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Big Spring Humane Society's "Home For The Holidays" special is Dec. 19-26. Dogs and puppies will be \$35, and cats and kittens will be \$25. Covers spay/neuter, vaccinations, testing and rabies shot.



◀ 6 days 'til Christmas

Less than a week to go and counting as Alex Gariepy displays six fingers to show the number of shopping days left until Christmas.

Can drive donations

Tina Rositas stacks cans in Park's Convenience Store during a canned food drive. Donations will be distributed to the needy by the 14th and Main Church of Christ.



◀ Courthouse decoration

A door outside the early voting office inside the Howard County Courthouse is decorated with a fireplace as several doors in the facility have been decked out for the holidays.

World

•Meeting to resolve impasse:

Senior Israeli and PLO officials met secretly in Norway late Saturday in hopes of resolving an impasse over implementing Palestinian autonomy. See page 6A.

Nation

•Guns and gore:

The repetitiveness of multiple killings seems like a staccato burst from some fiendish gun aimed at America's sense of security. See page 9A.

Texas

•Bush formally files:

Republican George W. Bush formally filed for the 1994 governor's race Friday, firing salvos at Gov. Ann Richards' record on crime and education. See page 2A.

Sports

•Dallas back in playoffs:

Some teams win with muscle. The Dallas Cowboys do it with speed and skill, which is why they're officially back in the playoffs and ready to defend their NFL title. See page 10A.

Weather

•Cloudy, low in the 30s:

Today, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. High around 60. Low in the 30s. See extended forecast, page 8A.

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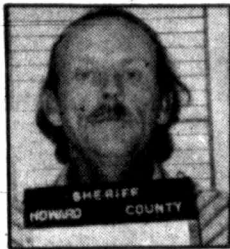
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Escapee at large, search called off

TIM JONES
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials worked in concert for five hours Friday night in hopes of capturing 44-year-old Donald Frank Atkinson, who escaped from custody of a Howard County Sheriff's deputy.



ATKINSON

At approximately 5:30 p.m. Officer B.K. Edens removed Atkinson, in jail on charges of parole violation and burglary of a habitation, from the jail floor and took him to vehicle to two different Big Spring addresses attempting to locate Atkinson's son. Atkinson had convinced Edens that he feared his son was experiencing problems due to drugs.

When they arrived at a West Eighth Street address, the second location where the son might be, Atkinson went into the back room of the house where he and his son jumped from the bedroom window and escaped into the woods.

Sheriff A.N. Standard said Saturday "Because the incident involves the escape of a wanted inmate, Internal Affairs will be looking into the matter as a routine measure." Standard added "Edens' decision could be justifiable because his supervisory capacity does allow him to make such decisions without contacting the sheriff."



Big Spring Police Department officers talk to each other as their cars block off 11th Place at the FM 700 exit Friday evening during a manhunt for Donald Frank Atkinson, who escaped from Howard County Sheriff's Office custody.

Joining forces with local Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff Office units were the Texas Highway Patrol, the Texas Game and Wildlife Warden, Drug Enforcement Agency helicopter from San Antonio, Department of Safety helicopter from Midland, and K-9 Officers from the Midland Police Department.

The subject is still at large and authorities are employing several other means to apprehend him. Atkinson is a relation to Clay Buck Atkinson, 22, who was arrested for attempted murder Monday afternoon and is out on \$25,000 bond. His arrest warrant was signed by Justice

of the Peace William Shankles. The suspect was charged in the stabbing of Alan and Teresa Winn at the Park Inn last Saturday night.

Atkinson is described as 5 feet, 5 inches, reddish brown hair, brown eyes and was last seen wearing jail whites and a black jacket.

Counts addresses various topics at 4-H awards banquet

TIM JONES
Staff Writer

"A successful extension program is where the rubber meets the road."

That's what State Rep. David Counts told a group of 75 people who attended the annual meeting of the Howard County Extension Program Council Thursday at La Posada.

He said, "It's viable for businesses, farms and ranches." Counts is in his sixth year and the legislature is finishing up busily.

Counts praised Speaker of the House Pete Laney as a farmer who gets up early and works past dark, even though he's now plowing in a different terrain.

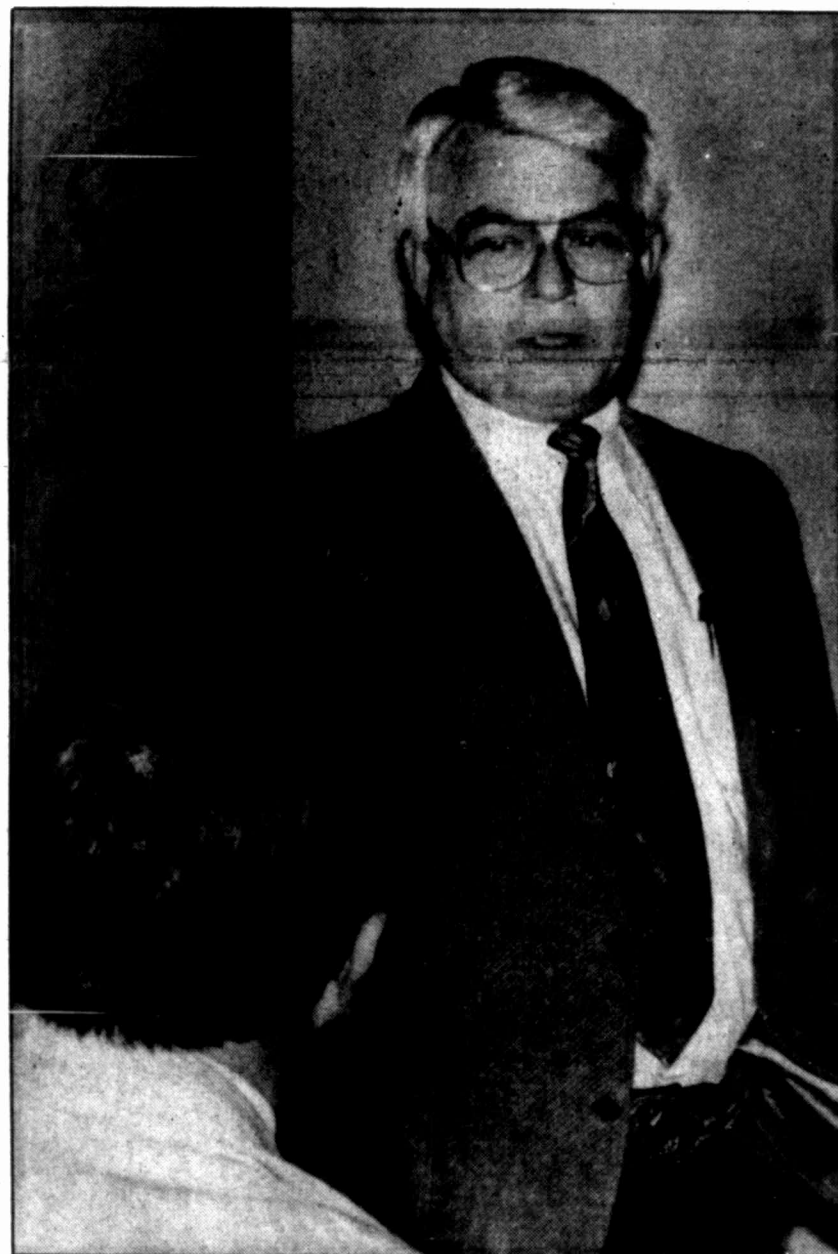
Counts is chairing a House Insurance Oversight Committee, and said "The Department of Insurance is in a slight disarray, and there's room for improvement." He mentioned the department is seeking to save money and inspire competition. A newly appointed director from "up north" is rapidly demonstrating his knowledge and is inspiring confidence from committee members.

Counts then talked about school finance reform. "I've spent half of my time this year just on school finance. Let's level up and not level down. We're going to need \$8 billion of new money yearly. By the year 2000 we'll need some relief but not in the way of a state income tax. By then the current system will need overhauling, the current mechanism just won't do the job."

He reported, "For the first time since 1954 we didn't raise taxes, but rather cut services by 2.5 million. Rob Junell and John Montford are on the State Finance committee and they downsized everyone. No one got what they wanted but it was done fairly."

"Funding for the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf we managed to find a little more funds for them and that hopefully will continue."

Counts then spoke on the new penal code saying "We're establishing tougher sentences for vicious and Please see COUNTS, page 9A



State Rep. David Counts meets with those who attended the annual 4-H awards banquet Thursday where he discussed various topics including school finance and crime.

Poitevint set to return after 8 day suspension

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School journalism teacher Steve Poitevint will return to his teaching duties Jan. 3 after an eight-day suspension with pay, according to superintendent William McQueary.

Poitevint has been on administrative leave from BSHS since the Dec. 7 incident in which he allegedly hit a student with a pointer, grabbed the boy and swung him out of the classroom.

The decision to return Poitevint to the classroom came after a Dec. 10 hearing. "There are certain conditions and stipulations to his return, which are confidential and by advice of attorneys we cannot reveal at this time," said McQueary.

"Right now we intend his employment to be for the remainder of the school year," McQueary continued. No decision has been made to employ or not employ Poitevint past the end of the 1993-94 school year.

"As the stipulations and conditions are met, we will evaluate the situation," said McQueary.

Don't let rushed Christmas set fire to holidays

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

Rushed and stressed out from seasonal decorating and celebrating? Taking time to follow fire safety precautions could keep busy holidays from becoming tragic.

Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles said no fires in recent memory have occurred due to Christmas trees and decorations, cooking, New Year's Eve fireworks or other potential holiday hazards.

Settles credits Big Spring residents with using common sense and following precautions they have learned previously.

According to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, much of Texas is doing the same: no one in the state died of a fire related to Christmas trees or other holiday decorations last year.

Settles cautioned residents to continue to use care in holiday decorating and celebrating to avoid fires. "The possibility is always there," he said. "Take proper precautions."

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection offered several tips which Settles recommends. Natural Christmas trees should be kept well-watered and moist, and lights should not be left on extensively after a tree has started to dry. Lighted natural

Please see FIRE, page 9A

'93 almost a return to Christmas of old

TIM JONES
Staff Writer

My family Christmases back home in Edinburg were always two part.

On Christmas Eve we'd go to the Catholic cousin's house. My dad's brother had married a widow with six children and then had they had two more together. A big family by anyone's standards.

I mentioned they were Catholic because we were Baptist. I'll always remember going to St. Joseph's midnight mass with them because the statue of Christ in front of the church was a memorial to their deceased father.

I always felt some wonder about it since he'd been my dad's friend and best man in my parents wedding and he died so young in a freak single vehicle accident. The fact is they were my cousins because my dad's younger brother married their mom.

To this small crowd add my aunt and uncle from Harlingen and their two daughters, my grandparents, the Catholic grandparents and maybe 10 to



15 others she or he had married and it's a full house.

The tree was always huge, even accounting for being a small kid looking up. Some great food was always to be had ranging from hot German strudel and hot apple cider to turkey, ham. My Dad, a deacon, always gave grace.

We'd sing carols after dinner then Santa would walk in, giving all small children plastic toys out of his bag. Then they'd exchange gifts. We'd get a gift because at Thanksgiving everyone had

drawn names. Then our own family gifts were opened the morning of Christmas day.

My younger siblings Mike and Marilyn and I, the oldest, got after gift unwrapping enthusiastically but not until Luke chapter two was read aloud, revealing the largest gift of all. Then gifts from Mom, Dad and Santa were opened. Then we sat down and write some thank you notes to any gifts from aunts, uncles and family friends.

I got some family values and since adulthood have had to find ways to recapture in some way the intimacy and joy of those gatherings. This Christmas will be in Wichita Falls with almost all of the Catholic cousins and my parents and sister. The neatest gift of all would be my brother, whose getting out of the Navy after 17 years, being able to get from Iceland to San Antonio to Wichita Falls by then with his wife and four kids. That may be as close as we've ever come since the old days.

And I haven't mentioned the older folks who will never physically be back. May God bless you all, each and every one.

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Bush officially files, takes aim on Richards

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican George W. Bush formally filed for the 1994 governor's race Friday, firing salvos at Gov. Ann Richards' record on crime and education.

Bush, eldest son of the former president and managing partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, said the fact that he has't held public office is one of his strongest assets.

"If you want somebody to bring stale old ideas, then elect someone who's been a part of the process. But if Texans want somebody who's got a new approach to things, then give someone a chance who maybe is not of the system," he said.

That shot was returned by Richards campaign spokesman Chuck McDonald, who said the governor — a three-term state officeholder — has been highly effective with so-called "stale" ideas.

"Her oldest, stalest idea was to reduce parole for violent offenders, which has worked pretty darned well. Another old idea was to bring new businesses to Texas by going out and selling the state, which she's done very well," McDonald said.

Bush said Richards has failed on her promise to downsize the Texas

Education Agency.

"The governor promised in her State of the State address in February 1991 to 'strip TEA policies down to the bare necessities,' but they allowed the volume of TEA regulations to increase 19 percent and the number of pages of forms to grow 25 percent since she took office," Bush said.

The Republican said that if elected, he would allow more local control of schools, retaining the TEA to accredit teachers, conduct research and design a system to measure performance accurately.

Bush said he wasn't impressed with a special legislative committee now studying the state's education system.

"My answer is, let's stop studying and let's have leadership. Let's have a governor stand up and say this is absurd. We don't need a committee to tell us that our teachers and principals and administrators are being overregulated," he said.

Richards' campaign, meanwhile, called on Bush to explain exactly how he would fund public schools.

McDonald said that the Republican has suggested in interviews that the state should reverse the funding mix

for public education, which currently is about 44 percent state money and 56 percent local.

"By conservative estimates, the plan would cost between \$5 billion and \$6 billion in the next biennium," spokesman McDonald said. "Now that Mr. Bush has officially filed for office, it's time for him to explain how he'll pay for his plan."

But Brian Berry, Bush's campaign manager, said that charge was wrong.

"A \$6 billion tax increase for education is a figment of Mr. McDonald's imagination. What George W. Bush said is that the state should fund a greater share of the cost of public education, which will be phased in over several years," Berry said.

"As we have explained, revenue currently coming into the Treasury and savings in other budget areas will pay the state's new share," Berry said. "If anyone has any explaining to do for increased taxes and bad public policy, it is Gov. Richards."

Bush also criticized Richards' record on crime, even though the state has conducted a massive prison building program and new statistics show that the crime rate dropped in the most recent year.



Republican Party State Chairman Fred Meyer (left) signs George W. Bush's filing papers for the Texas governor's race at party headquarters in Austin Friday.

Hutchison's bid for trial move continues Herald Advertiser Index

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A television news story that compared U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison with a notorious killer became part of the senator's argument in court Friday for moving her ethics trial out of Austin.

Mrs. Hutchison, 50, was in court for the second day of a pre-trial hearing expected to go through next Wednesday on several motions her attorneys have filed in her case.

One motion includes a request to move the trial from Austin due to intensive news coverage and partisan politics in the state capital.

The Republican from Dallas is accused of using state government employees and equipment during her tenure as state treasurer to further her personal and political ambitions. She also is accused of destroying computer records containing employee work schedules to cover up any wrongdoing.

At one point, the senator's attorneys aired a TV news segment shown in Austin that asked, "What do U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Kenneth McDuff have in common?"

The news story was televised after a grand juror was found to be ineligible in Travis County, causing more than 300 indictments to be dismissed, including those of Mrs. Hutchison and McDuff.

McDuff is on death row and faces another capital murder charge in the disappearance of an Austin woman.

David Weeks, a former media consultant to Mrs. Hutchison, testified that the story severely damaged Mrs. Hutchison's reputation and may have caused Travis County residents to form an opinion against her.

"There was a definite fear factor about Kenneth McDuff," Weeks said. "By comparing Kenneth Allen McDuff to Kay Hutchison, it creates all kinds of impressions in people's minds."

Prosecutors, who maintain the senator can get a fair trial in Austin, have attempted to show that the news coverage has been fair.

They also have tried to show that the senator's staff sought to use the news media to advance Mrs. Hutchison's argument that she is the victim of a Democratic witchhunt. Michael Tigar, one of Mrs. Hutchison's attorneys, said the hearing likely would last until next week. Tigar said Judge John Onion Jr. had indicated he will not rule on a change of venue motion until he has heard all of the motions currently pending.

During a conference between prosecutors, defense attorneys and Onion, the judge criticized prosecutors for not having their witnesses



U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and her husband Ray arrive at the Travis County courthouse before the start of the second day of her pre-trial hearing Friday in Austin. Hutchison is accused of using state employees and equipment during her tenure as state treasurer to further her personal and political ambitions.

ready to testify. "We are ready to proceed in every single motion in the trial," Tigar told the judge. "They (the prosecutors) have said they are not ready. It's our intention to move this along as quick-

ly as possible." Prosecutor Steve McCleery said the case is "being held even quicker than the time prescribed in the Code of Criminal Procedure. There has never been a trial held as quick. So we are

more than ready." Mrs. Hutchison, who has refused to make any statements to reporters over the past two days, faces up to 51 years in prison and fines up to \$43,000 if convicted on all charges.

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Working together can help to solve problem of crime

Violence - a corrosive force tearing away at the fabric of our society. And, it is getting to the point, where there is no safe haven from the violence endemic to our communities.

Our homes are not safe, our schools are not safe, even Small Town America is no longer safe from all the violence.

According to the Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher, schools have become a place where children "learn to cope with the daily fear of being harmed."

The survey also found, while violence is widespread, it is mainly concentrated in urban schools or schools with poor academic records.

But, small town schools are not exempt, including our own where a teacher was recently suspended for an altercation with a student.

U.S. Attorney Janet Reno put it best when she said parents, schools and the community must work together to solve this problem.

It is not a problem the school can solve alone. It goes back to the home and the parents must be willing to shoulder their responsibility to make the schools as safe as possible.

Working together we can make a start at solving the problem. And, by setting the example, we can start our children right.

Question of what if ...?

There are times when I wish my mind wouldn't get off on what if tangents.

As an example I was thinking what if Rush Limbaugh was a guest on the Howard Stern show?

Talk about fireworks from probably the two most controversial men on radio and television. It would be very, very interesting.

Imagine the ratings a pairing like that would get? The king of Shock Radio and Limbaugh, who stirs controversy with his name alone!

If nothing else, it would be interesting to see who would come out on top of this interview. Stern is hard enough to take and keep one's composure even if you are not the subject of his shock.

Now, I admit I have not listened to Limbaugh, but I have heard enough about him. Who hasn't. And, I have only caught bits and pieces of Stern's shows while flipping through the channels.

But, put those two together and I will forget my vow to not watch or listen to either of them.

Imagine, if you can, Stern homing in for the kill on Limbaugh with an intentionally disgusting question about his sex life, his habits, his beliefs or, for that matter, just about anything. He is, after all, the king of shock radio and it is no holds barred on his show.

A battle royal that pairing would be. Now, we leave Stern and place



DD Turner

Limbaugh in another situation - debating Gloria Steinman. Feminist versus the man who coined the phrase "Feminazi."

"Bang, kaboom and we're having some fun now."

Or, for a change of pace, lets have Jerry Falwell or some other television Bible thumper take on that most ardent of atheists, Madeline Murray O'Hare.

I will let Larry King be the mediator of that set of kabooms waiting for ignition.

Who will get in the last word, will they let the other speak - people on these shows have a tendency not to let the other side get a word in edge-wise.

Would God win? Would atheism get the word out? Let the viewers decide.

Hey, come to think of it, these ideas aren't that bad. And I am sure there is some sleazebag in Hollywood that would agree.

Fireworks at 9 p.m., film at 11. Let the viewer beware.

DD Turner is managing editor of the Herald. Her column appears Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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Point
Republican welfare plan explained

By Sen. HANK BROWN
For Scripps Howard News Service

The secret to success in America is work. Work means opportunity and growth and gives fulfillment. To reform welfare, we have to provide people an opportunity for self-respect and work. We must turn welfare checks into paychecks.

Tragically, some of our efforts as a country to help those less fortunate in America have made things worse for them. Thirty years ago this country embarked on an historic "War on Poverty," but, hundreds of billions of dollars later, we find poverty expanding.

The most recent figures show that 14.5 percent of our population - 37 million people - live in poverty. By cutting benefits when recipients get jobs, we have actually discouraged able-bodied people from becoming productive and creative citizens.

The Family Support Act of 1988 was a step toward helping welfare recipients reach their potential by requiring states to establish programs to ensure that welfare recipients obtain the education, training and employment they need to avoid long-term welfare dependency.

Last month, Senate Republicans built on that measure by joining me to introduce a proposal that encourages work, responsibility, opportunity and self-esteem. The outline proposal, co-sponsored by 22 senators, requires work for able-bodied adults on welfare, requires parents to support their children, increases flexibility for states to design welfare programs and limits welfare to those it was designed to help.

This proposal is based on the belief that we can break the cycle of poverty only by helping welfare recipients reach their potential and become self-supporting citizens.

Our proposal requires job searches by adults applying for Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). It also establishes a voucher program giving welfare recipients the opportunity to offer vouchers to an employer in exchange for a job that will pay them twice the amount of their combined AFDC and food stamp benefits.

This is win-win proposal. Welfare recipients could trade welfare checks for paychecks; employers would get a full-time employee at half price.

Single parents would be required to work or prepare for work through education, job training, skill development or on-the-job training. In cases where recipients refuse to work, states would be allowed to drop

able-bodied adults from AFDC cash benefit rolls after 5 years.

Another important part of welfare reform is strengthening paternity establishment and child support enforcement. Our proposal would change the law so a mother does not get her portion of cash AFDC benefits until she has fully cooperated in legally establishing her children's paternity.

To keep fathers accountable, our proposal encourages states to establish uniform forms and systems for wage-withholding of child support and to honor other states' child support orders. Non-custodial parents whose children are on welfare would pay court-ordered child support or participate in welfare work programs.

In talking about welfare reform, one of the things we have heard repeatedly is the need for states to have the ability to design welfare programs that meet their needs and not the needs of the federal bureaucracy.

Our proposal would allow states to impose certain welfare requirements without getting a waiver from the federal government. States could implement new requirements or programs to improve school attendance, deny benefits for additional children born while the parent is on welfare, limit new state residents to the same level of AFDC benefits as the previous state gave for one year, and eliminate the welfare penalty if a mother marries a man who is not the father of her children.

The proposal limits who can get welfare by excluding illegal immigrants and temporary residents from receiving benefits, except for emergency medical services. Refugees and permanent resident aliens would be eligible for welfare benefits only for one year beyond the time required to become a U.S. citizen.

The proposal also encourages recipients addicted to drugs or alcohol to improve their lives by requiring them to participate in rehabilitation programs. They would be required to undergo random drug tests to remain eligible.

There will always be those we need to help and provide with emergency aid. But the focus in years ahead should be to help people become independent and change welfare into a program of opportunity.

We call on the president to join us in creating a welfare system that will lift people out of poverty, instead of keeping them in it.

Senator Brown, R-Colo., is a member of the Senate Budget Committee.

Counterpoint
Why Republican plan won't work

By KATHERINE MCFATE
For Scripps Howard News Service

Welfare is a program Americans love to hate. There is widespread agreement that our current welfare system discourages work and paternal responsibility and fails to help people develop the skills and contacts that could lead them to stable employment.

This makes welfare bashing good politics, as candidate Bill Clinton found in the campaign last fall.

Now, faced with the difficult task of turning his campaign promise into realistic policy, Clinton's political rhetoric may make good policy harder to achieve.

An options paper being circulated by the President's Working Group on Welfare Reform proposes a number of specific policy reforms that will encourage individuals to get jobs.

It proposes expanding child care subsidies, which with higher federal payments from the Earned Income Tax Credit wage subsidies to low-income workers with children, and universal health care coverage, is designed to ensure that those who work are better off than those who don't.

Second, it expands federal funding for education and training programs for welfare recipients.

So what's the problem? Candidate Clinton's pledge that after two years, "everyone who can work, should work."

The working group proposes to allow states to choose a variety of options to put welfare recipients to work: they could subsidize private employers, create new public sector jobs and/or create unpaid community work experience programs.

There are problems with each of these approaches. States already have the option of using welfare funds to subsidize employment in the private sector, but these programs have not proved popular with private employers.

With a national unemployment rate of over 6 percent, and central city unemployment rates three and four times that high, it is hard to envision a scenario in which adult recipients who reach the two-year limit will be absorbed in the private labor market.

Creating new public sector jobs is an expensive option that few states will be able to afford. If child care is required, the costs would increase dramatically.

There is evidence that large-scale welfare programs are damaging to other groups of low-skilled workers. When local governments are allowed to use welfare recipients as low-

wage workers, a financial incentive is created to "downgrade" paid staff positions.

Why pay a \$15,000 a year job (and benefits) if you can use a welfare recipient for an extra \$300 in supervisor costs?

Since blacks are overrepresented in the lower tiers of the labor market in general and in the public sector in particular, the worker that a welfare recipient would displace is likely to be black, as is the welfare recipient replacing her.

The Working Group is aware of and wants to limit this kind of displacement. It would limit the number of workfare slots states could create and confine their use to the non-profit sector.

But as the welfare football is passed from the policy wonks to the political advisers, the momentum for a more radical reform is likely to grow. Republicans introduced a bill that requires that welfare recipients who hit the two-year mark work 35 hours a week in return for their grant (even if this means they are working for less than minimum wage).

The estimated \$12 billion required to administer such a work program would be funded by making legal immigrants ineligible for government assistance.

The temptation will be for Democrats to get in the same kind of bidding war that we saw with the crime bill - who can impose tougher work requirements on welfare recipients.

Welfare reform, like crime, has a racial subtext. Although most families who rely on Aid to Families with Dependent Children for some period are white, the majority of long-term users are black.

The pledge to "end welfare as a way of life" was a de facto promise to target black families. A large-scale workfare plan is likely to leave core Democratic constituencies alienated from the administration.

Black voters can't run to the Republicans. But they will register distaste for Democrats who sound like Republicans. They'll simply stay home on election day.

The president's own working group has come up with a thoughtful set of policy options to address a seriously flawed system. Let us hope Clinton uses the recommendations to fashion a reform that will make our social policies work for all Americans - including those that elected him.

Katherine McFate is associate director of social policy for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

continue to support our city council and county commissioners as they debate the feasibility of a much needed larger jail. Preparing for the future should be our first priority, even though it would mean raising taxes. We MUST be able to house our criminal element and keep them off the streets as much as possible. It doesn't make much sense to keep arresting, trying and convicting criminals with no place to put them.

BUT ELIMINATING CRIME CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY STARTING IN THE HOME AT INFANCY! Education left to our school system will not work, for by the time the teacher gets them, their moral standards have already been indelibly implanted. The teacher was hired to teach the three R's, support morality as taught by parents, and help them to become self supporting members of society. Teachers need all the help we can give them.

Thank you for your time.
Roy Simmons
Big Spring

Christmas is year round at Haven House

Editor:
Christmas is a lovely, lively time of celebration, so full of magic, of dancing lights, of twinkling eyes, of jingling toes, and of singing hearts. A happy season for children and the young at heart, it is said. Truly a season for giving and sharing, a season in which to believe in humankind.

All too soon the seasons change and so do the giving and the sharing. They no longer are wrapped as

sparkling gifts. The magic is put on hold; the twinkling and the jingling stop. All too soon, we too change with the seasons.

Many changes occur, except, of course, at the Haven House of Big Spring. The giving and the sharing unselfishly go on and on, season after season, unaware that Christmas has long ago passed. Its door daily jingles an invitation; its evening lights dance with welcomed warmth. It is a house built with walls of caring love, by hands full of compassion and respect.

The Haven House of Big Spring is not only a house, it is a home away from home. The list of sponsors and volunteers is immense and so is the thought and welcome extended to us women "out-of-towners". The City of Big Spring does not need this house, but it certainly deserves many thanks. My thanks are forthcoming.

Every day at the Haven House of Big Spring every day is Christmas. Many thanks.
MARTHA FLORES
Odessa

Yes, Virginia, there are angels

Editor:
Have you seen any Christmas angels during this busy holiday season? Last Friday I saw four! No, they did not have halos, or wings and they were not dressed in white. In fact the first two were a man and his wife. It happened like this:
After doing some chores Friday I decided to take my friend to Westbrook to have one of those great hamburgers we had heard about. On our way home suddenly the warning

lights on the dash came on and I pulled off onto the shoulder of I-20 about 20 plus miles from Big Spring in the middle of nowhere. Smoke and steam boiled from under the hood and I thought the car would explode! The first and second angels had seen the smoke and were trailing us and stopped as soon as we did and came to our aid. When this big burly cowboy-type and his lovely blonde wife asked me who I could call on their phone to tow us, fix us or whatever - I went blank!

