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Business owners can apply for economic injury disaster loans

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Businesses in several Texas counties, including Howard County, that depend on the goods and services of farmers and ranchers can now apply for low interest, economic injury disaster loans. The loans are available from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

According to Lubbock SBA Public Information Officer Ruby Abarca, these loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster such as the

recent drought experienced by much of Texas.

"Drought conditions which occurred during the period of Oct. 1, 1995, through Aug. 31, 1996 and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers," Abarca said.

Businesses in Borden, Howard, Scurry, Dawson, Martin, Sterling, Glasscock and Mitchell counties affected by drought occurring Jan. 1 through Aug. 31 of this year and continuing have until June 30, 1997, to apply.

Businesses in Dallam, Hutchinson, Hansford, Moore, Hartley and Sherman counties

Due to the drought, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels.

Ruby Abarca

affected by drought occurring Oct. 1, 1995 through July 25 and continuing have until June 16 of next year to apply.

Businesses in Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Randall, Carson, Oldham, Swisher, Castro and Potter counties affected by

drought occurring Oct. 1, 1995, through July 25 and continuing have until June 24, 1997, to

apply. "Due to the drought, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels."

"Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have

experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels," Abarca added.

Also according to the SBA, these loans can help businesses meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred.

Refinancing of long-term debt is not eligible under this program.

SBA loans under this program are designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to

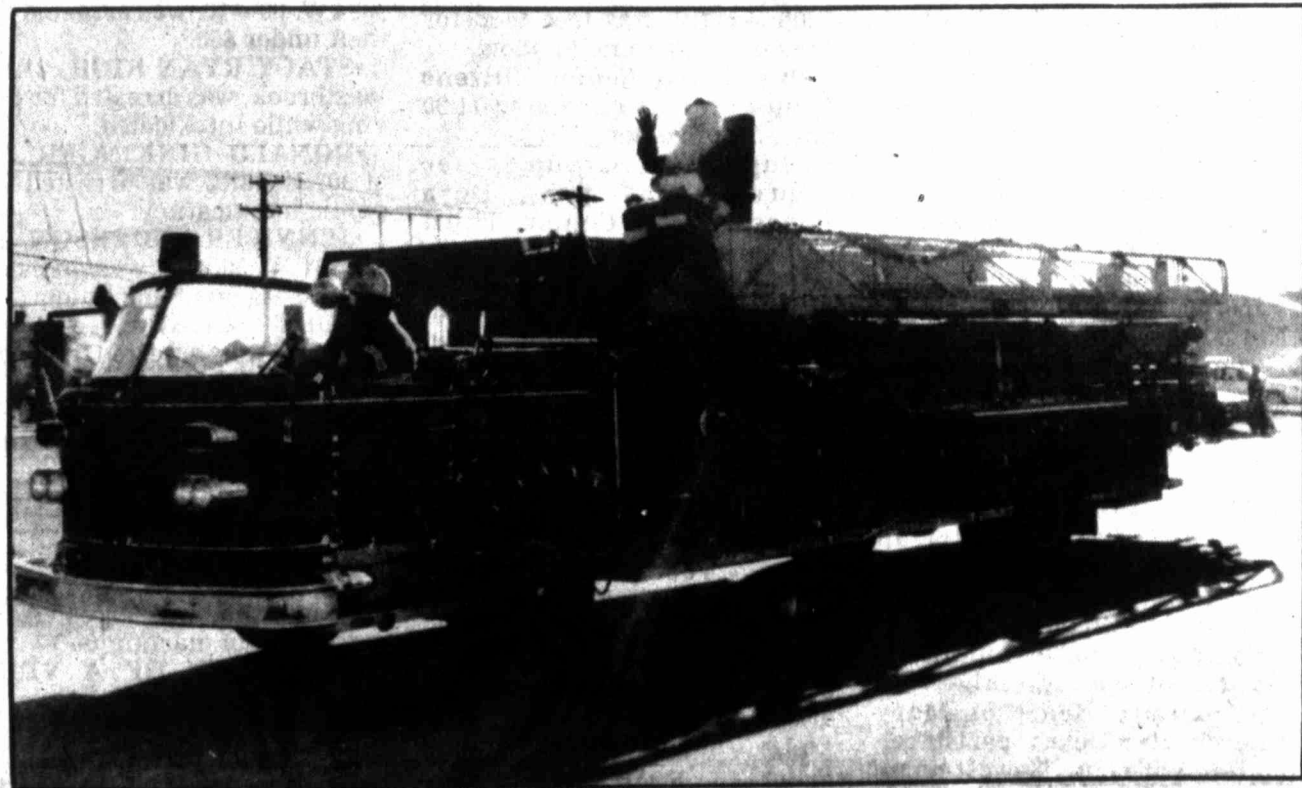
supplement funds the business owner can provide from other sources.

According to Abarca, loans may be approved for up to \$1.5 million for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business.

Interest rates are 4 percent and the term may be extended up to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant.

Local business owners that think they may qualify for an economic injury disaster loan may obtain an application or receive additional information by calling the SBA toll-free at (800)366-6303.

