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CRMWD begins transferring water into Lake Thomas

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Lack of both rainfall and runoff from rainfall has prompted the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) to begin transferring water to Lake J.B. Thomas to ensure that the city of Snyder has an adequate municipal water supply next year.

According to CRMWD General Manager John Grant, the district began transferring water a few days ago.

As of Monday, Lake Thomas contained approximately 9,000 acre-feet of water or about 4.4 percent of the lake's capacity of 204,000 acre-feet.

"We have been monitoring the water situation in Lake Thomas very closely for the last 18 months," Grant said. "The lack of water in Lake Thomas is something that just didn't happen overnight.

Lake Thomas has only received a total of 29,800 acre-feet of inflow since July 1992, which is significantly below annual inflows. The average annual inflow into Lake Thomas is 32,000 acre-feet.

According to Grant, if Lake Thomas had received its average annual inflow, it would have captured about 144,000 acre-feet instead of only 29,800 acre-feet in four and a half years.

The low annual intake at Lake Thomas is attributed directly to the lack of rainfall.

"The drainage area for Lake Thomas is basically Borden County, and rainfall in this area, since the middle part of 1992, has been well below normal," Grant said.

The level of recorded rainfall in Borden County through November of this year is 13.66 inches or 6.3 inches below normal annual rainfall of 19.96 inches.

The water being transferred by the district is coming from the O.H. Ivie Reservoir, and according to grant, if the drought continues and Lake Thomas receives no significant inflow by spring, the district will also begin transferring water from Lake Spence as well.

"Lake Thomas is not going to fill up, we're just transferring enough water to meet the city of Snyder's needs," Grant said.

The transfer will continue until there is enough runoff to meet those needs.

Lake Thomas is Snyder's primary water source, and based on historical water usage, also taking evaporation into account, Grant says the CRMWD estimates that 12,000 acre-feet of inflow into Lake Thomas will meet Snyder's water needs for one year.

According to Grant, in the spring of 1995 the district reduced the amount of water withdrawn from Lake Thomas to meet the needs of its other municipal water customers, which include the cities of Big Spring, Stanton, Midland and Odessa.

Diversion from Lake Thomas, for those cities, was stopped, and last spring the CRMWD reactivated existing wells in Snyder, thereby supplementing the lake's resource.

"We have certainly been planning for the day when we would begin transferring water to Lake Thomas, but we never thought it would become necessary," Grant said.

The CRMWD was created by an act of the Texas Legislature in 1951 and is comprised of member cities Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder.

PIPES BU-R-R-RST





HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

As the temperature dropped below the freezing point last night, city crews had their hands full repairing broken water lines. The problem may persist, because the temperature is expected to drop into the upper teens tonight.

Anderson students get preventative medicine

Action taken when one child diagnosed as having meningitis

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Some 66 students at Anderson Kindergarten Center had to wait until this morning to receive oral medication from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) as a preventative measure against bacterial meningitis after a single case was confirmed earlier this week in a student.

Oral doses of an antibiotic, Rifampin, were to have been administered Wednesday afternoon but were delayed when TDH personnel had difficulty in labeling the medication, according to Anderson principal Suzanne Madero.

Instead, the implementation was delayed until 8:30 today.

"Bacterial meningitis can only be spread by direct contact with a person who actually has the disease and close contact means kissing, and immediately eating or drinking after an infected person," explained Dr. James Morgan, acting regional director of Public Health Regions 9/10.

Morgan emphasized that bacterial meningitis is not airborne and is spread only through droplets, saliva, and the like.

Madero said that as soon as the school was notified by TDH that bacterial meningitis had been confirmed in the student, preventative steps were taken.

"We called parents of students who might have been involved (with the affected student) so that they could come to the school and give permission for us to give preventative doses to their children," Madero said.

Persons who could have made contact were given doses of Rifampin.

Madero said school officials reviewed schedules to see which students had schedules that could allow for the mixing with the affected student in physical education or at lunch.

"We've been on the phone since noon calling them," she said following a 3 p.m. session with parents.

Madero said only three classes were involved in the preventative effort.

She said TDH officials advised her the infection was caught early in the student and that the affected student is "OK in the hospital in another city."

Morgan said bacterial meningitis is a common occurrence during winter months and sporadically crops up around the state.

"There is no reason to think that there is any kind of epidemic, because bacterial meningitis rarely causes an epidemic," Morgan said, "and appropriate control measures have been taken."

Moore said if persons are concerned about their health in terms of having been exposed to bacterial meningitis, they should call their physician or the Texas Department of Health in Big Spring at 263-9776. They can also call the TDH in Midland at 683-9492.

Frances Wheat turns Chamber's reigns over to its new president, Curt Mullins

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Frances Wheat presided over her final meeting as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, passing the reigns to new president Curt Mullins, chairman of Norwest Bank.

Wednesday's meeting also included a report to the chamber's board of directors as to the financial condition of the chamber.

According to treasurer David McKay, year-to-date revenues weighed against expenditures show that the chamber has an excess of about $47,000.

As for the chamber's membership, David Wrinkle, membership development vice president, said the chamber is holding steady at 454 members, and has added 84 new members so far in 1996.

About $101,000 to date has been collected in membership dues, with $1,402 in dues still past due. Wrinkle added that $19,182 in early payments for 1997 dues have already been collected.

Chamber Executive Vice President Linda Walker said Big Spring was well represented at the recent Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) meeting concerning the Interstate 27 corridor project.

According to Walker, TxDOT will not meet again to discuss Phase 2 of the project until May 1997.

Ray Kennedy, tourism vice president, upated board members as to the use of the Dora Roberts Community Center (DRCC).

During the month of November, the center hosted 38 events that included 1,481 guests and rental payments of $2,100.

Walker said the DRCC is already booked for May, June and July of next year and

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TDCJ's former chief of construction indicted

AUSTIN (AP) — The former head of construction for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is facing a charge that he rewrote job requirements so his son would be hired to a $30,588-a-year position with the prison system.

J.B. Cole, 63, was indicted by a Walker County grand jury Tuesday on a charge of abuse of official capacity, a third-degree felony. It's the first criminal charge to arise from a yearlong investigation of the department.

Cole, now retired from the prison system, told the Austin American-Statesman he is innocent of wrongdoing.

"In my heart I don't think I did anything wrong," he said. "I'm not taking this well ... All I ever did was work 12 to 14 hours a day to get the state out of its emergency ... and this is what I get."

TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott said through a spokesman that the charges were "a tragic situation for everyone concerned."

"But we are proud that our own internal affairs division put this information together and presented it to the proper authorities," Scott said.

Walker County District Attorney David Weeks said Cole, who guided the prison system's record-setting $1.5 billion expansion, worked to get a job for his 32-year-old son, Page.

According to Weeks, Cole ordered his employees to rewrite the job description for a senior inspector in telecommunications.

The requirements were changed from six years of supervisory experience to three years of telephone installation experience and certification from a trade school.

Page Cole was the only applicant who had the certified training, while another applicant had six years of supervisory experience, Weeks said.

"His son did not qualify under the original job requirements," Weeks said. "He (J.B. Cole) had

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VAN DONATED



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Charles "Chuck" Jackson of the Non-Commissioned Offers Association of the United States of America presents Warren Longley, associated director of the Veterans Administration Medical Center with the keys to a much needed new van. Also shown, from left, are Jim Clark, Robert Guthrie, Troy Hensley, Heidrun Covington, and Fred Cox.



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TODAY'S WEATHER

43 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 17

Today: Sunny with a high in the lower 40s. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper teens.

Friday: Sunny with a high in the lower 50s. Low in the lower 20s.

Extended outlook: Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy with highs in e 50s. Lows in the 30s. Monday, partly cloudy wi h a high around 60. Low in the 40s.

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OBITUARIES

H.T. (Jack) Spears

Service for H.T. (Jack) Spears, 85, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at his home.

Lillian Hart

Graveside service for Lillian Hart, 92, Bryan, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hart died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Bryan.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1904, in Ellis County, and married Dale W. Hart on Aug. 21, 1932, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 1944. She grew up in the Moore community in Howard County and she and her late husband farmed there. She lived in San Angelo for 27 years and worked as a realtor while living there. For the past five years she had lived in Bryan. She was a Methodist and a former member of Wesley United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include one daughter: Loveda Grafa; a son: Delbert V. Shultz, Bryan; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Delan D. Wash

Delan D. Wash, 88, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at his residence after an extended illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



WASH

He was born on Sept. 13, 1908, in San Saba, Texas and married Bernice Montgomery on April 5, 1973, in Big Spring.

He spent most of his life working in the oil field and his last employer was Moss Petroleum in Forsan. He was a lifetime member of the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club and had been an amateur operator since 1974. Mr. Wash had recently received a lifetime achievement award. He helped build the organization's clubhouse on U.S. Highway 87 South. His wife, Bernice also helped Delan with small tasks while building the clubhouse.

He was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Montgomery Wash of Big Spring; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gwen and Bob Watson of Spicewood, Dorthy and Jim Darling of Llano and Fonda Hines of Spring; one step daughter, Janece Duke of Hobbs, N.M.; one step-son and his wife, Bruno and Carol Montgomery of Steel, Mo.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, C.V. and Mae Wash of Forsan and Wayne and Linda Wash of Porter; one sister, Nettie Bob Wash of Houston; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be J.L. Stevens, Bob Watson, Jimmy Darling, Bruno Montgomery, Bennie Porter and Doug Watson.

A special thanks to Family Hospice and Nurse Finders. Especially to Donna, the director, nurses, Alice and Karen and Roman and Shirley, who made him comfortable. To Stacy Miller his special "adopted" daughter and care giver and to Bennie and Maureen (neighbors) always.

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Paid obituary

Weldon "Nubs" Kelly McAdams, Sr.

Weldon "Nubs" Kelly McAdams, Sr., 66, of Sand Springs, died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at a Midland hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Hubert Wright, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Raford Dunagan of Midway Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



MCADAMS

He was born on April 20, 1930, in Colorado City, Texas and married Katie Alford on Sept. 22, 1956, in Colorado City, Texas.

He grew up in Loraine and graduated from Loraine High School. He came to Big Spring in 1956 after marrying. For many years he was a contract mail hauler for the United States Post Office. He had also worked at Howard College and at the time of his death he was employed by Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

He was a member of Midway Baptist Church and served in the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Katie McAdams of Sand Springs; one son and daughter-in-law, Weldon "Rusty," Jr. and Peggy McAdams of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Rick Stovall of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Kelli, Kourtney and Kaleb McAdams, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Durwood McAdams of Perryton and Sid McAdams of Spearman; two sisters, Joan Long of Loraine and Catherine Barr of Hobbs, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents, K.C. and Cynthia McAdams, two brothers and two sisters.

Pallbearers will be Carl F. Frazier, Poncho Narbaiz, James Hern, Joe Morren, W.C. Ross, Roosevelt Shaw, Tony Frazier and Tracy Frazier.

The family suggest memorial to the donor's favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

DEADLINES FOR THE LIFE! section will change for the Christmas holidays. All church and club news is due to the Herald office by Monday, Dec. 23 for publication on Friday, Dec. 27. All Sunday items for publication on Sunday, Dec. 29 are due Monday, Dec. 23. You may mail, fax or drop off any items to: 710 Scurry, P.O. Box 1431, 264-7205 (fax number). Contact Kellie Jones at 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information. You may also use the drop-off box located near the steps of the Eighth Street entrance.

THE 1996-97 SANDS PTO cook books are in. "Cooking Country Style" contains 1,284 recipes from appetizers to main dishes and desserts. The cook book is dedicated to the students of Sands CISD and all proceeds from the book will be used to provide scholarships for the students.

In Big Spring, contact Connie Zant at Elrod's or Dorothy Ringner at Jiffy Car Wash for the cook books. You may call Sands School, Zelda Bilbo 353-4314, Sharon Hambrick 353-4744 or Alison Foster at 353-4574 for a copy of the cook book.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year. The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, and the volunteer training is scheduled for Monday through Friday, Jan. 13-17, 1997. Volunteers will begin assisting with the preparation of income tax returns for individuals in February. For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

Indicted

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control over this as head of the Engineering Directorate."

Page Cole worked for the agency from July 25, 1994, until Oct. 31, when his job was eliminated in a major reorganization of the maintenance department, said TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury.

The elder Cole acknowledged writing the job requirements but denied his son was the only applicant to qualify under the new description.

"I wrote the requirements for that job, but they moved it to communications (division) so there wouldn't be any questions," he said. "I didn't have anything to do with his hiring."

Weeks said J.B. Cole was also to be charged with a pair of misdemeanors. One alleges that he accepted an expense-paid trip from Sverdrup Inc., a company he had awarded a multimillion-dollar construction contract. Another charge claims he practiced engineering without a state license, Weeks said.

J.B. Cole also denied the misdemeanor charges.

If convicted, J.B. Cole could face up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine on the felony charge and a year in jail and a $4,000 fine on each of the misdemeanor counts, Weeks said.

J.B. Cole was hired in December 1993 to organize a massive expansion of the prison system. In less than five years, the system more than doubled in size to rank among the biggest in the world.

Cole was replaced as construction chief on Nov. 27 by Allen J. Sailer, 57, who was the director of facilities and engineering for the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Past prison system practices reportedly remain under the scrutiny of federal and state authorities, but Weeks said he has no other cases pending against current or former TDCJ employees.

Chamber

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August is booked except for one weekend.

Wheat informed the board that the Man and Woman of the Year Committee has made its 1996 selections and the choices for Big Spring's Man and Woman of the Year will be announced at the chamber's annual banquet.

The banquet has been set for 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The master of ceremonies will be new chamber board member Terry McDaniel and guest speaker for the banquet will be former state senator and current Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford.

Other officers shaping the chamber's leadership during the 1996-97 year include Cavan McMahon, 1st vice president; and Ray Kennedy, president elect.

Other new chamber board members include Paulette Mason, Mason Lawn and Garden; Lanelle Witt, First Bank of West Texas; Mike Mancil, Energas; and Penny Phillips, Lubbock Methodist Clinic.

Mullins' new slate of vice presidents for the upcoming year include Cavan McMahon, tourism; David Wrinkle, public affairs; Katie Grimes, membership development; Sue Bagwell, retail development; and Chuck Williams, governmental affairs.

IN BRIEF

UNITED BLOOD SERVICES IS having a holiday blood drive at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Friday. The times are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Appointments are encouraged. Contact Deborah Pearce at 263-1211, ext. 175 for an appointment.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health administers flu shots Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. They moved back to their regular location at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell. The cost is $5 and TDH will file on Medicare, if necessary. Call 263-9775 for more information.

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 7, 26, 28, 41, 44, 49
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MARKETS

March cotton 75.95 cents a pound, up 42 points; Jan. crude oil 26.07, down 9 points; Cash hog steady at 57; slaughter steers steady at 65; Dec. live hog futures 59.60, down 66 points; December live cattle futures 66.70, up 15 points.

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Texas Utils. Co	40 +¼
Unocal Corp	39⅛ -⅛
Wal-Mart	23⅛ +⅛
Amcap	14.13-14.99
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SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.