I have only one relative here and she was a nurse at work in the hospital. I remembered on Thursday I had had some emergency work done at Perco Car Care Center, and he had said "let us know if you have any more trouble." So I called him to ask about a wrecker. He was very kind and patient and after some factual questions about what the car was doing; where it was leaking; where I was exactly, etc., he told me they would come out and see what it needed. Only angels give that kind of help!

The first and second Angels were Spud Curfew and his wife Jerry, who were traveling from Abilene to their home in Crane, Texas. Their pickup was loaded with Christmas gifts for their children - and they had interrupted their trip to help two old ladies. They refused to leave us there on the side of the road until we were fixed and on our way. They refused any pay and that is how I know they were angels!

About 30 minutes later here came Angels three and four - Mr. Pourifoy and a great mechanic named Eddie. It took them no time to find the

problem and fix it temporarily. They filled the car with water, and followed us into town. Again, I know they are Angels because they refused any pay then, but I will gladly pay them when the car is permanently fixed.

I'm not a native, and have lived in Big Spring only five years, and I love it here. How grateful I am for the wonderful people who live in West Texas. I have no power, prestige, pull or money to benefit any of these people. So you see why I am certain that these four wonderful people were Christmas Angels. I hope you see one during this holy season. Maybe you are a Christmas angel, too!
Merry Christmas
IRENE CHICK
Big Spring

Thank you for your generosity

Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank You to Walmart and Santa Claus. Because of their generosity almost 30 children received big Christmas stockings filled with all kinds of goodies. If you could have seen the smiles on their faces as Santa handed them out, it was truly a time when Christmas magic comes to life.

Thanks again for showing these children who come from a history of abuse and neglect that there are people who really care about them.
God Bless You All.
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Letters to the Editor

Eliminating crime begins at home

Editor:
Well, the Brady Bill passed both the House and Senate, and the President's signature is already in place. So, now we can rest easier, for crime has been all but eliminated. Right? Not hardly.

The fact that anyone legally buying a gun now must wait five days will have little or no effect on crimes of any sort: even youngsters carrying guns to school. Crime is now, and always has been, a social problem that starts in the home. A child's morals begin forming almost at the first breath, and are firmly entrenched at the tender age of four (4) to eight (8), some sooner, some a little later. We think kids don't see things when they are little. We even go to the extremes of spelling out certain words rather than saying them. And it is in the first few months that they are taught their first untruth. SANTA CLAUS! We even bribe them with the promise of gifts. And we hold a club over their head - "You better be good or Santa won't come see you!" Sure, it's fun. But is it right? I do not mean to denigrate Christmas, nor its teachings, nor the joy of giving, and yes, receiving. Nor is this the major

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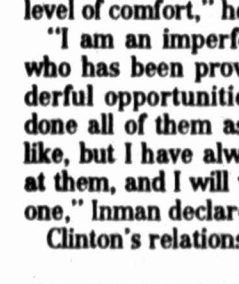
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Relatives pack gym to greet soldiers

The Associated Press

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — Soldiers returning from Somalia arrived at Fort Drum on Saturday to a hero's welcome, thankful to be home in time for Christmas.

Hundreds of relatives and friends packed a gym at this northern New York Army post during a ceremony to greet nearly 450 members of the 2nd Battalion 14th Infantry Regiment.

Army Chief of Staff General Gordon R. Sullivan told the returning troops they represented "the proudest traditions of the U.S. Army."

There was an extra person on hand to welcome home Sgt. David Dulen — his 2-month old daughter Jessica, whom he had never seen.

"I've been dreaming about this moment," Dulen said as he held the baby. "Not too long ago, I thought this was going to be the worst Christmas of my life. Now it's the best."

"I was prepared to stay until February or March," said Lt. Bruce Nelson of Charleston, S.C., who was enjoying hugs from his young son and wife at the same time. "Now, I'm standing here with my family. Christmas is next week but I got my gift early."



Army Spec. Otto Maiorana of Detroit, Mich., cradles his wife Karen in his arms Saturday in the barracks of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, while waiting to turn in his weapons at Fort Drum, N.Y., Maiorana and approximately 450 members of the 10th Mountain Division had just returned from Somalia.

President Clinton ordered more than 8,000 U.S. troops out of the African nation by March 31 after an Oct. 3 ambush of Army Rangers by Somali militia men killed 18 Americans and wounded 75 others.

The 2nd Battalion, moving through heavy gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire in a densely populated section of Mogadishu, rescued 100 rangers and carried out the dead. Two of the soldiers killed and 32 of the wounded were attached to the battalion.

"I have no regrets. Given the chance I would go back and do it again," said Sgt. Christopher Reid of New York City, who was one of those wounded in the attack.

Reid returned home early after losing his right hand and suffering a serious leg wound in the rescue. He joined his unit Saturday for their welcome.

"I came close to dying. There were times I didn't think I make it back. I'm just glad to see these guys get back in time for Christmas. They

deserved it for what they've been through," Reid said.

About 50 soldiers returned to Fort Benning in Georgia on Friday. Another 140 soldiers will return to Fort Drum on Sunday.

Troops were sent to the African nation as part of a United Nations' effort to ensure the safe passage of humanitarian aid.

Notified of the Fort Drum homecoming earlier in the week, spouses had decorated the gym with red, white and blue balloons and colorful signs.

Retired admiral tagged to replace Aspin

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton quickly chose retired Adm. Bobby Inman Thursday as his new secretary of defense. Inman, a veteran of intelligence posts in both Republican and Democratic administrations, said he hadn't sought and didn't want the job but accepted because of "duty and country."

He told Clinton he would try to make sure the nation got "a dollar value for a dollar spent in defense" along with standards of integrity "that will be a beacon for the rest of government."

Clinton made the announcement in a Rose Garden ceremony flanked by Inman and an unsmiling Les Aspin, who had announced his resignation for "personal reasons" less than 24 hours earlier.

The president said he was acting swiftly to "ensure the greatest continuity" at the helm of the nation's armed forces.

"I know he will be a national asset as secretary of defense," Clinton said of Inman, who was head of the National Security Agency for President Carter and deputy chief of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Reagan administration.

Clinton recited the 62-year-old's resume of government service, saying the son of an East Texas gas station owner had risen on the strength of "his brains, his talent and his hard work."

Inman, as if to underscore his independence, immediately stated he'd voted for George Bush — and against Clinton — in the 1992 election.

He went on to say he hadn't sought the job and didn't want it, but accepted it out of "duty and country" and what he felt was the president's "absolute commitment" to build bipartisan support for a military policy.

Sounding as if he'd interviewed Clinton for the job instead of the other way around, Inman said he had had to become "very comfortable" with Clinton's role as commander in chief. "I have found that level of comfort," he said.

"I am an imperfect human being who has been provided many wonderful opportunities. ... I have not done all of them as well as I would like, but I have always worked hard at them, and I will work hard at this one," Inman declared.

Clinton's relationship with the uni-

formed military services has been rocky since his election, not only based on his avoidance of military service during the Vietnam War, but more recently his attempt to lift the ban against homosexuals in the military.

The Senate must confirm Inman, but expressions of strong bipartisan support indicated there would be no problems.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said he intended to hold hearings as soon as Congress reconvenes on Jan. 25 and hoped to have Inman "on board" as soon as possible.

"I think he's an excellent choice, very popular on Capitol Hill," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., and chairman of the House Foreign

Affairs Committee.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas called Inman "a very good person for the job." And Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, said Inman would mean a boost for morale inside the Pentagon.

But Dole and other Republicans said Inman could have some of the same trouble Aspin had had with Pentagon budget cuts ordered by the White House.

Dole said of Aspin, "I think that's probably why he left."

Inman's toothy grin is well known inside Washington power circles, where he is respected as an incisive

thinker with a direct and gentlemanly style.

After retiring from the Navy in 1982, Inman worked as with a number of high-tech and computer information firms in Texas.

More recently he has remained in Austin and done consulting work, served on corporate boards and taught at the University of Texas.

He served in the Carter administration in the late 1970s as the nation's youngest head of the super-secret National Security Agency. President Reagan tapped him as No. 2 man at the CIA, a post he resigned in 1982 because of policy differences.

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Spring 1994

Advising and Registration Schedule



JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 12

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JANUARY 13 - 14

Registration in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is for all students who have not preregistered. Registrar will be by assigned times. Assigned times for those admitted prior to December 15, 1993 will be sent by mail after January 1, 1994. Students turning in admission forms prior to January 7, 1994 will be assigned times as they are received. ** Open registration will be January 14, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 13 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (By assigned time only)
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Flood ravaged towns seeing very little of Christmas cheer

The Associated Press

KEITHSBURG, Ill. — Santa Claus is driving a black pickup this year, passing abandoned, water-stained houses to deliver decorations and gifts donated by Pennsylvania firefighters and New Jersey Girl Scouts.

Santa is one of the few signs of Christmas in the aftermath of the summer's devastating Mississippi River flood.

"It's real important this year that we have Christmas in Keithsburg," said the truck-driving Santa, Pam Heath. "We've got to get people going again."

"A lot of people lost everything in the flood," she said. "Memories are the only thing they have left."

The river breached a levee, inundating homes and businesses in water up to 10 feet deep for more

than a month. About 80 homes were ruined and 70 others were damaged.

"I'd like to skip Christmas this year. Christmas morning will be hard," said Mrs. Heath's mother, Bertha Finch, 60, a lifelong Keithsburg resident whose home was wrecked. She and her husband, Albert, are living in a government-supplied mobile home.

"We're not buying nothing" that's the hard thing," Mrs. Finch said. "This time of year, every closet, nook and cranny would be stuffed full of Christmas presents."

Tears flow at the thought of disappointing 15 grandchildren, and the idea of living indefinitely in the trailer.

"People say I'm lucky to have this trailer," Mrs. Finch said, her voice rising. "I'm not lucky. I had a home. It was furnished and remodeled. I was going to die in my home."

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Secret meeting hopes to resolve impasse

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Senior Israeli and PLO officials met secretly in Norway late Saturday in hopes of resolving an impasse over implementing Palestinian autonomy, Norwegian and Israeli officials said.

Israel radio said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres attended the meetings. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Gadi Blatiansky would only confirm that talks were scheduled Saturday.

The Palestinian delegation was to present compromise proposals on several key security issues to the Israelis, said PLO officials in Tunis, Tunisia.

A Dec. 12 meeting between Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Egypt ended without results, except agreement to talk again in 10 days.

The two sides will try to reach agreement before midweek, when Rabin and Arafat are tentatively scheduled to meet again in Cairo.

The Norwegian state radio network NRK quoted Norway's deputy foreign minister, Jan Egeland, as saying that talks would resume Sunday.

"We have a crisis in the negotiations," Egeland told Norwegian television prior to Saturday's meeting. "I hope and believe the parties will make it through, but there will be rough seas."

Egeland was part of the small Norwegian team that hosted months of secret Israeli-PLO talks that culminated in the historic Sept. 13 signing of a peace agreement in Washington.

Since the accord was signed, 46 Palestinians and 14 Israelis have died in violence related to opposition to the agreement.

The agreement calls for limited Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank. Israeli troop withdrawal was scheduled to begin last Monday, with the pullout and handover of authority to the PLO completed by April 13.

However, Monday passed without changes on the ground because the two sides disagree on crucial issues. Disputes remain over border crossings from Jordan and Egypt into the autonomous areas, security for Jewish settlements and the size of the Jericho area.

In a compromise, the PLO is now proposing joint control over border crossings and demanding control over 80 square miles around Jericho, down from 136 square miles it originally wanted, PLO sources said in Tunis, speaking on condition of anonymity. Israel has proposed an enclave of roughly 35 square miles.

PLO sources in Tunis said their delegation, led by Yasser Abed Rabbo, a close Arafat aide, would meet with Peres.

Among the Israeli negotiators are



An Israeli soldier shouts at a Palestinian youth as he arrests him for throwing stones following Friday prayers in Gaza City, on the Israeli occupied Gaza Strip. Implementation of the Israel-PLO autonomy agreement may be delayed at least until a Jan. 6 summit in Egypt to work out details of a troop withdrawal, Israeli radio reported.



Wanamaker dies

Film maker, actor and director Sam Wanamaker, front, and friends celebrate the anniversary of William Shakespeare's birthday in London in this April 24 1990 photo. Wanamaker died Saturday in London after a five-year fight against cancer at the age of 74.

U.S., Germany pledges Russia cooperation; sidesteps aid issue

The Associated Press

OGGERSHEIM, Germany — The United States and Germany pledged close cooperation Saturday to help Boris Yeltsin through Russia's political and economic crises but reported no progress on a Clinton administration effort to free up more Western aid for Moscow.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Vice President Al Gore raised the latter issue during a two-hour meeting at Kohl's residence. But Kohl did not answer directly when asked if Germany would join the United States in trying to relax standards for International Monetary Fund and other aid to Russia.

While short on specifics, Kohl and Gore said the two nations would work to assess what steps the West should take in response to Russia's parliamentary elections, in which reform opponents had considerable success.

"We agreed to continue consulting with one another very closely as we continue to support the process of reform and democratization that President Yeltsin is pursuing in Russia," Gore said after the meeting.

The reassessment of the Western aid strategy comes in the wake of the success of Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and his Liberal Democratic Party in Russia's parliamentary elections last week. Zhirinovskiy's emergence as a Yeltsin critic has alarmed the West, particularly Germany, because of his

expansionist views and nuclear threats.

Neither Gore nor Kohl made any direct reference to Zhirinovskiy, but it was clear Kohl had him in mind when he stressed the importance of the West's speaking with one voice when it comes to Russia.

"It cannot be said often enough that the true success of the reform movement in Russia is our success," Kohl said. "And this is particularly true, and particularly important, in view of the somewhat strident remarks made by those who are opposed to the forces of reform."

While late gains by reformers and independents may give Yeltsin the opportunity to build parliamentary majorities for many of his initiatives, the Clinton administration believes Russia's democratic reforms will be in peril in the next elections unless the economic situation improves.

In the days leading up to the Kohl meeting, Gore had criticized, without naming them, countries he said were not meeting their aid commitments to Russia. Gore also suggested a major reason promised aid had not been delivered was International Monetary Fund requirements that Russia first make significant banking, legal and regulatory reforms to protect investors, and relax the state role in industry and commerce.

Briefing reporters aboard Air Force Two, a senior administration official said the White House agreed with the IMF principles and did not want to amend them.

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Farrakhan defends Jackson during fiery rally

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Minister Louis Farrakhan denied charges of racism and anti-Semitism Saturday during a fiery speech in which he defended Michael Jackson and called on black entertainers to present positive images.

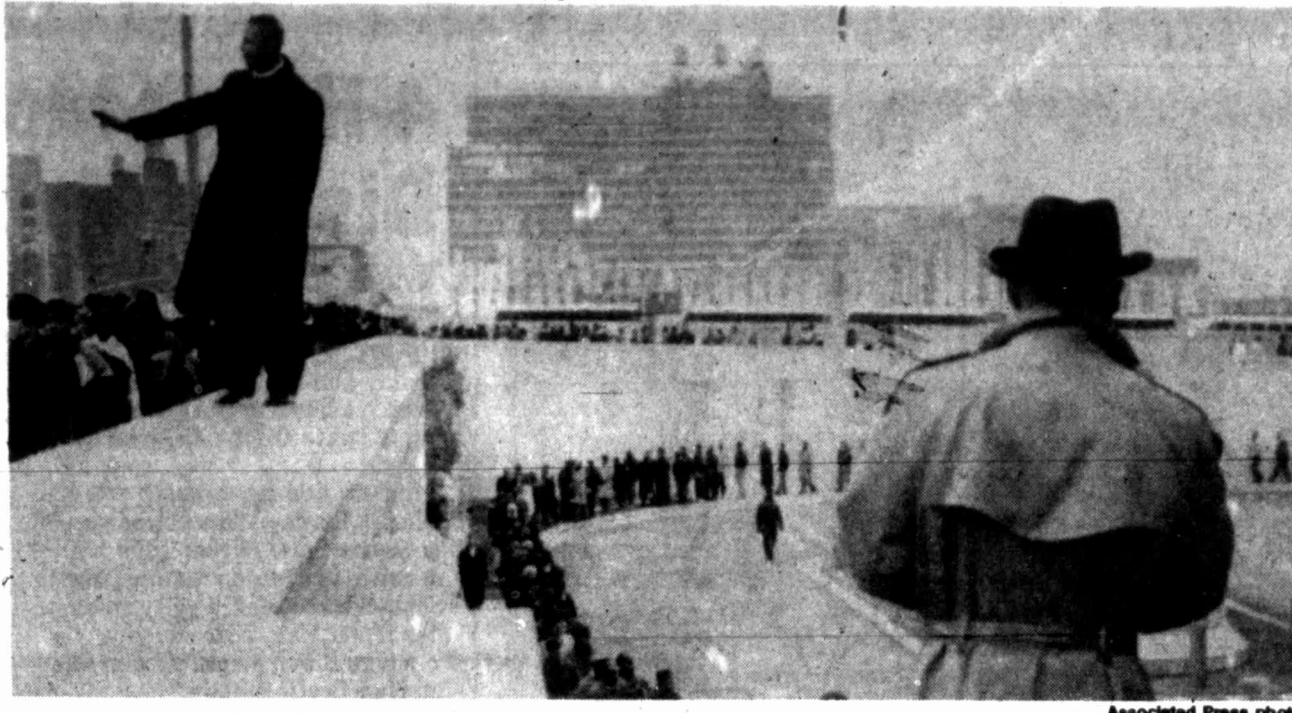
"I'm neither a racist nor an anti-Semite," the Nation of Islam leader said at the sold-out Jacob Javits Convention Center. "But if I point out your evil with the truth, call me a preacher of truth. ... If I point out your evil tracks in the sands of time, don't blame me."

Farrakhan addressed more than 20,000 people in his first appearance at a major New York venue since 1985. Several thousand more people watched the speech on closed circuit television elsewhere in the building.

The audience included actor Wesley Snipes, rapper Freedom Williams, singer Johnny Gill and former boxing champion Mark Breland.

Farrakhan said that Jackson, accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy, was a victim of a conspiracy.

"This brother is not charged with a crime," Farrakhan said. "The powers that be can't stand to see



Men, right, and women, left, file separately into the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York Saturday under the watchful eye of heavy security for Minister Louis Farrakhan's "Stop the Killing" rally. The controversial Nation of Islam leader defended himself against charges of racism and anti-Semitism during a fiery speech. He also defended Michael Jackson, charging he was the victim of a conspiracy.

Michael Jackson politically aware and using his money for the advancement of his people."

Farrakhan also attacked the images presented by black enter-

tainers. "In the 60s, our sisters called themselves the Supremes. In the 90s, they're bitches with problems, and whores with attitude," he said.

"Artists grind away on stage and on MTV, playing right into the hands of people who say black people in America are animals that we're better off without," he said.

Briefs

Ex-con kills two; commits suicide

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — An angry ex-convict bought an assault rifle from a pawn shop and opened fire in a store parking lot, killing two people before driving down a dead-end road to end his own life.

David Mack Flinn, 39, remained a mystery today as police struggled to find a motive in the shootings, which injured three others Friday in this southeastern Oklahoma town of 6,000.

Detectives from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation searched Flinn's trailer home in neighboring Grant and interviewed relatives for clues to the private, violent vendetta of the single, unemployed man.

Hours before the 11:14 a.m. shootings, Flinn lodged a complaint about a neighbor shooting his dog.

"I'll prosecute this myself," Flinn told a deputy before storming out of the sheriff's office. A Choctaw County Sheriff's deputy who checked out the complaint found no dog and no sign of violence at Flinn's house.

Flinn's next stop was a pawn shop, where he lied about his string of theft and burglary convictions to buy the .223-caliber semiautomatic assault rifle and ammunition.

About two hours later, Luke Sheehan, 52, and Mary Sheehan, 49, were killed as they walked out of Wal-Mart, the bureau said.

More senators calling for Packwood to resign

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — More senators, including a prominent Republican, are calling for Bob Packwood to step down following allegations of sexual misconduct and possible obstruction of a congressional investigation.

"Senator Packwood is effectively at war with the Ethics Committee," Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., the Senate's senior female, said Friday. "I believe he should resign."

Another Republican, Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah, stopped short of calling for the Oregon senator's resignation but said it looks like Packwood can no longer serve effectively.

Packwood's office had no comment.

Three Democratic senators who earlier called for Packwood's resignation — Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and

Barbara Boxer of California — were joined by six more Friday.

A number of women, including Senate employees and lobbyists, have accused Packwood of making unwanted sexual advances. Some said Packwood tried to intimidate them into keeping quiet.

Leading contender can't garner enough support

WASHINGTON (AP) — The leading contender to become the Justice Department's civil rights chief bowed out of consideration after failing to gain sufficient support from black members of Congress.

Washington lawyer John Payton decided to withdraw his name Friday after "he realized there wasn't the support there for him" to become assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division, a department official said.

Some members of the Congressional Black Caucus had expressed reservations about Payton, the District of Columbia's chief counsel, because he has not voted in numerous elections. Enforcing voting rights is a big part of the Justice Department job.

Payton's decision came in a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno one day after Reno praised him as "a fine, dedicated, wonderful lawyer who would make a splendid assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division."

Management fees are robbing Indian casinos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exorbitant management fees are robbing Indian casinos of millions of dollars, government investigators say in a report that also warns that tribes are vulnerable to criminal activity through inadequate gaming controls.

Tribes have lost "substantial amounts of potential revenues" because of "inadequate management direction and oversight, certain fraudulent or wasteful activities and deficient decision-making by management," the Interior Department's inspector general said in a report released Friday.

The \$6-billion-a-year industry has spread to more than 20 states since the late 1980s. Most of the 200 tribes run their gaming operations themselves, but more than 70 hire outside firms.

The inspector general's staff reviewed 37 management contracts and found \$62.2 million in excessive fees in 18 of them.

'First lady' of Orland left quite speechless

Growing up in the tiny town of Orland, Calif., pretty Carolyn Hall was into everything.

At school, she played field hockey and was in the Spanish club; she took piano lessons and acted in the senior play.

Summers, she was a counselor for the Camp Fire Girls.

But by the time she got to the University of California at Davis, Carolyn knew that she wanted more than anything to be a schoolteacher.

Graduating with credentials for elementary teaching, she returned to Orland — to teach kindergarten through fourth grade.

When she and husband John Tolley had two sons, Carolyn took maternity leave, but even then, she was vigorously active in her church, in the PTA and all along the way cheering others with her irrepressible good humor and her great joy of living.

Then, six years ago, Carolyn suffered the symptoms of a stroke. One diagnosis called it a blood vessel



Paul Harvey

abnormality; another called it a brain stem tumor.

When surgeons finally got in there, they discovered that malformed blood vessels were bending and damaging the brain stem.

In six years of many treatments, Carolyn's strength has deteriorated — but not her wonderful love of life and others — even as the paralysis crept through her now frail body, her speech was impaired and her vision began to deteriorate.

Each time she came home from the hospital, Carolyn would insist on having a party — just to thank everyone for the cards and the flowers and the calls and their concern.

Only those closest to her knew of

her one anxiety — that all her hospitalization and treatments were exhausting the family's limited financial resources.

If her happy heart might pull her through, her worry about the accumulating medical bills was pulling the other way.

Well ... On my desk is an accumulation of scores of clippings from the Orland Press-Register and other area newspapers.

"Big day at the Eagles Hall on Newville Road, raffle prizes and auction items. A day-long benefit celebrating Carolyn Tolley Day."

Another: "County Market donates TV for raffle prize at Tolley benefit."

Quote: "Orland mayor declared Carolyn Tolley Day." Let me read part of his proclamation: "Wherein Carolyn Tolley has spent her life being an inspiration to others ..."

More: "Public auction to raise funds for medical expenses of former Mill

Street schoolteacher."

"Scout Troop donating to Carolyn Tolley."

"Grange to sponsor pinocle party benefit for Carolyn."

"Eagles Hall overflows for Carolyn Tolley benefit; smashing success."

And the applause goes on and on.

What the world calls news does not often emphasize courage and grace and love, but in one little town in Northern California, tens of thousands of dollars have been donated toward the treatment of a local schoolteacher. Carolyn's condition is now such that she can communicate only with the movement of her left eye ... in Morse code.

In her still and silent room, gallant Carolyn blinked out her response to the outpouring of aid and comfort.

"What did she say?" someone at the bedside asked. "With her blinking eye, what did she say?"

Her loving husband John translated. Laughing through tears, he said she said, "I'm speechless!"

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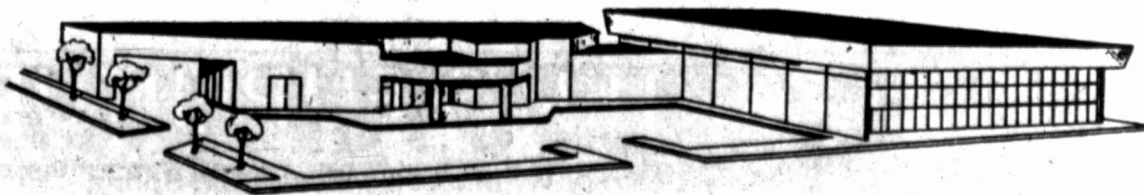
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White, Stirl, Fryar take top pecan honors

By GLENDA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

STANTON - White, Stirl and Fryar. No, not a type of candy but winners at the Martin County Pecan Show.

R. A. White won both to classic and the commercial Grand Champion awards. White's pecans have competed at state for several years now, having placed as high as second and third. Care and selection are the reasons why his pecans do so well, he said.

His John Garner won the Classic award and Cheyenne won the Commercial division. White also received first places for his Burkett, Desirable, Wichita and Barton.

Wilma Stirl won the Grand Champion Seeding.

To list all the winners, starting with the Burkett division, second place went to Marshall Louder, third place to Chuck Elmore, fourth and fifth to Joyce Wells.

Kenneth Holcombe won first in the Mahan division.

In the Mohawk division, first and third went to Marshall Louder and second to Roger Burch.

In the Wichita Joyce Wells took second place to White's first.

In the Choctaw, first went to Joyce Wells, second to Marshall Louder, third to Tull Ray Louder and fourth to Kenneth Holcombe.

Joyce Wells took first in the Cape Fear division.

In the Western division, first went to Dennis McCampbell, second to Herbert Schulke and third to Marshall Louder.

Jeffery Burch captured first in the Sioux division and Marshall Louder, first in the Tejas division.

Linda Fryar won the Pecan Food Show with her Banana-nut Pecan Cake. There were 22 entries in the show and placings are as follows:

In the pecan pie division, first place to Minnie Lee Wells with "Classic Pecan Pie," second place to Helen Ruth Louder with "Jessie Shaw's Pecan Pie," third place to Frances Biggs with "Pecan Pie" and fourth place to Joyce Wells with "Kentucky Derby Pecan Pie."

In the brittle recipes, "14-Karat Pecan Brittle" was the first place winner for Hali Tubb and Rebecca Riley won second place.

In the candy recipes, Jeffery Burch took both first and third places, with "Chocolate Covered Pecan Candy" and "Buttermilk Pecan Candy." Second place went to Joyce Wells, who made "Pecan Coconut Clusters."

The layer cakes were beautiful this year. Linda Fryar took first place with her "Grand Champion layered Banana-nut Pecan Cake." Second place went to Justin Burch with "Italian Cream Cheese Cake." Third place went to Frankie Schuelke with Favorite Christmas Cake.

In the Bundt Cake division, Zella Graves took top honors with the most unusual entry of the show, "Squash Pineapple Pecan Cake." James Biggs bought it in the auction just to see how it tasted. Second place went to Angela Tubb with "Praline Pecan Cake" and third place to Lillian Brantley with "Lemon Pound Cake."

Tarah Schuelke took top honors in the cookie division with "Sand Tarts" and second place went to Roger Fleckenstein, who perfected his own recipe, "Fleck's Pecan Surprise." Third place was awarded to Laura McCampbell with "Chocolate Chip and Pecan Cookies."

In the miscellaneous division, "Pumpkin Cheesecake" by Georgia Welch placed first and Joyce Wells took second with "Chocolate Dreams."

The Martin County Extension Program Council raised a total of \$1,836. Auction participants: James Biggs, Kenneth Cook, Eiland and Associates, Mark Bevers Chevolet, Martin County Farm Bureau and Stanton National Bank.

Wells and White helped process the pecans and Bill Stone served as the auctioneer.



All I want Santa is ...

Sheree Bristo is all smiles as she talks to Santa Claus Saturday morning as the jolly old elf was in Coahoma in front of the Little Sooper Market.

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Briefs

Do you think you are in Conservation Compliance?