Santa Claus comes to Coahoma as part of the annual Christmas parade



Santa Claus rides atop the fire truck in the annual Coahoma Christmas parade. There were at least a dozen entries in the parade that wound down First Street.

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

COAHOMA — There he was ... the jolly little old man himself ... decked out in his finest red and white.

It was Santa Claus and Saturday morning he made his arrival in Coahoma atop Howard County Volunteer Fire Department aerial truck No. 1 at the head of the annual Coahoma Christmas Parade.

The parade drew a dozen or so entries, including a wide variety of antique automobiles and trucks, and attracted a large crowd along First Street between I-20 and the Union Pacific tracks.

One youngster, with a shock of reddish-blond hair, was busy picking up candy from the street.

"Did you like the parade?" he was asked.

"Yep."
"What did you like best?"
"The candy — and Santie



Several youngsters throw candy out to the crowd as the parade rolls through Coahoma Saturday morning. The annual event is sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

(sic) Claus."
"What's your name?"
"My mom told me not to talk to strangers," he ended the con-

versation as the last of the parade disappeared over the rise created by the railroad grade crossing.

Knott community gets new post office building

By **KELLIE JONES**
Features Editor

For the first time in 30 years, the Knott community will have a new post office building. To celebrate, there will be an open house Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The building is located on the old high school grounds which is at 5900 W. FM 846. The federal government is renting the land from the community so not only do residents have a new facility but they are also reaping financial benefits as well.

"This is really exciting for the Knott community. We really needed a new facility. The building was completed within the last week and a sign on the front saying 'U.S. Post Office' is all that needs to be added," said Janeice Barnes, the post office's officer in charge.

The OIC is considered one step below the postmaster ranking and Barnes said in the future, there may be a postmaster in Knott.

Barnes said the government had been renting a building from the previous postmaster, Edith Christian, until she retired last month. The old facility was at one time barracks then a beauty shop. The new building is located about five houses down from the old



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one, according to Barnes. "For the first time, the lobby will open 24 hours a day. We also have the very newest in key (post office) boxes," Barnes added.

The facility is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., closed for a 30-minute lunch, and reopens from 2-4:30 p.m. They are also open Saturdays 9:15-11:15 a.m.

The other post office employees are Lafern Webb, postmaster relief; Kim Gee, contract carrier and Mary Averette,

rural route carrier.

Previous post masters in Knott (listed from earliest to most current) included: J.J. Smith, W.M. Peterson (1912, Knott resident Larry Shaw's grandfather), Mr. Dewey (two years), Mrs. Morris, Mr. Walker, Pendry Little, Ida Smith, Faye Johnson, Lucile Thornton, Susie Harold and Christian.

Refreshments will be served at the Monday open house and area residents are invited to attend.

U.S. Department of Agriculture isn't just for farmers

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

When people hear the name U.S. Department of Agriculture, they don't often see the whole picture, according to Acting State Director of Rural Development Steve Carriker.

The USDA has numerous programs to help rural residents throughout the U.S. afford a home of their own, go into business for themselves, live in a decent and affordable apartment, drink clear water and have a dependable sewer system, or have updated community facilities such as fire trucks, hospitals or community centers.

The Rural Development department, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration (FHA), has programs in all of these areas.

"We're in the business to do all of these things," Spokesperson Judy Canales said. "People knew us as the FHA, but we've changed our

name and we're still here. We just have to get the right information out."

The Rural Housing Service (RHS) offers loans and grants to very-low, low and moderate-income persons in towns or cities meeting certain population requirements. There are several programs offered under RHS with varying requirements to aid qualified persons in buying a home, repairing their home, or building and maintaining multi-family housing units.

RHS also administers the Community facilities programs for community-type loans, according to Canales.

"Our purpose is to help those people who cannot find help elsewhere," Carriker said. "Although we do have some restriction on our programs, we are proud to be able to help so many people in Texas."

Last year, Rural Development programs assisted more than 3,000 Texans in obtaining safe housing, more than 75 commu-

nities acquire funding for their water or sewer systems and 14 new or expanding businesses create hundreds of jobs for rural Texans.

Anyone interested in Rural Development programs should contact Community Development Manager John E. Perkins at the Rural Development office in Fort Stockton at Rural Development, 409 North Nelson; P.O. Drawer 1150; Fort Stockton; 79735 or by dialing (915)336-7585.

According to Canales, the Fort Stockton office services 24 counties in West Texas, including Andrews, Borden, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler counties.

