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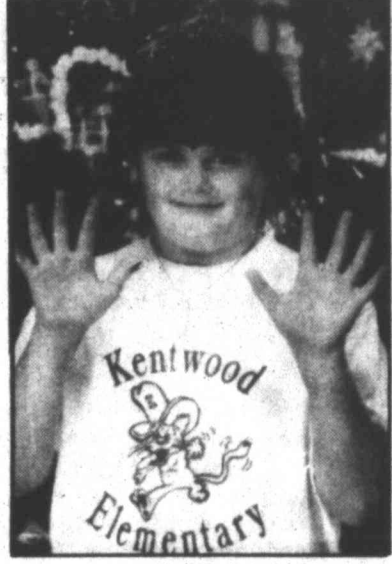
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NEWS DIGEST

COUNTDOWN



Herald photo by Tim Appel
Kentwood Elementary School second grader Cassie Daniel reminds us there are only 10 days left until Christmas.

Cookbook ready in time for Christmas

In time for holiday gift-giving, Glasscock County citizens have completed a "Centennial Cookbook." More than 900 recipes from local residents fill the book, which also includes a brief history of the county and historic photographs. Books are \$13, \$15 if mailed. Money raised will go toward the community's centennial celebration in June. Call Dana Schafer, 354-2246 or Tresa Reed, 354-2361 for information.

Lighting ceremony will be Wednesday

A special event has been planned this week to give Big Springers a bit of Christmas spirit. The Heart of the City committee will sponsor a lighting ceremony in the Pocket Park Wednesday evening. Children of Westside Community Center will sing carols beginning at 5:30 p.m., and Santa Claus will appear. The public is invited to attend.

VA clinic closes on Dec. 17

The VA Follow-up Clinic at Dyess Air Force Base Hospital, operated by personnel from the Big Spring VA Medical Center, will be utilized for the last time Dec. 17.

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Weather

Tonight, partly cloudy and cold. Low in the mid 20s. Southwest wind 5-15 mph becoming northwest toward morning. See extended forecast page 6A.



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Troops move to secure Baidoa

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAIDOA, Somalia — A heavily armed convoy carrying 670 U.S. Marines and French Legionnaires left Mogadishu today on the road to this bandit-besieged town in the heart of Somalia's famine belt.

U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley indicated they would arrive Wednesday. Securing Baidoa considered a key move in the multinational, U.S.-led force's mission to ensure that food aid is protected from marauding gunmen.

Col. Fred Peck, a Marine spokesman, said in Mogadishu that the convoy's destination was Beli Dogle, an airstrip halfway between Baidoa and the capital, where the first units of Operation Restore Hope arrived seven days ago.

But reporters overheard other officers saying the 70-vehicle convoy would only spend the night at Beli Dogle before proceeding to Baidoa. And Oakley told journalists in Baidoa, "After midnight tonight, be very, very careful."

"Some of you were lucky when the Marines landed in Mogadishu," he added. The Marines have said they nearly fired on a truckload of journalists waiting for them when they arrived at the port before dawn last Wednesday.

Security initially improved in Mogadishu after the Marines arrived on a U.N.-sanctioned mission of mercy, but the armed looters who had long plagued the capital have begun to return.

"The couple of days of honeymoon without guns is certainly over now," U.N. spokesman Ian MacLeod said today in the capital.

The bandits' resilience and obstinacy presages the difficulty foreign troops could face in securing this city of 80,000 people, about half of them refugees from ravaged rural areas.

Although Baidoa was generally quiet overnight, in the past weeks it has seen repeated attacks on relief agencies' compounds.

The assaults escalated in recent days as the looters apparently sought last-ditch windfalls before the troops arrived.

The escalating violence forced some relief centers to close, leaving desperately ill children without daily care. Relief workers say Baidoa's daily death toll dipped below 50 last week from its high point of about 300 but has risen to about 100 a day since the Marines landed.

There has been mounting friction between the U.S. military and aid workers who want the relief operation to move faster.

Oakley, who arrived in Baidoa today, defended the military's measured advance.

"The military has its way of moving, just as the nomadic tribes have ways of moving," he said, adding that Somalia's badly deteriorated infrastructure has



Herald photo by Gary Shanks

Let it snow

Above, snowmen like this one on Dixon Street sprang up around the city as area residents enjoyed one of the Permian Basin's rare snowfalls. At right, icicles form on a house after freezing temperatures turned Monday's melting snow into the winter art. Temperatures are expected to be the same, with highs in the mid-40's and lows dipping into the 20's.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Pay raise OK'd for HC, SWCID faculty and staff

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Howard College Board of Trustees approved a proposal to award raises to all college and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf faculty and staff at its meeting Monday.

Howard employees will receive a 1.5 percent raise and SWCID employees will receive a 2.7 raise as proposed by President Cheri Sparks.

The state authorized a 3 percent raise for all eligible state employees, but the state will fund the portion of the employees' raise in accordance to the percentage of money given to the institute. In Howard's case, the state funding is 50 percent. Ninety percent of SWCID's funding comes from the state.

Non-eligible employees include maintenance, food service, auxiliary and staff members who have topped their salary scale.

Sparks proposed to the board to award the raise to all employees taking the raises of non-eligible employees from the Howard budget. She also proposed the raise be in a "lump sum."

"This appropriation of money may not be awarded by the state in

the following years," Sparks said. "We should give the raise in a lump sum so that our employees will know it is a situation totally separate from what we do with our salaries."

Presentations were made by Drew Mouton, Bancroft, Mouton and Wolf Attorneys at Law and James Welch, Lee Reynolds Welch & Co PC.

Mouton's law firm is contracted by Howard County to collect on delinquent property taxes. Mouton works for all three taxing entities — county, Big Spring Independent School District and the college.

In his annual report to the board, Mouton said the college had an increase in delinquent tax collection. "Howard College had an 18 percent increase, which was the second best in the last five years," he said. "Everyone was up. The county was up 15 percent."

Welch gave a report on the district audit. He outlined the changes in the audit to comply with a state-required form.

In executive session the board members discussed the hiring of Kevin O. Gibbs as the ornamental horticulture instructor.

Gibbs will be an instructor at the Big Spring Correctional Facility.

The next board meeting will be Jan. 25.

Wrightsil remembers smell of Christmas Old fashioned Christmas stirs the memory

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Herald will run daily through Christmas Eve stories of remembered Christmas through the eyes of local citizens.

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Big Springer A. C. Wrightsil recalls when, as a small child, Christmas was different.

"It was a time of laughter, food and the smell of apples and oranges. My grandmother used to buy a box of apples and oranges," she said. "You sure can't smell fruit like you used to."

"We had an old-fashioned pine Christmas tree decorated with shiny icicles, sweet candy canes and multicolored lights."

She was Alma Cobb and at age four at grandmother's house in Austin, all "the gang" was there.

Every Christmas there was her grandmother (Ma-ma) Mary, her brother Bobby, her sister Marjorie, cousin Roy, cousin Vera, cousin Willie, cousin Earlyne, aunt Lora and aunt U.L. — and of course Alma or "Sugar" as they called her then.