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Glasscock County SWCD ordering windbreak trees

GARDEN CITY — The Glasscock County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for its annual sale of windbreak trees. Order forms are available in the office and the deadline for orders is Feb. 19, 1994. Delivery date is March 3, 1994.

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Upland Cotton Program Announced

STANTON - USDA's Department of Stabilization and Conservation Service announced a preliminary 17.5 percent acreage reduction requirement for the 1994 Upland Cotton Program. The final percentage must be announced by January 1.

"This percentage is consistent with the 30-percent ratio of total stocks to total use of upland cotton, including all domestic, export and residual stocks required by legislation," said ASCS official Nestor Hernandez, C.E.D.

Upland cotton producers who participate in the program will be eligible for federal target price protection

of 72.9 cents per pound—the same as this year, and price support loans at a national average rate of 50.00 cents per pound less than this year.

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Dates for the 1994 program sign-up and other provisions will be announced later, the ASCS official said.

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4-Hers place well at District Food Show

By GLENDA CUMMINGS
Staff Writer

FORT STOCKTON - Ten Martin County and 15 Glasscock County 4-Hers traveled to Fort Stockton to participate in the District Food Show.

Martin County winners were as follows: Rawley Mims placed second in Senior Beef, Angela Tubb placed second in Senior Lamb. Tarah Schuelke received a red ribbon on her Senior Main Dish category. Jeffery Burch placed third in Intermediate Beef.

Kimberly Bryan placed second in Junior Breads and Cereals and Hali Tubb placed second in Junior Nutritious Snacks and Deserts.

White ribbons were awarded to Clint Schuelke, Stephanie Walton, Laura McCampbell and Justin Burch.

Some of these were first year 4-Hers and it was very good experience for them. Some were senior 4-Hers and had the experience to make a wonderful showing.

"All of the 4-Hers did a wonderful job. I was so proud of them. They showed great sportsmanship and represented our county well" commented County Extension Agent Kathryn Birch.

Glasscock County winners in the junior division: Krystal Halfmann, blue ribbon, breads and cereals, M'Lynn Neihues, red ribbon, fruits and vegetables, Anthony Wheat, nutritious snacks and deserts, blue ribbon and Lori Hoelscher, pork award, third place.

Intermediate division: Kayla Kohls, breads and cereals, third place, Amy Weishuhn, fruits and vegetables, first place, Deidra Hirt, main dish, blue ribbon, Jill Hoelscher, snacks and deserts, first place, Paula Braden, beef, first place, Kaci Kohls, lamb, second place and Craig Hoelscher, pork, white ribbon.

Senior division: Misit Havalak, fruits and vegetables, second place, Karla Jones, main dish, blue ribbon, Kristi Havalak, snacks and deserts, second place and Chad Hirt, pork, second place.

These 4-Hers worked hard on their foods projects and were rewarded by having the opportunity to go to the district food show.

"We were very proud to have taken so many 4-Hers and were equally pleased with their showing in the competition," said Sherry Stone, Glasscock County Extension Agent.

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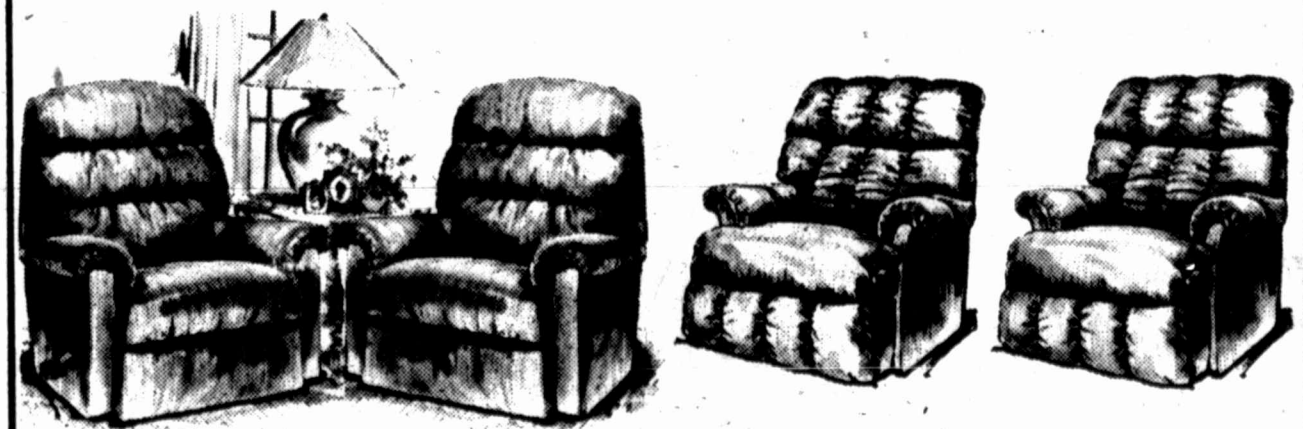
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In 15 days 22 are dead, who and where's next?

The Associated Press

The repetitiveness of multiple killings seems like a staccato burst from some fiendish gun aimed at America's sense of security.

Six commuters killed on a New York train. Four pizza parlor workers slain in a Denver suburb by a man police say is a former employer. Two shoppers gunned down in Oklahoma; the gunman commits suicide. A police officer and three unemployment workers killed in California; police shoot the gunman dead.

In separate work-related shootings on Thursday, a geologist shot and killed his brother and another man before committing suicide in Boise, Idaho, and a Chelsea, Mich., teacher involved in a union grievance was charged with slaying a school superintendent and wounding the principal and a teacher.

All were among mass slayings in a 15-day period beginning Dec. 2.

The workplace toll came on the same day as a Postal Service-sponsored forum on violence on the job.

Six shootings. Twenty-two dead. 22 wounded. What next? Where next?

"It could happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. It seems so unpredictable. The idea that it's happening so frequently is unnerving," said James Alan Fox, dean of the School of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University in Boston.

"These types of things tend to feed off each other. Seeing someone else commit this kind of crime can precipitate someone who's angry and bitter. That's why they often come in bunches," said Fox, who co-wrote the book "Mass Murder: America's Growing Menace."

Even in a nation with a violent history and a homicide rate that startles other countries, the body count is mounting at a numbing pace.

Just two weeks after signing the Brady bill requiring a waiting period to purchase handguns, President Clinton used his national radio address last weekend to speak of an "epidemic of violence."

"The crime rate has hit every American community, from our oldest cities to our smallest towns to our newest suburbs," Clinton said.

But to call the murderous trend new is to forget the headlines of summer.

In August, killings came in clusters. At a McDonald's in Kenosha, Wis., a man in jungle fatigues who had left his job and lost his girlfriend killed two people, then himself. In Fayetteville, N.C., a man carrying three guns and shouting about gays in the military killed four people and wounded seven in a restaurant.

That followed a July shooting in San Francisco in which a man embittered about a real estate lawsuit roamed five floors of an office building stalking lawyers. Eight people were killed and six wounded before he shot himself.

On May 6, two postal workers were killed in Dearborn, Mich., and a mail carrier was killed in a post office in Dana Point, Calif. They were the 10th and 11th Postal Service attacks in 10 years.

Rather than picking targets at random, a killer is more likely to lash out at a specific group based on race, gender or profession, experts said. The gunman on New York's Long Island Rail Road train was a 35-year-old black man who left rambling notes raging about whites, Asians and "Uncle Tom Negroes," among other things.

There are no reliable statistics concerning the settings in which shootings occur. And it may not even be part of a pattern.

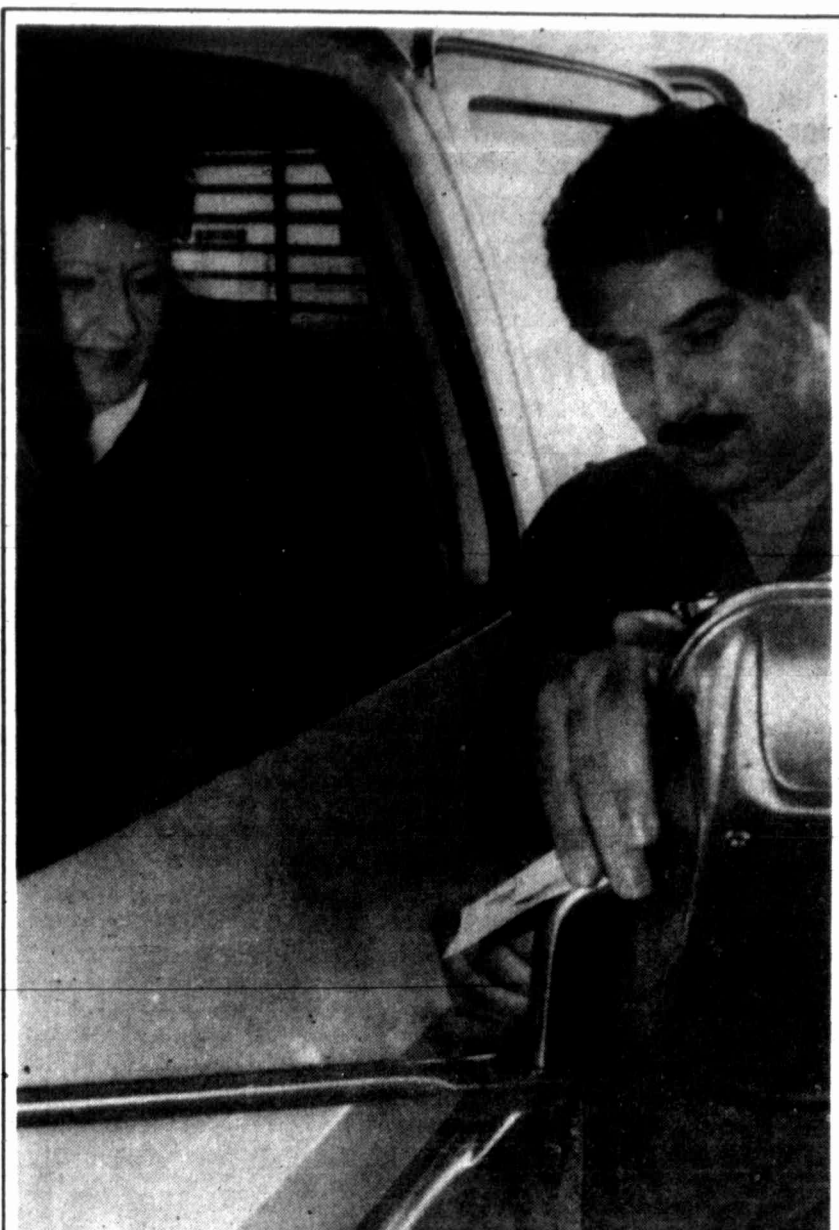
"When these things go on, they're terribly unnerving," said Murray Strauss, a sociologist at the University of New Hampshire. "It's too early to say whether this sequence represents any sort of trend."

So what are we to do? Stop eating Big Macs or pizza? Quit shopping at the mall or riding commuter trains? Bunker ourselves behind dead-bolted doors?

Northeastern's Fox said multiple killings are still a rare event and people are more likely to be struck by lightning than struck down by a mass murderer.

"If we start thinking that the meal in a fast-food restaurant may be our last, or the gift we buy at the mall will be our last, we will victimize ourselves," Fox said.

"You'd be ruining your lifestyle because of a very unlikely event. If you feel that way, you'd probably never get in your car."



Be safe
From behind the wheel, Wanda Driver watches as Sonic Drive-In owner Mike Abusaab ties a red ribbon on the mirror of her vehicle Friday. The Sonic and Mothers Against Drunk Driving have teamed up to promote safe holiday-driving awareness, with the ribbons being passed out by carhops. Customers of the Sonic sporting the ribbon on their cars will receive one free medium Dr. Pepper on their next visit.

Counts

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violent criminal acts and easing up a little on white collar crimes."

Counts delivered a frank discussion of the rise in teen pregnancy. In Howard County there were over 100 such incidents and not just among the poor or just minorities.

In the realm of education, Counts told that "Three of the five new health textbooks had to be reworded because the sodomy law is on the books in Texas, and even though it has not been enforced, the state cannot use texts teaching alternative

lifestyles."

4-Hers recognized included Collin Woodall, Dustin Gaskins Jr., Clay Hart, Justin Wood, and Kirstie Moats. Adults receiving awards were John Middleton, Kent Robinson, Larry Shaw, Mike Moats, Harry Middleton, Richard Posey and Bob Nichols.

The affair was sponsored by First National and State National banks of Big Spring. Those in attendance enjoyed a Mexican buffet. County agents Don Richardson and Michael Kelsey jointly presented youth 4-H awards for the year.



Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- A theft was reported in the 500 block of East Ninth Spark plug wires valued at \$15 were stolen off of a vehicle.
- A theft by deception complaint was filed from the 2700 block of Lyn. Loss was reported as \$161 in currency.
- A theft was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong. A \$130 Huffy bicycle was stolen.
- Bonding out of city jail were Rolando

Rosas and Lance Teichik.

• A minor accident on the north Lamesa overpass and I-20 was reported at 9:40 a.m. and a citation was given to Alice E. Baker, for unsafe change of lanes.

• David Stamp was transferred to the county jail.

• Tomas Hernandez, 21, was arrested for public intoxication.

• Stanley Neighbors, 46, was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication.

• At 8:12 a.m. Charlene Conley Star, 50, was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical center following an accident in the 300 block of West Sixth Street.

Deaths

Hazel Gowdy

Funeral services for Hazel Gowdy, 84, will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Clarence Kinzler, district superintendent of Northern California District for the Church of the Nazarene, and Rev. Gary Smith, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Monday at Midway Cemetery in Hodges.

Mrs. Gowdy died Thursday, Dec. 16, at a local hospital.

She was born March 10, 1909 near Oxford, Ark. She married Oscar

Lewis in 1930. He was killed in a truck-train accident in 1940. In 1941, she married J.E. (Blackie) McCoy, police chief for Sweetwater in the 1950s. He died August 1963. She worked as a bookkeeper for Gandy's Creamery in Sweetwater from 1952 to 1964. She then moved to Bethany, Okla., where she was a "mom" in a boy's dorm at Bethany Nazarene College. In 1972, she married James Gowdy of El Reno, Okla., and they retired in Bethany. Mr. Gowdy died in January 1993 in Graham, where they had lived since 1980. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Graham. She attended Central Nazarene College in Hamlin and Bethany Peniel Nazarene College. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Molly Jacob.

She is survived by one son, Kenneth Ray Lewis of Big Spring; one daughter, Sue Lewis Kinzler of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; one brother, Burl Jacobs of Wichita Falls; one sister, Virginia Baggett of Abilene; and four grandchildren.

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Fire

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trees should never be left unattended.

Natural trees and decorations should be disposed of safely. The largest number of Christmas tree fires occur during January when trees have been put out for trash collection.

The commission recommends trees be taken to recycling centers or landfills to keep them away from children who may be tempted to experiment with matches and the dried trees.

Decorative candles should be replaced whenever possible with battery-operated candlesticks. If wax candles are used, someone should be in the room when the candles are burning. All candles should be put out before leaving the house or going to sleep.

The same precautions apply to Christmas tree lights. Someone should be at home and awake when

ever lights are on. Turn off lights before going to sleep.

Fireworks should ideally be avoided. The commission reported most fires caused by fireworks were grass, tree or brush fires and almost half were caused by children playing with the fireworks.

Be sure there are working smoke alarms near all bedrooms. Smoke alarms make a practical holiday gift for those who do not have them or need to replace old smoke alarms.

Cooking should not be left unattended. It may be easy to forget the pans on the burners when distracted by a house full of relatives.

Settles said the fast pace and pressure of the holiday season accounts for many fire hazards. "People get rushed or stressed out, they forget things and an incident occurs," he said.

Common sense is the best weapon to prevent holiday fires. "Slow down, think about it, and you'll have a merry Christmas," said Settles.

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Correction
AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 13-18-31-36-42-48. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$8 million. Here are results of Lotto Texas Bakers Chapel AME Methodist Church Youth Program listed in Friday's church page will be presented during the 11 a.m. service Sunday instead of the 6 p.m. service.

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Merry Christmas

Baseball's offseason lasts much too long



Dave Hargrave

Sombody asked me the other day what I liked best about my move to Big Spring.

Simple - Big Spring Cable channel 29, HSE, carries the series *Baseball's Greatest Games*.

Pitiful answer, yes, but reasonably truthful.

I like other parts of Big Spring, but please understand the hideous affliction known as Baseball Fever. It starts at eight years old, when Dad gives you a Carl Yastrzemski glove for Christmas. The next spring, he takes you to Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium for your first ball game.

The fever is terminal.

How bad do I have Baseball Fever?

I'm writing a baseball column in December.

Getting through a winter without baseball would be impossible. That's why I don't try.

My father saw *Baseball's Greatest Games* last year on SportsChannel Florida. It's a two-hour block that shows baseball games just as they were broadcast the day they were played. Of course the producers have to cut some of the action, but you get most of it. Some of the selected games are as recent as the 1992 World Series, but this week the series is going back 40 years to Game 1 of the 1952 World Series.

We're talking Brooklyn here.

When Dad discovered the series, I was living in Indiana. My cable system didn't carry the show, so what did Dad do?

He mailed videotape after videotape. God bless him.

Dad doesn't have to do the mailing anymore. I tape each show myself. If you ask me who made the last out in the 1968 World Series, I'll say Tim McCarver. I saw the game on television, so I know.

The fact that I wasn't even alive in 1968 is irrelevant.

I've always been one of those statistic freaks that can wow his friends at a sports bar but bore the pants off casual sports fans at a party. I can tell you Johnny Bench's offensive stats in his MVP season of 1970 (.293, 45 homers, 148 RBI), but if you told me your last name five minutes ago I've forgotten it by now.

College football, the NFL, college and pro hoops, hockey - they should be enough to get me through the winter, but they aren't. When the temperature drops below freezing and football stripes are painted on many baseball fields, I search for ways to convince myself that it's still baseball season.

Strat-O-Matic Baseball works sometimes, but it doesn't have the same excitement it had when I was 12. Thank goodness I have the baseball videotapes.

It doesn't stop there. One of the toughest parts about leaving Indiana for Big Spring was leaving Reds Country. I lived just 110 miles from Riverfront, so I drove to see the Reds play often. To help me with the move, I have several Reds radio broadcasts on tape, in full.

Listening to baseball on the radio in January is as close to the Twilight Zone as I've been.

Baseball may not be worthy of such worship. Salaries have more than doubled in the past four years, and a list of baseball's labor-management problems could fill this page. Some people have said fans should stage a boycott - just stop going to the games, and don't watch them on television either. That will teach baseball to forget fans.

That fan boycott would never work, though.

Scary as it seems, there's too many people that are just like me.

Dave Hargrave is the sports editor of the Herald.

Cowboys ground Jets, clinch playoff spot

By The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Some teams win with muscle.

The Dallas Cowboys do it with speed and skill, which is why they're officially back in the playoffs and ready to defend their NFL title.

The Cowboys qualified for at least a wild-card berth Saturday by beating the New York Jets 28-7 Saturday as Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin combined on touchdown passes of 42 and 4 yards and Kevin Smith returned an interception 32 yards for a score.

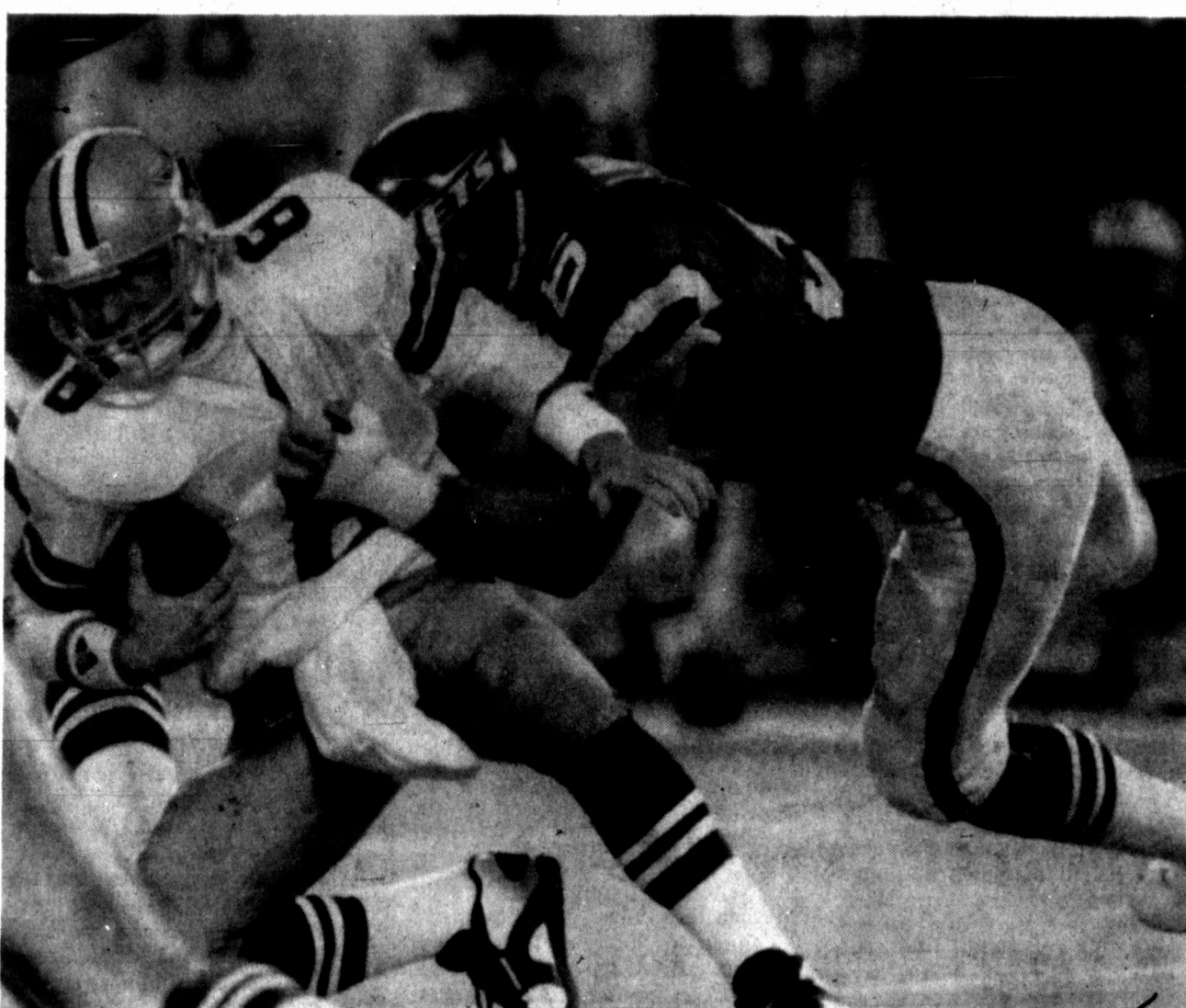
Aikman was 21 of 27 for 252 yards, throwing only three incomplete passes — the Jets intercepted three in a game that featured nine turnovers, five by the Cowboys.

The first Aikman-Irvin TD came on a dazzling four-play, 78-yard drive that took just 52 seconds at the end of the first half after the two teams had exchanged mistakes for two quarters.

The second was at the end of a perfect 95-yard march with 1:13 left in the third quarter. Then, just 51 seconds later, Smith stepped in front of Chris Burkett, picked off Boomer Esiason's pass and raced untouched to the end zone to make it 21-0.

All that put the Cowboys (10-4) a step closer to a showdown with the New York Giants for the NFC East title back at Giants Stadium in two weeks. Dallas is now a half-game behind the Giants, who play in New Orleans Monday night and are the only other NFL team to have clinched a playoff berth.

The Jets dropped to 8-6, behind a pack of seven other AFC teams with five losses or less. They had one consolation — Brad Baxter's 1-yard TD run with 11:28 left in the game that broke a streak of nearly four games without a touchdown. They now go on the road for their final two games



Dallas Cowboy quarterback Troy Aikman (8) is sacked by New York Jet Jeff Lageman during the first quarter Saturday. Dallas started slowly, but cruised in the second half in a 28-7 win.

— to Buffalo and Houston.

The first half appeared to be heading for a scoreless tie — fitting for the Jets, who came into the game without allowing a TD in 12 quarters and without scoring one in 14.

But the Cowboys struck suddenly,

using all the skill at their command.

Starting at their own 22 with 1:28 left, Aikman hit Emmitt Smith for six yards; Smith, who had 91 yards in 20 carries, ran for nine more; Aikman found Alvin Harper for 21, then found Irvin, who leaped over Eric

Thomas and fell into the end zone.

Until then, the game was nothing but squandered opportunities.

On their first possession, the Cowboys reached the Jets' 40 and went for a first down on fourth and one. But they failed when Johnston

fumbled forward, giving the ball to the Jets — a ball can't be fumbled forward on fourth down.

The Jets reciprocated, moving to the Dallas 9, but failing when Johnson was stopped on a fourth-and-one by Tony Casillas and Russell Maryland.

Rob Moore fumbled after apparently making a first down at the Dallas 25 and Darren Woodson recovered for the Cowboys. Then the Cowboys drove to the Jets' 21, but Thomas picked off Aikman's pass at the goal line.

On their next possession, Dallas moved again, but Jay Novacek fumbled at the Jets' 6-yard line and Ronnie Lott recovered.

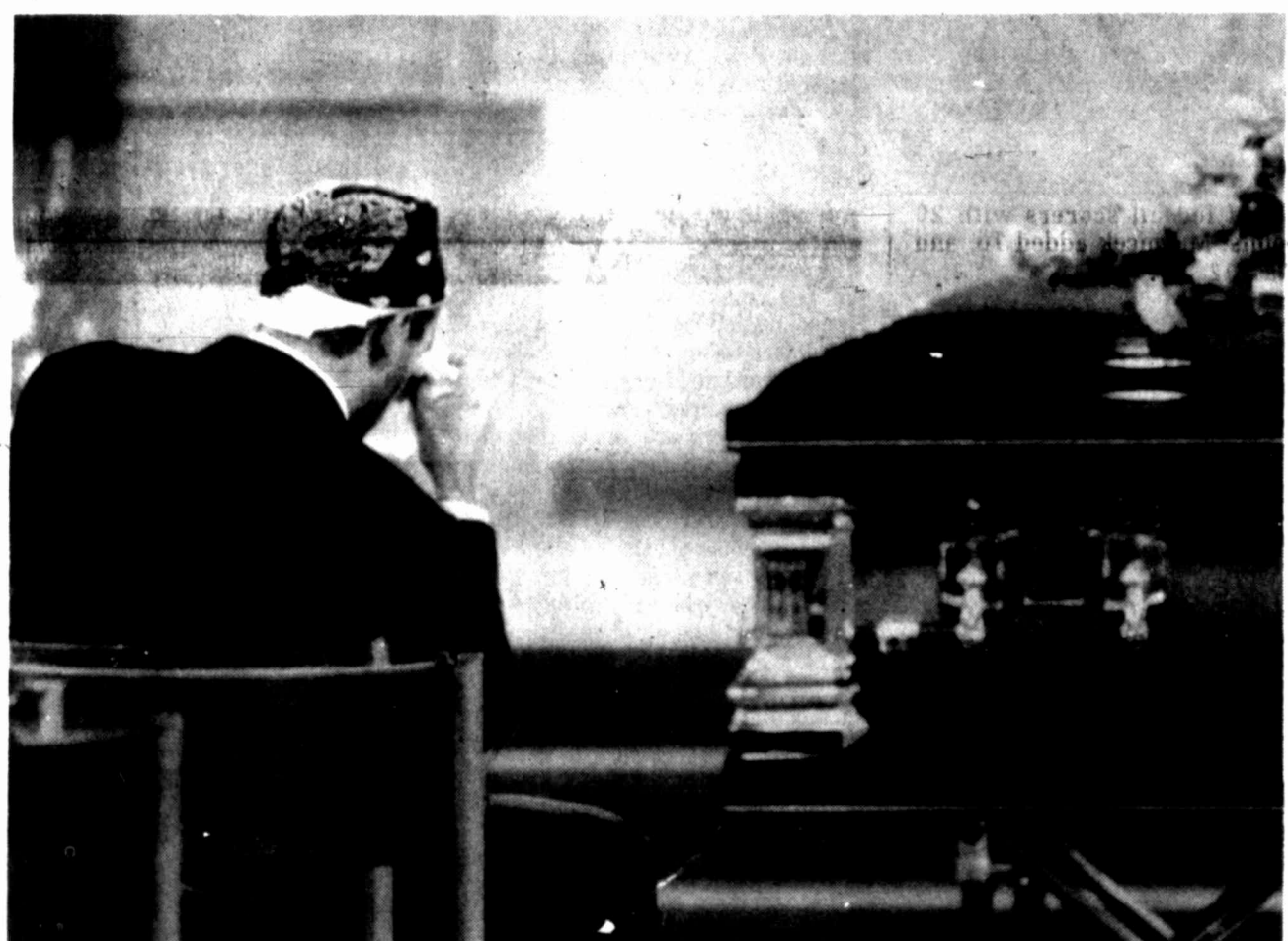
But after the Jets squandered yet another chance early in the second half, when Mo Lewis intercepted a pass at midfield after Bill Pickel tipped it, the Cowboys took off.

