up 147 points; Jan. crude oil 16.79 down 20 points; cash hog steady at 33.50; slaughter steers steady at 69.50 cents even; Dec. live hog futures 35.02, up 90 points; Dec. live cattle futures 70.42, down 15 points; according to Delta Commodities.

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Volume 92,362,330

ATT	50¾ -¼
Amoco	61¾ +¼
Atlantic Richfield	102⅜ nc
Atmos	16¾ nc
Boston Chicken	14¼ +¼
Cabot	27 -⅛
Chevron	44⅛ +⅜
Chrysler	47 nc
Coca-Cola	51⅛ +¼
De Beers	22⅛ +⅜
DuPont	54⅞ +⅛
Exxon	61⅛ +⅛
Fina Inc.	67½ +½
Ford Motors	26¼ nc
Halliburton	34½ +½
IBM	70½ +¼
JC Penney	42 +¼
Laser Indus LTD	4 9/16 -1/16
Mesa Ltd. Prt	3¼ +⅛
Mobile	83⅜ -⅛
NUV	9¼ -⅛
Pepsi Cola	35⅝ nc
Phillips Petroleum	33¼ +¼
Sears	45⅜ -⅛
Southwestern Bell	42¼ +⅛
Sun	27⅝ +⅛
Texaco	61¼ +⅛
Texas Instruments	73¾ + 1
Texas Utilities	32¾ nc
Unocal Corp.	26¾ -⅛
Wal Mart	22¾ -¼
Amcap	11.43- 12.13
Euro Pacific	21.35- 22.65
I.C.A.	18.25- 19.36
New Economy	14.36- 15.24
New Perspective	15.09- 16.01
Van Kampen	13.71- 14.38
Gold	380.20- 380.70
Silver	4.75- 4.78

In Brief

Herald sponsoring drive for Northside

The Big Spring Herald is sponsoring a Christmas food and clothing drive for the Northside Community Center.

Please bring children's winter coats, clothes and non-perishable food items to the Herald, 710 Scurry, no later than Monday, Dec. 19.

Monetary donations are also being accepted-please make checks out to the Northside Community Center.

Gospel singing canceled at Kentwood

Gospel singing will be canceled on Dec. 19 and 26 at the Kentwood Activity Center. It will resume on Jan. 2nd.

Museum looking for amateur Sherlocks

On Jan. 21, area citizens will host "murders" as part of the third annual mystery evening fund-raiser for the Heritage Museum.

Amateur Sherlocks are being sought as hosts. The museum will provide dinner and the mystery game; hosts provide dessert, a site for game play and see that the evening ends with the culprit captured.

No acting talent is required. All clues are provided to capture the one or more members of the party who committed the murder. To act as a host, contact the museum at 267-8255.

TDH offers shots at mall Dec. 15

The Texas Department of Health will be in the Big Spring Mall on Dec. 15 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for flu and pneumonia shots. Flu shots are $5 and pneumonia shots are $10. Medicare patients are free. These shots oare still available at the Texas Department of Health, 201 Lancaster.

Youth group presenting live nativity scene

The Westbrook Baptist Church Youth Group will present the Live Nativity Scene 6-8 p.m., Dec. 13-14. Everyone is invited out to Westbrook to drive through.

Producer meetings planned in December

County Executive Director of the Howard County Farm Service Agency Rick Liles will conduct producer meetings to discuss provisions of the 1994 Crop Disaster Program. He will also talk about Federal Crop Insurance reforms.

The locations, dates and times are as follows:

•Mustang Farmers Gin (Lomax) - Dec. 19 9 a.m.

•Paymaster Gin (Fairview) - Dec. 19 10:30 a.m.

•Knott Co-Op Gin - Dec. 20 9 a.m.

•Big Spring Co-Op Gin - Dec. 20 10:30 a.m.

These meetings are open to the public and all Howard County producers are encouraged to attend.

Television special looks at Christmas

A 30-minute television special, "A Big Spring Christmas" is scheduled to air Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. on KWES-TV/KWAB-TV. It is scheduled for rebroadcast Saturday, Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. The local special is produced by KWAB-TV and hosted by NewsWest Nine's Randy Lynn. It will be shown on cable channel nine.

The special features holiday activities across Big Spring including the parade, downtown lighting ceremony, home lighting contest, Big Spring Symphony Guild's tour of homes, the First United Methodist Church Living Christmas Tree and the First Church of the Nazarene drive through nativity scene.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Korean War MIAs are finally buried

WASHINGTON (AP) — The remains of three American servicemen shot down in a B-29 bomber over North Korea more than 43 years ago have been turned over to relatives for burial.

It is only the second time since the 1950s that remains of U.S. servicemen killed in Korea have been formally identified by the U.S. government and presented to family members. The first, last February, was Army Sgt. Frank M. Morales of Puerto Rico.

Funeral services for the three B-29 crew members are set for Friday, said Sandra Krueger of Dekalb, Texas, whose cousin, Master Sgt. Robert Wilson Jones, was among the three whose remains were repatriated with more than 100 others in late 1993 by the North Korean army.

Ms. Krueger said in a telephone interview Wednesday that Jones would be buried in Dekalb, his hometown, on Friday, beside the graves of his mother and father.

"It's really a relief," she said.

Laney doesn't see off-track betting

AUSTIN (AP) — Although a state racing official says off-track betting would help the struggling industry, House Speaker Pete Laney says he doesn't expect the incoming Legislature to approve it.

"Not this time," Laney said in a Wednesday interview with The Associated Press. "If casinos are not in the cards, probably not much change in the others (gambling laws) are either."

The speaker reiterated that it will be "very difficult" to get the required two-thirds vote in the House to put a proposed constitutional amendment allowing casino gambling before Texans for their approval.

Laney, who is expected to be re-elected to head the House when the Legislature convenes in regular session in January, noted that lawmakers previously have changed the racing law.

"We've changed them a couple of times, and it still has not seemed to satisfy some of the wants, so I think it's going to be hard," said Laney, D-Hale Center.

Environmentalists: Land value study flawed

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmentalists have attacked an agricultural group's study that concludes federal protection of endangered species has reduced land values in 33 Central Texas counties.

The Texas Center for Policy Studies and Environmental Defense Fund said the study by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association was "fundamentally flawed and just plain wrong."

The Cattle Raisers' study claims that land values in the 33 counties declined by $6.7 billion from 1989 to 1993, primarily because of the effects of the federal Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service currently protects 20 plants and animals in the 33-county region under the act.



Associated Press photo

Speaking Rock Casino's Eddie Quesada, left, deals cards at the start of a poker game Tuesday in El Paso. The Tigua tribe-owned casino has given tribal members hope for economic independence. Tigua gaming officials said the jobless rate among the 1,5000-member tribe is now about 2 percent.

Bets are paying off for Tigua's

EL PASO (AP) — The Tigua Indians' decision to bet on gambling seems to be paying off in the early going.

Since the tribe's fledgling casino opened Nov. 23, 1993, the tribal jobless rate has dropped to about 2 percent while the Tiguas have earned money to invest in education, housing and other ventures, tribal leaders say.

"This is going to give our children things we didn't have, namely a secure future," said Tigua Gaming Commissioner Vince Munoz.

The 1,500-member tribe built the Speaking Rock Bingo and Entertainment Center with the hope that gambling would help it escape decades of poverty marked by double-digit unemployment and increasing demands for federal social services.

Now Tiguas apparently are reaping the benefits.

The tribe has started a scholarship fund and hopes to build a school to preserve tribal culture. Other possible spinoffs that have been discussed include a chain of convenience stores and a gas station.

Individual tribal members also are reporting an economic upturn.

Tribal gaming investigator Mary Hernandez has casino gambling to thank for her new pickup.

"You know, I've always worked," said Ms. Hernandez, who notes her job helped her get the truck. "But I get paid more here than any other job I had. You see that with a lot of people. They're buying a new car, remodeling their homes and doing things they couldn't before."

The Tiguas don't intend to stop there. Tribal leaders' vision of the future includes a $70 million gaming complex comparable to Las Vegas casinos.

Currently, the tribe operates its casino out of a lavish building dominated by a large, high-stakes bingo hall on one end and a restaurant on the other.

Casino General Manager Roger Shuttleworth said that since its opening, Speaking Rock has drawn more than 225,000 bingo players, an average of 550 people a night.

Judge shatters state's reimbursement hopes for illegal alien costs

AUSTIN (AP) — A U.S. district judge has shattered Texas officials' hopes for a court-ordered federal reimbursement of $1.3 billion in costs of illegal immigration, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales said.

"In effect, what I am doing now is dismissing your suit," U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela told a lawyer on Morales' staff Wednesday in Brownsville.

Vela's comments from the court hearing on a federal request for dismissal were disclosed by Ron Dusek, Morales' press secretary.

Nevertheless, Vela gave the state 10 days to file briefs in its case, Dusek said.

The judge told the state's lawyers that "he believes the state's relief should come through Congress" rather than the courts, Dusek said.

State Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas, praised Vela's position.

"We need to stop any type of action that develops any anti-immigrant atmosphere," Alonzo said. "The judge has said that we need to lobby Congress for any funding that we need and that this lawsuit was being used for political purposes."

Texas officials disagree, Dusek said.

"Congressmen from non-border states would not be inclined to redirect federal funding from their states to the border states. That's a deck that's stacked against us," he said.

Morales filed the lawsuit in August, seeking reimbursement for costs he said the state incurred during 1993.

Morales' office estimated that state and local governments spent $1.34 billion last fiscal year to educate, incarcerate and cover medical expenses for illegal immigrants. He said then that the six-year costs could total $5 billion.

Romance ends, teen left hanging

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio teen-ager has learned how risky romance can be.

Alfred Villareal, 16, spent 45 minutes dangling from the bottom of a bridge, 50 feet above a rocky creek bed.

The drama started about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday when Villareal demanded that his 15-year-old girlfriend return a necklace after a quarrel, police said.

When she did, it slipped from his fingers and got caught on the edge of the bottom of the guardrail of the Brazos Street bridge over Apache Creek on San Antonio's west side.

When Villareal reached across the top rail for the necklace, he slipped and fell over the guard rail, said Patrolwoman B.J. Cardona.

The Lanier High School student managed to grab onto a 12-inch-diameter pipe that runs under the bridge. There he stayed until fire-rescue crews arrived and rappelled down ropes to rescue him.

"It was hard to envision how he ever got up there," said fire Capt. Mike Miller. "He was on top of the pipe and his legs and arms were clamped around it."

Baffling body snatching catches interest of private eye

DALLAS (AP) — A prominent private eye is willing to help authorities solve a baffling body snatching.

"If it's not finished by the middle of next week, I'd like to volunteer to do something," detective William C. Dear of Dallas said Wednesday night.

Dear, known for his involvement in high-profile mysteries, said he sympathizes with the family of Melinda Ann Lee.

"I can imagine right now what the family's going through," Dear said.

The body of the 20-year-old Texas Tech honors student was stolen this week from her fresh grave at Restland Memorial Park in North Dallas.

Ms. Lee, a Dallas native and junior in marketing at Tech, died Dec. 7 of injuries she suffered in an Oct. 14 traffic accident involving a drunken driver, officials said. The wreck occurred in Lubbock; Ms. Lee was hospitalized for 54 days before her death.

Officials at Restland said someone burrowed 6 feet to the grave and then broke a hole through a 4-inch concrete crypt to the coffin.

Times are changing as Texas goes high-tech with driver's licenses

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's new, high-tech drivers' licenses still won't guarantee that you'll take a good picture, but they should take less time to obtain and be harder to forge.

On Wednesday, the Department of Public Safety unveiled the first major overhaul of state drivers' licenses since 1968, when pictures were added and paper licenses were scrapped.

Times have certainly changed.

Beginning Jan. 2, the Department of Public Safety will issue licenses containing digital image photographs, bar codes, magnetic strips and wording that glows under ultraviolet light.

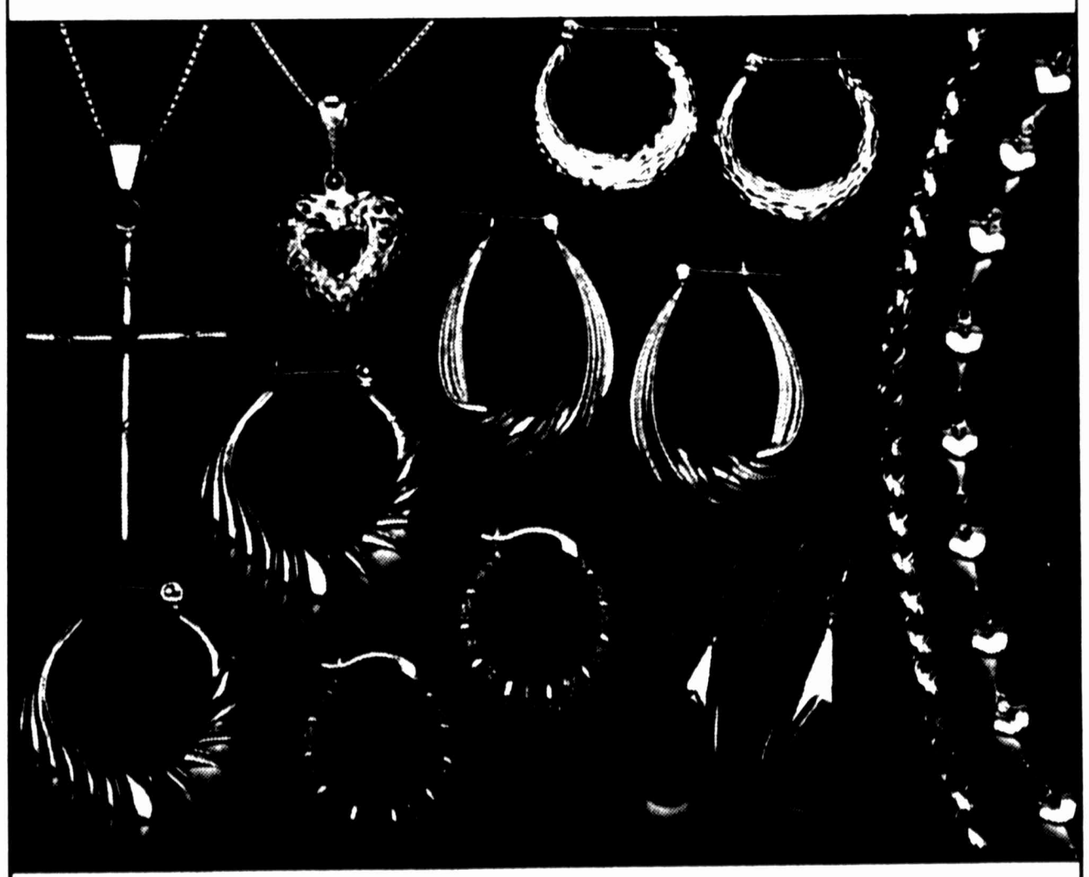
Current licenses won't need to be replaced until they expire, and the $16 cost of obtaining or renewing a license will remain the same.