Alma's mother passed away when she was two, so her grandmother had raised her through her most memorable Christmases.

"We'd go to bed early, right at dusk, and they would tell us, 'You'd better go to sleep or Santa would come and put black pepper in your

A Christmas



I remember...

eyes," Alma said.

"I know now they wanted us to go to sleep so Ma-ma and my aunts could start finish wrapping the presents and preparing the meal for Christmas day," she said. "The meal was prepared on a wooden stove, and there was the smell of pine and mostly oak wood burning."

"When we woke at daybreak — they didn't even have to wake us — the food was ready. We were so blessed with an abundance of food," she said.

"Everything was homemade, no recipes — fresh bread, coconut cakes, potato pies, turkey, and the stuffing, everything was so important," she said. "Ma-ma would always make something out of nothing."

Music was a hallmark of Alma's



A.C. WRIGHTSIL

Christmases. "Everybody would sing. Oh, I couldn't sing. They'd always say, 'Wait a minute Alma.' I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. 'But, we'd sing 'Silent Night,' 'Dashing through the Snow,' and we used to be sitting in these huge boxes acting out the song. There were poetry readings and dramatizations," she said.

One Christmas was a sad time for Alma and her family. In 1964, Alma was 29 and living in San Angelo. "Ma-ma" had passed away and Alma's Christmases were not quite the same years after.

"It was different. Ma-ma was our breadwinner. She was one of

the people who made me who I am today," she said. "The food — that taste is gone."

Alma had been the oldest daughter so her family had relied on her to prepare the meal in Austin for the Christmas of 1964.

"I had watched Ma-ma's techniques as early as I could stand on a stool next to her," she said. "There was sadness in the air that Christmas, but with the help of God, we went on."

The most important Christmas message Alma remembers receiving from her "Ma-ma" was what Christmas was really about.

"Everybody would get a gift. For the children, it would be dolls and cars. Adults got practical gifts like stocking, gowns or shoes," she said.

"(Ma-ma) would tell us that Christmas is Jesus' birthday, not our birthday, so we would not just expect the day to be about getting presents," she said. "As children we remembered that Jesus was God's gift to the world."

Alma, 57, is a high school teacher. She has lived in Big Spring for 18 years. Her and her husband James have six children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Crews work in shifts to keep area roads safe for traveling

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Snow looks great in yards but it keeps city and state employees working overtime to get gravel and salt on roads to make them safe.

Some 40 tons of gravel — 30 to 40 cubic yards — and a ton of salt was laid on Gregg, 3rd and 4th streets and FM 700 by Department of Transportation employees working 12-hour shifts between Sunday and Monday.

At \$11.74 for a cubic yard of rock and \$1.45 for a 25-pound bag of salt, that amounts to about \$500, said John Allred, acting maintenance supervisor of the transportation's highway department in Big Spring. It took about eight truck loads to cover state streets in Big Spring. Overtime adds more costs.

"Pretty big operation, pretty costly," Allred said. Afterwards, he added, workers have to clean gravel off the streets. Figures on overtime were not available this morning.

Besides state roads, gravel was also laid by city workers on streets such as Birdwell and Goliad. City officials could not be reached for comment this morning.

City and state workers are prepared for more than the recent 2.5-inch snowfall:

• The local highway department keeps about 1,000 cubic-yards of rock on hand, about 15 tons, and 2,500 pounds of salt, Allred said. Five trucks with spreaders, three snow plows and two graders with blades to remove snow are also ready.

• The highway department

district, covering 13 counties, keeps 6,000 yards of rock and 550,000 pounds of salt, said district Maintenance Director Otis Jones. Up to 65 trucks and 45 snow plows are kept. Of the 3,200 miles of road, workers concentrate first on major bridges, overpasses and hills.

• The city keeps 50 to 75 cubic yards of rock and has access to other supplies, said Public Works Director Tom Decell. A truck with a spreader and a grader is also ready. Of 190 miles in the city, workers concentrate on major thoroughfares, hills and areas complained of.

Workers also remain on standby when a major snow or ice storm is blowing in. Shifts can run from 12 to 24 hours, as needed.

"We always have someone on standby," Decell said.



Associated Press photo

Storm surfing

A surfer rides a wave off Long Beach, N.Y., Monday. The Great Nor'easter left the New York area early Sunday but high waves remain in its wake.

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Nation/World

Few clues given on Clinton's economic revival plan

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — After hearing from business executives, labor leaders and some of America's top economists, President-elect Clinton is approaching decisions on the shape of his economic revival plan. But he's giving few hints about what might be in it.

Clinton was wrapping up a two-day national economic conference today with a late-afternoon news conference.

The final day's discussions were scheduled to focus on the budget deficit, the environment and proposals to reform the way the federal government operates.

The lengthy sessions, which were broadcast nationally, gave a full airing to many of the nation's most vexing problems such as the federal deficit, lagging productivity growth, growing income inequality and poor worker training.

While Americans who tuned in learned a great deal about the problems from some leading experts,

Clinton did not tip his hand about some key decisions he has yet to make.

Remaining issues include how big a spending boost to propose for government public works projects to create jobs next year; whether to spur capital spending by offering tax breaks to businesses for the purchase of new equipment; and the timing and scope of tax cuts for the middle class.

Although the public did not get much of an insight into these short-term questions on the conference's opening day, it did get plenty of opportunities to watch the future president in action.

Clinton moderated the nearly 10 hours of discussions Monday, listening intently, taking notes and often asking questions of the various speakers.

Even after the conference had run into overtime and about one-third of the participants had vacated their seats, Clinton pronounced the discussion on worker training "fascinating" and gave every indication that he was sorry



Laura Tyson, President-elect Bill Clinton's designee for Council of Economic Advisors Chair, talks to other attendees of the Economic Conference in Little Rock, Ark., Monday.

to have to end the session.

Clinton's aides pronounced the first day of talks a great success.

"It's been a good day for Bill Clinton," said spokesman George Stephanopoulos. "What people have seen is a president-elect and his team engaged in the business of the nation in an open, accessible, intelligent and engaged manner."

Clinton not only fielded questions from the 329 participants in the meeting hall but also from listeners who telephoned in on a toll-free number. Several of the callers had lost jobs and wanted to know when Clinton's economic program would begin to get the economy back on track.

Responding to a California father of six who had lost his toolmaking job in the aerospace industry, the president-elect said, "I'm really glad you called. You gave the problem in the most stark and personal terms it could have."

The gathering was held in Little Rock's largest convention center

with Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore sitting at a huge oval table. Next to them were members of the new administration's top economic team, including Treasury Secretary-designate Lloyd Bentsen; Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., picked as the president's budget director; Labor Secretary-designate Robert Reich and Laura Tyson, the first woman chosen to head the Council of Economic Advisers.

They were joined at the table by a rotating panel of 32 people while other members of the conference remained in the audience.

While Clinton's aides pronounced them pleased with the results, one of President Bush's Cabinet officers questioned what type of plan would likely come from such an unwieldy group.