Other Rural Development programs include the Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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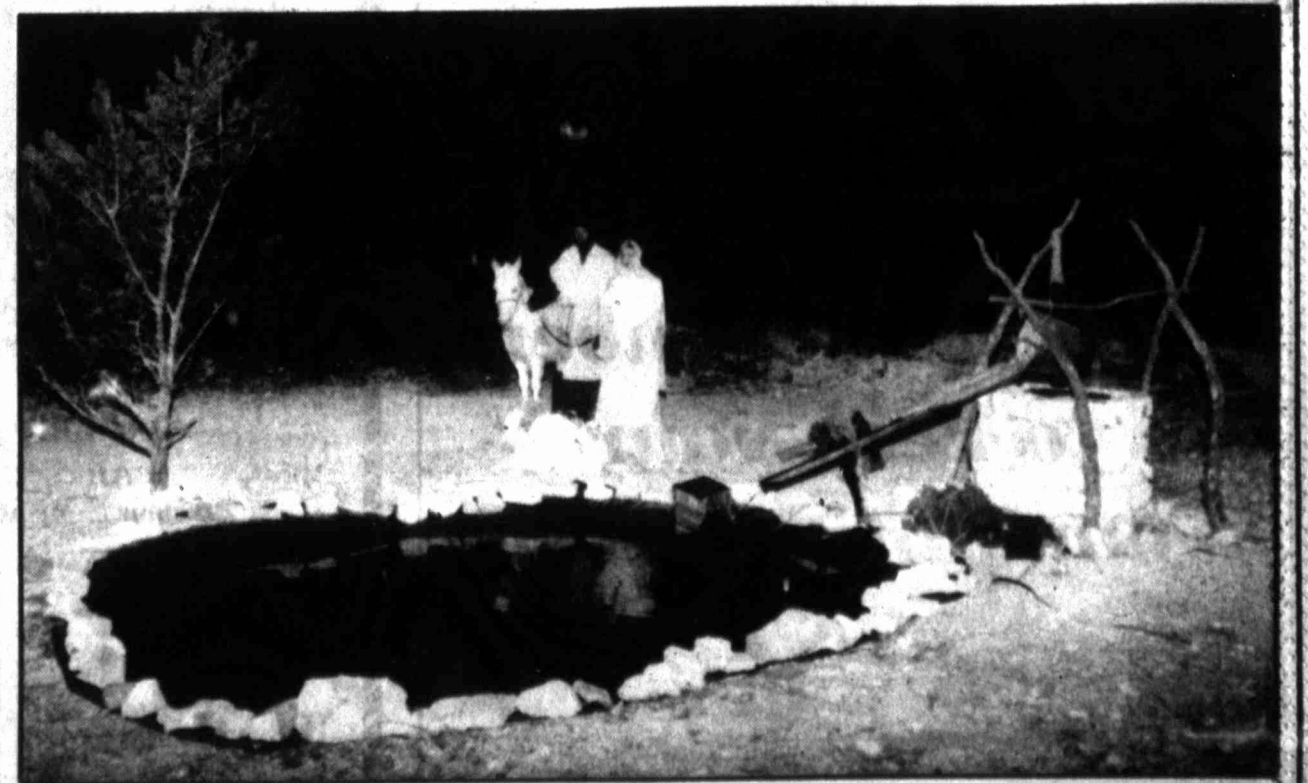


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Today: Mostly cloudy with highs mainly in the 40s and possible snow flurries. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows in the 20s.
Monday: Partly cloudy, highs in the 50s.
Extended outlook: Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain or snow with highs in the 40s and lows 25-35. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 30s and lows 15-25.

MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM



This scene from the 10th annual drive-through Nativity depicts Mary and Joseph stopping for water as they travel to Bethlehem. The Nativity, sponsored by the First Church of the Nazarene, drew a crowd of 2,590 its first two nights. You can experience the live Nativity tonight from 6:30-9:30 at 1400 Lancaster.

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OBITUARIES

Rosendo "Wimpy" Santellan

Rosary for Rosendo "Wimpy" Santellan, 81, of Big Spring will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Monday, December 16, 1996, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Santellan died Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, in Weatherford. He was born on August 30, 1915, in Broad, Calif., and married Melecia R. Rosaes on June 11, 1952, in Big Spring. Mr. Santellan came to Big Spring in 1918 and lived here all his life. He worked at Webb Air Force Base in civil service until he retired. He later worked at the Farmers Gin for 11 years and then for the city of Big Spring at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Santellan was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was a member of Woodmen of the World, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include his wife: Melecia R. Santellan of Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Emiliano A. Fierro

Rosary for Emiliano A. Fierro, 91, of Big Spring, will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Fierro died on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, in a Midland hospital. He was born on Aug. 8, 1905, in Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico, and married Maria del Refugio Sarmiento on March 12, 1936, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Oct. 14, 1980.

He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1914 and retired from T & P Railroad (Union Pacific) after 43 years of service. In the past couple of years he had been interviewed by the Big Spring Herald as one of the early settlers of Big Spring. Mr. Fierro was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a past president and member of the Holy Name Society for many years. He was also preceded in death

by his daughter Eliza, his parents Mariano and Juana Fierro, and several brothers and sisters.

James Lee Reynolds

Graveside service for James Lee Reynolds, 56, of Stanton, was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 1996, at Evergreen Cemetery with Mike Harris officiating. Mr. Reynolds died Thursday, December 12, 1996, in Stanton. He was born Jan. 3, 1940, in Stanton. He moved back to Stanton eight years ago from Odessa. He was a retired employee of the city of Odessa. He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Reynolds in 1991, and two brothers in 1970 and 1992.