"Because the license is going to look so much different than the present document does, we feel we need to do everything we can to educate the citizens, the police officers as well as the merchants," said Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas, assistant director of the DPS.

The new cards will take about 10 days to obtain instead of the current four- to six-week period. They also will include the word "TEXAS" in laminate that glows under ultraviolet light, making them harder to forge, DPS officials say.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Censorship is more depraving and corrupting than anything pornography can produce."

Tony Smythe, British civil libertarian, 1972

Going in the right direction

The Howard County Commissioners' Court gave impetus to the beginnings of a 23-county mental health authority by voting to fund the Howard County Mental Health Center.

By taking this step, the county has put itself in a good position to become he center of a mental health authority.

Since Texas Mental Health-Mental Retardation is currently looking at equalizing funding between rural and urban centers, it is imperative that Howard County begin the process to protect what we have. The Big Spring State Hospital would come out on the losing end of any attempt to equalize funding.

The number of counties currently served by Big Spring State Hospital Community Services is 23 with a service area of more than 24,000-square miles and a population (within the service area) of more than 223,000. The average number of persons per square mile is nine with 15 mental health centers, four psychosocial rehabilitation programs, and two residential facilities in the service area.

As Commissioner Crooker rightly pointed out, this is not something we want, nor can afford, to lose to the Midland-Odessa area.

One concern expressed was "what was the city going to do?"

The county can't always wait on the city to take action. The county and its residents stand to lose too much.

Which is why, by agreeing to fund this center, the court took positive steps to help protect the welfare of the county and its residents.

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Difference is sympathy generation



Rheta Grimsley Johnson
Columnist

There were babies crying in the background. That's the first thing I noticed when the call came from a woman who used to be a waitress at a Hooters restaurant. Now she is a wife, homemaker and a mother of three.

Adrian Woulfe, 33, was polite and articulate, not easy things to be when babies are crying in the background.

"I just wanted you to understand how a woman could work for Hooters and still claim she's been sexually harassed," she said.

I had written earlier that it was hard to feel sorry for Hooters waitresses who claimed harassment. "What did they expect?" I asked.

Money, she said. They expect money. They agree to wear skimpy costumes, smile a lot and work for the joint with the crude name for one reason: money. They do not agree to being touched or humiliated or to becoming prostitutes.

"But what," I asked, "is the reason for a Hooters?"

Adrian had an answer. Men who would never attract or even dare talk to pretty women can breeze into Hooters en masse after a softball game, or to watch a football game, and the comely waitresses pay them attention.

"We even called them by name," she said. So that is the thrill and appeal of a Hooters, at least from one former waitress' perspective. It's a place where losers can pay for a wink. So who's being exploited here?

When she was single mother Adrian felt she needed the $400 or $500 a week in tips the job usually generated, much more than she made at her previous job as a marketing coordinator for an airline. What's more, she didn't report to work until 6 p.m., giving her more time with her baby.

"We didn't even have to put out silverware, just napkins and plates and sometimes a spoon if someone ordered chowder. And I have seen some girls go home with hundreds of dollars a night." She never sued anyone, by the way.

What is the difference in dismissing a Hooters waitress' harassment complaint out of hand, and taking the discredited position that scantily dressed women are necessarily begging for rape? Isn't it the feminist position that even a prostitute can be raped? Adrian awaited my answer.

There is no difference. Rape is never right. Harassment is never right. There may be, however, a difference in the sympathy victims generated.

Someone who trades on her looks has a harder case to prove when she cries harassment. Just as someone who sells her body by the hour has a tougher fight when she claims rape. Maybe that's not the way it should be. An ideal world, after all, would be a nude beach with beautiful, oblivious people lying about discussing Greek mythology and eating grapes never sprayed with pesticides.

This is the real world. Real people inhabit it. Some of those real people are real pigs with no respect for women. And the chance of running into the squealers may rise if you hang out in Hooters. No statistics, just gut hunch.

I'm not unsympathetic with Adrian's viewpoint. She wanted to make a good living for herself and her baby. Our society says the best way for a woman with good looks to make a good living is by using her body. And one place to do that was a place called Hooters.

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FEATURES



Looking for the exotic - try a hedgehog or maybe even a hissing cockroach

By MICHAEL TOPEL
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Dean Kosch is selling cockroaches and poison arrow tree frogs. And, yes, people are buying them.

The most popular exotic pet, though, is the hedgehog, a usually docile animal that weighs about two pounds. Kosch, who co-owns a store in Beverly called Curious Creatures, said hedgehogs are the latest craze in the always changing world of exotic animals.

"The fad now is hedgehogs, they're pretty hot," Kosch said. He noted that both the seller and buyer need permits in a hedgehog exchange, but that doesn't seem to be a problem.

They sell for $150 to $300.

Kosch has seen many fads come and go. Iguanas were very hot about a year ago and, although they're still selling, their time has passed. A new contender is the Madagascar giant hissing cockroach. Kosch sells them for about $20 apiece.

He said certain types of cockroaches "are easy to keep and they don't bite."

"They're rugged for little kids who like to handle their pets," he said.

While cockroaches are up, Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs are down.

A popular item in the late 1980s, local experts said, the animals are starting to turn up at shelters. The Nevins Farm and Equine Centre in Methuen has five pot-bellied pigs rooting around, with another expected to arrive over the weekend.

"The fad's gone," said Roger Lauze, manager of Nevins, which is operated by the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals. "What happens every time a fad goes is that we wind up with them."

Orcutt, exotic pets specialist at the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston.

The pigs became fashionable household pets, and many experts agreee that the pigs make fine pets if handled properly. Their diets must be monitored - they can grow to hundreds of pounds if fed too much - and they must be trained to use litter boxes.

But their time, too, is gone, as hedgehogs ride a wave of popularity.

Kosch said he feeds the hedgehogs cat food and cottage cheese. They should be kept in a tank or enclosure, he said.

and they are fine pets in nine of 10 cases. They grow to be about the size of a softball and are fine with children.

John Nichol, manager of Armstrong Animals in Salem, also sees trends in sales.

He has no pot-bellied pigs in stock, but said they were for sale about five years ago. He said people found the pot-bellied pigs to be good pets, but they have been displaced as the trendy animal of the day by chinchillas and snakes and others.

"And ferrets," he said. "Ferrets are big right now."



Associated Press photos

At top is a jerboa, a kangaroo-like rodent of Australia, sells for about $150 at Curious Creature pet store in Beverly, Ma. Next are hissing cockroaches from the island of Madagascar. Then, there is the hedgehog, replacing the Vietnamese potbellied pig as the exotic animal of the season. Finally, there is the dumpy tree frog roosting on an African bullfrog.





NEWS IN BRIEF

Jury gives rapist 30,000 years in jail

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A jury fed up with the early release of prisoners has recommended a 30,000-year sentence for a man convicted of raping a 3-year-old girl.

"By God we can send a message to the offender that we are not going to tolerate it," jury forewoman Laura Bixler said Wednesday. "We don't want him to have a chance of ever getting out again."

Charles Scott Robinson, 30, an eight-time felon, was convicted of six rape counts. The jury sentenced him to 5,000 years on each count; the minimum sentence was 20 years per count.

Ms. Bixler said the jury would have returned a more realistic sentence if it was assured Robinson wouldn't be released early. The jury was told it could not sentence Robinson to life without parole.

County Public Defender Bob Ravitz, whose office defended Robinson, called the sentence "utterly ridiculous."

The Department of Corrections would consider the 30,000-year sentence to be the same as life. District Judge Dan Owens is to sentence Robinson on Dec. 22.

All networks plan to cover speech

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox Broadcasting Co., and cable TV's CNN, Comedy Central and C-SPAN plan live coverage of President Clinton's speech, scheduled for 9 p.m. EST today.

The networks are expected to delay, rather than pre-empt, prime-time programs. They also plan to carry the Republican response.

Bush's outstanding debt is reduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission reduced by almost half the amount that its auditors say former President Bush's 1992 election campaign owes the government.

The new amount is about $20,000 less than the leftover cash the Bush-Quayle Re-Election Committee has on hand.

Auditors recommended last week that the commission seek $1.3 million in repayments from Bush's campaign to cover federal matching funds to which the campaign was not entitled and other irregularities. The exact FEC repayment figure ordered Wednesday was $680,855.

As of Sept. 30, according to a report filed with the FEC, Bush's campaign had a total of $700,533 remaining.

The FEC decided on the Bush repayment amount in a session where it also began reviewing its auditors' report on President Clinton's 1992 president campaign.

However, the six-member panel adjourned for the day without getting to the most controversial matter — $3.44 million in federal matching funds the auditors say the Clinton campaign should repay the Treasury. The commission is to meet again Thursday to deal with that issue.



Associated Press photo

Ralph Tortorici, center, is led by police following his capture at the State University of New York at Albany Wednesday. Tortorici is facing charges of attempted murder after allegedly taking 35 people hostage in a university classroom and shooting one who tried to overpower him.

Student puts life on the line to end hostage situation

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — For nearly two hours, a ranting gunman carrying so much ammunition that it rattled in his pockets held 35 students and a professor hostage in a college lecture hall.

At one point, he told his hostages that a microchip implanted in his brain when he was a baby controlled his thoughts. At another, he told them they could study if they wished.

"He was a fanatic," said student Michael Connors. "One minute he was offering me a cigarette. The next minute he was screaming at the top of his lungs, 'I have a very bad temper!'"

The hostages said a split-second decision by sophomore Jason McEnaney ended the standoff Wednesday at the State University of New York at Albany.

The gunman had picked on McEnaney throughout the ordeal. When he tried to move McEnaney at gunpoint, the 19-year-old student lunged at him and knocked the rifle away.

The gun went off during a brief struggle, wounding McEnaney in the midsection and leg. Four other students jumped in and helped pin down the gunman. McEnaney was in serious condition today at a hospital.

"At the point he knew there was no return, he stepped up and showed his courage," said student Dackri Simpson, who helped pin down the gunman. "He showed everybody what he was made of."

Judge blocks Prop. 187

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has ruled that California's attempt to deny most public services to illegal aliens may violate federal immigration law.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer issued a preliminary injunction Wednesday blocking almost all of Proposition 187, which seeks to prevent illegal aliens from using public schools and health and social services.

The judge said parts of the measure could pressure immigrants into leaving the country when they have a right to remain. That would constitute a "scheme to regulate immigration" — something only the federal government is allowed to do.

She also said denying medical services for illegal aliens could result in greater health risks for the general population.

Pfaelzer let stand two of the proposition's minor provisions prohibiting illegal immigrants from attending state colleges and banning the sale and use of false immigration documents.

The injunction, which can be appealed, stays in effect until a trial.

The ban on illegals receiving state-funded higher education already had been blocked by a state judge.

The ruling "restores decency and common sense to the state of California," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which is representing opponents of the measure.

Assistant Attorney General Charlton Holland said he was disappointed by the ruling, but declined further comment.

He argued in court that any discrepancies between state and federal laws could be resolved by regulations that Gov. Pete Wilson has ordered.

The judge disagreed. "You virtually have to stitch up every section of 187 with regulations and I am quite certain it can't be done," she said.

Learjet crashes into apartment

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A Learjet crashed onto a street and plowed into an apartment building, touching off fires and explosions and forcing terrified residents to throw babies from windows.

Both people on the small jet died Wednesday. The pilot, who had just completed a National Guard war game, managed to avoid homes and an elementary school.

At least 15 people on the ground were injured. The state Office of Emergency Services said it received a report that one person on the ground was killed, but there was no confirmation.

The plane was returning to an airport about noon when the civilian pilot reported engine problems and the plane veered from its flight path, said Air National Guard Lt. Col. James Arthur.

Witnesses said the plane, with one engine burning and the other apparently dead, clipped a power pole and crashed into the street about half a mile from an elementary school.

"It definitely looks like the pilot was trying to save people, to avoid the school, when he put it down in the street," Fresno Fire Department Capt. Bob Waterston said.

"It looks to me that this pilot was a hero," said Fresno Mayor Jim Patterson. The victims' names were not released.

The flaming wreckage rolled half a mile, scattering debris that blew out windows and set buildings and at least 20 cars on fire. As the plane crashed into the 18-unit apartment building, leaving a huge hole, residents scrambled to escape. One woman broke her leg when she leaped from a second-story window.

"They were throwing their babies out the windows — TVs, all their valuables," said Kim Brown, who works nearby.

Conservation acreage program being trimmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A popular but expensive conservation program is being changed in an effort to target more erodible land while allowing other acreage to be removed.

The changes in the Conservation Reserve Program will take place next year, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The changes will address criticisms that important cropland is being kept out of production while environmental problems other than erosion, such as pesticide runoff, are being shortchanged.

Spate of crashes speeds along new safety rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commuter airliners will face more safety inspections and their crews will get more rest under new safety rules being expedited in the wake of another fatal crash.

"We're going to do this as quickly as possible," Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said today on "CBS This Morning." "This is a very high priority."

Pena spurred the normally plodding pace of federal regulation Wednesday, setting a 100-day deadline for commuter planes to meet the same regulations as major air carriers.

A day after an American Eagle Jetstream crashed near Raleigh, N.C., Pena said he will summon airline chief executives, safety officers and pilots to a meeting and ordered an overall federal review of airline safety.

"It doesn't make much difference how big the airplane is around you, if you get tired after X number of hours on duty," said J. Randolph Babbitt, president of the Air Line Pilots Association.

Placing commuter flights under the same rules as the larger carriers will mean more safety inspections of the smaller planes, reduce the number of hours pilots can fly and require dispatchers to assist crews in checking the weather, determining the weight and balance of the plane, planning routes and other ground duty.

Pena set the 100-day goal during a visit to Raleigh, N.C., after 15 people were killed in the Tuesday night crash.

"We are very troubled by the number of accidents we've had this year," Pena said later in New York, where he spoke to the Wings club, a group of aviation industry executives. "Sustained public confidence depends on our making continuous gains in safety," Pena said.