"This was a good idea gone amuck," said Labor Secretary Lynn Martin. "When I make decisions, I always want to have at least 300 people telling me what to do," she added, tongue in cheek.

Body of kidnapped Israeli policeman found

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — The body of an Israeli border policeman kidnapped two days ago by Muslim fundamentalists was found in the occupied West Bank today, the army announced.

Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano, 29, was found just off the highway that links Jerusalem with the West Bank city of Jericho, a statement said.

No other details were given. Toledano's abductors had threatened to kill him unless Israel freed an imprisoned Muslim fundamentalist leader.

Israel refused to negotiate until it received evidence Toledano was well.

Israel radio said he was killed a few hours after he was kidnapped early Sunday, but its correspondent on the scene said this information was preliminary and unconfirmed.

The body was found in uniform, hands bound, by a Bedouin woman who alerted authorities, Israel radio said. It was not immediately known how he was killed.

Security forces prevented reporters reaching the scene, and Israel radio advised drivers to avoid the highway.

Toledano's family burst into tears and their sobs were heard nationwide over Israel radio. Mayor Maxim Levy appealed for calm in Toledano's hometown of Lod, where angry residents had been chanting "Death to Arabs" since he was kidnapped.

The corpse was left a few yards off the road in a grove of trees near

Maaleh Edumim, a Jewish settlement on the eastern outskirts of Jerusalem, the radio said.

Toledano was kidnapped in Lod as he walked to work. The military wing of Hamas, a Gaza-based fundamentalist organization that rejects Israeli statehood, claimed responsibility.

The abduction shocked Israel with its audacity and sophistication, and set off a huge manhunt. The occupied territories were sealed and large areas were put under curfew.

Security forces rounded up at least 1,000 fundamentalists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in overnight raids, the army said today.

Israel radio put the number detained at 1,200.

The sweep was the largest in the occupied lands since the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule began five years ago.

Among those held were reputed Hamas leaders Mahmoud Zahar and Abdel Aziz Rantisi.

Hamas offered to exchange Toledano for the release of the movement's founder, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, 57, who is serving a life term on a manslaughter conviction.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday the kidnappers had not contacted the authorities but that he was ready to listen.



Associated Press photo

Turned himself in

Irish nationalist Jimmy Smyth gets a hug from wife Maggie Lynch before turning himself in at the Federal Building in San Francisco Monday. Smyth's bail was revoked in his extradition trial. Smyth, 38, who describes himself as a supporter of Ireland but not a member of the IRA, contends he was framed for attempted murder of a Belfast prison guard in 1977 and escaped because he was threatened with death in prison.

THE BEST OF BIG SPRING



Carlos Lopez, fourth from left, is the November recipient of "The Best of Big Spring Award." Also pictured are Naomi Hunt, Roberta Shive, Mike Peters, Tammy Watt and Eileen Zant.

Carlos has been employed by Furr's Cafeteria for 1 1/2 years. He enjoys racquetball, stamp collecting, coin collecting, swimming and reading.

CONGRATULATIONS, CARLOS!!

The Best of Big Spring Award is given each month to a deserving front line sales or service employee who is not a manager or owner. This award is sponsored by the small business committee. Each winner is awarded a plaque, a gift from Jane's Flowers and gift certificate from the following:

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Sports

Lady Buffs down Coahoma in district opener

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The youthful Stanton Lady Buffs got their first taste of the 6-2A basketball wars Monday night. They survived battle number one by taking a 39-35 win over the Coahoma Bulldogettes in the league opener.

In moving their season record to 6-3, Stanton prepares for its next battle against Eldorado, one of the preseason favorites. The game will be Friday in Stanton at 7:30 p.m. The Bulldogettes, which go to 6-7 for the season, will host Ozona Friday at 8 p.m.

It wasn't an overwhelming win for the Lady Buffs, who have seven sophomores with no prior varsity experience. But it was a win where Stanton got some key points from a couple of players who had struggled throughout the game.

Stanton senior forward Stacy Tollison had a terrible night from the field. Tollison, who averages 13 points a game, scored just two, making one of 12 field goal attempts. But her one basket was a 10-foot jumper that put Stanton up 37-33 with 2:07 left in the game.

Stanton sophomore point guard Lupe Chapa had a miserable time from the foul line, making just two of 10 attempts. But her last attempt

proved to be a game clincher. She hit the front end of a one-and-one, putting the final score at 39-35 with nine seconds left in the contest.

Stanton coach Frank Riney said his team's inexperience showed. "I hate those close games that come down to the (free throw) line," he said. "Some of the first games of the season we played tentatively. This was the district opener and we played kind of tentatively tonight. But when it comes down to it, you've got to execute."

Stanton held a slight upper hand for most of the game. Coahoma led twice, 6-5 early in the contest and 31-30 when Angela Crippen made a

shot from the outside with six minutes left in the game.

Stanton retaliated with five points by sophomore post player Sande Bundas. Twice Bundas rebounded missed shots by Tollison and put them back in for baskets, one time turning in a three-point play. After Bundas gave Stanton a 35-31 lead with 4:40 left, Stanton's only other points were Tollison's basket, and two foul shots by Chapa. Coahoma's final points came via two free throws by LeeAnn Reid and a basket by Melinda Riley.

Coahoma coach Phillip Ritchey said his team carried out its game plan. "I thought we played hard,

we did what we had to do to win," said Ritchey. "We felt we had to keep it low scoring because of their speed and quickness. I felt if we had had a break here or there, we had a good chance to win."

Post player Vanessa King paced Coahoma with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Crippen scored 10 of her 12 points in the first half. Bundas paced Stanton with 16 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore guard Laura Herm scored eight points while Chapa collected eight steals.

The Coahoma boys defeated Clyde in Clyde Monday 48-46 (box in Scoreboard, page 6B).

In junior varsity action, Coahoma defeated Stanton 39-19.

COAHOMA (39) — Tess Anderson 2-7, 0-1 4; LeeAnn Reid 0-3, 2-2 2; Melina Riley 1-5, 1-4 3; Vanessa King 7-15, 0-0 14; Angela Crippen 5-14, 1-3 12; totals 15-44, 4-10 35.

STANTON (39) — Laura Herm 3-7, 0-3 8; Lupe Chapa 1-5, 2-10 4; Sonya Hopper 2-4, 1-2 5; Stacy Tollison 1-12, 0-0 2; Sande Bundas 7-14, 2-3 14; K. Woodfin 1-1, 0-0 2; Kendra Wykoff 1-3, 0-0 2.

Score by quarters

Stanton	9	14	7	9	39
Coahoma	6	11	10	8	35

JV — Coahoma 39, Stanton 19.

Fouled Out — Coahoma (Reid); Stanton (Hopper); Three Pointers — Stanton (Herm 2); Stanton (Crippen 1) Turnovers — Stanton 17; Coahoma 24; Rebounds — Stanton 22 (Bundas 8; Herm 2); Coahoma 29 (King 10; Anderson 7; Riley 5); Assists — Stanton (Chapa 4; Wykoff 3); Coahoma (Reid 4; Anderson 2; Crippen 2); Steals — Stanton (Chapa 8; Hopper 3); Coahoma — (Crippen 5); Blocked Shots — Stanton (Bundas 1); Crippen (1).

