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## Special election Tuesday for Big Spring senator

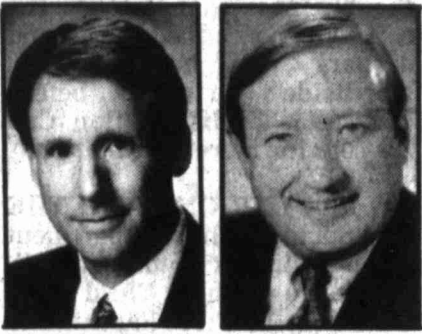
By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Capping what has amounted to a 90-day sprint between Republican Robert Duncan and Democrat David Langston, voters will go to the polls Tuesday to choose the next state senator from District 28.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for voting. A total of 1,022 Howard County voters cast early ballots last week and another 124 had voted by mail as of 5 p.m. Friday.

The election could be an historic one in that a Duncan win would give the Republicans control of the senate for the first time since Reconstruction.

Duncan and Langston finished one-two in a seven-man field to fill the seat vacated



**DUNCAN LANGSTON**  
when John T. Montford resigned to become the first chancellor ever of the Texas Tech University System in September.

Duncan, who resigned his state representative's seat to seek the post, received 40,437

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### SPECIAL ELECTION POLLING PLACES

PRECINCT NO.	VOTING LOCATION
101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112	North Side Fire Sta.
202, 203, 204, 205	Goliad Middle School
207, 407, 408, 409	Coahoma Community Ctr.
208, 304	Elbow School
301, 302, 303, 305, 306	18th & Main Fire Station
401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 410	11th & Birdwell Fire Sta.

Questions about where to vote? Call County Clerk Margaret Ray at 264-2213 or the Big Spring Herald switchboard at 263-7331.

## TxDOT public meeting Wednesday offers chance to pitch local corridor

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will get the chance to show just how important U.S. Highway 87 is and the economic impact continued traffic has on the area at 7 p.m. Wednesday during the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The meeting will focus on Phase 2 of the Interstate 27 study. The study, conducted by HDR Engineering of Dallas, has shown that three corridors through the region would better serve the needs of the motoring public than an interstate highway.

TxDOT has also scheduled three other meetings in the region (Odessa, San Angelo and Snyder) to discuss the concerns of those communities as well.

Phase 2 includes a \$1.5 million study to determine what if any improvements should be made to the three proposed routes, making them four-lane divided highways.

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# 'A West Texas Christmas'

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Thousands of Big Spring and Howard County residents lined Gregg Street Saturday afternoon as the Big Spring Herald's 10th Community Christmas Parade kicked off the local Christmas season.

The 70-unit parade, biggest in community history, included 17 floats entered in the lighted category and

stretched 17 blocks from front to rear — where jolly old Saint Nick himself, Santa Claus, made his official arrival in the city.

Dr. P.W. Malone, long-time city leader and philanthropist, served as Grand Marshall of the parade.

As the parade headed north on Gregg Street, there were squeals of delight from the many youngsters who enjoyed the parade.

Led by the Honor Guard of the Big Spring Police Department, the parade

followed Gregg Street to Sixth, where it swung to the east, then to Main Street where it again turned north.

Parade winners included the United Girls Softball Association in the lighted category, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in church/school, Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501 in civic and Western Container in commercial/manufacturing.

Following the parade, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Trail of Lights celebration got under way with

the lighting of the 25-foot tall community Christmas tree on the Howard County Courthouse lawn.

Other activities in the downtown area included a number of food booths, the lighted Pocket Park directly to the east of the Courthouse and the Christmas Tree Forest at the corner of 3rd and Runnels.

The Christmas Tree Forest serves as a way for the Trail of Lights to provide Christmas cheer to children in the community who might not otherwise

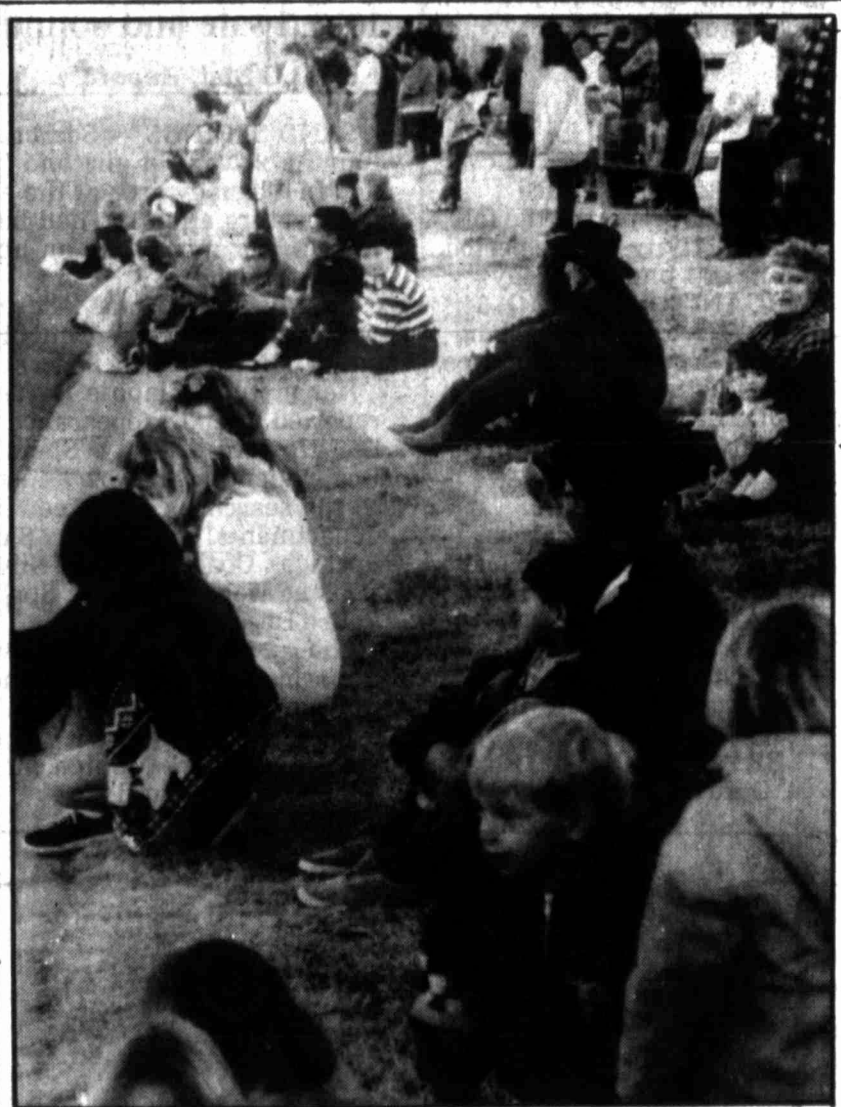
have a Christmas.

Designed to support 25 children, the project will provide Christmas for 84 children in the community.

The Christmas Tree Forest will be open from 1-5 p.m. today and nightly through Friday.

As activities continued around the Courthouse and Pocket Park, First United Methodist Church's 10th Living Christmas Tree began at 7:30 p.m.

The second of two performances is scheduled for 7:30 tonight.



Parade-goers line Gregg Street Saturday in anticipation of the Community Christmas Parade.



The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department truck brought oohs and aahs from the crowd.



Eva Canter (left) and Clara Justice on the WT Ranch, one of the 70 entries in the 10th Herald Community Christmas parade Saturday.

### PARADE WINNERS

- LIGHTED:**
1. United Girls Softball Association
  2. U.S. Postal Service
  3. Trail of Lights

- CHURCH/SCHOOL:**
1. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
  2. First Nazarene Church
  3. Dance Gallery

- CIVIC:**
1. Boy Scout Troop 25/Cub Scout Pack 501
  2. Rainbow Girls
  3. Disabled American Veterans

- COMMERCIAL/ MANUFACTURING:**
1. Western Container
  2. No Step Ranch
  3. (tie) HEB and Taco Bell

## Christopher sentencing continues Monday

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

After 17 months of legal diversions, Friday was the day Big Spring resident Charles Christopher was scheduled to be sentenced in a Providence, R.I., federal court for his July 1995 conviction on 11 counts of wire fraud and 10 counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods.



CHRISTOPHER

The sentencing did not conclude Friday, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Connel and will resume at 9 a.m. local time Monday.

Sentencing began at 8:30 a.m. local time Friday, with attorneys for both sides attempting to persuade Senior U.S. District Judge Frances Boyles' sentencing of Christopher through presentence investigation reports which will take into account Christopher's background and severity of the offenses for

which he was convicted. Connel said most of the day was wrapped up in testimony.

A snow storm may have been a prelude of the day's activity as sentencing was in session all day Friday and most of the courthouse's employees were sent home early because of the severity of the storm.

Friday's scheduled sentencing was the ninth time Christopher has been slated for sentencing since his conviction.

Christopher was convicted in July 1995 for his part in

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

65 ▲ Highs 35  
Lows ▼

Today: Sunny with a high in the mid-60s. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Monday: Fair and clear with highs in the lower 70s. Lows around 40.  
Extended outlook: Tuesday and Wednesday, fair and dry. Highs expected to reach mid 70s while the lows will be near 40. By Thursday, temperatures could reach upper 70s days and upper 40s nights.

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OBITUARIES

Margie Alies Bell

Margie Alies Bell, 96, of Lake Jackson and formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996 in Lake Jackson.

Service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing.

Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Proud Citizens corner ...

There's an old saying - "Cream always rises to the top." When I started this project to clean and beautify our city, I pleaded with the good people in this town to make their light shine and show the world that Big Spring can be that city on a hill that truly loves God and cares for others.

I'm proud to say I'm proud of this Proud Community. POLLY ST. CLAIR

This space provided as a community service by your Big Spring Herald.

VA Medical Center on fourth floor. Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, coffee and social hour, 10:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m., Tumbleweed Room at Howard College. Note-December meeting is today instead of next Monday.

TUESDAY Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center. Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane.

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

Following a presentation by TxDOT and HDR Engineering officials, local officials and residents will break off into six work groups to discuss transportation issues in West Texas.

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older. Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

IN BRIEF IF YOUR HOME OR business has been decorated for the Christmas holidays, please send in your address to the Big Spring Herald.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN certified through Nov. 30 may pick up their commodities through the West Texas Opportunities, Inc. emergency food assistance program.

CHRISTOPHER

Continued from Page 1 defrauding American Universal Insurance Co. of Providence, R.I., and Diamond Benefits Life Insurance Co. of Arizona and faces a possible 155 years in prison and \$60 million in fines.

ELECTION

Continued from Page 1 votes, or 31.67 percent, while Langston, who resigned as Lubbock mayor to run, got 30,352 votes, or 23.78 percent.

ON THE RUN

THE SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL Tree project continues with many angels left to be adopted

Trees are located at Wal-Mart Supercenter, Big Spring Mall, Al and Son's Barbecue, Cosden Federal Credit Union, Taco Bell and Scenic Mountain Medical Center. There is a tree for elderly residents set up at La Vair's D'Elegance Coiffures Beauty Salon as well.

THE BIG SPRING STATE Hospital Volunteer Services Council is hosting the annual Carol of Lights at the BSSH Activity Therapy Building at 6 p.m. Monday.

TCA CABLE TV OF Big Spring is sponsoring a canned food drive for the Salvation Army to gather food for needy residents from Nov. 18 to Dec. 20.

CELLULAR ONE IS SPONSORING

CELLULAR ONE AND THE Big Spring Police Department are joining forces to keep children safe with a Child Find Saturday, Dec. 14. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to Cellular One, 501 Birdwell, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 1 p.m. Saturday: JUANITO F. RUBIO, 34, 402 N.W. 9th, arrested for no driver's license, no insurance, no seat belt.

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 5,16,28,32,42,43 PICK 3: 3,2,9

for the Northside Community Center. If you bring in 10 canned goods, the \$35 activation fee is waived for new customers.

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THE BIG SPRING GOSPEL Opry is Friday at the Howard College Auditorium. The event starts at 7 p.m. and there will be a special Christmas program.

THE SANDS CISD ELEMENTARY, middle school and high school choirs will present the annual Christmas program today at 2 p.m. at the Sands CISD school auditorium.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE will be training volunteers interested in assisting with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program next year.

EDITOR'S NOTE - A new state law prohibits the release of names of persons involved in traffic accidents as well as the names of those who might have received citations in regards to the accident.

Missing 2-year-old found safe and sound

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INVESTIGATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES reported in the 300 block of N. 87, 1200 block of East 18th, 900 block of Johnson, 800 block of Douglas, 1000 block of North Main, 1700 block of Meadows, 1500 block of Wood, 1500 W. 3rd, 1200 E. 11th, Kentwood Addition and Comanche Trail Park.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 1 p.m. Saturday: CHERYL ANN BROWN, 41, 4402 Elder Rd., violation of probation for DWI from Taylor County. Released on \$1,000 bail.

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# Stepmother of 4-year-old charged in 35-year-old case

CONROE (AP) — The stepmother of a 4-year-old girl whose 1961 death was once attributed to pneumonia is now accused of kicking the child to death.

Mary Morgan, 56, was arrested by police in Splendora, Texas on an Illinois warrant Friday, one day after St. Clair County authorities examined Michele LeAnn Morgan's exhumed remains.

The investigation was reopened after Michele's brother, who was 8 at the time of her death, claimed last year he saw his sister bounce "like a rag doll" as their stepmother stamped on her stomach Aug. 9, 1961. The girl later threw up blood clots, he said.

Mrs. Morgan was being held on \$1 million bond on a first-degree murder charge in the Montgomery County, Texas, Jail, said Splendora Police Chief Bob Gonzalez. She has been living in West Columbia, Texas.

Gonzalez said he pulled over the van carrying Mrs. Morgan and her husband after being alerted by a Houston television news crew that had been following the couple since they left their home Friday morning.

West Columbia Police Chief Don Fairrel said officers had gone earlier Friday to arrest Mrs. Morgan on a murder warrant out of Illinois but that no one was home.

"We learned that they had left about 30 minutes before we got there with a news crew behind them," Fairrel said. Gonzalez said a van from KTRK-TV in Houston had followed the Morgans for more than 40 miles from West Columbia.

Doug Tisdale of KTRK-TV said a reporter and cameraman from his station wanted to interview the couple. "As we got there, we saw them loading up their car and pull out," Tisdale said, adding that the station's crew then decided to follow them.

Along the way, Tisdale said his station learned from KDNL-TV in St. Louis, which also was working on the story, that charges had been filed against Mrs. Morgan.

"(The reporter) saw a Splendora police department cop and he flags him down,"

Tisdale said. Montgomery County Sheriff Guy Williams said Mrs. Morgan is not talking, except to say that she and her husband were on their way to Illinois to get legal advice in connection with the charges when they were stopped.

Williams said he was contacted by Illinois state police Friday afternoon and advised that they would immediately travel to Texas to take custody of Mrs. Morgan if she waived extradition.

Montgomery County District Attorney Dan Rice said he intended to cooperate in any way he can in the extradition process. When Michele died in 1961, the family lived in a rural area near Mascoutah, Ill. Her father Billy Morgan, who was stationed at Scott Air Force Base at the time, has not been charged.

Military physicians originally ruled that Michele had been beaten to death. But medical records show that in the last year of her life, she had been at the Scott Air Force Base hospital at least two dozen times for

injuries and unexplained illnesses.

An autopsy at the time she died found two old rib fractures, a brain hemorrhage and wounds on her head and thigh. For reasons no one has explained, however, the investigation into Michele's death went nowhere.

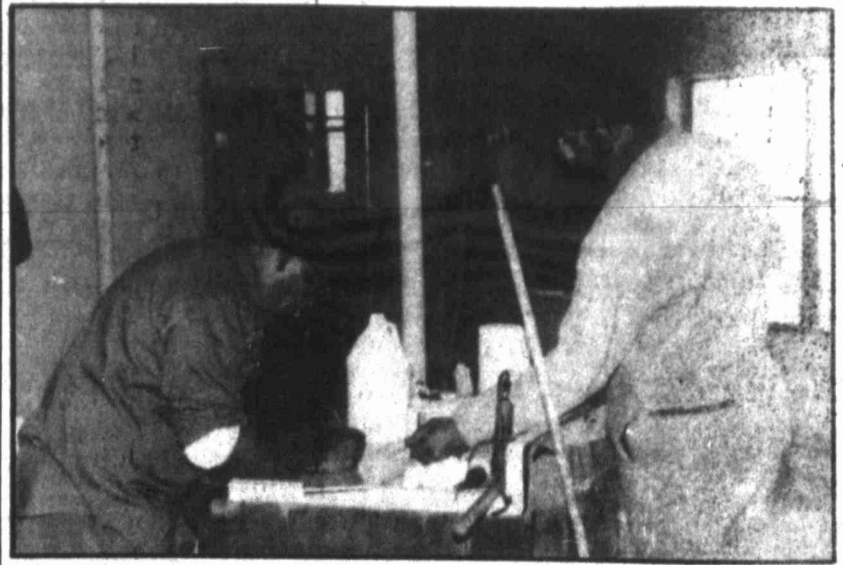
After a 15-year delay, a civilian coroner ruled in 1976 that she had died of pneumonia.

Last year, George Morgan, who is serving time for rape, began a genealogical search from his Jefferson City, Mo., prison cell. When he got a copy of his sister's death certificate, he said, he was surprised to see pneumonia listed as the cause.

He wrote a funeral home to say the certificate was wrong. That letter was turned over to St. Clair County Coroner Rick Stone's office, which opened an investigation.

Michele's remains were exhumed Wednesday and examined Thursday by a county pathologist. Stone said the examination "reconfirmed" his belief that Michele's death was a homicide.

## INMATES HELPING OUT



Inmates from the Big Spring FCI are completing five weeks of volunteer work at the shelter of the Big Spring Humane Society. Inmates Daniel Rodriguez, left, and Gilberto Sosa are taking measurements for the ceramic tile they are laying in the center area of the shelter. The tile floor makes the area more attractive and easier to clean. Humane Society members furnished transportation and meals to the prisoners. The ceramic tile for the entire project was a gift to the Humane Society from Dorothy Garrett. Prison employees Craig Chandler, Vickie Halfman and Mike Morris have donated their time to supervise the workers.

## Justice to send observers to Texas' 9th District

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal election observers will be dispatched to Southeast Texas to monitor Tuesday's 9th Congressional District runoff.

The Justice Department decided to monitor the election after Democrats complained that supporters of Republican incumbent Steve Stockman intimidated black voters during early voting.

A lawyer for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which two weeks ago asked Attorney General Janet Reno for the federal scrutiny, said the Justice Department notified him Friday that a team would be sent to Texas.

Committee lawyer J. Gerald Hebert said he was notified by department officials that 24 poll watchers and four prosecutors will monitor poll sites in Jefferson and Galveston counties. The federal observers also will set up a toll-free hotline to take any complaints of voter intimidation or voting irregularities, Hebert said.

"Our evidence showed the Stockman campaign and people working on behalf of that campaign had engaged in some tactics during the early voting period that (included) harassment and intimidation, particularly of minority voters," Hebert said. "And we felt a federal presence was necessary to ensure that the election and the election process runs smoothly and fairly as it should."

Justice spokeswoman Lee Douglass said the department wouldn't have any public comment this week.

Stockman spokesman Cory Birenbaum denied the intimidation allegations but said he welcomed the federal presence. He accused the campaign of Democratic rival Nick Lampson and other Democrats of encouraging voter fraud.

"Our belief is the only thing standing between this election and massive voter fraud has been the hard work of our poll watchers," Birenbaum said.

The DCCC cited the Stockman volunteers as a major reason for requesting federal monitoring.

In his Nov. 26 letter to Reno, Hebert said "hostile" Stockman campaign poll watchers had questioned voters about their

eligibility to vote during the early voting period, appearing to focus on black voters.

Hebert also cited the Texas Voter Project, a little-known group that sent letters to certain 9th District residents warning them about the penalties for engaging in voter fraud. In his letter to Reno, Hebert said the letter appeared to have been aimed toward blacks.

Lampson campaign spokesman Jonathan Brown said "very disturbing incidents" had occurred during early voting.

"Voter intimidation has no place in an election in 1996 and fortunately the Justice Department will ensure that the results on Tuesday come from an election that was contested in good faith," Brown said.

## Police think same pair may be behind three fatal holdups

HOUSTON (AP) — Police suspect that savagery more than greed may have motivated two gunmen who killed three convenience store workers in separate robberies.

"These guys are not afraid to use weapons, and they have demonstrated a very violent trend in these three robberies," spokesman John Cannon said Saturday.

Police have not disclosed how much money has been taken in the robberies. But in the latest two attacks, money was left behind, leading investigators to suspect that robbery might be a secondary motive.

Mansoor Bhai Rahim, 29, died in a robbery late Thursday in which fellow employee, Mubarakali

Meredia, was wounded. Meredia, 32, was in stable condition Saturday at Ben Taub Hospital.