•American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Westbrook Independent School District early dismissal at 1:35 p.m. Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 6.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136. Covered dish supper at 6 p.m. prior to meeting.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

HELPING OTHERS

TCA CABLE TV OF Big Spring is sponsoring a canned food drive for the Salvation Army to gather food for needy residents through Friday. If you donate eight or more food items, new customers recieve free installation and current customers will receive free connection to various cable services. Bring donations to the cable office, 2006 Birdwell Lane, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Call the cable office or the Salvation Army for more information.

CELLULAR ONE IS SPONSORING a canned food drive for the Northside Community Center. If you bring in 10 canned goods, the $35 activation fee is waived for new customers. A package of disposable diapers can also be used in exchange for paying the activation fee. The goal is to build a Christmas tree out of cans at the business that reaches the ceiling. The canned goods and diapers will be taken to Northside right before Christmas for distribution. Call 264-0003 for more information.

ON CUE IN THE Big Spring Mall is teaming up with Marine Corps Reserve and Toys for Tots during the holidays. On Cue is offering anyone that buys a gift for Toys for Tots at On Cue receives 20 percent off that item (regularly and clearance-priced items only) plus a $2 coupon valid at the store in January 1997.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 30
Wednesday's low 11
Average high 56
Average low 28
Record high 80 in 1980
Record low 7 in 1924
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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Salamanders' deaths blamed on routine cleanup

AUSTIN — It likely was a routine draining and cleaning of Barton Springs Pool that led to the deaths earlier this month of 12 salamanders, city officials say.

The Barton Springs salamander — found only in Austin — long has represented the flashpoint between the city's environmental and development interests.

So when a regular census of the salanamander population in Barton Springs Pool and two adjoining spring-fed pools turned up 12 corpses on Dec. 6, a full-blown investigation was launched.

Shivering Texans amuse weathered snowbirds

VICTORIA — Don't tell this retired Yukon Territory miner about bone-chilling cold.

Canadian John Hull has endured 70-below winter days when every inch of skin had to be covered for fear of frostbite.

So this week's mid-30s weather in South Texas was no sweat, Hull said Wednesday as he and his wife, Vel, stopped their trailer in Victoria's Riverside Park.

"Oh, this is like early fall for us," said the 68-year-old Hull, who was on his way to spend the winter in Yuma, Ariz. "We play golf in this type of weather."

Wednesday's temperatures topped out at 41 degrees in the region, the National Weather Service said. Forecasters were calling for a low of 20 Thursday.

UTMB review finds one case of treatment without consent

GALVESTON — A preliminary review of 664 trauma care patients reveals only one case of treatment without patient consent at the University of Texas Medical Branch, the teaching hospital's chief of staff says.

"It has been alleged that there has been wholesale patient abuse and violation of patient rights by the trauma team," Dr. Joan Richardson, UTMB's chief of staff, said Wednesday. "The results of the two review committees shows that this is categorically untrue."

Two groups, one made up of five physicians and another of five nurses, reviewed the medical charts of 664 trauma care patients. Only one of them had received a procedure without consent.

Conviction of woman imprisoned nine years overturned

BROWNSVILLE — For almost nine years, Susie Mowbray worked from inside a women's prison to prove she was wrongly convicted of killing her husband.

On the outside, her 25-year-old son, a law student in Louisiana, pored over legal documents and trial testimony, formulating an appeal he hoped would persuade a court to free his mother.

On Wednesday, their prayers were answered. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals threw out Mowbray's conviction for the death of Bill Mowbray, who she claims killed himself in 1987.

Appeal that stalled Texas executions denied

AUSTIN — A death row inmate's appeal that stalled Texas executions has been denied by the state Court of Criminal Appeals, clearing the way for more condemned killers to be scheduled for lethal injection.

The court, in an appeal from James Carl Lee Davis of Austin, on Wednesday upheld a law limiting appeals by death row inmates and lifted a stay of execution granted Davis.

"Those persons whose executions have been stopped pending the outcome of the Davis case can now be rescheduled," said Ron Dusek, spokesman for state Attorney General Dan Morales.

Eight scheduled executions were stayed by the state's highest court for criminal appeals after inmates raised the same issues as Davis, Dusek said. Three inmates have been executed this year, compared with last year's record 19.

Executive director sues lottery commission

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers says the agency's executive director is free to say anything about ongoing controversies surrounding the lottery.

Miers says she hopes Nora Linares uses that freedom as the Texas Lottery Commission grills its executive director, agency staff and officials from GTECH Holding Corp., the agency's primary contractor, at a public meeting today.

Numerous questions have come up in recent weeks, including:

— The relationship between Linares and GTECH.

— The whereabouts and conditions of numerous security investigation files.

— The relationship between GTECH and a Texas racetrack.

— How Linares' friend Mike Moeller, now a federal prison inmate on unrelated matters, got a $30,000 job with GTECH shortly after the company was hired to run the lottery.

— What Moeller did for GTECH during the five months he worked for the company in 1992 and 1993.

Linares on Wednesday filed a lawsuit against the three-member commission. She claims the panel has barred her from speaking publicly about the controversies.

"There has never been a gag order," Miers replied. "Ms. Linares is free to say anything Ms. Linares chooses to say. We can't speak for her."

Linares' attorneys said her lawsuit was forced because she has not been allowed to answer questions or carry out some of her duties, including working to resolve the various questions.

The lawsuit, filed in state district court in Travis County, seeks a court ruling against the alleged gag order and an order barring the commissioners from interfering with Linares' day-to-day work.

"Ms. Linares, by filing this lawsuit, is saying to the press, the public and the commission that she is ready to (be questioned) under oath on any and all aspects on what has gone on," said attorney Buck Wood. "There is not one shred of evidence out there that can be proved that Nora Linares has done anything improper, that she has done anything illegal, violated any commission rules or has in any way violated the ethics law."

As executive director, Linares reports to the commission and is in charge of daily operations. She is an at-will employee, meaning she could be more easily fired than rank-and-file government workers.

Wood said even if the commission allowed Linares to speak freely, her lawsuit would continue. He said Miers, in her public statements, has implied that Linares has done wrong.

He suggested politics could be a part of the controversies. Linares is a Democrat. Miers is a Republican appointed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Study: So far, NAFTA has created few U.S. jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — The trade pact with Mexico and Canada has not stolen many jobs from Americans, but it hasn't created too many news ones either, according to a report released today.

The North American Free Trade Agreement's impact on U.S. jobs has been "near-zero" or slightly positive, not generating the new employment its fans had promised, according to the government-funded study.

Researchers at UCLA provided the most comprehensive analysis yet of the 1994 NAFTA accord.

"The impact of NAFTA and of cutting tariffs is negligible. The main factor in creating U.S. export jobs is sustaining economic growth in Mexico — and we haven't solved that problem yet," said Raul Hinojosa, research director at UCLA's North American Integration and Development Center.

NAFTA, which loosened restrictions on trade among Mexico, Canada and the United States, has created about 49,000 jobs through exports to Mexico. But at the same time, imports from Mexico have taken away more than 38,000 jobs, researchers found.

On balance, NAFTA has generated only 11,000 jobs in the United States since it became law Jan. 1, 1994 — an insignificant fraction of the country's 125 million jobs.

When NAFTA was approved, the government created a program to retrain and give special unemployment benefits to people who lost jobs. However, the study found that less than 50 percent of people thrown out of work have been eligible.

That's because the government requires workers to prove they lost their jobs to increased trade with Mexico and Canada, a difficult task for former employees of small firms who lack the support of unions.

"There are problems identifying the impacted workers, and we are concerned that they be identified and that their problems be addressed," Hinojosa said.

Another government program was established to help communities where many people lost jobs. It, too, has qualification requirements that make it difficult for communities to prove they are eligible.

Union leaders agreed that the government has underestimated the number of workers who lost jobs because of trade. But they say the reason NAFTA has had little impact since 1994 is because it caused changes long before the treaty was signed into law.

Peruvian rebels threaten to kill hostages — minister first

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Split up in separate rooms by rebels armed with guns and grenades, a dozen ambassadors and hundreds of other VIPs spent a second night in uneasy captivity in the home of Japan's ambassador.

A doctor who was allowed inside the compound today in an upscale Lima suburb said the hostages appeared calm and healthy despite the Tupac Amaru rebels' threat Wednesday to begin executing them one by one.

A Japanese envoy was to arrive this morning from Tokyo to help assess the hostage crisis. The U.S. Embassy has set up a special crisis center, manned by FBI agents, and Britain and Germany also sent in trouble-shooting experts.

The rebels, who took over the compound Tuesday night by posing as waiters during a birthday party honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito, are demanded the release of 300 comrades in jail, economic reforms, money and safe passage to the Amazonian jungle in eastern Peru.

"It's very tranquil" inside, Red Cross doctor Marc Cortal said early today following a 30-minute visit.

He helped deliver water, medicine and sandwiches to the residence, a block-long compound where the 23 rebels had divided more than 400 hostages into groups and guarded them in separate rooms.

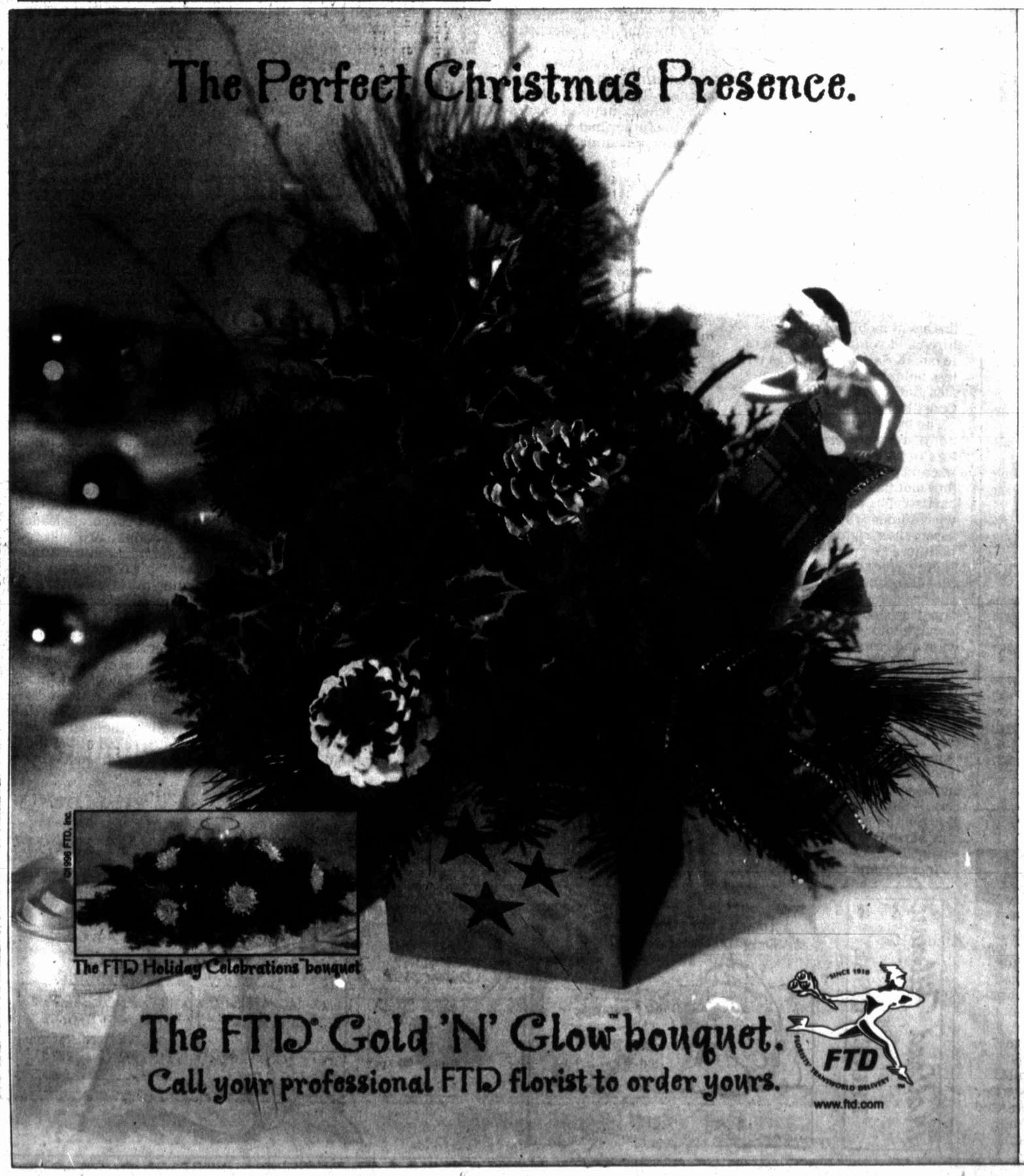
"We spoke with people, collected messages for their families," Cortal said near the two-story residence.

Early today, Canadian Ambassador Anthony Vincent, who was released from captivity Wednesday afternoon, also reentered the residence with a Peruvian diplomat.

"We transmitted to the government the message of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement," he said when he emerged. He said he was not a negotiator and was merely passing messages between the government of President Alberto Fujimori and the rebels.

He said negotiations would resume later today.

Fujimori has made no public statement on the standoff.



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Quote of the Day

"A hungry man is not a free man."

-Adlai Stevenson

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OUR VIEWS

'Nutcracker' yet another tradition

This Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the Big Spring Symphony presents "The Nutcracker" at City Auditorium, featuring Ballet Lubbock and 34 dancers from Dance Gallery.

"The Nutcracker" is a tradition of the holiday season and is based on a story in which Clara, the main character, falls asleep under her family's Christmas tree and dreams that the wooden nutcracker comes to life as a prince.

She had fallen asleep because she was upset that a boy had broken the nutcracker that was given to her by her uncle.

During the dream, the Nutcracker Prince fights mice, then he and Clara get on a sled and travel to different countries, including Russia, Spain and China. In each country, they are entertained by people dressed in costumes depicting their heritage and country. When Clara awakens from her dream the next day, it's Christmas.

We again remind you how special it is that a community our size has a symphony and how important a recruiting tool the Big Spring Symphony can be when businesses and new residents come looking at our town.

Go see "The Nutcracker " — we promise you'll enjoy it, for it is a delight for children and adults alike. It's a Christmas gift we think you'll really enjoy giving yourself.

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When the courts don't bother with the truth

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
Scripps Howard News Service

Columnist John Leo recently pointed out that truth now plays second fiddle to other goals deemed to be more important such as success and self-esteem.

Among his examples are two schools in Milwaukee that boost black self-esteem by teaching that black Egyptians once had wings and flew among the pyramids until the Europeans came and killed all the winged Africans.

Before you laugh, take note that the same disregard for truth now permeates our courtrooms.

One year ago a mother and father in Arlington, Va., were concerned that a sexual relationship had developed between their 13-year-old daughter and a 28-year-old woman who lived in their apartment complex. When the father tried to terminate the assumed affair, the pair apparently retaliated by accusing him of raping his daughter.

The Arlington police made no effort to investigate both sides of the story. The police presumed the father's guilt and undertook to bring an indictment.

A tape of the father's interrogation by Arlington detective Stewart Chase shows the detective lying to the father by falsely claiming that the police had medical evidence proving that he had raped his daughter. The tape also shows repeated attempts by detective Chase to put words in the shell-shocked father's mouth and to deceive him into a confession.