He said the Federal Aviation Administration will launch "the most comprehensive review ever" of airline safety and he will call the industry to a meeting as soon as possible. The Air Transport Association issued a statement saying it welcomed the meeting.

FAA Administrator David R. Hinson announced last month that rules covering commuter airliners would be brought up to the same standard as larger planes, but no timetable was set.

The FAA also recently began hiring more safety inspectors, established a new office focusing on safety issues and ordered ATR-42 and ATR-72 aircraft grounded when icing conditions exist.

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Celebrating birthday is a sign of respect

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — It's a sign of respect, the senate says.

No matter that the British themselves don't celebrate Prince Charles' birthday, or that Fiji has been a republic since 1987. The Fijian Senate says the annual public holiday should be restored.

This year was the first in many years in which the heir to the British throne's birthday — Nov. 14 — was not observed in Fiji, a former British colony. Fiji's Cabinet scrapped the holiday last year, saying there were too many public holidays.

All 20 senators who voted Wednesday to restore the holiday are Fijian tribal chiefs, who said dumping Prince Charles after their ancestors ceded the Fijian islands to Queen Victoria in 1874 would be disrespectful.

The lower House of Representatives, however, can still overrule the upper house's 20-10 vote and abolish the holiday forever.

Russia, U.S. trying to establish ties

MOSCOW (AP) — Vice President Al Gore and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin opened a session today of their joint commission that aims to develop ties on everything from space to trade to health care.

Gore was accompanied by Health Secretary Donna Shalala, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and other American officials, who held talks with their Russian counterparts. Defense Secretary William Perry was scheduled to arrive today.

The session comes after one of the tenser months in recent U.S.-Russian relations. The former Cold War opponents clashed over policy in the former Yugoslavia and over NATO's planned expansion into Eastern Europe. Those subjects were expected to come up in private talks.

So, too, was Russia's military intervention in the secessionist republic of Chechnya.

Battle of the Bulge remembered

BASTOGNE, Belgium (AP) — Fifty years ago, Adolf Hitler was putting the final touches on his last, desperate ploy to turn the tide of World War II. On Friday, American veterans will remember those who foiled the Nazi dictator.

"Seldom has more American blood been spilled in the course of a single battle," reads an inscription on the star-shaped Mardasson monument, dedicated to those who died in the Battle of the Bulge.

From the surprise attack on Dec. 16, 1944, until Jan. 31, 1945, when the Germans were finally pushed back to their starting point, the Americans lost nearly 76,890 men in the largest battle of the U.S. Army. German losses were estimated at up to 120,000 soldiers.

Serb leader willing to talk with Jimmy Carter

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Defense Secretary William Perry today welcomed a possible Bosnian peace initiative by former President Carter, but he and the NATO chief expressed skepticism about the mission's potential for success.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic proposed a cease-fire and other concessions to persuade Carter to negotiate an end to the 32-month-long conflict that has left 200,000 people dead or missing.

"They are ... actions they can take one day and reverse the next day so we need something more solid than that," Perry told a news conference as he wound up two days of talks with his NATO counterparts.

He said the allies would go ahead with plans for their military chiefs to meet Monday and Tuesday to find ways to strengthen the peacekeepers' ability to deter Serb attacks in Bosnia.

Earlier, NATO Secretary-General Willy Claes said Karadzic's proposals amounted to no more than a provisional cease-fire plan.

"I do not see any indication of a peace plan," he told a separate news conference. "This is just an enumeration of some points which can bring us a ceasefire."

He said it was up to Carter to give an answer to Karadzic, but added: "I do not see why it is necessary to ask the former president of the United States to come in order to obtain simply a cease-fire."

Karadzic told CNN that he would allow the free transit of U.N. convoys and release all Muslim prisoners of war under age 19.

He also said he would order a unilateral cease-fire in and around Sarajevo, reopen the Sarajevo airport for humanitarian flights as winter approaches and guarantee human rights.

Perry said, "To the extent that Karadzic follows through on that proposal, that will be a positive step. Past history of offers from Bosnian Serbs have indicated there's some need for skepticism.

Russians continue to shell Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian guns shelled a strategic village outside the Chechen capital for a third day today, but fighting eased as a thick fog settled over the breakaway republic.

Moscow warned Chechens to lay down their arms today or face the consequences, and said Russian soldiers had already entered the capital of Grozny from the north and west and were advancing from the east.

"The southern direction has been left open to allow (militants) to leave," said a Russian government statement.

Defiant Chechens hunkered down to defend their homeland. Others just tried to stay alive.

On a small collective farm near the capital, Grozny, about 50 women and children spent the night in a makeshift bomb shelter beneath a grain elevator.



Associated Press photo

A Russian Interior Ministry soldier mans a foxhole at a landing zone near the Chechnya-Dagestan border where a Russian Mi-26 cargo helicopter is off-loading an APC Wednesday.

Dim light flickered from kerosene lamps and candles, and water dripped through the ceiling.

"I've been here all night," said 33-year-old Khava Mikayeva, her eyes red with exhaustion. She held the youngest of her seven children in her arms. "I have no relatives in the mountains. We have no place to go. We have a few loaves of bread, but that's all."

On Wednesday, Russian troops shelled the outskirts of Grozny and strafed the city from attack jets. Chechen forces downed a Russian helicopter and reportedly tore apart its two occupants.

Ireland has new PM - John Bruton

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Parliament elected Fine Gael leader John Bruton prime minister today, ending a month-long government crisis.

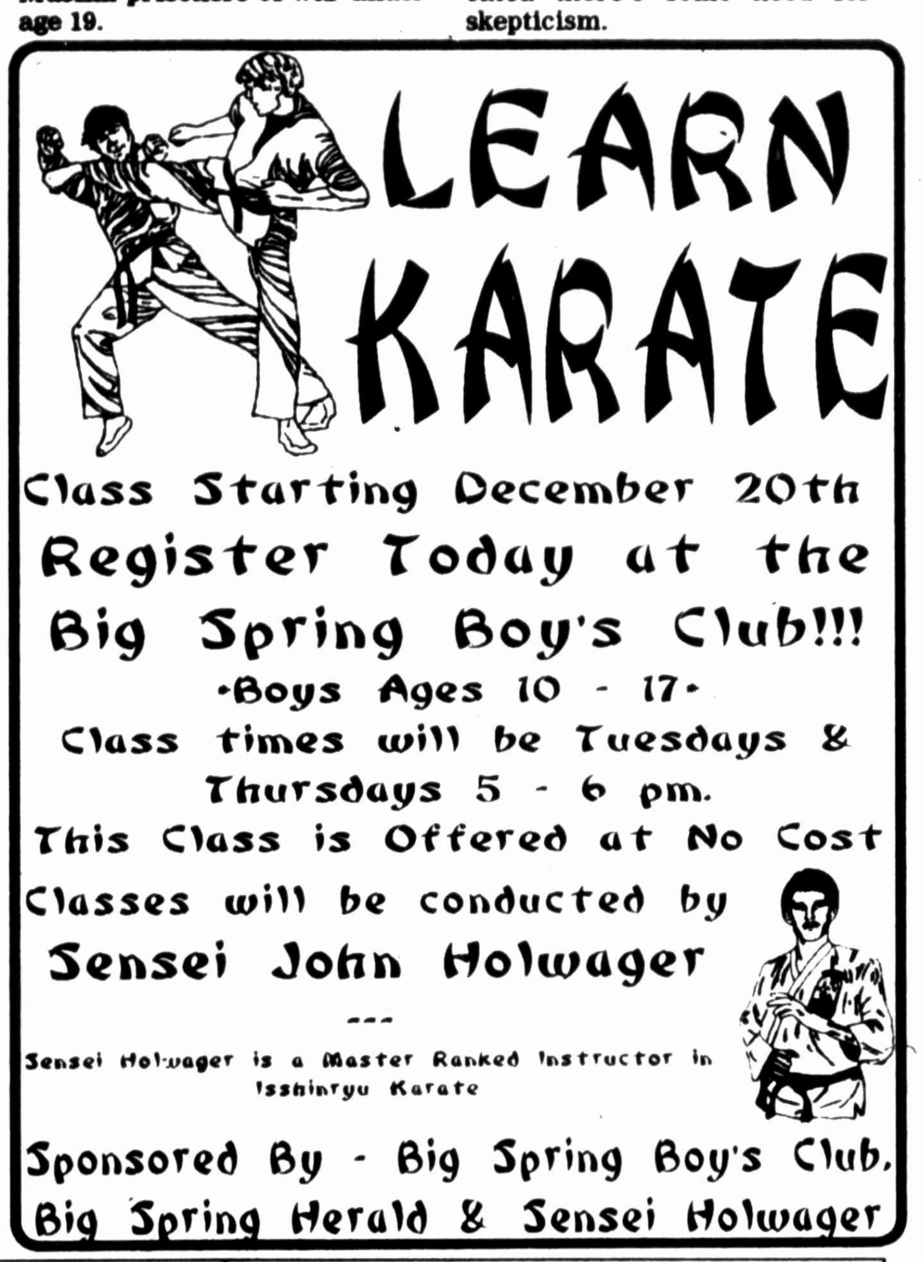
Bruton succeeds Albert Reynolds, the leader of the Fianna Fail party, who resigned Nov. 17 amid questions over his government's handling of an extradition case involving a child-abusing Roman Catholic priest.

Bruton will govern in coalition with the Labor Party, Reynolds' partner in the previous government.

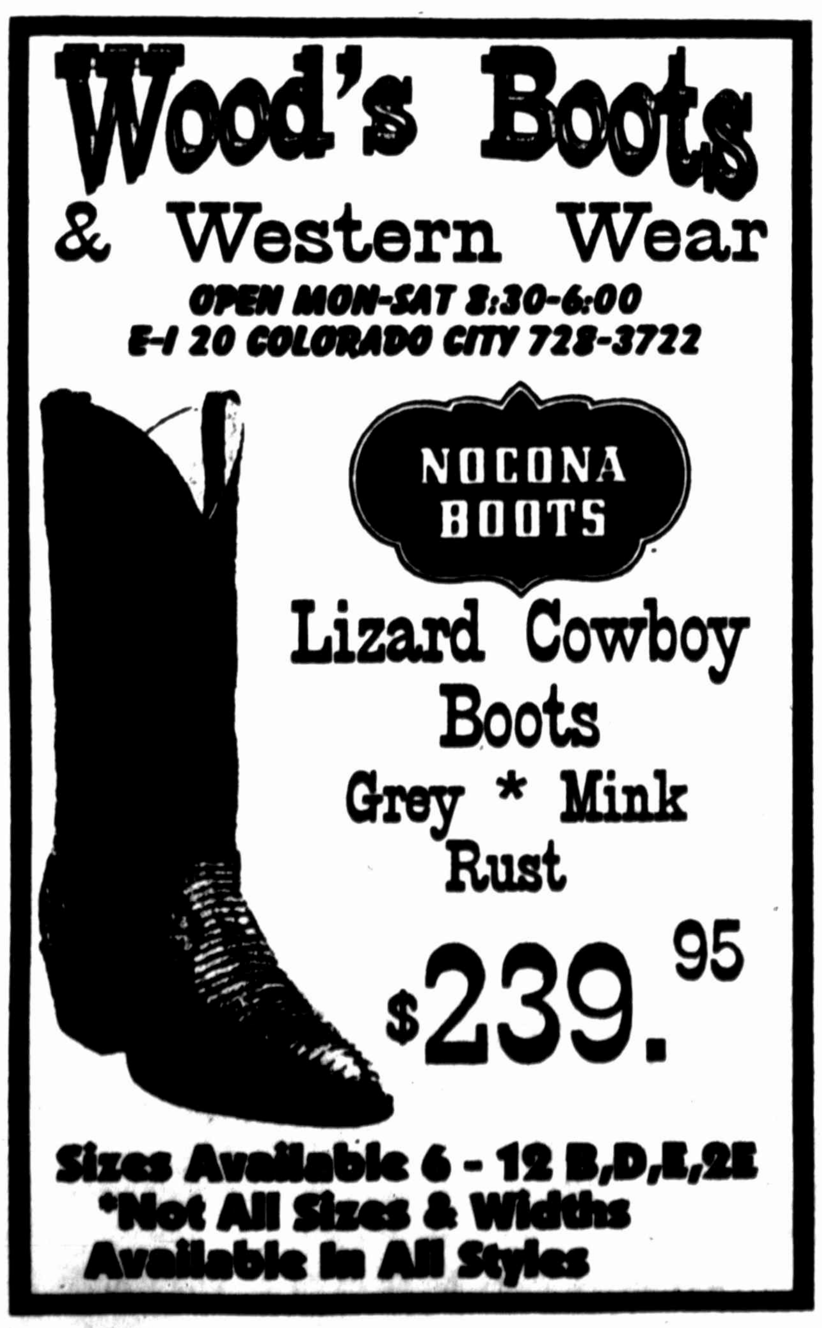
Bruton needed the votes of the small Democratic Left party to win the leadership but it was unclear whether that party would join the coalition.

Bruton won 85-to-74 in the 166-seat Irish parliament, or Dail, two seats more than a bare majority.

Fine Gael, Ireland's second largest party, has been out of power since 1987.







SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Pecos at Big Spring (girls), 7:30 p.m.
Ozona at Coahoma (girls), 8 p.m.
Borden Co. at Forsan (G/B), 6:30/8
Sands at Sterling City (G/B), 6:30/8
Big Spring at Frenship (boys), 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Reagan Co. (boys), 7 p.m.
Stanton at Garden City (G/B), 6:30/8
Ira at Klondike (G/B), 6:30/8

TEXAS HOOPS SCORES

NBA
San Antonio 122, Boston 110
Women
Texas Tech 66, Auburn 35

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Purser, Pierce make 3A all-state team

GREENWOOD – Rusty Purser and Eric Pierce of Greenwood High School earned recognition on the recently released Associated Press Sports Editors Class 3A All-State Team.


PURSER

Purser, a 5-9, 220-pound senior, was named to the second-team offense, while Pierce, a 230-pound senior, was named to the honorable mention offense.

Both were all-district linemen for the Rangers, who finished the season with a 10-2 record and a bi-district championship.

YMCA still taking registrations

The Big Spring YMCA is still taking registrations for those that want to play in the Y's youth basketball league.

The fee is now $28 for members and $41 for non-members. That includes a $5 late-registration fee.

Runnels splits pair with Andrews

The Runnels 'B' girls' basketball team beat Andrews 18-17 Monday.