Two other convenience store employees died in separate robberies late Wednesday.

Hoang M. Nguyen, 36, was working in the store with his wife, Linh P. Tran Nguyen, when two armed robbers demanded money. He was fatally shot in the head and stomach after apparently reacting too slowly to the robbers' demands. Police said his wife was pistol-whipped.

In a robbery less than two hours later Wednesday, store clerk Garza Mahari, 50, was fatally shot in the chest by two robbers.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

**CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES**

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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# EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

"We are tomorrow's past."

-Mary Webb

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## OUR VIEW

# Holidays are here; time to celebrate

With the "official" arrival of Santa Claus in the Herald's annual Community Christmas Parade, the holiday season is here.

But it's not just the Christmas Parade alone, which we figure involved 1,000 or so participants and several thousand others lining Gregg Street that gets the season started.

It's also the Trail of Lights organization, which works year around to get more and more lights all over the city and it's the cast and supporting cast of First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree.

And the official kickoff of the holiday season is completed this Wednesday when the First Church of the Nazarene opens its 10th annual Drive-Thru Nativity.

Together, hundreds and hundreds of your friends and neighbors worked many long hours to ensure a successful kickoff to the 1996 holiday season.

As volunteers, we can tell you it's a labor of love, for there is no monetary return.

But volunteers can't be bought with money ... they work for a much higher wage ... the giggles and laughter of the little ones as they wait to sit on Santa's lap ... the nod and smile of a senior citizen as they enjoy the decorations ... and that occasional pat on the back and "We enjoyed it" so get from someone who came out to participate.

Those in our community who work on the parade, Trail of Lights, Living Christmas Tree and Drive-Thru Nativity, hope you enjoy the sights and sounds of the season. We hope that next year you'll take the time to get involved in one of our projects — one of our Christmas gifts to the community in which we live all call home.

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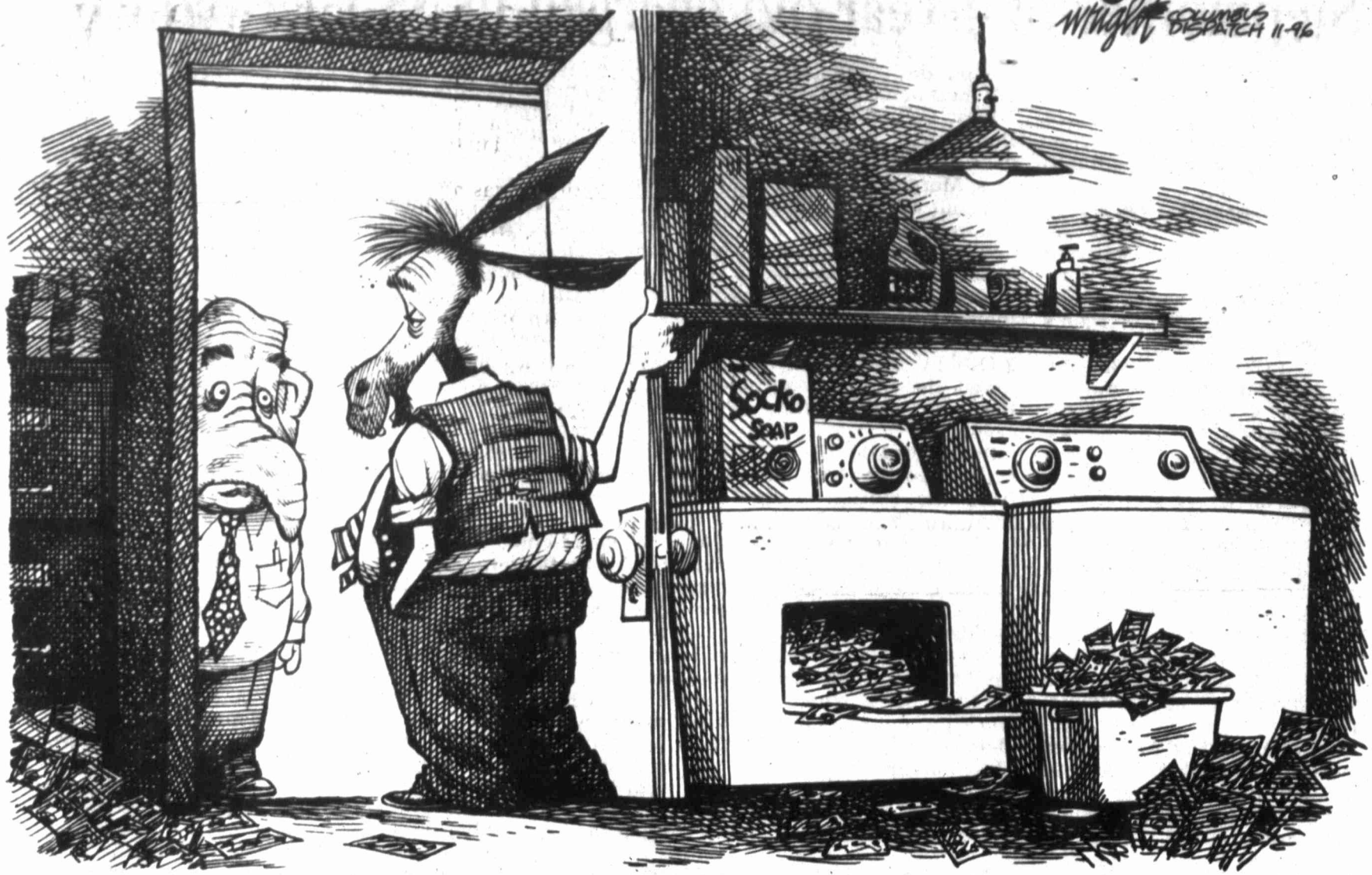
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# Nothing like watching end of parade roll past

I have to admit that at about 7 p.m. Saturday night, I let out a giant sigh of relief ... the end of the Christmas parade had just passed by the judges.

On behalf of the parade committee members — Kellie Jones, Elizabeth Flores, Carlos Gonzales and myself — and the dozens of Herald employees who worked to ensure everything came off as planned, we hope you enjoyed our Christmas gift to the people of Big Spring.

There's nothing in the world like the smile on the face of a child, and we saw that over

and over and over during the parade. We also saw smiles on the faces of some older members of our community as well.

The thing that is exciting is the manner in which the community has embraced the lighted aspect of the parade.

While only 17 floats officially entered as lighted, there were a total of 35 entries that incorporated lights into their entry.

That makes me think that next year will bring even more lighted entries as the parade continues to grow.

Our committee will meet this week to review the parade and to discuss things we can do better to make the parade even more enjoyable for you.

Thanks for participating ... for lining the streets to watch and for helping make a difference in our community!

In case you missed it, the Environmental Protection Agency enacted new regula-

tions Friday regarding lead-based paint.

According to an Associated Press story, home buyers and renters will have to be told if there is any lead-based paint in the house or apartment they're interested in.

Anyone who fails to inform prospective purchasers or renters about the paint could face a civil suit and, in some cases, a jail sentence.

The EPA — our tree-hugging buddies that embraced the Concho River Snake so wholeheartedly — says more than 64 million residences in the country contain some lead paint, or about 80 percent of all U.S. housing built before 1978.

Lead-based paint was used in houses before 1978.

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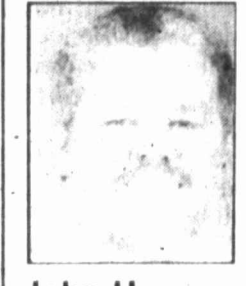
more will be coming on this story, especially from a local perspective.

A new state law now restricts the information that can be given out by law enforcement personnel in regards to accidents.

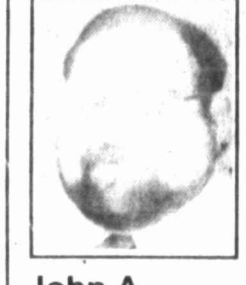
I learned about it Saturday afternoon while trying to check the accident report on an accident that occurred Friday afternoon at 3rd and Birdwell.

The new law prohibits you from learning the name of those persons who were driving the vehicles or even the name of anyone who might have received a citation because of their actions.

Of course, while working an accident, the last thing a member of the press wants to do is interrupt law enforcement personnel doing their job to try and get the names or everyone ... or is the public restricted from that access, too?



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News Editor

# Hot dog eating title leaves USA for land of rising sun

Oh, no! Say it ain't so Joe! It was one thing when Australia snapped the United States' dominance in the America's Cup. And there is really no surprise that the Davis Cup and Ryder Cup often wind up out of American hands.

That's just sports. But this week's offerings on the Associated Press wire included news that Ed Krachie's title has been stolen. That's right, in a stunning upset, Krachie, the 320-pound world hot dog-eating champ from the New York city borough Queens, lost his crown Wednesday to Hirofumi Nakajima, a Japanese man less than half Krachie's weight.

Nakajima, who methodically ingested dogs to chants of "USA!" even set a new world record of 23 hot dogs (buns included) in 12 minutes.

Krachie ate 21 dogs — one off the record, which he set July 4.

Alternating bites with sips of water, Nakajima, pulled each frank from his bun, then crammed bread and beef separately — but neatly — into his mouth.

"Obviously, that's amazing," said an admiring Krachie, 33.

"He was on his game today ... he definitely deserved it."

Krachie dunked his dogs in water before eating them.

Slim and soft-spoken, Nakajima, 22, is no lightweight when it comes to eating. He became Japan's eating champ when he wolfed down 15 bowls of noodle soup, 100 pieces of sushi, five plates of wheat noodles, five plates of beef over rice and five plates of curry over rice.

His performance prompted TV Tokyo flew him to New York in a bid to bring the mustard-yellow championship belt to Japan.

There probably ought to be an investigation, but it looks as if the police around the country have better things to do.

In Los Angeles, where there's definitely an image problem for the men in blue, officers on the city's trendy, movie-industry-oriented westside began issuing free movie passes to good drivers.

See, it does help to know police officers!

It would be difficult to convince Harlan Collinsworth of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, of that, however.

Then again, not many people are quite as honest in the situation Collinsworth found himself recently.

Seems the local police were amused when Collinsworth gave them a list of items stolen from his home: a VCR, a bong used to smoke marijuana and a

film canister containing pot.

"We won't generally get lots of calls about stolen controlled substances," Capt. Carl Bergh admitted.

When Officer S.W. Childers arrived at Collinsworth's home in the Idaho panhandle city, Collinsworth showed him a metal container where he'd stored the canister of marijuana.

"While showing me this container, he explained that the suspect had failed to take his marijuana pipe," Childers wrote in his report. "When I asked where it was, Harlan pulled it from the container."

The 20-year-old Collinsworth was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers in West Plains, Mo., had their amusing story to discuss this week, as well.

You see, it wasn't the visiting high school basketball player's uniform that caused such a stir at the local McDonald's restaurant, it was the lack thereof.

Seems a 16-year-old member of the Walter L. Cohen High School team from New Orleans walked into the restaurant Saturday — wearing nothing but a pair of tennis shoes.

The streak was badly timed. Among the customers at the time of the bare-bottomed appearance was police Officer Ray Wilbanks, who happened to be celebrating his grandson's birthday.

Wilbanks chased the teenager out of the restaurant to a nearby hotel, where the team was

staying. The player managed to scramble back into his clothing before another officer nabbed him.

The player later returned — fully clothed — to the restaurant and apologized to the birthday guests and other patrons.

No charges were filed.

While not willing to bare as much, a couple of letter carriers in Bergenfield, N.J., have had their own "crazy" contest halted by Postal Service supervisors.

In a bet to see who could last the longest wearing shorts, Steve Nason and Ron Filera, have been baring their legs on the job for almost two years, even in the dead of winter.

Nason and Filera began their bet for a case of beer in December 1994, but their boss has called it off for 1997.

"It's a mutual thing," Postmaster Gregory D'Alessio said. "In the winter it gets chilly and we're concerned about them getting sick."

Nason, 35, and Filera, 26, remained healthy during the winters of 1994 and 1995. Nason said he caught a cold last week.

It appears that no one will get the beer, but Filera says he's gotten so used to the shorts that he'll wear them on his days off.

We can only hope neither of them owns firearms.

John A. Moseley is news editor of the Herald.

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# Simpson's testimony his own worst enemy

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The tale of two O.J. Simpson trials, criminal and civil, is demonstrating vividly that history can be rewritten.

A team of plaintiffs' lawyers, although stuck with the same facts that stymied criminal prosecutors, has been able to craft a more powerful and potentially incriminating scenario.

Why did things seem to go so much better for Simpson's antagonists the second time around? A shorthand explanation is less testimony, more understandable evidence and a secret weapon: the defendant's own testimony placing his credibility on the line.

As they prepare to rest their wrongful death case Monday after only six weeks of testimony from some 60 witnesses, plaintiffs' lawyers owe a debt of gratitude to the most famous losers in recent judicial history. Namely prosecutors Marcia Clark and Chris Darden, who spent six months presenting 72 witnesses, only to see Simpson acquitted of murder in little more than three hours.

"The plaintiffs learned the lesson that less is more," said Loyola Law School Dean Laurie Levenson. "The first part of their case was the criminal trial on a Slim-Fast diet. It moved so fast the defense didn't have a chance to raise red herrings."

While they're sending thank-you notes, the plaintiffs might include Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, who placed so many limitations on defense cross-examination that an elaborate frameup theory could not be launched.

He refused to let Mark Fuhrman and his racist epithets even enter his courtroom. But he did open the door to a battered women's hot line counselor whose testimony about a woman named "Nicole" calling for help was banned from the criminal trial as untrustworthy.

The heart-wrenching testimony by Nicole Simpson's mother, who wept on the stand Friday, was truncated in the criminal trial because of strict hearsay rules. Jurors there did not hear her account of Simpson whispering "I'm so sorry, Nicki" over the coffin of his dead ex-wife.

Nor did the criminal trial jury hear about Simpson allegedly flunking a lie detector test, evidence some say could lead to a reversal on appeal if Simpson loses the civil trial. Fujisaki told jurors to forget about that questioning.

By the time prosecutors rested in the criminal case, the defense had injected themes of racism, police corruption and contamination of evidence in jurors' minds. The new defense gets its chance to try that when

their case opens later this week, but most analysts say it's a tougher battle than the famed "dream team" faced in the criminal trial.

"The first trial was all about the credibility and reliability of police work," said University of California at Los Angeles Law School professor Peter Arenella. "The civil trial is all about Mr. Simpson's credibility."

Members of the much maligned Los Angeles Police Department swept on and off the stand so quickly in the civil trial you could have missed them if you blinked.

Scientific evidence such as DNA statistics, which droned on in the criminal case, became a footnote here. Gruesome autopsy photos were kept to a minimum. New pieces of evidence were introduced, notably a picture of Simpson wearing shoes matched to footprints at the crime scene.

Arenella points out that the criminal prosecution team lacked one weapon granted to plaintiffs in the civil case: Simpson as a witness.

"The prosecution could not have made his credibility an issue because he had a Fifth Amendment right not to testify," Arenella said.

In the civil trial, lead plaintiffs attorney Daniel Petrocelli put Simpson on the stand as a hostile witness and forced him

into a series of denials. Simpson was required to undergo cross-examination without ever having answered his own lawyer on direct questioning — an oddity California law permits only in civil trials.

The one-time football star, commercial pitchman and movie actor will return to the stand during his own case with the chance to tell the story his way — if it's not too late.

"He's been his own worst enemy," Levenson said of Simpson's witness-stand denials that he instigated domestic violence. "He did more for the plaintiffs' case than they could have hoped."

Simpson was cool and composed on the stand, but his litany of "Never ... Never ... Never" when asked about hitting his ex-wife is likely to remain in jurors' memories alongside the shocking photos of Ms. Simpson's bruised face.

Levenson gives Petrocelli and his associates high marks for calculating Simpson's vulnerabilities.

"They knew that his Achilles' heel, his fatal flaw is his ego and his image," said Levenson. "He could never admit he beat Nicole, could never admit she was leaving him. ... Now, the plaintiffs can tell the jury: 'He's a man in complete denial. If he can deny hitting her, he can deny he murdered her.'"

# Search on for America's last missing B-52 crew in Vietnam

MAI CHANG, Vietnam (AP) — Swooping down over an emerald green rice paddy, the helicopter blasts out a storm of spray, then swirls up a wall of dust as it lands in a tiny schoolyard nearby.

A young U.S. Marine officer and a retired Air Force general step down and are instantly surrounded by smiling children. Tugging at the men's clothes, the youngsters clamor for a better look.

It's a scene out of America's long-ago war in southeast Asia, but here and now, much has changed. The helicopter isn't a Huey — the workhorse of the U.S. war effort in Vietnam. It's a Russian-made Mi-8. The village isn't part of the Pentagon's fortified hamlet program in the south; it's a sleepy village in the north.

The general, James W. Wold, who flew combat missions over North Vietnam 30 years ago, isn't here trying "to win hearts and minds." But it is the war that has brought him back.

Wold is deputy assistant defense secretary responsible for MIA and POW issues. He's flown to Mai Chang to observe excavations at the site of the last wrecked U.S. B-52 bomber to be searched for remains of missing American servicemen.

"Back home in the United States there are mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters and grandparents and friends all wondering about these missing people," Wold tells 40 Vietnamese workers who are helping.

The team is sifting through the muck at the bottom of a fish pond outside Mai Chang looking for the remains of four Americans, hoping to shorten the list of 1,597 servicemen still unaccounted for in Vietnam.

They are believed to have died when the huge, eight-engine bomber crashed Dec. 20, 1972. Two other crewmen bailed out and were captured.

The B-52 was one of 36 U.S. warplanes shot down over the Hanoi region during the 1972 "Christmas bombings" aimed at pressuring the North Vietnamese into concessions at peace talks.

Piecing together information provided by the two survivors along with flight data, military experts tracked down the crash site to this hamlet in Van Thang District just west of Hanoi.

Air Force analysts think two Russian-made surface-to-air missiles hit the B-52's wings or the center of its body. The plane came down with its full load of more than 100 MK-82 bombs.

# Pearl Harbor survivors have vivid memories of attack

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Each year, the ranks dwindle. But those who survived Japan's fierce attack on Pearl Harbor say 55 years hasn't dulled their vivid recollection.

"I've got it impressed pretty deep in my mind," said Russell Lott, a 76-year-old retired heavy equipment operator from Fort Dodge, Iowa, who was a first-class seaman aboard the USS Arizona.

"It can't fade away. It's like they used an iron and burned it in there," he said pointing to his head.

Lott and 10 former shipmates returned here for today's annual memorial services for the attack that dragged the United States into World War II.

In all, 2,338 military personnel and civilians were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor and other military bases in Hawaii. Japan lost 29 planes and five midget submarines in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

Fewer than 100 of the 334 Arizona sailors who survived are still alive; all are now in their 70s and 80s.

"Every one of us can recall it right to the instant," said Joe Langdell, 82, of Yuba City, Calif., an ensign aboard the Arizona.

He was spared their fate because he was on Ford Island in the harbor's center when Japanese warplanes attacked at 7:50 a.m.

The ashes of three recently deceased Arizona survivors — James William Green of Troy, Mich., Frank Campbell of Surfside, Fla., and Norman Coplin of Miami — were to be buried by Navy divers in the Arizona's submerged No. 4 barrette, the armored cylinder on

which the battleship's 14-inch gun turrets once were positioned.

Ten survivors have been interred in the Arizona since 1988, joining about 900 crew members who are buried in the Arizona's sunken hulk.

Donald Stratton of Yuma, Ariz., who escaped the Arizona by climbing hand-over-hand on a line to a repair ship, showed burn scars on his arms.

"Everybody was burned real bad," he said. "I was on the gun control platform on the deck above the bridge where the cap-

tain and the admiral were killed.

"We were firing at them. I seen the Oklahoma capsized. I seen the West Virginia get hit."

While survivors say this might be the last of their five-year reunions, Stratton, 76, says he plans to return in 2001.

"Every time we say that Father Time might take care of us, and we might not make it next time. I'm planning on coming back until I'm 100," he said, chuckling.

The Navy scheduled today's services for 7:50 a.m., the exact

time the attack began. Meanwhile, the Opana Radar Site in the bluffs overlooking Oahu's North Shore was to become a national historic landmark in a separate ceremony today.

From the site's trucks and trailer that housed then-new radar technology, Army operators detected the Japanese planes approaching the harbor. But the radar blips were dismissed as those of U.S. B-17 bombers from the mainland, allowing the planes to continue unchallenged on their mission.

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# Yeltsin to return to work Dec. 25

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin will return to work full-time in the Kremlin on Dec. 25 after recuperating from heart bypass surgery, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

It said Yeltsin informed the chairman of the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, of his plans during their meeting Friday.

Although Dec. 25 is celebrated as Christmas in the West, it is not a holiday in Russia. According to the Russian Orthodox calendar, Christmas is on Jan. 7.