Survivors include two sons: Kevin Reynolds of Virginia Beach, Va., and Kris Reynolds of Glendale Heights, Ill.; a daughter: Kim Reynolds of Glendale, Ill.; his mother, Oleta Reynolds of Stanton; a brother: Royce Reynolds of Stanton and six grandchildren.

Loreno Dubose

Loreno (Granny) Dubose, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 1996. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

IN BRIEF

IF YOUR HOME OR business has been decorated for the Christmas holidays, please send in your address to the Big Spring Herald. We will be publishing a list of addresses for

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8238
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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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CELLULAR ONE IS SPONSORING a canned food drive for the Northside Community Center. If you bring in 10 canned goods, the \$35 activation fee is waived for new customers. A package of disposable diapers can also be used in exchange for paying the activation fee. The goal is to build a Christmas tree out of cans at the business that reaches the

WESTBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

will dismiss classes at 1:35 p.m. Thursday for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 6, 1997.

TCA CABLE TV OF Big Spring

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

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people to drive by and enjoy the handiwork you have created.

THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is still taking registration for the Youth Basketball League. There are no try-outs and the emphasis is on participation, not winning. Fundamentals are stressed. This is for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade. Although the registration deadline was Dec. 8, the YMCA is still accepting applicants at an additional \$5 late fee charge. Practice starts the week of Jan. 6 and the first game is on Jan. 18. Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more information.

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

THE HOWARD COUNTY SPELLING Bee is set for March 3-7, 1997. Paledeia spelling bee books are now available at the Big Spring Herald. To order yours, contact Katy McAteer at 263-7331.

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

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

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health

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

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

ceiling. The canned goods and diapers will be taken to Northside right before Christmas for distribution. Call 264-0003 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is having a holiday camp for students who are out of school for the holidays and to help working parents. The YMCA provides safe, affordable care and the dates for the camp are Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30 and Jan. 2 and 3. Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more information.

THE RSVP VOLUNTEERS AT Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 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.
•10th annual drive-through Nativity, First Church of the Nazarene, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 1400 Lancaster. You must enter from the east side of 10th Street and turn right (south) on Lancaster. Admission is free.

•Christmas Cantata "A Child is Born," First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels, 11 a.m. worship service. Public is invited to attend.
•Birthday party for Jewel Hyer, oldest member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn, parish celebration at noon. Newest members celebrate Rite of Welcoming at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Encourager's Support Group (formerly widow/widowers support group), 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels. Enter through north door. There will be a covered dish dinner and Christmas party. Bring dish and inexpensive wrapped gift for fun gift exchange. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

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. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 10, 18, 20, 34, 37, 41 PICK 3: 0, 7, 8

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Marcy House.
•Big Spring band booster meeting, 7 p.m., BSHS band hall. Contact Cyndi Marsh at 263-6705 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

•Line dance lessons, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
•Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.
•American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
•Westbrook Independent School District early dismissal at 1:35 p.m. Classes will resume Monday, Jan. 6.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:
•CHRISTOPHER LANE TIPPON, 25, of 2611 Lynn, was arrested on local warrants.
•CHRISTOPHER FUQUA, 25, of 2604 Richmondale, was arrested for having an expired motor vehicle registration and expired driver's license.
•JIM JASON COKER, 17, of Rt. 1 Box 510, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.
•FREDERICO BUSTAMANTE, 46, of 1106 Lamar, was arrested for public intoxication.
•JOHN JOEY JONES, 52, of 700 W. 4th, was arrested for

public intoxication.
•ZOAL JUNIOR CODY, 50, of 605 Lancaster, was arrested for public intoxication.
•DON LLOYD BROOKS, 30, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.
•RAUL MARTINEZ, 46, of San Antonio, was arrested for public intoxication.
•BIX FRAZIER, 45, of Fort Worth, was arrested for public intoxication.
•DUDLEY W. PATTON, 49, of Fort Worth, was arrested for public intoxication.
•BILLY MCGEE, 32, of 410 N.W. 11th, was arrested for public intoxication.
•JAMES EARL MAGERS, 35, of Huntsville, Ala., was arrested for failure to identify.
•CHARLES BALLEW, 17, of 538 Westover, was arrested for theft under \$50.
•MANUEL ARMENDARIZ, 23, of 808 Magnolia, was arrested for theft under \$50.
•JUAN STEVEN DAVILA, 18, of 1105 N. Bell, was arrested for fleeing to elude and theft under \$50.
•RAMON VASQUEZ, 31, of 3304 W. 80 #16, was arrested for theft under \$50.
•STACY RYAN RICH, 21, of Westbrook, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
•DONALD GINKINGER, 30, of 907 E. 13th, was arrested for public intoxication.
•JENNIFER ANDERSON, 26, of 3304 W. 80 #25, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
•JUDY CHAPA, 21, of Stanton, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
•LYDIA GUTIERREZ, 40, of 1002 N. Main #11, was arrested on local warrants.
•PRISCILLA DELEON, 25, of 1410 Benton, was arrested for public intoxication.
•EDWARD GARCIA, 17, of 614 Mandren, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 300 block of Tulane.
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2100 block of Scurry.
•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 300 block of W. Fourth; 2600 block of Langley; 1100 block of N. Bell; and the 1400 block of Wood.
•THEFT in the 1200 block of E. 11th.
•THEFT OF GAS near I-20 and Hwy. 350.
•ROBBERY at 10th and Scurry.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:
•MARK EDWARD BEDWELL, 31, of HC 76 Box 90, was arrested for resisting arrest, and released on a \$2,000 bond.
•DARELE LANE HODNETT, 29, of Vealmore, was arrested for burglary of a building, and released on a \$2,000 bond.
•JAMES T. WALKER, 40, of Lubbock, was arrested on a felony warrant for non payment of child support, and released on a \$1,000 bond.