Briefs

Lady Hawks win Classic

OAKLAND — The Howard College Lady Hawks concluded a successful basketball stint in the East Bay Classic by winning the 24-team tournament Sunday night.

The No. 8 nationally ranked Lady Hawks defeated Ohlone College 93-47, completing a Howard rout. In four games in the tournament, Howard outscored four opponents by an average of 106-61.

Howard led 46-18 at the half against Ohlone and was never in trouble. Freshman forward Angel Spinks led the way with 20 points. Freshman post player Annette Robinson scored 14 points, Charlene Payton added 14 and guard LeKisha Wiley scored 10 points. Spinks and sophomore guard Yumecca White were named to the all-tournament team. Wiley, a sophomore point guard from Crosbyton, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"I really didn't think we played that well," said Howard coach Royce Chadwick. "Our toughest game was Thursday (LA Harbor) and the next toughest was Friday (Siskiyous). It got easier as we went. It was a great trip. We got to play four games and give out kids exposure. There were Division I coaches there every night. It was an education. A lot of our kids had never been in that part of the country."

The Lady Hawks, 15-0 for the

season, will take off for the Christmas break. They'll report back to workouts Jan. 3 and play in the Blinn tournament Jan. 7-8. Howard will resume conference play Jan. 11 against New Mexico Junior College.

HOWARD (93) — Vernetra Allen 4 0 8; Becky Barnes 1 0 2; LeKisha Wiley 5 0 10; Dina Ruzner 1 0 2; Yumecca White 4 0 8; Jennifer Jeffress 3 1 7; Anita Wright 3 0 4; Charlene Payton 6 0 12; Annette Robinson 4 4 14; Regina Huff 1 0 2; Angel Spinks 9 2 10; Kim Stanley 1 0 2; totals 43 6-15 93.

OHLONE (47) — Elz 2 0 4; McPeters 4 0 17; Daniels 5 2 17; Anderson 2 2 7; Wooten 1 0 2; totals 15 16-23 47.

Halftime — Howard 46, Ohlone 18.

Area gridders make all-state

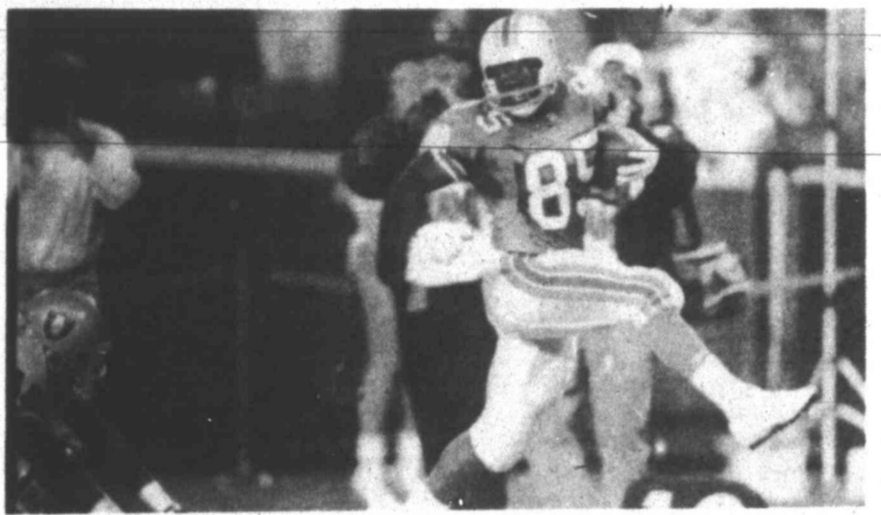
The Crossroads Country area was well represented on the Class A and Class AA Associated Press all-state football team.

Heading the Class A team was the late Derek Schraeder of Garden City. Schraeder was killed in a car accident Sunday morning. He was named to the second team as offensive lineman and honorable mention defensive lineman.

Garden City junior linebacker Matt Seidenberger was a second team selection and senior running back Jody Bradford was a honorable mention selection.

The Stanton Buffalos placed two players on the Class AA all-state team. Senior defensive tackle Odie Saldivar was a second team selection and junior running back Ricky Lucas was a honorable mention pick.

Coahoma senior Bryan Sledge was honorable mention punter. The



Miami Dolphins wide receiver Mark Duper looks over his shoulder at slower moving Los Angeles Raiders after he caught a 62-yard Dan Marino pass for a touchdown Monday night in Miami, Fla. The Dolphins defeated the Raiders 20-7 in Joe Robbie Stadium.

entire Class A and AA all-state teams are listed in Scoreboard on pages 5-6B.

Steers hosting Lamesa tonight

The Big Spring Steers will be at home tonight in non-district basketball action against the Lamesa Tornados at 7:30.

Junior varsity action begins at 6 p.m.

Goliad Lady Mavs sweep Andrews

The Goliad Lady Maverick basketball teams took wins over Andrews Monday night.

Runnels girls split with Andrews

The Runnels Lady Yearlings

split hoops games with Andrews Monday night.

Runnels B (3-2) won its game 22-15. Tisa Sevey scored eight points and had 13 rebounds. Monica Rubio scored six points and Melissa Dittmore scored four points. Stefanie Kennedy and Margie Dittmore were credited with good games.

Andrews won the A game 21-10. LaTosha Wilbert paced Runnels (3-2) with four points. Playing well defensively were Heather Spence and Dee Hill.

Lamesa drops Lady Steers

LAMESA — The Big Spring Lady Steers freshmen fell to Lamesa 47-35 in basketball action Monday night.

Molly Smith paced Big Spring with 12 points. Leslie Elrod scored 11 points. Big Spring falls to 6-2 for the season. The Lady Steers will play Snyder Friday at 6 p.m. in the Goliad gym.

Dolphins clinch playoffs, 20-7

MIAMI — Miami's struggling offense finally scored a touchdown and the Dolphins defense got another as Miami beat Los Angeles 20-7 Monday night and stayed in

contention for the AFC East title. The result all but assured a playoff berth for Miami (9-5) and left Los Angeles (6-8) barely alive in the AFC wild-card race.

J.B. Brown scored on a 35-yard interception return and the Dolphins' offense scored its first touchdown in nine quarters when Dan Marino hit Mark Duper on a 62-yard flea-flicker. But Marino gave that touchdown back later in the third period when Eddie Anderson intercepted his pass and returned it 102 yards.

Anderson's return tied the third longest in NFL history.

Brown's score was just as sudden. He stepped in front of intended receiver Willie Gault on a squareout pattern, caught Jay Schroeder's pass in full stride and raced untouched down the sideline to the first touchdown of his four-year career.

The play came 20 seconds after Pete Stoyanovich broke a scoreless tie with a 26-yard field goal. Stoyanovich added a 25-yarder in the fourth quarter.