Yeltsin is recovering from his Nov. 5 surgery at his country home outside Moscow.

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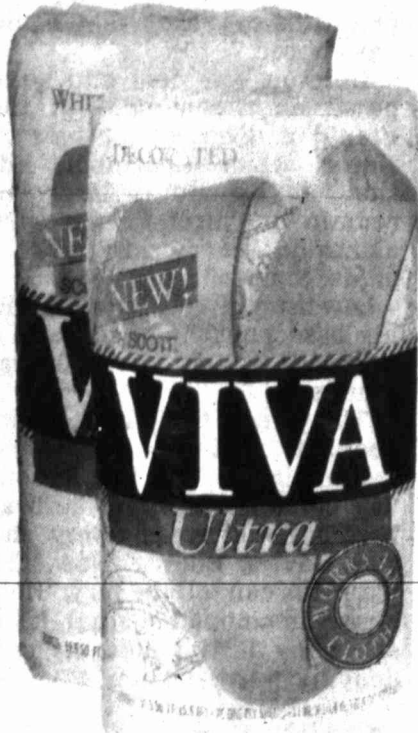
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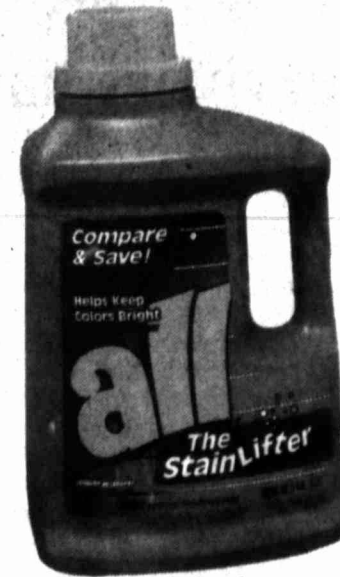
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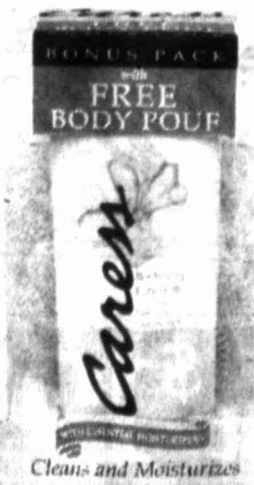
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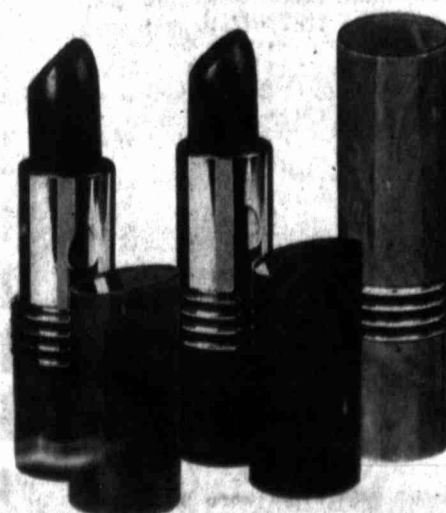
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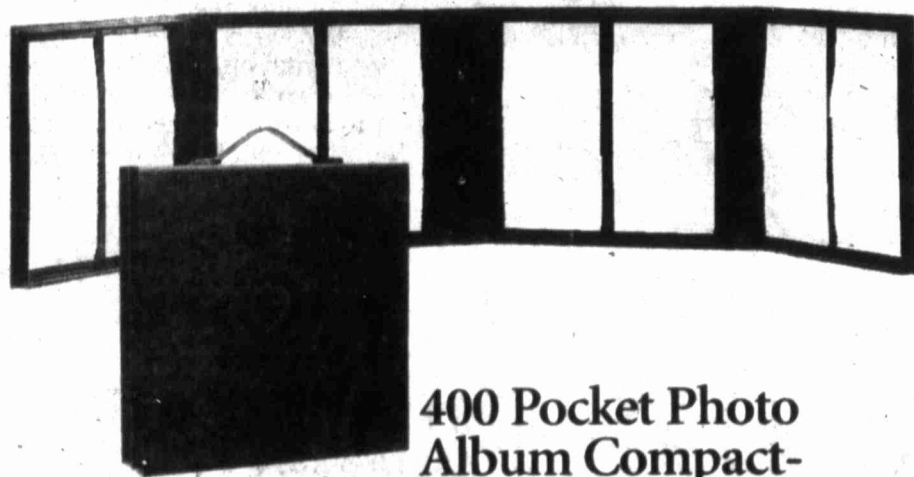
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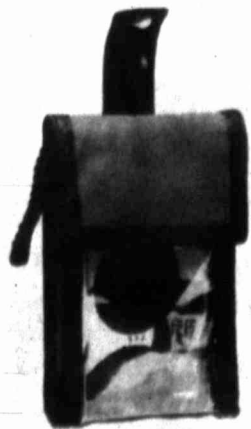
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# Government attorney concedes documents improperly discarded

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government attorney conceded Friday that a former Commerce Department official improperly discarded documents related to Clinton administration trade missions abroad. A federal judge presiding over a lawsuit by a conservative group said it appeared to be a case of negligence.

The former official, Melinda Yee, who helped arrange the foreign trips, has testified that she discarded her notes two months after a federal judge ordered the Commerce Department to give such papers to the conservative advocacy group Judicial Watch.

The group is seeking evidence that the administration used the trade missions to get contributions for the Democratic Party.

Yee said in a deposition Wednesday that her department colleagues failed to inform her Judicial Watch had filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the documents.

"The bottom line is, somebody should have spoken to her," said

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Hegyi at today's court hearing. "In our opinion, her office ought to have been searched," he said.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth said, "I don't think we've seen evidence beyond mere negligence." But, he said, "Documents that should have been produced have been destroyed."

Lamberth ordered the Commerce Department to search the contents of the computers of Yee and two other former officials for relevant material.

Yee's testimony was confirmed Thursday by both her lawyer, Nancy Luque, and Larry Klayman, the chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch. The group successfully sued the Commerce Department in January 1995 to force it to release the trade mission documents.

Luque said Yee's notes dealt mainly with logistics of the trade missions and not their substance. She said the notes probably covered a trade trip to China and possibly one to India.

"It's very, very troubling, to put it

mildly, that these documents were destroyed," Klayman said today. "These new issues raise very serious concerns about whether court orders were violated."

Klayman also said the actions by government officials suggested a possible "obstruction of justice."

Hegyi acknowledged Yee should have acted differently but added, "I haven't seen anything that even comes within a grenade's throw of obstruction of justice."

Also reviewed at the hearing was Judicial Watch's \$90 million lawsuit against Hillary Rodham Clinton, the FBI and others for allegedly harming former White House employees from the Bush and Reagan administrations by mishandling their FBI background files.

Lamberth set a Jan. 17 deadline for the defendants in that case to respond to the allegations.

By questioning Yee and other current and former department officials, Judicial Watch is seeking to discover

whether the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown offered U.S. companies invitations to trade missions as a way of raising campaign contributions for Democrats.

Luque said Yee "had absolutely no role in deciding who would go" on the trade missions. Yee also made clear during her sworn testimony Wednesday that she never engaged in fund-raising activities while at the Commerce Department, Luque said.

According to Luque and Klayman, Yee testified she threw away the notes in question and related documents after she became a senior adviser to Brown in July 1995. Because she was leaving her job in the trade area, Yee reasoned she no longer needed the notes, Luque said.

In May 1995, Lamberth ordered the Commerce Department to turn over more than 30,000 pages of documents to Judicial Watch. The department withheld about 3,000 pages. Luque said Thursday that Yee was unaware of the judge's order at the time.

Released documents provided a glimpse of the political wrangling involved in selecting company executives to accompany Brown on his overseas trips.

Yee joined the Commerce Department after working at the Democratic National Committee during the 1992 election. She left the department earlier this year to work for San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

Yee's relationship with a Democratic donor, Nora Lum, has been under federal investigation after revelations that Mrs. Lum placed both Yee's mother and Ron Brown's son on the board of her company and paid each thousands of dollars.

It was also disclosed earlier this month that Yee used her government credit card to make numerous phone calls to the DNC, Lum's company and the homes and offices of executives of Indonesia's Lippo Group conglomerate.

# Continental employees mum about possible Delta merger

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines employees appear to be tight-lipped about a possible merger with Delta Air Lines that would create the world's largest airline.

From ticket reservation clerks in their neat, blue uniforms to those answering the phones Thursday at the Houston-based carrier, mum's the word.

One clerk, who declined to give her name, said she knew nothing but what she read in the newspapers.

"We're not speaking on that," said an operator at Continental's corporate headquarters when asked about employee opinions.

Other workers at ticket offices referred questions to corporate communications.

"It's our policy not to comment on rumors, speculation,"

spokesman David Messing said.

Analysts say that Delta, the nation's third-largest airline, has more than twice the annual revenues of Continental, which is the fifth-largest. They predict Delta would be the surviving carrier in a combined entity that would be based in Atlanta with jobs cut where services are duplicated.

Reports of merger discussions, which surfaced this week, coincided with the news that 10 Continental officers sold 1.16 million shares valued at more than \$30 million in recent weeks, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

In a memo to employees Wednesday, chief executive Gordon Bethune and Greg Brenneman, the airline's president, downplayed the stock sales and merger talks.

The memo, obtained by The Associated Press, said they could not comment on "specific marketplace rumors" but noted that "we are constantly evaluating our industry and Continental's competitive position."

The memo said the stock sales were "for year-end tax and diversification purposes."

"We would obviously not have exercised stock options if we thought a merger was around the corner which would create a windfall for all stockholders,"


according to the memo.

Of Continental's 37,500 employees, about 4,700 pilots and 6,100 flight attendants belong to unions.

Many pilots at Continental could get a pay increase if the airlines merge since they generally are paid less than Delta pilots, said Bob Wilson, president of the Independent Association of Continental Pilots.

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In an interview, Cronkite reminisced about his career, going back to his earliest days as a copy boy on a Texas newspaper. The 80-year-old Cronkite also recently published his memoirs, "A Reporter's Life."

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PARIS — Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to court she goes.

The actress who was the French voice of "Snow White" for more than three decades has sued Disney for a share of the royalties.

"Disney has been using my voice for more than 30 years," Lucie Delaine said Friday. "But it was the videos that broke the camel's back."

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# Aggies, Longhorns, Red Raiders join together to fight for funding

By RENAE MERLE  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Maroon Aggies, burnt orange Longhorns and Red Raiders, along with other Texas colleges and universities, have set aside the rivalries that have often dominated their relationships.

Well, in one arena anyway: getting money from the state legislature.

Instead of lobbying separately, and sometimes at cross-purposes, the institutions have banded together as the Texas Higher Education Coalition to ask the 1997 Legislature for a \$925 million raise to fund their "Back to Basics" plan, which ultimately strives to increase the number of degrees awarded in Texas by 15,200 per year.

"We felt we could be successful if we had a common focus," said University of Texas System Chancellor William Cunningham.

The proposal, which would be implemented over four years, is almost 25 percent more than the \$3.4 billion the schools were given in the 1996-1997 biennium.

Those are lofty goals considering that the portion of the state budget dedicated to higher education has steadily decreased for more than 20 years.

Higher education funding is projected to make up only 15.5 percent of the state's budget in 1997 compared to 55.77 percent in 1970. The amount of funding has leveled off at about \$3 billion since 1994.

The coalition hopes that by presenting a united front they will stem the tide.

One of the coalition's major goals is to reach the national average in the number of bachelor degrees awarded. To do so, the coalition says, the schools need an estimated \$530 million more to fit more freshman and sophomores into classes with tenured faculty and to intervene with freshman at risk of dropping out.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, said he hopes the Legislature will be able to address the coalition's issues and fund the major ones. He said the united approach could prove valuable.

It's a "refreshing change. Sometimes they worked against each other," Bivins said. "When you have all of higher education working together it makes it easier for legislators, so you don't have to choose. Here you have everybody speaking with one voice, which is going to give them visibility and credibility."

Texas A&M System Chancellor Barry Thompson said recent studies have shown that as the population of the state continues to grow, it will become more uneducated.

"I think we have an eight-to-ten-year window to do something," Thompson said.

He said it is important that more people graduate from college in order for Texas to grow economically and attract new businesses.

"To me, the important thing is to call attention to what is coming down the road for Texas," said Jerome Supple, president of Southwest Texas State University.

He said a "baby-boom echo" will begin next fall, with colleges facing larger freshman classes.

Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said while the coalition has presented a "worthy proposal," the state does not have the money.

"There's not that kind of surplus," Junell said. "There will be a moderate increase in funding, but not \$900 million worth."

He said the state will have to deal with the effects of block grants for welfare for the first time in addition to covering the cost of 150,000 new students in the public schools at a projected cost of \$1.2 billion.

"Texas just keeps growing and growing," said Junell, adding that public education is legislators' No. 1 priority.

Texas Tech University Chancellor John Montford, who chaired the Senate Finance Committee until last August, agreed that getting the money will be difficult.

"I don't know if we have a chance to get it all, probably not. But the worst thing you could do is nothing," he added.

Even if the coalition can persuade legislators its needs are

essential, it faces another hurdle.

"The money is there but of course there will be a lot of demand for it," Supple said. "Everyone else needs it too."

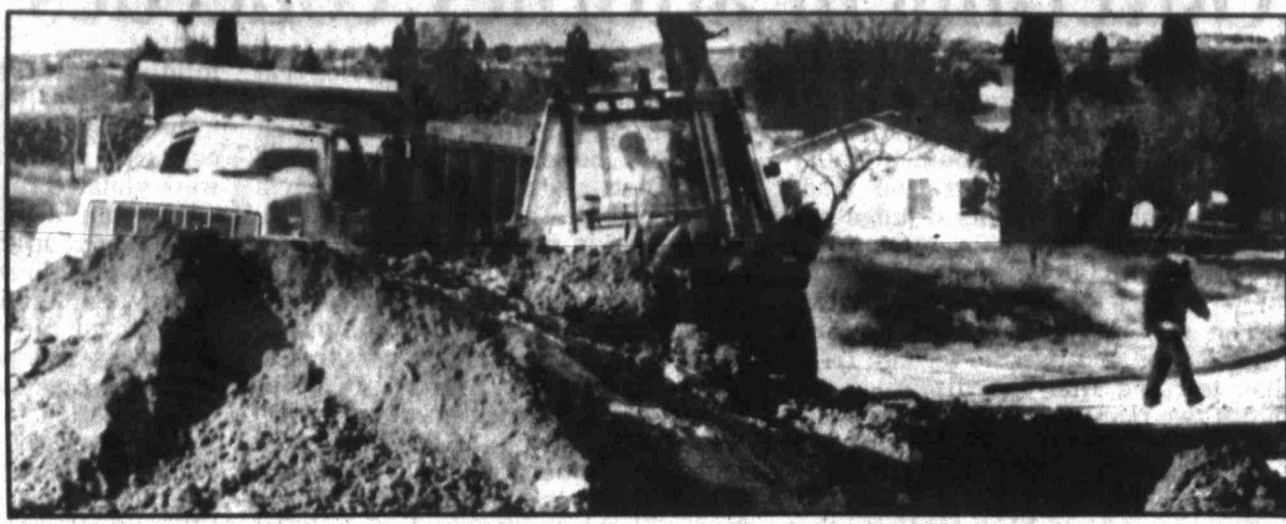
Other parts of the proposal include a public school partnership to increase the number of people going to college and decrease the high school dropout rates. That part of the plan is estimated to cost \$71.6 million.

For \$100 million, the coalition pledges to strengthen the research base with multi-year fellowships and specialized equipment, provide matching funds to attract large federal grants and develop workforce skills programs.

There is also a \$132 million proposal to increase funding for health-related institutions that the schools hope help them deal with inflation and enrollment growth, which have exceeded growth in funding.

The group also is concerned about student debt. Students receive only 60 percent of the financial aid they qualify for, the group said. The solution, the coalition concludes, is to increase state funding for financial aid 25 percent at a cost of \$91.5 million.

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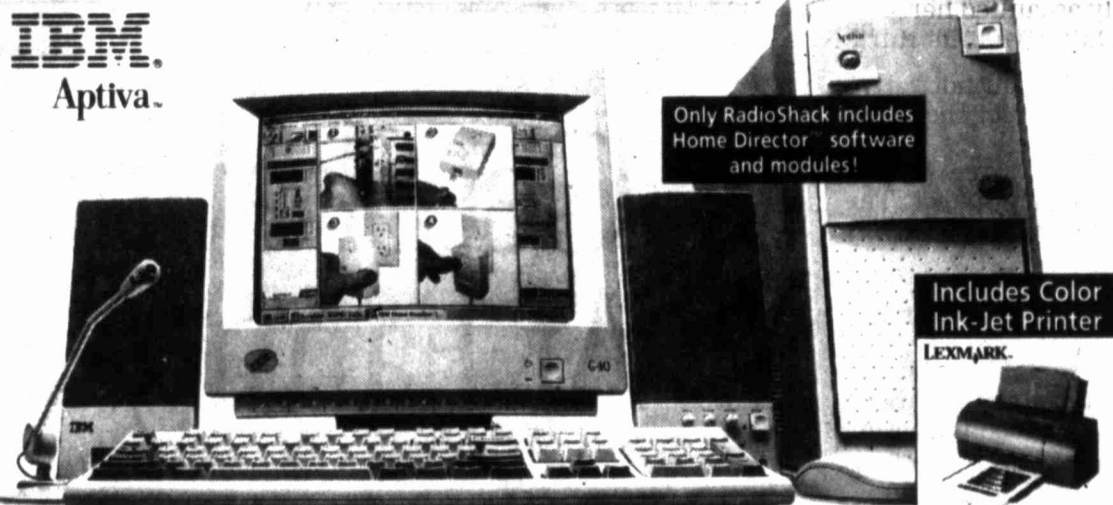
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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Four teen-agers believed to be part of a self-described "vampire cult" were returned to Florida Friday to face charges of killing the parents of one of the suspects.

They joined another teen-ager extradited earlier on charges surrounding the Nov. 25 bludgeoning deaths of Richard and Ruth Wendorf of Eustis, Fla.

Legal paperwork delayed extradition for Roderick Ferrell, Charity Keesee and Scott Anderson, all 16 and from Kentucky, and Heather Wendorf, the 15-year-old daughter of the victims. Dana Cooper, 19, of Kentucky, was extradited Monday.

The five were arrested Thanksgiving night at a Baton Rouge motel.

Police say the youths drank

their own blood and that of mutilated animals and became attracted to vampires because of a best-selling, role-playing game. Defense lawyers called them scared youths and dismissed the vampire claims.

A bloodstained bed sheet and a paperback book for conjuring spells were among hundreds of items seized from a vehicle the five allegedly used to flee the slaying. Police said they also found a black-handled hunting knife, a mesh backpack with a dismembered doll hanging from it and books ranging from "The Ultimate Dracula" to "The Lion King."

Police were looking for several weapons believed used in the killings, including a crowbar and a "heavy blade chopping-type tool or kitchen utensil," according to court papers.

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# No brag, just fact: Longhorns shock Nebraska

ST. LOUIS (AP) — James Brown is a man of his word. His bold victory prediction, plus a daring fourth-down, 61-yard completion, led Texas to a 37-27 upset of No. 3 Nebraska in the Big 12 title game Saturday and ended the Cornhuskers' bid for an unprecedented third straight national title.

Nebraska (10-2), in losing its first conference game in five years, was knocked out of a Sugar Bowl matchup with No. 1 Florida State. Instead, the Cornhuskers will likely wind up in the Fiesta, Orange or Holiday bowls.

The Longhorns (8-4), meanwhile, won their fifth in a row and moved up into an alliance bowl, either the Fiesta or

Orange. Brown, who predicted his three-TD underdog Longhorns would beat the Huskers by three touchdowns, outsmarted coach Tom Osborne's vaunted defense at every turn. He threw a 66-yard TD pass to Wane McGarity with 8:23 left that gave the Longhorns a 27-23 lead.

"Everybody was asking me, I just felt we could beat them," Brown said. "I didn't make a prediction, I was just confident about our team and I thought could win."

The Huskers' defense had one last chance to redeem itself, backing the Longhorns up to their own 3 with under four minutes to go. Brown, though,

wasn't finished. On fourth-and-1 from the 28, he found Derek Lewis on a 61-yard pass play to the Huskers' 11. On the next play, Priest Holmes scored and the Longhorns became the first champions of the Big 12 Conference.

"That was a tremendous call. It was a big gamble, but it worked," Osborne said. "Had we been able to hold them there, we would have been in pretty good shape."

"They kept us off-balance all day," he said. "They had a lot of second-and-3s and we couldn't contain them."