Lisa Rocha scored five points for the winners and had five steals. Shawnte Terry had four points and five steals, and Julie Garza had three points and six rebounds.

Lauren Hillman, Cherilyn Hunt and Sherry Burdette also played well for Runnels (2-3).

Andrews beat Runnels 'A' 26-12.

Zelma Evans and Juanita Valdez scored four points each for Runnels (1-4) - Evans had seven rebounds.

Leslie McLellan had seven steals and three assists, while Penny Bryant had four steals. Jaclyn Owusu had five rebounds.

Also playing well for Runnels were Tiffany Birrell and Kasha Burton.

Coahoma freshmen defeat Greenwood

Coahoma's freshman boys' basketball team beat Greenwood 64-61 Monday.

Jay McHugh poured in 30 points for Coahoma. Other scorers were: Reggie Roberts 11, Kurt Bennett 7, Jason Gwin 9, Robert Lang 4 and Barkley Robinson 2.

Coahoma girls stay undefeated

The Coahoma eighth-grade girls' basketball team defeated Stanton 38-35 Monday.

The Bulldogettes (7-0) withstood a strong fourth-quarter surge by Stanton to take the win. Cassie Tindol had 19 points for Coahoma.

Kelli Buchanan and Lindy Parson each scored six points for the winners. Tindol had 11 rebounds and eight steals, while Buchanan, Parsons and Nikki Mendoza had four steals.

Tina White scored four points for Coahoma.

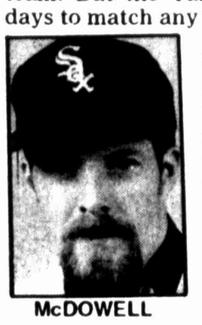
'Black Jack' to wear pinstripes

NEW YORK (AP) — Acquiring Jack McDowell was the easy part. The hard part for the New York Yankees will be fitting him into a new salary structure.

With the baseball strike continuing and the threat of a salary cap at hand, the Yankees are betting that no matter what happens, they can agree with McDowell on a long-term deal.

On Wednesday night, less than 24 hours before the owners were expected to implement a salary cap, New York acquired McDowell, one of baseball's best pitchers, from the Chicago White Sox for minor league pitcher Keith Heberling and a player to be named.

McDowell would become a restricted free agent if the salary cap is imposed, and he could sign an offer sheet with any team. But the Yankees would have 10 days to match any offer.


McDOWELL

Another risk is how he would fare in the Big Apple. The Yankees have signed a number of high-profile players who failed to cut it in New York. And McDowell was once so fed up with his situation in Chicago that he said it was becoming "a mini-New York."

Not promising words for someone headed to the media capital of the world, but the 28-year-old McDowell is no ordinary pitcher.

McDowell, a right-hander, throws a mean fastball and plays guitar in a hard rock band called V.I.E.W. He goes by the nickname "Black Jack," wears a goatee and stares down hitters from the mound.

"We were only looking at top pitchers, and he was one of them," Yankees general manager Gene Michael said. "Hopefully, we can sign him. You have to take chances in this world. He's a good one to take a chance on."

The 1993 AL Cy Young Award winner was 10-9 last season with a 3.73 ERA. After a rough start, McDowell proved his toughness.

On May 13, he was 2-7 with a 7.54 ERA. But over his last 10 starts, McDowell went 7-2 with a 1.81 ERA, allowing just 17 earned runs in 84 2-3 innings. He threw three consecutive complete games to end the season and finished among the AL leaders in innings, strikeouts, complete games and shutouts.

McDowell would have become an unrestricted free agent, with six years of service, if the season had been completed. Yankees left-hander Jim Abbott is in a similar situation and not expected to return.

McDowell went to arbitration the last three years with the White Sox, winning in 1993 and losing in 1992 and 1994. He was soured by the experience and vowed last spring not to play with the White Sox in 1995.

"I didn't feel that we had any chance at all to keep him," White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said.


Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring swim coach Harlan Smith, left, tells what he knows to, from left, Ronna Osborn, Heather Edwards and Nikki Ochoa Tuesday at BSHS swimming practice at the YMCA.

Big Spring ladies boosting potential of swim program

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

It's been the same old story for the Big Spring High School swim team the past few years: The guys are good, the girls ... eh, not so good.

The male swimmers have been the strength of the BSHS swim program for the past several years. While no one is calling the female swimmers a liability, no one is claiming they've been on an even footing with the boys, either.

The problem, BSHS coach Harlan Smith said, is that the guys, by and large, have stuck with the program in greater numbers, while fewer girls stay on the team through high school.

All that, however, may be changing. The reason for optimism is a group of young female swimmers who have, Smith said, a world of potential.

"I think in the time they've been here, they've made more dramatic – or noticeable, I guess you could say – improvement than any other group I've had," Smith said.

The Lady Steers swim contingent is anchored by senior Brandi Kaz and juniors Ronna Osborn and Leticia Valencia. After that is a gaggle of sophomores and freshmen.

"They're starting to feel they can beat people," Smith said. "They know they can beat people, so they're staying with the program."

Aside from Kaz and Osborn, the youngsters who Smith is talking about include sophomores Sonya Arguello and Nikki Ochoa. After them are freshmen Michelle Tuttle, Allison Thomas, Shawn Harris, Heather Edwards, Natasha Korell, Alma Gonzales and Christine Craig.

The numbers (13 girls in the program) and their diversity (all disciplines except diving are covered) have Smith feeling good about the program's future. That is not to say that everything is coming up roses for the girls' program. There have been a couple of defections so far this season, and two swimmers Smith was counting on have been temporarily sidelined by grades.

"We've lost some girls – some to grades, and some who just couldn't handle it," Osborn said. "I guess we'll do as well as we can at district, but now we'll just have to concentrate on individual (results).

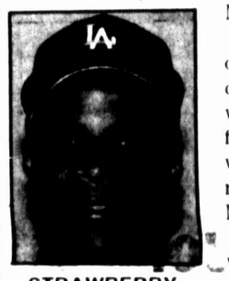
"If the freshmen we have stay with it, by their junior or senior year they'll be really good," she added. "There's a lot of potential in our freshmen ... They should really have something to look forward to."

National News

Strawberry leaves signature of a different kind

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry left a different kind of signature — fingerprints and a mug shot — when he was arraigned on felony tax evasion charges.

Strawberry and his agent, Eric Goldschmidt, surrendered at federal court Wednesday and pleaded innocent during a 20-minute hearing. The prosecution agreed with the defense that the two should be released on their own recognizance.


STRAWBERRY

"I'm not nervous because I know I'm not guilty," Strawberry said in a hallway outside the courtroom.

Strawberry, a right fielder for the San Francisco Giants, is accused of evading $146,000 in income tax by allegedly not reporting more than $500,000 in cash payments from autograph shows and personal appearances.

Goldschmidt is charged with aiding Strawberry in the scheme. The maximum penalty would be five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Mavericks' Tarpley sits on the sidelines

DALLAS (AP) — Roy Tarpley will be in street clothes tonight when the Dallas Mavericks play host to the Boston Celtics.

Tarpley was suspended for one game without pay for insubordination after he cursed coach Dick Motta when he was pulled from Tuesday's home game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Keith Grant, the Mavericks' director of player personnel, said Tarpley can return to practice Friday and is expected to travel with the team to Los Angeles for its game against the Clippers on Saturday night.

Man charged with shooting athletes

DALLAS (AP) — A 30-year-old man was in custody Wednesday night after three Bryan Adams High School football players were shot Monday evening outside an east Dallas apartment complex, one fatally.

Stephen Germany, 17, a senior all-district defensive tackle, died of a head wound Tuesday morning at Baylor University Medical Center.

Chris Glover, 17, a senior offensive lineman, was in fair condition at Baylor with a head wound. Steven Strhan, 14, a freshman offensive lineman, was treated for a leg wound and released from Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Dallas police said the youths were shot as Germany was driving his teammates home.

NFL hands out weekly honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Cleveland defensive back Eric Turner, who stopped Jay Novacek an inch short of a game-winning touchdown in Dallas on Saturday, was selected the AFC defensive player of the week.

Miami running back Bernie Parmalee and Los Angeles Raiders kicker Jeff Jaeger also were honored in the AFC. San Francisco quarterback Steve Young, Minnesota linebacker Jack Del Rio and New Orleans kicker Morten Anderson were selected in the NFC.

Oklahoma State finds new football coach

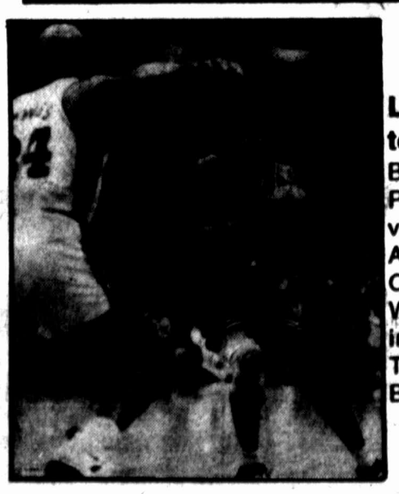
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Bob Simmons, passed over for Colorado's head coaching job after seven seasons as an assistant under Bill McCartney, is the choice of Oklahoma State officials to lead the Cowboys' struggling program.

University president James Halligan said Simmons, 46, will be appointed to replace Pat Jones on Friday. Jones resigned last month after 11 seasons.

Simmons will become the first black head football coach in Big Eight history and just the fifth black coach at an NCAA Division I-A school.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Looking to shoot

Boston forward Pervis Ellison drives on San Antonio's Terry Cummings Wednesday night in San Antonio. The Spurs beat Boston, 122-110.

TEXAS SPORTS

Players charged

DALLAS (AP) — Three SMU football players charged recently with the aggravated sexual assault of a teen-age girl were suspended from the university Wednesday, school officials said.

Charged with one count each of aggravated sexual assault are Weldon G. English, 19, from Houston; Calvin Robinson Jr., 18, from San Antonio; and Eric D. Yarbrough, 19, from the East Texas town of Timpson.

Lady Raiders win

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Noel Johnson sank a school record-tying 6-of-11 3-pointers Wednesday night to lead No. 11 Texas Tech to a comparatively easy 66-35 victory over No. 25 Auburn.

NATION/WORLD

Phillies ink Jeffries

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Gregg Jefferies, who hit .325 for St. Louis last season, signed a 4-year deal with Philadelphia for $20 million.

The 27-year-old free agent has been an infielder with St. Louis, Kansas City and the New York Mets, but will play left field for Philadelphia.

McNall pleads guilty

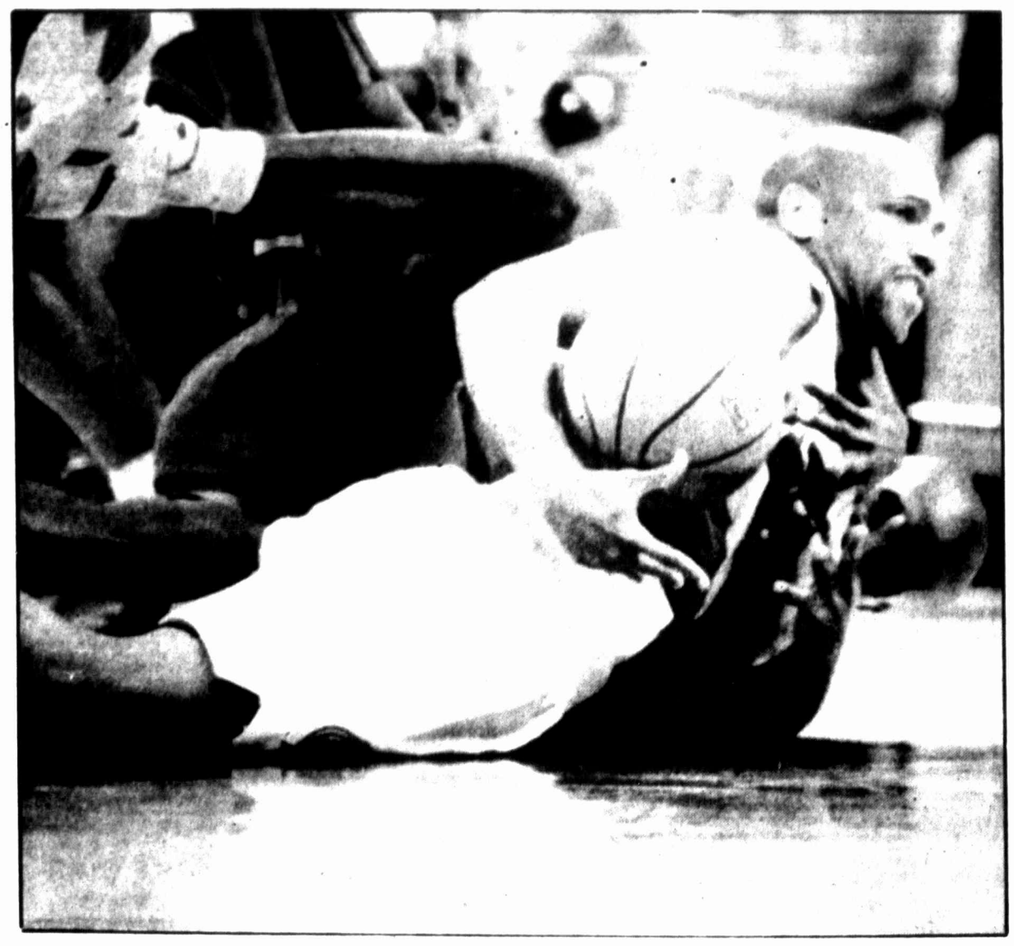
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce McNall, the former owner of the Los Angeles Kings, pleaded guilty to defrauding banks of more than $236 million.

McNall, 44, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy, two counts of bank fraud and one count of wire fraud.

ON THE AIR

Football
College
Las Vegas Bowl, Central Michigan vs. Nevada-Las Vegas, 8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Basketball
NBA
Denver at Miami, 7 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).
Boston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
Golf
Johnnie Walker World Championship, 1 p.m., ESPN.

BLAZER BLOWOUT



Associated Press photo

Portland Trail Blazer guard Negele Knight, foreground, gains possession of the ball as he scraps on the court floor with Los Angeles Clipper forward Charles Outlaw Wednesday. Portland won 121-73.

6-2A rules girls' polls

High school girls' basketball fans are in for a real treat starting next month.



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

Sure, the Big Spring Lady Steers are playing well and on course for yet another district championship, but if you're looking for high drama on a state-ranked scale, the place to be is Stanton.