During the subsequent trial, which was attended by my associate, Lawrence Stratton, a lawyer and former federal judicial clerk, detective Chase admitted on the stand that he had lied to the defendant when he claimed to have medical evidence of rape.

The tape also shows repeated denials by the father — 79 to be precise. — of the charge that he had raped his daughter. Nonetheless, Detective Chase, informed Child Protective Services of the allegations and they subsequently took custody of the daughter.

Then a grand jury brought in the indictment, based in part based on the detective's testimony, which included suggestions the father had confessed to raping his daughter in the taped interrogation.

After hearing the tape of the interrogation and evidence from the defense's expert witness, who provided enlarged photographs of the daughter's vagina and described her as in possession of an intact "pristine hymen," the trial jury refused to convict on the rape charge. After the trial was over, a juror told. Stratton that several jurors were disturbed that the police had failed to investigate the parents' suspicion of sexual abuse of their daughter by her adult friend, especially after hearing the daughter's comments that she hoped the trial's outcome would be the opportunity to live with her friend.

Prosecutor Molly Newton, meanwhile, has announced she intends to retry the father If justice is the purpose of prosecutions, it is way past time for Molly Newton and Detective Chase to find out whether the father's suspicion is true: that he was thrown to the wolves by the two females as their way of protecting their relationship.

The truth could easily have been established had the police conducted an investigation then. But, after a year's delay the truth will be harder to find. Instead of investigating the possibility of a self-serving allegation, Arlington County chose to investigate only one allegation that has possibly destroyed a family.

And the daughter has suffered as well. She has been continuously recycled between psychiatric hospitals and foster homes, and is currently in a resident psychiatric facility.

This could join a long list of mishandled child sex abuse cases. Recently, there have been TV documentaries on falsely convicted parents, including the recent flare-up in Wenatchee, Wash., where two dozen parents in prison fighting to overturn convictions that all resulted from increasingly suspicious allegations from a single police officer. And last week in Illinois three assistant county prosecutors and four sheriff's deputies were indicted on charges they framed innocents in the rape case of a 10-year-old girl.

(Paul Craig Roberts is a former assistant secretary at the U.S. Treasury and the John M. Olin fellow at the Institute for Political Economy.)

Foul-mouthed performers, backers don't offer art

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Millionaires who make profits off entertainment industry filth are again mobilizing their hired and volunteer defenders to counter-attack critics as witless bumpkins, religious crazies and violators of the Constitution.

The profiting millionaires, not just the owners and operators in the business of producing and peddling obscenity but foul-mouthed performers whose "artistry" is more akin with what's under the outhouse, assert their rights as cultural polluters and pose as patriots fighting for precious freedoms. Most especially they fight for the freedom to celebrate America's lowest common denominator in movies, television and recorded music.

And, say the cultural polluters, if American children — or children anywhere — are tugged down to that level, if they act out the crudities they see and hear, if they become something like the slobs and social outlaws the entertainment industry presents as models, if and when that happens, it's not the polluters fault. It's the parents who should be blamed.

In a day and age and a sorry state of affairs when much of what the nation's children see and hear and buy as entertainment is tainted by foul language, casual sex and random violence, the giants of the entertainment industry say they're only honest businessmen and women, making an honest buck.

When it spills into schools and homes and when every teenage marketplace is awash with it and kids of almost any age are pulled to it by perverse peer pressure, the polluters — rarely speaking for themselves — send out their expensive lobbyists and public relations wizards to humiliate critics and pretend an openness to conciliation and "self-regulation."

Always they insist that the flow of filth that delivers enormous profits to them can't be halted or even cleaned up, that it's a First Amendment issue and that they won't even censor themselves and no one else ought to try. The polluters say it's really the parents' responsibility — if they're so narrow-minded and inclined — to police not only what's seen and heard in their homes but to watchdog the TV networks, the movie theaters, the video and record stores, school hallways, locker rooms and lavatories, buses, cars, wherever youngsters might gather to indulge in the polluters' products.

In effect, the polluters inform parents and all Americans, they are responsible only for presenting the filth in attractive packages, for pocketing the revenues and, perhaps, paying off a few politicians with help in the next election campaign. And it would be unthinkable to stand in the way of "artistry" and "artists" who have helped build a running sewer through the American society.

Typical of the cynicism of the polluters and the seeming helplessness of public officials is the rats' maze of non-regulatory regulation over the polluters' product as it is broadcast on television. A current law, understandable perhaps by a few technological wizards, would require that new TV sets in the far-off future come equipped with a "V-chip" that would allow parents to block out certain programs if — a big if — the parents can decipher some kind of a rating code.

Recently a captive commission produced a TV program "rating" system for parents that doesn't tell them what they'd want to know: Does the program contain dirty language, bloody violence and scenes of sexual nudity that parents might prefer their children not watch?

The movie industry's spokesman, Jack Valenti, said the proposed rating system, a rehash of the non-enforceable age-appropriate system used for movie houses, would be offered with no prospect for changes. Attempts at revision, such as a clear warning to parents that their kids would be confronted by foul talk, displays of sex or violence, Valenti said, will wind up in court.

On another front — criticism of the undisguised filth in some "gangsta rap" recordings — William Bennett, the former secretary of education, has targeted a powerful and politically-connected corporate leader, Edgar Bronfman Jr., asking that Bronfman's entertainment property, MCA Inc., stop spreading the "offensive" products. Bennett, of course, is denounced as a kook and an enemy of the Constitution.

As unsettling as their product is the pose of the millionaire polluters that they do no harm in reaching out to American youngsters, inviting them to dirty themselves with obscenities raked out of the sewer by truly disgusting people.

(Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



Your Views

Former candidate's wife gives council no-shows low rating

To the Editor:

I attended the city council meeting on Dec. 4, which was the meeting concerning the evaluation of Gary Fuqua. I was there in support of Mr. Fuqua. Indeed there were a lot of people present who supports our city manager. The only empty chairs available were the four council seats of our elected officials of Districts 1,3,4 and 6.

For the performance of work you do, Mr. Fuqua, Mayor Blackshear, Council woman Deanda, and Council man Campbell, I give you an A+! Good job! For council woman Horton and council men Anderson, Guess and Cawthon, I give you a N/S...for No Show, Not Satisfactory, and Not Sufficient!!!

It is a shame that we can only evaluate our district representatives every three years.

Shana Biddison
Big Spring

Anti-freeze death of pets building wall between neighbors

To the Editor:

After befriending a neighbor for more than 22 years, a wall is being built between us. We can remember the joyous times of sitting with the neighbors at our table relaxing over a hot cup of coffee while our children played. Christmas morning breakfast was always a cherished time and became a tradition that carried into our children's adulthood. These times have unfortunately become mere memories.

In the middle of November we had the unfortunate experience of watching our cat slowly pass away. Smoky was suffering terribly, and Dr. Burt regrettably could not find the source of his illness. When our other cat, Thomas, began to act in the same manner our minds began racing. They both were acting as if they had been poisoned. We searched around the house with the help from Animal Control Center and found a container under a shrub in a neighboring front yard. The container enclosed stringy roast beef laced with antifreeze. One can imagine our dismay and heartache when the yard was that of our close friends.

Smoky, Thomas, and two kittens died due to the cruelties of a fellow neighbor. Our entire family has been in shock over the incident and in grievance for the loss of our two family members.

A word of warning to the Purdue Street Neighborhood, please watch your children and pets. We would hate for any of you to suffer as we and our pets have over the last two weeks. We pray this madness will cease.

A special thanks to: Dr. Burt and staff - Highland Animal Hospital, Dr. Hill and staff - Western Hills Animal Clinic, Mr. John Liedecke - Animal Control Officer, law officials and EPA and Margaret Lloyd of the Humane Society.

The Butts Family
Big Spring

Senior couple seeking help regarding growing tax bill

To the Editor:

We are looking for someone to help. We have talked to the appraisal board, the tax people, the title people that did our title papers, and even talked to the lawyers that did our transfer. We bought our house in February of this year. We signed the papers the 18th of March. The other party that owned the house had to pay the taxes up until that time, which was $250. You add that to $1417.49 you have $1667.49. Which is unbelieving. You hear and read about senior discounts. Christmas in April for senior citizens. Well, we got our Christmas in October, our tax bill for $1,417.49, guess they figured here another county dummy we can put the screws to. By the way, we are both in our late 80s. I would call that in the senior age group, wouldn't you. Some of our neighbor's taxes are around $800.

Marvin and Allie Cockrell
Big Spring

AG's office lost no support money during snafu

To the Editor:

An Associate Press article published in your newspaper on Nov. 10 stated that $20,000 in child support checks disappeared last month from the Attorney General's Child Support Program.

The article failed to mention that no money was lost and that all custodial parents received their child support checks on time. All of the checks had been stamped for payment to the state only, and stop-payments were placed on the few checks that were not eventually found. Those checks were replaced.

The facts show that the Child Support Program's internal security system works.

Ron Dusek
Press Secretary
Office of the Texas Attorney General

Here we go again — gas prices are higher locally

To the Editor:

Recently my wife and I had an occasion to drive to Austin. One of the biggest things we noticed, besides the deer running across the road, was the gas prices. In every town we went through, except Eden, we saw gas prices ranging from $1.16 to $1.20. We filled up in Brady for $1.18. Before we left Austin we filled up for $1.16. We stopped in San Angelo just to top off our tank for $1.18 before reaching Big Spring.

I have some questions I would really like answered:

• Is not the Fina gas sold in Big Spring the same gas sold in all these other towns? Is not Chevron, Exxon, and Texaco sold in Big Spring the same gas sold in all these other towns? If it is why do we pay $1.24 per gallon?

• My next question is, why do the people of Big Spring put up with high gas prices?

Herbert Madero
Big Spring

Council no-shows should resign their public office

To the Editor:

The city of Big Spring is a part of a great country with a pretty decent political system. I'm proud to be a law-abiding, tax-paying citizen who loves our country. We choose, through the election process, people to serve us. Recently, for whatever reason, our "elected" servants, namely members of our city council, failed the citizens of Big Spring. My concern is not whether Gary Fuqua was doing his job, but the refusal of city council members to show up and represent our city's citizens! I have never known of this kind of behavior from so many city council members. If these members do not want to represent the citizens that elected them, then they should seriously reconsider their position and let someone else serve!

Gary Smith
Big Spring

Big Springers lost a best friend when Bill Mims died

To the Editor:

On Friday, Nov. 15, 1996, the people of Big Spring lost one of its best friends. That was the day Bill Mims passed away. The ones who lost the most was the kids. He loved kids like no one I've ever seen. When he looked at a kid he always saw good. Even if the kid was a trouble maker. In the 10 years I helped him with his Boy Scout troop, I saw him pull some of the toughest boys out of their hardest shells. He had a special way of getting his boys to do what he asked. They all had respect for him.

In the ten years I helped him with his scout troop I found out that old saying "you're never too old to learn" is true. I learned alot. Sometimes I think I enjoyed scouts more than the boys.

A lot of boys young and old (me included) lost a second dad. Speaking for my self he was my second dad. He was always there when I needed someone. He always believed in me even when I didn't. He did the same for a lot of other kids through his life.

I could go on and on but I won't. I just wanted to let those who may not have known Bill Mims what kind of man he was.

I know that he is in heaven. He's already started a little league team and a scout troop. I thank God for sending him to me at a time I really needed someone the most.

Marvin R. Spivey
Big Spring

A real politician heads for California and home

By CHARLES MCDOWELL
Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — Leon Panetta, who has endured 30 years in Washington with a reputation for powerful intelligence, candor and good humor, is nonetheless weary after the last two years as President Clinton's chief of staff.

Soon he is going home to the Monterey coast of California, the site of symbols like Pebble Beach but also like Cannery Row and the fishing fleet and the farm country where his Italian immigrant parents settled.

After the University of Santa Clara and Army service, Panetta in 1966 found work in Washington on the staff of Sen. Thomas Kuchel, Republican. Panetta was a Republican, too, in those days. He went on to be director of the office of civil rights at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and then executive assistant to the Mayor of New York, John Lindsay.

Panetta went home to California to practice law in 1971. He switched to the Democratic Party, too. In 1976, he was elected to the House and moved fast again. So last week, 25 years later, age 58, he was speaking at the National Press Club:

"I've spoken here, I think I recall, about three times in the ... as chairman of the House Budget Committee, as the new director of the Office of Management and Budget ... and when I was a relatively new chief of staff to the president ... just over two years ago.

"No doubt you're seeing a bigger smile on my face than when I gave those speeches ... I can tell you that despite the great privilege and honor that I have had ... there are moments I will not miss.

"For example, soon after I was appointed chief of staff, I was awoken at 3 a.m. by a Secret Service agent .on the phone ... 'Mr. Panetta, I don't know quite how to say this, but an airplane just crashed into the White House' ... Soon after that I experienced shots being fired at the White House, as well as at people's feet within ... I saw people come over the fence as people were leaving under the fence at the White House ...

"And just last Sunday ... I received a call ... from our Situation Room informing me that a Mars Probe by the Russians had misfired and was likely to land either in Alabama or Pakistan.

"I began to ask myself, how do you evacuate Alabama? What do you do ... who do I call in Pakistan to tell them that this thing might be landing there? We spent the whole day working that issue, talking to the president of the United States, and ultimately the damn thing landed somewhere off Chile.

"So those are the things I'm not going to miss. And you can imagine how good Monterey and Carmel Valley are going to look ... "

Panetta's major message was that the Democratic White House and Republican Congress are going to have to yield some partisan interests if they are to enact needed legislation. He cited campaign-finance reform, continued deficit reduction, health-care and welfare reform and "protecting priorities like education and the environment."

He recalled his heroes in the 1960s. They were Republicans like Everett Dirksen, Jacob Javits, Hugh Scott, George Aiken and John Sherman Cooper, and such Democrats as Hubert Humphrey, Scoop Jackson, Mike Mansfield, Phil Hart and Ed Muskie.

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Five BSHS students named to the all-region band

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Some Big Spring High School students were recently named to the all-region band after a competition in Odessa.

A total of 15 students made the trip west to compete against other 4A and 5A schools. Five band members were selected to the all-region band and they will perform at a concert at Midland Lee High School Jan. 25, 1997. They include Qwin Tyler, Angela Sturm, Josna Adusumilli, Stefanie Waggoner and Nick Puentes.

Tyler, Sturm and Adusumilli placed high enough in their competitions to continue to the next level, which is area band. The area band tryouts are Jan. 11 at Odessa College. If they make the all-area band, they will progress to the ultimate step, all-state band. Area competition will involve students from El Paso, Lubbock and the Panhandle.

Rocky Harris, BSHS band director, said this competition is similar to athletics, in a way, "In sports, you have students selected to all-district, all-region, all-area and all-state teams but they never get together and play a game. In band, those selected to each step will get together and perform a concert." Those who place high enough in the regional competition were named to the top all-region band then a second band was selected based on the next group of players who placed well at the competition.

Tyler, a sophomore, was selected fourth chair out of 64 trumpet players. Chair placement is similar to first, second, third, fourth, etc. place. The best player receives first chair and the next best player receives second chair and so on. "He really did fantastic. One judge gave him a number one rating," said Harris.