Holmes scored three touchdowns, rushing for 120 yards on just nine carries. Brown was

19-of-28 for 353 yards and a TD. Texas amassed 503 total yards, the most allowed by Nebraska in 14 years. The Longhorns' 37 points were the most against the Cornhuskers since Georgia Tech beat them 45-21 on Jan. 1, 1991, in the Citrus Bowl.

The Huskers, with DeAngelo Evans running for three TDs, had 398 total yards.

Brown, a 6'0", 190-pound junior, backed up his words from the opening series, leading the Longhorns 80 yards, with Holmes scoring from 5 yards out just 3:35 into the game.

Nebraska, playing in front of a pro-Husker crowd of 63,109 at the Trans World Dome, kept

battling back from deficits, and finally took a one-point lead on Evans' 6-yard run with 2:11 left in the third quarter.

Kris Brown, who had a 51-yard field goal in the first half, padded the lead with a 24-yard field goal with 10:11 left.

But the Longhorns wouldn't quit. On the third play after the field goal, Brown connected with McGarity as safety-turned-linebacker Mike Miller mistimed his jump to break up the pass. McGarity caught the ball at the Husker 45 and ran it in from there.

His 61-yard hookup with Lewis on fourth down sealed one of the season's biggest upsets and turned the post-season picture into a bowl of con-

fusion. The numbers game may be just as stunning as the upset. In 11 games, the Huskers had allowed just 116 points and 2,562 yards.

Nebraska's last loss to a conference team, and also an unranked team, came in a 17-10 upset by Iowa State on Nov. 14, 1992. It also marked the first time in four seasons the Huskers have lost more than one game in a season.

The Longhorns dominated the first half, building a 20-17 lead on Holmes' TD runs of 5 and 61 yards and field goals of 49 and 30 yards by Dawson.

The Longhorns took it to the

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## Cowboys' 'circus' calls on Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The carnival is coming to town.

The Dallas Cowboys could accomplish a number of things against the Arizona Cardinals: Stay in the chase for their fifth straight NFC East title; set a franchise record for consecutive victories over an opponent; and get one more win past Nov. 24, when the New York Giants upset them.

But the Cowboys (8-5), who have beaten Arizona 12 straight times, may be out of focus after their latest scandal, the one-year suspension of defensive tackle Leon Lett for violating the NFL's drug policy.

"It must be a three-ring circus down there," the Cardinals' Boomer Esiason said.

Esiason wasn't naive enough to read anything into the Cowboys' struggles, though.

"When you look at their Giants game, I think they had five turnovers and only lost 20-6," he said. "If that was us and we had five turnovers, we probably would have lost 55-10 or something; it would have been ridiculous. It just shows you how good they really are on defense."

Some considered Lett the best player on the No. 1 defensive unit, but Esiason said there wouldn't be much dropoff with Tony Casillas moving from backup at left tackle to Lett's spot at right tackle.

Arizona left guards Duval Love and Rob Selby are injured, and rookie center Aaron Graham likely will start there, trying to deal with Casillas at a position he's never played.

"In practice, Casillas was annoying, because he was going 100 mph, and he's that way in a game," said Esiason, who knows him from the New York Jets. "I'm sure he thinks this is the greatest thing in the world that he gets to play against a rookie."

"You get a better feel for the

game when you start," said Casillas, an 11-year veteran.

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer ridiculed opinion pieces about him presiding over a fading dynasty.

"We didn't look like a team crumbling," Switzer said of a 21-10 humbling of the Washington Redskins on Thanksgiving Day. "We looked like a pretty damn good football team. But I talked to the team about these things. The foundation cracks from within."

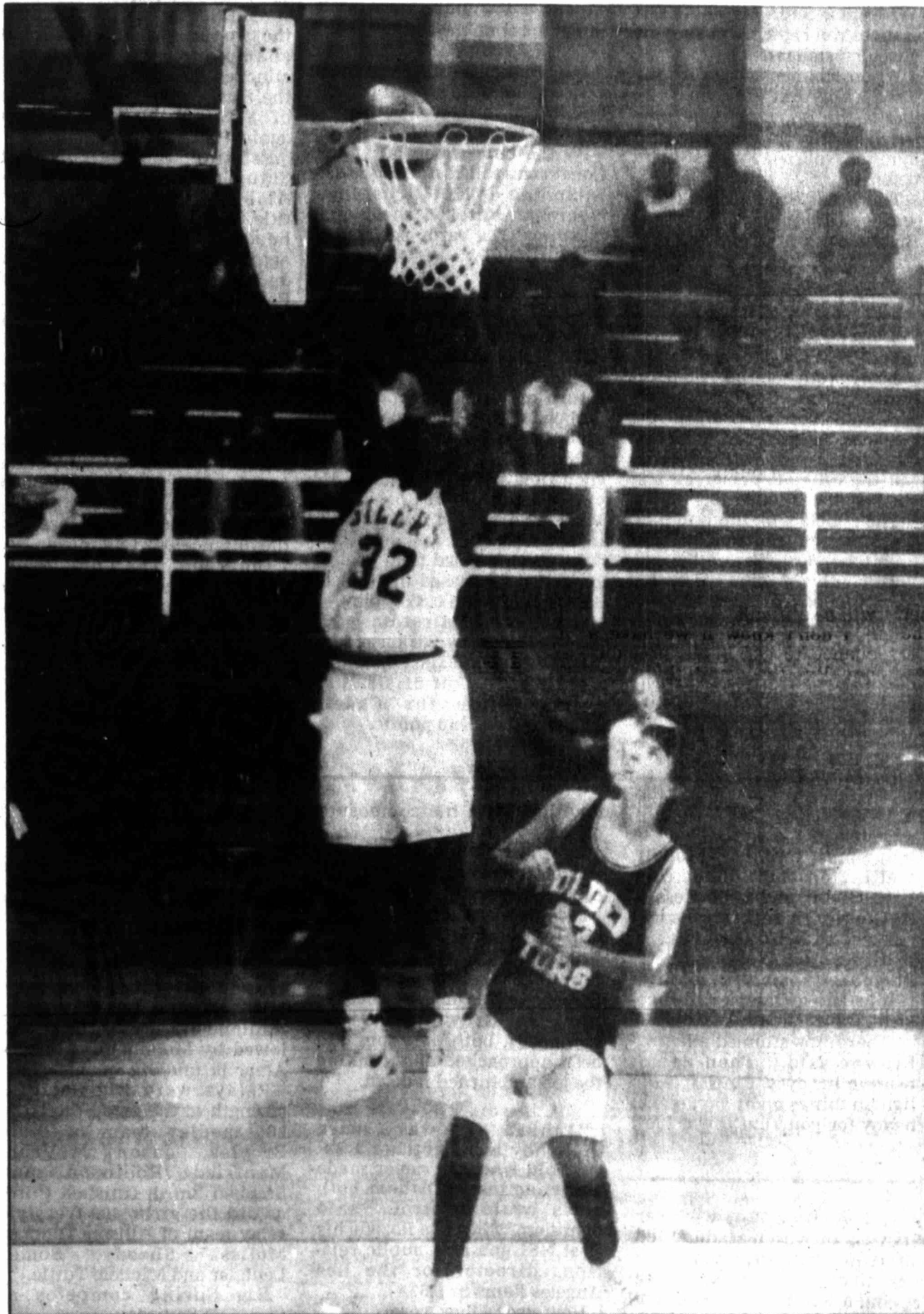
The Cowboys fell short of the Super Bowl in 1994, when offensive lineman Erik Williams wrecked his car after drinking alcohol, then had to settle out of court with a 17-year-old topless dancer who claimed he sexually assaulted her.

But Dallas won its third NFL championship in four years last season despite the distraction of losing cornerback Clayton Holmes after he failed a drug test. Not having Michael Irvin for the first five games this season affected the Cowboys more — they and the Cardinals were 2-3 until Oct. 13, when Irvin returned and the Cowboys beat Arizona 17-3.

"We should have learned our lesson the first five weeks of the season, but teams play well against us," Emmitt Smith said. "They're professionals like we are. They have talent, we have talent. It just boils down to the team that plays the best on that particular day."

Smith, whose 108 touchdowns rushing leave him two short of Walter Payton for second place on the career list behind still-active Marcus Allen, is the Cowboys' hole card against any collapse.

In a season when Irvin's absence seemed to throw the passing game out of sync, Smith has run for over 1,000 yards, reaching that level for the sixth consecutive year to set a club record.



Big Spring's Chad Warren (32) attempts a shot during a game earlier this season. The Steers went 1-2 at this weekend's Cotton Pickin' Classic in Frenship.

## Teams rebound with wins

### Steers, Lady Steers post Saturday wins

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

It was not the most satisfying of weekends for Big Spring's basketball teams, but at least it ended on a positive note.

The Big Spring Steers rebounded from losses Thursday and Friday to defeat Lubbock Roosevelt 71-57 in their finale at the Cotton Pickin' Classic in Frenship Saturday.

Point guard John Smith led all scorers with 21 points, and the Steers got yeoman's work from the inside trio of Chad Warren, Greg Wollenzien and Paul Foresyth. Warren had 14 points, Foresyth added 12 and Wollenzien scored 11.

The Steers' unquestioned strength early in the season has been their guard play, but the success — from inside Saturday had head coach Gary Tipton smiling.

"That's going to be beneficial to us later on," Tipton said, "because (opponents) won't be able to go smother our outside people, and that will free them up even more."

The Steers opened play at the classic with a 78-65 loss to tournament finalist Canyon Randall. Guard Justin Myers led the Steers with 25 points, 21 of those coming on three-pointers.

On Friday, Big Spring dropped an 82-72 decision to Abilene High School. Myers again led the Steers with 23 points, while Wollenzien had 17 and Smith 13 points.

The Steers (4-6) return to

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## Rozelle remembered as a reluctant visionary

NEW YORK (AP) — Tex Schramm knew it was time.

So he and his wife, Marty, boarded a plane in Dallas and headed for San Diego to say goodbye to their dear friend of 46 years, Pete Rozelle.

"It felt like the right thing to do," said the former president of the Dallas Cowboys, "to see him one last time. It was something I had to do."

Schramm spent two hours with Rozelle. As he was about to leave he couldn't resist a little joking.

"Hey, where's your Rusty Nail?" he asked, referring to Rozelle's favorite cocktail.

"He couldn't talk, but I could see a little twinkle in his eye and he touched my hand. He knew it was time."

Less than 24 hours later Rozelle was gone, succumbing to brain cancer Friday evening at the age of 70.

That's the kind of loyalty Rozelle inspired during his 29 years as commissioner of the National Football League.

America will long remember him as the father of the Super Bowl, the visionary behind

### ANALYSIS

Monday night football, the man whose legacy is a nation of NFL fans crowded around TV sets on Sunday afternoons.

Those who really knew him, however, will remember a patient, shrewd, very public figure who didn't care much for the limelight.

He would ride to his Park Avenue office from his home 25 miles north of the city in a nondescript station wagon, sitting in the front seat next to his driver.

One day Rozelle and a luncheon partner were walking back to work when a red Mercedes-Benz convertible almost hit the commissioner.

"Pete, why don't you have a car like that?" his companion asked.

"It would just bring attention to me," Rozelle said.

But there was just no way to avoid it.

"Somebody upstairs was making sure that there was a role for Pete Rozelle," Schramm said. "He was always in a place

where fortune could strike him."

This, too, was a man with a sense of adventure and fun.

In the mid-60s, while Rozelle was between marriages, an NFL meeting was ending in Hawaii and Rozelle asked Art Modell where he was going next.

"Beverly Hills," said Modell, who at the time owned the Cleveland Browns.

"Come on, let's go to the Far East," Rozelle said.

"We had no passports and no accommodations," Modell recalled. "Pete said, 'No problem.' He called his friends in Washington and we had passports and visas within 24 hours. We ended up in Manila, Tokyo, all over. It was a great spontaneous trip that demonstrated the sense of joy in Pete."

Rozelle, however, never really enjoyed the pomp and circumstance of being commissioner. At NFL meetings, he'd usually show up at the end of various cocktail parties, preferring to socialize in his room with wife, Carrie, and close friends like

Schramm and Modell.

"He used the words 'pit stops' for the socializing he had to do," said Joe Browne, a Rozelle protege who began as a 17-year-old in the NFL mail room in 1965 and is now the league's senior vice president for communications and government affairs.

"At the Super Bowl, he'd have something like eight parties to go to. He'd say, 'Let's make pit stops at the first seven, then sit down at the eighth and get something to eat.' He'd do his mandatory once-around-the-room, and then we'd go on to the next."

He often enjoyed the rebels, the players he had to discipline.

After he suspended Paul Hornung and Alex Karras in 1963 for gambling on games — a move that cemented his authority — he became a good friend of Hornung.

And he shared laughs with Jim McMahon, whom he fined for wearing a headband with an illegal advertising logo. When

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## Army holds on for 5th straight win over Navy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Quarterback Ronnie McAda led an Army rally that carried the Cadets to a 28-24 victory over Navy on Saturday and into the Independence Bowl with its fifth straight victory over the Midshipmen.

McAda ran for a career-high 134 yards and a touchdown as Army came back from an 18-point deficit in a rain-drenched game, one of the biggest between these traditional rivals in three decades.

Army also got an 81-yard touchdown run by Bobby Williams.

Navy had two chances to regain the lead in the final minutes. On the first, it failed on four tries from inside the Army 10.

The Midshipmen got the ball back with 56 seconds left on the Navy 43, but Army's Garland Gay intercepted a Navy pass in the end zone with 10 seconds left to play.

The Cadets overcame an

three-touchdown second-quarter deficit — the largest comeback ever by Army in the series — to win the Commander in Chief's trophy, which goes to the winner in the annual battle among the service academies. The victory stretched Army's winning streak in this series to five games.

Army improved to 10-1, the most wins ever by an Army team. Navy dropped to 8-3 but is still believed to be in contention for a berth in the Aloha Bowl.

The Cadets, who entered the game as the country's top rushing team, ran for 341 yards despite the loss of leading rusher Joe Hewitt to a knee injury early in the first quarter.

Army rolled up 400 yards of offense to Navy's 297 in a game played in a steady downpour before 69,238 fans, including President Clinton.

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# Houston-Jacksonville game to feature hot quarterbacks

HOUSTON (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars have a hot quarterback. Houston Oilers hope they do, too.

The expansion Jaguars (6-7) got their first NFL victory at the Oilers' expense, and they'd like to get behind quarterback Mark Brunell on Sunday and improve their playoff chances against the Oilers (7-6).

Houston, meanwhile, is giving second-year quarterback Steve McNair a chance to shine under pressure.

Brunell, in his fourth pro season, leads the NFL in passing yards, is third in the NFL in completion percentage and has passed for 200 or more yards in 15 straight games.

But Brunell and the Jaguars

want much more.

"We certainly haven't won enough games to earn a lot of respect," Brunell said. "Naturally with the other expansion team Carolina (9-4) winning more games, they get the attention. We wish we'd won more games but we are in a position to finish strong."

The Jaguars have blossomed in their second year of existence behind Brunell. They are second in the league in total offense and they rank No. 1 in passing.

Coach Tom Coughlin would like for the Jaguars' offense to be more balanced, but Brunell will always be a major part of the offense.

"I don't think it's a question

of relying on the quarterback, you always rely on the quarterback," Coughlin said. "It's his job to get the ball in the end zone but we'd like to be in a position where you have better balance."

Coughlin traces the Jaguars' offensive improvement to Brunell's experience under fire.

"We've been in so many fourth quarter games and so many games that were pressure packed and so many games that a young quarterback of his competitiveness can develop," Coughlin said.

It's just the kind of experience McNair hopes to get after almost two seasons of waiting his turn to replace Chris Chandler as the Oilers' starter.

Coach Jeff Fisher gave McNair the nod on Wednesday over Chandler, who has started for the past two seasons but is still recovering from a sprained ankle.

Chandler is 80-90 percent ready and might have been the starter if it were earlier in the year.

"Things are different now than early in the season," Fisher said. "Steve has come along and proved that he can play. I don't see this as a controversy. I see it as a positive situation for the football team. We've got two quarterbacks who have proven they can win."

Fisher wouldn't say that

McNair will be the starter for the rest of the season. But if McNair performs well against the Jaguars, Chandler could become off-season trade bait.

"Chris has done a great job getting us to this point that we have a chance to win," Fisher said. "Steve has done a good job of learning and has shown he can come in and win ball games."

The Oilers (7-6) feel they must win all of their remaining games to have a chance for the playoffs, leaving McNair feeling complimented to be given the starting role.

"Now I've got to go out there and be prepared the best I can to keep this team winning,"

McNair said. "Jacksonville is in our way right now and we've got to be ready."

The Jaguars have warm feelings about returning to the Astrodome, where they won their first game ever Oct. 1, 1995, 17-16 over the Oilers. Coughlin doesn't anticipate any residual benefits on Sunday.

"I'm sure when I walk out there it will be a great memory from a year ago because it was such a significance attached to that," Coughlin said. "But this is a new year and a new team and the Oilers are a strong football team."

"I'm sure my concentration will be on what it takes to win this particular day."

## Big 12

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Huskers from the outset. Nebraska won the toss and chose to play defense. Then the nation's fourth-best defense forgot how to play.

With the game tied 10-10 midway through the second period, Holmes took a simple handoff from Brown, broke through the line and ran untouched for his 61-yard score, the longest run of his career and the longest TD run against the Huskers this season.

Nebraska, counter-punching to stay in the game, came back to tie the score on Evans' 23-yard TD run with 2:28 left. But

Texas grabbed the lead again at 20:17 as Brown moved the Longhorns 63 yards before Dawson kicked his 30-yard field goal with one minute left.

On the game's opening drive, Brown passed left and Ricky Williams, Shon Mitchell and Holmes ran right, confusing the Huskers' stellar defense.

When Holmes scored from 5 yards out just 3:35 into the game, the Longhorns became the first team to rush for a TD against Nebraska's first-team defense.

Texas got the ball back and was set to score again, but Brown, with a second-and-goal from the 9, lobbed a pass into

the end zone that was intercepted by safety Eric Stokes.

Nebraska snapped out of its funk and went 80 yards to make it 7-7 on Evans' 2-yard TD run with 14 seconds left in the quarter. Frost was 2-of-3 for 36 yards on the drive and also ran 16 yards to set up the score.

Dawson kicked a 49-yard field goal 3:10 into the second period and Brown countered with a 51-yard field goal just 3:11 later.

By the end of the half, the Longhorns rolled up 265 yards, including 128 rushing. Nebraska entered the game allowing 232.9 yards per game, 77.8 rushing.

## Army

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The five straight wins by Army tied the longest win streak by either team in the 97 times the game has been played. Army has now done it twice, as has Navy.

Williams ran for 104 yards, including his 81-yard scoring run that was the second-longest in Army-Navy history. McAada, who had 15 rushes, also completed 5-of-10 passes for 166 yards.

The Cadets, down by eight at the half, closed the gap when Williams broke down the left sideline for his long distance run on the second half's second

play. Army went for the two-point conversion to tie, and it appeared McAada stretched the ball over the goal line before he fumbled it into the end zone, but the officials disagreed and the Cadets trailed 21-19.

The Cadets took the lead midway through the third quarter on a touchdown set up by a 45-yard run by McAada, his career long. Demetrius Perry finished the 75-yard drive with a 3-yard run.

Once again, Army failed on the two-point try, but the Cadets had a 25-21 lead with 4:43 left in the third quarter.

Navy got the ball at the Army 39 following a 39-yard kickoff return and a 15-yard personal foul penalty on the Cadets for a hit out of bounds.

The Midshipmen used the good field position to get a 31-yard field goal by Tom Vanderhorst and cut Army's lead to 25-24.

J. Parker's third field goal, a 20-yarder, increased the Cadets lead to 28-24 with 6:35 to play.

Army scored first on a 22-yard field goal by Parker on the last play of the first quarter, but Navy ran off 21 straight points before the Cadets responded with 10 points.

## Bowl picture cloudy after Nebraska loss

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The bowl alliance took a big hit on the final day of the regular season, with Texas upsetting No. 3 Nebraska in the Big 12 title game Saturday and creating bowl confusion.

With their 37-27 shocker over the two-time defending national champions, the Longhorns clinched an alliance bid, while the Huskers were knocked out of a Sugar Bowl matchup against No. 1 Florida State.

Pending the outcome of Saturday night's Florida-Alabama game for the SEC title, the Huskers are probably headed to the Orange Bowl against No. 11 Virginia Tech and the Longhorns to the Fiesta Bowl against No. 8 Penn State.

If the Gators win, a Florida State-Florida rematch appears likely since Florida would probably move into the No. 3 ranking in Sunday's final regular-season poll.

If the Crimson Tide win, either Alabama or Penn State could end up in the Sugar Bowl against the Seminoles.

Among the biggest loser in the alliance bowl picture is No. 7 Colorado. The Longhorns' win knocked the Buffaloes down to a probable Holiday

Bowl bid against Washington (9-2).