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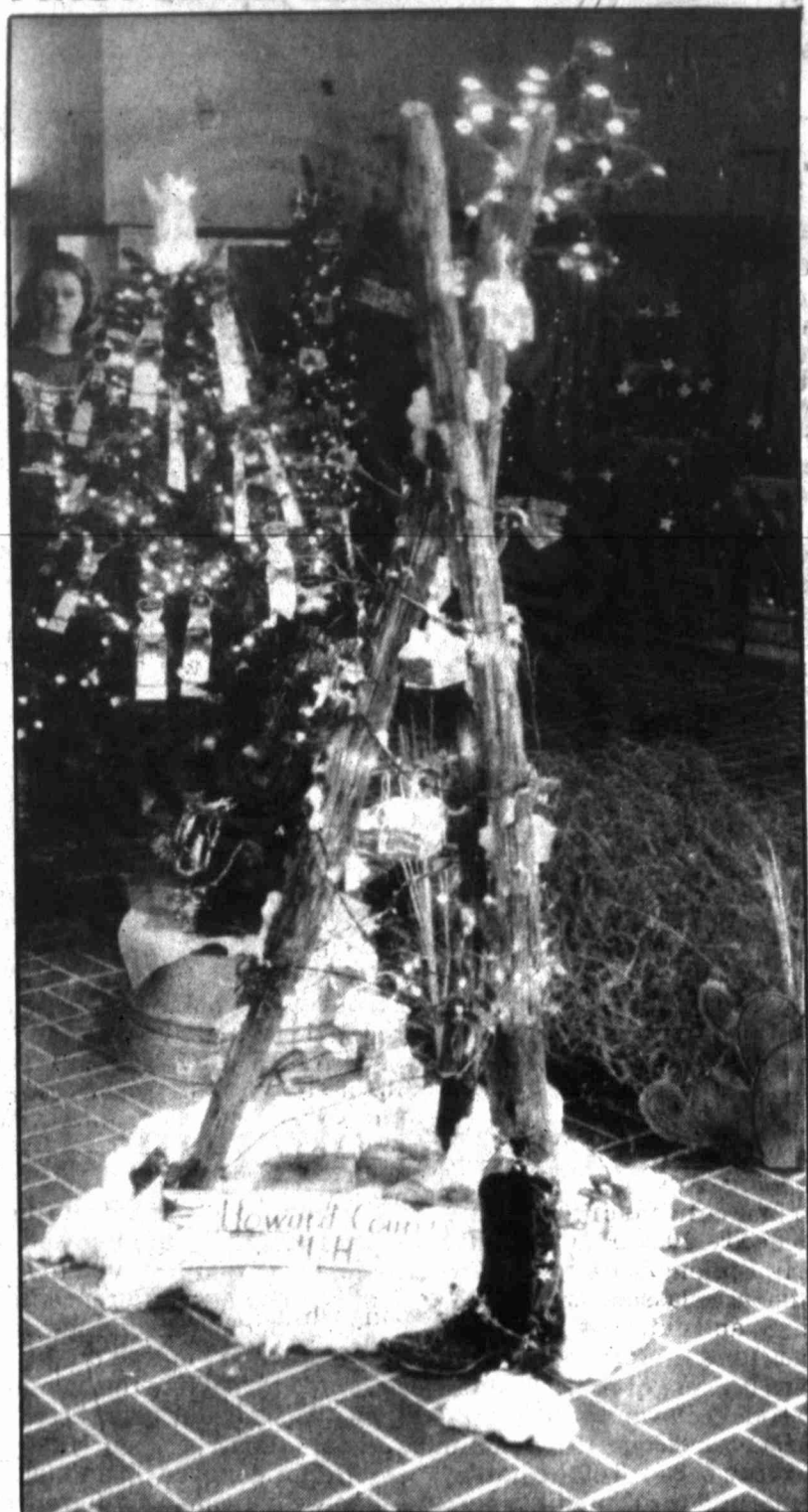
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FIRST RATE CHRISTMAS TREE



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

This tree by the Howard County 4-H Club won first place in the West Texas Christmas division of this year's Christmas Tree Forest contest sponsored by the Trail of Lights. Second place went to Al and Son's Barbecue. First place in the Heavenly Christmas category went to the American Business Woman's Association and St. Mary's Episcopal School won second. In the Christmas Potpourri division, the Howard County Chapter of the NAACP won first and the Pop and Fresh Tree by Gale and Maurine Pittman won second. At least 950 people attended the third annual event.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Erica Barron was one of the children fingerprinted and videotaped at Saturday's Kid Print sponsored by Cellular One and the Big Spring Police Department. Lt. Pam Jordan and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni volunteered to conduct the Kid Print. Lt. Jordan is shown here giving Erica her tape.