Starting at their own 5, they went all the way on a drive featuring a 20-yard pass from Aikman to Harper and a 20-yard scramble by Aikman on a third-and-16. Aikman capped it by finding Irvin, who had six catches for 91 yards in the right corner of the end zone.

Two plays later, Smith stepped in front of Burkett and raced to the end zone. The final Dallas TD came on Johnston's 3-yard run with 5:53 left. Esiason was 21 of 37 for 194 yards.

Dallas	0	7	14	7	28
NY Jets	0	0	0	7	7

Second Quarter
Dal—Irvin 42 pass from Aikman (Murray kick), 14:24.
Third Quarter
Dal—Irvin 3 pass from Aikman (Murray kick), 13:37.
Dal—K. Smith 32 interception return (Murray kick), 14:28.
Fourth Quarter
NY—B. Baxter 1 run (Blanchard kick), 3:32.
Dal—Johnston 4 run (Murray kick), 9:07.
A—73, 108.



Cleveland Indians pitcher Bob Ojeda wipes away tears in this March photo as he spends a moment alone before the funeral for Indians pitcher Tim Crews. Crews and teammate Steve Olin died in a boat crash during spring training in Florida. 1993 has been an extraordinarily tough year for the sports world, as many sports figures have died in accidents or of disease. In fact, the Indians were visited by death later in the summer when pitcher Cliff Young was killed in a car accident.

Deaths tore through the sports world, making 1993 a brutal year

By The Associated Press

A brutal year of goodbyes. Shock and tears. Always the question: Why?

Arthur Ashe thought about that question as he lay dying last winter.

"Quite often, people who mean well will inquire of me whether I ever ask myself, in the face of my diseases, 'Why me?' I never do," Ashe wrote in his aptly titled memoir, "Days of Grace."

"If I ask 'Why me?' as I am assaulted by heart disease and AIDS, I must ask 'Why me?' about my blessings, and question my right to enjoy them. The morning after I won Wimbledon in 1975 I should have asked 'Why me?' and doubted that I deserved the victory. If I don't ask 'Why me?' after my victories, I cannot ask 'Why me?' after my setbacks and disasters."

And so it is useless to ask "Why them?" for all the others.

Reggie Lewis, Drazen Petrovic, Steve Olin, Tim Crews, Cliff Young, Davey Allison, Alan Kulwicki, Zambia's national soccer team, Heather Farr, Jayson Gwinn, Jeff Alm.

Death seems so unfair when it

The Year 1993 in Review

claims the young, one moment vibrant, the next gone. Victims of bizarre accidents, terminal diseases, sudden attacks, suicide. Every month a new tragedy.

Mofica Seles stabbed on court in Germany, lucky she wasn't killed. James Jordan slain and dumped in a Carolina creek, his son Michael abandoning basketball two months later. Bobby Hurley smashed broadside in his truck, barely alive when they found him in a drainage ditch.

What depth of despondency made Jeff Alm of the Houston Oilers shoot himself in the head after crashing his car in an accident that killed a friend?

"Sport does not happen in a vacuum," teammate Spencer Tillman

said. "This is happening in society at large. When you don't know how to cope, then tragic things happen."

Sport was always an escape. Joy was winning, heartache was losing. Nothing too serious, right? Not in this year of sorrow. This year even the vivacious spirit of Jim Valvano succumbed to cancer.

Voices, memories, Jimmy Vee wisecracking to the end, broadcasting a basketball game one second, cursing his cancer the next. Nearly every sentence he spoke took exclamation points. "It's hoops time, baby!"

Yet he came to wonder why he ever cared, whether he'd wasted his life coaching, why he bothered going to games anymore, why he studied all the stats, meaningless little numbers and minutiae about kids he didn't know.

One day it hit him when he read in a book by a British writer: "That is why athletics are important. They demonstrate the scope of human possibility, which is unlimited. The inconceivable is conceived, and then it is accomplished."

"That's it!" Vee cried. "That's why Please see DEATHS, page 16A

Frenship rallies late; hands Steers sixth straight loss

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers tried an unusual tactic against the Frenship Tigers Friday night, and for 3 1/2 quarters, it worked.

But in that last half-quarter, nothing worked for the Steers.

The Tigers gradually climbed back from a 12-point first-quarter deficit, then exploded in the late stages of the game to take a 76-67 win over Big Spring in Steer Gym Friday night.

Damon Harris scored 23 points, Chad Reynolds had 17 and Kendrick Hollie added 14 points for the Tigers, who improved to 13-1.

Wes Hughes and Tyron Banks led Big Spring (2-11) with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

The Steers came out determined to stop Harris and, with the help of an effective box-and-one defense, held the Frenship star in check for most of the game.

But the Tigers, predominantly an inside-scoring team, resorted to long-range shooting (seven three-pointers in the first half) to stay within striking distance until Harris got untracked in the second half.

"That was unusual for us," Frenship coach Grady Newton said of the three-point bonanza. "What really made me uneasy about the three-pointers was that I didn't

think they'd last. (Big Spring) Coach (Gary) Tipton had an excellent game plan ... My hat's off to them for executing that plan."

Despite the long-distance explosion, the Steers still controlled the first half, thanks to its constant shadowing of Harris and the inside-and-out scoring punch of Banks and Hughes.

"We knew Harris by himself couldn't beat us," Tipton said. "We tried to take him out of the offense as much as we could. But when you make a decision like that ... someone's going to be wide open."

That someone — at least in the first half — was Hollie, who canned both of his treys during that time, and Reynolds, who tallied eight points in the first two quarters.

But their contributions were more than offset by the Steers, who got two three-pointers from Hughes and eight points apiece from Banks and Torbin Lancaster to take a 23-11 lead after the first quarter.

But the Tigers kept up their long-range barrage in the second and were able to cut the lead to five points at the half.

Big Spring kept Harris blanketed in the third quarter, limiting him to three points, but Hollie and Donnie Putman provided the scoring punch necessary to deadlock the game at 53-all heading into the final eight minutes.

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Lady Steers adjust to slow tempo, shut down Monahans

MONAHANS - Big Spring's top post players had top-notch nights as Big Spring (11-5, 2-0 in District 3-4A) blasted Monahans 40-22.

Kerry Gregg, a 6-1 junior, led all scorers with 19 points. Senior Amy Earnst, 6-0, scored 12.

The victory was the Lady Steers' 24th consecutive win in district play. Monahans dropped to 3-10, 1-1.

"It was a very slow tempo game," said Big Spring coach Ron Taylor. "The kids handled it a lot better than I did. It was a boring game."

"I was a little concerned because we had such a good game Tuesday, we were really pumped up for that one, and I was worried we'd be flat, but we really weren't."

The girls had their heads down after the game because they thought they hadn't played well, but shoot, we got an 18-point win at their place."

Big Spring limited Monahans to just two field goals in the first half. Taylor said the Lady Steers' defense was excellent, and Gregg took advantage of her opportunities on offense.

"They were double- and triple-teaming Amy, and that left Kerry wide open to get any shot she wanted, and she did a very good job," Taylor said.

Just two games into district, the Lady Steers are the only team in 3-4A without a district loss. The Lady Steers' next game is Jan. 4 in Sweetwater.

Big Spring's JV team had no trouble either, beating Monahans 37-24.

Big Spring	8	12	9	11	40
Monahans	7	3	4	8	22

Big Spring - Gregg 19, Earnst 12, Bristol 4, Hall 3, Wise 2.
Monahans - Montez 2, Terango 6, Williams 4, Cartwright 5, Dutton 3, Taveaz 2.

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Friday Hoops Roundup

Stanton girls win again; Forsan sweeps Borden County

Girls

Stanton wins district game

ELDORADO - The Stanton Lady Buffalos (10-2, 2-0 in District 6-2A) overcame a horrid start Friday to win 49-37 at Eldorado.

Eldorado led 13-2 after one quarter, but Stanton limited its host to nine points in the second half.

Sande Bundas, a 5-10 junior post player, led Stanton in scoring with 17. Guard Laura Herm, a 5-4 junior, added 11, and 5-11 junior Kindra Woodfin scored 10.

Eldorado fell to 1-1 in district. Eldorado won the JV game 39-38.

Scoreboard for Stanton vs Eldorado: Stanton 49, Eldorado 37. Individual stats for both teams.

Forsan betters Borden County

GAIL - The Forsan Queens (7-5), who had a disappointing 1-2 mark at the Borden County Invitational last weekend, had better luck Friday as they beat the Lady Coyotes 59-35.

Forsan senior Jenny Conaway, 6-0, led the Queens with 23 points. She

scored 12 consecutive Forsan points in the second quarter. Tisha Hillger, who had 11 rebounds, added 12, as did Deborah Light. Conaway had 10 boards.

Borden County opened the third quarter by outscoring Forsan 6-1 to cut the Forsan lead to 29-24. The Queens then stole the ball three times to score six points in a 20-second span to push the lead to 11. The Queens continued the run and scored the final 14 points of the third quarter to lead 43-24.

Borden County won the JV game 39-16.

Scoreboard for Forsan vs Borden Co.: Forsan 59, Borden Co. 35. Individual stats for both teams.

Hodnett, a 5-6 junior, scored 14, and 5-7 senior Becky Barnes added 10. Sands won the JV game 31-22.

Scoreboard for Sterling City vs Sands: Sterling City 10, Sands 11. Individual stats for both teams.

Bulldogettes beat Ozona

OZONA - The Coahoma Bulldogettes fell behind 15-4 but dominated the rest of the game in a 36-27 win over Ozona.

Coahoma (8-5, 1-1 in District 6-2A) limited Ozona to eight second-half points. Ozona (3-9, 0-2) led 19-16 at halftime.

Coahoma's Angela Crippen, a 5-7 senior wing, led all scorers with 19 points. The JV game went to Coahoma, 40-26.

Scoreboard for Coahoma vs Ozona: Coahoma 40, Ozona 26. Individual stats for both teams.

Greenwood falls to Seminole

GREENWOOD - The Greenwood Rangerettes sat on the short end of a 47-43 score Friday against Seminole. Joann Pallanez scored 13 for

Greenwood (6-6). Tricia Ross added 10. Greenwood beat Seminole 30-27 in the JV game.

Scoreboard for Seminole vs Greenwood: Seminole 6, Greenwood 13. Individual stats for both teams.

Boys

Loraine outscores Coahoma

COAHOMA - Loraine had a bit more firepower Friday night than Coahoma as it took a 84-73 decision. Loraine took a 24-12 lead after one quarter.

Henry DeLaRosa led Coahoma (8-4) with 18 points. Chad Wright scored 14, and Brandon McGuire added 10.

Loraine hit 16 three-pointers to Coahoma's five.

Scoreboard for Loraine vs Coahoma: Loraine 84, Coahoma 73. Individual stats for both teams.

Forsan blasts Borden County

GAIL - The Forsan Buffaloes, who lost 38-37 to Borden County at last

weekend's Borden County Invitational, returned the favor in grand fashion Friday. Forsan beat the Coyotes 77-40.

Chris Evans, a 5-11 junior, poured in 22 for the Buffs. Sophomore Rusty Baker scored 16, and junior Shane Sims added 13. Forsan led 47-16 at halftime.

Kurt Hess and Cody Cox scored 10 each for Borden County (3-7). Forsan won 36-31 in the JV game.

Scoreboard for Forsan vs Borden Co.: Forsan 77, Borden Co. 40. Individual stats for both teams.

Sands beats Sterling City

ACKERLY - The Sands Mustangs improved to 7-3 Friday, beating Sterling City 73-56.

DeLynn Reed and Steven Cantu scored 18 points each for the Mustangs, while Grant Gooch added 14.

Sterling City beat Sands 37-28 in the JV game.

Scoreboard for Sterling City vs Sands: Sterling City 37, Sands 28. Individual stats for both teams.

Seminole holds off Greenwood

GREENWOOD - Seminole built a 10-point lead after one quarter and held on for a 61-57 victory over the Rangers.

Greenwood's James Settles hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left to bring the Rangers within two at 59-57, but Seminole sank two free throws to clinch the win.

Michael P. Smith led Greenwood with 22 points. Settles scored 15.

Scoreboard for Seminole vs Greenwood: Seminole 61, Greenwood 57. Individual stats for both teams.

Wink upends Stanton boys

STANTON - The Stanton Buffalos fell to 7-6 Friday, losing 60-49 to Wink.

Johnny Titsworth, a 5-11 senior, led Stanton with 13 points. Jason Hopper, a 6-1 sophomore, scored 12. Stanton won the JV game 59-54.

Scoreboard for Wink vs Stanton: Wink 60, Stanton 49. Individual stats for both teams.

Scoreboard for Stanton vs Wink: Stanton 59, Wink 54. Individual stats for both teams.

Garden City towers over Grady as Bearkats sweep doubleheader

Garden City boys survive Grady rally; Lady Bearkats stay undefeated

By DAVE HARGRAVE Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY - Friday's Grady-Garden City boys' basketball matchup showed the Wildcats and the Bearkats having just one major difference.

Garden City has a big man. Grady doesn't.

Cody Braden, a 6-foot-4 senior, scored 20 points for the Bearkats and came through at crucial times. Braden scored 13 points in the first half to lead Garden City to a 24-12 halftime edge, then scored the key points to hold off a late Grady rally. Garden City won 37-34 to complete a sweep - Garden City's girls beat Grady earlier in the evening.

Garden City (5-5), led by Braden and 5-8 junior guard Bryan Harp, raced to a 14-4 lead after one quarter and put Grady (3-12) in a familiar situation.

"It's so frustrating to be so far down all of the time," said Grady coach Tracy Britton. "We always fall behind early. That early lead was the game, it was the difference because they just scored 13 points in the second half."

Grady mounted a tremendous comeback, scoring the last nine points of the game, but the Wildcats ran out of time. Braden built a large enough cushion for Garden City when he scored five unanswered points - a free throw and two point-blank shots inside - to put the Bearkats up 37-25 with 5:15 remaining.

"Cody didn't play any basketball last year, so he's a senior playing like a junior," said Garden City coach Rob Robinson, referring to a football injury that caused Braden to miss the '92-'93 hoops season.

"A 6-4 kid in Class A can be a dominant player, and he's going to be before it's over with."

Braden did miss two front ends of 1-and-1 situations to keep Grady alive in the final minute. Braden's second miss gave Grady the ball with 12 seconds left. The Wildcats trailed by three but got the shot they wanted - a three-point try from the baseline by 5-8 left-handed junior Tommy Hewtty. The ball hit rim but no net as time expired.

"At least we got a last-second shot," Britton said. "A lot of times we've been in that situation and not even got a shot off."

Hewtty and Brad Cox, a 5-11 freshman, scored 11 each for Grady.

Robinson said his team had to adjust to a new situation - leading at halftime.

"We're usually the ones that have the slow start. At halftime, I told the kids 'I don't know how to act.' All of the kids we have out have really great attitudes and they work their tails off every day. We just need to develop a killer instinct. When you've got a team down 12, you've got to try to go up 20."

GIRLS' GAME

Rosters were all you needed to see the problem Grady's girls would have with Garden City.

Garden City (12-0) features a front line of three 6-footers - seniors Brooke Eoff and Melanie Machicek, and junior Melinda Braden. Grady's tallest starters were both 5-5 - Tandi Peugh and Vanessa Walker.

Result - Garden City 58, Grady 31.

Garden City pushed the ball inside early and often, then added the outside shooting of 5-7 senior Jamie Glass to bury Grady with a 20-6 game-opening spurt. Garden City led 32-15 at halftime.

"We have to be able to push the ball up the floor and get the ball to

"All of the kids we have out have really great attitudes and they work their tails off every day. We just need to develop a killer instinct. When you've got a team down 12, you've got to try to go up 20."

Rob Robinson Garden City boys' coach

the big people to be successful, and we did that," said Garden City coach Phil Swenson. "We're cold at first, but then the post girls started hitting inside and out."

Eoff led all scorers with 20 points. Machicek added 16, and Glass 12.

Freshman Tarah Schuelke, 5-4, scored 11 for Grady (8-7).

"I felt like our girls played pretty decent considering Garden City's height advantage," said Grady coach Brandye Hughey. "We beat them last year, by one point, and they had the same team. We beat them because we worked the ball really well, and we have to get that back."

Garden City did not shoot a free throw. Grady shot nine.

"It was the kind of game I like to play," Swenson said. "They let you reach and block shots, and play scrappy basketball."

Scoreboard for Garden City vs Grady: Garden City 58, Grady 31. Individual stats for both teams.

Gophers beat Texas Tech ladies

By The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. - Carol Ann Shudlick scored 12 of her 44 points in overtime to lead Minnesota by No. 3 Texas Tech 92-82 in overtime Saturday in the semifinals of the Shocker Shootout.

Shudlick's output tied her career high and set a tournament record.

Minnesota (5-1) advanced to Sunday's championship against host Wichita State, which beat Western Illinois 89-62 in the second game Saturday.

Connie Robinson had 22 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for Texas Tech (5-1), while Noel Johnson had 19 points.

Shudlick had eight offensive rebounds, made 18 of 27 shots and eight of nine free throws as Minnesota won from the free throw line. The Gophers made 20 of 32 free throws to nine of 16 for Texas Tech.

Nikki Coates had 11 assists and Shannon Loeblein scored 20 points - 15 on 3-point baskets - for Minnesota, which led 44-31 at the half.

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Lewisville, Stephenville take titles

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chad Nelson ran for touchdowns of 55 and 39 yards and his second pass completion of the game set up the game-winning touchdown, leading Lewisville to a 43-37 victory over Aldine MacArthur in the Class 5A Division II state championship game.

Trailing 37-36 after a dramatic comeback by MacArthur, Nelson ran 6 yards on fourth-and-1 from the Farmer 39-yard line to keep the game-winning drive alive.

Then, facing third-and-eight on the MacArthur 38, Nelson completed a 28-yard pass to LaDarrin McLane to the General 10 and on the next play Dwayne Brazzell, who rushed 143 yards on 25 carries, scored with 21 seconds left in the game for his second touchdown of the fourth quarter.

Nelson complete two of five passes for 37 yards. His other completion was a nine-yard touchdown pass to Byron Mitchell that gave the Farmers a 21-14 halftime lead. He rushed 125 yards on 14 carries.

The Farmers have been in the playoffs 19 times since 1939 but it was their first state title. They reached the finals in 1972 before losing to Uvalde in the Class 3A championship game.

Nelson's performance overshadowed an outstanding effort by MacArthur quarterback Odell James, who ran for touchdowns of 8, 40 and 1 yard, completed a 55-yard touchdown pass to Ramond Robinson and accounted for three two-point conversions.

MacArthur fell behind 28-14 early in the third quarter on Byron Mitchell's 11-yard run but the Generals refused to fold, and took a 29-28 lead on James runs of 40 and 1 yard with 10:38 left in the game.

The Farmers had two touchdowns in the final 3:11 of the second quarter for their halftime lead on Nelson's 55-yard run and his 9-yard pass to Byron Mitchell with :33 seconds left.

Nelson started the game with a 39-yard touchdown run on the Farmers' second offensive play of the game. It came after MacArthur tried and failed to convert on fourth-and-one from its own 38.

James scored on an 8-yard run with 10:04 to play in the second quarter, but David Saldivar's extra point try was blocked by Shannan Brazzell.

James completed a 50-yard touchdown pass to Ramond Robinson with 2:24 left in the first half and then pass to Delbert Garner for the two-point conversion for a 14-14 deadlock.

Lewisville finished with a 15-0-1 record. MacArthur closed out the season at 12-4.

Class 4A Championship

AUSTIN — Brannon Stewart ran for two touchdowns Saturday as Stephenville grabbed the Class 4A state championship and finished the



Lewisville coach Ronnie Gage is lifted into the air by his players following the win over Aldine MacArthur, 43-37, in the Class 5A Division II state championship game. In the Class 3A championship, Southlake Carroll beat Cuero 14-6, and in the 2A title game Goldthwaite beat Omaha Paul Hewitt 21-8. Sudan led 34-0 at halftime over Bremond in the Class 1A title game.

season undefeated with a 26-13 victory over La Marque.

La Marque was within striking distance well into the fourth quarter, until Heath Haynes broke up the middle for a 32-yard touchdown run with 1:51 left, giving Stephenville its final margin of victory.

The Yellow Jackets finished the year 16-0 and won the state championship in the school's first appearance in a title game. La Marque, which played in the Class 5A state title game in 1986, finished the year 14-1.

Stewart, the Class 4A offensive player of the year, rallied his team to a 22-21 upset of Waxahachie in the semifinals last week and again pumped life into his team after it trailed 7-0 and 13-6 in the first half Saturday.

The pre-game hype that Saturday's showdown would be a battle between La Marque's penny-pinching defense and Stephenville's multiple offense lived up to its billing.

The La Marque defense, ranked second in the state, too, chances

early, sending linebackers on blitzes and relying on tight man-to-man coverage in the secondary to stymie Stewart. The Cougars sacked Stewart three times in the first quarter, twice on third down.

Stephenville was forced to punt on its first four possessions, with its deepest penetration through one and a half quarters the La Marque 45.

The Cougars' barreling running back, Byron Evans, provided the early highlights, including a twisting, turning 40-yard touchdown sprint full of cutbacks that gave La Marque a 7-0 lead with 4:21 left in the first quarter.

Stewart powered into the end zone from the 1 with 3:44 left in the half, but the extra point failed, leaving Stephenville behind, 7-6.

The Cougars went up 13-6 with 1:37 left in the half as Evans added a 4-yard touchdown run. The extra point failed.

Stewart then took an improbable scoring chance at the end of the half

that turned the game around for Stephenville.

From the Yellow Jackets' 27, Stewart hit Jonathan Moseley with a 14-yard pass and later scrambled to his right and threw a perfect 40-yard strike on the run to Jason Bragg at the La Marque 7.

Shane Freels capped the 73-yard drive by powering into the end zone from 7 yards out on the next play, and the extra point tied the game at 13-13 with 35 seconds left.

"The touchdown before the half was the most important because we got the momentum and had it going into the second half," Stewart said.

Stephenville coach Art Briles agreed.

"We finally got the momentum and our strength took over in the second half," Briles said.

Stephenville went up 20-13 on a 19-yard touchdown run by Stewart with 7:55 left in the third quarter.

Broncos' defense puts Bears to sleep

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Denver's defense did the dirty work Saturday on a rainy, muddy day at Soldier Field. The Broncos intercepted three passes and fell on two fumbles in soiling another performance by the Chicago Bears' ineffective offense.

"We had to play their kind of game because of the weather," Denver coach Wade Phillips said after a 13-3 victory improved the Broncos' playoff chances and improved their record to 9-5.

Chicago Backup quarterback P.T. Willis, starting for Jim Harbaugh, who has a bruised right hand, never got a grip — not on the ball or the game — during a miserable afternoon at Soldier Field.

He completed only 14 of 29 passes with three interceptions and also fumbled to set up Denver's only touchdown, a go-ahead score late in the first half.

"P.T. is the second quarterback, so he's not as good as Harbaugh. He's a good athlete but we'd rather have seen him than Harbaugh," said Denver defensive end Shane Dronett, who made the first interception.

Bears coach Dave Wannstedt said Harbaugh could have played and he talked about using him after the Bears fell behind 10-3 at the half and again late in the game should Chicago have needed a two-minute drive.

"The main thing was the turnovers, we got to make some plays down the field," said Wannstedt, announcing that

Harbaugh would return as the starter next week against Detroit, a game the Bears (7-7) must win to stay alive.

Willis, completing only 6 of 16 first-half passes, threw an interception to stop one drive early in the second quarter, and his fumble after a hit by Mike Croel let to Denver's touchdown with 1:24 left in the first half.

Croel recovered the ball at the Bears' 16. After a 15-yard run by Rod Bernstine, Robert Delpino carried in from the 1, giving the Broncos a 10-3 lead.

The Broncos then used up the clock on the sloppy field behind the running of Bernstine, who became the first back this season to gain 100 yards on Chicago's defense. Chicago got an early break when Chris Gardocki's punt hit the Broncos' Ronnie Bradford with Ron Cox recovering for the Bears at the 29. But after two 7-yard runs by Worley, starting in place of Neal Anderson, the Bears bogged down and settled for Kevin Butler's 31-yard field goal.

Those were the only points the Bears could muster.

Willis finished 14 of 29 for 120 yards, while John Elway completed 14 of 24 for 113 yards for the Broncos. Bernstine gained 103 yards on 20 carries.

"We got the lead in the second half and we had to run some time off the clock. The field was horrible. It was like wet dirt, as bad I've played on since high school," Bernstine said.

SWC suffers at the gate

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Southwest Conference just concluded one of its toughest football seasons, with only Texas A&M and Texas Tech posting winning records, and attendance followed suit.

The SWC office said attendance averaged 35,268 for 46 home dates, the lowest attendance average in 31 years, since the league's teams averaged 32,407 in 1962. Attendance averaged 36,202 in 1992 and 41,246 in 1991.

SWC commissioner Steve Hatchell said attendance was disappointing, but that regional TV ratings reflect continuing strong interest in the league.

"We had some teams with tough times," Hatchell said. "But we've

gotten ratings from ABC, ESPN and Raycom that are way up, significantly, which means interest there is good."

The Texas A&M-Texas game on Thanksgiving Day was ESPN's highest-rated Thursday night game and second-highest for the season.

SMU raised its average from 19,818 in 1992 to 23,002, largely because of a crowd of 43,787 for the Texas game, which was moved to the Alamodome in San Antonio. Baylor increased from 32,359 to 34,382.

Houston, which suffered through a 1-9-1 season, averaged 19,449 per game, with three crowds announced at 15,000 or fewer in the 62,439-seat Astrodome.

Texas Tech, which lost five of its first six games before winning its last five, averaged 33,318, a drop from 39,718 the year before.

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Oilers gunning for division title against Steelers

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — It's a game the Houston Oilers probably don't want to play and one the Pittsburgh Steelers can't wait to play.

In a scenario that's been played out so many Decembers before, the Oilers (9-4) play a pivotal AFC Central Division game Sunday in Three Rivers Stadium, where the cold, the snow, the loud fans and the Steelers (8-5) have limited them to just six wins since 1970.

The Oilers, who beat the Steelers 23-3 just three weeks ago in the Astrodome, can clinch their second division title — and take it away from Pittsburgh — by winning. If Houston loses for the first time in nine weeks, the division is a dead heat with two weeks to go.

The playoff implications are enormous, and so is Pittsburgh's level of desperation. What's impossible to judge is how the Oilers, so close to completing one of the great comebacks ever in the NFL, will respond to the death of teammate Jeff Alm.

Alm, a sensitive and emotional 25-year-old linebacker, took his life Tuesday following a traffic accident that killed his best friend. Losing a game is one thing, but losing a teammate results in significant psychological baggage that can either unify or tear apart a team's emotions and spirit.

Not even the Oilers themselves are sure how Alm's tragic death will affect them off the field, much less on it.

"Your guess is as good as mine,"

general manager Mike Holovac said. "I'm not saying it will affect them, but I'm not saying it won't."

Coach Jack Pardee has never dealt with a player's death before, and admittedly is uncertain how to handle it now.

"We're not over it, but we're dealing with it," Pardee said. "Something like this doesn't disappear immediately. It will be something we will have to work through."

Running back Gary Brown said the Oilers began refocusing on their biggest game of the season following a team memorial service Wednesday night.

"We have to move on," he said. "We have to put everything in perspective, show our respects to Jeff and his family and then try to move on."

Back when they were 1-4, the Oilers probably couldn't have conceived of clinching the division with two weeks remaining. They were three games out of the division lead, Pardee's job reportedly was in jeopardy and defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan's sarcastic, derisive remarks about the offense had divided the team.

"We've had so many bad things happen around here this year that I think our team has gotten stronger because of them," Pardee said. "We've been battling through a lot of things."

And now they've got to battle through Alm's death and the Steelers, whose one-point wins over New England (17-16) and Miami (21-20) put them back in the race for the playoffs and for the division.

The Steelers' blitzing defense had five sacks and forced two turnovers in Miami, and their game plan is to similarly disrupt Oilers quarterback Warren Moon, who has enjoyed only minimal success in Pittsburgh.

The Oilers haven't won in Three Rivers since 1989 and they're only 3-6 there since Moon joined them in 1984.