Miami's offense ended its drought in the third period when Marino handed off to Mark Higgs, took a pitch back and threw long to Duper. The veteran receiver slipped behind Ronnie Lott and Lionel Washington, caught the ball over his shoulder at the 20 and dashed to the end zone for a 17-0 lead.

Miami threatened again after Dwight Hollier recovered a punt muffed by Tim Brown at the Raiders' 16.

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Johnson: Washington loss toughest yet

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — There are losses. There are losses like the one to the Washington Redskins.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said Sunday's 20-17 loss to the Redskins was the harshest defeat he has endured since he started coaching the Cowboys.

"It's the hardest one this year, the hardest one last year, and the hardest one two years ago," Johnson said. "This was one, was hard to take."

Johnson talked to the NFL office three times on Monday about the officiating in the game. He was asked not to comment publicly on it.

"I had discussions with the league about the calls in question, but I'm unable to make comment except to clarify the rules," Johnson said.

Owner Jerry Jones and Johnson say they remain opposed to instant replay, even though it could have saved the Cowboys twice Sunday.

"I'm still not for instant replay because I like the flow of the game the way it is," Johnson said.

With the Cowboys ahead 17-13 and 3:14 remaining Sunday, Troy Aikman tried to pass out of his end zone, but was hit by Redskins lineman Jason Buck. Aikman's arm appeared to be moving forward as the ball fell free.

Running back Emmitt Smith picked it up, then lost it. Washington safety Danny Copeland recovered in the end zone for the game-winning touchdown in a 20-17 victory.

Jones he didn't think instant replay — removed from the game this season after six years — would have mattered because the call was so close.

"It probably would have been ruled inconclusive," he said. "You couldn't tell for sure at which point Troy released the ball. The replay wouldn't have been clear enough for a positive call from the replay booth."

Johnson, who ranted and raved from the sidelines about the call, said he doesn't like instant replay "because it slows the game down. It does look like it was an in-

complete pass, though."

Johnson said the NFL office told him that if a quarterback has his arm in motion forward and the ball comes out it is an incomplete pass.

"Also, if a running back picks up the ball in the end zone with his knee on the ground it's a safety. And if a running back tries to shuffle the ball forward, it is a safety."

Aikman said the call was questionable, but admitted "I was trying to stop the throw when the ball went out."

Aikman dived onto the pile trying to recover the ball as if he had fumbled it.

Referee Bob McElwee said he saw Aikman's arm go forward, but didn't see the ball in his hand.

"I had to rule it a fumble," McElwee said.

Aikman said he almost

understands.

"I don't feel like it was a terrible call, because you can't get calls like that when you are on the road," said Aikman, also intercepted at the Washington goal line earlier in the period with Dallas leading 17-10.

"If we are going to get mad at anybody, we ought to get mad at ourselves," Aikman said. "I didn't see the underneath coverage on the interception. It was my fault."

"We self-destructed. It's frustrating. We felt like we had the ballgame and we let it get away from us."

Smith said he should have fallen on the fumble for a safety instead of trying to bat it toward tight end Alfredo Roberts.

"I'm still trying to figure out what happened," Smith said.

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high in the mid 40s, northwest wind 10-15 mph, partly cloudy, cold, low mid 20s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high mid 40s; partly cloudy, cold, low mid 20s.

Friday: Partly cloudy, high mid 40s; partly cloudy, cold, low mid 20s.

Oil/markets

January crude oil \$18.97, down 12, and March cotton futures 58.40 cents a pound, down 14; cash hog is steady at 43.50; slaughter steers is \$1.00 higher at 79 cents even; December live hog futures 44.45, down 27; December live cattle futures 79.25, down 5 at 10:03 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

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Atlantic Richfield	111% .nc
Bethlehem Steel	15 .nc
Cabot	45% .nc
Chevron	89% .nc
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Exxon	61% .nc
Fina Inc.	40% .nc
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IBM	58	-4/8
JC Penney	76 1/2	+1/8
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Pepsi Cola	42 1/2	+1/8
Phillips Petroleum	24 1/2	-1/8
Southwestern Bell	71 1/2	+1/8
Sun	27 1/2	+1/8
Texaco	59 1/2	+1/8

Deaths

L.A. Hiltbruner

L.A. (Red) Hiltbruner, 73, Big Spring, died today at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Faye Morgan

Faye Morgan, Fredericksburg, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 1992.

Services were 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church, Fredericksburg under the direction of Beckmann Funeral Home.

Martha Pierce-Epsaro

Martha Joann Pierce-Epsaro, 33, Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1992 in a local hospital.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with George O'Brian, minister of Coahoma Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Gail Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born July 22, 1959 in Florence, Ariz. She was a Baptist. She was raised in Texas and Oklahoma. She served in the US Air Force. She had been a resident of Big Spring for the last year and a half.

Reinalda Puente

Survivors include one daughter, Kimberly Reed, Big Spring; her mother, May Lefern Pierce, Las Cruces, N.M.; four sisters: Jean Pierce, Oceanside, Calif.; Betty Jordan, Newburn, N.C.; Vicki Townsend, Seven Springs, N.C.; and Rita Brumley, Big Spring; and one brother, Roy Lee Pierce, Coahoma.

She was preceded in death by one daughter and her father.

Reinalda Puente

Reinalda Puente, 88, Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1992 at her residence.

Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Vreteau, pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 14, 1904 in Old Mexico. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. She married Acension Puente on Aug. 24, 1920 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1984. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and a homemaker. She was a member of the Guadalupanas, the Crucillista and the Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include one son, Robert Puente, Big Spring; three sisters: Amalia Martinez, Redlands, Calif.; Melissa Santellan, and Adelia Rosales, both of Big Spring; four granddaughters, three great-grandsons, and several nieces and nephews.

Dec. 23 deadline to apply for JP position

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioner's Court will accept letters from those interested in replacing retiring Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Willie Grant.

Only those living currently, and for the last six months, in Coahoma or Sand Springs are eligible for appointment to the post, said County Clerk Margaret Ray.

This precinct covers voters of ballot boxes 207 and 409, she said.

"We'll accept letters until 5 p.m. Dec. 23," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

The commissioner's court will have a special closed session at 9 a.m. Jan. 4 to review applicants for the position. The person appointed will serve out the remainder of Grant's two-year term. The appointee will face election in 1994.

Grant has said her decision to retire was brought about by her desire to join her husband in

At a glance

At the Monday meeting of the Howard County Commissioner's Court, commissioners addressed the following items:

- Set Dec. 23 as the deadline for accepting letters of application for appointment to Justice of the Peace Precinct 2.
- Approved hiring Crim Engineering to survey an eroding section of county roadway north of Big Spring.
- Approved of Homestead refunds.
- Approved the low bid by Lester Humphrey for pest control services.
- Approval of a study to bring county buildings in up to specifications mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Re-bid for janitorial services, striking the stipulation that all contract employees be covered by workman's compensation insurance by their employers.
- Approval of an exception to county policy, allowing District Attorney Rick Hamby to hire a replacement secretary at above entry-level pay.

recruiting qualified people at this entry level pay.