Sturm, a junior, received first chair for piccolo and fourth chair for flute. She qualified in both instruments for the all-region band but chose to play the flute. There were 68 flute players Sturm competed against and three other piccolo players. Harris said one judge rated Strum first and another second chair during the flute competition. Adusumilli received third chair in oboe and is a member of the all-region band and an alternate for the all-region orchestra. One of the 10 judges gave Adusumilli a first place vote. There were a total of 18 oboe players at the competition.

Stefanie Waggoner, a junior, was selected 21st chair out of 51 clarinet players. She was selected to the second all-region band as sixth chair. Nick Puentes, a sophomore, was selected 28th chair as a clarinet player.

Harris added, "I told the students they beat a lot of people just because they showed up to the competition. The students had to learn three pieces of music and the accomplishment and goal of a band director is to get as many students as possible working on this difficult music. We had 30 people learning the music and 15 who tried out. This music is very, very advanced and it's built to challenge the best players in the state."

He said directors want as many students working on the pieces of music as possible to make them better musicians and to have a better band.

Each group of students who played the same instrument were required to go into a room where a panel of 10 judges were set up behind a screen. One at a time, in front of their peers, the student played the three difficult pieces. Harris said he liked that way of competition because the students got to hear everyone and were able to have an idea of how they performed compared to others. "It helps them to know how well they did and to see where they could improve," Harris explained.

The ultimate goal of a band student who tries out at the various levels is to make it to the all-state band. At the regional competition, those selected to the all-state band will get to choose if they want to play in the band, orchestra or jazz band.

The other students who went to the all-region competition:

• Matt Holt, sophomore, 28th chair out of 64 coronet players.

• Sandra Gainey, freshman, 40th chair out of 64 coronet players.

• Lori Mains, freshman, 60th chair out of 69 flute players.

• Madera Gray, freshman, 61st chair out of 69 flute players.

• Farrah Schooler, junior, 33rd chair out of 69 flute players.

• Licia Doll, junior, 27th chair out of 69 flute players.

• Dusty Clayton, sophomore, 36th chair out of 51 clarinet players.

• Michelle Stewart, junior, 32nd chair out of 47 percussionists.

• DJ Graves, sophomore, 30th chair out of 40 French horn players.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

A group of Big Spring High School band members recently went to the all-region competition in Odessa. Five of them qualified for the all-region band and three advanced to the all-area contest scheduled for Jan. 11. Pictured in front row (left to right) are: Josna Adusumilli, Lori Mains, Angela Sturm, Licia Doll, Farrah Schooler, Michelle Stewart, Stefanie Waggoner and Sandra Gainey. Back row (left to right) are: Madera Gray, DJ Graves, Dusty Clayton, Qwin Tyler, Tim Paton, Nick Puentes and Matt Holt.

Bunk beds: Some kids like to sleep on the top, others prefer the bottom bunk

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Long the domain of adventurous big brothers and daredevil big sisters, the top bunk is exotic, dangerous and, at least from a kid's eye view, far and away above it all. It's a great spot for spying, snooping and dropping things down on those below.

The bottom bunk, on the other hand, is safe, cozy and much handier to the bathroom. Younger siblings hang out here and often like it. It's easy to escape, if necessary, and you can always kick the bottom of the bed upstairs.

When it comes to who sleeps where, most kids say seniority still rules.

That's why Cody Hubbard, 8, got stuck on the bottom, while big brother Matthew, 11, got the top of the wooden bunk bed in their house in Birmingham, Ala..

"It's more fun in the top!" exclaims 6-year-old Kenneth Goines.

"The top is better. I like heights," agrees daredevil Brady Maxwell, who is all of 8. "I jumped out."

And just why is the top more fun?

If you have to ask, you belong on the bottom.

Most families with multiple siblings seem to go through a bunk-bed phase at some point. It ends when the kids get too big (the Hubbard boys say they already are) or mom takes the beds apart lest the kids fall or push each other out.

But there are those who love the bottom. After all, someone's got to keep their feet on the ground and put up with the reign of the loud and bossy.

Kenneth's sister, Kenyatta, quietly says she likes the bottom just fine, thank you.

And Devin Browning, 7, for years shared a bunk bed with his twin brother. On the topside, Devin has been pusher and pushee as well as a victim of nighttime gravity. Now safely on his feet, Devin's home is where his pillow is.

"I know what I like," he says. "Bottom, bottom, bottom."

Facts about bunk bed safety

What parents need to know about bunk-bed safety:

• Never allow children under 6 to use the top bunk.

• Guard rails should run the length of the bed on both sides on the upper bunk.

• Use only a mattress and foundation that meet the manufacturer's specifications. The foundation should be supported with strong slats, screwed into the sides of the bed.

• Horseplay on the top bunk is one of the leading causes of bunk bed accidents. Never allow more than one person on the upper bunk. Remember, a bunk bed is not a jungle gym.

• Use the ladder, securely attached to the bed, to climb into and out of the top bunk.

• Choose a bed made of strong, durable materials with edges that are smooth and rounded. Be sure bed is firm and stable when you shake it vigorously.

• Periodically check to be sure all screws and lag bolts still are firmly in place. Do not use substitute parts if anything is lost.

• Make sure to get written safety and assembly guidelines and keep them for the life of the bunk bed, in case you must move it to another room or house.

Source: This End Up

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY



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Jennifer McKinnon, assistant donor services supervisor for United Blood Services, takes the blood of a donor at a recent blood drive at the Big Spring Mall. UBS officials return to Big Spring Friday for a holiday blood drive at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The times are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Appointments are encouraged. Contact Deborah Pearce at 263-1211, ext. 175 for an appointment.

Forget Fido and Puff? Rudolph wouldn't dream of it

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Pet owners might not want to admit it to the pet-deprived, but when the holidays roll around there is usually something under the tree for four-legged family members. These presents are lovingly wrapped in plain white tissue paper so beloved companion animals don't swallow inks and dyes as they rip into their gifts.

Plush toys, without eyes that can be pulled off and ingested, and a box of Milk Bones are always welcome, but here are some more adventuresome ideas when shopping for Fluffy and Fido:

Shades of James Dean. Put your pampered pooch in a faux leather jacket by Doggiduds Hollywood for $19.99 to $29.99, depending on the dog's size. It comes with an equally faux leopard collar and is available from PetsMart.

Also new to PetsMart is the Three Dog Bakery line of gourmet dog treats. Whole Kitten Caboodles and Jump 'n' Sit Bits run $1.99 to 3.99 a package.

For pampered dogs and cats, 15 pounds and under, the Bombay Company has a precious pair of beds — a miniature four-poster in mahogany finish and a cherry finish sleigh bed. The four-poster is regularly $129 but is on sale

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CAREER CORNER

Occupational title: Correctional Officer

Duties: Correction officers are responsible for the safety and security of people awaiting trial or for convicted people serving time in a prison. They are required to enforce the rules and regulations as they apply to prisoners. Also, they must file reports concerning inmates behavior.

Working environment: They may work inside or outside. They will be required to work some nights, weekends, and holidays. The officers must always be alert because of the dangers of the job.

Helpful high school classes: Regular academic requirements, psychology, sociology, physical education, government and social science.

Sources of training: military, junior college, and on the job training.

Some sources of education/training: Amarillo College, El Paso Community College, Western Texas College, San Antonio College and Tyler Junior College.

Special requirements: Most officers must be 18 to 21 years of age before they can be employed. They must be a United States citizen and have at least two years of college. The officers must pass a written exam and possibly psychological testing.

One advantage most employees can retire at age 50 with 20 years of service, or at any age if they have worked for 25 years.

Salary: In 1995, the average federal correction officer's salary was $31,460.00.

Job prospects: Good to excellent

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Safe holiday eating tips:



(NAPS) - Tips to make sure you are eating safe:

•Food processing technologies such as canning or pasteurization destroy harmful bacteria. Consumers can use canned or frozen foods with confidence that they are safe and nutritious.

•According to the USDA, leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking. Otherwise, it is recommended the food be disposed of for safety's sake.

•Careful preparation is needed to ensure safety, otherwise food-borne illness could occur. Stuff the cavity of the bird lightly and use a meat thermometer to test that the center of the stuffing has reached 165 degrees before removing the bird from the oven.

•The bird should be removed from the oven and allowed to "stand" for 20 minutes before removing the stuffing and carving.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

life! deadline changes

The deadlines for the life! section will change for the Christmas holidays. All church and club news is due to the Herald office by Monday, Dec. 23 for publication on Friday, Dec. 27. All Sunday items for publication on Sunday, Dec. 29 are due Monday, Dec. 23. You may mail, fax or drop off any items to: 710 Scurry, P.O. Box 1431, 264-7205 (fax number). Contact Kellie Jones at 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information.

Save those Christmas cards

Don't throw away your Christmas cards! Rainbow Girls are recycling cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children as a service project. They will pick up the cards anytime. Call 264-9455. They are also collecting canceled stamps still attached to envelopes.

THE LAST WORD

The trouble with some women is they get all excited about nothing - and then marry him.

—Cher

It makes all the difference whether you hear an insect in the bedroom or in the garden.

—Robert Lynd

'Tis easier to make certain things legal than to make them legitimate.

—Nicholas Chamfort

No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar.

—Abraham Lincoln

Many adorn themselves with holiday wear

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Deck the halls, trim the tree, light the house, ice the cookies.

Oops! Don't forget to decorate yourself. It's time to get decked out. And we're not talking about black velvet, red sequins, shiny taffeta or any other fancy holiday party stuff.

This is the time of year for casual clothing that spreads — and sometimes screams — season's greetings.

Dressing in merry garb used to mean putting on a poinsettia pin or dangling a pair of tiny, shiny ornaments from your ears. But these days it's possible to cover yourself from head to toe in Christmas cheer gear.

Options include:

• Gloves. Fingers can be converted into tiny versions of Santa, Rudolph or Frosty. For those who want their hands to look less like a puppet show, plain or tweedy gloves come with snowmen and Christmas trees on the backs.

• Watches. Timepieces feature snowmen, carolers and other designs. One has tiny Santas ticking off the seconds as they circle a Christmas tree, reminding you of how little time is left to get all that shopping, wrapping and baking done.

• Socks. Fancy footwear leaves no holiday theme unexplored. Red glittery thread gives sparkle to Rudolph's nose, cuffs are adorned with bells or bows.

• Shirts and sweaters. Styles range from grinning gingerbread men on sweatshirts to elaborate sweaters with knitted snowflakes or beaded silver bells. Prices start at about $10 and go way up, depending on design and materials.

• Underwear. Yes, even undergarments have a seasonal spin. Silky boxers come in green and red patterns and cotton boxers bear "Can you find Santa" or "Bah, humbug" messages.

Pets

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through the holidays; the sleigh bed is regularly $79, on sale for $59. They come with a foam mattress; you supply the bed clothes.

Pet Essentials of Santa Monica, Calif., creates dog tags from coins from the country where your breed originated. Our tri-color collie, descended from the sheep-herding dogs of Scotland, is getting the coin of the realm, a 2-shilling piece with her name and our address and phone number on the back. Our tiny French basset will wear a 10-franc piece. They cost $14.95, shipping, handling and tax included. To order, call toll-free 1-888-588-7387.

Another nice piece of jewelry for dog or cat is the $6 St. Francis Protect My Pet Medal from the Traditions catalog. There is room on the back for you to have the pet's name and your address and phone number. To order, call toll-free, 1-800-726-3841, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time. Ask for item No. 100479. Shipping is an additional $3.

In the Company of Dogs, a catalog from Dover, Del., of deluxe stuff for pets, is full of things for the pampered pet. Cats or dogs will surely love their very own slip-covered sofa in burgundy or navy floral cotton damask (item No. 6205, $72), a cut crystal water bowl with nameplate (No. 2297, $52 plus $6 for engraving up to eight letters) or a 26x24-inch quilted cotton futon — floral on one side and striped on the other — that rolls up for traveling (No. 3681, $35; ask if you need a larger size).

Shipping charges are $4.95 and up. To order call 1-800-924-5050.

And for that quality, quiet time with your dog, how about a copy of "Bedtime Stories for Dogs"? The book includes stories ("The Three Little Pugs," "Snow White and the Seven Chihuahuas") and nursery rhymes ("Hickory, Dickery Dog"). It's written by Leigh Anne Jasheway; published by Andrews and McMeel, and lists at $9.95.

Come to think of it, most cats I know would get a chuckle from this book as well.

Especially for kids and their families

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Around the U.S.A.

A Christmas Sampler

How do you celebrate the Christmas season in your part of the country? Is there a nearby historic site where people step back into history and celebrate the way people did years ago?

Here's a sample of what you might find.

A Colonial Christmas



A fife and drum corps plays a Christmas tune at Colonial Williamsburg. This restored village re-creates life as it was in the Virginia colony.

The Colonial period was more than 200 years ago, before the Revolutionary War. The American colonies were still loyal to England. Gift giving and Christmas trees were not customs. Many people went to church and held feasts.



Dancing the minuet is part of the Colonial Christmas celebration at Tryon Palace in New Bern, N.C. The palace is a reconstruction of a building that dates back to 1770. The royal governors lived there.

At a Colonial Christmas, you might see:



A Victorian Christmas

The Victorian period was from 1837-1901, when Queen Victoria ruled England. In 1823, Clement Moore wrote the famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." This gave people the idea of Santa in a sleigh pulled by reindeer.



Manistee, Mich., has been preserved as it was in Victorian times. Belgian draft horses pull the town Christmas tree down the main street.

At a Victorian Christmas, you might see:



A Pioneer Christmas

Life on the frontier was much harder than it was in the Eastern cities. Many early settlers were very strict religious people. They thought celebrating Christmas was sinful.

But many pioneers did celebrate as their families "back East" did. Or they followed customs of their native lands.

At a pioneer Christmas, you might see:





Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement in Noblesville, Ind., is a living history museum of pioneer days. A Santa-like figure named Belsnickel, with a dirty face and ragged clothes, appears at the museum's celebration.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Shortbread



You'll need:

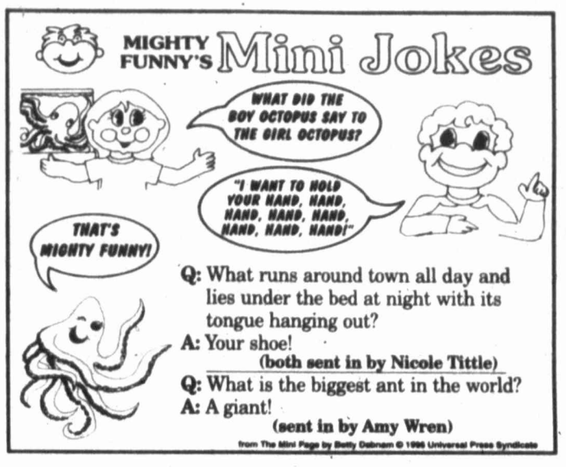
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 cups all-purpose flour

What to do:

1. In a large bowl, combine butter, salt and sugar. Mix until smooth and creamy.
2. Add flour, 1 cup at a time. Mix well after each addition.
3. Place by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet several inches apart. Flatten.
4. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until firm. Makes about 3 dozen.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



Q: What runs around town all day and lies under the bed at night with its tongue hanging out?

A: Your shoe!

(both sent in by Nicole Tittle)

Q: What is the biggest ant in the world?

A: A giant!