"You can see it in our guys' eyes — this is what they want," Steelers linebacker Greg Lloyd said. "It's coming down to the wire, it's coming down

to the money. Either we do it now or we're sitting at home in January thinking we should have done it."

"We owe them," safety Gary Jones said. "They've had the bragging rights for three, four weeks now, and it's time for us to take them back."

The Steelers probably won't know until close to game time if running back Barry Foster will miss his fifth straight game with a sprained left ankle. He was expected to play in Miami, only to be scratched two hours before kickoff.

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Kansas guard Jacque Vaughn (11) wears an intense look as he drives the ball on Georgia's Terrell Bell in Atlanta Saturday. Kansas won 89-79.

Heels stop Ohio State; Kansas tags Georgia

By The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — His teammates sent out a distress call, and Donald Williams came to the rescue for No. 2 North Carolina.

Williams delivered the Tar Heels from the post-exam doldrums Saturday, scoring 16 of his 26 points in the final seven minutes for an 81-68 victory over Ohio State.

The Buckeyes, who trailed by 14 points in the first half, rallied to tie it at 58 with 7:09 left on Derek Anderson's corner jumper.

Williams took over and Ohio State couldn't stop him.

With the Tar Heels offense spreading out to give Williams room to operate, he started his streak with a running jumper with 6:47 left to break the tie. Jerry Stackhouse added a free throw at 6:23, and Williams came back with a 3-pointer in transition.

Williams, the most valuable player of the 1993 Final Four, added another basket on the break and converted a three-point play with 4:45 left, giving the Tar Heels (8-1) a 69-58 lead.

Kansas 89, Georgia 79
ATLANTA — Georgia kept making mistakes and sixth-ranked Kansas kept taking advantage of them as the Jayhawks downed the Bulldogs 89-

79 Saturday.
"Physically we're in the Top 20 in the country, but mentally we're not," Georgia coach Hugh Durham said after his team had 27 turnovers.

Jacques Vaughn, a freshman, and Steve Woodberry led a 19-5 run to build a 16-point second-half lead that carried the Jayhawks (9-1) to their fifth victory in a row.

After building the big lead, the Jayhawks had to survive a Bulldog comeback on a flurry of 3-pointers that got Georgia within 85-79 in the final minute.

Woodberry and Richard Scott led Kansas with 23 points each and Vaughn added 17.


Bernard Davis led Georgia (3-3) with 21 as the Bulldogs failed for the second time to give Durham his 500th coaching victory.

L'ville 72, Wyoming 55
LARAMIE, Wyo. — No. 10 Louisville, getting 18 points and 14 rebounds from Clifford Rozier, used a 15-5 surge in the closing minutes to draw away for a 72-55 victory Saturday over Wyoming.

The Cardinals (4-1) capitalized on poor shooting by the Cowboys. Wyoming (3-2) made just 39 percent while hitting only 12 of 22 free throws.

Wyoming's Theo Ratliff scored 26 points.

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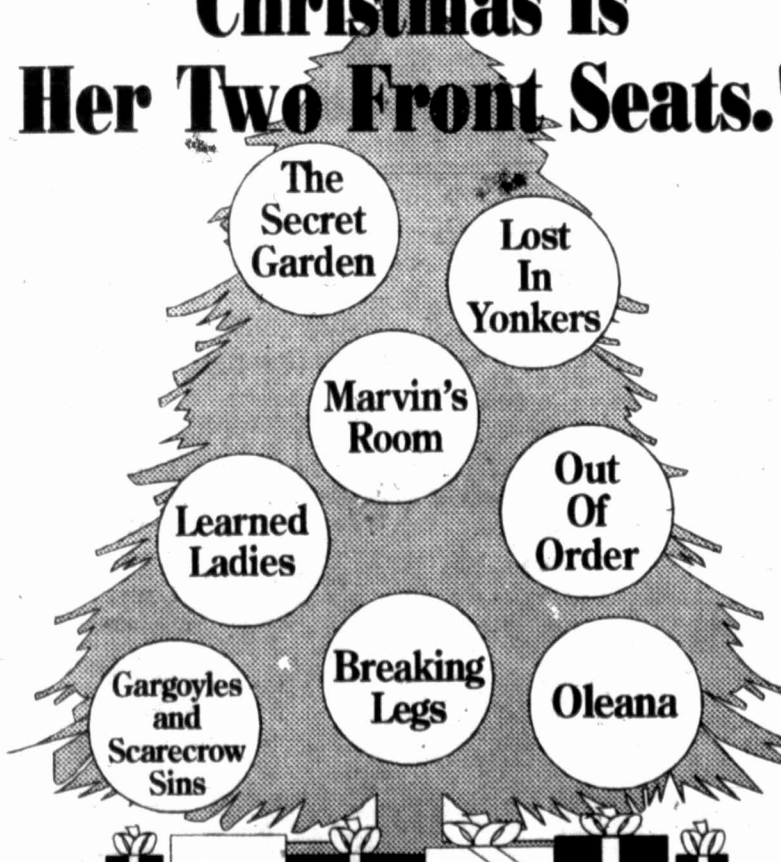
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FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

Table with NFL Standings for American and National Conferences, listing teams, wins, losses, ties, and points for.

Monday, Dec. 27

24. Vanderbilt (4-2) lost to No. 14 Georgia Tech 86-77, OT. Next: vs. Austin Peay, Tuesday.

25. LSU (4-0) at No. 9 UCLA. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Tuesday.

Men's scores

Table with Men's scores for South, Midwest, and South-West divisions, listing teams and scores.

Women's Top 25

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll fared Saturday:

- 1. Tennessee (6-0) beat Florida, 84-69.
2. Iowa (3-0) did not play.
3. Texas Tech (5-1) lost to Minnesota 92-82.

ON THE AIR

Football: Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings, CBS, 12 p.m. Houston Oilers at Pittsburgh Steelers, NBC, 12 p.m.

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RESULTS - C & T Cleaners over Headhunters Beauty, 6-2; Ups & Downs over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Big Spring Skipper over Team Twenty-One, 8-0; Webco Printing over BS Mobile Home Park, 8-0; Kwik Kar over Team Twenty, 8-0.

NBA Standings

Table with NBA Standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, listing teams, wins, losses, and games behind.

Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Milwaukee at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

fielder, and Brandy Vann, pitcher, and assigned them to Norfolk of the International League.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with Jeff King, infielder, on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed Kevin Elster, shortstop, to a minor-league contract and invited him to spring training as a non-roster player.

NFL—Announced that Fox Television's bid for the NFL television package has been accepted and the network will begin broadcasting games next season.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Waived Paul Richardson, wide receiver, from the practice squad and signed him through the 1994-95 season.

HOCKEY: NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE—Recalled Bob Halkidis, defenseman, from Adirondack of the American Hockey League.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Returned Ed Patterson, right wing, to Cleveland of the International Hockey League.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled Neil Eshenault, center, from Hamilton of the American Hockey League.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with Rickey Henderson, outfielder, on a two-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Signed Brian Holman and Kevin Wickander, pitchers, to one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed Steve Wilson, pitcher, to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Signed Doug Linton, pitcher, and Ray Stephens, catcher, to minor-league contracts and invited them to spring training as non-roster players.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled Bob Halkidis, defenseman, from Adirondack of the American Hockey League.

UTICA BULLDOGS—Activated Craig deBolis, forward, from the injured list. Placed Mike Jorgensen, forward, on the suspended list.

KALAMAZOO WINGS—Reassigned Jeff Stoff, goaltender, to Dayton of the East Coast Hockey League.

PEORIA RIVERMEN—Recalled Butch Kaebel, left wing, from Dayton of the East Coast Hockey League.

Monday's Game: New York Giants at New Orleans, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25: Houston at San Francisco, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26: Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Tour

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP)—Scores Saturday after the third round of the \$2.7 million Johnnie Walker Championship on the 6,760-yard, par-71 Tryall Club course:

Table with PGA Tour scores for Larry Mize, Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer, Ernie Els, Brad Faxon, Fulton Allem, Steve Elkington, Nick Faldo, Costantino Rocca, Fred Couples, Jeff Maggert, Vijay Singh, Curtis Strange, Sam Torrance, Corey Pavin, Steven Richardson, Gordon Brand Jr., Ben Crenshaw, Jim Gallagher, Lee Janzen, Jesper Parnevik, Tom Kite, David Frost, David Lovell, Ian Woosnam, Seld Klouda, Bradley Hughes, Peter Baker.

BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25

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

- 1. Arkansas (5-0) vs. Jackson State. Next: at Tulsa, Thursday.
2. North Carolina (9-1) beat Ohio State 81-68. Next: vs. Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh Civic Arena, Monday.
3. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Wednesday.
4. Temple (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Georgia Tech at New York, Monday, Dec. 27.
5. Kentucky (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas at Lathain, Hawaii, Tuesday.
6. Kansas (9-1) beat Georgia 89-79. Next: vs. Furman, Monday.
7. Michigan (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Monday.
8. Massachusetts (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hartford at Springfield, Mass., Tuesday, Dec. 28.
9. UCLA (4-0) vs. No. 25 LSU. Next: at Houston, Monday.
10. Louisville (4-1) beat Wyoming 72-55. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Wednesday.
11. Purdue (7-0) vs. Georgia Southern. Next: vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga, Tuesday.
12. Indiana (5-1) beat Eastern Kentucky 91-80. Next: at No. 6 Kansas, Wednesday.
13. Arizona (5-0) vs. Santa Clara at San Jose Arena. Next: vs. Notre Dame I Lathain, Hawaii, Tuesday.
14. Georgia Tech (6-1) beat No. 24 Vanderbilt 86-77, OT. Next: vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md., Monday.
15. Minnesota (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Carolina, Sunday.
16. Connecticut (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield at the Hartford Civic Center, Thursday.
17. Cincinnati (6-2) vs. Youngstown State. Next: vs. Miami, Ohio, Wednesday.
18. Wisconsin (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi Valley State, Thursday.
19. Illinois (4-1) vs. Chicago State. Next: vs. Jackson State, Monday.
20. Boston College (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Champlain at Lathain, Hawaii, Tuesday.
21. Syracuse (5-1) vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore. Next: vs. Miami, Wednesday.
22. Oklahoma State (5-2) vs. UC Davis. Next: at Tulsa, Monday.
23. George Washington (5-1) beat Pepperdine 66-59. Next: vs. Coastal Carolina at New Orleans, Monday, Dec. 27.

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Azinger can follow examples for his fight against cancer

PGA champ is latest sports star stricken with disease

By The Associated Press

The news hit like a thunderbolt. It always does.

Paul Azinger, the PGA tournament champion coming off his breakthrough season on the pro tour, has lymphoma cancer. Doctors found the disease in the bone of Azinger's right shoulder blade after he struggled through the Skins Game over Thanksgiving weekend in obvious pain, his swing clearly restricted.

Eleven months earlier, Mario Lemieux of the Pittsburgh Penguins, the most dominant player in the NHL, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, cancer of the lymph nodes. Before that, it was Karl Nelson, a tackle on the Super Bowl champion New York Giants. Before that, it was Jeff Blatnick, an Olympic wrestler.

All were athletes in their prime, struck down by a dreaded diagnosis, linked by the single word that would chill anyone:

Cancer.

And yet, as frightening, as horrible, as ugly as that word is, it does not have to be an end. It can, instead, be a beginning, the start of inspiration for others.

Lemieux proved that. He underwent 22 radiation treatments for six weeks last winter. On the day he completed the final one, he chartered a plane and flew to Philadelphia where his team was playing that night. He dressed for the game, played, scored a goal and had an assist.

It was as if he had never been away, and it was the start of a remarkable comeback, a recovery that strained the limits of reality. Lemieux had consecutive four-goal games and a five-goal game. He scored 30 goals and had 26 assists in the final 20 games of the season to win the NHL scoring title and the Hart Trophy as the league's Most Valuable Player. His accomplishment was nothing short of miraculous.

"An average person is not able to do that," said Dr. Samuel Kopel, associate director of hematology and oncology at New York's Maimonides Hospital. "Most patients can tolerate the level of radiation they received as outpatients, but only the most well-conditioned person could go back to his sport and do it without a loss in efficiency."

Lemieux said he approached the disease positively.

"I kept myself busy with other things," he said. "I didn't think about my cancer on a day-to-day basis. That certainly helped me get through it. I've been very positive since the beginning. I think that's my nature. Anytime you have some adversity, you must have courage."

Cancer demands an excess of that commodity. It is, after all, an equal opportunity disease. "Cancer doesn't care who you are or what you do," Nelson said. "It strikes anyone."

He and Blatnick both faced it twice. In between bouts with the disease, Blatnick won a gold medal in Greco Roman wrestling at the 1984 Olympics.

Nelson had just won a Super Bowl with the Giants and was in the prime of his career when his cancer was discovered. He underwent 43 radiation treatments and returned to play a year later. When the disease recurred, he was treated with chemotherapy and retired from football. He now is a broadcaster for the



Paul Azinger, holding the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 75th PGA Championship in August, was told he has cancer after the Skins Game.

Giants and remains a patient of Dr. David Wolf, an oncologist at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Wolf was asked whether athletes like Nelson, Blatnick and Lemieux are better equipped to deal with cancer. "To be purely scientific, that question has never been answered," he said. "But my spin on it is that athletes do better."

There are a number of reasons for that.

"In general, athletes are starting with better performance status of a given organ," Wolf said. "If you're dealing with an athlete's heart, functionally it's better than that of a non-athlete. With equivalent damage, the athlete winds up with a higher functional level."

"People with better performance status have better nutrition and are younger. That has a bearing on the final outcome. It's common sense that they do better."

"Then there is the athlete's notion of winning and losing and fighting. An athlete with an illness can view it as he would an opponent that he would fight to win. Mentally, an attitude of fighting it is more natural. Attitude and mind play a big role."

Azinger is under the care of Dr. Lorne Feldman, co-director of oncology at Centinela Hospital Medical Center in Inglewood, Calif. "The cancer is localized and there is no evidence of any spread," Feldman said. "The expectation is for total cure."

Azinger spoke optimistically of hitting balls again within six or seven

months and defending his PGA title in August. He also revealed a very human side when he asked well-wishers to remember him and his family in their prayers.

Courage comes in all sizes and shapes from muscular, burly types like Blatnick, Nelson and Lemieux to tiny Heather Farr, a wisp of a woman who fought cancer with every fiber of her being.

In 1986, at age 20, Farr was the youngest player to qualify for the LPGA Tour. On July 3, 1989, at age 24, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"You go through life, especially as an athlete, thinking you're doing all the right things with your body," she said in 1989. "You never expect this to happen. You may get into a car wreck or something, but you don't expect your body to go haywire."

Farr went through a four-year battle with cancer, a fierce fight that ebbed and flowed through three relapses, a mastectomy, chemotherapy, radiation, insertion of a metal rod in her back and marrow replacement.

Through it all, she refused to let the disease rule her life. In February, 1992, she married Goren Lingmerth. Pro golfer Meg Mallon served as one of her bridesmaids.

Last month, the LPGA Tour was in Arizona, when Farr went back to the hospital again. On Nov. 20, Mallon was at her bedside when, at age 28, Heather Farr died.

CBS left reeling after loss of NFL

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now, it's between CBS and NBC for what's left of the NFL.

In a determined grab for legitimacy, the Fox Television Network outbid CBS by about \$100 million a year for rights to televise NFC games and the 1997 Super Bowl.

Then on Saturday, one day after the Fox bombshell, the NFL announced that it has renewed its deals with ABC for "Monday Night Football" and with ESPN and TNT for Sunday night games.

That left CBS and NBC bidding for the AFC after the stunning announcement that Fox had won the rights to its first major sports programming.

Although neither Fox nor the NFL announced figures, industry sources said the Rupert Murdoch-owned network will pay the league about \$395 million per year for

four years, for a total of \$1.58 billion. That's about \$130 million a year more than what CBS paid over the past four years for the NFC.

The Associated Press also learned that CBS on Friday made a bid for AFC games, currently carried by NBC. NBC now must match the offer or lose the AFC package it has carried since 1970. The NFL said it hoped to announce the AFC package "in the near future."

Although the amount Fox was willing to pay might have been surprising, the network's desire to buy into the NFL was not. In 1987, Fox bid against ABC for the Monday night package.

"We've known they were there," Swanson said. "They're for real. We compete against them on a regular basis."

The mood at CBS was somber and not optimistic. CBS, however, declined to confirm any aspect of NFL talks. NBC also declined to

comment.

Not only has the NFC won the last nine Super Bowls, it also has either the only team or the most popular team in the top three TV markets of New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. That makes it the NFL's most valuable commodity.

CBS has televised NFL and then NFC games since 1956. The current TV package has been in place with few changes since the NFL and AFL merged in 1970. CBS has done the NFC, NBC has done the AFC, and ABC has done Monday night games.

All three networks lost money on the NFL in the past four years, perhaps as much as \$300 million combined. CBS was the big loser at about \$200 million, with NBC losing about \$75 million and ABC the rest. The Monday night package, however, remains a valuable prime time ratings-grabber for ABC.

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we strive! That's the value of sports! All those games, they mean nothing — and they mean everything!"

Take any of the great moments of the year. Maybe Dallas romping in the Super Bowl. North Carolina beating Michigan in the harried closing seconds at the Final Four. The Chicago Bulls celebrating a third straight NBA title. Greg Norman shaking off past failures to grab the British Open. Joe Carter bounding around the bases like a kid after his bottom-of-the-ninth World Series winning homer for Toronto.

Linger over the last games of Nolan Ryan, George Brett and, perhaps, Michael Jordan. Look at all the grand events on the fields and courts, race tracks and boxing rings.

In the context of the year's catastrophes, they meant nothing — and they meant everything.

An 18-foot bass boat slammed into a dock in the darkness of Little Lake Nellie near Orlando, Fla., March 22, killing Cleveland Indians pitchers Tim Crews and Steve Olin, and very nearly killing Bobby Ojeda.

A picnic, fishing, a day away from spring training. A few beers. Darkness and disaster. Widows, chil-

dren, teammates left behind to weep. Ten days later, in Tennessee, stock car driver Alan Kulwicki, 1992 Winston Cup driving champion, died with four others in the crash of a private plane.

All the risks he had taken on race tracks, all the dangers he had accepted in his job, and then this.

And still the dying wouldn't stop. Davey Allison, Kulwicki's rival throughout that championship campaign, crashed in July while trying to land a helicopter in a parking lot in the infield at Talladega Speedway in Alabama — his beloved "home" track.

Davey. The easy smile and warm personality, his career on the cusp of greatness. Davey. Bobby's second son to die, 11 months after young Clifford.

Bobby took it hard, and he recovering, himself, from a near-fatal, career-ending brain injury suffered in a wreck at Pocono International Raceway in 1988.

"If I get killed in a race car," Davey had said calmly and thoughtfully two years ago, "I'm gonna die with a smile on my face."

That was before his car flipped 11 times at Pocono in July of 1992 and he escaped with a broken right arm

and collarbone and a fractured and dislocated wrist. And it was before Clifford died in a stock car collision during practice at the Michigan International Speedway.

Now the Allison's, what was left of them, gathered for Davey's funeral with friends and prayers. And again the question no one could answer. Why?

Drazen Petrovic was a national hero in Croatia, a leader of its Olympic silver medal team, a budding star for the New Jersey Nets when he died as a passenger in a car crash on a rain-slicked German highway June 7.

The Nets retired Petrovic's number last month in a ceremony attended by his former Croatia teammate Dino Radja, now with the Boston Celtics.

"I worked out in Zagreb (last summer) and ended up at his grave every day," said Radja, who was with Petrovic in Frankfurt an hour before the accident. "I would go out at night, and I would run into his friends. Everywhere I turned, there was no forgetting him."

"It stays with you for a very long time. I can still see him at the airport, waving goodbye. We told him we would see him tomorrow at a

team meeting, but we never saw him again."

And as Croatia mourned for Petrovic, so too did Boston after Celtics captain Reggie Lewis' fatal heart attack seven weeks later while he casually shot baskets at the Brandeis University gym.

Boston had been torn by racial incidents for years, but the death of Lewis united millions in grief.

The sense of unfairness, of life taken too soon, touched everyone. Some wanted to fix blame on doctors or on Lewis himself, as if that would make it easier to accept. Hadn't he collapsed in a first-round playoff game against the Charlotte Hornets three months earlier? Hadn't doctors warned him to stay away from basketball? Hadn't one of the doctors given him bad advice with an overly optimistic diagnosis?

"It's not like Reggie was in a car accident," Kevin McHale said. "The real tragedy is that right now we should be sitting around saying, 'Reggie has a pacemaker and can't play basketball, and that's really sad.' Instead, we have to sit and mourn him."

Blame didn't help. Life and games went on. And this year so did the

casualties.

Cliff Young, another Cleveland pitcher, was trying only to light a cigarette while driving a truck in the early evening Nov. 4 near his hometown of Willis, Texas. He wasn't wearing a seat belt. The truck swerved off the road, struck a tree, and Young was thrown halfway through the sunroof. Just that quickly he died. A passenger wearing a seat belt survived with minor cuts.

"I had that same heart-wrenching feeling of sorrow and helplessness," general manager John Hart said, thinking back to Little Lake Nellie in spring training. "We are looking forward to calendar year 1993 going away. You just shake your head and you wonder, 'Why is this happening?'"

The haunting, unanswerable question.

Why did the plane go down with nearly the entire Zambian national soccer team, leaving that poor nation to grieve for its only sports stars?

Where was the justice in Jayson Gwinn dying in a car accident minutes after helping a wounded Ohio State teammate?

Why did golfer Heather Farr, a young woman of grace and spiritual

strength, have to die of cancer a month ago? She inspired so many with her courage, her will to battle through surgery after surgery.

"You go through life, especially as an athlete, thinking you're doing all the right things with your body," Farr said after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989. "You never expect this to happen. You may get into a car wreck or something, but you don't expect your body to go haywire. This just shows it can happen to anybody."

Anybody, anytime. A world of randomness, ruled by chance or circumstances out of anyone's control.

In a field of beautiful flowers, some bloom early, some late. Some stand tall, stretching toward the sun, others short, hidden in the shadows. Some last a full season, some only until a capricious wind blows away their petals or a child comes by to pick them for a bouquet. If every flower has its time, so, too, do we.

In her season, Heather Farr blossomed and brought joy and meaning to those she touched. So did all the others. There is no need to ask why.

Rickey goes home, signs with Oakland

By The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rickey Henderson has decided there's no place like home.

The free-agent outfielder and Oakland Athletics management patched up their past differences and reached agreement Friday on a two-year contract that returned Henderson to his hometown team for the third time.

"We have a long history with Rickey, and sometimes the best solution to a long list of disagreements is a trial separation. I think that's what happened," A's general manager Sandy Alderson said. "Both sides are starting from square one and rebuilding the relationship through a new contract."

Terms were not disclosed, but the pact was said to be worth about \$8.5 million.

Henderson was out of town and not immediately available for comment. He was expected to sign the contract in the next few days, Alderson said.

Earlier this week, Henderson rejected a contract offer from the New York Yankees, another of his former teams.

A 10-time All-Star, Henderson is the career stolen base leader and considered the best leadoff hitter ever. He has played 15 seasons, all or parts of 11 of them with Oakland.

The A's signed him to his first professional baseball contract and have twice re-acquired him after twice trading him away, most recently on July 31, when he was sent to Toronto.

"We are extremely happy that Rickey will be back with the Oakland A's in 1994," said Alderson. "This was always a possibility from the moment Rickey was traded last July. He had an exceptional year for the A's in 1993 and his overall production for Toronto was better than most people realize."

Henderson, who will turn 35 on Christmas Day, was batting .327 when he was dealt to Toronto, and he hit .215 the rest of the way with the World Series champion Blue Jays.



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To submit an item put it in writing and it to us one week to: Springboard, B.P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79601. ATTENTION: CA. Bingo listings app Springboard.

Today

- Maximum Prize at the Lions Building Friday at 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. p.m. 1607 E. 3rd. #12372690748. #17521878011. #30008084854.
- St. Thomas offers bingo at Thursday and Sunday 786055-1.
- Bingo at Immaculate Mary Catholic Church Fridays and Saturdays 6:30 p.m. Lic. Maximum payout.
- American Legion have a Shuffle Board 2 p.m. on Saturday. Draw for partners.
- There will be a game at the Kentwood Center at 7 p.m. Everyone information call 393-3333.
- Big Spring-High School Retired Teachers will meet at the Cactus College.
- The Disabled and Auxiliary will meet at 2305 Austin, Bldg. 10.
- The monthly Survivors of Suicide group for the family suicide victims will meet at Midland Mall 7 p.m. For information call 393-3333.
- Spring Tabernacle, Wright St., has free ever else is available from 10 a.m. to noon.
- The Big Spring Center will have a drawing from 9:30-11:30 a.m. invited.
- American Legion at 6:30 p.m. in the building.
- The Big Spring will meet at 7 p.m. College West Texas Arts building.
- Childrens Rehabilitation Educators will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Commerce meeting the public.
- The Big Spring will meet at 7 p.m. All parents of band encouraged to attend.
- The Senior Citizens Center, Colorado Center, will be featured. Five will be featured.

Wednesday

- Thistles Writers College students will meet at room A-203. Bring a book.
- The Rap Group will meet at the VA Meeting room 212. All veterans, Lebanon, Grenada, Persian Gulf invited.

Thursday

- Spring Tabernacle, Wright St., has free ever else is available from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Big Spring Senior offers art classes from 12:45-1:45 p.m. invited.
- There will be a music & singing at Center, 2805 Lynn, invited.
- Masonic Lodge #1730 p.m. at 219 Main.

Friday

- Friday night game Forty-two, Bridge at from 5-8 p.m., Ker 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.
- Spring City Senior have a Country/Western 7:30-10:30 p.m. are invited.

Monday

- There will be a game at the Kentwood Center at 7 p.m. Everyone information call 393-3333.

Tuesday

- Spring Tabernacle, Wright St., has free ever else is available from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Section B

Big Spring Herald

Springboard

Lighting the Christmas season

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

ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Bingo listings appear on Sunday Springboard.

Today
•Maximum Prize Bingo is offered at the Lions Building, Monday-Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. 1607 E. 3rd Street. Lion's Lic. #12372690748, CIA Lic. #17521878011, HARC Lic. #30008084854.

•St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. Lic. #3-00-786055-1.

•Bingo at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Lic. #1751274202. Maximum payout.

•American Legion Post #506 will have a Shuffle Board Tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Entry fee is \$2 Draw for partners 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

•There will be gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Drive at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.

•Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

•The Disabled American Veteran and Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. at 2305 Austin, behind the Elks Lodge.

•The monthly meeting of Survivors of Suicide, a support group for the family and friends of suicide victims will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital. For information call 685-1566.

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

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

•American Legion #355 will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

•The Big Spring Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard College West Texas Center for the Arts building.

•Childrens Rights through Informed Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Open to the public.

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

•The Senior Citizen dance will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, Colorado City. The Country Five will be featured. Area seniors invited.

Wednesday
•Thistles Writers Club for Howard College students will meet at noon in room A-203. Bring a lunch.

•The Rap Group will meet 6-7:00 p.m., at the VA Medical Center in room 212. All veterans of Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, & Persian Gulf invited.

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizen Center offers art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. And bingo from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

•There will be a Country/Western music & singing at the Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn, at 7 p.m. Public invited.

•Masonic Lodge #598 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

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 Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Area seniors invited.

•The Spring City Senior Center will have free fashion painting classes from 7:30-10:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

Saturday
•Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Area seniors invited.