The district clerk's secretary functions as a legal secretary and holds a position of great responsibility, Hamby said. Hamby produced data from comparably-sized districts, showing some to have a

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following:

- \$475 worth of appliances were taken from the 1100 block of North Scurry.
- \$50 worth of meats were taken from the 700 block of East 13th.

Sheriff's log

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

- Jorje Antonio Armendariz, 42, of Coahoma was arrested for public intoxication.

Records

Monday's high temp	38
Monday's low temp	26
Average high	55
Average low	28
Record high	78 in 1933
Record low	13 in 1985
Rainfall Monday	0.26
Month to date	6.41
Month's normal	6.49
Year to date	30.31
Normal for year	18.23

Houston-based company buys two Howard County oil fields

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The ARCO Oil & Gas Co. has sold 47 oil and gas producing fields across the Permian Basin, with two of these fields being in the southern part of Howard County.

The Houston-based ANADARCO Petroleum Corp. is purchasing the property, which includes large numbers of fields in Ector, Midland, Crane and Gains counties, said Paul Taylor, vice-president of corporate communications for ANADARCO.

Although the two fields in Howard County comprise only a small portion of the 40 oil and gas producing fields in the county, these fields may see a greater investment over the next few years,

Taylor said. "These properties probably rank higher on our list of priorities than ARCO's."

Although nothing is certain as yet, Taylor said there is a possibility of future development and upgrading of production in the Permian Basin, perhaps \$10 million to \$20 million worth.

The reinvestment could be in the form of more drilling, either for production or injection, he said.

ANADARCO now owns three fields in Howard County, adding these two to a previously-owned field. ARCO officials said the sales came after a recent evaluation of the corporation's portfolio of assets. These assets were prioritized and the Permian Basin fields were not high on the list for reinvestment and, therefore, were offered for sale.

Troops

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complicated troop movements.

Oakley met separately with relief agency officials and with Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the warlord whose militia dominates the Baidoa area.

Oakley said afterward that he was "thoroughly satisfied" Aidid's forces would cooperate with the U.S. troops. Aidid's fighters were to have entered a cease-fire with rival warlord Ali Mahdi Mohamed on Sunday.

But clan gunmen have not surrendered their weapons and it is widely acknowledged that the warlords' control over all but their most loyal fighters is tenuous. Somalia is awash in several hundred million dollars worth of arms. Washington and the United Nations have been sparring over whether the force should attempt to disarm the country's gunmen.

President Bush told his top commanders on Monday that their mission is only to ensure that aid gets to the starving. Some 300,000 people have died and another 2 million are in danger.

But U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali insisted Monday that the mission include disarming all the country's gunmen.

Boutros-Ghali wants the country pacified before a U.N. police force takes over. And he and aid workers want the Americans to help rebuild Somalia's highways and get its ruined wells back to providing fresh water.

The convoy heading for Beldi Dogle included heavy construction equipment such as earth-movers and cranes.

About 4,000 foreign troops have arrived in Somalia, the first units of an eventual 30,000-strong force.

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Section B

Spring board

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Calendar

Today
• Bingo offered by the Lions, Elks, and Main Street Club, Monday-Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Lions Club, 1607 E. Third.

• The Salvation Army will have a dinner for area needy at 5:30 p.m. at their building, 308 Aylford, Monday through Friday.

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St. has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Christian Home Schooler's Group will be skating at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church from 2-5 p.m. For information call Donna at 267-8851.

• The Big Spring Art Association invites the public to attend free of charge, a demonstration by Hoyt Mulanax at 7 p.m., WTCA, 125 E. 3rd. For information call Elnora Hart at 267-2974.

• Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. at the band hall. All parents of band members are encouraged to attend.

• Forsan 6th, 7th and high school band will have a concert at 7 p.m. in the Forsan auditorium. Public invited. No charge.

• Colorado City Senior Citizens will have a dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The Porky Proctor Band will play. Area seniors invited.

Wednesday
• Big Spring Senior Center will have ceramics class from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

• The Heart of the City committee will light the Pocket Park. The children at Westside Community Center will sing Christmas carols starting at 5:30 p.m. Santa will appear.

• West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.

• Eagles Lodge men will meet at 7 p.m.

Thursday
• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St. has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

• Human Services Council will meet at 10 a.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Center conference room. Individuals representing any organization, club or group providing human services to our community are invited. For information call Gail Zilai at 263-0027.

Friday
• Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

• Spring City Sr. Center will have a Country/Western dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Public invited.

Saturday
• Maxmun payout Bingo at 6:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn.

• American Legion Post #506 will have a shuffle board tournament at 2 p.m. Draw partners, \$2. entry fee. 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

• Big Spring Squares will have a dance at 8 p.m. in the Square on Chapparral Rd. For information call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

• Big Spring Senior Citizens Center will have a country/western dance. Public invited.

• Eagles Lodge will have a dance from 8:30-midnight. Music by Solid Country. Join us and bring a friend.

Norplant: Reliable, risky Contraceptive called unpredictable

By CONNIE SWINNEY Staff Writer

Norplant, the newest pregnancy prevention method, is the most reliable long-term contraceptive, yet it has one of the largest number of potential side effects, a local doctor said.

"The most frequent problem is women are reporting either incredibly excessive (periods) or no (periods) at all," said James Burleson, a general practitioner at Hall-Bennett Memorial Clinic. "It's unpredictable and worrisome. It's really not for everybody."

The Norplant System consists of six capsules, 34 millimeters long and about 3 millimeters wide, inserted beneath a woman's skin in the upper arm.

Burleson has been implanting the capsules since their public debut in the summer. He said of the implants he has performed, about 20 percent of his patients have requested removal.

The flexible capsules are implanted under local anaesthetic, usually in about 20 minutes, and replaced every five years for long-term contraception, he said.

Burleson was implanting about two locally per week over the summer and has not implanted a system in two weeks.

By the end of 1990, about 500,000 women had used the subdermal method in 17 countries. The system is now in general use around the world.

Unlike the pill, diaphragm or sponges, Norplant does not rely on women remembering periodically to take some action to prevent pregnancy.

Although Norplant's most common reported side effect is menstrual cycle irregularity — reported by 60 percent of women in clinical testing — women must consider a myriad of other potential side effects, according to the manufacturer.

"This system can function as a leave it and forget about it pregnancy prevention option," Burleson said.

The diagram above shows Norplant as it appears under the skin of the upper arm.

Women should not use Norplant as a contraceptive if they have:
• Acute liver disease, non-cancerous or cancerous liver tumors;
• Unexplained vaginal bleeding;
• Breast cancer;
• Blood clots in the legs, lungs or eyes;
• Women with these conditions may experience problems with Norplant:
• Diabetes;
• Elevated cholesterol;
• High blood pressure;
• Headaches;
• Gallbladder, heart or kidney disease;
• History of scanty or irregular menstrual periods.

Burleson said. "For those who can use it, it's good, but for those who can't, it's unfortunate."