(sent in by Amy Wren)

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Jolly Jelly Balls



You'll need:

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- pinch of salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- jelly

What to do:

1. In a large bowl, combine butter or margarine and sugar. Mix until smooth and creamy.
2. Add remaining ingredients, except jelly. Mix well.
3. Roll dough into small balls and place on an ungreased baking sheet.
4. Press your thumb into the center of each ball. Fill the hole with jelly.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 20 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen.

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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are visiting some of Santa's reindeer. See if you can find:



- fish
- ladder
- snake
- bird
- letter A
- toothbrush
- ax
- sock
- candy cane
- canoe
- letter C
- number 3
- marshmallow

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S

CHRISTMAS TRY 'N FIND

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Words that remind us of Christmas celebrations are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: CHRISTMAS, GIFTS, TREES, CHURCH, FEASTS, HISTORIC, COLONIAL, MINUET, GREENERY, CANDLES, CAROLERS, CAROLS, SANTA, PIONEER.



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MAZE

Help Alpha Mouse find his Christmas stocking.



A family holiday sampler

Does your family have a special way it celebrates the holiday season? It's fun to see the personal customs that make this season so special for all of us.

Why not put together a family holiday sampler with your friends and classmates?



It might include family ...

- customs



- decorations



- religious services



- memories



- time everyone opens presents



- food



A Christmas sampler

Does your city have a special way of celebrating the season that you look forward to each year?

Caroling





During Winterfest at Larimer Square, carolers sing in front of Denver, Colorado's tallest Christmas tree. It is 43 feet high.

Ice skating

One of New Yorkers' favorite winter activities is ice skating at Rockefeller Center in New York City.





Search through your newspaper for holiday activities in your area.

Next week learn how to care for your toys. Some of them could become valuable collector's items!

Santa and his reindeer



Sometimes Rudolph drops in for a visit with his cousins at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley, Minn.



Religious celebrations



In the traditional Las Posadas (pos-AH-das) procession in San Antonio, Texas, people re-enact Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay.



Animals in lights

The San Diego Zoo in California celebrates with a Festival of Lights. There is a tree made of 300 poinsettias, 100,000 lights, animal figures glittering with bulbs, and an arctic snow hill to slide down.





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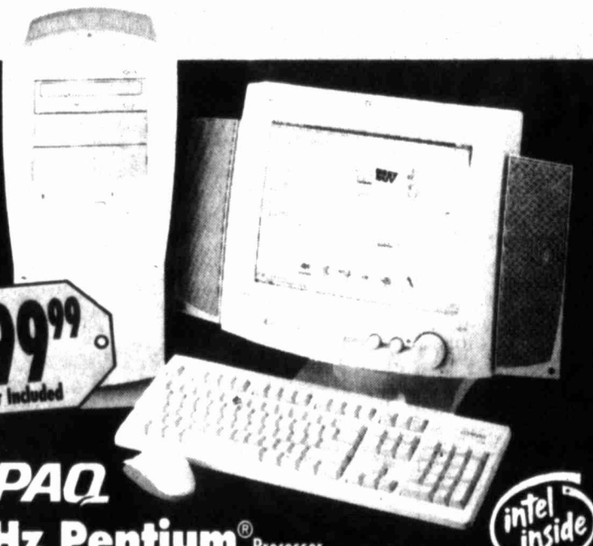
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Lady Vols snap Texas Tech's home streak, 79-71

LUBBOCK (AP) — After losing two straight at home for the first time in 10 years, Tennessee got back on track with a huge road win.

Abby Conklin scored 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and No. 6 Tennessee snapped No. 11 Texas Tech's 33-game home winning streak with a 79-71 victory.

The Lady Vols (8-3) made 11 of 26 shots from 3-point range.

"It was a big win for our team, done in Tennessee fashion," coach Pat Summitt said. "We played defense and shared the load on the offensive end."

The Lady Raiders (5-2) lost in front of a sellout crowd of 8,174.

"Sometimes the home court can work to your disadvantage," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We were more nervous than the opponents in front of tonight's home crowd."

Five straight Tech turnovers helped Tennessee score the last 10 points of the first half and take a 36-27 halftime lead it never relinquished.

Tennessee kept a double-digit cushion for most of the second half, largely thanks to Conklin's marksmanship. During one stretch early in the period, she scored 13 of the Lady Vols' 15 points, including 11 straight.

Chamique Holdsclaw scored 19 points for the Lady Vols.

Melinda Schmucker led Tech with 17 points, and Julie Lake had 15. Crystal Boles blocked nine shots for Tech.

Schmucker, a freshman point guard, said she was very nervous before the game.

"But I settled down after it started," said Schmucker, who had six of Tech's 13 assists.

After Tennessee's first visit to Lubbock, Summitt said playing at Municipal Coliseum was at least as tough as playing in Austin, where the No. 13 Lady Longhorns await Saturday.

"Tonight, this team showed it can handle adversity and a demanding schedule," said Summitt, whose Lady Vols beat Tech 81-44 at home last year.

TENNESSEE 79, TEXAS TECH 71

TENNESSEE (8-3)

Holdsclaw 9-18 1-1 19, Laxton 1-5 0-0 2, Thompson 1-4 3-4 5, Butts 1-3 0-0 2, Milligan 1-3 0-0 3, Elzy 4-9 3-5 12, Greene 3-8 1-2 10, Stephens 0-1 0-0 0, Conklin 8-18 4-4 26. Totals 28-69 12-16 79.

TEXAS TECH(5-2)

Hanebutt 4-9 5-8 14, Thompson 6-12 0-1 12, Boles 2-4 3-4 7, Schmucker 5-13 5-8 17, Lake 7-14 1-2 15, Gibbs 0-0 0-0 0, Dickerson 2-5 0-0 4, Parker 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 27-58 14-23 71.

Halftime—Tennessee 36, Tech 27. 3-Point goals—Tennessee 11-26 (Conklin 6-11, Greene 3-7, Elzy 1-2, Milligan 1-2, Butts 0-1, Laxton 0-1, Holdsclaw 0-2), Tech 3-13 (Schmucker 2-4, Hanebutt 1-5, Thompson 0-1, Lake 0-3). Fouled out—Milligan. Rebounds—Tennessee 42 (Thompson 13), Tech 37 (Hanebutt 8). Assists—Tennessee 21 (Milligan 7), Tech 13 (Schmucker 6). Total fouls—Tennessee 18, Tech 16. Technical—Holdsclaw. A—8,174.

Some Cowboys will miss Washington's RFK Stadium

IRVING (AP) — There are some Dallas Cowboys players who actually will miss RFK Stadium.

The Cowboys play the Washington Redskins on Sunday in the final game at RFK. And Bill Bates, a 14-year veteran, will miss the grass field, the atmosphere and, yes, even the bellicose fans.

"It's my favorite stadium in the NFL," he said. "I played in my very first NFL game there on Monday night football. We won 31-30 and I'll never forget it."

Bates won't get to play Sunday because of a groin injury.

"I think of old-time football when I think of RFK," he said. "The stands are packed. There's a lot of enthusiasm. People are almost on top of you."

He said there is no place he would rather win because "the fans hate us so. It's a tough place to play but there's no greater satisfaction than shutting the fans up. They'll cuss you. They'll do anything."

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Lady Steers must face Permian before holidays

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Before the Big Spring Lady Steers get to entertain thoughts of dancing sugarplums, they first must deal with a group of Panthers.

The Lady Steers play their final game before Christmas Friday when they host the Odessa Permian Lady Panthers at 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym.

For Big Spring, the game also will serve as a final tune-up before it opens its quest for a sixth straight District 4-4A title Jan. 2 at San Angelo Lake View.

Ron Taylor's Lady Steers enter Friday's game with a 7-9 record indicative of the up-and-down season they've been through so far. But their most recent game — a 56-43 thrashing of a Lamesa squad that beat Big Spring earlier this year — gives the coach reason to smile.

"We played pretty good Saturday (against Lamesa)," Taylor said. "It looks like we're getting back to where we ought to be."

Friday's game also marks only the second home game for the Lady Steers this season. Having so few home dates makes winning at Steer Gym even more important, Taylor said.

"All we've done so far is be on the road," Taylor said. "We need to get back to playing well at home and get ready for district."

Taylor expected this team to struggle a bit after losing former district MVPs like Amy Earnst and Robin Wise, but admits the rash of early losses has been frustrating.

"When the year started, I knew we'd be down a little bit. I just didn't know we'd be this inconsistent," he said. "When we're playing good, we're a pretty good basketball team. But when we don't, we're not very good at all.

"It's getting to be time to perform," he added. "After Friday, there's 10 games left to see who goes to the playoffs."

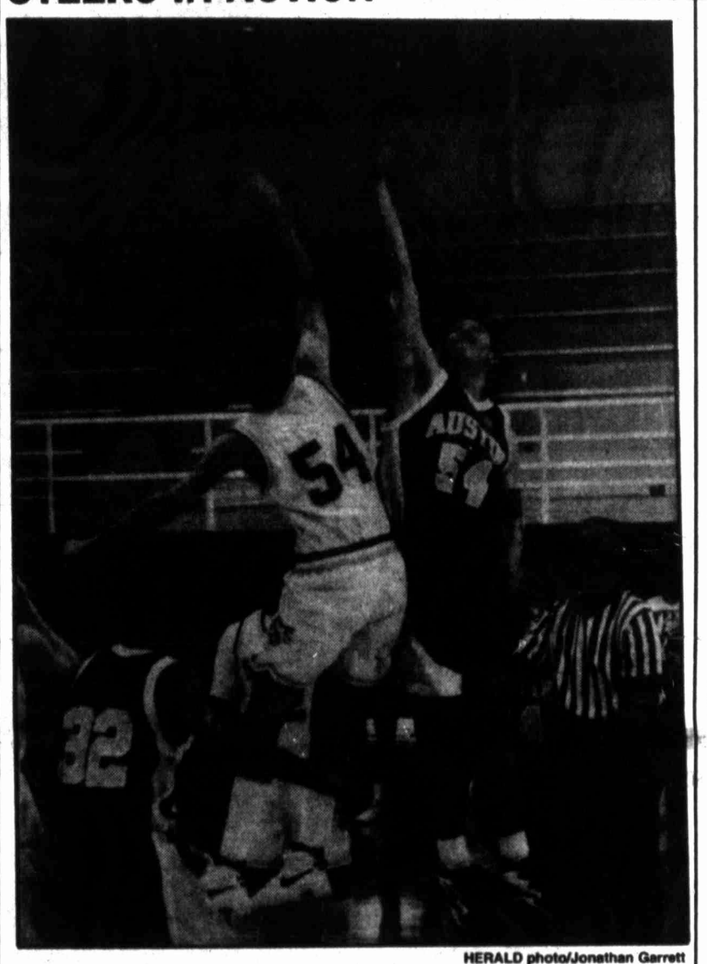
Although the Lady Steers don't have the luxury of a dominant inside player like Earnst or Wise, the post tandem of Kim Robertson and Traci Bellinghausen, along with talented outside players like Kara Hughes and Maggie Haddad, have shown improvement of late, Taylor said.

"Kim and Traci are playing better, and the outside players are doing a better job of getting the ball to them," Taylor said. "It's just taken our ... players some time together to get some cohesiveness. But I've seen a big improvement this week in practices."

And, Taylor quickly adds, the Lady Steers stand as good a chance as any team to claim the district crown.

"The good thing is that we're as good or better than anybody in the district," he said. "If we keep improving, we've got a good chance to repeat as district champions."

STEERS IN ACTION



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Big Spring's Paul Foresyth (54) battles an El Paso Austin player for possession of a jump ball during their game last week in Steer Gym. The Steers return to action Friday night at Frenship.

C-City lands two on all-state team



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DALLAS (AP) — At first, the comparison of Bridgeport quarterback Jacob Allen to Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre seems ridiculous.

Then you look at Allen's numbers (3,264 yards; 30 touchdowns; just eight interceptions), realize how thoroughly dominated his competition and — in relative terms — it seems pretty fitting.

On Wednesday, Allen was rewarded for his record-setting year by The Associated Press Sports Editors, who named him Class 3A's top quarterback and the offensive player of the year.

Allen overwhelmed the voting in a way few have in the seven-year history of APSE teams, which are based on regular-season performance. Only two other quarterbacks even received votes, and just three other offensive players were considered for player of the year.

"He consistently throws to the correct guys with extreme accuracy," Bridgeport coach Danny Henson said. "Even when defenses made the right plays, they still couldn't do anything to stop him."

Allen befuddled even opposing coaches.

"They would throw up their hands and say there was nothing they could do," Henson said. "Many of them said they hadn't seen anyone in their career riddle their defenses the way he did."

Counting the postseason, he was 245-of-384 for 3,869 yards and 35 touchdowns with nine interceptions.

The yardage, touchdowns and completions were all 3A records, as was his 488-yard effort in week two of the season. His yardage is third-best in state history and his big game was the eighth-best all-time.

Joining Allen on the APSE first-team is Brandon Norman, his partner in games of catch since elementary school. Norman caught a 3A-record 84 passes for 1,298 yards.

The defensive player of the year is Groesbeck linebacker Tommy Tull.

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound senior had 173 tackles, including 22 against rival Mexia and 43 behind the line of scrimmage. He also blocked four punts, caused eight fumbles, recovered six and knocked down six passes.

Two-time defending state champion Sealy (14-1), which plays again for the crown Saturday against Tatum (11-4), had two first-teamers in defensive lineman Chase Schavrda and defensive back Forrest Wagner.

Tatum's lone honoree was honorable mention offensive lineman Derrick Adams.

Cameron Yoe was the most-represented team with three players: defensive lineman B.L. Miller, linebacker Sam Hooks and punter Brian Fechner.

Colorado City had two honorees, junior running back Arian Emerson and his top blocker, offensive lineman Zach Love.

A similar combination came from Van, which had first-team running back Bennie Jones and offensive lineman Mike Fatheree.

Vernon, which went into the postseason ranked No. 1, was represented by offensive lineman Cheyenne Sharp and defensive lineman Sidnei Gaines.

Offensive linemen Mark Cantu of Columbus and Kris Kocurek of Caldwell rounded out the offensive line. Seminole's Toby Shain was the third running back and T.J. Henderson of Clifton was the second receiver.

Abilene Wylie's Todd Barnett was the kicker.

Other defensive players included lineman Anthony Washington of Coldspring, linebacker Chad Bayer of Smithville and defensive backs Damien Hall of Mexia, Bo Sims of Medina Valley and Joe Thomas of Cuero.

As great as Allen's statistics are, college recruiters haven't beaten a path to Bridgeport, which is about 40 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

The problem: at 6-1, 175 pounds he's not big enough for some Division I coaches, even though he's a good enough athlete to have been all-district in baseball and basketball last year, and he made the state track meet.

"If he was an inch or two taller, we'd probably have people lined up into the next county," Henson said, pointing out that Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Danny Wuerffel is just 6-2, 190.

Some schools have at least been willing to watch tapes of Allen. When they do, they come away impressed.

"Every coach that's watched film on him, has decided to recruit him," Henson said.

Henson joked that he had trouble picking which games to be put on the tape because Allen was so consistent. Other than the 488-yard game, Allen was almost always in the 300-yard range.