Also, No. 20 Wyoming, a 28-25 overtime loser to No. 6 BYU in the WAC title game, probably is out of the bowl picture despite a 10-2 record. The Copper Bowl, which has the No. 2 choice in the WAC, indicated it will match Utah against Wisconsin.

BYU, meanwhile, was expected to be passed over by the alliance and play in the Cotton Bowl against Kansas State.

Army (10-1), a 28-24 winner over Navy, clinched an Independence Bowl berth and will probably play Auburn. Navy (8-3) could be headed for the Aloha Bowl to play California.

Of course, No. 2 Arizona State plays No. 5 Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, meaning there will not be a 1-2 bowl matchup this season.

The bowl bids will be announced Sunday at 5:30 p.m. EST during a bowl alliance show on CBS.

Here's the projected bowl lineup as of Saturday:  
—LAS VEGAS (Dec. 19): Nevada (8-3) vs. Ball State (8-3)  
—ALOHA (Dec. 25): California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3)

—LIBERTY (Dec. 27): Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3)

—CARQUEST (Dec. 27): Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4)

—COPPER (Dec. 27): Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)

—PEACH (Dec. 28): LSU (9-2) vs. Clemson (7-4)

—ALAMO (Dec. 29): Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4)

—HOLIDAY (Dec. 30): Colorado (9-2) vs. Washington (9-2)

—SUN (Dec. 31): Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5)

—INDEPENDENCE (Dec. 31): Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1)

—ORANGE (Dec. 31): Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1)

—OUTBACK (Jan. 1): Tennessee (9-2) vs. Michigan (8-3)

—GATOR (Jan. 1): West Virginia (8-3) vs. North Carolina (9-2)

—CITRUS (Jan. 1): Alabama (9-2) vs. Northwestern (9-2)

—COTTON (Jan. 1): Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2)

—ROSE (Jan. 1): Ohio State (10-1) vs. Arizona State (11-0)

—FIESTA (Jan. 1): Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4)

—SUGAR (Jan. 2): Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (10-1)

## Rozelle

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McMahon later showed up with a headband stenciled with the name "Rozelle," the commissioner wrote him: "I'm still upset unless you cut me in on the profits."

The public rarely saw that side of Rozelle.

But what could be seen in thousands of photographs was the shy smile that betrayed the internal conflict of a public man who craved privacy — so much so that he shocked even his closest friends by retiring

in 1989. He broke the news early to longtime friends Modell, Wellington Mara of the New York Giants and Leon Hess of the New York Jets. But he told his closest staff associates — Browne, Don Weiss and Val Pinchbeck — only 20 minutes before the official announcement.

"There was stunned silence," Browne said. "Then he got tears in his eyes. Pinch tried to lighten things up by saying 'I'm happy for you,' but it was hard

for him to get his composure back."

Rozelle was just 33 when he was elected commissioner as a compromise candidate to break a 23-ballot deadlock. That made him the nominal boss of George Halas, one of the league's founders; the venerable Art Rooney; and legendary coaches like Paul Brown and Vince Lombardi, both of whom had been approached about taking the job and turned it down.

"I think there was a sense that they were getting a 33-year-old who had never made any enemies and whom both sides could control," said Schramm, who gave Rozelle his first NFL job as a public relations director for the Los Angeles Rams in 1952. How wrong they were.

## Swimmers 6th, 7th at Odessa

ODESSA — The Big Spring swim team competed at the Odessa Invitational Saturday, with the boys finishing sixth and the girls seventh in their respective divisions.

San Angelo Central won the boys division with 229 points, followed by Midland, Pecos, Midland Lee and Big Spring, which compiled 115 points.

Central also won the girls' crown, outpointing runner-up Midland Lee by 71 points. Midland High was third, followed by Monahans, Abilene, Amarillo and Big Spring.

Relays were Big Spring's strength at the meet, the boys' 200 medley team of Slate Broyles, Jason McVean, Manfred Robinson and Stephen Smith finished third, as did the girls' 400 freestyle relay team of Allison Thomas, Melissa Sheedy, Somer Leubner and Michele Tuttle. Big Spring competes at Seminole Saturday.

## Steers

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action Thursday when they host the Big Spring Rotary Basketball Tournament at Steer Gym.

The Big Spring Lady Steers also put a successful cap on an otherwise frustrating weekend with a 59-27 win over Wink at the Coahoma Invitational.

The Lady Steers (5-7) had won the tournament four straight years.

Maggie Haddad, Kim Robertson and Kara Hughes led Big Spring with 12 points each.

The Lady Steers opened play at the tournament with a 49-45 loss to Borden County Thursday, but rebounded the

next day with a 76-47 win over Stanton in which Haddad led all scorers with 26 points.

Saturday morning, Big Spring again suffered an offensive letdown, squandering a 15-point lead before bowing to Roscoe 54-39.

Hughes led the Lady Steers with 13 points.

"We were just sporadic," head coach Ron Taylor said of his team's play this weekend. "We'd be playing real good, then we'd just go cold. It's hard to explain it, but we'll get better."

The Lady Steers return to action Tuesday at Lamesa. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

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**LADIES MAJOR RESULTS** — Unread K.C. Kids, 0-8; Feds Rocky's, 4-4; Green H Photography, 1-7; Jan Construction, 7-1; Just Adventures By Gail, 4-4; Auto Sales, 2-8; Gene Barber Glass & Mirror, Construction, 2-8; E.P. Insurance, 8-0; Norve 0-8; Toy's, 2-8; Tank Inc., 6-2; Pack-N-Save Day Builders, 0-5; Ann Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 4-6; Here Comes Tru team game and series; Music, 778 and 2288; game and series, Fed and Big Spring Music game and series, Joy and 781; Hi hdp game Joyce Davis, 302 an

**GUYS & DOLLS RESULTS** — Fifth W 6-2; Big Spring State Federal, 8-2; Luck, Jim's Agate, 8-2; Heston over Hester's hi hi sc. game and series; Beeler, 237 and Pat hdp game and series; Beeler, 256 and Pat hdp game and series; Ellis, 191 and Ernest hi hdp game and series; Mary Ellis, 235 and E 636; hi sc. team game; Head Hunters Beauty 1935; hi hdp team; Fifth Wheel, 855 and Beauty Salon, 2367.

**STANDINGS** — Fifth W Big Spring State Park Hunters Beauty Salon Again, 68-44; Federa Hester's Mechanical, Braves, 46-66.

**VA COUPLES RESULTS** — Team Th Twelve, 4-4; Team Four, 8-0; Team Eight Ten, 6-2; Team Two 9-0; Team Eleven 0-2; Team Seven, 5-1; hi sc. team game and series, 684 and 1890 and series (men) Joh and 607; hi sc. game (women) Leslie John hi hdp team game; Team Five, 853 and Team hi hdp game and series; Abisher, 251 and Ab hdp game and series; Leslie Johns, 243 an

**STANDINGS** — Team Eight, 68-36; 1 41; Team Seven, 51-54; Team Twelve, Five, 50-54; Team T Team Nine, 48-56; T 56; Team Ten, 37-61 77.

**MEN'S MAJOR RESULTS** — Rocky's O. Fred's Contracting, 6-2; Mason Roofing Engineers, 8-0; B.S. Sixteen, 8-0; O'Clag Team Fifteen, 80-0; over Hagen TV Rep Co., 853 and 258; L.P. Gas over Bob I sc. game and series 247 and Jerald Bur team game and series Trucking, 1068 and 2971; hi hdp game; Emmitt Barnes, 283 Clanton, 725; hi hdp series, O'Daniel Tr Fred's Contracting, STANDINGS — Part O'Daniel Trucking, 66-38; Team Fifteen Contracting, 66-38; 61-40; Rocky 58 Ranches, 52-50; B. Fuele, 48-56; Walk 58; Pina Engineers Repair, 44-60; B.B. Brock Ford, 26-78; 104.

**MEN'S CAPROCK RESULTS** — Team Auto, 8-0; Team 1 Nails, 6-2; Chill Pe 14, 8-0; Bates-Sph W.G.A.S., 8-0; Nat Rowden Const., 8- Patterson Const., 1 split Willes Eo s, 4 and series Terry W Chuck Carr, 728; I and series, Team 1 hi hdp team game 0-0; 81 and 258.

**STANDINGS** — Tex Bates Spivey Inc., Const., 59-35; Chl Burgess Auto, 50-40; Nasty Boys, 51 48; Willie's Boys, 4 Nails, 44-82; Just I Patterson Const., 1 14-76.

**MEN'S CAPROCK RESULTS** — Team

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RESULTS - Unearned points, 4-4; K.C. Kids, 4-4; Big Spring Music, 8-0; Max-L, 3-0; Federal Oil, 4-4; Rocky's, 4-4; Green House Photography, 1-7; Campbell Cement Construction, 7-1; Just Us "4", 4-4; Adventures By All, 4-4; Neighbors Auto Sales, 2-6; Gave's Dream, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, 6-2; Nic's Construction, 2-6; E.P. Driver Insurance, 8-0; Northwest Bank Team, 0-8; Toy's, 2-6; Tank Sully Gauge & Inc., 6-2; Pack-N-Senders, 8-0; Day & Day Builders, 0-9; Nicks, 4-4; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 4-4; Pin Builders, 6-2; Here Comes Trouble, 2-6; Ni sc. team game and series, Big Spring Music, 778 and 2288; hi hdp team game and series, Federal Oil, 969 and Big Spring Music, 2782; hi sc. game and series, Joyce Davis, 280 and 781; hi hdp game and series, Joyce Davis, 302 and 827.

GUYS & DOLLS RESULTS - Fifth Wheels over A Bye, 6-2; Big Spring State Park over Federal Oil, 9-2; Lucky's Braves over Jim's Again, 6-2; Headhunters Beauty Salon over Hester's Mechanical, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) Ken Beeler, 237 and Pat Albano, 555; hi hdp game and series (men) Ken Beeler, 256 and Pat Albano, 633; hi sc. game and series (women) Mary Ellis, 191 and Ernestine O'Dell, 495; hi hdp game and series (women) Mary Ellis, 235 and Ernestine O'Dell, 638; hi sc. team game and series, Head Hunters Beauty Salon, 699 and 1935; hi hdp team game and series, Fifth Wheels, 856 and Head Hunters Beauty Salon, 2367.

VA COUPLES RESULTS - Team Three split Team Twelve, 4-4; Team Five over Team Four, 8-0; Team Eight over Team Ten, 6-2; Team Two over Team Six, 8-0; Team Eleven over Team Nine, 6-2; Team Seven split Team One, 4-4; hi sc. team game and series, Team Three, 684 and 1899; hi sc. game and series (men) John Jackson, 233 and 607; hi sc. game and series (women) Leslie Johns, 211 and 563; hi hdp team game and series, Team Eleven, 885 and Team Three, 2201; hi hdp game and series (men) Byron Abshire, 251 and Abe Yanez, 656; hi hdp game and series (women) Leslie Johns, 243 and 659.

MENS MAJOR RESULTS - Rocky's over B.B.S., 8-0; Fred's Contracting over Trio Fuels, 6-2; Mason Roofing over Fin Engineers, 8-0; B.S.L. over Team Sixteen, 8-0; O'Daniel Trucking over Team Fifteen, 8-0; Parks Agency over Hagen TV Repair, 8-0; Parks C.C. over Huff Ranches, 4-4; Walker L.P. Gas over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Adrian Brown, 247 and Jerald Burgess, 647; hi sc. team game and series, O'Daniel Trucking, 1058 and Parks Agency, 2971; hi hdp game and series, Ernest Barrie, 248 and Randy Clanton, 726; hi hdp team game and series, O'Daniel Trucking, 1222 and Fred's Contracting, 3336.

MENS CAPROCK RESULTS - Team 10 over Burgess Auto, 8-0; Team 11 over Tough As Nails, 6-2; Chill Peppers over Team 14, 8-0; Bates-Spivey Inc. over W.G.A.S., 8-0; Nasty Boys over Rowden Const., 8-0; Bud Light over Patterson Const., 8-0; Just Piddin' split Willie's 2-6, 4-4; hi sc. game and series, Terry Ward, 277 and Chuck Carr, 728; hi sc. team game and series, Team 10, 935 and 2537; hi hdp team game and series, Team 10, 961 and 2585.

STANDINGS - Team 10, 68-28; Bates Spivey Inc., 609-30; Rowden Const., 59-35; Chill Peppers, 59-35; Burgess Auto, 50-38; Bud Light, 56-40; Nasty Boys, 55-39; Team 11, 50-46; Willie's Boys, 47-49; Tough As Nails, 44-52; Just Piddin', 42-46; Patterson Const., 34-62; W.G.A.S., 14-78.

MENS CAPROCK RESULTS - Team 11 over Willie's series, Team Six, 933 and A & J, 2712; hi hdp game and series, James Rawls, 274 and 780; hi hdp team game and series, A & J, 1055 and 3081.

STANDINGS - Team 11, 69-48; Tough As Nails, 50-54; Willie's Boys, 49-52; Piddin', 42-54; Patterson Const., 36-66; W.G.A.S., 16-82.

DOUBLE TROUBLE RESULTS - Carlo's over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; Fina tied Team 7, 4-4; Cellular One over The 4 R's, 6-2; Don's Truck & Tire over Bob's Custom Woodwork, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) Richard Rowd, 224 and J.M. Ringener, 639; hi hdp game and series (men) David Cruz, 240 and 667; hi sc. game and series (women) Evelyn Williams, 205 and 549; hi hdp game and series (women) Evelyn Williams, 225 and 609; hi sc. team game and series, Fina, 752 and 2136; hi hdp team game and series, Cellular One, 860 and Team 7, 2396.

STANDINGS - Fina, 76-28; Don's Truck & Tire, 76-28; Team 7, 60-42; Carlo's, 54-44; Cellular One, 54-50; Arrow Refrigeration, 52-52; The 4 R's, 50-44; Bob's Custom Woodwork, 48-56.

DOUBLE TROUBLE RESULTS - Bates Custom Woodwork over Cellular One, 6-2; The 4 R's over Don's Truck & Tire, 6-2; Fina tied Carlo's, 4-4; J's Body Shop over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) James Rawls, 278 and 686; hi hdp game and series (men) James Rawls, 287 and 716; hi sc. game and series (women) Evelyn Williams, 211 and 531; hi hdp game and series (women) Evelyn Williams, 2409 and Mary Rawls, 648; hi hdp team game and series, The 4 R's, 922 and 2542.

STANDINGS - Fina, 80-32; Don's Truck & Tire, 798-32; J's Body Shop, 66-44; Carlos, 58-48; The 4 R's, 56-46; Cellular One, 56-56; Bob's Custom Woodwork, 54-58; Arrow Refrigeration, 54-58.

GUYS & DOLLS RESULTS - Federal Oil over Hester's Mechanical, 8-0; Head Hunters Beauty Salon over A Bye, 8-0; Big Spring State Park over Lucky's Braves, 6-2; Fifth Wheels tied Jim's Again, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (men) Jim Galther, 222 and Ken Beeler, 556; hi hdp game and series (men) Jim Galther, 252 and Bub Signon, 643; hi sc. game and series (women) Arlene McMurtrey, 266 and 587; hi hdp game and series (women) Arlene McMurtrey, 305 and 704; hi sc. team game and series, Head Hunters Beauty Salon, 759 and 210; hi hdp team game and series, Headhunters Beauty Salon, 800 e r l 2542.

STANDINGS - Fifth Wheels, 84-36; Big Spring State Park, 82-38; Headhunters Beauty Salon, 80-40; Jim's Again, 72-48; Federal Oil, 59-44; Lucky's Braves, 48-72; Hester's Mechanical, 46-74.

TUESDAY COUPLES RESULTS - White Motor Co. Stanton over Ups & Downs, 8-0; KC Steakhouse over Strike Force Four, 8-0; Fred's Contracting over Federal Oil, 8-0; Neal's Sporting Goods over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Big Spring Mobile Home Park over Vogue Beauty Salon, 6-2; Cowboy's over Double R Cattle Co., 6-2; The Bold & The Beautiful over Parks Agency, Inc., 6-2; Big Spring inst. (unopposed); The Four Of Us (postponed); hi sc. game and series (men) Ray Kennedy, 244 and Don Ewing, 692; hi hdp game and series (men) Bill Bohannan, 282 and 749; hi sc. game and series (women) Alice Ewing, 223 and 563; hi hdp game and series (women) Alice Ewing, 277 and 708; hi sc. team game and series, KC Steakhouse, 781 and 2273; hi hdp team game and series, KC Steakhouse 905 and 2645.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, Inc., 64-40; Fred's Contracting, 64-40; White Motor Co. Stanton, 62-42; Ups & Downs, 62-42; Double R Cattle Co., 61-43; KC Steakhouse, 58-46; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 62-52; Cowboy's, 62-52; The Bold & The Beautiful, 51-53; Strike Force Four, 50-54; Federal Oil, 49-55; The Four Of Us (Postponed), 47-49; Neal's Sporting Goods, 46-58; Big Spring inst., (unopposed), 28-68; Vogue Beauty Salon, 28-78.

STARS RESULTS - Team Six, 2-6; Team Seven, 6-2; Team One, 2-6; Team Ten, 0-0; Team Two, 0-0; Team Four, 6-2; Team Nine, 2-6; Team Five, 6-2; Team Three, 8-0; Team Eight, 8-0; hi sc. team game and series, Total Impact, 482 and 1358; hi hdp team game and series, Team 5, 618 and 1737; hi sc. game and series (Div. 1), Quain Morgan, 193 and Michael Rowden, 509; hi sc. game and series (Div. 2), Ashlie Simmons, 177 and 481; hi hdp game and series (Div. 1), Chris Munoz, 230 and Tommy Booth, 611; hi hdp game and series (Div. 2), Ashlie Simmons, 224 and 822.

STANDINGS - Crazy Basy, Cool, 37-19; Total Impact, 36-20; Texas Tornados, 36-20; The Gutierrez Klan, 34-22; Slow Rollin, 28-28; Guns-R-U, 28-28; Team 5, 28-28; Guns-R-U, 21-35; KC Jr's, 18-38; Team 10, 14-18.

STRIKERS RESULTS - Predators, 8-0; Three Stooges, 0-8; Hot Stuff, 8-0; Hot Girls, 0-8; Comedy Team, 6-2; Mighty Ducks, 2-6; hi sc. game and series, Hot Girls, 338 and Predator, 304; hi hdp team game and series, Hot Stuff, 492 and 1429; hi sc. game and series (Div. 1), Marissa McDonald, 147 and Ashley Woolvortan, 393; hi sc. game and series (Div. 2), Stephen Ewing, 114 and 322; hi hdp game and series (Div. 1), Marissa McDonald, 203 and Ashley Woolvortan, 525; hi hdp game and series (Div. 2), Michael Daniel, 171 and 491.

STANDINGS - Predators, 35-21; Hot Stuff, 31-25; Hot Girls, 28-28; Mighty Ducks, 26-30; Comedy Team, 26-30; Three Stooges, 22-34.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING RESULTS - Pack-N-Senders, 8-0; Just Us "4", 0-8; Amigos, 8-0; E.P. Driver Insurance, 0-8; Pin Builders, 4-4; Cine Construction, 4-4; Toy's, 4-4; Neighbors Auto Sales, 4-4; Day Builders, 8-0; Rocky's, 0-8; Tank Sully Gauge & Inc., 5-3; Green House Photography, 3-5; Here Comes Trouble, 6-2; Unearned points, 2-6; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 2-6; Max-L, 3-6; Big Spring Music, 2-6; Gave's Dream, 6-2; Federal Oil, 8-0; Adventures By All, 0-8; Campbell Cement Construction, 2-6; Northwest Bank Team, 6-2; K.C. Kids, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, 2-6; hi sc. team game and series, Big Spring Music, 778 and 2188; hi hdp team game and series, Federal Oil, 969 and Big Spring Music, 2758; hi sc. game and series, Evelyn Williams, 235 and Joyce Davis, 686; hi hdp game and series, Irene Calvio, 296 and Joyce Davis, 794.

STANDINGS - Team 8, 8-0; Team 2, 6-2; Team 9, 0-8; Team 1, 2-6; Team 6, 2-6; Team 10, 0-0; Team 5, 6-2; Team 4, 0-0; Team 7, 6-2; Team 6, 2-6; hi sc. team game and series, Texas Tornados, 443 and Total Impact, 1295; hi hdp team game and series, Guns-R-U, 599 and Strike Force Four, 1666; hi sc. game and series (Div. 1), Michael Rowden, 177 and 486; hi sc. game and series (Div. 2), Cassie Gover, 208 and 493; hi hdp game and series (Div. 1), Robert Baeza, 221 and 594; hi hdp game and series (Div. 2), Cassie Gover, 236 and Lisa Leatherwood, 630.