Or Tuscola Jim Ned. Or Winters. The round robin that will take place between these three teams in District 6-2A is going to raise some heck, to put it mildly.

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches polls were released Tuesday, and 6-2A teams take three of the top 12 spots in the girls' 2A state poll.

Stanton was the only area team to receive a state ranking - the 10-5 Lady Buffs are No. 12 in Texas.

Guess what? Stanton's No. 12 in the state but may be only No. 3 in its district. Winters, a team that beat Stanton in overtime earlier this season, is No. 6 in the state, and Jim Ned, the defending state champion, is No. 9.

Jim Ned beat Stanton in the area round of the playoffs last season. Kind of convenient that this season's realignment put Jim Ned and Stanton in the same loop - now the Lady Buffs have two chances at revenge. The Lady Buffs need to win those games too, because of Winters and because of Wall - a team that carries a long winning tradition that won't die without a fight.

Coahoma and Forsan? Sorry, Bulldogettes and Queens, but you are in the wrong district this year. You'd stand a better chance in some 4A loops.

Stanton has everything, except maybe depth. The starting lineup has two huge three-point threats in guards Traci Moore and Laura Herm, two physical post players in Sande Bundas and Kindra Woodfin and the best defensive player in the area - guard Lupe Chapa.

The Lady Buffs could easily win the state championship this season.

If it can just survive 6-2A.

FISHING

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, normal level, black bass fair, white bass good on minnows, many big fish being reported, crappie good moving toward shallows on minnows, catfish fair.

BAYLOR: Fishing poor, very few fishermen out.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky, 6 feet low, 60 degrees, black bass poor, white bass fair to good, hybrid stripers fair, crappie fair to good, catfish fair.

FRYER: Water clear, 6 feet low, 60 degrees, black bass poor, white bass fair to good, hybrid stripers fair, crappie fair to good, catfish fair.

O.H. IVIE: Water 56 degrees, black bass slowly, some fish are being caught on crank baits in 10-15 feet of water along shorelines, plastic worms seem to be doing best in 20 to 30 feet of water, points located at the mouth of rivers, creeks and draws, smallmouth mixed with black bass along points and rocky ridges in 15 to 25 feet of water, white bass poor, crappie fair in brushy areas along the river and creek channels in 35 to 50 feet of water on minnows and jigs, catfish fair, trotlines baited with live bait seem to work best, especially on yellow catfish up river, walleye fair with best conditions for this species improving.

WHITE RIVER: No report available due to poor weather and extremely low water.

THEO: Water extremely low, no fish reports.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, off-colored in upper arms, 58 degrees, black bass fair, mostly hitting in shallow water on spinner baits and plastic jerk baits, some Carolina rigging has been effective also, striped bass good under birds, but not real consistent, mudlake area best bet, white bass mixed with stripers, responding best to chartreuse jigging spoons, crappie fair under brushed docks and other areas on minnows, catfish slow.

BRENT: Water clear, 64 degrees, black bass picking up 6-8 pounds on spinner baits and worms, striped bass good, limits on smaller fish, white bass fair, some on topwater and slabs, crappie fair at 6 to 8 feet, catfish good on trotlines and limb lines.

GALVESTON

BOLIVAR SHORELINE: Water conditions fair, redfish fair, flounder good, black drum good, sheepshead excellent on shrimp and crab, best fishing off of piers, close to pilings, whiting good, fishing at Rollover Pass good for whiting on dead shrimp, flounder good on finger mullet, minnows and artificials, sheepshead good.

GALVESTON: Water conditions fair, redfish good along beach front, hitting live mullet and cut bait, trout fair on live shrimp, plastic shrimp tails and speck rigs, flounder good along channels, black drum fair, sheepshead good along structure.

McNeese St. 81, Lamar 65
SW Texas St. 74, Phillips 64
FAR WEST
Montana 99, S. Oregon 75
Wyoming 101, Western St. Colo. 70

SPORTSEXTRA

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	16	4	.800	—
New York	11	7	.611	4
Boston	9	12	.429	7 1/2
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	8
New Jersey	9	14	.391	8 1/2
Washington	6	11	.353	8 1/2
Miami	5	13	.278	10

Central Division

Indiana	13	6	.684	—
Cleveland	13	8	.619	1
Charlotte	11	9	.550	2 1/2
Chicago	10	9	.526	3
Atlanta	9	12	.429	5
Detroit	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	**13**	**6**	**.684**	—
Utah	13	8	.619	1
Denver	10	8	.556	2 1/2
Dallas	**9**	**8**	**.529**	**3**
San Antonio	**10**	**9**	**.526**	**3**
Minnesota	3	17	.150	10 1/2

Pacific Division

Phoenix	15	5	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	12	7	.632	2 1/2
Seattle	12	7	.632	2 1/2
Sacramento	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Portland	10	8	.556	4
Golden State	8	12	.400	7
L.A. Clippers	2	18	.100	13

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 95, New Jersey 88, 2OT
Orlando 120, Denver 96
Charlotte 106, Detroit 93
Indiana 81, Atlanta 79
Utah 103, Minnesota 95
Milwaukee 99, Philadelphia 96
San Antonio 122, Boston 110
Phoenix 111, Seattle 93
Portland 121, L.A. Clippers 73

Thursday's Games
Utah at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

College Scores

MEN

EAST
DePaul 96, Maine 62
Massachusetts 88, Princeton 67

SOUTH
Auburn 95, Troy St. 71
Georgia Tech 86, Georgia 78

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

National Football League
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Miami	9	5	0	.643	356	297
New England	8	6	0	.571	297	292
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	314	305
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	248	275
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429	287	305

Central

y-Pittsburgh	11	3	0	.786	265	190
y-Cleveland	10	4	0	.714	298	178
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	236	348
Houston	**1**	**13**	**0**	**.071**	**193**	**311**

West

San Diego	9	5	0	.643	323	266
LA Raiders	8	6	0	.571	277	292
Denver	7	7	0	.500	300	324
Kansas City	7	7	0	.500	269	280
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	262	271

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	**11**	**3**	**0**	**.786**	**380**	**217**
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	248	282
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	201	250
Philadelphia	7	7	0	.500	265	259
Washington	2	12	0	.143	282	374

Central

Minnesota	9	5	0	.643	316	259
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	296	296
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	241	281
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	327	251
Tampa Bay	5	9	0	.357	215	303

West

x-San Fran	12	2	0	.857	449	256
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	302	355
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	290	358
LA Rams	4	10	0	.286	252	314

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Minnesota at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Diego at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game
Dallas at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26
San Francisco at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Playoffs
Saturday, Dec. 31
AFC and NFC Wild Card
Sunday, Jan. 1
AFC and NFC Wild Card
Saturday, Jan. 7
AFC and NFC Divisional
Sunday, Jan. 8
AFC and NFC Divisional
Sunday, Jan. 15
AFC and NFC Championship
Sunday, Jan. 29
Super Bowl at Miami
Sunday, Feb. 5
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

Division I-AA All-Americans

FIRST TEAM

Offense

Quarterback — Steve McNair, Alcorn State, 6-3, 218, senior, Mount Olive, Miss.

Running backs — Arnold Mickens, Butler, 6-0, 220, junior, Indianapolis; Sherriden May, Idaho, 6-1, 210, senior, Tacoma, Wash.

Wide receivers — Derrick Ingram, Alabama Birmingham, 5-11, 182, senior, Farmerville, Ala.; Mark Orlando, Towson State, 6-1, 184, senior, Sykesville, Md.

Tight end — Hanz Hoag, Evansville, 6-4, 240, senior, Newburgh, Ind.

Linemen — Chris Sammarone, Youngstown State, 6-2, 275, senior, Youngstown, Ohio; Ronald Cherry, McNeese State, 6-4, 301, senior, New Orleans; Andre Maksimow, Boston University, 6-3, 275, senior, Union, N.J.; Scott Gragg, Montana, 6-9, 305, senior, Silverton, Ore.; William Pannell, Marshall, 6-4, 295, junior, Altavista, Va.

All-purpose — Anthony Jordan, Samford, 5-10, 192, senior, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Placekicker — Jim Richter, Furman, 6-4, 195, junior, Columbia, S.C.

Defense

Linemen — Anthony Cook, South Carolina State, 6-4, 280, senior, Bennettsville, S.C.; Joe O'Brien, Boise State, 6-2, 258, senior, Pittsburg, Calif.; Doug Berg, Southeast Missouri State, 6-3, 266, senior, St. Louis.

Linebackers — Dexter Coakley, Appalachian State, 5-11, 200, sophomore, Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Pat Goodwillie, Pennsylvania, 6-2, 220, senior, Ada, Mich.; Andre Allen, Northern Iowa, 6-1, 222, senior, Des Moines, Iowa; Leon Jones, Youngstown State, 6-0, 222, junior, Akron, Ohio.

Backs — Matt Stevens, Appalachian State, 6-0, 195, junior, Chapel Hill, N.C.; Lester Weaver, Youngstown State, 5-10, 175, senior, Tampa, Fla.; Joe Vaughn, Cal State Northridge, 6-0, 200, senior.

SECOND TEAM

Offense

Quarterback — Dave Dickenson, Montana.

Running backs — Michael Hicks, South Carolina State; Don Wilkerson, Southwest Texas State.

Wide receivers — Jeff Johnson, East Tennessee State; Reggie Barlow, Alabama State.

Tight end — Mark LaFeir, Lehigh.

Linemen — Bob Hall, Troy State; Harold Fox, Eastern Washington; Octus Polk, Stephen F. Austin; James Hand, Eastern Kentucky; Jim Mills, Idaho.

All-purpose — K.C. Adams, Boise State.

Placekicker — Charlie Pierce, Central Florida.

Defense

Linemen — Jose White, Howard; William Peebles, Appalachian State; Dan Brandenburg, Indiana State; Ryan Phillips, Idaho.

Linebackers — Alonzo Brown, Mississippi Valley State; Keifer Phillips, Grambling State; Vincent Landrum, McNeese State.

Backs — Roger Johnson, Marshall; Chris Hanson, Cornell; Rashid Gayle, Boise State; Randy Smith, Youngstown State.

Punter — Scott Holmes, Samford.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded Mark Lewis, shortstop, to the Cincinnati Reds for Tim Costo, infielder.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Acquired Jack McDowell, pitcher, from the Chicago White Sox for Keith Heberling, pitcher, and a player to be named.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed Danny Cox, pitcher, to a minor league contract. Acquired Scott Pace, pitcher, from the Florida Marlins to complete a November trade for Eddie Zosky.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with Anthony Young, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Designated Ben VanRyn, pitcher, for assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with Gregg Jefferies, infielder, on a four-year contract and Tommy Greene, pitcher, to a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Signed Luis Mercedes, outfielder, to a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed Alex Van Pelt, quarterback, to their practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed Frank Harvey, fullback, off the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad. Re-signed P.J. Killian, linebacker, to their practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed Jaime Fields, linebacker, on injured reserve. Signed Rick Hamilton, linebacker. Released Shaumbe Wright-Fare, running back, from the practice

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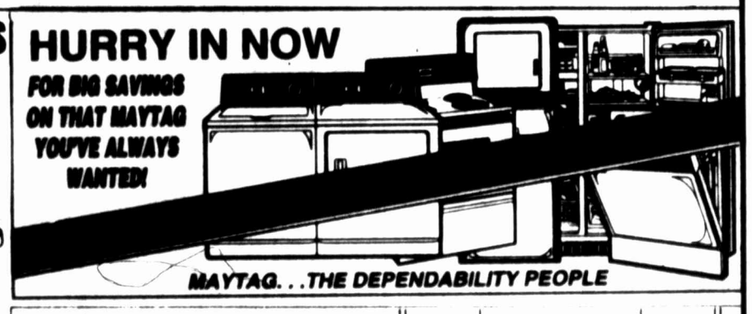
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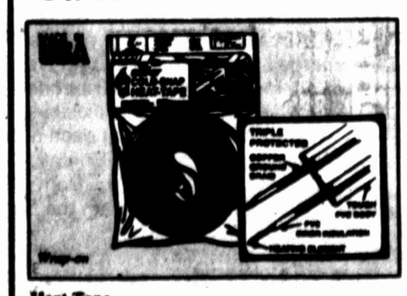
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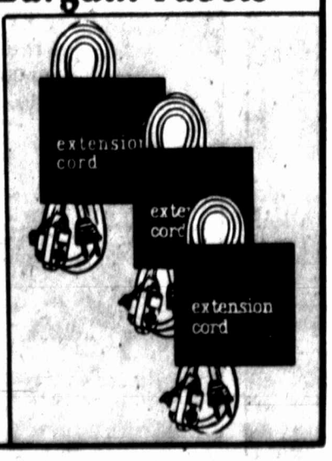
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Big Spring Herald

Thursday, December 15, 1994

Salad days come to Big Spring High School

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

"Build it and they will come."

No, it is not a slogan to bring people to a baseball field, but rather to a salad bar.

For the past two weeks, Big Spring Independent School District Food Service Director Joann Knox has been enticing students at Big Spring High with signs all over campus. No one knew what to expect come Monday afternoon at lunch.

"I had a salad bar at the school I came from and thought I would try it here. This is a trial period to see what the students and faculty think," said Knox.

"The number one thing about school lunches these days is to make them healthier and have less fat on the menu. Salad bars are a trend in school food service."

Any student can go through the salad bar line, including those who are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Getting the salad bar together was not too much trouble because there was already a third lunch line not being used at the present time.

"The third line was used when there were more students here, and it's been shut down a while. We make our own croutons from rolls and things. It really wasn't that much of an expense because we just moved two people from another part of the cafeteria to man the line," Knox explained.

There will be a variety of salads along with the traditional lettuce salad each day such as potato, fruit or pasta salad.

If the salad bar is a big hit, Knox plans to have salad bars at Runnels Junior High and Goliad Middle School.

When chef salads are already on the menu, Knox plans to turn the salad bar into a baked potato bar for that one day.

Zonell Sneed, salad bar manager, says it has gone very well so far. "Everyone seems to be pretty pleased. Teachers are behind it and I hope it goes over well. I think it will be a success and this is what we really needed," she commented.

The students seem to enjoy the salad bar as well. At least 60 students tried it out during the first lunch period on Monday with more expected to purchase the salads as the new item catches on.