According to 1983 and 1990 studies on family planning and data from Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, developers of Norplant, possible side effects include:

- Prolonged menstrual bleeding, commonly during the first months of use.
 - Untimely bleeding or spotting between periods;
 - Headache, nervousness, dizziness;
 - Enlargement of the ovaries and/or fallopian tubes;
 - Dermatitis (inflammation of the skin,) acne;
 - Change of appetite, weight gain;
 - Breast tenderness;
 - Excessive growth of body or facial hair;
 - Discoloration of the skin over the site of implantation (usually reversible.)
 - Infection of improperly cared for implantation site.
- Health care professionals recommend the system as a good option for women who:
- Are considering sterilization, but are not ready to make a final decision.
 - Want long-term, reversible contraception.

Norplant is a progestin-only (levonorgestrel) contraceptive with a less than 1 percent annual pregnancy rate over five years, according to a report by Wyeth-Ayerst. The outline of the capsules, inserted fan-like in the upper arm, can be felt but can not be seen unless the woman is very thin or muscular, the report said.

The procedure locally costs about \$600.



For the needy

Bill Steele hands a can to Janie Porras as she and Penni Pherneton put others into a box at Bluebonnet Savings last week. The bank is asking customers to donate items that will be given to the Northside Community Center for distribution to needy families. The bank will be accepting the items through Dec. 20.

Brief

Hernandez appointed

Jesse Hernandez, a member of VFW Post 2013 in Big Spring, has been appointed to serve as National Aide-de-Camp for the VFW in 1992-93.

VFW National Commander-In-Chief John M. Carney appointed Hernandez to the post, which recognizes outstanding service to the VFW. As part of his duties, Hernandez will assist the state commander in promoting VFW programs, especially membership.

Hernandez, a Big Spring resident, will serve for one year.

Carney said Hernandez is an example of the people who have helped strengthen the VFW with their efforts.

Clean contacts Disposable lenses safe if cared for

By CHARITA M. GOSHAY Thomson News Service

CANTON, Ohio — Recent reports question the safety of disposable contact lenses, but one of the eight U.S. eye doctors who helped develop them says they won't cause problems if used properly.

The reports have said that wearing disposable contact lenses increases the risk of eye ulcers and other infections. But Dr. Frank Weinstock said other variables are involved.

"We have to ask the question, 'Who is the person wearing them and what kind of person are they? Are they careful? Do they follow their doctors' instructions?'" Weinstock said.

Weinstock said he has not seen evidence that disposable lens wearers suffer more infections than wearers of other types of lenses.

Weinstock is one of eight ophthalmologists in the United States selected to do research to develop the lenses, which have been on the market for five years.

"If you can decrease the care," eliminate (cleaning) solution, and change lenses more often, "you reduce the risk of problems," he said.



Touch a bug

Two students touch a bee beetle at the Insect Expo in Baltimore last week. The free exhibit was aimed at convincing students, teachers and the public that bugs are not "totally icky."

Vaccine may destroy skin cancer cells

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

New experimental melanoma vaccines offer future hope against this deadliest form of skin cancer.

Unlike most vaccines, these would be given to persons who already have the disease. They may stimulate the body's immune system to attack and destroy the

melanoma and 7,000 deaths in the United States last year.

Dermatologists counsel constant alertness to the warning signs of melanoma, such as a mole that suddenly changes appearance. Diagnosed early, melanoma can be cured by surgical removal of a localized cancer.

There were 32,000 new cases of cancer cells.

The incidence of melanoma is increasing sharply all over the world. It can be triggered by overexposure to sunlight, and the thinning of Earth's protective ozone layer is one factor that has increased the risk.

Celebrations abound at Big Spring State Hospital

Big Spring State Hospital is alive with the sounds of Christmas — most recently being the Elbow Elementary students. Tuesday morning they performed with their usual enthusiasm, warming the hearts of patients and staff.

Tonight, the Odessa VFW will be hosting their annual Christmas party at the hospital. For 20 years, this devoted group has braved sleet and snow to always appear for this special night. Both of these groups deserve a thank-you for caring and sharing with the hospital.

Church choirs joined with patients and staff for the annual "Carol of Lights" Dec. 7.

The event heralded the opening of the Christmas season at BSSH. Along with entertainment from

community groups, patient activities have included Christmas shopping at Mott's. Approximately 200 patients were given the opportunity to do their own personal Christmas shopping at this local business. Many of them had no funds so the Volunteer Council at BSSH, along with donations from the community, provided them with shopping money. This donation makes it possible for many of those who would otherwise be unable to shop for loved ones, to do so.

Thursday is the biggest Christmas day of the year, with parties beginning on units at 10 a.m., and concluding with evening parties and a dance at 7 p.m. The dance will be in the new Activity



Kathy Higgins

Therapies Building. All groups assisting are reminded to be at the hospital at 7 p.m. and if further information or directions are needed, call Community Relations, 267-8216, Ext. 535.

Be sure to take advantage of the 30-percent-off sale of Volunteer Arts & Crafts items, Dec. 16 at the Accent Shop. This is a good time to do last minute Christmas shopping and also to help benefit the patient

decorating is completed. Leadership Big Spring did get a sneak preview of the building, Dec. 8, after an overview of the hospital by Assistant Ed Moughon. They were given a tour and an opportunity to Christmas shop in the Arts and Crafts area.

Date To Remember: Wednesday — Judging for Hospital decorations, 1:30 p.m. Thursday — Christmas parties — 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Santa Claus is coming.

Wednesday — Volunteer Arts and Crafts 30 percent off sale at the Accent Shop.

Kathy Higgins is the director of Community Relations at BSSH. Community Relations includes the volunteer and public information department.

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Support system

The following is a list of support groups available to Big Spring residents throughout the week. To add a listing or make a change, call 263-7331 between 8:30 a.m.-noon, ask for Kimberley.

- Monday**
- Al-A-Teen will meet at 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
 - Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m., at St. Mary Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
 - Recovery Solutions Inc., mens and womens alcohol/drug support group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 309 S. Main, Suite 7. For information, 264-7028.
 - Turning Point A.A. will meet from 8-9 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. This meeting is open to all substance abusers.
- Tuesday**
- Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m., VA Medical Center, room 401. Anyone welcome.
 - Adults Molested as Children will meet 5:15 p.m. at 315 Runnels. Anyone interested must call first, Dawn Pearson, RNC or Gail Zilai, MSW, at 267-8216, ext. 287.
 - Family Support Group for current and former patients and families will meet at the Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, at 6 p.m. For information call Scott Augustine at 263-0074.
 - Dr. Anne Mary Gray will meet with a group called Support for MS and Related Diseases at 7 p.m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Public invited.
 - Al-Anon will meet at 8 p.m.,

- 615 Settles.
- The Salvation Army will have a drug education program from 6-7 p.m. at the Salvation Army building, 308 Alford.
 - Adults Molested as Children will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Center, 315 Runnels. Anyone interested must call first, Dawn Pearson, RNC or Gail Zilai, MSW, 267-8216 ext. 287.
- Wednesday**
- The Divorce Support Group will meet 6-7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care available. Use back entrance at Gregg St. parking lot. For information call 267-6394.
- Thursday**
- Support Group for battered women will meet at 2:30 p.m. For information call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
 - Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
 - Al-Anon will meet at 8 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on the first floor.
- Friday**
- Turning Point A.A. will meet from 8-9:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. This meeting is open to all substance abusers.