STANDINGS - Texas Tornados, 46-26; Total Impact, 44-28; Slow Rollin, 40-32; The Gutierrez Klan, 40-32; 3 Stooges, 40-32; Strike Force Four, 40-32; Crazy Basy, Cool, 39-39; Clint's 29-45; KC Jr's, 28-47; Team 10, 14-18.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO RESULTS - Walnut Fun Bowlers over TEP, 5-3; Powder Pistols over Charlotte's Raider, 6-2; Golden Coral split with Lij Spring Music, 4-4; A Timeless Design over Loan Stars, 8-0; Security State Bank over Bowling Stones, 3-0; Slow Starters over Conoco, 6-2; Western Auto over Snyder ESP, 5-3; Arrow Refrigeration over Jan's Place, 6-2; Fifth Wheels

(unopposed), 8-0; Three Spares (unopposed), Saunders (postponed); hi sc. game and series (men) Jerald Burgess, 256 and 689; hi hdp game and series (men) GT Coats Jr., 293 and Jerald Burgess, 770; hi sc. game and series (women) Veronica Schroyer, 231 and Lanell Parks, 537; hi hdp game and series (women) Veronica Schroyer, 293 and Lanell Parks, 729; hi sc. team game and series, Big Spring Music, 652 and 1771; hi hdp team game and series, Golden Coral, 763 and Powder Pistols, 2056.

STANDINGS - Golden Coral, 61-27; Powder Pistols, 58-28; Conoco, 58-28; Charlotte's Raiders, 56-32; A Timeless Design, 52-36; Security State Bank, 49-39; Big Spring Music, 48-40; TEP, 47-41; Western Auto, 45-39; Arrow Refrigeration, 44-42; Slow Starters, 43-45; Jan's Place, 42-46; Loan Stars, 40-44; Fifth Wheels, 40-48; Walnut Fun Bowlers (postponed), 39-37; Snyder ESP, 34-54; Three Spares (unopposed), 32-48; Bowling Stones, 182-56; Saunders Co. (unopposed & postponed), 30-42.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS RESULTS - Budweiser tied Quality Glass, 4-4; Joe's Crew over Magic Painting, 8-0; A & J over Team Six, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Richard Rowden, 275 and Jerald Burgess, 670; hi sc. team game and series, Quality Glass, 990 and A & J, 2656; hi hdp game and series, Richard Rowden, 275 and Jerald Burgess, 682; hi hdp team game and series, Quality Glass, 1084 and A & J, 3010.

STANDINGS - A & J, 76-36; Quality Glass, 66-44; Jdwaiser, 62-50; Joe's Crew, 54-58; Team Six, 50-62; Magic Painting, 28-76.

STRIKERS RESULTS - Three Stooges, 6-2; Comedy Team, 3-6; Hot Girls, 0-8; Mighty Ducks, 0-8; Predators, 8-0; Hot Stuff, 0-8; hi sc. team game and series, Mighty Ducks, 322 and 912; hi hdp team game and series, Mighty Ducks, 507 and 1467; hi sc. game and series (Div. 1), Ashley Woolvortan, 118 and Natasha Mitchell, 331; hi sc. game and series (Div. 2), Anthony Booth, 136 and 362; hi hdp game and series (Div. 1), Melissa Daniels, 161 and Ashley Woolvortan, 447; hi hdp game and series (Div. 2), Anthony Booth, 188 and 493.

STANDINGS - Predators, 49-23; Mighty Ducks, 40-32; Hot Girls, 34-38; Hot Stuff, 33-39; Three Stooges, 30-42; Comedy Team, 30-42.

STARS RESULTS - Team 8, 8-0; Team 2, 6-2; Team 9, 0-8; Team 1, 2-6; Team 6, 2-6; Team 10, 0-0; Team 5, 6-2; Team 4, 0-0; Team 7, 6-2; Team 6, 2-6; hi sc. team game and series, Texas Tornados, 443 and Total Impact, 1295; hi hdp team game and series, Guns-R-U, 599 and Strike Force Four, 1666; hi sc. game and series (Div. 1), Michael Rowden, 177 and 486; hi sc. game and series (Div. 2), Cassie Gover, 208 and 493; hi hdp game and series (Div. 1), Robert Baeza, 221 and 594; hi hdp game and series (Div. 2), Cassie Gover, 236 and Lisa Leatherwood, 630.

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# Denver-Green Bay may be little more than exhibition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was supposed to be a Super Bowl preview, a showdown between Denver and Green Bay at hallowed Lambeau Field.

Instead, if the Broncos choose, Sunday's contest between the NFL's two best teams may be little more than an exhibition. That's because the Broncos clinched home field advantage in the AFC last Sunday by beating Seattle at Pittsburgh and Buffalo unexpectedly lost.

So when John Elway, whose has a sore hamstring, was asked last week what it would mean if he had to miss the Green Bay game, he replied: "Nothing."

The Broncos (12-1) have a dilemma.

Their next meaningful game won't be for four weeks. So they can either play regulars Sunday and play hard against a team still seeking to clinch a division title and home field in the NFC, or take it easy and rest starters.

What they'll probably do is a little of both - play hard, but rest people, most notably Elway, who is still troubled by a hamstring he pulled Nov. 4. That means Bill Musgrave, who's never started in six NFL seasons, may be the Denver quarterback.

But, in theory, Elway prefers going all out.

"Everyone realizes it's a chance to continue to prove ourselves," he says. "Football's not a game to turn on or turn off. It's not time to treat this like preseason."

Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren is using reverse logic. He says the biggest mistake the Packers (10-3) could make is taking the Broncos for granted because the game means nothing to them.

"I'm not going to allow that," Holmgren says. "We haven't clinched anything yet."

A win over Denver gives the Packers the NFC Central title. Wins in their last three games guarantees home field in the playoffs; they're at Detroit and at home to Minnesota the final two weeks.

But a loss could drop them behind San Francisco in the pecking order.

So no wonder there's interest in the Bay Area in Denver's motivation.

"From Denver's perspective," Carmen Polcy, the 49ers' president, says with a twinkle in his voice, "it would be a motivating thing to beat one of the top teams in the NFC at their home field, where they're thought to be invulnerable."

Six other teams can clinch playoff berths this week: the 49ers, Panthers, Bills, Steelers, Chiefs and Patriots.

The weekend began Thursday night with Indianapolis routing Philadelphia 37-10.

In other Sunday games, Atlanta is at New Orleans; Baltimore at Cincinnati; Jacksonville at Houston; the New York Giants at Miami; St. Louis at Chicago; San Diego at Pittsburgh; Washington at Tampa Bay; the New York Jets at New England; Buffalo at

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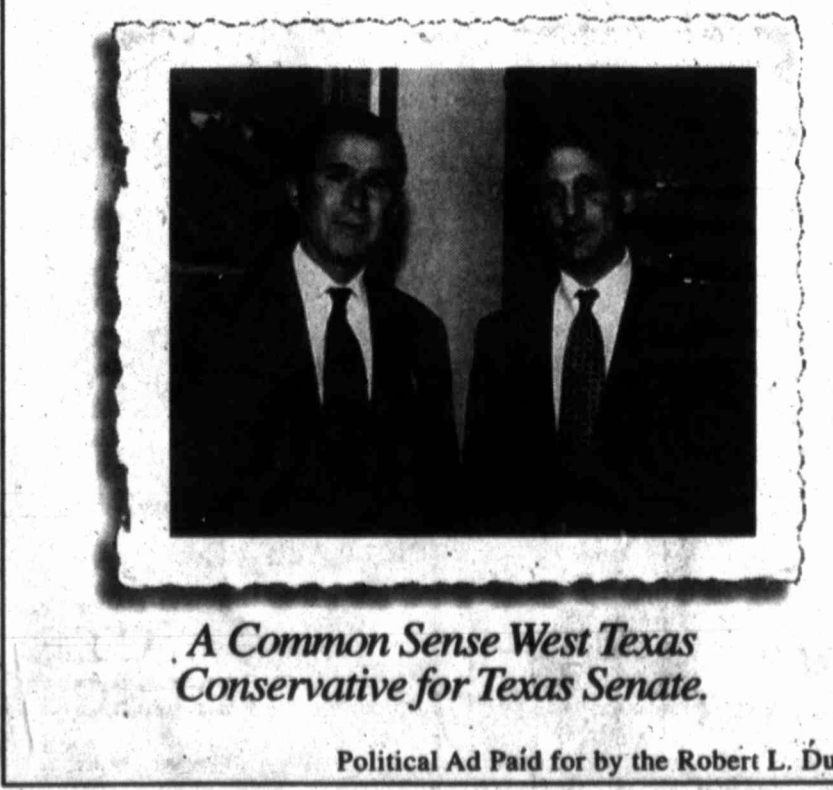
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## Annual drive-through Nativity begins Thursday

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

It's being billed as the state's largest drive-through Nativity scene and it's right here in Big Spring. The First Church of the Nazarene is presenting its 10th annual Nativity starting Thursday and concluding Sunday, Dec. 15. It's scheduled to be open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Pastor Gary Smith said the congregation decided to extend the days the Nativity was open to include the weekend because of requests from out-of-town guests.

"It was hard for folks who lived out of town to come during the week because they work. People has asked us to change it so it would be during the weekend. This way, they can come in to see it and spend the night here. We have people coming from Brownsville, Texarkana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama and Louisiana," Smith said.

He added last year when it was open just three nights, they had 5,800 people come through to see the 15-scene Nativity while in 1994, there were 6,200. Smith said that was because two years ago, they stayed open four nights.

Usually each year they add a scene but this time around, they decided to devote their time and energy to improving the existing ones. That involves painting the scenes, putting up

greenery and having more costumed guests to help with greeting the audience. When it first began in 1987, there were only five scenes and the congregation had seen to that at least one new one was added each year. At least 150 church members will be involved in the Nativity and work double shifts, changing out every 30 minutes unless it's cold and they will change every 15.

How does it work? First, it's very important to get in line at the right spot since there is only one way you can enter to see the Nativity. Cars must line up down Martin Luther King Blvd. (10th Street) so they will be turning right onto Lancaster to enter the church campus. People who drive up Lancaster from either direction or travel west from 10th Street will not be allowed to cut in line. Smith said in the past the cars have been backed up to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Once you are in line, a greeter will give you a cassette tape to listen to that explains each scene. Of course, that means if your vehicle isn't already equipped with a tape player, bring a portable one along with you. There will be times you will have to stop the tape in order to keep up with what the announcer is explaining when those in front of you are moving slower.

The popularity of the Nativity has grown so much that Smith said church members built a

road behind the campus to accommodate the traffic and the number of scenes that were being built each year. When you enter the campus where 14th and Lancaster intersect,

scenes to be included this year are:

1. "The Prophetic Message" - the coming of the Savior is foretold in the book of Isaiah.
2. "The Annunciation" - an

5. "The Carpenter's Shop" - Joseph was a carpenter by trade, this scene shows Joseph and Mary at work in his shop.

6. "The Travelers" - Mary and Joseph make the hard journey

dience to God's word, Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple to be dedicated by Simeon, a devout Jew.

11. "Herod's Fear" - Herod makes plans to destroy the newborn King.

12. "The Wise Men" - three magi from the East come seeking the young King so they may worship Him and give Him gifts.

13. "The Empty Crosses" - Jesus died on a cross in order to pay the penalty for the sins of mankind.

14. "The Empty Tomb" - Jesus conquered death and rose from the grave, leaving the empty tomb behind. It was His victory over sin and death that make His life the focal point of all history.

15. "The Return" - the dazzling final scene of the Nativity portrays the future day when Jesus will return to the Earth in clouds of glory.

There is no admission charge to view the Nativity. Smith said it costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to put on the Nativity each year and donations will be accepted. He said at first, they didn't have anything set up to take donations but people driving through Nativity wanted to give the church money.

Two tractor-trailers of mountain cedar will be brought in this week to hide the buildings and dress up the Nativity. Everyone is encouraged to car-pool to help keep the progress moving at a good pace.



In this file photo, a van full of people stop at the first scene of the drive-through Nativity which is the "Prophetic Message." The scene depicts how the coming of the Savior is foretold in the Old Testament of the Bible.

you will turn right into the parking lot, then proceed to drive around behind the sanctuary and other buildings then eventually be led out back onto Lancaster a little ways down from where you started. There will be a trail defined by luminaries and music of the season will be floating above the panorama, setting an atmosphere of joy and celebration, according to Smith.

Animals including sheep, goats and donkeys add to the reality of the drama. The

angel makes the incredible announcement to Mary, even though she's a virgin, she will bear a Son, who will save His people from their sins.

3. "The Magnificat" - Mary and her cousin Elizabeth rejoice over their unborn sons: Jesus, the Messiah, and John, the forerunner of the Messiah.

4. "Joseph's Dream" - Joseph, believing Mary's pregnancy is the result of infidelity plans to send her away quietly, but an angel reveals to him in a dream

Mary's child is the Son of God.

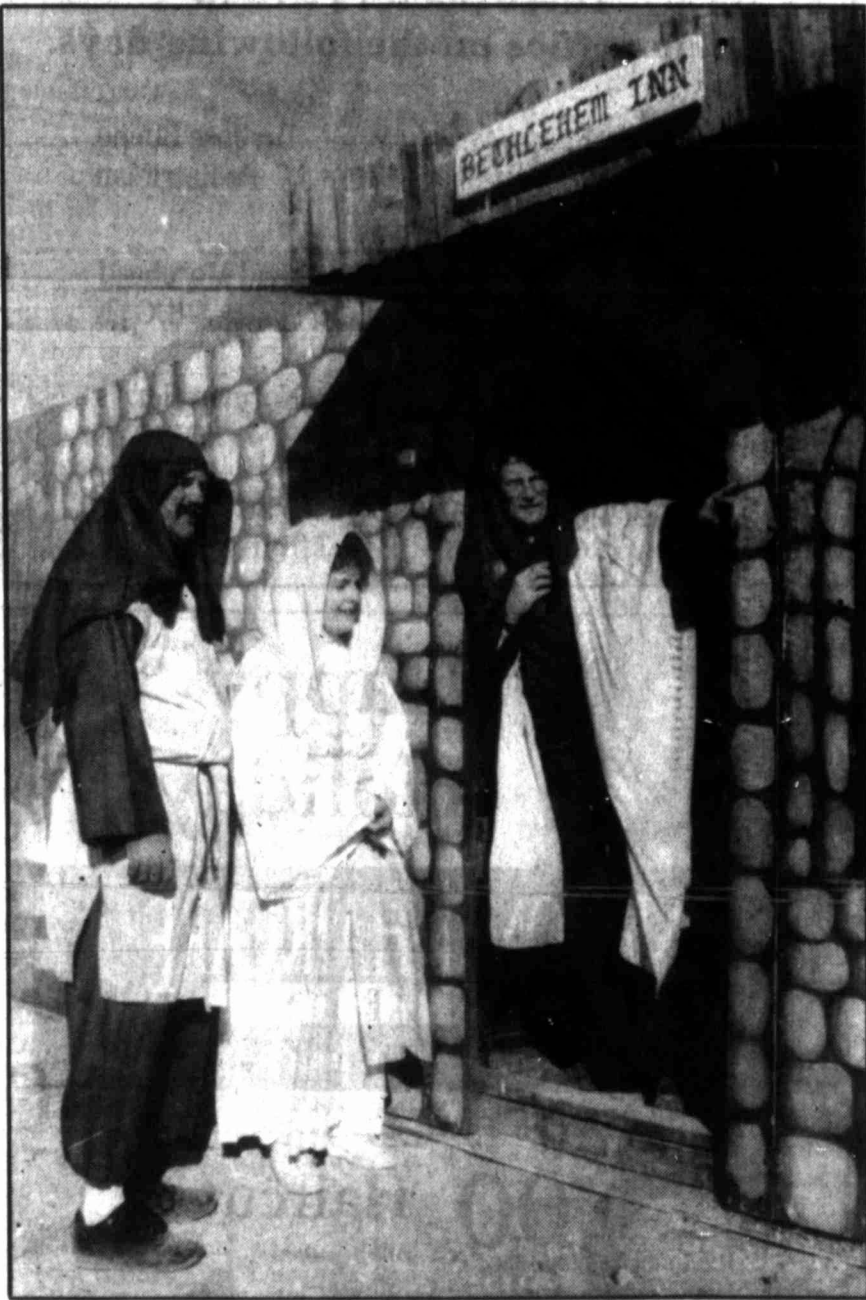
to Bethlehem to be taxed at the crucial time immediately before Mary's baby is due to be born.

7. "The Inn" - Mary and Joseph are told there is no room for them at the inn in Bethlehem.

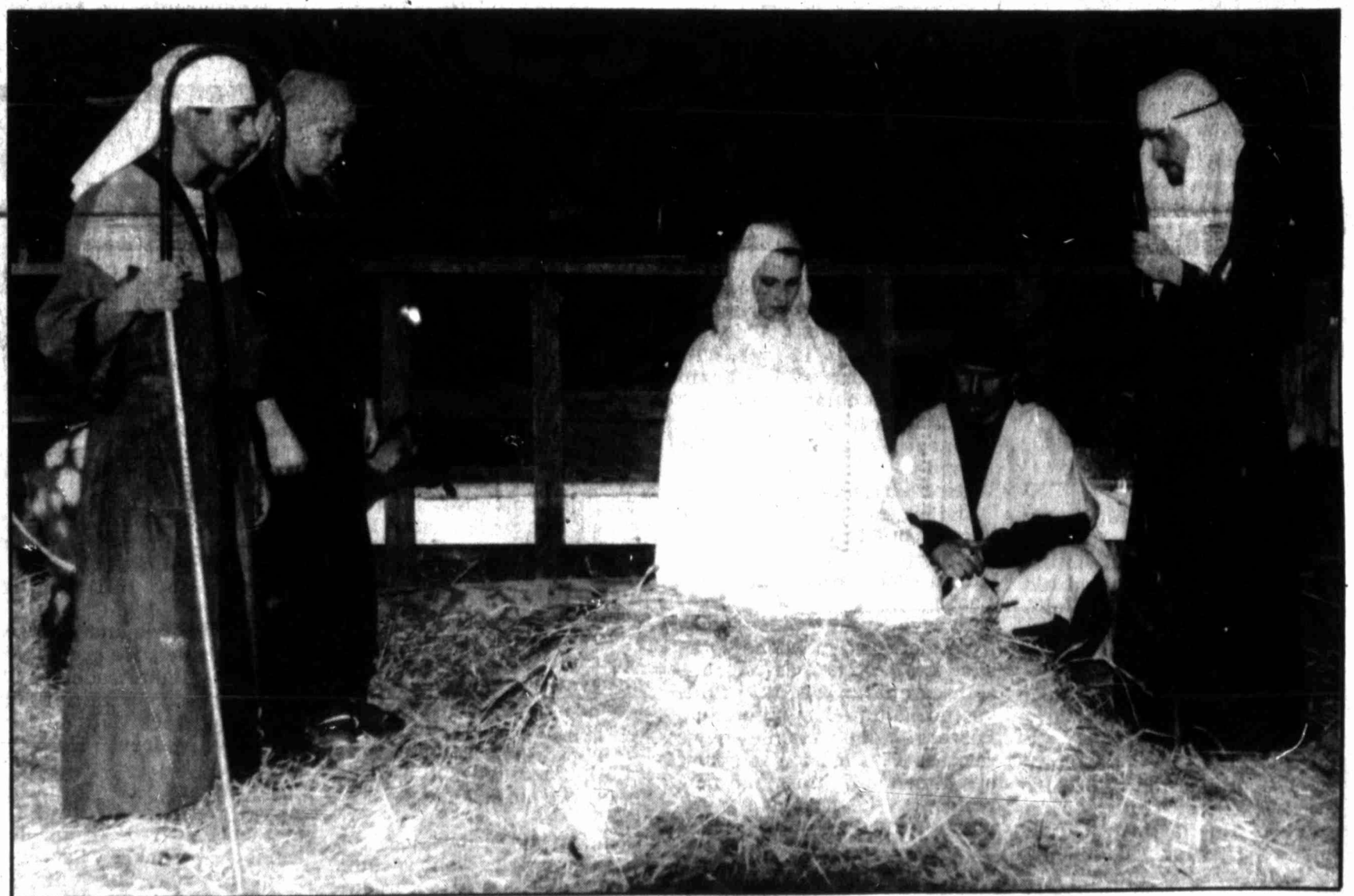
8. "The Shepherds" - a group of shepherds receive the astounding news of Jesus' birth from heavenly visitors.

9. "The Manger" - the young parents gaze in wonder at the newborn baby.

10. "The Dedication" - in obe-



In this file photo, Rev. Gary Smith portrays the innkeeper and tells Mary and Joseph there is no room at his inn in Bethlehem. This is the seventh out of 15 scenes people can see as they drive through the First Church of the Nazarene parking lot and campus.