Herald photo by Kellie Jones

Seniors Wendy Mayes, left, and James Stiehl add some homemade croutons to their salads Monday afternoon at Big Spring High School. The salad bar is the newest addition to the school lunch menus in an effort to provide healthy, low fat alternatives to students and teachers.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring High School teachers Judy Tereletsky and Eugene Smith, along with students Michael Miranda and Steven Tamayo, show off the newly restored Bible Lands mural at the high school. Smith is also pastor at Evangel Temple Assembly of God.

Art Club students restore Bible mural

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Art Club and Humanities class will host an open house tonight to commemorate the completion of the Bible Lands mural.

The open house will be 8-9:30 p.m. in room 205 of the high school. Eugene Smith, teacher of the humanities class, said, "The open house will be an opportunity for the entire community to see the mural and for teachers and students to say thank you to various sponsors and churches who have contributed time or financial donations to the completion of the project and class."

Work on the mural began in 1992, when the Art Club, under the direction of teacher Judy Tereletsky, began to restore the old mural.

Pictures had become so faded that the artists resketched the entire project on paper and drew and repainted each scene. The restoration required 22 art club members over a two-year period.

Keith Gibbons, former Humanities teacher and the one who first requested the art club's help in restoring the mural, will also be a guest at the gathering.

Gibbons, who taught the class for six years, is now a pastor in South Texas.

The open house will feature other projects completed by Humanities students for course work in the fall semester. These projects include maps, drawings, oil paintings, videotape presentations and models.

Youths excel in sister city program

By MIKE TODD
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN (AP) — Corey Tips graduated from high school, worked in food service jobs and wondered about his future. Chris Hofmayer worked at a Wal-Mart and wondered, too. India High knew exactly what she wanted; the only question was where.

All three found answers half a world away. They are among 14 Austin-area high school graduates leaving Jan. 9 for 2½-year trade apprenticeships in Koblenz, Germany, sponsored by German industry along with business and civic organizations in Austin.

Like thousands of German apprentices, the Austin apprentices-to-be will work in their chosen craft, attend classes two days a week and end up — they hope — with some of the best job training in the world.

"In Germany, 70 percent of the students go into vocational training. Twenty-five percent go into higher education, and 5 percent of the youths are not trained. It's that 5 percent they have problems with," said Renata Anderson, an organizer of the Austin apprenticeship program.

While Germany is recognized worldwide for training high school students to take their place in highly skilled trades, the United Sates lags far behind. Anderson is one in a group of Austin leaders working to expand the choices for the 30 percent of local high school graduates who don't go on to college.

"When you look at the numbers here that are not trained and are not going into higher education, we have a large problem," she said.

Tips, 20, graduated from Austin High School in 1992 and works as an assistant cook at a grocery store.



Associated Press photo

Chris Hofmayer, a 1993 graduate of Austin's Anderson High School, poses in his 1966 Ford Mustang he intends to sell to raise money for his trip to Germany. Hofmayer will be among 14 Austin-area high school graduates leaving in January for 2 1/2-year trade apprenticeships in Europe.

He wants a career in carpentry. Although his father is a small contractor and a job was available. Tips said, the kind of sophisticated training required to become a highly skilled craftsman wasn't.

"I've never heard of any apprenticeships here like they have in Germany," Tips said. "I could go to work for a company, but I wouldn't also be going to school."

Hofmayer, a 1993 graduate of Anderson High, runs a cash register in the automotive section at a Wal-Mart in North Austin. He took a math course at Austin Community College but until recently didn't have a plan for his future.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do," he said. "I don't know what I'd have been doing in five years — probably still be taking class and trying to decide what to do."

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Book lists reasons to be happy

Thomson News Service

Got a case of the blahs? Wishing life was bigger and better? Maybe what you should do — what we should all probably do — is take a closer look.

Yes, it helps to look on the bright side, and here, from Barbara Kipfer's new book, "1,400 Things for Kids to Be Happy About," are some of life's often overlooked blessings.

ON FRIENDS: sharing nicknames, play dates, secrets, talking on the phone, loyalty, always saving a place in line, sleep-overs, inside jokes, being a best friend

CITY NEIGHBORHOODS: community gardens, sirens, horns, whistles, tall buildings scrunched together, the ice cream truck, hustle and bustle, Chinese take-out, block parties and street fairs, subways and rumbling underground, fire escape flower pots, friendly policemen.

SCHOOL: free-choice time, a smile from the teacher, an "A" on anything, artwork on the walls, being first in line, the class hamster, show and tell, sitting next to my best friend, passing notes without getting caught, recess

GREAT OUTDOORS: the weather, the changing seasons, fossil remains, birds' nests, a sea of grass waving in the wind, taking a hike, deserts, forests, fields, mountains, being out in the open air, lots of green underfoot, oceans with crashing waves.

SMELLS: freshly mowed grass, bread right out of the oven, roses, the gas station, a wet dog, dinner, clean laundry, bacon sizzling, scratch and sniff books, bubble gum

FALL: spectacular sunsets, jumping into a big pile of leaves, sweater weather, pumpkin patches and apple orchards, hayrides, talking with the wind, autumn colors, carving pumpkins, the first day of school, new notebooks and pencil cases.

(Filed by The Connecticut Post, Bridgeport, Conn.)

CAREER CORNER

Occupational Title: Physical Therapist

Duties: Prepare and give physical therapy treatment as prescribed by the patient's physician.

Working Environment: They work primarily in hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

Helpful High School Classes: College preparatory, chemistry, physical education, health, algebra, biology, trigonometery, geometry and physics.

Continuing Education/Training: Junior college (assistant physical therapist) and senior college.

Some Sources of Training or Education: Odessa College, Texas Tech, Southwest Texas State and Midwestern State.

Certification/Licenses: Each state requires physical therapists to be licensed.

Salary: $22,550 yearly and up

Job Prospects: Excellent

Occupational Title: Auto Body Technician

Duties: Repair damaged cars, trucks and other vehicle bodies. When repairs are complete they often have to paint the damaged part.

Working Environment: They work in a shop most of the time.

Helpful High School Classes: Math, graphics, auto tech, co-op educaiton, metal trades, general education.

Continuing Education/Training: On-the-job training, apprenticeship, junior college, technical school, Howard College, Odessa College, Texas State Technical College (Sweetwater).

Salary: $17,000 and above.

Job Prospects: Good.

Occupational Title: Dietitian/Nutritionalist.

Duties: They plan and direct the preparation of food and nutritional programs. Also, they work with weight control through doctor's instructions.

Working Environment: They work in schools, hopsitals, nursing homes and restaurants.

Helpful High School Classes: College preparation, chemistry, home economics, food and nutrition, biology, health, economics, math co-op education.

Continuing Education/Training: Junior college, to receive basics; senior college.

Sources of Education/Training: Howard College, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Abilene Christian, Southwest Texas State, Texas Women.

Professional Organization: American Dietitians Association, American Society for Hospital Food Service Administrators.

Salary: $18,500 and above.

Job Prospects: Excellent.

Career Corner is provided by the Career Technology Department of Big Spring High School.

HONOR ROLL

In the Dec. 8 issue of the Herald, the A-B honor roll for St. Mary's Episcopal School second grade was incorrect. The correct A-B honor roll for the school's second grade is as follows.

Nathan Smith, Connor Phillips, Kelli Warrington, Scott Thomas, Kendal Adams, Emily McKenzie, Lindsey Barton, Madison Toone.

lIfe! Sunday Deadlines

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries - Wednesday at noon. Complete Herald form available at the office, 710 Scurry. Out-of-towners call 915-263-7331 for mailed form.

Military, Stork Club, This-N-That, Who's Who - Wednesday at noon. Call Janet Ausbury, 263-7331, ext. 112, for information.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on an AP story that was transmitted on Nov. 22.

Good Will

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Man's $800 Million Will Honors Hundreds of Ordinary People

NEW YORK (AP) — It has been 30-odd years since Gregory Condolucci, an elevator operator, laid eyes on Milton Petrie. It turns out that neither man forgot. Petrie left the 85-year-old Condolucci $9,999.96 a year for life.

Petrie, known in life — and now, in death — for his generosity, remembered hundreds of people, a few famous, most unknown, in his $800 million will.

"He got a big kick out of me," recalls Condolucci, who operated the elevator at a New York City tennis club frequented by Petrie decades ago. "I always kidded him."

Petrie, 92, the down-to-earth son of a Russian immigrant pawnshop owner, died on Nov. 6. He built his fortune with a chain of women's clothing stores.

Petrie's will names 451 beneficiaries. They include strangers he'd been helping since he read about them in the newspapers, and loyal employees whom he'd promised a more comfortable retirement.

He also provided generously for his own family members and for a few celebrities such as former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, writer Elie Wiesel and Marla Hanson, the model whose face was slashed on the street.

The value of his estate fluctuates with the stock market. One of his lawyers, Jerome A. Manning, believes it's around $800 million.

"He said he never forgot where he came from," said Cordelia Fuller, whose son, policeman Robert Venable, was killed five years ago by a car thief.

A dozen times, Petrie asked Mrs. Fuller to bring Venable's daughter, Januari, now 15, to his office.

"He would give her teddy bears and a check," Mrs. Fuller recalled. "He wanted to know about her progress in school. She was very crazy about him."

Under the will, Mrs. Fuller, a nursing supervisor in Brooklyn, will receive $5,000 a year for life.

"It's nice what he did but I'd rather for him to be here," she said.

Condolucci, a widower, said he'll use his money to help his brothers, nieces and nephews. And he'll replace his couch, which was ruined in a flood.

"He always took care of me," Condolucci said. "I had polio. He paid for my two pairs of shoes. They were $500 apiece."

Use the facts from the story to complete each of the following statements below:

1. Milton Petrie died
a) after losing his fortune.
b) because he had too much money.
c) at the age of 92.

2. In his will, Petrie wrote that he wanted to give away
a) millions of dollars.
b) a little less than $10,000.
c) a New York City tennis club.

3. In paragraph two, the word generosity refers to
a) rudeness.
b) kindness.
c) forgetfulness.

4. Gregory Condolucci, a friend of the millionaire for over 30 years, will
a) stop operating an elevator.
b) receive nearly $10,000 a year for life.
c) become a millionaire himself.

5. Petrie sometimes gave money to
a) total strangers.
b) people who worked for him.
c) both a and b are correct.

6. Petrie probably gave money to 451 people because he
a) needed to ask people for favors.
b) knew they were all very poor.
c) enjoyed being able to help people.

Answer Key:
1)c 2)a 3)b 4)b 5)c 6)c 7)b 8)c 9)b 10)a

—*The Associated Press*

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Especially for kids and their families

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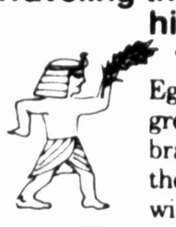
By BETTY DEBNAM

Cheer From Far and Near
Our Traveling Christmas Trees



Did you ever stop to wonder how far your Christmas tree might have traveled to get to your living room?

Traveling through history


The ancient Egyptians brought green palm branches into their homes in the winter.


The Romans decorated their homes with greens to honor the god of farming.


The Druid priests from Europe used to decorate with mistletoe and other greens.


Later, German immigrants brought the Christmas tree custom to the United States.

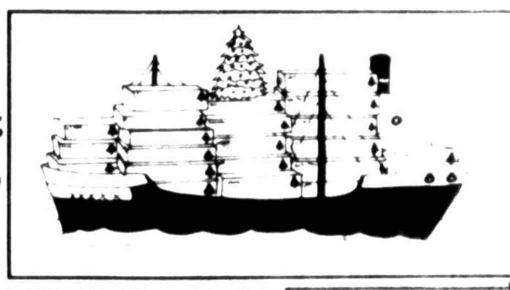
Look through your newspaper for other signs of the holiday season. Do you see any Christmas tree decorations?

Some trees don't travel very far because local people cut them down from nearby fields. Today we get many trees from farms where they are specially grown for customers to "choose and cut" the tree of their choice.





Some Christmas trees don't travel again once they are planted. Our national Christmas tree is a living tree. Years ago, it was bundled up, roots and all. It was carefully transplanted from a farm in Pennsylvania to a park across from the White House in Washington, D.C.





Most of our natural Christmas trees come from special farms that raise them as a crop, much like a farmer might raise corn. These trees are shipped throughout the country.



Some natural Christmas trees come from National Forests...

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Sometimes ... people ... from ...

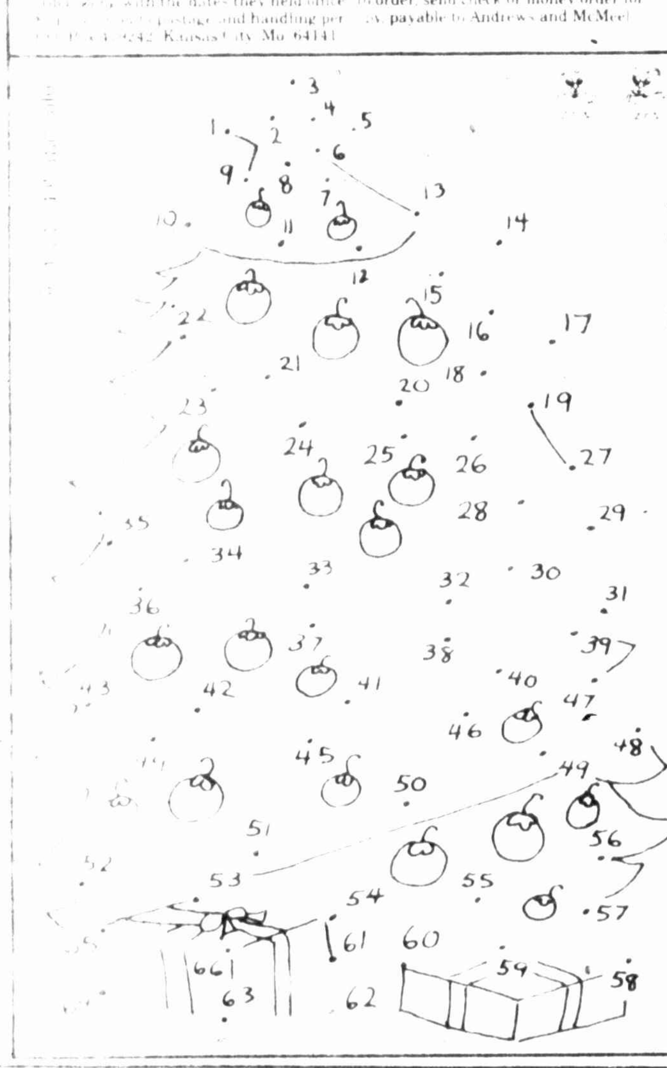
About ... United States ... very far away ... from Hong Kong ... Korea ...