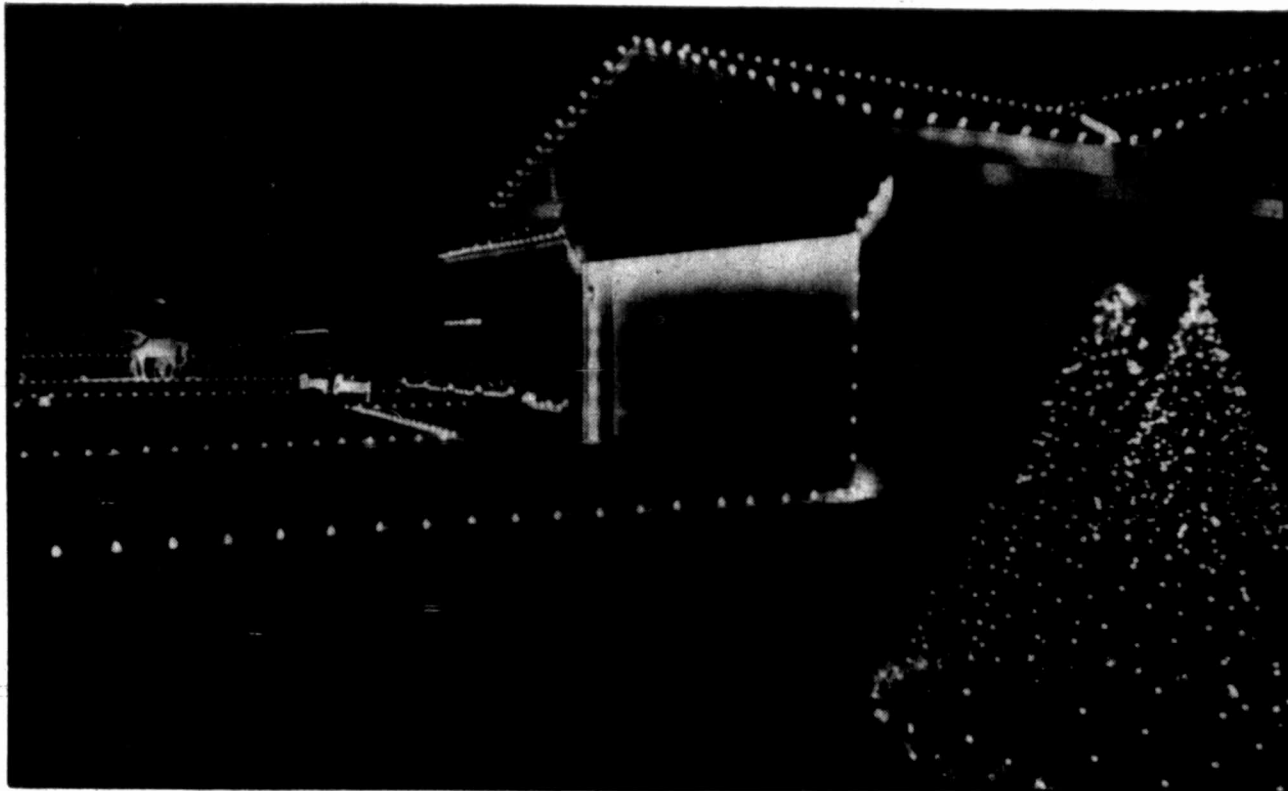
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Last week, members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Clean Committee, the Big Spring Council of Garden Clubs and KBST were out and about judging for the annual Christmas decorating contest.

Twenty-five homes and businesses were tabbed as winners, with six receiving the Award of Merit. Those six are the ones pictured here.

The judges also noted eight areas that were not a part of the contest, but deserved to be mentioned because of the efforts put into decorating.



Randy and Paulette Mason - 3200 Duke Ave.



Miss Royale - 1509 S. Gregg St.



Stan and Sue Partee - 711 Belvedere Rd.



Glen and Edna Hughes - 1710 Harvard Ave.



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Weddings

Allred-Conner

Margo Allred and Chad Conner, both of Big Spring, were married on Nov. 6, 1993, at College Heights Christian Church. Minister Keith Gibbons performed the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Allred of Big Spring. Mother of the groom is Brenda Conner of Big Spring.

The couple stood in front of an archway of greenery decorated with peach roses, flanked by branched candelabras and baskets of white and peach gladiolus and roses.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a lace and satin gown with a scalloped neckline accented with pearls and sequins. The Victorian sleeves formed petal points over the hands. The chapel length train was accented with bows.

She carried a cascading bouquet of peach and white roses with peach and white streamers with pearl loops.

Matron of honor was Kim Thorp, cousin of the bride, of Odessa.

Best man was Michael Hatfield, cousin of the groom, of Snyder.

Ushers and candlelighters were Scott Barber, Odessa, and John Paul Allred, brother of the bride, of Big Spring.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's white cake was three tiered with three different shades of peach roses on each tier. The top



MR. AND MRS. CHAD CONNER

was decorated with a miniature bride and groom.

The bridegroom's table was decorated with a peach underlay and a white overlay tablecloth. The cake was double chocolate, topped with silver rings.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High, and attended Howard College.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Borden County High, and attends Howard College. He presently works for TU Electric.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Teal-Jones

Angela Renea Teal and Jesse Lee Jones, both of Big Spring, were married on Nov. 26, 1993, at Salem Baptist Church. Brother L.C. Gibbs III performed the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Clyde and LaBeth Montgomery of Big Spring. Parents of the groom are Loyce Jones and the late Glen Jones of Big Spring.

The couple stood before an archway adorned with greenery.

Keith Van Dyken provided the music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory brocade and lace gown made by her mother. It had dropped shoulders and a sweetheart neckline.

Maid of honor was Nancy Richardson of Big Spring.

Bridesmaids were Ashley Casbeer, niece of bride, and Amanda Burcham, cousin of the groom, both of Big Spring.

Flower girl was Kaitlin Teal, daughter of the bride.

Ringbearer was Al Van Dyken.

nephew of the groom. Best man was Michael Burcham, cousin, of Big Spring.

Groomsman was Blake Teal, son of the bride, of Big Spring.

Ushers were Jerry Jones, and Randy Montgomery.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Salem Baptist Church, Coahoma.

The bride's cake was tiered, iced in ivory and topped with a white dove with greenery. Her table was covered with a teal and ivory lace tablecloth with greenery, purple ribbon, and candles.

The groom's table was covered with a teal tablecloth holding a chocolate cake and refreshments.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High and Howard College, and is working for Best Home Care.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High and Howard College, and is working for Timco.

Following a wedding trip, they are at home in Forsan.



Stork Club

Caleb James Loveless, Dec. 14, 1993, 10:15 a.m.; parents are Nancy and Allen Loveless. Grandparents are Geraldine Parker, Big Spring, Robert Loveless, Sr., Colorado City, and Rebekah Loveless, Abilene.

Richard Edward Lewis, Dec. 13, 1993, 11:39 p.m.; parents are Thomas and Maria Lewis. Grandparents are John and Helen Sanchez, Big Spring.

Bobyn Lynn Castle, Dec. 14, 1993, 8:40 p.m.; parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Castle. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee, Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Perry, Longview.

Tristan Mark Gonzalez, Dec. 11, 1993, 2:16 p.m.; parents are Cerissa Paredes and Ben Gonzalez. Grandparents are Raul and Mary Paredes, and Joel and Lupe Lopez, all of Big Spring.

Maddison Tani Bacon, Dec. 12, 1993, 3:46 p.m.; parents are Tommy

and Kathy Bacon. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Gutierrez, and Treva Bacon, all of Crane.

Nickolas Ross Morelion, Dec. 10, 1993, 4:01 p.m.; parents are Lucy and Abel Morelion. Grandparents are Frank and Jane Vela, and John and Agnes Morelion, all of Big Spring.

Sashuna Kae Farmer, Oct. 26, 1993, 5:20 p.m.; parents are Candi and John Farmer. Grandparents are Charleta and Roger Butrum, and Diane and Donald Farmer, all of Big Spring.

Samantha Barbara Munoz, Nov. 29, 1993, 8:16 a.m.; parents are Cynthia and Jose Munoz III. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Perez, Jose Munoz, Jr., all of Big Spring, and Mary Powell, Salina, Ks.

Jesi Winter Epperson, Dec. 12, 1993; mother is Andrea Epperson. Grandparents are Tom and Julie Coates, and Thomas and Georgia Demeny, all of Big Spring.

Isaac Andrew Garza, Dec. 15, 1993, 9:00 p.m.; parents are Lupe and Rachel Garza. Grandparents are Victor Garza, Big Spring, and the late Aurora Garza.

Anniversaries



RUSSELL AND FREDA HOOVER, SHOWN ON THE LEFT; WILL CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH HOLLIS AND DOROTHY BOND, SHOWN ON THE RIGHT.

Russell and Freda Hoover of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 19, 1993, with a reception for family and friends at Touch of Joy in Arlington. It will be a joint celebration with Freda's brother, Hollis Bond, and his wife, Dorothy.

Russell was born in Denver, Ill. and Freda was born Freda Jo Bond in Cooper. They met at the USO in Big Spring in March 1943 and married on Dec. 12, 1943. They were married at the Protestant Chapel at Big Spring Bombardier School.

They have three children: Kenneth

Russell Hoover, Lewisville; Robert Lane Hoover, Lubbock; and Janet Leigh Callison, Paris, Texas. They also have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They have always lived in Big Spring and are now retired. Russell was chief of recreation, VA Medical Center. Freda was a secretary for Big Spring ISD.

They are members of the First Christian Church.

Of their marriage they say, "If God is with us, who can be against us?" They enjoy traveling, bridge and antiques.

Hoover

Bond

Hollis H. and Dorothy L. Bond, Mansfield, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 19, 1993, with a reception at Touch of Joy in Arlington.

Hollis was born in Cooper and Dorothy was born Dorothy Burleson in Big Spring.

They met in 1942 at a birthday party of a mutual friend in Big Spring and were married on Dec. 25, 1943. The Rev. Preston Denton performed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry N. Burleson.

The couple have three children: Hollis H. Bond, Jr., Las Cruces, N.M.; Philip L. Bond, Wakefield, R.I.; and Beverly D. Deacon, De Soto. They also have four grandchildren.

During their marriage they have lived in Texas, California, Florida, Virginia and Rhode Island.

Hollis works in a real estate sales and management. Dorothy works part-time in management of properties.

In the past Hollis was a pastor, Chaplain in the US Navy and Dorothy was a secretary and teacher.

They are Southern Baptists. They belong to the Retired Officers Association, Lone Star Officers Club, and Burleson Family Association.

Of their marriage Hollis says: "It has held strong even through 84 months of separation during Naval service involving three wars." Dorothy says: "I can't believe it has really been 50 years."

During free time, Hollis enjoys reading, traveling, and shopping. Dorothy enjoys reading, traveling, and collecting giraffes of various media.



Newcomers

Mark and Glenna Collier, daughter, Leslie, and sons: Mac, and Devin; Fayetteville, N.C. He does refrigeration and air conditioning work.

Jerry Linneman and Tracy Whalen; Mt. Ranch, Calif. He works for I & M Construction.

Ramon and Deborah Gonzales, son, John, daughters: Angies and Anna, and grandson, Joshua; San Antonio. He does car mechanics and construction work.

Woodroy Bennett, Hollywood, Fla. He is a student at Howard College.

Sam Prince, son, James, and aunt, Geraldine Mosier; Dermott, Ark. He is self employed.

Emma Gonzales, daughters: Jennifer and Virginia, and sons: Ruben, Mark, and Michael; San Antonio. She is retired.

Bennie and Wanda Tyler, and daughter, Colette; Indianapolis, Ind. He works at Fina Oil & Chemical.

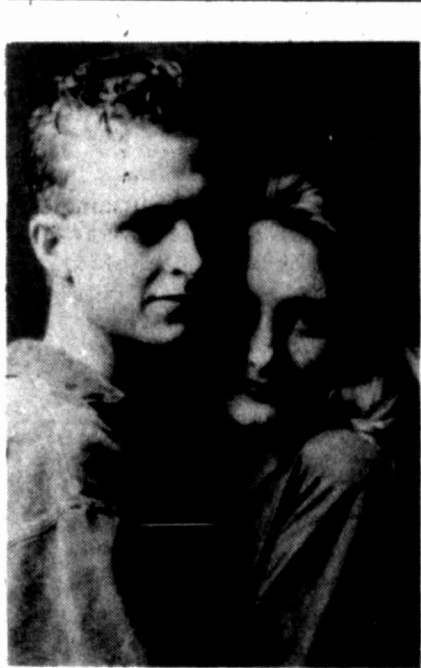
Kimberly Uhr; Austin. She works at KBST Radio Station.

Sandra Jones; Amarillo. She works at Twin Towers Apts.

Craig and Yvette Cotton, and daughter, Nita; Weatherford. He works at Western Container and she works at Wal-Mart.



Engaged



Debbie Nelson and Jake Wylie, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on Jan. 1, 1994, at Buffalo Lake Community Church, Lubbock. Her parents are Jim and Betty Nelson of Big Spring. His parents are Paul and Jan Wylie of Lubbock. Minister Rick Hope of Fort Worth will perform the ceremony.

Harris

Bert and Ernestine Harris, Big Spring, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19, 1993, with an open house reception at Wesley United Methodist Church from 2-4 p.m. Their children and grandchildren will be the hosts.

Bert was born in Gustine, Texas. She was born Ernestine Beaty in Little Rock, Ark. They met at a picnic in May of 1943. They were married on Dec. 25, 1943, at 20 minutes until 2 a.m. in the parsonage by Brother Barret, Pastor at the First Baptist Church.

They have two children and their spouses, Corky and Dianne Harris of Big Spring, and Gay and Steve Herren of Big Spring. They also have six grandchildren.

They have lived in Gustine, Idalou, Lubbock, and Big Spring during their marriage.

Bert is the owner of Harris Lumber and Hardware. He has also worked at a lumber company in Lubbock, and Ernestine worked at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

They are members of Wesley United Methodist Church and have attended the walk to Emmaus.

Of their marriage they say, like others who married during World



BERT AND ERNESTINE HARRIS

War II, they were together only 20 days during their first two and-a-half years of marriage.

During free time they enjoy RV'ing, boating, exercising, fishing, and shelling pecans.

All friends, Emmaus friends, and business associates are invited to attend the gathering.

Big Spring, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Sherman, homeported in Alameda, Cal.

He was a 1984 graduate of Big Spring High School.



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Holiday spirit strong at state hospital

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and they give to your life beauty and joy."

His spirit was strong this week as hundreds of community volunteers joined together to bring Christmas joy to Big Spring State Hospital. No place did Santa's spirit shine more than in the eyes of the children who from Moss Elementary entertained with their Christmas music.

Santa evokes a child-like faith in young and old that fills the world at Christmas, and he brought that gladness and joy to our patients Thursday. All day, volunteers brought goodies, music and goodies, music and presents for the Christmas parties, and dance.

The love Santa represents permeates the atmosphere as holiday music drifts through the units - and Christmas is in full swing.

As we celebrate Christmas with parties and presents, let us remember the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Join us in remembering the spiritual perspective of Christmas at our Christmas service, December 23, at 10:15, in the Tollett All Faith Chapel.



Kathy Higgins

Award Winner - Gainlene Gambal.

Once again, BSSH exceeded its United Way goal. Final contributions were \$9,355, which is 105 percent of the projected goal. A special thanks to Cheryl Parrish, United Way Coordinator, for several months of hard work on this project.

BSSH would like to join in thanking community groups that assisted with Christmas parties:

Kiwanis Club, ABWA-Scenic and Cactus Chapters, Evening Lions Club, ABC Club, Rotary Club, Popouri, East 4th Baptist Church, Downtown Lions, Women's Forum, Greater Big Spring Rotary, Wesley Methodist Church, First Methodist Church, Baptist Young Women, Ackerly Circuit Riders, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Alateans, Big Spring High School Home Economics, 14th and Main Church of Christ Bible Study Group, Willing Workers - Midway Baptist Church, Salem Baptist, 1948 Hyperion Club, First Baptist Church - Coahoma.

Christmas programs were enjoyed at the hospital through the Christmas season. A special thanks to Saints Alive Singers, First Baptist Church; Rhapsody Singers, Big Spring High School; Moss fourth and fifth grade students; Sunshiners, Midland; and Elbow Elementary fifth grade students.

As 1993 draws to a close, the Community Relations Department and the entire staff at BSSH would like to say thank you to the community volunteers, the Volunteer Services Council, Executive Board, and the many individuals who contribute to enhancing the lives of the patient in our hospital.

Whatever part you might have played, be in large or small, it is important, and it is something that our patients would not have, if it were not for volunteers. We wish for the community and the people we serve a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Kathy Higgins is the Director of Community Relations at BSSH, which includes the Volunteer Services and Public Information Department. Memorials and contributions can be mailed to Volunteer Services Council, P.O. Box 231, Big Spring, Tx. 79721.



"Prissy" large solid white long-haired cat with gold eyes, very beautiful spayed female.

"Bim" longhaired seal point siamese kitten, 6 months old, cream and dark brown coat with blue eyes, male.

"Frosty" large solid white cat with one blue eye and one gold eye, sweet neutered male.

"Goliad" chocolate point siamese mix kitten, light brown points with white mask on face and pale blue eyes, 6 months old, neutered male, very gentle.

"Buster" longhaired black and white kitten, fluffy coat with white markings and mittens, young male.

"Tammie" tan and white lhasa Apso mix, longhaired coat with square face and tail curled over back, small spayed female.

"Bucky" small, active rat terrier, white shorthaired coat with black and brown spots, docked tail and ears up, neutered male, good watch dog.

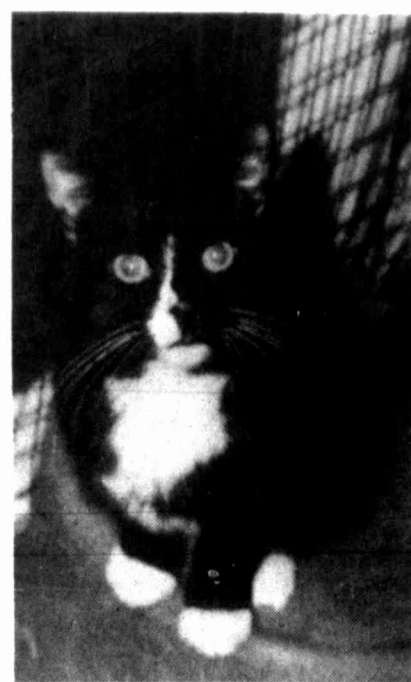
"Princess" red and white basset hound mix, long, chubby and small with young ears, spayed female.

"Larry" black and white border collie, male.

"Luke" large rottweiler mix, black and tan coat with square head and big body, young neutered male.

"Max" small boston terrier mix, wirey brindle coat with white chest, feet and blaze up face, square face, great indoor size, male.

Shepherd mix pups, black with



"Home For The Holidays" special is Dec. 19-26. Dogs and puppies will be \$35, and cats and kittens will be \$25. Covers spay/neuter, vaccinations, testing and rabies shot. "Stripe" pictured above, would be a purrfect pick. He is a black and white shorthaired kitten, male.

tank markings and brown with black markings, ears up, will be larger dogs, males and females, around 3-4 months old, good with people.

Cats are just a \$35 adoption fee, dogs are just \$45. This includes SPAYING OR NEUTERING, their vaccinations, wormings and their rabies shot. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a 2 week trial period.

Shelter hours are Mon.-Fri. 4-6 p.m. and Sun. 3-5 p.m. 267-7832.

Pull and tug of family robs holiday of joy

DEAR ABBY: With the holidays coming up, I think many people will relate to this.

My husband and I live in a metropolitan area, with no relatives in town. My family is 200 miles in one direction, his family is 240 miles in the opposite direction. We have other relatives at points varying from 120 to 1,200 miles away. Those family members have their own commitments with various in-laws, etc., that we are expected to work around.

I am tired of hearing that we do not spend the holidays with any of these people. In 10 years, we have spent one holiday on a vacation - just my husband and me. The other 19 Thanksgivings and Christmases we have spent gallivanting cross-country, trying to keep everyone happy.

I just want to say, stop being angry at relatives who are unable to make



Dear Abby

it to where you are for Christmas. You have no idea what they may be dealing with. You may not know that your brother-in-law's mother just found out that she has cancer and wants to spend a quiet Christmas with just her immediate family. Or, your sister just took a hefty pay cut at her troubled company, and is too embarrassed to admit that she can't afford to make the trip.

If people aren't able to come, be satisfied with a five-minute telephone conversation, and tell them so. And to those who do show up, please

don't say, "You haven't been here in three years; how come you decided to come now?" Be grateful that you have contact with them, and say, "It's wonderful to see you!"

Abby, if you print this, do not use my name, initials or city, or I will be in big trouble. Happy holidays! - A LONGTIME ABBY FAN

DEAR FAN: Thank you for a letter that many readers will identify with.

DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and I receive many baskets of fruits, candies, meats, wines, etc., from his business associates. These "holiday baskets" are very expensive. Fortunately, we do not need anything. We have received about 20 of these baskets every year for the last 15 years.

Abby, there are needier people than us, and it would be nice to know that some underprivileged family could enjoy these gifts. Our hope is

that others who receive such lavish gifts will consider this alternative. - NOT NEEDED, CORAL SPRINGS, FLA.

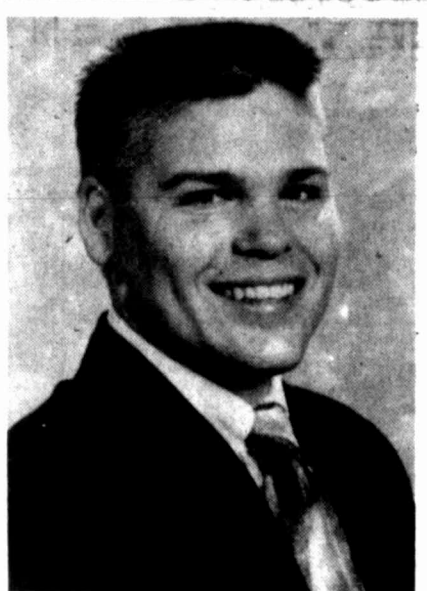
DEAR NOT NEEDED: It is impolite and presumptuous to tell people to whom to give a gift, but there is no reason why you can't take your gift baskets to your local Salvation Army or homeless shelter.

DEAR ABBY: As the holidays approach and the recent fires in California bring to mind the trauma of those families who lost all of their possessions, we should consider whether we know anyone who may have lost treasured photographs in a fire, flood or hurricane.

If so, we could give no greater gift than copies of any pictures of their families that we may have. Copies now can be easily reproduced without the negatives. - KATHERINE M. DONNELLY, BOSTON

DEAR KATHERINE: I'm passing along your excellent idea, and I'm sure many will thank you for it.

Who's who



WADE COBB

Cobb earns degree

FORT WORTH - Wade Cobb of Big Spring received the master's of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies Dec. 17.

President Russell H. Dilday awarded 275 degrees in Southwestern's schools of theology, religious education and church music.

Cobb is the son of Nancy Cobb and the late R.V. Cobb of Big Spring, Texas. He is married to Lisa McMillan of Big Spring.

Fuqua earns master's

On Dec. 18, 1993, Gary Fuqua received his master degree in Business Management from UTPB.

In 1990, he received his BBA in management from UTPB. He graduated Cum Laude. He was on the Dean's Honor List in 1987 and 1988. He was named to "Outstanding Young Men of America" in 1988.

In 1986, he received his AA in Business from Howard College. He graduated with honors. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa from 1984-1986.

Cheerleaders to nationals

The varsity cheerleading squad from Big Spring High School will be competing in the 1993-94 National Cheerleaders Association's National Championship to be held at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, Dec. 27-29.

This is the largest cheerleading championship in the United States with more than 500 squads from 47 states competing in nine divisions. The National Champions in each division will receive a National Championship trophy, National Champion jackets, a banner for their

school, and \$1,000 gift certificate from Cheerleader/TeamMates, and National Champion rings.

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Approximately 7,000 cheerleaders will compete in this year's largest cheerleading championship in the country.

Miller honored teacher

AUSTIN - At times it may seem that teaching is a thankless occupation, but during this holiday season when we're giving thanks, it is time to recognize the contributions teachers make.

Virginia R. Miller, a World Geography teacher at Big Spring High School, was chosen for local recognition through the Texas Excellence Awards for Outstanding High School Teachers awarded annually by The Ex-Students' Association of The University of Texas at Austin.

Miller, a teacher for 16 years, was nominated by Principal R. Kent Bowerman.

The award, sponsored by The Ex-Students' Association in cooperation with UT's College of Education, recognizes teachers who make a special effort to prepare their students for higher education.



Menus

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TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak; mashed potatoes; carrot and raisin salad; rolls; applesauce; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Enchiladas; pinto beans; salad; rolls; lime swirl; and milk.

THURSDAY - Hamburgers with cheese; beans; pickle; lettuce; tomatoes; pudding; milk.

FRIDAY - Closed for Christmas.

SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs and sausage burritos; jelly; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.

SANDS LUNCH

MONDAY - Barbecue on a bun; french fries; ranch style beans; cake; milk.

TUESDAY - Hamwiches; potato chips; fruit salad; milk.

Briefs

Daring cat rescue

Steve Westbrook, an employee of Big Spring Cable TV, came to the aid of the Big Spring Humane Society Friday.

A cat had been trapped in a tree at 1314 Park for more than two days, resisting all attempts to save it. Several Humane Society volunteers tried, and no local agencies were found that could perform the rescue.

The bob-tailed, peaches-and-cream-colored cat was finally saved early Friday afternoon by Westbrook. Now Humane Society personnel will turn their attention to another problem - locating the cat's owner or finding it a new home.

For information, or to identify the cat, call the Big Spring Humane Society at 267-7832.

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Jacqueline Bigar

FORECAST FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 19, 1993

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It is important to find the time today to consider your long-term desires. Someone you care about might not see eye to eye with you, and communications could turn troublesome. Realize that you just need some time off. Tonight: Vanish.**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hang out with the friends you enjoy most, and revel in the companionship. Use caution around money and a child. Look to the long term and you will fare well. Tonight: Take the weekend to the very end.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You experience serious tension around an authority figure or work. Your best bet is to address the problem. A partner means well but gives you bad advice. Don't let the situation escalate into a fight. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Plans change at the last minute, frying your nerves. Be aware of your needs. Try to understand another's position. Tonight: Take a walk in someone else's shoes.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are up for a fun romp today, although confusion surrounds a friendship or a plan to join others. Be ready for an intense one-on-one. Don't let a misunderstanding go on too long. Tonight: Keep the heat on.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You see a situation on a new level and are able to communicate what you need. Your popularity is high. Be prepared to look at the demands you are making on your home life. Tonight: Say yes to a partner.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fatigue is high and you need to cut back a bit. Communications with someone at a distance could be difficult. Don't answer the phone or even worry about messages. Pamper yourself. If you need help relaxing, ask a loved one for a massage. Tonight: "Veg out."**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your loving side emerges. You excel among friends. A partnership could get a bit difficult, however, so keep everything light. Tonight: Go for fun.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You seem to jinx yourself today no matter what you do. Tension surrounds you. Could it be because of a situation at home? Watch the tendency to be critical or to misunderstand what others say. Clean house to work out your stress.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fun surrounds you today if you just let go. Look to better communications and a feeling of spontaneity. Try to worry less about a work-related matter. Tonight: Listen to that neighbor.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love or romance is trying to mess up your day, mainly because you are taking a matter too seriously. Look at all the positives in your life. Tonight: Treat yourself.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Count on your charisma pulling you through a bad moment with a partner or loved one. Tension around the house is inevitable. Go out and shop or attend an art show. Unleash your smile. Tonight: Find a way to create whatever you want.

IF DEC. 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Don't focus your energy on partnerships and making points in the year ahead. Relax and concentrate on fixing what is wrong with you rather than trying to change everyone else. Remember that you choose your own feelings, and you can also choose to let go of situations that don't work. You'll need frequent rest periods in which to do serious soul-searching. Know that whatever happens you will land on your feet. Expect your luck to improve beginning in the fall. Be ready to accept new ideas and approaches. PISCES can be aggravating.

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

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Alert mutts save family, home

By The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A pair of watchful one-time strays saved their home Wednesday morning, barking until their humans were alerted to a fire raging in the family's game room.

The howling of Misty and Max, both of uncertain breed, alerted Susan Terrell to the blaze. Ms. Terrell called the fire department, saving the home she shares with her husband, who was napping at the time of the fire.

The game room was destroyed and the garage was charred, but the Terrells weren't too concerned.

"Thank God they were carrying on the way they were. They saved the rest of the house," Ms. Terrell said. "These two get meat tonight."

The mutts who sang so well for their supper are unlikely heroes.

Misty was tossed from a passing truck five years ago when she was a tiny pup. The Terrells found the

pooch in the parking lot of a convenience store, and the whole family took her in.

The family's Calico cat Patchette, who had just given birth to a litter of kittens, even had some sympathy, going so far as to nurse the orphaned Misty.

"She didn't care for the kittens as much as she did for Misty," Ms. Terrell said.

Max's story isn't nearly as dramatic — he just stumbled to the Terrells' doorstep one day, emaciated and covered with dirt.

Firefighters credited the alert dogs with averting a major fire.