Possible Continental-Delta merger appears to be off

HOUSTON (AP) — The deal to wed two of the nation's largest airlines — Delta and Continental — appears to be off.

In a telephone message to employees, Continental Airlines Chief Executive Gordon Bethune says the carrier is no longer in merger discussions.

"We are not in any discussions, nor do we have any plans to have any discussions with anyone," Bethune said without mentioning Delta by name.

He went on to say "I want you to know we will always be cognizant of what goes on in our industry, and we will need to continue to pay attention and if something develops, I'll let you know. But right now we do not have nor do we have any plans to have any discussions with any air carrier about a merger."

Continental spokesman Ned Walker, when pressed for details, told the Houston Chronicle: "Gordon's message speaks for itself." News earlier this month of

merger talks between Continental and Delta elicited widespread speculation at a time when many industry observers believe the U.S. airline industry is ready to consolidate over the next few years.

In his recorded message, Bethune referred to the numerous questions he's received from employees and "all the press speculation, and I just think it's time to probably put this all behind us."

"As you know, we've had discussions, and they've been very preliminary discussions with many different air carriers in the recent past about what makes sense and what doesn't. I'm telling you tonight that, effective right now, we are not in any discussions nor do we have plans to have discussions with anyone."

Bethune did not address which side of the Delta or Continental — pulled the plug on the discussions. Continental reportedly had first approached

Delta and various executives on both sides had sat down for meetings.

Asked to comment, a spokesman for Delta in Atlanta continued the company's policy of not talking about any possible mergers or acquisitions.

Meanwhile, Bethune left the door open for possible merger talks in the future.

He said the carrier would continue to scan the market, paying close attention to the effect the proposed British Airways-American Airlines alliance would have.

"As I've told you so often in the past, we look and think about this all the time as you would expect we would," he said.

"We need to be very cognizant of the BA-AA merger will cause a consolidation in our industry, and we need to make a careful consideration of what effect, if any, it would have on Continental."

Stamps causing headaches for recyclers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Self-adhesive stamps have won a place in the hearts and on the envelopes of many Americans, but recycling companies say the convenient little stickers are a hassle.

The problem is the glue on the peel-off postage stamps, which make up 60 percent of all Postal Service stamps printed. Unlike glue on regular lick-and-stick stamps, self-adhesive glue is not water soluble so it can gum up some recycling equipment and leave marks on fine-grade paper.

The Postal Service and other companies are developing an "environmentally benign" glue for postage stamps, return-address labels and envelope seals.

"We're Americans and we don't want our writing paper with blemishes on it," said Les Ulanow, general manager of ABC Recycling Service in Washington. "Some people don't mind. They say it's recycled it's supposed to have blemishes. But if you're making a copy in an office, you don't want a blemish where the dollar figure is."

Although envelopes with self-adhesive stamps make up less than 1 percent of the recyclables collected by ABC Recycling, any flaw in a load of paper can bring down the value of the paper, Ulanow said. Other hard-to-recycle items include carbon paper and plastic windows in envelopes.

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(RBS), which offers aid for several different programs relating to business. Population limits for RBS assistance range from very small towns to cities up to 50,000 residents.

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Quote of the Day

"You can't hold a man down without staying with him."
-Booker T. Washington

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OTHER VIEWS

At least we're still astonished

When a 6-year-old girl patted her teacher's bottom at a public school in Middletown, Del., the teacher should have made it clear to the child that her action was inappropriate. A one-minute talk should have sufficed. Over and done with.

But no, this is America and we're in the 1990s and nothing's that simple anymore. So what happened is that the teacher reported the incident to the principal, who then reported it to the superintendent of schools, who then reported it to the office of Delaware's attorney general. Everyone was apparently concerned that here was a crime, "offensive touching," and that Delaware law left no option but to involve law enforcement officials.

The little girl was distraught, and her mother wasn't too happy, either. "She said she was giving her a love pat," the mother told the Associated Press. "It's something she and I do. I never dreamt it would come to this. She said, 'I was just saying hi to her.' In her mind, she has no idea why she is in trouble."

She's not in trouble anymore. The school superintendent himself says no criminal act transpired, that the incident was harmless and that common sense should have prevailed. It remains the case that this fanny pat worked its way through four levels of adults in socially responsible positions before ordinary, balanced, mature judgment came into play. That would be laughable except for other similar incidents (little boys officially accused of sexual harassment for kissing little girls, for instance). There's at least this hope for an America society grown ever more legalistic, bureaucratic and politically correct — most of us can still be astonished by stories like this one.