The Mini Page Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school.
For use with issue: Our Traveling Christmas Trees

This issue is about Christmas trees. The following is a list of ... with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask ... the following:
... of yourself beside the national Christmas tree in Washington, D.C.
... the following: Have you ever seen the national Christmas tree? ... where have you seen Christmas trees? If your family has a ... does it look like? What do you plan to do with your ... after the holiday season is over?
... and look at the different trees. Are there any that would ... Christmas trees. How are the trees alike and different?
... have been asked to create a Christmas tree ornament that ... your state. Draw a picture of your creation.
... you are a Christmas tree farmer. Describe a typical day ... a holiday poem.
... all the places mentioned in this issue on a U.S. map. Which states ... Capitol's Christmas tree have to travel through to reach Washington, D.C.?

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Peanut Butter Bonbons

You'll need:
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup powdered milk
- 1/2 cup wheat germ

What to do:
1. Combine honey and peanut butter in a medium bowl until smooth.
2. Stir in powdered milk until well-mixed.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour.
4. Remove from refrigerator and roll mixture into 1-inch balls.
5. Roll each ball in wheat germ.
6. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes about 20.

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Basset Brown The News Hound's CHRISTMAS TREES TRY 'N FIND

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Words that remind us of Christmas trees are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: TREE, CHRISTMAS, LIGHTS, FIR, NEEDLES, DECORATIONS, SEEDS, GROW, NURSERY, CUT, BRANCH, PINECONES, MULCH, GREEN, FARM, WINTER, BARK, STAR, BALLS.

DO YOU KNOW THESE CHRISTMAS TREE WORDS?

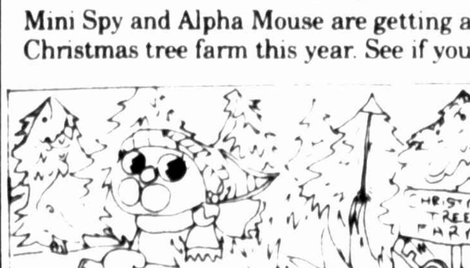
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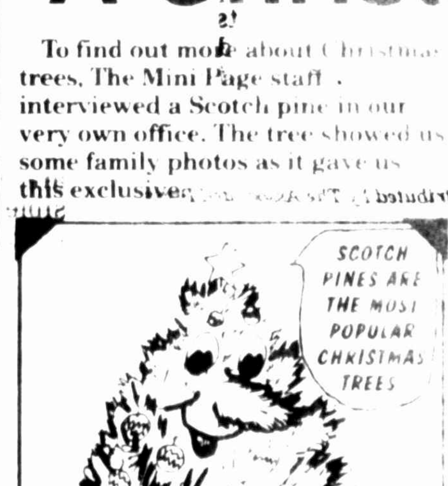
Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are getting a tree from a Christmas tree farm this year. See if you can find:

- tooth
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- fish
- bird
- candy cane
- arrow
- man's face
- cat
- letter A
- key
- heart
- letter D



A Christmas Tree Interview

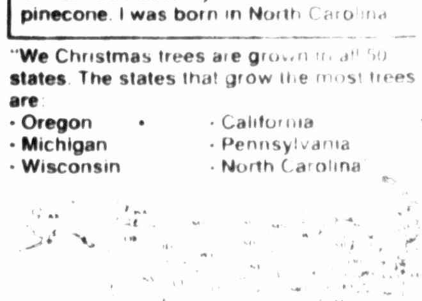
To find out more about Christmas trees, The Mini Page staff interviewed a Scotch pine in our very own office. The tree showed us some family photos as it gave us this exclusive...





1. From the nursery
"This is a nursery where baby trees are raised and usually live for about two years. As is true for all living Christmas trees, my seed came from a pinecone. I was born in North Carolina."

"We Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states. The states that grow the most trees are:
- Oregon
- Michigan
- Wisconsin
- California
- Pennsylvania
- North Carolina"



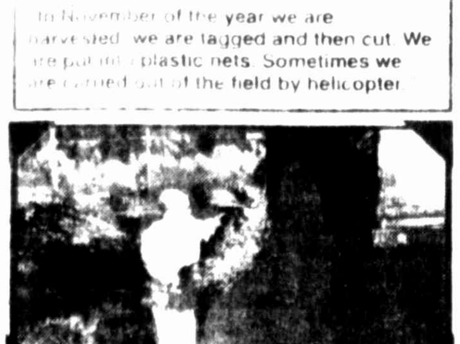
Can you color in these states?



2. To the farm
"... moved to a farm where I could grow and grow until I got tall ... shows how Christmas trees are grown on farms ... We Christmas trees have to keep in shape, too. Each ... farmer ... by to trim, fertilize and spray us. Most of us ... several years before we are cut. Some taller trees grow ... years."

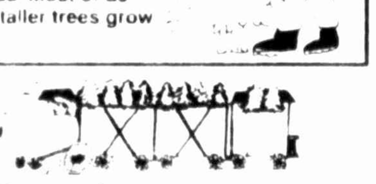


3. Out of the fields
"In November of the year we are harvested, we are tagged and then cut. We are put in plastic nets. Sometimes we are carried out of the field by helicopter."

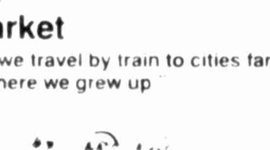


4. To market
"We are loaded onto trucks to be taken to the lot or store where we will be sold."

The Mini Page thanks the National Forest Service and the National Christmas Tree Association for help with this issue.



5. To market
"Sometimes we travel by train to cities far away from where we grew up."



6. Home at last
"Many of us are sold on vacant lots rented by groups hoping to raise money for worthy causes. I am so glad The Mini Page staff chose me. No tree likes to be left on the lot after Dec. 24."

7. After the holidays
"After the holiday season, I might:
- "be sunk in a fish pond to make homes and feeding areas for fish.
- "be used on a beach to keep the sand from blowing away.
- "Since I am biodegradable, I might be chopped up and used for mulch."



Dear Beakman,
Where does Jell-O™ come from? How is it made?
Ezimena Dafetta
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Ezimena,

People like to ask this because the answer is gross. Yes, we do get gelatin from dead animal skins and bones. But hamburgers come from dead animals, too. So how gross can it be?

Gelatin is a protein something like the protein we looked at last week in the question about fingernails. Gelatin is in all animals – even you.

Some of the best fun *You Can* have in a kitchen comes in a little envelope of plain, unflavored gelatin. It's very cheap, and *You Can* use it to invent your own wild flavor of gelatin, like cola or root beer!

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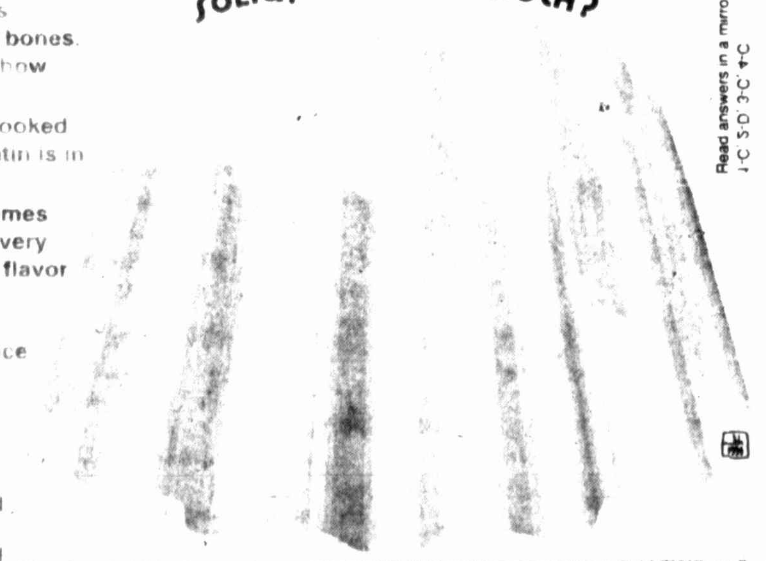


Gelatin has a shape when it's cool. The proteins hook onto each other and build a structure. **When gelatin gets wet and warm, it loses its structure. The yellow is a drop of lemon-flavored liquid.** **When the gelatin cools again, the proteins go back into their shape. But now they trap a drop of the liquid.**

colloid caravan
Look through your house for examples of other things that are colloids like gelatin. After you examine them, match them up!

1. Milk — a. Liquid floating in liquid
2. Whipped cream — b. Liquid floating in air
3. Milk of Magnesia — c. Solids floating in liquid
4. Paint — d. Air floating in liquid

solid, Liquid or both?



When 1 kind of thing traps and suspends another kind of thing, we call it a colloid (KAHL-oyd). Gelatin is a liquid that is trapped and suspended by a solid. That's the reason it jiggles. It flows like a liquid but is pulled back into shape by the solid protein.

Read answers in a mirror: 1-C 2-D 3-C 4-C

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P.S. from Jax: There is one place we can get gelatin that's not from animals. It's from seaweed. ...

Volunteers boost kids' confidence

By LYNN BULMAHN
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — George Brown is in the first grade. He is 88 years old.

Sam Harelik's elementary school class threw him a surprise birthday party. They even decorated the classroom for the occasion. There were 80 candles on his cake.

The two men are not late bloomers, but volunteers for the Adopt-A-School project at Crestview Elementary School in Waco.

Both Harelik and Brown are members of the Waco Founder Lions Club. Since the club's headquarters is Lions Den, a few blocks from the school on North 42nd Street, it was natural for a partnership to emerge between the civic club and Crestview.

Although Founder Lions is not exclusively a senior citizen's club, its older members find they have plenty of time to volunteer.

Brown and Harelik spend hours at the school, tutoring students who need a little extra help and attention.

Brown, a retired Clifton Manufacturing salesman who ran B&B Specialties for 17 years, began volunteering this year. Brown goes to the school after the noon meeting of the Lions Club on Wednesdays. Staff members confide he gets there earlier each time.

Brown's special friend in Linda McCartney's first-grade class is Samuel Henry. "He's helped a whole lot," said McCartney of Brown. "This really helps the self-esteem of Sam. He's more confident."

The youngster often waits at the classroom door, asking if Brown is going to visit that day, she said.

"Mr. Brown said he's not sure if he's helping the kids or if the kids are helping him," said Cookie Davis, the school's Adopt-A-School coordinator. "But the kids love him."

One Wednesday, Brown and Samuel worked at coloring a worksheet together. The design on the worksheet was coded by numbers, and the student had to match the right number with the color it represented. When Samuel realized he'd colored one design incorrectly, he slapped his hand to his mouth.

Brown said Samuel does that any time he makes a mistake. But, he said, the errors are becoming fewer.

"He is as smart as all get out," Brown said of Samuel. "But when he sees the end of something, he's not interested in it."

"What color are you looking for?" Brown asked his student.

"Number three," Samuel replied.

"What color is number three?" Brown asked.

"Yellow."

When Samuel could not find a yellow crayon, Brown suggested he substitute a light orange one.

McCartney said Brown's influence has been positive. By working one-on-one, she said, an Adopt-A-School volunteer learns what the student needs and how to relate to the child.

Harelik, who operated Harelik's Man Shoppe for many years, is a veteran Adopt-A-School volunteer.

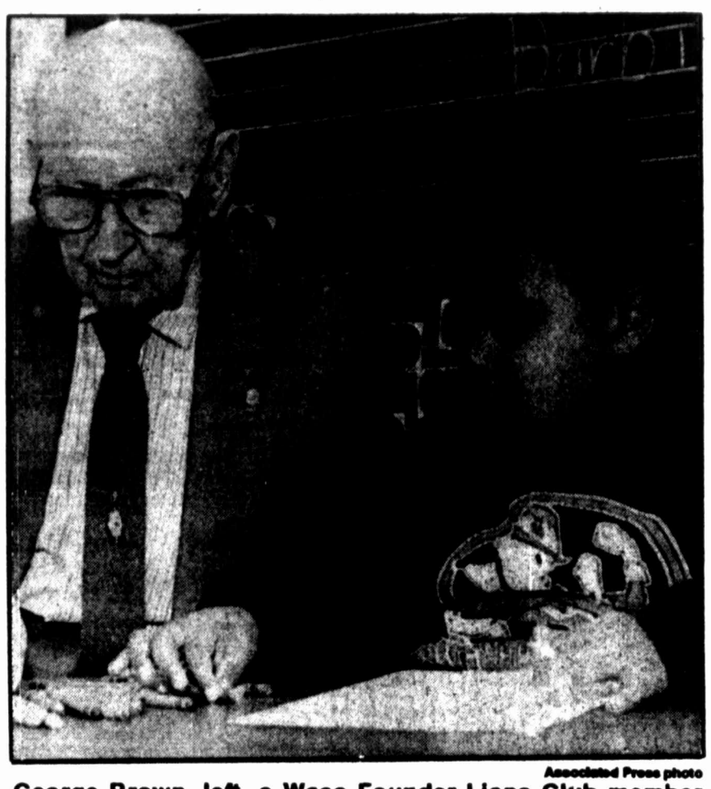
He knows all the children by name. And he knows who is — and isn't — in the room.

"Out of 20-something kids, he automatically knows who is not here," Davis said. "That even takes the teacher a while."

Harelik takes a personal interest in his students.

"I haven't had a bad bunch," Harelik said, thinking back through the years he's volunteered.

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George Brown, left, a Waco Founder Lions Club member Adopt-A-School volunteer, helps Crestview Elementary School first-grader Samuel Henry with a coloring project in Waco.

Adopting grandparents

■ School promotes intergenerational love, respect

By BRIGITTE BARRY
Laredo Morning Times

LAREDO — An idea that started between two friends four years ago is still touching hearts and minds.

One Friday each month, third-grade students from Elvira Maldonado's class at Milton Elementary School visit their adopted grandparents at the Tender Loving Care Adult Day Care center. The result is a mutual bond of love and companionship.

"I love these boys and girls and they love me," says Raul Vela, 71, one of the grandfathers. "We communicate. They tell me things about their lives and I remember a moment when I was a little boy and I understand them. Boys and girls have beautiful expressions and thoughts."

Mario Ramirez, 9, says he likes spending time with Vela because they talk about their families and friends and have fun together. Ramirez says he's learned from grandfather Vela.

"I've learned about old people. Sometimes when they're walking, kids laugh at them. He doesn't like it when kids laugh at him," said Mario.

It all began four years ago when Ms. Maldonado was visiting her friend, Dora Valdez, activities director at the TLC center. The two women thought the kids and the senior citizens would benefit from each other's company, and started the Adopted Grandparents Program.