This is the Manger scene, number nine, where Mary and Joseph gaze in wonder at their newborn son, the Messiah. Each year, the Nativity grows with new scenes being added. However, this year, the congregation opted to improve the existing scenes instead of adding any new ones. Almost 6,000 people from all over Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Alabama and Arkansas came to Big Spring to witness the largest drive-through Nativity scene in the Lone Star State. The Nativity is open Thursday through next Sunday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. There is no admission charge and donations will be accepted. Remember to bring a portable cassette player with you if your vehicle isn't equipped with one.

## There's still time to adopt an angel for Christmas

Just a couple more weeks of shopping time left until Christmas. Have you finished or just getting started? I'm in between with a few more to purchase for family members. We decided this year to adopt an angel from the



Salvation Army tree instead of spending a lot on toys and clothes for our nephews. I'm still searching for

the football jersey the little boy wants for Christmas.

Speaking of the Angel Tree, there are still 276 angels to be adopted out of the 612 put on the trees around town.

The trees are going to be taken down Monday and all gifts must be returned to the sponsoring business or the Salvation Army office by this Wednesday.

The sponsoring businesses include Al and Son's Barbecue, Kids Shop, Taco Bell, Wal-Mart, Big Spring Mall, Cosden Credit Union and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Some of these places will be open today and it's not too late to go by the mall, Taco Bell or the hospital to pick up an angel

and purchase a toy and some clothes. You have until Wednesday to get your shopping done.

Salvation Army's Social Worker Danelle Castillo said any angels not adopted by tomorrow will be on display at the office, 811 W. Fifth, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You can go by there after Monday to adopt an angel.

LaVairs D'Elegance Coiffures is also another place that has an angel tree but theirs is for the elderly residents who don't have anyone to spend their Christmas with.

There are about seven angels on their tree left to be adopted.

On Cue at the Big Spring

Mall is teaming up with the Marine Corps Reserve and Toys for Tots campaign to provide toys for children at Christmas.

An incentive for customers to participate, On Cue is offering anyone who purchases a gift for Toys for Tots receives 20 percent off that item (regular and clearance-priced items only) plus a \$2 coupon the customer can use in January 1997.

The 18th annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree winds down tonight with their last performance at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

There is a lot of preparation and practice that goes into this production and it is sure to be a delight to see and hear.

The First Church of the Nazarene is preparing for their 10th annual Drive-Thru Nativity, slated as the largest in Texas.

They have decided to extend their days of operation to include the weekends to accommodate the many out-of-town guests that drive to Big Spring to enjoy the real Christmas story.

Make plans now to attend and get there early if you don't want to end up in the long line!

Cellular One and the Big Spring Police Department are joining forces to sponsor Child Find Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents are encouraged to

bring their children to Cellular One's office, 501 Birdwell Lane, so officers can video tape and fingerprint children to make a current record of the child's identity.

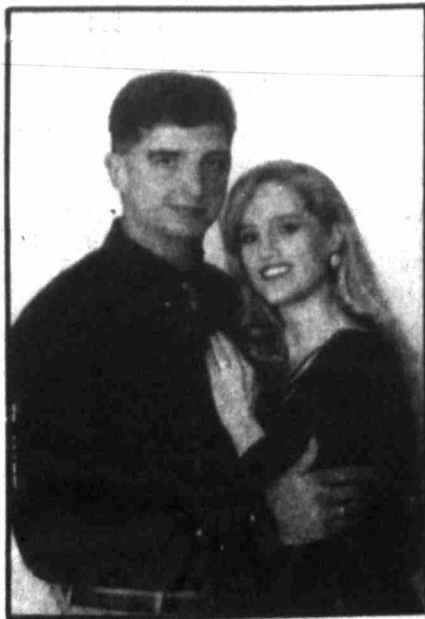
Having your child kidnapped or lost must be a parent's worst nightmare and you never want it to happen to you. However, you must always plan ahead just in case. Having this video tape and fingerprints will help officers because not only will there be the prints but also actual footage of what the child looks like and how tall they are.

Please take the time out of your busy holiday schedule Saturday to bring your child to Cellular One.

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### GETTING ENGAGED



Tammy Sanders, Lubbock, and Matthew Wolske, Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows Jan. 25, 1997, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. She is the daughter of Terry Sanders and Sue Sanders, Lubbock. He is the son of David and Marcia Wolske, Hobbs, N.M.



Kimberly Ann Willberg and Russell James Halfmann will be united in marriage Jan. 25, 1997, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willberg, Paint Rock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Tex) Halfmann, St. Lawrence.

All photos must be picked up within 30 days of publication or they will be discarded.

### IN THE MILITARY

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Matthew K. Nelson, grandson of Hattie Williamson, Big Spring, has departed his home port in San Diego, Calif. on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean with Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Five, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

He is on the staff of the admiral in charge of the USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group which includes nine tactical aircraft squadrons, five surface combatants and two submarines. Nelson is a 1979 graduate of Big Spring High School and he joined the Navy in November of 1979.

### Advice on ways to save money on a funeral

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- Talk about your funeral with family members ahead of time so they won't be vulnerable to suggestions that they spend "to show how much they care."
- Price shop by phone.
- Make a simple wooden casket or choose a "minimum con-

## WEDDINGS

### Beckham-Settles

Deanna Leigh Beckham and Burr Lea Settles III were united in marriage on Nov. 6, 1996, in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands.

She is the daughter of Richard and Linda Willadsen, Big Spring and Jeff and Pat Beckham, Semmes, Ala. He is the son of Burr Lea Jr. and Sharon Settles, Big Spring.

The bride wore a floor length off-the-shoulder ivory satin and lace gown with pearl buttons. She carried a bouquet of white orchids with magenta lilies and pink roses.

They are both graduates of Big Spring High School. They will make their home in Arlington.



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### Deschene-Samuels

Carol Deschene, Florida, and Jimmy Samuels, Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows Nov. 9, 1996, in Abilene with Rev. Randy Samuels, son of the groom, officiating.

The banquet room was decorated with burgundy and blue flowers.

The bride wore a two-piece cranberry colored suit and carried burgundy and deep blue flowers.

The maid of honor was Joy Bradberry, daughter of the

bride. Robert Bradberry, nephew of the groom, served as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the same room at Zetner's Daughter Restaurant. The tables were covered with white linen and accented with burgundy and deep blue flower arrangements.

Following an extended wedding trip to Florida, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

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### Critter tales from all over

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Governments spend most of their time watching out for what people do. But sometimes it's the four-legged constituents that bring on the biggest headaches:

**GATOR BAITERS:** Florida has a problem with alligators. Tourists and picnickers get too close to the giant reptiles, posing for pictures or throwing food to them. That's illegal in Florida, and it's not hard to understand why.

"It teaches a 12-foot, 800-pound alligator with a brain the size of a thumb to associate people with food," says Henry Cabbage, a spokesman for Florida's Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

The biggest threat isn't to the people, but to their pet dogs. Hungry 'gators dine on pooches "about every chance they get," Cabbage says.

To save both pets and people from their own foolishness, the state has produced an information campaign warning that, yes, alligators are dangerous. Posters, pamphlets and news releases for television and print are aimed at visitors and new residents. The campaign is privately funded and will eventually run in eight Southern states.

**TOADAL WARFARE:** If you think alligators are ugly, check out Bufo marinus. It's a South

American toad originally brought in to control insects that damage Florida's sugar cane crops. But a Bufo can grow to 13 inches and several pounds, and it oozes a poisonous white substance that can kill a dog. The toad has been seen thumping up onto porches and eating dog food.

"Poor little Fifi is completely intimidated," says Kyle Hill, a law enforcement official at the game commission. The state is concerned about the toad and other non-native species infiltrating the wilds. But it hasn't been able to think up a way to get rid of Bufo without harming the native toad population.

**RATS OF THE PRAIRIE:** The threat to prairie dogs is man-made — a vacuum device that sucks them up alive out of the ground. The device, called Dog-Gone, has been employed on the pesky rodents by Denver International Airport and the Columbus, Ohio, airport authority.

As unpleasant as being vacuumed out of your home might seem, at least some of the displaced prairie dogs get a second chance, being relocated to wildlife areas or sold as pets. Others are not so lucky.

Some of the prairie dogs collected by the Dog-Gone vacuum go to raptor-protection organizations, ending up as dinner for injured hawks and eagles being nursed to health.

tainer" from the mortuary and drape it with attractive material.

- Consider cremation. The remains are cheaper to ship and bury. Or they can be scattered.
- Plan a memorial service without the body present, so there's no need for embalming or fancy caskets. Use a church, park or community center.
- Consider donating the body to a medical school.
- If you prefer a body burial, ask for a "grave liner" rather than a "coffin vault." It's a fraction of the cost.
- Join a memorial society. Many contract with mortuaries for discount services.

Source: Funeral and Memorial Service Association

### STORK CLUB

Ethan Edward Rocha, boy, Nov. 23, 1996, 8:42 p.m., seven pounds, 10 ounces, 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Marcos Rocha Jr. and Delfina Garcia. Grandparents are Marcos and Juana Rocha and Raul and Rosa Garcia Jr., all of Big Spring.

Collin Ray Woodard, boy, Dec. 4, 1996, 2:47 p.m.; parents are Robert and Yong Woodard. Grandparents are J.C. Woodard, Dolly Woodard and Shirley Woodard.

Darian Rene Jameson, girl, Dec. 4, 1996, 1:05 p.m.; parents are Lane and Tamsey Jameson. Grandparents are Gene and Rene Warren, Temple, Okla.; Michael and Susie Buchman, Tyler and Mark and Kay Jameson.

Justin Thomas Guerra, boy, Nov. 29, 1996, 2:14 p.m.; parents are Tammy and David Guerra Jr. Grandparents are Charlene and Bill Hibbara, of California and Washington and David and Gloria Guerra, Hebronville.

Elizabeth Germise Perkins, girl, Nov. 29, 1996, 7:14 p.m.; parent is Angie McVae. Grandparent is Elizabeth Perkins.

Regan Leigh Lindsey, girl, Nov. 26, 1996, 12:12 p.m.; parents are Ronny and Cara Lindsey. Grandparents are Velma Lindsey, Don DeLaney and Shirley DeLaney, all of Colorado City.

Kaitlyn Aliese Nichols, girl, Dec. 3, 1996, 10:40 p.m.; parents are Chad and Jackie Nichols, Stanton. Grandparents are Tink and Lucille Nichols, Knott and Joe and Sandy Cobb, Plains.

### NEW IN TOWN

John E. Ope, Alpine. He is employed by Cellular & Electronics, Inc.

Rolando and Maria Jimenez and sons Gustabl and Russell, Bastrop. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institute.

Amy Steward, El Paso. She works for On Cue.

Rachelle Ringener and daughter Victoria, Stanton. She works for Regis.

Ladona Alaman, daughter Amy and sons Michael and Jason, McComery. She is employed by Hall Bennett Hospital.

David Stroman and wife Aida Millan, Uvalde. He is employed by the US Flight Academy.

Walter and Suzanne Lamb and daughters Courdey and Brittany, Andrews. He works for Texaco Inc.

Dennis and Lilo Cummings son Phillip and daughter Britney, Knoxville, Tenn. He is employed by Akerly Services. Mark Stevens, Shawville

Quebec, Canada. He is employed as an RN at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Lewis and Sybil Clark, Tyler. He is retired from ranching.

Kris and Jennifer Short, Fredericksburg. He does construction work, and she works for Denny's.

Milton Sr. and Elaine Horton and son Ray, New Caney. He is employed by Schneider Trucking Co.

Kim Cooper and daughters Alexis and Ashlie, Colorado City. She is a nurse aid at Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

Buck and Glenda Sappelt and son Joshua, Yantis. He is an Italian restaurant own and operator.

### HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Gordy" eight-week-old male orange tabby. He's very playful.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"O.J." five-month-old male black kitten, beautiful green

eyes and affectionate. "Jimmy" four-month-old male smokie gray with white on face. Very curious.

"Yahtzee" adolescent male orange tabby with good personality. He likes to play.

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"Xena" white female five-month-old kitten. Loves to lie in the sunshine, good companion and doesn't demand attention.

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# A little about driving a bus, fishing and okra sandwiches

Eddie Trapp teaches junior high school science at Cooper in Northeast Texas. He grew up there. In addition to his teaching duties, he has coached and driven a school bus.

"I figured up one time and found out I had driven a school bus about 10 times the distance around the world."

Eddie is a catfishing guide on Cooper Lake. He holds two lake records on blue cat and channel cat.

"The blue catfish record is 24 pounds. The lake is still young. Those fish will get a lot bigger than that. The channel

cat record is a little over 15 pounds."



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
Columnist

When he's not working, he hunts or goes fishing.

"I take my camera with me and take slides of snakes, turtles and trees and show them

to my students in class. I think it's important that kids learn what type of flora and fauna

they're growing up with."

Eddie does some after dinner speaking.

"I like to tell about goin' to school."

"Now everybody has heard about having to walk ten miles to school, through the snow, barefooted and all that. But there's a new little twist on that I like to put in and that is that it was up hill both ways."

He talks about tough times.

"Growing up, we didn't have much to eat, usually. Just what we grew in the garden. One year our garden didn't do to well. The only thing that grew was okra."

"We were too poor to fry it, so we had to boil it all the time."

"I had to carry boiled okra sandwiches to school everyday for several weeks."

"I was so tired of those boiled okra sandwiches."

"I made up my mind one day that I was not gonna eat any more of those sandwiches, so I decided to accidentally get the wrong sack lunch."

"Just before lunch time, I went into the little room where the lunches were kept and felt all those sacks. I felt one that was real heavy."

"I thought to myself, 'Boy,

I'm gonna have a feast today!'"

"I grabbed the wrong sack (accidentally, of course), stuck it under my coat, ran out on the playground, hid behind some bushes on the corner of the playground and thought I was really gonna have myself one good meal. It was a big, heavy sack."

"Now you gotta remember everybody had it pretty hard back then. I looked all around to make sure nobody was watching."

"I opened that sack and looked in there."

"It was a hammer and eight hickory nuts."

## CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

## WHO'S WHO

Sunni Kristine Smith, a junior at Big Spring High School, has been selected as an honoree in Who's Who Among American High School Students. This honor is for the 1995-1996 school year.

She was also honored in the 1994-1995 school year for the same award. Only one half of 1 percent of all the high school students in the United States receive this prestigious award for two consecutive years. Sunni is the daughter of Charles and Sharon Smith of Big Spring.

Here is a list of all the area students featured in the 30th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students for the 1995-1996 school year:

Coahoma - Jill Allen, Aaron Barr, Johnathan Barr, Adam Batson, Felisha Cevallos, Karolynn Carver, Charles Clark, Tori Elmore, Rodney Gressett, Krissi Hayes, Tabatha McIntosh, Desi Monroe, Chandra Mullins, Kelli O'Daniel, Julian Olivias, Amanda Phinny, Brandi Self, Jonathan Simpson, Krista Stanislaus, Chad Winn and Marshall Wright.

Westbrook - Laurie Miller and Devon Robles.

Ackerly - Frankie Berthold, Kaci Blagrove, Justin Hamrick, Dallas Hopper, Jody Howard, Delynn Reed, Melissa Snell and Sheree Webb.

Big Spring - Matthew Adams, Amber Alexander, Molly

Balthrop, Michael Blair, Kade Bowermon, Jody Brooks, Penny Bryant, Rita Casillas, Brandon Cline, Jennifer Cohn, David Cook, Stephanie Cox, Jeffrey Dekeyser, Melissa Ditmore, John Dorton, Heather Edwards, Matt Fiehart, Alma Gonzales, Teresa Gonzales, Kathy Green, Betsy Gross, Melissa Guzman, La Donna Hale, Joshua Hedges, Jerrod Helms, Amanda Hensley, Abelardo Hilario, Lauren Hillman, Kelly Hollar, Michiel Hull, Diane Johnson, Kelly Kennedy, Mindi Kesterson, Felicia Lara, Somer Leubner and Christopher Limon.

Also, Josna Adusumilli, Jaime Bain, Christopher Beserra, Atyka Blevins, Daniel Brewster, David Brown, Charlotte Bumbulis, Judd Cathey, Jessica Cobos, Nadia Cole, Joshua Cox, Kendall Davis, Shanna Dickens, Shey Ditto, Shana Earnest, Chris Felty, Sharon Fleming, Anthony Gonzales, Flora Gonzalez, Mindy Green, David Gunn, Maggie Haddad, Paul Haney, Erin Heinis, Jason Henry, Daniel Higginbotham, Deborah Hill, Travis Hiltbrunner, Daniel Holt, Deana Johnson, Anna Jones, Stefanie Kennedy, Teresa Labbe, Christina Leannah, Marlena Light and Cheri Lindell.

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Susan Winters and Blake Wright.

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The student body at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater recently elected new officers of the Student Government Association.

Newly elected members include Chris Bongers of Big Spring as vice president. Bongers

is an automation/robotics technology major.



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**ON THE MENU**

**BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Beef tips; noodles; broccoli with cheese; tossed salad; milk/rolls; fruit.  
TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak; potatoes; spinach; salad; milk/rolls; pie.  
WEDNESDAY - Meat loaf; macaroni; green beans; carrot/raisin salad; milk/roll; applesauce.  
THURSDAY - Barbecue chicken; potato salad; baked beans; mixed vegetables; milk/corn bread; fruited gelatin.  
FRIDAY - Enchiladas; Spanish rice; beans; tossed salad; milk/rolls; fruit.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; chilled fruit; milk.  
TUESDAY - Pancake on stick or breakfast bagel; fruit juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; chilled fruit; milk.  
THURSDAY - Breakfast pocket or breakfast pizza; fruit juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Pop-tart or cereal bar; sausage; chilled fruit; milk.

**LUNCH (Elementary and Secondary first choice)**

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; whipped potatoes; English peas; pear halves; hot roll; milk.  
TUESDAY - Cornchip pie; potato rounds; carrot sticks; mixed fruit; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajitas; salsa; Spanish rice; pinto beans; orange; milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets; green beans; potato wedges; sliced peaches; hot roll; milk.  
FRIDAY - Barbecue on bun; French fries; pork and beans; pickle spears; strawberry sundae; milk.

**(Secondary Second Choice)**

MONDAY - Grilled chicken sandwich; whipped potatoes; English peas; pear halves; hot roll; milk.  
TUESDAY - Stromboli; potato rounds; carrot sticks; mixed fruit; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; orange; milk.  
THURSDAY - Meatball sandwich; green beans; potato wedges; sliced peaches; hot roll; milk.  
FRIDAY - Hamburger steak; French fries; pork and beans; pickle spears; strawberry sundae; hot roll; milk.

**SANDS SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Breakfast pizza; milk; juice.  
TUESDAY - French toast; sausage; milk; juice.  
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes and sausage; syrup; milk; juice.  
THURSDAY - Donuts; milk; juice.  
FRIDAY - Hot oatmeal; toast; milk; juice.

**LUNCH**

MONDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; corn; pineapple; milk; batter bread.  
TUESDAY - Salisbury steak with gravy; whole new potatoes; June peas and carrots; fruit; hot roll; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Beef and cheese tacos; pinto beans; salad; cornbread; pudding; milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken strips with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; fruit; hot roll; milk.  
FRIDAY - Fish fingers; pork and beans; macaroni and cheese; apple crisp; salad; milk.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Pop tart; sausage;

fruit; milk.  
TUESDAY - Scrambled eggs; biscuits; individual jelly; fruit juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Texas toast; individual jelly; sausage; milk.  
THURSDAY - Waffle sticks; syrup; little smokies; milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast; milk.

**LUNCH**

MONDAY - Chicken tenders with gravy or hot dog with chili; black-eyed peas; creamed potatoes; bread; milk.  
TUESDAY - Chicken dumplings or corn dog; corn-on-the-cob; green beans; bread; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Baked potatoes or pizza; broccoli with cheese; fruit; chocolate pudding; milk.  
THURSDAY - Deli sandwich or cheese fries with chili; pickle spear; fruit; milk.  
FRIDAY - Hamburger or cheeseburger; pickle; lettuce; tomatoes; milk.

**STANTON BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Oatmeal; Canadian bacon or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Cinnamon toast;

applesauce or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast pizza or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - Cheese toast or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Donuts; bacon or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

**LUNCH**

MONDAY - Hot dog with chili or fish nuggets; French fries; carrot/celery; mixed fruit; cornmeal roll; milk.  
TUESDAY - Spaghetti or hot pocket/cheese; corn on the cob; tossed salad; applesauce gelatin; French bread; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes with gravy; peas and carrots; peaches; hot roll; milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken fajita or Frito pie; pinto beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple chunks; corn bread; milk.  
FRIDAY - Sub sandwich or barbecue on bun; tator tots; sandwich salad; vegetarian beans; apple wedges; brownie; milk.