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Despite adversity, Big Spring dug deep and often in '96

It's amazing what a community can do when it sets its collective mind to it.

Take Big Spring, for example.

We all realize that our community has taken its share of shots to the head and, I suppose, like a punch-drunk fighter still dreaming of that elusive title, has kept coming back year and year. Those of us who have spent any time here almost know the list by heart. The Fina headquarters, the air base, the oil bust, a hail storm, a failed crop ... depending on who you talk to, the list can be relatively short or it can wind up hanging from your shoulder to your elbow.

But there's a special trait to West Texans in that we keep getting up ... we keep coming back. Perhaps our tenacity can be measured more in grit than in common sense for, in reality,

how many times can you actually expect someone or something to keep getting back up after being knocked down?

In my mind, I'll always recall 1996 as the year Big Spring dug deep. Deep, as into her pockets as she searched for ways to help others.

Monetarily ours is not a rich city. Yes, we have those in our community who have been more fortunate than others and we are fortunate ourselves in that many of them choose to give back to their community, but we aren't a wealthy town.

Not monetarily. But that's far from being the only way to measure the wealth of a community.

In spirit ... in compassion ... in showing a willingness to reach out a hand to help our fellow man we are among the richest of them all — and I believe this emphasizes that as much as anything.

Stop and think, if you will, of all of the "causes" we've supported this year ... of the thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars we've given in money ... of the thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars we've given in volunteer service ... of the things we wouldn't have had otherwise

had it not been for the dedication and desire of more than a few people to work to make a difference in our community.

Perhaps this year, and perhaps because of projects such as Kids' Zone and the Trail of Lights ... perhaps this year, and perhaps because of the hail storm and the drought ... perhaps this year, and perhaps because of a willingness of people to step forward and say, "I'll do that." ... perhaps those are the reasons we've worked so hard to help make a difference in our community.

I look around this town that Linda and I choose to call home and I think of the things that ordinary citizens have done because they felt it was important.

There are many things we have in Big Spring that other communities don't enjoy, such as the Symphony, Kids' Zone, Trail of Lights, Comanche Trail Park and others and it is all because people in our community want to do something to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

In 1992, when I first came to Big Spring, I was asked what I wanted to do as editor of this newspaper. It didn't take long

to reply, for it was something I had thought about all my adult life. I said that I wanted to work to make a difference in the life of one person each day ... that when I moved on, I wanted to feel like the community was a better place because of our efforts.

Well, we moved on and felt like we had made a difference, but when the opportunity to return to Big Spring came up it was what today's youth calls a "no brainer" in that Linda and I knew where we wanted to be.

Yes, it does seem like folks in Big Spring bicker more than others but it also seems that when it's time to pull together to get the job done, there we are, side-by-side.

That's one of the reasons we call Big Spring home ... because we pull together to pull off the impossible ... and I think that if you take the time to look back on 1996 and think about all of the times this community reached out and helped someone ... you'll realize that we've all given each other a pretty darn phenomenal Christmas gift — we worked together to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.)

Don't shoot the messengers for doing their jobs

By STEVE BLOW

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — I went to see "Ransom" the other night. It's a rip-roaring good movie. But as happens so often these days, one part of the story had me scrunching down in my seat. The reporters.

There was poor Mel Gibson, the anguished father of a kidnapped son, being pounced upon by a pack of yapping reporters, all thrusting microphones and hurling stupid questions in his moment of crisis.

That has become a standard plot device in movies these days. And I always want to hide my eyes.

We have enough problems in this profession without becoming standard movie villains. But I suspect we see it a lot in the movies these days because it rings so true.

Ask Richard Jewell. Now, I'm absolutely sure that I was the only person in that movie theater who took notice a few minutes later when mad Mel decided to turn the tables on the kidnapers.

And what did he do? March straight to the mean-old media for help.

Suddenly those same reporters were his best friends as he used them to tell the kidnapers that he was using the ransom money to put a bounty on their heads.

Instantly, his message was communicated. Instantly, everyone was his ally. And those yapping reporters were his strongest tool.

As I say, I'm sure I'm the only one in the theater who noticed. At least I was the only one who jumped up and yelled, "Yea! Way to go, mainstream media!"

This is a funny business. At times, we're invisible. People see only the message we deliver. At other times, people see only the messengers. And they want to kill us.

Well, kings could do it, but it's not acceptable to literally kill messengers any more. (Thank goodness.) But you know what? You can scare them to death. And you can starve them to death.

Monday marked the fifth anniversary of the demise of the Dallas Times Herald. As a member of the surviving newspaper, I know that anything I say will be suspect.

But trust me when I say that no one outside the Herald

mourned its closing more than other working journalists. Competition has always been at the heart of this business. Competition helps to keep us on our toes.

But with all the changes in the media these days, it becomes more important than ever for you — the readers, the viewers — to keep us on our toes. And you can scare the messengers.

No reporter likes to draw complaints. But if you read a story that is not fair and balanced ... if you spot something that seems biased or blatantly insensitive ... if you find an error in a story ... don't just fuss and fume. Pick up the phone. Ask to speak to an editor.