Oil leaks

Storage tanks cause problems

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAIRFAX, Va. — A soft rain filters down on rows of deserted suburban lawns. Among the few signs of human habitation, a faded American flag hangs limply over the garage door of one house, next to a basketball hoop with a ragged net.

A peculiar scent, almost sweet, like fresh paint, wafts by.

"Smell the product?" asks Ivan Lewis, a retired Navy officer with neatly trimmed gray hair whose house is just up the street, on higher ground. He wrinkles his nose. "I can smell the product here."

"Product" is the term homeowners in the upscale Mantua section of Fairfax County, near Washington, have adopted from the owners of a nearby oil tank farm to describe the various liquids stored there: gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel.

The problem is, some of the 31 steel tanks on the 40-acre farm have sprung leaks.

"Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident," says Wendy Butler of the Environmental Protection Agency. "It's one of those situations where we didn't realize there were problems, and we're discovering them as time goes along."

A large amount of "product" has seeped into the ground underneath

Mantua, apparently over a number of years before a sheen was first noticed on nearby Crook Branch creek in 1990. Estimates of the spill range from 100,000 gallons to a theoretical cumulative high of more than 2 million gallons. This lethal mixture has seeped into the water table and slowly oozed through at least 18 acres of prime suburban real estate.

The giant, invisible plume of toxic pollution already has driven away some homeowners. Others plan to follow.

According to the Oil Spill Intelligence Report of Arlington, Mass., defective storage tanks pumped almost 4 million gallons of petroleum products into the world environment in 53 separate incidents last year, not counting the massive spills during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. By comparison, 20 tanker incidents spilled some 27 million gallons into the marine environment.

In the United States, 2,000 to 3,000 oil spills originating from approximately 650,000 oil storage facilities have been reported to the federal government annually since 1982.

Public attention is riveted by images of major marine spills: oil-soaked birds and oil slicks on pristine beaches. But inland oil spills are largely unseen and tend to go ignored by all but those most directly affected.

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Twins have double trouble with relatives

DEAR ABBY: Help! I am a teenager with an identical twin sister. The problem is our relatives. While growing up, we were around our relatives a lot - visits to our grandparents' homes once a week, and get-togethers two or three times a month.

Jane and I do look alike, but we have our differences. Our friends can tell us apart; it's the relatives who can't. We are treated like a package deal. They call us by each other's names and don't even try to get it right. They say, "Whichever one you are, will you do this or that?"

This really makes us mad. I wish they would understand that we are two unique people with different personalities and should never be treated like one person with one name and one set of feelings.



Dear Abby

Our other sister is getting married soon, and I need your advice on how to handle these relatives. Since you're a twin, you should know. - **TEEN-AGE TWIN**

DEAR TWIN: Unlike you and your twin sister, my twin and I enjoyed the attention we drew because we were identical twins.

Our mother dressed us alike until the day we were married (at a double wedding) and we loved it. We never wanted to be "individuals."

because due to our twinhood, we stood out from the crowd. Fortunately, in retrospect, we thrived, in spite of being a "package deal."

However, I would not recommend it. If I had twins, I would encourage individuality. As "identical" as my womb-mate and I were, those who knew us well could easily tell us apart. And the men whom we eventually married agreed that from the moment they laid eyes on us, they had no trouble telling us apart; to them, we were one-of-a-kind individuals.

As for you and Jane: Since it's not possible to change other people, I suggest you change your attitude. Don't get "mad" when your relatives confuse you; it goes with the territory. Ask any twin who has been blessed with twinhood.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"DON'T WORRY. WHATEVER YOU DON'T BRING ME, I'LL GET FOR MY BIRTHDAY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Do I say 'Dear Santa Claus' or should I just call him by his first name - 'Santa'?"

Jacqueline Bigar

FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 1992

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You gain a sense of well-earned accomplishment today. A partner chips in and supports you. Clear your desk to maximize an opportunity. Tonight: Make a late date to play.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Let your creativity flow and allow yourself to look at a partnership more positively. Your more flirtatious side comes out despite yourself. An important discussion could get interrupted, so keep your cool. Tonight: Make it an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do some soul-searching and handle an important venture. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with a partner or associate. Be careful with spending. Allow yourself to open up. Tonight: Nap and then out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Start up talks and listen carefully. Problems around work can be resolved later. Streamline red tape and get into a more efficient mode. Be more upbeat and distinct about your feelings. Tonight: Get errands done and then hop on home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Steer clear of a financial risk that might make you feel uncomfortable. You need to watch out for yourself. Touch base with your friendlier side. Tonight: Balance the checkbook before you go out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use your magnetism to handle a situation that is close to your heart. You might feel pressured by a family member about what you desire. You thoroughly enjoy yourself today. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A misunderstanding is upsetting, but you can deal with it later in the day. You need to do something about tension, and do some soul-searching before you take action. Evaluate changes and be more sensitive to others. Tonight: Count on going out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Continue focusing on your goals. A friend helps you understand a problem involving money. You lighten up once you get past a change. Solutions are easy to come by. Focus on your goals and a friendship. Tonight: Vanish early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Accept responsibility and handle a situation with diplomacy and skill. Know you are valued by another. Accept an offer from a friend, and you come out on top. Tonight: Go for the midweek ritual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You get the answers that you have been seeking. Tune in to your higher self, instead of getting caught up in office gossip. Lighten up about a potential offer and ask for a loved one's input. Consider an opportunity to travel. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): One-to-one relating is highlighted today. You make a long-overdue plan. Be willing to seek out answers, even if it's uncomfortable. You gain through a partner's support. Don't mince words now - negotiate what you need financially. Tonight: Share your long term desires.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need to go along with another, especially if you want to receive from another and make a partnership grow. Be more in touch with your potential and evaluate all offers that come your way. Stay confident. Tonight: Expect a wish to come true.

IF DEC. 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Be more in touch with your career-related desires this year. You have what it takes to make things happen. Expect to be sought out in a fast and furious pace by many admirers. You will be pushing potential partners away, even if you are attached or married. Look for greater status and commitment in your community. VIRGO challenges you. LIBRA makes you happy.

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B.C.



OK...NOT A WORD OF THIS TO ANYBODY! GOT IT?

BETLE BAILEY



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Hello, Amy! I'm going to make my rounds at the hospital now!

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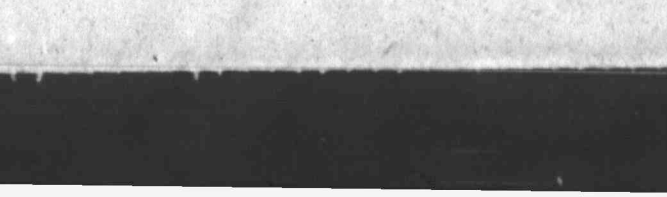
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