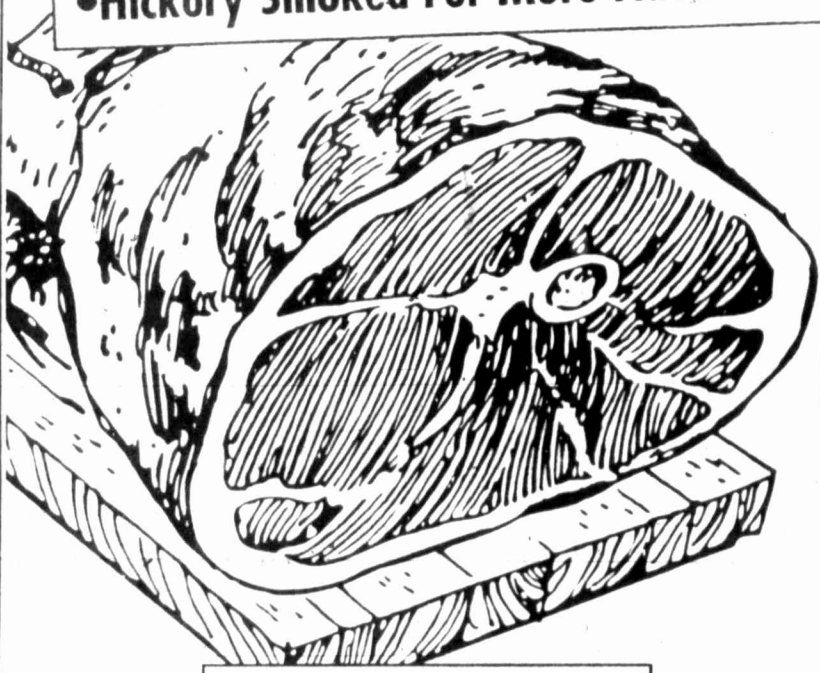
"Just a couple more minutes and it would have been a completely different situation," said firefighter Ray Smith.

No one was hurt in the blaze, which fire officials say caused between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of damage.

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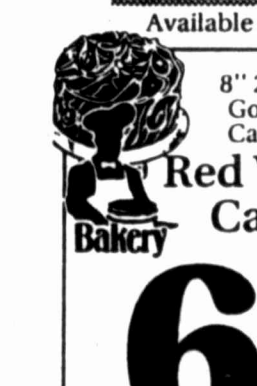
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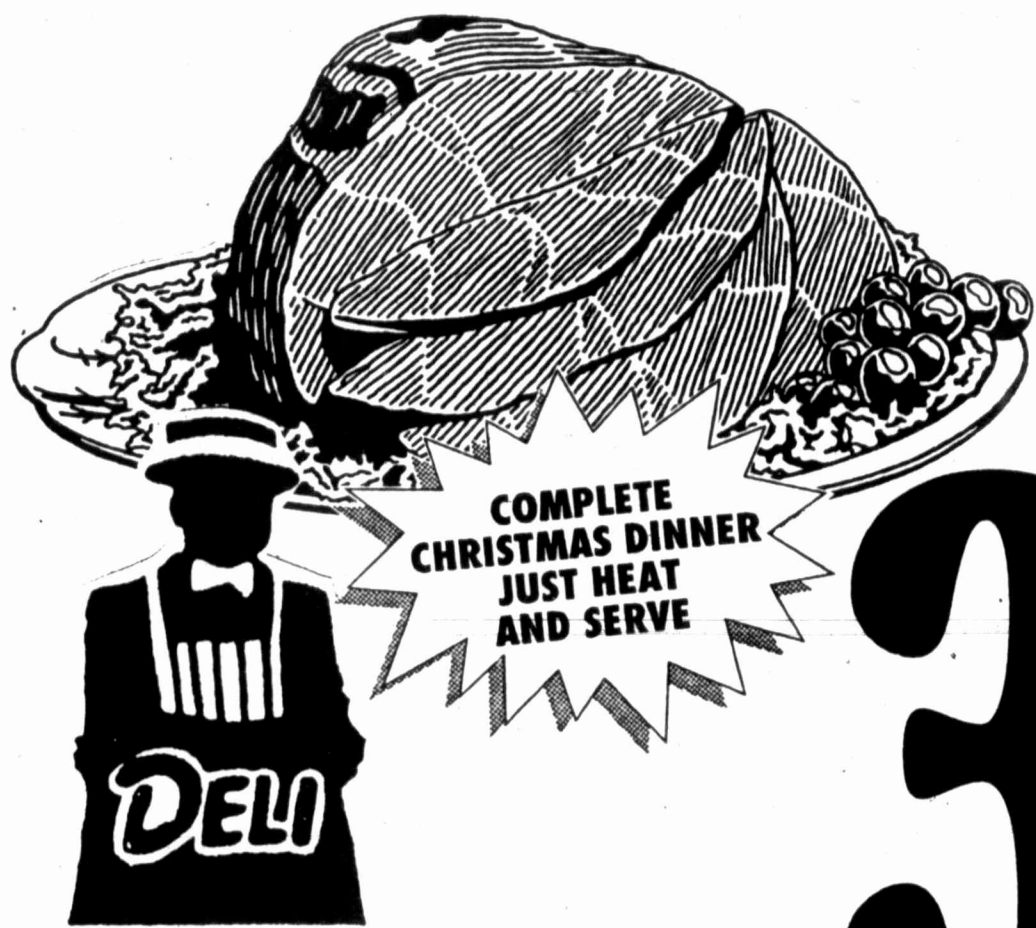


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Problems herald arrival of holidays

Even if I had just emerged from a six-month coma, I would know what season of the year is upon us. If I had no newspapers, radio, TV or mail, if I had no contact whatsoever with the outside world, I would know instinctively that Christmas is near.



Christina Ferchak

How would I know? Everything that can go wrong either has done so or is about to.

My family has two cars. Both broke down and had to be towed to garage — within 24 hours of each other. At the same time, my fridge started doing bizarre things that no respectable fridge should do. Then a waterpipe in the basement sprang a leak. Need I even bother to add that it was, of course, a hot water pipe, so the dials on the water meter were spinning almost, but not quite, as rapidly as the one on the electric meter.

It was right about then that one kid developed pink eye, one started coughing and sneezing, two were laid low with diarrhea and the toilet wouldn't flush. Merry Christmas.

I have never known it to fail. I've had my furnace shut down at 2 a.m. on Dec. 25. I've had my pipes freeze and burst on Christmas Eve, and I have never in my adult life seen a Christmas morning that didn't dawn on a houseful of kids down for the count with strep throat.

I know I'm not the only one. Many times I've heard people say, "Why does everything have to happen right before Christmas?"

I've given this some thought. This is more than just a quirk of fate. There's got to be a logical explanation, and I've drawn my own conclusions. I blame it all on those elves. I think Santa's helpers have more gremlin in them than good fairy.

They aren't the cherubic-like beings folklore makes them out to be. These guys are disgruntled employees. They do all the work, and Santa gets all the credit. To even the score, they mess with our lives and

our possessions. It would be easy enough for them to do. We know they have access to our homes.

Aren't they always lurking around, monitoring our children's behavior, as though we parents weren't capable of doing it ourselves? Elves must be in cahoots with the educational system in this country.

I never liked those elves, even when I was a little kid. I can remember covering in my bunk bed on frosty December nights, drenched in a cold sweat, unable to sleep. I had a sense I was being watched. I'd stare at my window, knowing I'd pull the drape just a little. I'd encounter hideous, distorted, thin face smudged against the pane.

As an adult I've discovered that elves aren't just mean-spirited but intrusive, they're also infectious. That's why kids are always getting colds and flu this time of year. Elves don't get sick themselves, but the little suckers are carriers.

We don't have to put up with this. We're Americans. We have rights. Those rotten elves have no business being on our property without our expressed consent.

So if you see a jerky looking, green-smocked, pointy-toed, jiggly-belled squirt hanging around your yard and pecking in your windows, tell him to hit the road. If he gives you a hard time, don't bother calling the cops — just pop him with a shotgun right on the hip.

He won't be back. He'll never again will you have any strange problems right before Christmas. Trust me on this one.

Son's solo at 16 is flying family tradition

By ED TODD
Midland Reporter-Telegram

BIG SPRING (AP) — It's been a family flying tradition for three generations in the Tom Beasley clan: soloing aircraft on each son's 16th birthday.

And 16-year-old Tom Brown Beasley of Midland upheld that tradition in Big Spring recently when he became airborne in his high-wing 1966 Cessna 150 airplane.

The airplane was similar to the one that his father, Tom Lee Beasley, 44, soloed on his 16th birthday.

In both cases, the father took the last flight with the son before the solo flight.

"I was more excited than nervous," the young Tom Beasley said after he soloed.

"I was more nervous than excited," the father recalled of his first solo 28 years ago. He flies a corporate jet aircraft based in Big Spring.

Tom Lee Beasley's father, the late Tom Stone Beasley, soloed in an open-cockpit OX-5 Swallow biplane in Houston on his 16th birthday in 1931. He died the year before his grandson was born.

"When he flew, his momma thought airplanes were instruments of the devil," Mrs. Alma said.

The sky was overcast when Tom Brown Beasley began his 17-minute solo flight on the north-south runway of the Big Spring airport on Dec. 7.

The youth flew the airport traffic pattern in making four landings — three touch-and-gos and one to a full stop. All were in cross winds.

The landings were "straight down" the runway's center line, which pleased his father.

"I'm not worried about the landings," Beasley told his son before the

solo. His wife, Kathy, played the role of "the nervous mother."

"I want you to take control flying the airplane," Beasley instructed his son. "I want you to show me you can control the airplane all the way."

And so the son did. He piloted the aircraft, named "Bubba," to the delight of his parents, grandparents, other relatives and other pilots, including the youth's flight instructor, Homer "Rick" Rickabaugh of Big Spring, and his father's former flight instructor, R.W. Browne of Midland.

"He did good," said Rickabaugh, whose sons also soloed on their 16th birthdays.

"Oh listen," said the teen-ager's maternal grandmother, Wilma Stark of Canton. "I think I was more excited than he was."

"He's one up on me," said the grandfather, Joe Stark.

In flying with his father in his 16 years, Tom Brown Beasley had been reading the flight instructor's manual before he could see over the horizon or the airplane's cowling, noted his paternal grandmother, Mary Lou Allman of Austin.

Her grandson's solo flight was "just wonderful," Mrs. Allman said. "He's a smart boy. He's got good training from his Daddy, who worked with him."

The youth was both calm and euphoric following his solo flight.

"He's pulled up so, he's about a pop," said his father.

The teen-ager made three landings. But what he was to be the third touch-and-go didn't reach the perfection of his second solo landing. So he went for a fourth landing in his pursuit of perfection.

"His ego is getting to him," said his father. "He wants his last landing to be real good."

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Decades of holiday ads

If you think Christmas has changed over the decades of the Twentieth Century think again. No amount of hardship from war or financial disaster has finished off the great tradition of shopping, giving, and receiving here in Big Spring.

"If you are looking for a judicious selection of articles from which to buy your Xmas presents you will find it at Reagan's." This appeared as an advertisement in Big Spring's Enterprise newspaper on December 23, 1910.

Along side it was the announcement of Pool Brothers at 208 Main Street. For the citizen's Christmas pleasure they offered groceries and fruit with the catchy motto, "Feed stuff of all kinds always on hand."

Pool Brothers competition in 1910 was the Hill Grocery Company. They allowed you to "stretch your Christmas dollar," with fruits, nuts, and candies for special gifts. Two bits bought a fine fruit basket especially when apples and oranges were only 20 cents per dozen. They also offered their top-of-the-line fancy chocolates at forty cents per pound.

If the gift needed to be more extravagant, then the shopper of 1911 could go to the J.L. Ward Jewelry and Drug Company at 200 Main Street. "The price is the thing" they advertised. For men they offered "brushes fifty cents to three dollars" or "boots can't go amiss on this 'he is a reader,'" for 5 cents to \$5. If he didn't read then a good 5-cent cigar was also available.

Their greatest stock was merchandise for women. Several advertised "have to have" items were chafing dishes at \$5-\$10; fancy candlesticks, 25 cents to \$2.50; and especially, perfume, 10 cents to \$5.

The free spending Twenties was an especially busy retail time for Big Spring. Oil's sun was rising, and the town would soon be in the boom that would include the construction of the Cosden Refinery,

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This logo appeared with a 1922 advertisement offering "Rugs for Xmas." Decades-old ads provide lively comparison to today's holiday versions.



Angie Way

the Crawford Hotel, and the Settles Hotel.

"We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and customers for their co-operation during the past year..." So began the appreciative advertisement of the famous J&W Fisher store in the Big Spring Herald, December 20, 1922.

The store had men's suits and overcoats for from \$7.50 to \$20. For her they "bought especially for Christmas trade some of the prettiest 'Dove' silk and muslin undergarments." Children could fill their play houses with all the child's sized furniture, dishes, and cookware Fisher's stocked.

In 1922, Rix Furniture and Undertaking Company marketed itself as "the House of Satisfaction." Terms were easy, if desired, on that one special item which they touted as the most "acceptable to the home lover... (in) the Greatest Assortment that has ever been shown in Big Spring." Of course they were talking rugs. "Rugs! For Xmas!" And, they promised them in one hundred new patterns.

In 1935, the city and the Nation were suffering in the Great Depression. But still businesses offered holiday goods for gift giving.

The Jack Frost Pharmacy at 1407 Scurry sold Red Wagons and scooters for from \$1.29 to \$8.98. The D.&H. Electric Company at 205 Rannels sold the "Norge Kitchen." This featured the stove and refrigerator for only nineteen cents a day.

Rix's competition in 1935 was the Barrow Furniture Company at 205 Rannels. They featured the "scatter rug" for \$1 and up. Or that dollar might instead be used to buy a mirror, cane seat chair, end table, clothes hamper, child's red rocker, or even that infamous magazine rack.

"A Herald in Every Howard County Home" may have been as important to the Big Spring Texas Daily Herald as the chicken in every pot was to the area citizens. Linc's Food Store at 1405 Scurry, 224 W. 3rd, and 119 E. 2nd could certainly supply both. They also sold fruit basket makings of grapefruit at 1 cent each and oranges at 10 cents a dozen.

Finally in 1935, it was another Fisher at the Albert M. Fisher Company, "the store with the Christmas spirit," which offered the ultimate gift for the girl to give herself. Sleek crepes, gleaming metals, satins, and velvets made these evening dresses the perfect choice for "a holiday date, dance, or dinner." You could look like a movie star for only \$11-\$26, on sale.

This year you should enjoy your shopping knowing that you are continuing a long tradition of doing business with the best of Big Spring just as those many stalwart shoppers who have come and gone before. Happy Holidays!

You be the judge

Livestock competitions teach decision-making

By MICHAEL KELSEY
County Extension Agent

Most of us find ourselves from time to time faced with a very difficult decision to make. More often than not these decisions require some kind of vocal backup.

In other words, we have to defend what we decided. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were a class or seminar we could attend to learn how to make decisions? Unfortunately, most colleges that I am familiar with don't have a class that teaches decision making in their curriculum.

However, there is an area of training that will help in the decision making process. It teaches the "art" of making decisions along with how to defend those decisions once they have been made. Most importantly, however, it instills confidence in the decision making process.

What is this wonderful training that young people can participate in you ask? Becoming a member of the Howard County 4-H Livestock Judging Team.

Imagine yourself looking into a pen containing four animals of either cattle, sheep or hogs. You have approximately twelve minutes to place these animals in order based upon your knowledge of the livestock industry and which of these animals is acceptable in those terms and conditions.

Sound hard? It really isn't once you understand what makes an acceptable animal in each of the different species (cattle, sheep, and hogs). It does require a knowledge of the anatomy of the animals along with what is acceptable for breeding and/or consumer consumption depending upon what your judging. It also takes lots of practice and time in order to become comfortable and confident with your placings.

You may be wondering exactly what is involved in judging livestock.

First, a team is necessary for competition. Four individuals make up one team. Most contests take the top three scores from each team for a team score.

Second, as we discussed earlier, a knowledge of the industry as well as the ideal animal to fit that industry is necessary. This knowledge will be applied when judging the selected livestock classes. Most 4-H contests have between six to ten classes to place.

The ability to take good notes is also essential. These notes will be used on several of the classes because each team member must present a set of oral reasons on why they placed the animals the way they did. This takes approximately a minute and a half for each set. A typical 4-H contest will have three or four sets of reasons.

Judging livestock is an activity that anyone can participate in. It does not require the ownership of any animals. If you don't think you know anything about animals, then you can still judge.

We'll teach you what to look for and what to select in the workouts which are very similar to practice sessions for athletes (the difference being that the mind is challenged instead of the body). One of the four team members on last year's Howard County 4-H team had never judged livestock in his life. He went on to place in the top ten in reasons and the top twenty overall at the District contest.

The first meeting of this year's Howard County 4-H Livestock Judging Team is Monday at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in the Courthouse. We are going to discuss a workout schedule, decide which contests the teams will participate in this year (approximately six), and begin discussion of the qualities to look for when judging the various species.

It does not cost to join or participate but it will require a lot of practice and hard work. Young people can learn how to more confidently make decisions and how to defend those decisions orally. These skills will benefit them in the future when they attend college and/or hunt for a job.

If a person applies themselves and is really interested in judging, sever-

al local schools including Howard College, Texas Tech and Angelo State offer scholarships to attend their school and judge for their school teams.

If you are interested in learning more about the Howard County Livestock Judging Team, call the Extension Office at 264-2238.

Cook up some Christmas treats



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Quints leave hospital

By The Associated Press

NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. — They're healthy enough to say "goo-goo-gaga" and to go-go in a limo.

"They have come such a long way," said Denise Carbone, the 33-year-old mother of the quintuplets born in September. "They were so tiny."

On Wednesday, they left Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in style — strapped into baby seats inside a white stretch limousine.

On Sept. 8, Mrs. Carbone gave birth three months prematurely to the three girls and two boys. Birth weights ranged from 1 pound, 9 ounces to 1 pound, 12 ounces. They have since gained more than 3 pounds each.

"The babies are doing fine," said Dr. Philip Lipsitz, the hospital's chief of neo-natal medicine. "They are feeding well and they are gaining weight."

The proud father, Lou Carbone, told reporters that there are five cribs, two changing tables and two rocking chairs in the master bedroom.

Carbone, 36, said having five children all at once was both "exciting and scary."

It will take about 50 diapers and up to three quarts of formula milk daily to take care of the infants.

This 'n That

A community news column

Corral honors supporters

The Corral (an affiliate of the Big Spring State Hospital) honored many community supporters and a few of its own at The Corral 1993 Christmas Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at the Howard College Student Union Building on Friday, December 17, 1993.

Businesses and individuals alike received honors called The Special Angel Awards. We cannot list them all, but a few are as follows: Joann Forrest and The First United Methodist Church, Marae Brooks and The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, HEB, James and Ida Wallace of Donuts, Etc., Clyde McMahon of McMahon Concrete Co., and Kay Porter of KBYG radio in Big Spring. Other community businesses were honored for providing competitive employment for members of The

Corral who have gone through extensive job readiness training provided by Corral Vocational Staff and they are as follows: The Big Spring Herald, Freecom, Rip Griffins Truck Stop, Denny's Restaurant, Big Spring Evening Lions Club, Landreth and Associates, Winn Dixie, Ritz Theater, Two Rivers Pipeline and Construction Co., Anthony's, and The First Christian Church of Big Spring.

Corral members were also recognized, but names cannot be released without written permission. The categories for member awards are: Member of The Year 1993, Mr. Corral, Ms. Corral, Best Dressed, Most Positive, Most Ornerly, Hardest Working, Funniest, Friendliest, Pre-vocational Worker of the Year 1993 (Clerical and Janitorial), Volunteer of The Year 1993, Hardest Trying Person of The Year 1993, Competitive Employee of the Year 1993, Most Attendance, and 18 other member awards.

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Memories of abuse?

Therapist methods questioned in recalled traumatic episodes

By The Associated Press

OAKDALE, Minn. — Desperate to emerge from a dark depression, Elizabeth Carlson sought therapy. What she got instead was a terrifying belief that she had repressed memories of satanic ritual abuse as a child.

With hypnosis and mind-altering drugs, she became convinced she had created multiple personalities — including animals and a nun — to deal with sexual assaults by her parents, neighbors and godmother.

But most devastating, says the 39-year-old Carlson, is that she now realizes the abuse never happened.

She is part of a growing movement that questions whether all memories of abuse, especially those retrieved years after the fact, are true.

"The books all say, 'Don't doubt,'" said Carlson, who is suing her therapist. "I'm saying, 'If you do have thoughts that flash into your head, challenge them.'"

Such skepticism comes as a challenge to the idea that children sometimes repress memories of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, but can regain those memories as adults through psychotherapy.

Many such cases have given rise to lawsuits and even criminal charges; Chicago's Roman Catholic Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, for example, is the defendant in a civil lawsuit over alleged sexual abuse filed by a man who says he recovered memories of abuse while in therapy.

The skeptical viewpoint is gaining some ground. The American Medical Association this year adopted a resolution saying that memory enhancement techniques in the area of childhood sexual abuse are "fraught with problems of potential misapplication."

But some people with recovered memories of abuse have been able to verify their suspicions. And some

experts who believe memories can be repressed say the skeptics are part of a backlash that doesn't want to admit the prevalence of abuse.

"I sure hope we don't let a bunch of accused perpetrators decide what public policy is going to be on memory repression," said Renee Frederickson, a St. Paul therapist and author of "Repressed Memories." She contends millions of people have buried memories of trauma or even entire childhoods.

The standard-bearer for the "false memory" movement is the Philadelphia-based False Memory Syndrome Foundation, made up of families who say they have been wrongly accused of abuse. Formed only last year, the group already claims 7,000 families as members.

The group was formed after parents seeking solace found patterns. Most accusers were women between 25 and 45 who had entered therapy for issues such as relationship problems, according to director Pamela Freyd. Confrontations with families were similar, and many daughters cited the "bible" of the incest-recovery movement, "The Courage to Heal" by Ellen Bass and Laura Davis.

"If you are unable to remember any specific instances ... but still have a feeling that something abusive happened to you, it probably did," the book says in a much-quoted passage.

Parents who protest their innocence say allegations of sexual abuse have put thousands of couples across the country in a Catch-22: If they deny it, they're "in denial." Either way, they effectively lose their children.

"The only defense we've got is to say, 'We didn't do this,'" said Terry Stone, mayor of the southern Minnesota town of Madelia, pop. 2,237.

One of his nine children accuses

Stone and his wife, Colette, of sexually abusing her from infancy through age 18; the daughter said she retrieved the memories after entering therapy. The therapist also concluded the other eight children were abused without talking to any of them, the Stones say.

The siblings deny any abuse, and the daughter who made the accusation has cut contact with the family. Though the Stones hope for reconciliation with their daughter, they are angry about the therapy.

But some contend that abuse is far more common than malpractice by therapists.

"There may be some excesses by therapists going on ... (but) a lot of people have been sexually abused," said Sherry Quirk, president of the American Coalition for Abuse Awareness in Washington, D.C.

The highly publicized case of James Porter, the former Roman Catholic priest who pleaded guilty to molesting dozens of children, provides a counterpoint to the "false memory" movement, some of Porter's victims say.

Frank Fitzpatrick, a private investigator in Cranston, R.I., had no memories of being molested until 1989. Then, with no therapy, images began appearing. Unlike many accusers, he was able to confirm the memories by tracking Porter's trail. (Porter even confirmed Fitzpatrick's recollection of a rum-laced mincemeat pie.)

"It's much more prevalent that sexual assault is covered up and hidden and never exposed," said Fitzpatrick, who says most of Porter's victims did not repress their memories.



At left, Renee Fredrickson, a psychologist and author, says millions of people have buried memories. At right, Elizabeth Carlson says psychotherapy produced in her false memories of childhood abuse.



Support Groups

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, as for Kimberly.

- VOICES, a support group for victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, and any other crime of indecency. For information call Rape Crisis/Victim Services at 263-3312.
- MONDAY
 - Al-A-Teen will meet at 7:30 p.m., 615 Shellen.
 - New Phoenix Hope group of Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 8:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
 - The Salvation Army will have a drug education program at 7 p.m. at the Salvation Army building, 308 Alford.
 - Turning Point A.A. will meet from 8-9 p.m. at St. Mary Episcopal Church, 10th & Goliad. This meeting is open to all substance abusers.
 - Dec. 20 - New Voice Club of Big Spring Area will have its Christmas party and meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. 3rd.
- TUESDAY
 - On the first Tuesday of each month a group called Support for MS and Related Diseases meets at 7 p.m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Public invited. For information call Leslie at 267-1069.
 - Adults Molested as Children will meet at 5:15-7 p.m. For information call the Rape Crisis/Victim Services at 263-3312.
 - 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.
 - Al-Anon will meet at 8 p.m., 615

Settles.

- Diabetic support group for all seniors. 2 p.m. at Canterbury south. For information call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child will meet the first Tuesday of each even-numbered month at 7:30 p.m. in room 113 of the Family Life Center Bldg., First Baptist Church, 705 W. March. Enter by the SE door. For information call 267-2769.
- Dec. 14 - Widows and widowers support meets at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church parlor. Sandwiches will be available.
- WEDNESDAY
 - Gambler's Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. For information call 263-8920.
- THURSDAY
 - The Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug abuse

is offering a community re-entry group meeting at noon, at 905 N. Benton. For information call 263-8920.

- Support Group for battered women will meet at 2:30 p.m. For information call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
- New Phoenix Hope group of Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 8:30 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.
- First Thursday of every month, cancer support group meets at 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Rice at 263-7361, ext. 7077 for information.
- FRIDAY
 - Turning Point A.A. will meet 8-9:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th & Goliad. This meeting is open to all substance abusers.

FIFI flight is ride of Dad's life

Robert McCully of San Antonio was a B-29 pilot during the Korean war. He flew the first night reconnaissance mission over North Korea on the 26th of June, 1950. He made 55 missions after that.



Tumbleweed Smith

Recently Robert got a surprise birthday present from his son Bob who lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

It all started a few years ago when Bob and his dad went to an air show in San Antonio. FIFI, the Confederate Air Force's B-29, was parked at the airport and a member of the CAF let Bob and his dad tour the aircraft.

"I saw the sparkle in Dad's eye come back," says Bob, "and the idea hatched in my head at that time."

That was back in 1989. It took four years and a lot of talking with CAF people to make that idea come alive.

"We got Dad a ride on the B-29 on the 40th anniversary of the last time he flew the plane," says Bob. "It was real coincidental the way it all fell into place. It also happened to be on his 70th birthday."

The day before the flight, a Sunday, Robert got a call from his son. Bob told his dad to go to the airport, pick up a prepaid ticket and fly to Tyler. Robert complied. When Bob met his dad at the Tyler airport, Robert still didn't know what in the world was going on.

They have a nice visit over dinner and even though Robert tried to find out the purpose of his sudden trip to East Texas, Bob kept his dad in suspense.

The next day, which was Robert's birthday, Bob gave his dad a CAF

flight suit, complete with wings. "Go ahead, put it on," urged Bob. His dad did just that. "Feels fine," said Robert. "It looks natural on you," said Bob.

Shortly after, they went to the airport in Longview, where an air show had taken place the weekend before. FIFI was there, getting ready to fly back to the CAF headquarters in Midland.

"Dad had no clue, he didn't know anything about what was happening," says Bob. "I kept it a secret until we walked up the ramp next to the B-29 and his face just went blank."

A crew member of the B-29 told Robert, "Why don't you just come along with us today? You're dressed for it, anyway."

"Dad's jaw dropped," says Bob. "He said he'd love to go, that it would just take him a second to get on board."

Robert looked like an excited young airman when the plane took off. He got an extra bonus. He flew the plane from Longview to Abilene.

"It's a little heavy on the controls," says Robert, "but it's a sweet flying baby, it'll do anything you want it to do."

Son Bob said he recalled seeing movies of his dad flying the B-29 during the Korean war days. "He had a particular stance in those movies and he instantaneously assumed that stance when he sat in the pilot's seat."

Everybody on the plane enjoyed a birthday cake prepared for the occasion.

"FIFI handled very nicely," Robert said later. "I enjoyed every minute of it." He told his son, "I flew a lot of missions today."

Bob and Robert flew their separate ways from Midland. But they had shared a meaningful experience. Bob said his dad has cancer and he wanted to do something special for his birthday.

Bob Lewis of Big Spring, also known as Tumbleweed Smith, is a speaker, broadcaster and journalist who produces literary sketches of people and places in Texas.

Dorothy found not guilty

By The Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — The verdict is in: Dorothy has been cleared of murder.

The Kansas wail from "The Wizard of Oz" was acquitted Thursday of murder in the water-soaking death of the Wicked Witch of the West. The judicial panel was a five-member jury of fourth-graders at Providence School.

"I was scared they were going to find me guilty," said Dorothy — portrayed by Molly Lynch — hugging a member of her defense team after the verdict was read.

If convicted, Dorothy could have been sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. The Scarecrow, Tin Woodsman and Cowardly Lion all testified. Toto wasn't charged.

Teacher Donna Schmidt said the mock trial was designed to help

pupils understand the legal system. Prosecutors portrayed Dorothy as a ruthless schemer sent on a murder mission by the Wizard of Oz as a condition for returning her to Kansas.