**GARDEN CITY LUNCH**

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; applesauce; hot rolls; low fat-variety- milk.  
TUESDAY - Italian spaghetti; black-eyed peas; tossed salad; peaches; cookie; garlic bread; low fat-variety- milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Beef and cheese enchiladas; refried beans; Spanish rice; cake; saltine crackers; low fat variety milk.  
THURSDAY - Chili and beans; coleslaw; cheese sticks; peach cobbler; corn bread; low fat variety milk.  
FRIDAY - Ham and cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; carrots sticks; French fries; fresh apples; low fat variety milk.

**ELBOW SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Sausage; biscuit; juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Scrambled eggs; biscuit; juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - French toast stlx; sausage; juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; milk.  
LUNCH

MONDAY - Roast beef; scalloped potatoes; early June peas; fruit; hot roll; milk.  
TUESDAY - Pizza; new potatoes; salad; fruit; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Roasts beef; scalloped potatoes; salad; fruit; hot roll; milk.  
THURSDAY - Corn dogs; pork and beans; tator tots; fruit; milk.  
FRIDAY - Sliced ham; candied yams; early June peas; fruit salad; hot roll/milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Danish rolls; juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Sausage; waffle sticks; syrup; juice/milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Muffins; juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - Bacon and eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit roll-up; juice; milk.  
LUNCH

THURSDAY - Stew/crackers; corn; corn bread; fruit salad; milk.  
FRIDAY - Chicken strips; gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; Jell-o/fruit; milk.

**WESTBROOK BREAKFAST**

MONDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; fruit juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Pancake pups; fruit juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - Waffles; syrup; honey; fruit juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.  
LUNCH

**MONDAY - Steak fingers;**

cream potatoes; broccoli; biscuits; syrup; honey; milk.  
TUESDAY - Pizza; tossed salad; corn; peaches; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Barbecued chicken; pinto beans; scalloped potatoes; cornbread; Jell-o; milk.  
THURSDAY - Burritos; Mexican salad; potato rounds; rice crispy bars; milk.  
FRIDAY - Grilled chicken patty on whole grain bun; lettuce; tomato; French fries; half orange; milk.



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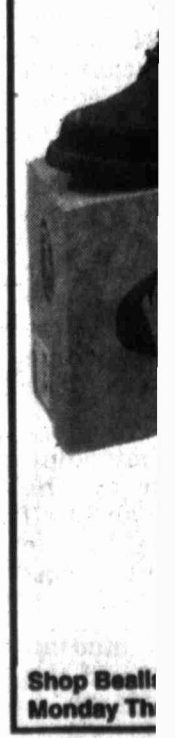
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# Big Spring VA Medical Center laboratory recently accredited

The annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony and Carol Sing was Monday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in the main lobby of the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown assisted by his son, Weston, and Charles Spurgin, president of the Nursing Home Care Unit Resident Council, lit the Christmas lights to set the stage for the festive occasion.

Mr. Brown then introduced Reverend Dean Thomas, chief of chaplain service, who presented the traditional "Christmas Story." Children enjoyed a visit and gift from Santa Claus, who had



Fred Cox  
VA Medical Center

just completed a visit with each bed patient.

Accompanied by pianist Betty Downey, Kathy Mays led the Carol Sing. Volunteers Zeldia Abbe, Jean Graham and Clara Lewis served refreshments.

Women's Veterans Day was observed at the Big Spring VAMC Monday, Dec. 2 with a program and luncheon for women veterans who receive their medical care at the medical center.

Veterans Coordinator and Master of Ceremonies Carolyn Rebber, R.N., introduced Brown, who welcomed the group. He gave them an update about the medical center and answered questions.

Chief of Staff Darryl H. Powell, M.D., provided information on progress being made in meeting the medical needs of women veterans. Assistant Chief of Medical Administration Service Michele

Beach provided answers to questions regarding scheduling and veterans' benefits. Musical entertainment was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Howard College Fine Arts Instructor and Big Spring High School Choir Director Linda Lindell took attendees on a stroll down memory lane as she played piano music from the Big Band Era of the 1940s.

She and Mrs. Rebber led everyone in a group sing-a-long. Following the program, guests enjoyed a traditional Christmas luncheon and received individual gifts.

The Big Spring VAMC Laboratory was recently awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

Brown was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of

services being provided."

Brown also learned for the second straight time, the lab received a perfect score during the inspection.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the lab for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, lab safety and lab management to determine how well the lab is serving the patient.

Brown credited this outstanding achievement to team effort by Powell, Chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service Kokila Vasawala, M.D. and the entire Laboratory staff consisting of the following:

Kandis K. Brown, Patsy R. Butler, Ione Crane-Rangel, Carol A. Eason, Teresa I. Escobar, Roetta E. Jones, Kevin C. Junkin, Adela Karamihan, Anne P. Looney, Delia Tello, Paul A. Townsend and Anita J. Wiggins.

Congratulations to:

- Richard Banks, Eschol Graham and Herbert Vardaman for their appointments to the Medical Center VAVS Committee by the National Office of the American Legion.
- Lloyd Lindsey, John McDuffitt and Cliffla Slate for their appointments to the Medical Center VAMS Committee by the National Office of United Voluntary Services.

Many thanks to:

- Clara Lewis for assistance rendered as food committee chairperson for the VAMC's annual Volunteer Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 2.
- The following for providing

their Christmas decorating expertise: American Gold Star Mothers Odell Turner and Kathryn Thomas for decorating the Nursing Home Care Unit; Daughters of the American Revolution VAVS Representative Martha Cummings for decorating the Chapel; American Legion Auxiliary members Jean Graham, Violet Melton, Evelyn Redman and others for decorating medical center wards; Coralee Warren, L.V.N. for decorating 25 miniature Christmas trees; and Zeldia Abbe, Davy and Justin Clark, Jean and Eschol Graham, Lillia Hinojos, Dorothy Holland, Cindy and Starr Hopper and Thomas Lee for assisting Jack Conway in decorating the first and second floors of the medical center.

Fred Cox is the Community Relations Coordinator at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. He can be reached at (915) 264-4824.

## Gift

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ture is perfect as is and an all glass frame is the best idea.

A picture always looks good with a potted plant behind it as backdrop. Nestling the picture close to the plant gives a "living" feeling to the scene.

So now there are three gifts: the frame, the picture and the plant.

Of course, wrapping the plant might be a bit difficult. But since it is my responsibility to write on interior design and not on gift wrapping, we'll just leave that little detail up to the

gift-giver.

Sometimes the most simple gifts mean the most and a well thought out one could be just the perfect gift.

And, too, this type of gift will be enjoyed year round not only by the recipient, but by all who enter that room.

### Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

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## AARP helps elderly understand the benefits of Medicaid

Herald Staff Report

Today, less than half, nearly 5 million, of the nation's neediest, most vulnerable older residents eligible for public benefits such as Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps and Medicaid actually receive them.

Part of the problem is that many eligible persons don't know about these benefits or how and where to apply for them.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) may be able to help. AARP has been

the leading organization for people age 50 and older for nearly four decades and seeks to educate and enroll older persons in these misunderstood and underutilized programs through its Public Benefits Outreach effort.

This is part of the organization's new mission of becoming a dynamic presence in every community, shaping and enriching the experience of aging for each member for society.

"Initially, AARP's efforts will focus on Medicaid, a federal program that provides health care to low-income persons of

all ages, including the elderly," according to Martha Duerksen, AARP's Economic Security-Income Maintenance Specialist in the Southwest Region. "For millions of older Americans with limited income, health care seems like a luxury they can't afford."

Medicaid, a separate program from Medicare, is called "medical assistance" in some states. One popular feature is helping to pay for prescription drugs and some health services not covered by Medicare. Other services might include nursing home care, physician exams,

in-home services and transportation costs related to medical care.

To be eligible for Medicaid, persons must be able to meet income and resource guidelines. In most states, elderly citizens who receive monthly benefits through SSI are automatically eligible. Most elderly persons with incomes below the poverty level are also eligible for assistance in paying their Medicare expenses under the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program.

Under QMB, state Medicaid programs will pay for Medicare

premiums for physician and outpatient visits, hospital deductible and cost-sharing. These out-of-pocket costs are too expensive for many people, but must be paid for Medicare benefits to remain active.

A related program, the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), covers only monthly premiums for physician and outpatient visits for elderly individuals with slightly higher incomes.

"Through Medicaid, costly health services are made more affordable," Duerksen said. "AARP is excited about the

opportunity to help recruit millions of elderly persons eligible for this public benefit. Many don't know Medicaid will pay for certain services not covered by Medicare. Still others have difficulty with the application process and can't get to the appropriate office. In many communities, homebound persons are visited by a caseworker, or they can have a representative apply on their behalf."

Residents wanting more information about Medicaid may call the Department of Social Services or call the Health Care Financing Administration at (800)638-6833.

## Bureau backs alternative funding method

Herald Staff Report

School funding was one of several issues discussed among some 994 voting delegates at the 63rd annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) convened recently in San Antonio.

During the first day of policy consideration, delegates indicated they would support an alternative source of revenue to fund public school operations that would be more equitable than property taxes and that would spread the tax load across the entire state economy rather than on property owners alone.

That particular resolution capped an eight-month effort of the state's largest general farm organization to publicize the inequity of ad valorem taxes to fund public schools, and to seek alternative methods of financing.

To that end, delegates recommended replacing school property taxes with a business activity tax that contains a \$500,000 standard deduction.

However, if that approach is not workable, delegates said they would support a multiple solution which could include a business activity tax, as long as agricultural use valuation and sales tax exemptions for all agricultural inputs including feed, seed, fertilizer and farm machinery are protected.

Resolutions adopted at the state level become policy for the organization to follow for 1997. Resolutions adopted at the national level will be forwarded for consideration at the American Farm Bureau Federation meeting in January.

Recognizing that water use statewide will be an issue in the next legislative session, delegates have urged the Texas Legislature to repeal the 1993 law establishing the Edwards Aquifer Authority. If the law is not repealed, then delegates said the TFB should work for change in the Edwards Aquifer law to better reflect the needs of agriculture.

In another water related issue, delegates said they were "fundamentally opposed" to inter-basin transfers. However, realizing that Texas is more urban than rural, delegates said they would support the creation of statewide river monitoring or a marketing system for surface water to accomplish the following: monitor reservoir capacities; create new reservoirs; monitor shortages and pending shortages statewide; allow inter-basin transfer, provided it does not take water from a deficit area; and allow no denial of existing or future water permits from the basin of origin.

Addressing a continuing conflict in the agricultural community, delegates called for continued support for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program. Noting that the program is critical to the future of the cotton industry in Texas, they said Texas Farm Bureau should work with other agricultural organizations to insure the program's success in every region.

According to delegates, the eradication effort "should be a multifaceted one that is not dependent only upon limited means."

## THE SPIRIT OF GIVING!



Gretchen Kassner of the YMCA and West Side Day Care Center director Melinda Hernandez, look through the dozens of wooden toys built by inmates of Cornell Correction. The toys were donated to United Way funded agencies for distribution to area children at Christmas time. All of the toys were constructed from scrap materials.

## Economist predicts steady economic growth in Texas through 2001

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's economy will continue to grow at a rate of about 3.3 percent over the next five years — well above the 2.3 percent national average, a Texas-based economist said Tuesday.

"Trade is going back up," said Ray Perryman, a Waco economic analyst and consultant. "One of the most important factors is investors are going back and putting money into Mexico. Mexico is going to be a tremendous growth market in the future."

Perryman discussed his forecast for Texas at an economic conference in which he predicted just over 1 million jobs would be created in the state through 2001. The most growth is expected in service sectors, high-tech manufacturing and corporate relocations, Perryman said.

The strongest economy in the state is in the high-tech intensive Austin-San Marcos area, Perryman said, adding that the area should continue to outperform the rest of the state, with a rate of growth of about 3.7 percent.

Perryman singled out the Rio Grande Valley as an economy building strength, saying as Mexico's economy gradually improves, the border region will follow.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area, Houston and San Antonio also are expected to grow at a steady rate, though slower than in previous years, Perryman said.

Smaller metro areas and rural areas such as East and West Texas are tending to drag down the state's average rate of growth, Perryman said, fixing the blame on a lack of high-growth industries and tough times in agriculture.

In discussing Gov. George W. Bush's push to reduce property taxes, Perryman said the alternative that would have the least negative impact on the economy is a business-activity tax.

Bush has said he wants to provide relief from local school property taxes, which account for about 60 percent of homeowner's tax bills.

After rejecting a personal income tax, Bush was given

three alternatives by a group of aides and experts: increasing the sales tax; creating a gross-receipts tax on total business revenue; and establishing a business-activity tax that would tax the difference between the sales and costs that a business incurs.

Though several key lawmakers have said they favor a "hybrid" tax — a combination of the three — Perryman said the business-activity tax is likely the best way to go.

"When all things are considered... some variant of the business activity tax may prove to offer an efficient and equitable alternative," he said. "Its performance is generally superior to the other proposals on economic grounds."

Under a business activity tax, the greatest increases in growth would be experienced by retail trade, agriculture, utilities and eating and drinking places, Perryman said. Notable losses would be incurred in the oil and gas industries, chemicals, new construction, finance, and business services sectors.

## Supplemental livestock feeding important in winter

Most livestock producers have already begun supplemental feeding of livestock and those who have not, this past couple of week's snow and cold, wet weather, got their attention.

The drought of '96 and low cattle prices will certainly bring back painful memories for most livestock producers in West Texas.



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Heavier planted rates tended

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It should be reminded, however, that although the rained on light-planted hay had a higher crude protein, in actuality this hay will lose its quality more quickly and probably decrease in the percent of crude protein during the curing process.

The higher percent protein in the heavier planted rate test is more likely a result of the fewer large stems and more leaf material produced from a denser stand as compared to the light-planted sorghum which will produce thicker stems and more lignin than leaf material.

We appreciate John and Harry Middleton for serving as cooperators in this demonstration which helps demonstrate the fact that there are advantages for both producer and consumer and knowing what their product offers in value-added marketing.

Consumers should be aware of what they are purchasing and be willing to pay a fair price to producers for quality products they produce. Just because such products appear to be the same certainly does not mean they are. Request protein tested hay for quality from dealers. This is becoming a much more common practice of marketing lately.

## Much of most affordable housing in the Midwest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most affordable housing areas were found in the Midwest last summer, but the most inexpensive housing market in the nation was Jamestown, N.Y.

The National Association of Home Builders said Wednesday that Jamestown, in western New York near the Pennsylvania border, topped its Housing Opportunity Index during the July-September quarter.

"Interest rates inched up slightly in the third quarter, making home purchases nationwide less affordable," noted association President Randy Smith of Walnut Creek, Calif.

"However, small cities like Jamestown and areas where land is plentiful, such as much of the Midwest, will always be more affordable than large cities in more developed areas such as along the West and East coasts."

Indeed, San Francisco was at the bottom of the list, a position it has held each quarter since the association began compiling the index in early 1991. Eleven other California markets were among the 25 least affordable.

Higher mortgage rates reduced the national affordability rate to 61.2 during the third quarter, from 63.2 from April through June.

The index measures the proportion of homes sold in a specific market that a family earning the median income in that market could afford to buy. It also takes into consideration differences in property tax and insurance rates in each community.

The latest index covered 491,000 sales of new and existing homes in 174 metropolitan areas — 39 in the Northeast, 36 in the Midwest, 60 in the South and 39 in the West.

Fourteen of the 25 most affordable markets were in the Midwest, five in the Northeast, six in the South and none in the West. Eighteen of the 25 least affordable areas were in the West, six in the Northeast and one in the South.

In addition to Jamestown in the Northeast, the most affordable markets regionally were Davenport, Iowa, in the Midwest; Melbourne, Fla., in the South; and Bakersfield, Calif., in the West.

At the bottom of the regional lists were Jersey City, N.J., in the Northeast; Ann Arbor, Mich., in the Midwest; Laredo, Texas, in the South; and San Francisco in the West.

Jamestown scored 84.7 on the third-quarter index, meaning a family earning the median income of \$34,300 could have purchased 84.7 percent of the homes sold during the period. The median price of a home there was \$55,000.

San Francisco, on the other hand, had a 19.5, even lower than the 22.3 in the April-June ranking. Its median income was \$61,300, but the median home price was \$289,000.

The median is the midpoint, meaning that half of the incomes were more and half were less, or that half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

Nationally, the median income was \$41,600 and the median home price, \$122,000.

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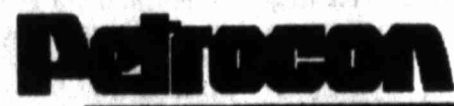
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997, for the purchase of a Sport/Utility Vehicle with Police Package.

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan 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 and Material Control Manager, 1980 Airport Drive East, Bldg. #18, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the 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 waive any or all formalities. 11/22 December 8 & 15, 1996

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 8:

Listen more to your intuition this year. It will keep you on the right track. Understanding aids a decision, but your instincts will play a big role. A boss pushes you to perform to your highest level. Make sure you allow yourself the needed time off. If you are single, romance is likely to enter your life in 1997. Be sure the person is emotionally available. This could be a special, healing relationship. If attached, plan private time together. Allow your relationship to burgeon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You enjoy operating as a duo. As a result, ideas and ingenuity abound. Caring is very deep, and allows added bonding. It is obvious that the two of you work better as a team. Make a "must" appearance together. Return calls, and make time for a parent. Tonight: Snuggle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others knock on your door, seeking you out. Forget being alone or taking time for yourself. You accept an invitation that involves a departure from your normal turf. Discussions are active. Strive for better understanding. Consider a different point of view. Tonight: Offer an emphatic "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be more balanced. Think about what is being offered to you. Discuss a bothersome dilemma with a loved one. You comprise a game plan that works for both of you. Trust your intuition with another. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Get in touch with your feelings about a budding relationship. Open up a dialogue. Find out where someone is coming from. Be direct with a child; he needs your feedback. Let your child-like, fun nature emerge. Tonight: Go where you can have the most fun!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Understanding deepens between you and a family member. You desire time at home. Consider what works best for you. Center discussions around routine, long-term goals and more efficiency at home. Two minds work better than one. Tonight: Take a night off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You enjoy hanging out, getting together with friends. Lots of

pleasure comes from chatting and visiting. Laughter and news mix. Invite a friend or loved one to join you for a lengthy brunch. Feelings flow evenly between you and another. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Discuss finances with a family member. An investment is a bit out of the realm of possibility. Share your vision of getting what you need. What seems like an extravagance might very well be. Whip your accounts into healthier shape. Tonight: Plan a budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Ideas and possibilities are abundant. Your sense of drama comes out in discourse with others. You have a better grasp of a friend's complexities than he does. Make time for your own nourishment. Tonight: A smile helps you get what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Much is going on behind the scenes. Question motivations carefully. You are instinctive. Know what is important to your image, and what you are aiming for. Follow-through is important. Discussions are critical; you can't guess what is going on with another. Tonight: Snooze.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Join friends, and make plans together. Worry less, and get more out of life. There may be an exchange about getting together over the holidays. Take time to buy Christmas cards and compile a gift list. Tonight: You are happy when in good company.

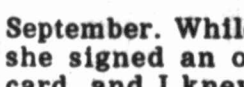
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take the lead with family and friends. Plan a casual holiday get-together. Swap gifts, and catch up on each other's news. You are amazed by what comes up. Create something fun for the seasonal festivities. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow's work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Determine what to expect when traveling. It may be important to review holiday plans. Find out what others in the family want to do. Suggestions may be exciting. You come up with a dynamite idea. Appreciate another's perspective. Tonight: Rent a movie.

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Organ donation turns tragedy into triumph for two families

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from Sen. Bill Frist urging people to become organ donors, and I want to tell you our personal experience. Our precious daughter, age 19 and a National Merit Scholar, was killed in an automobile accident in September. While at college, she signed an organ donor card, and I knew about her wishes. When the doctor told us there was no hope, my husband and I received comfort from being able to tell the doctors that our daughter had signed an organ donor card, and we wanted to



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carry out her last wishes. The coordinator, a registered nurse who took us through the procedure, could not have been kinder. She told us she would stay with our daughter the entire time, and that our daughter would be treated with every consideration. Although we cannot bring back our wonderful child, it gives my husband and me great solace to know that somewhere out there, families are giving thanks for the new chance at life they have received. During her lifetime, our daughter brought joy and happiness to her family and friends. Through the gift of her organs, she continued to do so for others.

I urge all of your readers to sign and carry an organ donor card. — COMFORTED MOTHER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR COMFORTED MOTHER: My sincere condolences to you and your family on the tragic loss of your beloved daughter. Thank you for taking the time to share your experience so that an important message can be heard. I hope the following letter of gratitude will help illustrate what an enormous difference organ donation can make in the lives of the recipients and the people who love them:

DEAR READERS: Now is a good time to search your hearts and add your name to the lists of those who wish to give the gift of life to someone who desperately needs a transplant.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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