The consistency a credit to Allen because it proves he adjusted once defenses began basing their game plans around stopping him.

How did he do it? That's where the Favre comparison comes along.

"He's elusive," Henson said. "You see a lot of quarterbacks who, if their receivers are covered and the pocket collapses, they'll tuck it and run. But he's a lot like Favre in that when he escapes, he has the ball in a throwing position. He's still looking to make plays down field."

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Rangers' Johnny Oates thrilled by '97 outlook

DALLAS (AP) — From the tranquil vantage point of his Virginia home, where he can look out a window and see ducks flying over a lake, Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates is having a lot of fun plotting for 1997.



OATES

Oates has a lot to play with as the Rangers are likely to change about 40 percent of their roster from last year's AL West champs.

The new faces will include Damon Buford in center field, Benji Gil at shortstop and an entirely new relief corps, led by closer John Wetteland, the World Series MVP.

"It's almost like starting over," Oates said Wednesday during a conference call.

The biggest change will be in the bullpen, where left-handed setup man Ed Vosberg may be the only player back.

In addition to Wetteland, Texas has signed Xavier Hernandez and traded for Cory Bailey. The Rangers also are ready to break in youngsters Danny Patterson, Jose Alberro and Julio Santana.

Oates said having Wetteland will change late-inning moves. Last year, Oates had four interchangeable setup men and closers, few of whom were reliable.

"It's given us a new perspective," Oates said. "Hopefully, other teams will feel pressured to get back into the game before the ninth because we have Wetteland to close it off."

The lineup will be new at the top and bottom because of the expected departure of Darryl Hamilton and Kevin Elster. Both are free agents after playing under one-year deals last year.

Elster wasn't offered arbitration and can't be re-signed until May 1. Hamilton is seeking a three-year contract similar to the $11.5 million deal Chicago gave Brian McRae, and Texas won't come anywhere near that after signing Wetteland to a $23 million, four-year deal.

That leaves shortstop to Gil, whose back injury last year gave Elster an opportunity to begin with, and center field to Buford.

Oates said Buford will lead off against left-handed starters and Mark McLemore will hit first against right-handers. The odd man out will hit eighth, with Gil taking over Elster's No. 9 spot.

The new pieces fit together pretty easily, but losing the old ones could put holes in Texas' offense. Hamilton hit .294 and scored 94 runs — plus didn't make an error in 148 games — and Elster hit 24 home runs and drove in 99.

Oates thinks it will work out, especially because Buford is speedy enough to cover the vast center field at The Ballpark in Arlington and Gil has much more range and a stronger arm

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Michael Johnson selected USOC man of the year

By DAVID NIELSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

Michael Johnson is probably used to this by now.

Wednesday he was named U.S. Olympic Committee Sportsman of the Year, blowing away the field just as he did at the Atlanta Olympics where he became the first man to win gold medals in the 200 meters and 400 meters at the same Games.

Johnson grabbed the USOC honor for the second year in a row, and the third time in four years. He received 80 first place votes and 929 points, far ahead of swimmer Jeff Rouse with one first place vote and 519 points. Volleyball's Karch Kiraly was third (5, 486).

"It's just another award in a great season," Johnson said in a teleconference. "I'm always thankful for the show of appreciation."

One award that slipped away from Johnson was Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year, which this week went to golfer Tiger Woods. Johnson said one reason he wasn't chosen was because golf is more popular than track in the U.S.

"Tiger Woods signed a contract with Nike for $60 million," he said. "That got him a lot of press. A lot of fans equate sports greatness with money. I haven't signed a $60 million contract — not yet. I'm working on it.

"Sports Illustrated gives a lot more coverage to golf than to track and field," Johnson added. "Hopefully we can get someone in charge of track that will want to actually market the sport, so when I do have a season like this I can get the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year."

Johnson thinks the recent vote to replace Ollan Cassell as executive director of USA Track and Field will help the sport.

"I think it is a step in the right direction," he said. "There is a lot of potential for track and field in the U.S. (It) just needs to be marketed to its full potential."

Johnson said he resumed training a few weeks ago in preparation for the 1997 outdoor season. He said he'll run 200's and 400's during the year, but isn't sure if he'll try to duplicate his historic double at the U.S. and World Championships.

"I haven't decided," he said. "I'll probably make a decision in the next few weeks."

One thing Johnson is sure of is his 150-meter match race with 100-meter gold medalist and world-record holder Donovan Bailey. It is set for May 31 in Toronto.

"I'm very excited about it," Johnson said. "Donovan's saying things like it's not a real race. Whenever two people compete, it's a real race. Somebody's going to have to win. Somebody's going to have to lose."

Johnson was asked whether other runners like 100- and 200-meter silver medalist Frank Fredericks should be included in the match race.

"That is up to the promoters," he said. "I'm all for having Frank Fredericks in the race. I think he's a much better 150 meter runner than Donovan Bailey. But he's not better than me."

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than Elster.

"If they go out and catch the ball as they can we can still score enough runs to win," Oates said. "Our offensive strategy is not going to change. Our second to eighth hitters will be pretty much the same."

Buford likely will be the better hitter of the two. In 145 at-bats last year, he hit .283 with six home runs and eight stolen bases. Hamilton had the same number of homers and just seven more steals in 482 more at-bats.

"Given a chance to play every day, he will contribute offensively," Oates said. "He'll hit more home runs and he can steal some bases."

Gil won't come anywhere near Elster's numbers, which were among the best ever for a No. 9 hitter.

However, Oates does expect Gil to do the little things Elster did, like lead the team in sacrifice bunts and sacrifice flies while also being reliable on hit-and-run plays.

To help Gil improve in those areas, he's spent the winter in Arlington working with batting coach Rudy Jaramillo. Buford is playing winter ball.

Instead of relying on Gil and Buford to produce offensively in their first full seasons as everyday players in the big leagues, Oates expects Will Clark to pick up the offensive slack.

In a year highlighted by offense, Clark had one of his worst seasons.

But Oates thinks Clark will rebound following offseason surgery to remove two dozen bone chips from his left elbow. Clark can now straighten his left arm for the first time in two years.

"I expect Will Clark to be the most-improved player on our ballclub over last year," Oates said.

Another offensive-boosting plan Oates is considering would be carrying just one backup infielder, recent signee Billy Ripken, to free up a spot for another left-handed bat on the bench, likely Lee Stevens.

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Even Bates' wife, Denise, got a taste of how tough RFK fans can be. She made the mistake of wearing a Cowboys jacket in the stands.

"When she got home there were a lot of cigarette burns in the back of her jacket where the fans put their butts out," Bates said. "Now, that's good old-fashioned hate."

Bates has been in charge of coaching rookies on what to expect on their first visit to RFK.

"I told Larry Brown when he was a rookie that he was about to experience one of the greatest football moments of his life when he played at RFK," Bates said. "I told him to enjoy it. To take in everything that happened and relish it."

The day after the game, Brown told him: "You were right. It was the craziest football scene I had ever been a part of."

Even quarterback Troy Aikman will think of the place fondly despite twice being knocked out of games there.

"There is a lot of history in that place," Aikman said. "I think it will be tough going to Washington and not playing there. I enjoyed going to the stadium even though I've been hurt there a lot."

Dallas coach Barry Switzer remembers RFK for a different reason.

"It's the only stadium where I had to leave the sidelines to go to the bathroom," Switzer said.

Owner Jerry Jones said the biggest thing he remembers about RFK is that Dallas got its only win there in a 1-15 season the year he and Jimmy Johnson took over the Cowboys.

"I'll always remember the only game we won in 1989," Jones said. "And I'll remember some of the things said to me in the stands as I went down on the field."

Lawyer charged in blackmail effort of Marcus Camby

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A lawyer was charged today with attempted extortion in an alleged effort to blackmail former UMass basketball star Marcus Camby.

Wesley Spears surrendered to police this morning on charges of first-degree attempted larceny by extortion and promoting prostitution, prosecutors said.

Camby, drafted in June by the Toronto Raptors of the NBA, had accused Spears of using blackmail to try to get him to hire Spears as his agent.

Exact details on the charges were not immediately available. Hartford prosecutor James Thomas said he expected the warrant to remain sealed.

In a June confession to his hometown newspaper, The Hartford Courant, Camby admitted accepting jewelry worth $5,300 from Spears. But he said the jewelry was given to him by two friends, who only later told him that Spears had paid for it.

Camby also has said he took "a couple thousand" dollars before his junior season from another agent who denies the allegations. If true, the violation of NCAA rules could lead to UMass losing postseason revenue.

After the story broke, Camby accused Spears of blackmail, saying the lawyer threatened to go public about the improper gifts if Camby signed with another agent.

Prosecutors began an investigation after Camby lodged a complaint accusing Spears of trying to blackmail the 6-foot-11 center into hiring him as an agent.

Camby, who decided to forgo his senior year at UMass to enter the NBA, eventually signed ProServe to represent him.

Spears has repeatedly denied the allegations.

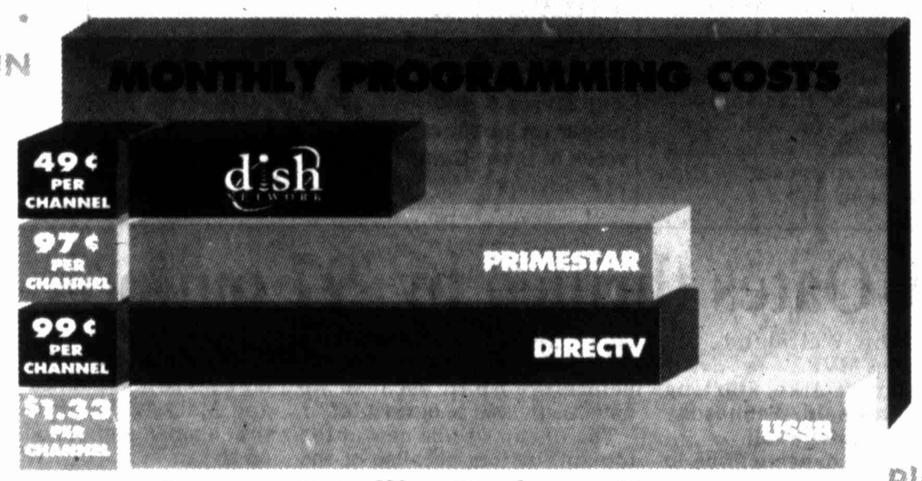
"Assuming an arrest occurs, it wouldn't surprise me. I expected it," Camby's agent, James Bryant, said from his Oklahoma office Wednesday.

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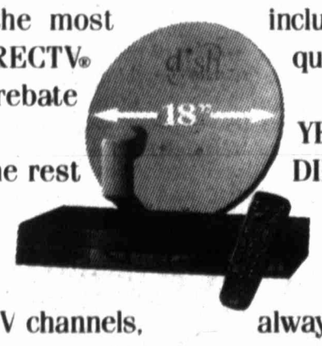
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Tuesday, December 24.....Friday, 12 NOON
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 20:

You are full of excitement and liveliness this year. Others cannot get enough of you. People do whatever they can to attract you. It could dismay you to have to contend with power plays and struggles. Control games become prevalent, causing you to feel like an expert at handling them. If you are single, count on being highly desired. An active, busy social life is likely. If attached, your partner could be quite possessive. Work this through, for both your sakes. TAURUS adores you

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Intensity with partners marks decisions and actions. There is a long-desired, much-anticipated turnabout. Don't look back; go with the moment. Caring again abounds, and allows you to move in new directions. Finish off shopping together. Tonight: Enjoy a round of festivities. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have reason to celebrate and be happy. If single, you suddenly encounter someone special. There is a new tone of sharing. An associate finally does an about-face. Discussions are positive. Be attentive to what another is putting on your plate. Tonight: It's play time! *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Extricate yourself from work early, if possible. You have a lot of errands to run and ground to cover. It is apparent that another is changing. Be sensitive to this person, who is in the midst of a dramatic transformation. Make plans to get together. Tonight: Play Santa. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep your eye on the big picture. Don't get upset by a change in direction. You might find that another is open to your suggestions at work. You have cause to be jubilant. Stay in tune with what you want. Examine desires. Tonight: Hit the party circuit. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others look to you, more than you know. Your advice and feedback are valuable. Stay aware of what you want and expect from others. They are in tune with you. Use your creative genius, whether you are focused on presents or work. Tonight: Bring on the eggnog! ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Follow your imagination. You revel in the holiday spirit. There is no grounding you! A special outing is on tap with much happiness. A family member is more receptive than you are aware. Strong feelings surround your home life. Tonight: Attend a Christmas concert. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Communicate the depth of your caring feelings. On some level, you may be overwhelmed. Handle financial matters with care. Be direct about your concerns. Another responds to your energies and excitement. Teamwork flourishes. Success and happiness reign. Tonight: Enjoy the holiday cheer! *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Another's ideas about spending and a relationship may differ from yours. The result is that you might overextend your territory, in stating what is yours. Avoid power struggles so close to the holidays. Be generous; let another do his thing for now. Tonight: Play possum. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Try to sort out your feelings. Today could be extremely emotional. Don't exaggerate or make a situation more dramatic than it is. Stay as centered as you can. Remain nurturing, to yourself as well as another. Ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Finish up shopping. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think and evaluate. However, a loved one does his very best to distract you. Though you are processing a change, you can take some time off. Enjoy the holiday celebrations. Once you let go of personal concerns, you get into the swing of things. Tonight: Be here and now. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your main concerns are home and personal life. Carefully review a recent change. Insulate yourself from a friend who may be on a power trip. Do what benefits you most. Go with the moment, yet honor your instincts. Tonight: Start gift wrapping. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay on top of what is going on. Be more direct about your expectations. Make calls and plans. Arrange to get together with friends. Ring in the season officially. Pencil in some time for last-minute Christmas errands, at lunch and after work. Tonight: Make merry! *****

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Deadly sleep disorder is simple to spot



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: I am a physician who specializes in patients with sleep disorders. The dramatic letter you printed concerning a 32-year-old man who died in his sleep of morbid obesity should be very interesting to all of us.

The death, of course, is tragic. Your readers should know that even in the absence of weight loss, this death might have been avoided, or at least postponed. People with obesity die in their sleep because of a condition called "obstructive sleep apnea." This disorder causes asphyxiation because the airway is unstable and collapses during sleep, producing a drop in the oxygen level.

The symptoms of sleep apnea are easily recognized even by a layperson. Patients with this disorder snore loudly, appear to hold their breath during sleep, and awaken repeatedly through the night with gasps and snorts, which indicate a blockage of the airway.

Sleep apnea is easily treated with a mechanical device called "nasal continuous positive airway pressure." This treatment can be instituted even in the absence of weight loss and produces a significant improvement in the individual's well-being.

I hope your readers will understand obesity itself does not kill during sleep. It is sleep apnea that produces this terrible outcome. — NEIL FELDMAN, M.D., ST. PETERSBURG (FLA.) SLEEP DISORDERS CENTER

DEAR DR. FELDMAN: I think you have stated it very clearly. If my readers learn something they did not know from your letter, they will not be alone — I learn every day from the people who write to me. Thank you for an important letter.

DEAR ABBY: I read your quotes from the courts of law a few days ago and got a big laugh from them. But did you know that actions can speak louder than words, even in a courtroom?