"Some kids have a lot of problems and I want them to feel like they belong to somebody," Ms. Maldonado said. "Sometimes a child needs someone else besides family. With these 'grandparents,' they feel someone really loves them."

She divides her class of 28 students among TLC's 80 "grandparents" who spend time with them one Friday a month.

"I love them," says 9-year-old Miguel Capetillo. "They talk with me and they take an interest in me and play with me. All of them give me attention and tell me things."

His parents take him to TLC every Friday for two hours to spend with his "grandparents" and other friends. He likes to visit all of the people because he plays games with them and "hopes one day kids will do the same for him when he gets old."

Vela said the friendship isn't limited to visiting day. "I remember one day at the mall a child gave me a kiss on my face and said, 'Papa, this is my grandfather.'

"He gave me a hug and a kiss and said, 'Thank you (grandfather) for the love you have for me.'"

Many of the "grandchildren" say they have learned to respect their elders through this program and have learned what their grandparents did as children. Their grandparents also teach the kids history through telling them what Laredo was like when they were growing up.

Ms. Maldonado says that's part of the teaching and that all education "doesn't have to come from books."

But Fernando Flores, 62, tells his adopted grandchild it's important to stick to the books.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are willing to talk after a disappointment. Don't let depression get to you. Remain optimistic about offers. You will have a better understanding because of how you handle a situation. Be clear and make plans. Tonight: You don't have to go far for fun. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Curb spending while you can. Focus is not on the gift-giving but on feelings. A sentimental gift could go far. Really look at the issue before going out today. Your more creative side comes out, and you rethink your shopping list. Tonight: Out and about. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Once you overcome an obstacle that involves responsibility, you will do fine. You are ahead of the game, and understand more than you thought was possible. You see matters in a new light. Touch base with another. Tonight: Be the personality kid. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A new opportunity is important. Your perception and willingness to listen helps a decision. A change in plans is for the good. Be sure about goals and direction. Listen to your instincts. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Take a deep breath and kick back. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Zoom in and get things done. A partner may be depressed, but you need to understand a situation clearly. An optimistic appraisal of what's going on will help you resolve a problem. Instincts are important. Touch base with a friend. Tonight: Out and about. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are in the limelight. Be responsible and you will get ahead. Be ready to make a change. You feel creative. Listen to your instincts, and follow through. Pressure may be intense when dealing with partners. Be centered. Tonight: Go out with coworkers. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): News from a distance is outstanding. You can make a big difference. You will find answers to a problem very easily. Be aware of your own energy levels, and make a change in plans so that you have more energy. Tonight: Do your thing. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One-to-one relating is highlighted. News from a loved one or child may be disappointing, but you have the wherewithal to cope with the problem. You understand more than you think. An offer helps you take the lead. Tonight: Say yes to a loved one. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a step forward and move on. Understand your goals and direction. A family matter takes high priority. Don't let another push your buttons. Accept responsibility, and understand what's happening. A friend says thanks in an unusual way. Tonight: Stay out. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Work hard to get your job done. Creativity is high, and understanding opens up a new door. A misunderstanding is temporary. Concentrate and keep focused and you will see positive results, as your instincts are right on. Tonight: Work late if you must. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your move fun-loving, flirtatious side comes out. You are feeling as if a lot is going on. Creativity is high. Be careful with a risk. Curb spending, and be serious about what's important and how far you need to go. Tonight: Do what you consider fun. *****

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THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Mom's lost legacy grieves daughter



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from the widower who contemplated keeping one of his wife's rings to give to a "Miss Perfect" should he meet her:

My parents were divorced when I was 2 years old. I was reared by my father and my aunt.

Mother died of cancer at the age of 48. I had lunch with several of her friends before the funeral, and they told me that Mom wanted me to have her pearl earrings. The fact that she had thought of me was overwhelming in my time of grief. I spoke to my stepfather about the earrings, and he said: "No one touches her jewelry! You can't have them!"

When my older brother sent some photographs of my stepfather and his new bride, I noticed she was wearing Mother's earrings. No one could have put a price on how much those earrings would have meant to me. I was ... HER ONLY DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: My condolences to you on the loss of your beloved mother. Your stepfather's insensitivity was inexcusable. How sad that your mother did not make her wishes known in a will.

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There are more, of course. — WILLARD L., SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR WILLARD: And don't forget:
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If I've overlooked any, I'm sure my readers will write and let me know.

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6 :PM :30	News (888) Wh Fortune	Full House Simpsons	C Sandiego Bet Lines	Shade Shade	News (7486) M*A*S*H	News Wh Fortune	News (4318) Coach	Who s Boss? Who s Boss?	Volver a Empezar	The Comic Book Christ	American Sky News	(20) Warning	(869467)	Wayne s World 2 (CC)	Prime Time Praise	Rockford Files	Beyond 2000 Next Step	Kung Fu (856554)	Adventure Fishing	(245979) NFL Pro	**Movie**: Stalag 17 (795283)	Happen Now Sanford
7 :PM :30	Tribute to Elvis (79863)	Martin Living Single	Gardens of the World	Waltons (798405)	Due South (CC) (35318)	Tribute to Elvis (41893)	Mad-You Friends	NBA Basketball	Agujetas Rosa	mas Caper Claymation	Country Music	Sign (51648641)	Beach Babes From	(5213202) Richie Rich	(815950) LaLonde	Biography (347660)	World-Wond America	Flintstone Christmas	Sportstalk NBA Basket	Bowl Football		Roc (339202) Comicview
8 :PM :30		New York Undercover	Legendary Trails	Rescue 911	Chicago Hope		Seinfeld Madman	Denver Nuggets at	Marimar (39738)	**Movie**: Howards	Music City Tonight	**Movie**: In the Line of Fire	Beyond Inside Victo-	Ground Zero (CC)	Dwight Thompson	Christmas Memory	Movie Magic Know Zone	**Movie**: Pocketful of	ball Los Angeles Lakers	College Football Las	**Movie**: Seconds	Video Soul (682931)
9 :PM :30	Turning Point (CC) (6196)	Kung Fu The Legend	Mystery! (CC) (62824)	700 Club (794689)	Eye to Eye (CC) (24202)	Turning Point (CC) (64280)	ER (CC) (66202)	Miami Heat **Movie**:	Bienvenidos Bienvenidos	End (CC) (786757)	(369738) Club Dance	(CC) (2435660)	ria s Secret Three of	(684863) Comedy Jam	Praise the Lord	Christmas-Vienn	Fangs! (358776)	Miracles (342573)	at Houston Rockets	Vegas Bowl -- Central	(707028)	
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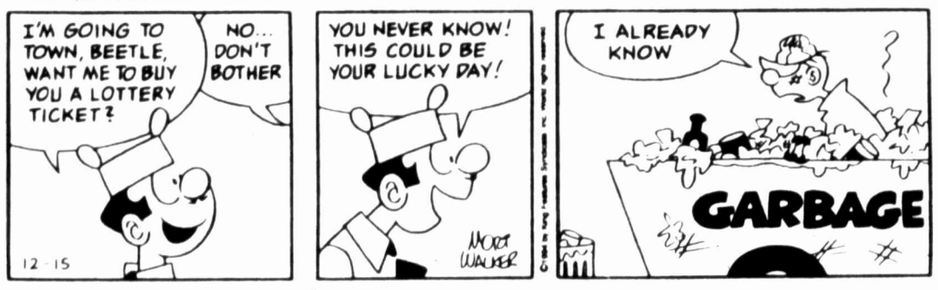
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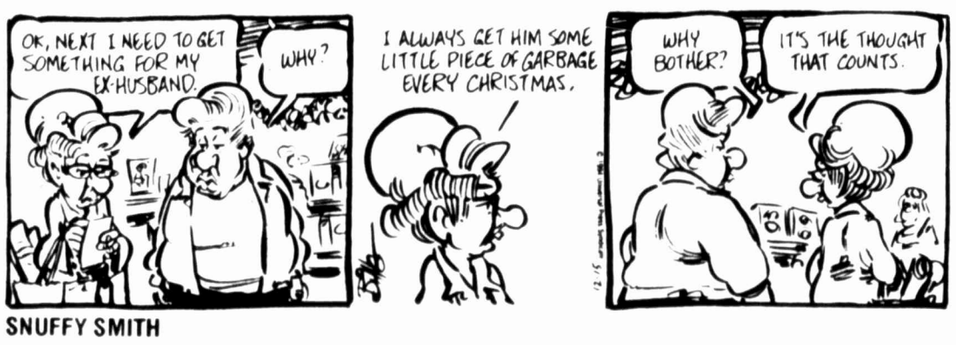
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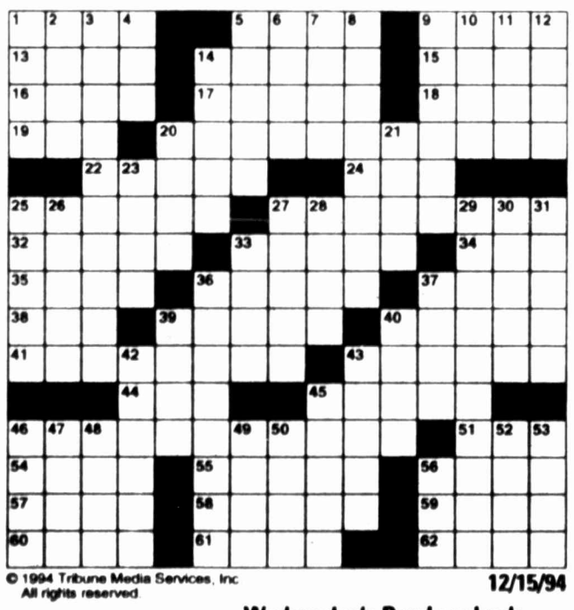
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THE SANTA CLAUSE PG
In stereo 4:50-7:30-9:40
William Shatner
STAR TREK GENERATIONS
PG In stereo 4:30-7:00-9:50
MacCaulley Culkin
THE PAGEMASTER G
In stereo 5:00
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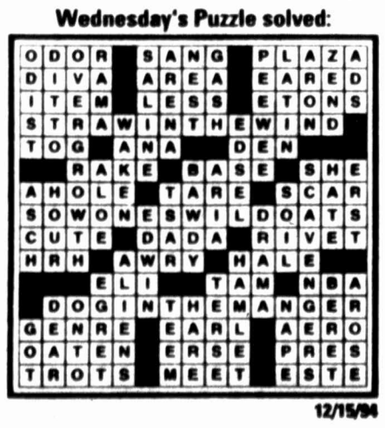
ACROSS
1 Actor Danny
5 Before chute or mount
9 Reproduction
13 Privy to
14 Holey roll
15 Singing brothers
16 Collar fastener
17 African gazelle
18 Knowledge
19 Title of respect
20 Not supported, in Leeds
22 Rugged
24 Undivided
25 Battery terminals
27 Suppresses
32 Divided into sections
33 Woo
34 Hill dweller
35 Weight system
36 Bundles
37 Loyal
38 Cassowary kin
39 Before, in prescriptions
40 Chaplain
41 TV fare
43 Cheated
44 Legendary bird
45 Poet Federico Garcia
46 Description of a place, in Bath
51 Life story
54 Genesis brother
55 Unconcealed
56 Take bets
57 Charity
58 Suspicious
59 Moon goddess
60 Printing term
61 Dark
62 Waiter's need

DOWN
1 Osculate
2 Against
3 Old Bailey address
4 Lineman
5 Wingding
6 Exchange premium
7 Coral ridge
8 Hands and knees
9 Bovines
10 Melville novel
11 Andean land
12 North Sea feeder
14 Data transmission units
20 Pitcher Hershiser
21 Sci. subj.
23 "An apple —..."
25 Nahuatl
26 "— Rae"
27 Stage direction
28 Opp. of ans.
29 Punishment at Dartmoor
30 Habituate: var.
31 Spirited horse
33 Biblical name
36 Cabbage kin
37 Powder
39 Swimming place
40 Satisfied sound
42 District of Ireland
43 Like a painful toe
45 British truck
46 Alan or Cheryl
47 Woodwind
48 Cubicle
49 Baking place
50 Onion kin
52 Hebrides island
53 Approve
56 Sandwich letters

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Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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This date in history

Today is Thursday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 1994. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 15, 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader and U.S. Army Major Glenn Miller disappeared in thick fog over the English Channel while en route to Paris; the fate of the plane and its occupants has never been determined.

On this date:

In 1791, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution — the Bill of Rights — went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and eleven other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police working for the U.S. government.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C.

In 1939, the motion picture "Gone With the Wind," starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable, had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, the Senate approved the promotions of Henry H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall to the five-star rank of General of the Army and the nominations of William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King and Chester W. Nimitz as Admirals of the Fleet.

In 1944, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death in Jerusalem.

In 1964, Canada's House of Commons approved dropping the Canadian "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6 and Gemini 7, maneuvered within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

Thought for Today: "We are all citizens of history." — Clifton Fadiman, American author, editor and radio personality (1904-).

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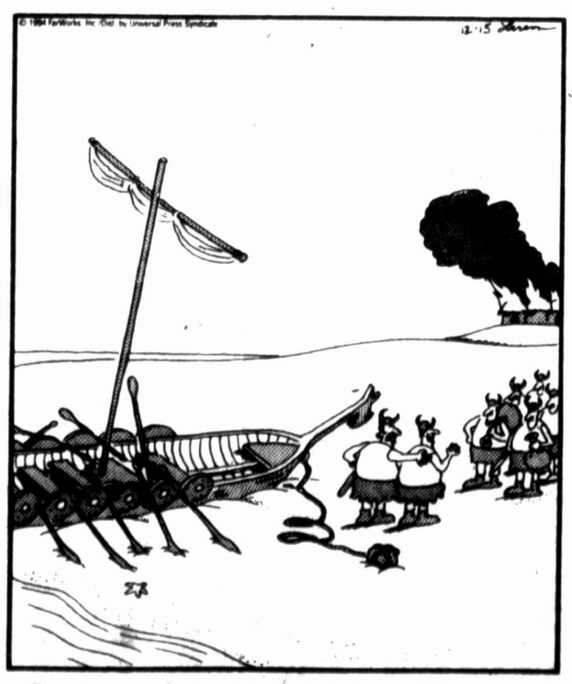
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By GARY LARSON



"Everyone can just put down their loot and plunder, and Sven here — yes, old Sven, who was in charge of reading the tide chart — has something to say to us all."