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Peace Corps volunteer named from Botswana

Jason Campbell of Big Spring has been named to the Peace Corps after spending two years in Botswana. Campbell is a graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in English and French in 1988.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, she will be an English teacher in a primary school in Botswana.

She has worked as a teacher, and has been involved in many activities, including coaching athletics, participating in fund raising activities and serving on several school clubs.

Oklahoma banker trends institute

Tim Jones, vice president and manager of the Oklahoma State Bank, will be the featured speaker at the Bank Operations Institute, which will be held at East Texas State University.

He will participate in the one-week program of classes for first-year students in October.

The institute, which offers first- and second-year classes, features instruction in various banking topics and will have guest speakers.

Tim Jones joins the Herald staff

Tim Jones recently joined the editorial staff of the Big Spring Herald as a writer covering government and business affairs. He replaced Patrick Driscoll, who joined the staff of the San Antonio Express-News.

He was born and raised in the Big Spring Valley in Edinburg. He played varsity football as well as being in the All-Region and All-State teams both junior and senior years. He has 100 college hours and is also a member of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He did his ship training at Austin State University in Austin and at White River Retreat in White River Lake.

He moved to Big Spring this May to be familiar with the community. He resided in Colorado City last year. During that time he worked for the law firm, Julian Hudgins Counseling Service, delivering counseling services to adult probationers in Tarrant and Mitchell counties. He most recently worked at Big Spring State before joining the Herald's staff. His first story covering this past Monday's county commission's discussion of the new jail was published in the Associated Press.

Cotton deficiency payments are up

An expected seasonal increase in cotton marketings and a slight increase in the average price received by farmers during the months of September and October helped to push the projected 1993 cotton deficiency payment up to 19.8 cents per pound according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers. The change reflects a trend that could help the final 1993 payment to rise above the 20 cent mark.

Helpful tips for holiday shoppers

- The Better Business Bureau offers the following tips to take the hassle out of holiday shopping, and help keep the good cheer from turning to frustration when the bills start to arrive.
- Set a specific, realistic budget. Figuring what you can afford to spend on all of your holiday shopping.
- Identify two to three alternative gift ideas for each person and calculate whether all those purchases will exceed your budget.
- Compare prices and shop carefully as you would throughout the year.
- Ask about refund and exchange policies. Save all receipts and hang tags.
- Pay by credit card, check or money order when buying through the mail and keep a record of your purchase including name and address of the company and date the order was placed.

• Be sure to order in plenty of time for the holidays by checking cut-off dates for delivery.

UNUSUAL OR UNIQUE OR TRENDY Perfect gift still available with only 7 days left

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

With less than a week of Christmas shopping left, several trends and some unique items are showing up in Christmas gift purchases.

Power Rangers and Little Tykes are two of Wal-Mart's most popular Christmas gifts for children, according to an assistant manager who asked not to be named. "We've sold out of racing car tracks too," he said.

However, nothing competes with Barney the purple dinosaur's ability to move off store shelves faster than he can be restocked. "Anything associated with Barney is a big seller," said the manager. "When we lowered the price on Barney recently, it was like a purple flash, they flew out of here so fast."

The manager said items such as Barney cannot be re-ordered on demand. "Our buyers send these items to us at their discretion," he explained. "We'd love to be able to re-order at the customer's request, but we just can't."

Cologne gift sets, particularly the Stetson and Lady Stetson fragrances, are a major seller at Wal-Mart for adults' Christmas gifts.

Other popular presents for grownups include TVs and VCRs, wind suits for men and for those who apparently wish to work off holiday poundage, treadmills and weight sets.

For the more unusual shopper or gift recipient, Stagecoach Gifts in Sand Springs is the destination of choice. Owner Jason Campbell said three-dimensional pictures are a hot item for Christmas gifts.

"We sell a lot of gag gifts too," said Campbell. Another popular item is an oil timer, a tube filled with colored oil which functions similarly to an hourglass.

And just when you thought the 1970s were safely behind you, lava lamps, glitter lamps and other novelty items of old have made a comeback.

"They're more modern now, in fluorescent and neon colors," said Campbell. "You can even get them with the lamp and the lava color coordinated."

Looking for a gift that's practical and unusual at the same time? First National Bank's Texas Scratch Pads are selling well, as they always do at Christmas.

Head teller Sandra Henderson said the bank began offering the scratch pads back in the 1950s or



Stagecoach Gifts owner Jason Campbell holds a Barney and Baby Bop toys as novelty items, like oil timers and lava lamps, sit on the counter in front of him. The novelty items are usually popular as Christmas gifts, with three-dimensional pictures currently the hot item.

1960s. "You can get any denomination of new bills, in any number, and we put a front and back cover on it and glue it together," she explained.

Tricky gift givers often request pads with bills arranged in a way that will fool the recipient, such as stacks of one-dollar bills on top of 50-dollar bills or vice versa.

"That way, people think it's all one type of bill and get surprised when they look partway down the stack and see the others," said Henderson.

A service charge of 50 cents is added to the cost of each pad and pads need to be ordered at least a day in advance. "They're very popular," said Henderson. "I can't even count how many we do. At least 20 went out the other day."

First National Bank is the only local source for the pads and occasionally receives requests from other banks to prepare them, Henderson said.

Freddie Watt, owner of Gifts, Etc. in the Big Spring Mall, said Precious Moments figurines and

coffee mugs are among the most popular Christmas gifts. However, plastic gift boxes of candy are his store's biggest seller at the moment.

"Another big seller as a stocking stuffer are Lazy Laces," said Watt. Lazy Laces are shoelaces made of surgical tubing that can turn laced shoes into slip-ons.

Remember, only a few days remain to buy Barney dolls, lava lamps and Lazy Laces for that special someone!

Common ATM sense makes for safe use

Thomson News Service

Automatic teller machines are a way of life for many people, but a few safety precautions can prevent their use from turning into a costly or scary experience.

The chances of getting robbed or mugged at an ATM are slim, but risks are higher this time of year because of earlier nightfall, extended Christmas shopping and holiday parties.

Yet people rush so much during the holiday crunch, they may forget ordinary safety precautions when using the machines.

Last week Jim Roberts went to get cash at a bank machine in Norwalk, Conn. Roberts could not insert his bank card. The screen asked if he wanted to make another transaction. He punched no and someone else's card popped out. Luckily, he found the owner of the card in the bank's parking lot.

Carelessness — like leaving your card in the machine — can also lead to theft when using ATMs, warned the New York Switch Corp., the largest electronic funds transfer network in the Northeast.

Customers can minimize their chances of becoming crime victims by being alert to their surroundings, said Gary Roboff, president and chief executive officer of New York Switch.

People also need to be alert when they leave an ATM location, police said, because most such robberies occur outside the bank building. All bank machine locations have security cameras, but few parking lots do. "I never use machines that are in walk-up locations or those that aren't well-lit," said Bob Sembiante of Stratford, Conn.

Sembiante was at an ATM inside People's Bank in downtown Bridgeport, Conn. He does most of his banking by machine and prefers ones located inside bank lobbies.

"I'm always aware of people

around me when I'm using them," said John DePledge of Fairfield, Conn.

The association also recommended that people stand directly in front of the machine so nobody can read personal ID and other numbers over their shoulders.

Aware of security concerns, People's Bank of Bridgeport plans to install mirrors by most of their machines soon so people can see who is located nearby, said Tom Legen, first vice president of corporate services.

"That way, they can see where others are looking," Legen said.

Memorize your PIN (personal identification number used to access your account) and don't give it to anyone, said frequent ATM user John Roche of Cheshire, who was using the People's machine in downtown Bridgeport.

"I use the ATM mainly for cash withdrawals. My wife doesn't even know my PIN," Roche said.

Hold onto receipts to check your balances, said Ihor Pendakiwskyj of Shelton, Conn.

"That's why our machine asks if people want a receipt. If they don't, they should punch in 'no,'" Legen said.

Always put the cash in your wallet or purse before leaving the machine, said Sue Rubano of Bridgeport, another ATM user at People's in Bridgeport.

Other safety tips:

- Have someone with you when using an ATM after dark.
- Have your card handy as you approach the machine.
- Fill out forms before reaching the machine.
- Cancel your transaction and return later if you spot someone suspicious.
- Report a lost or stolen card to your financial institution and police.



A lonely aisle

The toy-gun aisle at a Toys-R-Us store in New York is quiet on Wednesday but the rest of the store was bedlam with parents hovering over the latest doll, video game or toy truck. Toy guns account for less than 3 percent of the \$17 billion spent on toys in the United States last year and kids in the New York area are less likely to ask for toy guns for Christmas than kids from the South and Southwest, according to a researcher.

Competition making credit card offers better

Thomson News Service

Thousands of banks and credit unions are inundating consumers with offers of cards featuring low rates, no annual fees or other perks.

But before you throw them out like Greenwich, Conn., resident Sylvia Sikouris does — "They're just too confusing," she says — separate the bona fide bargains from the hype.

Fierce competition and lower interest rates have made many offers almost too good to chuck. "Consumers are in the driver's seat when it comes to making credit

card choices," said Robert McKinley, president of Ram Research, a firm based in Frederick, Md., that tracks the industry.

The card that's right for you depends on your spending or charging habits. Seventy-one percent of all cardholders nationwide carry a balance from one month to the next. These cardholders carry an average monthly balance of \$1,700 and charge \$200 each month, according to Ram Research.

People with high monthly balances should seek the lowest rate. People who pay off their balances in full would do better to seek a no or low

Deregulation could mean higher bills

Thomson News Service

WASHINGTON — People who heat their homes with natural gas may have higher bills this winter because of the government's efforts to strengthen the industry.

The General Accounting Office, in a recent report, said people who heat their homes with natural gas may find their winter heating bills jump by \$21.50 to \$84 as a result of deregulation.

Before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued its hotly debated Order 636, pipeline companies both transported and sold natural gas to local distribution companies. But no more.

To promote competition, the FERC ruled that as of Nov. 1 distribution companies can purchase natural gas directly from producers. Pipeline companies are limited to transporting the fuel.

Resulting changes in rate structures are expected to raise the cost of heating bills this winter.

"There will be some increase in gas bills, and any benefits from the deregulation won't come until later," said Dan Johnston of Ohio's Public Utilities Commission.

The state's Office of Consumer Council, in a preliminary study, found that Ohio consumers of natural gas would pay \$4 million more when Ohio pipelines pass on the costs of deregulation to its customers.

These include the cost of closing out current contracts, abandoning equipment and storage facilities and purchasing new equipment for their new roles.

The FERC has received nearly 80 applications from pipeline companies that want permission to pass along these costs. The pipelines are already passing on their costs with the understanding that they'll have to refund them if the FERC disapproves their petitions, which is considered unlikely.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission warned its customers this week to expect higher gas bills.

The utility commission urged consumers to make their homes more energy efficient to combat bills predicted to jump up to 19 percent in some Pennsylvania households.

The GAO report, requested by members of Congress concerned about Order 636's impact on consumers, criticized the FERC for underestimating the initial transition

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Important ag program planned for Thursday

An important program affecting agricultural producers in our area will be offered in Grady on Thursday, Dec. 2 concerning recent notification to producers about compliance with SCS FSA plans.

Most producers feel an extension to the deadline is necessary for them and the loss of such income generated by the FSA programs could pose a severe economic loss to the area. This program begins at 2 p.m. and will be to hear concerns from local producers about these programs.

A panel will hear these concerns and will be composed of congressional aides from Congressmen Charles Stenholm, Larry Combest and Sen. Phil Gramm's offices. Primarily affected in this area are Dawson, Martin and Howard Counties. Businessmen, bankers, and others with economic ties to agriculture are invited to this important meeting in Grady.

The third annual West Texas Ag Expo will be in Big Spring, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7 and 8, 1994. This column will be devoted to it for the next several weeks highlighting some of the features to expect at this year's event. Some of the special events and people are still on hold but a lot of the program is now firm.

Among some of the educational programs that will be spotlighted at this year's Expo will be centered around livestock production. Horses will have a big part of this year's educational program for such enthusiasts. Dr. Doug Householder, from Texas A&M, will be a feature speaker this year.

He will discuss the care and management of pleasure and performance horses. Householder is one of the country's foremost horse authorities and is called upon across the nation for presentations. He last appeared in Big Spring at the 1992 Ag Expo and his presentation was one of the most popular programs and was followed by many requests to return.

Another special horse related program will feature a freeze branding program by a specialist in that area from Houston. Horse owners may have their animals branded by this method on that date by calling this office and scheduling their animals for this service. A \$20 charge for this will be made and most brands can be developed from the instruments she will have on hand.

Other than the service charge, horse owners must furnish proof of brand registration from the County Clerk's office in the county the owner resides in. In Howard County, the clerk's office is located on the



Don Richardson

first floor of the county courthouse and there is a \$5 charge for each brand location registration. All brands must be individual and not like any other previously registered in the county from which it is filed in. Famous brands like the 6666 and the King Ranch's Running W are filed in each county in Texas to protect its identity.

With the current high market value of horses, horse theft is on the rise and horse owners are urged to take precautions against such losses. Texas and Southwestern Cattlemen's Association Area Field Inspector Don Bailey, and Howard County Deputy Barney Edens will be on hand to discuss ways livestock owners can utilize to help prevent losses from theft of livestock and related properties.

Beef cattle will also be highlighted. Robin Richards, Texas Beef Industry Council from Austin, will be here to give an update on the Beef Checkoff program. Lucille Sterling has been invited to give an update on the National Cattlemen's Association Activities in promoting Beef. Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension Livestock Specialist from Stephenville and Houston Livestock Show Steer Superintendent, will present a presentation on current trends and updates in the livestock show business. A special presentation will feature the importance of beef in today's health conscious American diets by former Big Spring, Dr. Mary (Mickie) Kinney Bielamowicz, Extension Nutritionist from Texas A&M.

And to round out the livestock programs, a special presentation on ostrich and emu production has been tentatively scheduled as has a program on the rapidly developing meat goat industry in West Texas featuring the Boer Goat importations from New Zealand.

Next week's article will feature programs related to the vital cotton industry in West Texas and Horticulture. In the meantime begin making plans to attend this annual event in Big Spring and be prepared to meet and hear such State leaders as Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Rick Perry.

Don Richardson is county extension agent for Howard County.



Personal touch

Target store assistant manager Darnell White demonstrates the use of a price scanner set up for customer use in San Angelo. The device will help shoppers check for the correct price on unmarked or sale items.

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costs. The FERC's estimate of \$800 million was short by \$400 million, the GAO said.

The GAO also said that rate changes under FERC Order 636 would help large commercial users of natural gas at the expense of residential customers and small businesses.

Small consumers could face rate increases of up to 9 percent, and industrial and utility users could experience rate decreases of as much as 28 percent, the GAO said.

The GAO also predicted that the price of natural gas at the wellhead would continue to rise — by more than \$1 billion a year — under Order 636 as the industry is deregulated.

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accounts the cardholder has and the card's maximum limit.

About 29 percent of all cardholders pay off monthly charges in full. Those cardholders should choose a credit card with a low annual fee, as interest rates don't apply, McKinley said.

Sikoutris, who has one major credit card and five retail cards, doesn't pay an annual fee on her VISA. Interest rates don't matter, because she pays off her charges every month.

She was lured to the retail cards when stores offered her extra discounts on purchases if she signed up immediately.

But store cards usually carry stiff interest rates of 18 percent and higher, "so if you don't pay off your bills in full each month, they're not worth it," McKinley said.

The average cardholder has four to five credit cards, but industry experts said fewer are probably necessary.

Cardholders are advised to have only two cards, one they pay off in full each month and another with a low interest rate, for purchases they pay over a longer period of time.

The FERC has defended its action.

"(Order 636) sets the stage for a robust, expanding industry that will serve our nation well in the years to come," FERC Chairman Elizabeth Moler said.

Moler said the environmental benefits of strengthening the natural gas industry justified whatever impact 636 might have on consumers. She also insisted that consumers would be "legally responsible" for most of the pipelines' transition costs anyway and that Order 636 merely speeds the process.

"It's like paying your mortgage off early. You pay a lot more than you would have otherwise but your payments end quicker," a spokesman for Moler said.

McKinley advised people who have business expenses to use a third credit card exclusively for those charges.

Every credit card application explains how interest charges are computed, an important factor often ignored by consumers.

'Nutcracker', football great draws to town

I thought "The Nutcracker" was great! It looked really good to see the Municipal Auditorium packed to the gills, and a major part of the crowd was from out of town. A lot of them had been invited by local friends and relatives. Big congratulations to Gloria Hopkins and the Cultural Affairs Committee on an outstanding success.

Congratulations also go to Ray Kennedy and the Athletic Committee, who hosted the Six Man Football State Playoff. Here again, a major part of the crowd had nothing to do with either school, just wanted to see some six man football, and figured that seeing the two top teams was the time to do it. It was very interesting! This makes three football playoffs and one volleyball playoff, and each has been felt in our economy. True, they live close, and not many end up in our motels, but it is still good revenue to the community.

There was a big crowd at the football game, and the merchants and restaurants in particular said they were roaming around town all day. This was particularly evidenced by seeing all the cars painted up and people in the stores wearing shirts supporting the teams. There were also a lot of people in evidence that came in for the Ballet, and the big crowd that was out at the high school for basketball, as well. We weren't involved in that, but congratulations are due to them as well.

Finally, while we are passing out congratulations, the Symphony Guild did a great job with the home tour. The homes that were opened were beautiful, and I applaud the owners for the hard work that went into doing it. Here again, I met a number of folks that were from out of town, and were attending, generally with friends or relatives.

I am receiving lots of comments on people that want to know what the chamber can do about lowering gas prices. I've been in communities before where this situation exists, and there is not much the chamber can do about it.

It is a supply and demand issue



Terry Burns

and the public is the only one that can effect it.

However, I am very disappointed that so many people are jumping our Fina friends about it. The refinery price for gas is less here than most of their other markets.

Attacking our largest employer and, even more important, their employees, when they are not contributing to the problem is very unfair.

We are a very small part of Fina's market, but we are the big benefactor of their jobs and of all of the money that they give to all of the important causes in the community. We are seriously biting the hand that feeds us, and folks, that just doesn't make any sense.

The selection committee for the Man and the Woman of the Year will be meeting soon. If you have someone in mind that you think is deserving of this award, please send a short written nomination to the Chamber office outlining why you think that they are deserving. A resume' on the person would be useful, but is not required. It is not required that the potential recipient be a member of the Chamber, but the nominator must be.

This award process has been a very important tool in the recognition of those who have contributed so much to our community. However, the recognition process can be no better than the quality of the nominations received, so if there is someone you think needs to be nominated, don't leave it to someone else, get that name to us, and please do it today!

Terry Burns is executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



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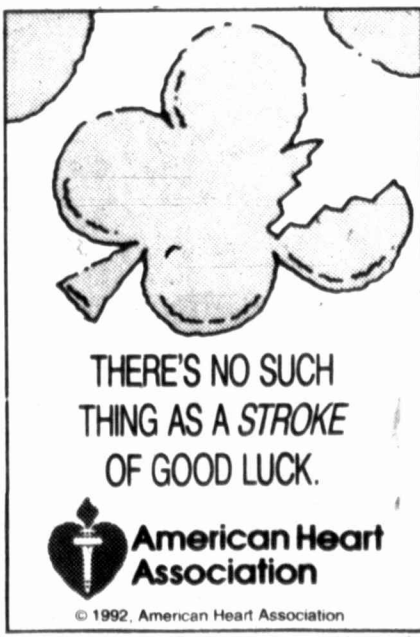
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118th DISTRICT COURT FILINGS
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State of Texas vs. Felix Olivas, other.
State of Texas vs. Richard Martinez Alcantar, other.
Sherry Rae Harrington vs. David Arlen Harrington, divorce.
George Alan Miller vs. Catherine Renee Miller, divorce.
Christlan Dawn Grove vs. Kevin Patrick Grove, divorce.
Sherry Diane Jacobs vs. Gus Wayne Jacobs, Jr., divorce.
Andrew Jackson Pirkle vs. Deborah Sue Pirkle, divorce.
Kevin Lane Sampson vs. Jennifer Tilley Sampson, divorce.
Dorothy Green vs. John Paul Anderson, injuries, damage of motor vehicles.
Jackie Don Murley vs. Janet Lee Murley, divorce.
Ines Javier Velasquez vs. Lillian Trevino Dominguez, injuries, damage of motor vehicles.
Carla Jean Dawdy vs. Jody Dawdy, divorce.
Debra Ann Cline vs. Gregory Milton Cline, divorce.
Cindy Churchwell vs. Rickey White, family.
Janie M Ortiz vs. Adolfo L. Franco, family.
Debbie Thomas vs. Robert H. Thomas, family.
Irma Cervantes vs. Raul Cervantes, divorce.
Sharnette L. Browley vs. Jesse Smith, family.
Nancy Brehm vs. Dennis Brehm; family.

118TH DISTRICT COURT RULING:
Albert D. Resendez vs Elva V. Chavera; order dismissing with prejudice.
Cloressa J. Barboza Reyes & Adam Reyes; order transferring suit.
Sara Ceballos, ind. & as next friend of Jose Ceballos, a minor vs Randall, ind. and dba Sandra Gale Apartments & Sandra Gale Apartments; judgment.
Melanie Miller & Gary Miller; order of dismissal.
Loyal S. Boyles vs The Franklin Life Insurance Co.; order of dismissal.

City Bits
tell that special person hello, happy birthday, etc., or make a personal announcement



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EQUIPMENT - 2-12 Row Gung Hoes, 18 Ft. Schaffer 8-Sel Disc, 5 Bottom Switch Plov, 8 row Complete Set of Equipment, Boat & Motor, 2-12 Row Planters 2 in 2 out, JD 4 Bottom, Int. #146 Breaking Plov Slated, 13 Row Lister Folding Bar, 12 Row SS Crop Sides, 2-12 Row 4x4 Cults, Ford Cult, 14' Tandem, 15 Shank Hoeme, 4-Bottom JD #4200 Plov Slated, 30' Springtooth, 12 Bureason Knife 4x4 Folding Bar, 21' Charlie Farley Government Stock Trailer, 8 Round Bale Trailer, 8 Cotton Trailer
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Make plans to attend a meeting in which your community's concerns will be aired to officials from the following representatives:

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm
U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson
U.S. Representative Larry Combest
U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm

**When: Wednesday
December 22, 1993
2:00 P.M.**

Where: Grady High School Auditorium
(this is located in the center of Martin County at the intersection of State Highway 829 and State Highway 176)

Who needs to come: YOU, your friends, your family, your employees, your landlords and business associates in your community. ANYONE!

Friends, this problem concerns all in your community as it will adversely effect their lives and their children's lives.

Make Plans to attend NOW!

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Now's the time to make the move toward cutting taxes

STEVEN M. PRYE
Srips Howard News Service

If you've been a little too jolly in your holiday spending, and the sweet tinkle of Christmas bells is now being drowned out by the approaching and inevitable roar of Christmas bills, take heart:

There are still some steps you can take before Jan. 1 to cut your tax bill for '93 and soften the snarl of the IRS'... Infernal Revenue Scrooge.

This year's big tax bill, the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, is bound to turn Christmas glee into New Year's gloom for many taxpayers. The bill is the fourth major tax law change in eight years and the second in the same period to both raise income tax rates and trim deductions.

The bill raises top rates from 31 percent to 36 percent for singles with taxable incomes of more than \$115,000 and married couples with incomes exceeding \$140,000 (and to 39.6 percent for households with incomes over \$250,000).

The 15-, 28- and 31-percent brackets have been adjusted for inflation, but are not otherwise affected by the new law.

What makes this bill especially naughty and not so nice is that it makes these tax increases retroactive to last Jan. 1, greatly diminishing the effectiveness of the old strategy of shifting income and deductions between '93 and '94, since the new rates apply fully in both years.

If you're making more than \$135,000 annually, you can save a bit on the boost in the Medicare tax (1.45 percent for employees, 2.9 percent for the self-employed) by pulling some of next year's income into '93, since the tax now stops at \$135,000; but, as of Jan. 1, will

apply to all income.

The merriest deduction of all is the Santa Claus deduction, through which it literally pays to give. Giving a "Christmas bonus" to your church, alma mater or favorite charity before Jan. 1 gets you a deduction on your '93 return, assuming you itemize.

You can also reduce your potential estate tax bill by taking advantage of the gift tax annual exclusion, which allows you to give up to \$10,000 each to any number of people without being liable for gift tax.

If you're short on cash, you can also give property to charity — old clothing, furniture, gold rings (no French hens, geese or partridges, please!) and all those rotten presents from past Christmases you were too embarrassed to return.

Do your spring cleaning now. Clean out your closets and garage and give all that junk away. Un-deck your halls from mounds of clutter and get some write-offs.

If you donate appreciated stock or mutual funds shares you've owned more than a year, you can deduct the full value and avoid a capital gains tax on the profits accumulated while you owned the securities. The new tax law allows a bit of a break here by providing that such a donation will no longer trigger the dreaded alternative minimum tax.

If the stock, however, has declined in value, sell it first and then donate the proceeds to charity, thereby reaping a double benefit of both a charitable deduction and a capital loss. You would forfeit the latter if you simply donated the stock.

For that matter, if you sell by year end any stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that have declined in value, you can use the loss to offset '93 capital gains plus as much as

\$3,000 of ordinary income. In the 28 percent bracket, the maximum deduction would save you \$840.

You can get additional deductions for '93 by paying before Jan. 1 some early '94 obligations, such as your fourth quarter estimated state and local income tax, the January mortgage payment and property taxes for which you've been billed.

A check dated and mailed on or before Dec. 31 is deductible in '93 even if it isn't cashed until '94.

The tax code contains several Grinches that annually steal your tax deductions. The major Grinch is the percentage thresholds or floors of adjusted gross income (AGI) that you have to reach before you can deduct certain expenses. These often wipe out the deductions entirely.

For miscellaneous expenses, which include items such as union dues, work clothes and professional journal subscriptions, there is a 2 percent floor. For medical and dental expenses there is much stiffer 7.5 percent floor.

You can battle these Grinchies by bunching two years of expenses into the year that harbors the greater advantage. For example, if you know that next year you will have substantial unreimbursed medical expenses, you might hold off paying some currently outstanding medical or dental bills until Jan. 1 so those expenses can be used to increase the deduction available for '94 instead of being wasted in '93.

And the self-employed can get a deduction for a new Keogh plan only if it's opened before the end of the year, unlike an IRA which can be put off until April 15.

Steven M. Prye, a tax and estates attorney practicing in New York, writes on estate matters for *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis. He holds a B.A. from Yale, a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an L.L.M. from New York University.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BID 88-323
Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:
DENTAL TRACK LIGHTS
Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Services, Big Spring 79720, (915) 264-5175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on January 20, 1994 at which time they will be opened in the office of the Vice-President for Administrative Services and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Sirewell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
8604 December 12 & 19, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER
A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
THE BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER IS SEEKING BIDDERS FOR FOOD SERVICE ITEMS TO BE USED BY THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER. ALL INTERESTED VENDORS NEED TO REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE PURCHASING OFFICE OF THE BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER, LOCATED IN THE MAIN OFFICE CENTRE, 610 MAIN STREET, SUITE D, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AND FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL LEONARD HADLEY, PURCHASING MANAGER, BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER AT 264-9511.
8607 DECEMBER 12 & 19, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. O.H. Ivie, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 21, 1993, for the furnishings of the following items:
Microwave System Equipment Purchase
At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P. O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone (915) 267-6341, and the office of Freese and Nichols, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109-4895, Telephone (817) 735-7300. Inquiries regarding equipment specifications are to be directed to Chris Winger, telephone 915-267-6341. Specifications may be procured from Donna Fowler of Freese and Nichols, Inc., at the above address. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder(s) by issuing a Purchase Order within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within one hundred twenty (120) days after date on which bids are opened.
COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
O.H. Ivie, General Manager
8599 December 5 & 19, 1993

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1992 Nissan PU - Blue metallic, chrome package, air, 5 speed, cassette, local one owner, 31,000 miles. X-mas Sale Price \$8,950
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PUBLIC NOTICE BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AND BY VIRTUE OF A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIDTEX DETENTIONS, INC., SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1993, FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAFETERIA FOOD FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1994, THROUGH MARCH 31, 1994. BIDS ARE TO BE OPENED AND READ ALOUD IN THE BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER PURCHASING OFFICE, 610 MAIN STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, WITH AWARD TO BE MADE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL. BID INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING MANAGER, BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER, 610 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 3470, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79721. ALL BIDS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DATE OF BID AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BID ITEM(S). THE CITY OF BIG SPRING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO AVOID ANY OR ALL FORMALITIES. 8606 DECEMBER 12 & 19, 1993

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