My grandfather, John M. Killits, was a district federal court judge in the 1930s, and a local judge before that. In one of his cases an injured man was suing someone for his injuries, and the defending lawyer became suspicious about the case. He appeared very friendly and sympathetic. First he said: "I see that one of your serious injuries was damage to your left arm. Is that right? How high can you raise it?" The man grunted and groaned and managed to raise his arm about a foot.

The lawyer clucked sympathetically, "My goodness, that IS terrible. How high could you raise it before it was injured?"

"Oh, about like this," the man replied, and he lifted the arm high above his head.

Needless to say, the whole courtroom burst out laughing and Grandpa threw the case out of the court. — RICHARD N. GARDNER, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: My wife died two years ago. I know absolutely nothing about her side of the family. Although we had a wonderful trouble-free marriage of 47 years, she did not discuss her family.

Among her possessions is a photo album from 1880. All of the photos are excellent, taken in professional studios. The album is blue velvet, in mint condition. The pictures were taken in Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado; Los Angeles, Oakland and Pasadena, Calif.

Only one photograph is identified with a name: "Mrs. A. Hemenover, 1300 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Calif., May 5, 1902."

Abby, I would love to return this album to any of her descendants. If anyone reading your column can help, I'm sure it will make the family very happy. There are no strings attached and no thought of financial gain; I simply hate to see this beautiful album lost to the family. I am 77 years old and a totally responsible citizen.

Incidentally, my wife's maiden name was Jean Elenor Alameda. She was born in Oakland, Calif., and graduated from high school there. — GAYEL G. CHEW

DEAR GAYEL G. CHEW: How generous of you. If a family member claims this album, I will contact you. Thank you for giving me your name, address and telephone number.

DEAR ABBY: Your letter from Sen. Bill Frist really hit home. The day before it appeared in your column, our son-in-law finally got the call for which we had been waiting almost two years: A kidney from a 28-year-old woman was being flown in from the East Coast to Minneapolis for our daughter, who has been diabetic for 20 years. The last five years have been increasingly difficult, from kidney failure to loss of her eyesight. You can't imagine the gift this woman and her family have given us through the donation of her kidney.

In our joy, we now turn to the family of the donor in their sorrow. We want them to know how grateful we are for this gift of life. In that giving, their daughter will live on in ours. You will all be in our prayers. — L.A.S., INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MINN.

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POWER POINTS
FOOTBALL CONTEST
WINNER
WEEK NUMBER 15
Rolando Salinas
Benavides ★ 129 Points
Local High Score
Alice Long
Big Spring ★ 115 Points

SPORTSEXTRA

National Basketball Association
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	—
New York	16	7	.696	11/2
Washington	11	12	.478	61/2
Orlando	9	11	.450	7
Philadelphia	7	16	.304	101/2
New Jersey	5	15	.250	11
Boston	5	17	.227	12
Central Division				
Chicago	21	3	.875	—
Detroit	19	4	.826	11/2
Cleveland	15	8	.652	51/2
Atlanta	14	8	.636	6
Milwaukee	13	10	.565	71/2
Charlotte	13	10	.565	71/2
Indiana	11	11	.500	9
Toronto	8	16	.333	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	3	.875	—
Utah	18	4	.818	2
Dallas	8	14	.364	12
Minnesota	8	16	.333	13
Denver	6	19	.240	151/2
Vancouver	5	20	.200	161/2
San Antonio	4	17	.190	151/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	19	8	.704	—
Seattle 1	8	9	.667	1
Portland	13	12	.520	5
L.A. Clippers	10	14	.417	71/2
Golden State	9	17	.346	91/2
Phoenix	8	16	.333	91/2
Sacramento	8	17	.320	10

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 102, Orlando 95, 2OT
Cleveland 99, New Jersey 81
Detroit 112, New York 78
L.A. Lakers 111, Milwaukee 105
Denver 96, Sacramento 79
Phoenix 114, Washington 107
Seattle 106, Portland 102
Golden State 123, Minnesota 96
Tonight's Games
Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9 p.m.

National Football League
All Times CST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-New England	10	5	0	.667	395	291
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	299	257
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	293	303
Miami	7	8	0	.467	308	297
N.Y. Jets	1	14	0	.067	251	423
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	330	239
Jacksonville	8	7	0	.533	306	318
Cincinnati	7	8	0	.467	341	345
Houston	7	8	0	.467	321	298
Baltimore	4	11	0	.267	350	417
West						
x-Denver	13	2	0	.867	381	259
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	286	280
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	319	265
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	294	366
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	289	355
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	10	[illegible]	0	.667	276	219
y-Philadelphia	9	[illegible]	0	.600	334	322
Washington	8	[illegible]	0	.533	327	302
Arizona	7	8	0	.467	281	368
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	220	274
Central						
x-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	418	200
y-Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	288	277
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	264	271
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	288	344
Tampa Bay	5	10	0	.333	187	274
West						
y-Carolina	11	4	0	.733	349	204
y-San Francisco	11	4	0	.733	374	243
St. Louis	5	10	0	.333	289	396
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	292	442
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	216	325

x-clinched division title.
y-clinched playoff spot.
Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 21, New York Jets 20
Chicago 27, San Diego 14
Sunday's Scores
Carolina 27, Baltimore 16
Green Bay 31, Detroit 3
Dallas 12, New England 6
New Orleans 17, New York Giants 3
St. Louis 34, Atlanta 27
San Francisco 25, Pittsburgh 15
Minnesota 21, Tampa Bay 10
Cincinnati 21, Houston 13
Indianapolis 24, Kansas City 19
Denver 24, Oakland 19
Arizona 27, Washington 26
Jacksonville 20, Seattle 13
Monday's Score
Miami 16, Buffalo 14
Saturday's Games
New England at New York Giants, 11:30 a.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Arizona at Philadelphia, noon
Atlanta at Jacksonville, noon
Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon
Houston at Baltimore, noon
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, noon
Kansas City at Buffalo, noon
Miami at New York Jets, noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Pittsburgh at Carolina, noon
Dallas at Washington, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 7 p.m.
Monday's Game
Detroit at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Texas High School Playoffs
CLASS 5A
Division II
Final
Abilene Cooper (12-3) vs. Austin Westlake, (15-0), noon, Saturday, Texas Stadium
CLASS 4A
Division II
Final
Denison (14-1) vs. La Marque (13-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium
CLASS 3A
Final
Tatum (11-4) vs. Sealy (14-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome
CLASS 2A
Final
Groveton (15-0) vs. Iraan (15-0), 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford

Class 3A
APSE All-State
DALLAS — The Class 3A All-State high school football team, released Wednesday, as voted by The Associated Press Sports Editors and based on regular-season statistics:
FIRST TEAM
OFFENSE
LINEMEN
MARK CANTU, Columbus, 6-4, 260, Sr. — Lead blocker on offense that averaged 425 yards rushing per game.
MIKE FATHEREE, Van, 5-11, 280, Sr. — Top lineman on team that rushed for more than 2,500 yards
KRIS KOCUREK, Caldwell, 6-5, 260, Sr. — Massive size allowed him to dominate opponents.
ZACK LOVE, Colorado City, 6-3, 270, Sr. — 94 percent grade, 26 pancakes.
CHEYENNE SHARP, Vernon, 5-10, 190, Jr. — 112 knockdowns, didn't allow a sack, team averaged 296 yds rush per game.

QUARTERBACK
JACOB ALLEN, Bridgeport, 6-1, 175, Sr. — 202-307-8, 3,264, 30 TDs set 3A record for completions in season, set single-season yardage record during the playoffs.

RUNNING BACKS
ARIAN EMERSON, Colorado City, 5-11, 170, Jr. — 251-1,763, 21 TDs, 128 pts.
BENNIE JONES, Van, 5-10, 180, Sr. — 279-1,865, 26 TDs.
TOBY SHAIN, Seminole, 6-1, 207, Jr. — 196-2,001, 27 TDs, 166 points.

ENDS
T.J. HENDERSON, Clifton, 5-7, 145, Jr. — 29-763, 11 TDs; returned 10 kickoffs for 149 yards and 10 punts for 65 yards.
BRANDON NORMAN, Bridgeport, 5-11, 170, Sr. — 66-1,026, 10 TDs

PLACE KICKER
TODD BARNETT, Abilene Wylie, 5-10, 165, Sr. — 8-10 FGs, longest 50; 27-34 PATs.
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Jacob Allen, Bridgeport.

DEFENSE
LINEMEN
SIDNEI GAINES, Vernon, 5-11, 242, Jr. — 72 tackles, 6 sacks, 20 stops behind line, forced 4 fumbles, 1 fumble recovery. Team allowed an average of 8 points, 184 yards per game.
B.L. MILLER, Cameron Yoe, 6-1, 250, Sr. — 64 tackles (42 tackles, 22 assists) and 10 sacks; 12 tackles; caused three fumbles for a defense which allowed just 87.7 yards rushing per game.
CHASE SCHAVRDA, Sealy, 6-3, 240, Sr. — 108 tackles, 8 sacks and 5 fumble recoveries.
ANTHONY WASHINGTON, Coldspring, 6-1, 285, Sr. — 73 total tackles (40 solos, 33 assists), 11 tackles for loss, 8 pressures, 1 caused fumble, 1 pass deflection.

LINEBACKERS
CHAD BAYER, Smithville, 6-0, 205, Sr. — 109 tackles, 3 INTs, returned one for 33 yard TD; recovered 6 fumbles, caused 4 fumbles, had 6 sacks.
SAM HOOKS, Cameron Yoe, 6-4, 225, Sr. — 90 tackles (57 solos and 33 assists); 1 INT, caused five fumbles and recovered five fumbles. Runs a 4.6 40-yard dash. Defense allowed just 87.7 yards rushing per game.
TOMMY TULL, Groesbeck, 6-2, 205, Sr. — 173 tackles, including 22 vs. Mexia; blocked 4 punts, recovered 6 fumbles, caused 8 fumbles, knocked down 6 passes and had 43 tackles behind line of scrimmage.

DEFENSIVE BACK
DAMIEN HALL, Mexia, 5-10, 165, Sr. — 56 tackles, 8 INTs (2 for TDs)
BO SIMS, Medina Valley, 5-10, 180, Sr. — 10 INTs for 10-0 team.
JOE THOMAS, Cuero, 5-9, 160, Jr. — 54 tackles, 22 solos, 9 INTs returned for 166 yards and 2 TDs and knocked down 8 passes.
FORREST WAGNER, Sealy, 5-11, 180, Jr. — 80 tackles, 5 INTs, 3 fumble recoveries.

PUNTER
BRIAN FECHNER, Cameron Yoe, 6-2, 205, Sr. — 34 for a 39.8 average; killed 8 punts inside 10-yard line; opponents averaged just one yard on punt returns; 2nd-team all-state last year.
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Tommy Tull, Groesbeck.

SECOND TEAM
OFFENSE
OL DANNY CANALES, Ingleside, 6-3, 250, Sr.
OL BRANDY MANNING, Mexia, 6-5, 240, Sr.
OL WILL MATHIS, Jacksboro, 6-5, 295, Sr.
OL ERIC TERRELL, Amarillo River Road, 6-7, 260, Jr.
OL CHRIS THORNTON, Teague, 5-11, 205, Sr.
E CRAIG CUNNINGHAM, Fairfield, 5-10, 160, Sr.
E NICHOLAS HAAS, Hallettsville, 6-3, 185, Sr.
QB MATT SCHOBEL, Columbus, 6-4, 220, Sr.
RB CURTIS BRAWLEY, Medina Valley, 5-10, 180, Sr.
RB JARON DABNEY, Sealy, 5-9, 170, Sr.
RB DERRICK WILLIAMS, Kennedale, 5-10, 195, Sr.
PK RAY LEVERETT, Dripping Springs, 5-10, 172, Sr.
DEFENSE
DL NICK BOYD, Denver City, 603, 215, Sr.
DL QUINT ELLIS, Friona, 6-4, 220, Jr.
DL EVERADO ESQUIVEL, La Grange, 6-4, 225, Sr.
DL LAMONT TURNER, Rusk, 5-10, 200, Sr.
LB KENNETH BANKS, Mexia, 5-11, 185, Sr.
LB RASHAAD LEWIS, Rusk, 5-10, 160, Jr.
LB GARETT WILLIAMS, Monahans, 6-1, 190, Sr.
DB CARY CAUSEY, Port Isabel, 5-7, 150, Sr.
DB COREY JOHNSON, Waco La Vega, 5-10, 185, Sr.
DB ROGER RIVAS, Sinton, 5-8, 175, Sr.
DB J.R. THORNTON, Cuero, 6-1, 190, Jr.
P CLAYTON RICKMAN, Cuero, 6-2, 185, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION
OFFENSE
LINEMEN
Derrick Adams, Tatum; Gaby Alaniz, Seminole; Nick Boyd, Denver City; Toby Crosson, Breckenridge; Drew Grobe, Columbus; Justin Heiner, Hamshire-Fannett; Jimmy Hensel, La Grange; J.P. Morgenstern, Bandera; Marcus Sanchez, Colorado City; Brad Woosley, Denver City; Steve York, Forney.
ENDS
Marcus Carter, Rusk; Chris Chambers, Hitchcock; Dante Curry, Sealy; Kendrick Gibson, Groesbeck; Cedric James, Kennedale; Shaun Neumann, Hondo; Abdul Rasheed, Hallettsville; Angel Vega, Friona.
QUARTERBACK
Kal Kelley, Cameron Yoe.
RUNNING BACKS
Dale Cope, Eustace; Lawrence Dobbins, La Grange; Jeff Dunlap, Bonham; Colin Evans, Columbus; Brenton Gabbert, Vernon; Alfonso Garcia, Crane; Tyler Lee, Monahans; Johnny McHenry, Coldspring; Ralph Perry, Goliad; D.J. Preston, Hitchcock; Jacob Pruitt, Abilene Wylie; Ben Reid, Austin Lake Travis; Raymond Sadler, Clifton; Matt Smith, Sinton; Bill Sutton, Lorena; Chris Wright, Teague; Eloy Zepeda, Hidalgo.
PLACE KICKERS
Josh Hay, Aledo; Eric Shamblin, Mexia
DEFENSE
LINEMEN
Tim Eason, Aledo; Chris Gordon, Port Arthur Austin; Matt Isom, Reagan County; Johnny Lianez, Alpine; Jeremiah Love, Iowa Park; Will Mathis, Jacksboro; Matt McGilvray, Mexia; Veto Nunez, Port Isabel; Will Pechart, Whitesboro;
Clint Skinner, Teague; Robert Whitehead, Vernon; Brad Woosley, Denver City.
LINEBACKERS
Aaron Calhoun, Abilene Wylie; David Comerford, Llano; Braughn Curtis, Denver City; Jason Flowers, Lubbock Roosevelt; Jason Kramer, Madisonville; Danny McKay, Farmersville; Joe Rauls, Waco La Vega; Robert Sanchez, Hidalgo; Jared Sanderson, Breckenridge; Beau Walker, George West.

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MOVING SALE HAS BEGUN!
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6 :PM :30	News Wh. Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy C. Sandieco	Waltons (234548)	News (2567) Ent. Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (6667) Seinfeld	Home Videos Home Videos	Bendita Mentira (21906)	Teddy C'mas Mole's C'mas	Dukes of Hazzard	City Slickers II: The	(322277) "	Bunch Movie "	Light of the Southwest	Equalizer (403616)	Beyond 2000 Next Step	In the Heat of the Night	FOX Sports News	College Basketball: E.	(135703) "	Hit List (492616)
7 :PM :30	High Incident (CC) (1277)	Martin Living Single	Nat'l. Geo. on Assignment	"	Charlie Brown Garfield	Joyful Christmas	Friends Newsradio	(:05) Movie: Point Break	Maria la del Barrio	Movie: Oh, God! (CC)	Alabama's Christmas	Legend of Curly's Gold	Home for the Holidays	Dunston Checks In	(619109) Bob Larson	Biography (605987)	Wild Discovery	Movie: Samson and	FOX Sports News	Mich. at Cincinnati	Movie: Macbeth	UnReal (775971)
8 :PM :30	Murder One (CC) (4797)	New York Undercover	Mystery! (CC) (90971)	Rescue 911 "	Mickey's Christmas	Murder One (CC) (14567)	Seinfeld Suddenly	(9538567) "	Canaveral de Pasiones	(3726819) "	Prime Time Country	Cops and Robbersons	" On the Set	" Movie: Digital	Bishop Jakes John Osteen	Ancient Mysteries	Movie Magic Next Step	Delilah (682277)	Football Surfing	College Football: Las	(678093) "	" "
9 :PM :30	Peter Jennings	F/X: The Series	Nova (CC) (83635)	700 Club (142513)	48 Hours (CC) (38513)	Peter Jennings	ER (CC) (72971)	" (:35) Movie:	Bienvenidos (12161)	The Christmas Gift	Country News Club Dance	" Movie:	Sherman Full Frontal	Man (CC) (154884)	Praise the Lord	Mysteries of the Bible	Time Traveler (609703)	Movie: Samson and	FOX Sports News	Vegas Bowl -- Ball State	Movie: Othello	Comicview (690161)
10 :PM :30	News Cheers	Mad Abo. You In the Heat of	News-Lehrer "	Three Stooges	News Late Show	News Nightlin	News (46155) Tonight Show	Roa1 Hous (56508616)	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni.	" Hail the Con-	Dallas (990088)	Jason's Lyric (468819)	Sketch Artist II: Hands	Inside the NFL "	(629432) "	Law & Order "	Next Step Beyond 2000	Delilah (996242)	FOX Sports News	vs. Nevada (898890)	(9717548) (:35) Movie:	Talk (684155) Thea
11 :PM :30	Roseanne Nightline	the Night Martin	Movie: Network	Carson Carson	" Married... With	Ent. Tonight High Incident	" Late Night	" "	La Tocada (927890)	quering Hero (8490345)	Dukes of Hazzard	" I Like to Play	That See (:45) Movie:	Arliss Movie: Des-	" "	Biography (210093)	Wild Discovery	Movie: Christmas in	FOX Sports News	Sportscenter	Macbeth (56000548)	Rap City (255432)
12 :AM :30	Inside Edition Bible Lesson	Universe H. Patrol	(211616) "	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	" (:35) Rolonda	" American TV	(11:50) Movie: Red	" Al Derbez	(12:15) Murder by	Prime Time Country	Games (7660426)	White Tiger (71892155)	perado (CC) (8110161)	Peace Makers Update News	Ancient Mysteries	Movie Magic Next Step	Connecticut (554600)	Football Spotlight	Women's College	" Movie:	" "

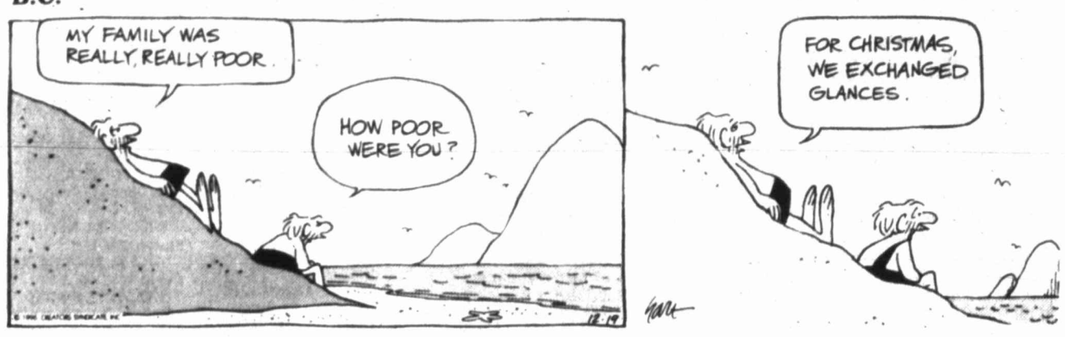
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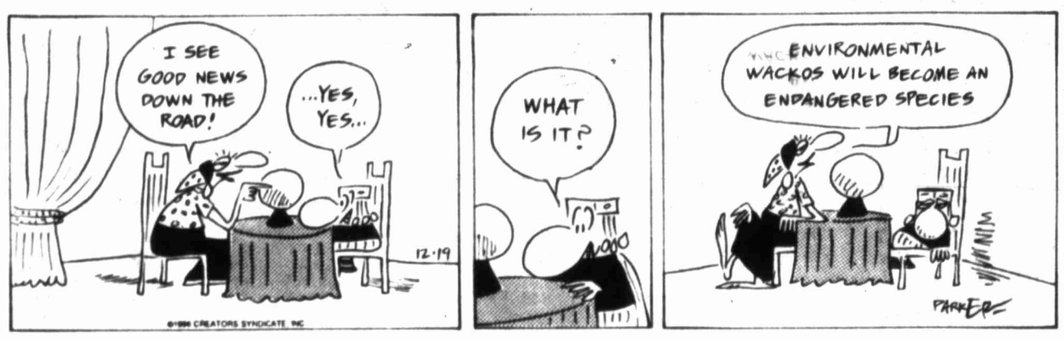
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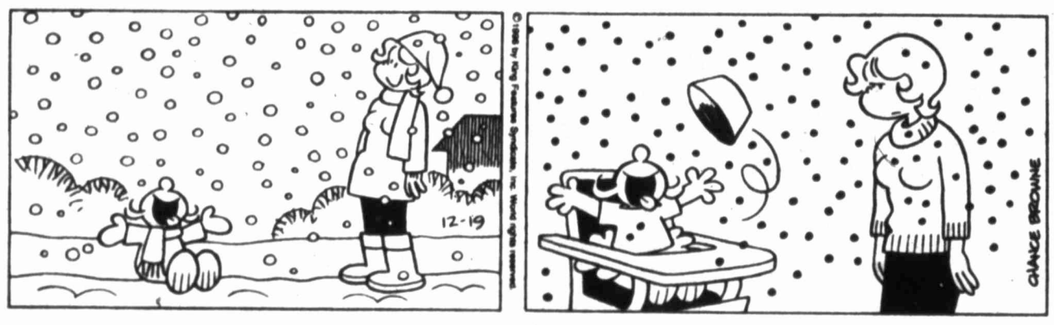
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Dec. 19, the 354th day of 1996. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic Yuletide tale, "A Christmas Carol," was first published in England.

On this date:

In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac" in Philadelphia.

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay, in which he wrote, "These are the times that try men's souls."

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its "Empire Service" to Australia.

In 1946, 50 years ago, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minl launched widespread attacks against the French.

In 1950, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was named commander of the military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

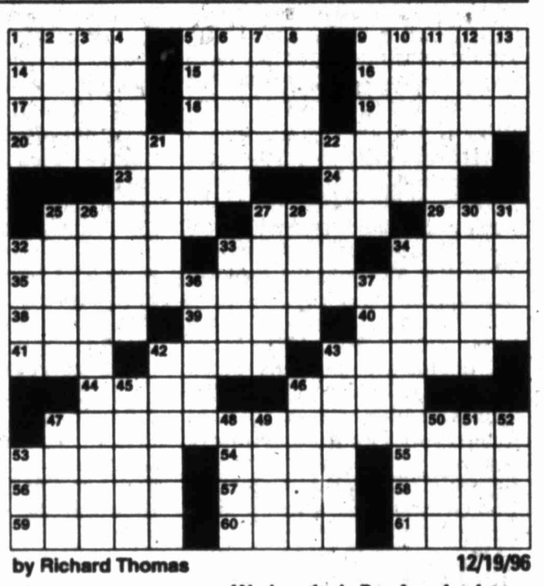
In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1984, Britain and China signed an accord returning Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, 1997.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens is 76. Actress Cicely Tyson is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Maurice White (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 55. Actor Tim Reid is 52. Anthropologist Richard E. Leakey is 52. Rock singer Alvin Lee (Ten Years After) is 52. Actress Elaine Joyce is 51.

THE Daily Crossword

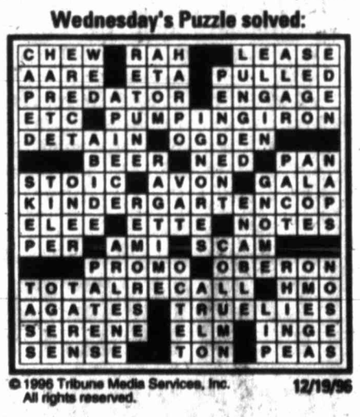


by Richard Thomas 12/19/96

ACROSS
1 Winter pear
5 Some actors
9 — donna
14 Parrot
15 Exchange premium
16 Continue
17 Broad collar
18 "Porgy and —"
19 Spinet kin
20 Wayne western
23 "— the night..."
24 Artist Magritte
25 "— moi le deluge"
27 "The Lion King" villain
29 State: abbr.
32 Courtyards
33 Asian ruler
34 Be borne
35 Conundrum choice
38 Play a piccolo
39 Roman historian
40 "— of God"
41 Part of Russia, once: abbr.
42 Outcome
43 Dixie dish
44 Make money
46 Permits
47 Hot under the collar
53 Score
54 Protracted
55 See the world
56 Palm tree
57 Layered mineral
58 Tip or top
59 Sleuth's workload
60 Did in
61 User's fee

DOWN
1 Suds
2 Numeric start
3 Beat it!
4 Shrink
5 — corpus
6 Ripening factors
7 Assorted: abbr.
8 Mediocre
9 Detective
10 Second showing
11 Recipe item
12 Not nice
13 Bristlelike appendage
21 Pinch and twist
22 "Indiscreet" star
25 Dumas character
26 Religious leaders
27 — off (depart)
28 See 22D
30 Noses out
31 Tripod parts
32 Deeds
33 Unite
34 Campus official
36 Kudu kin
37 Writer Bret
42 Free-for-all
43 Trinket
45 Cleric's vestment
46 Old weapon
47 Emanation
48 Largess
49 Dirty
50 "Chicago —"
51 Balanced
52 Barber's call
53 Fleetwood —

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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Announcements 036

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Help Wanted 085

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Applicants must submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to TDCJ-JD, Facilities Division Personnel, ATTN: Terri Hall, P.O. Box 4011, SPUR 59 OFF HWY. 75 North, Huntsville, TX 77342 by 5:00 P.M. MONDAY DECEMBER 30, 1996. A complete job description and all application forms may be obtained at the above address or by calling the Facilities Division Personnel Office at (409)294-6423 or 294-6912.

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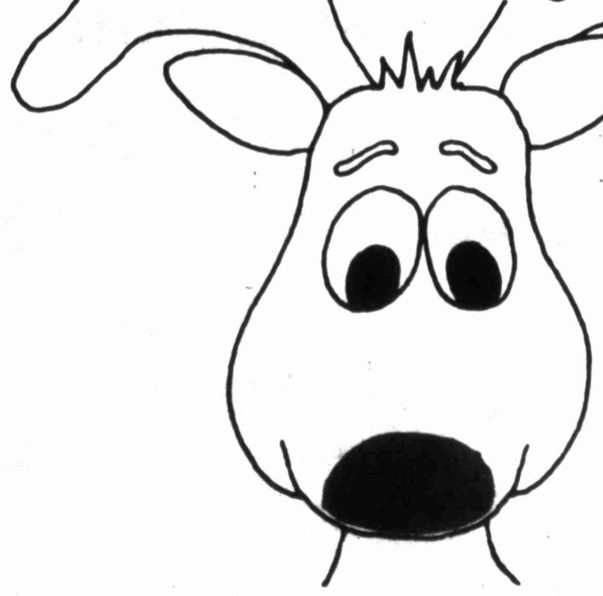
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Grazing may offer salvage value for drought-striken crops



Don Richardson
County Agent

The drought of '96 was disastrous for Howard County crops. Late planted on destroyed cotton fields benefited from the coastal hurricane related rains of August and raised hopes of extra income for farmers.

The frosts and freezes came before maximum maturity was obtained on many of these fields and lighter than hopes for yields of grain has been experienced. High winds blew over a lot more of the grain laden stalks, lowering yields even more so. Farmers in this situation have two choices: plow it under and start over next year, or try and salvage some of its value by grazing it.

The latter choice might help ease some of the burden of a total crop failure. Remember, though, that any costs and profits associated with a grazing enterprise would have to be charged back to the total cost of the crops being grazed.

A bright spot in all of this is the potential farmers with these "stalk fields" have for some additional cash income from livestock production. This can come from either cash leasing their fields to stockmen, eager to put their livestock on such lands, or by the farmers, themselves, buying stocker cattle or sheep and grazing the available forage and grain.

Good grains by livestock can be obtained from such grazing with profit potential. inexperienced producers should seek good advice on buying livestock before they jump into such ventures, however. Such "learning experiences" could prove costly! Such inexperience might encourage leasing out cropland to more experienced livestockmen.

There are about as many options in considering such lease arrangements as there are producers. Some landowners prefer to lease their lands at so-much per head per month of grazing. The most common utilized practice in recent years, however, is to lease on the grain. That is, the livestock owner supplies the landowner with his weight tickets on his cattle going into the fields and pays the landowner on the pounds gained by the stock when they leave the fields.

The most common rate we have found out about is 35 cents per pound. for example, if a steer gains 100 pounds during his stay on the field, the landowner would receive $35 for that gain. One hundred head of cattle averaging such a gain would mean $3,500. Some landowners prefer to just cash lease their lands and walk away with no further responsibilities.

Others make arrangements with the livestock owners to check the stock while on their lands, keep up fences, make sure water supplies are taken care of and sick animals tended to. The question of who is responsible for damages to neighbors' properties from straying livestock should also be prearranged in any lease arrangement.

Also, who is responsible for building and keeping up fences is another question that should be addressed. Homeowner insurance policies should possibly updated on such matters as well.

Ruminant livestock (such as cattle, sheep and goats) need a minimum of 7 percent to 8 percent crude protein in the diet just to keep the digestive system functioning and doing its job of digesting roughage. In situations where animals with low protein requirements, such as yearlings and dry females, are grazing forage with fairly high energy levels, such as good stalk fields, urea or other non-protein nitrogen sources can be an economical way to make up for slight protein deficiencies.

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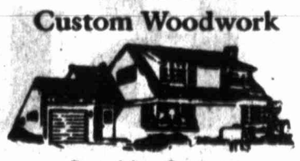
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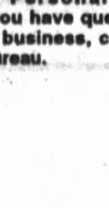
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