I don't promise that the editor will immediately agree with you. This is a business of judgment calls. And we have some rip-snorting debates within our own walls about how to handle certain stories. But speak up. Join the debate.

And, as a last resort, starve the messenger. Don't support news outlets you don't respect.

I don't say that lightly. I periodically receive notice that subscriptions have been canceled because of some column

I've written. That always hurts.

But in a way, I do the same thing. I won't watch "A Current Affair" or "Hard Copy." Those "tabloid TV" shows pay for interviews. And that violates a basic rule of good journalism. If you pay people to talk to you, they will say what is profitable, not necessarily what is true.

I don't watch "Entertainment Tonight" anymore. It began as pretty good entertainment-industry journalism. Now it just panders to Playboy or anyone else who will put a lot of skin on the screen.

I certainly don't mean to say that readers and viewers bear all the responsibility for the quality of journalism. We need to do more within our own ranks to examine what we do, to explain what we do and, especially, to shame those who do it unethically.

This wondrous thing we call a "free press" will never be neat and orderly. It's messy. It's intrusive. It's irritating. But it's also one of the best safeguards of democracy our founders created.

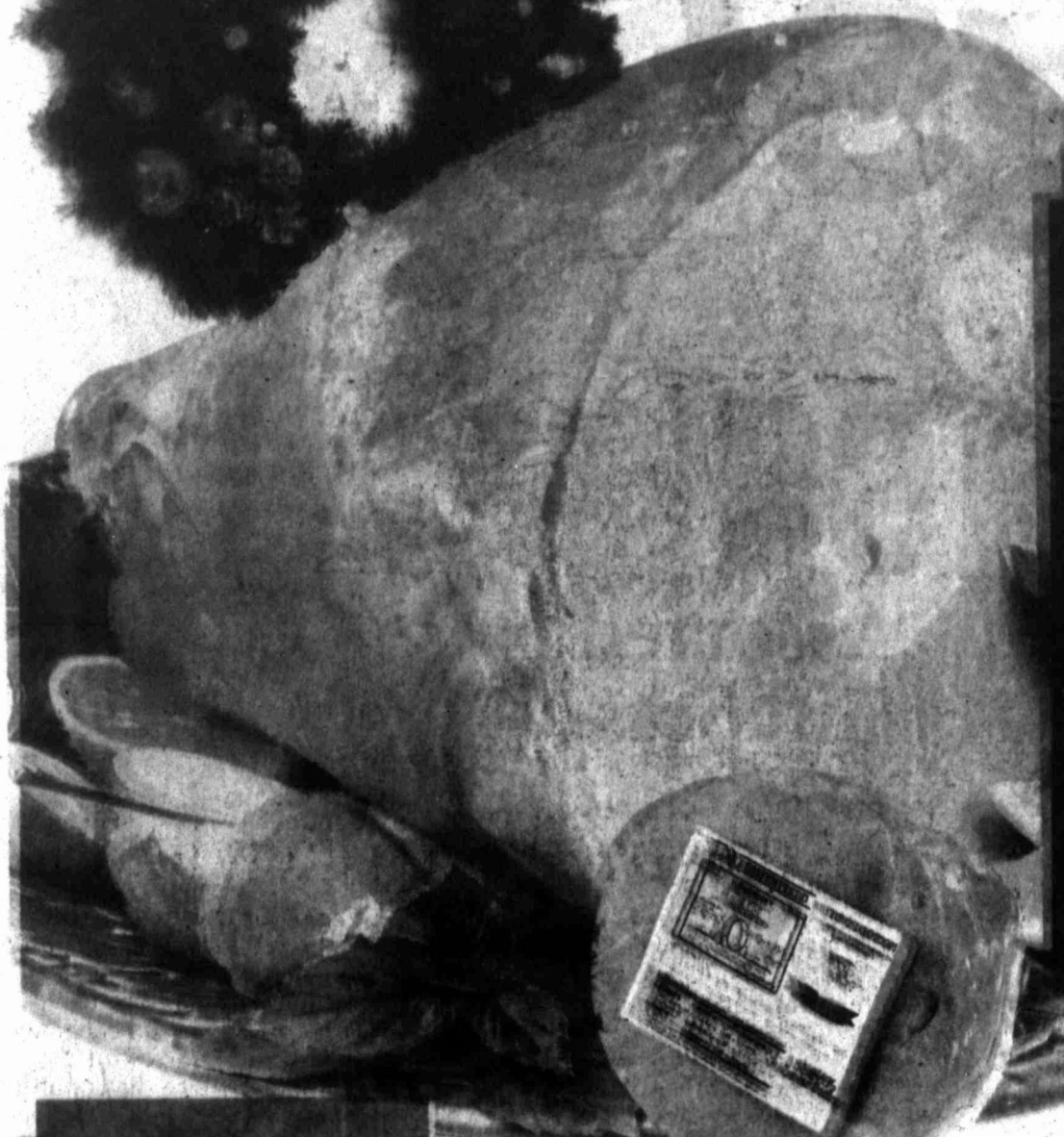
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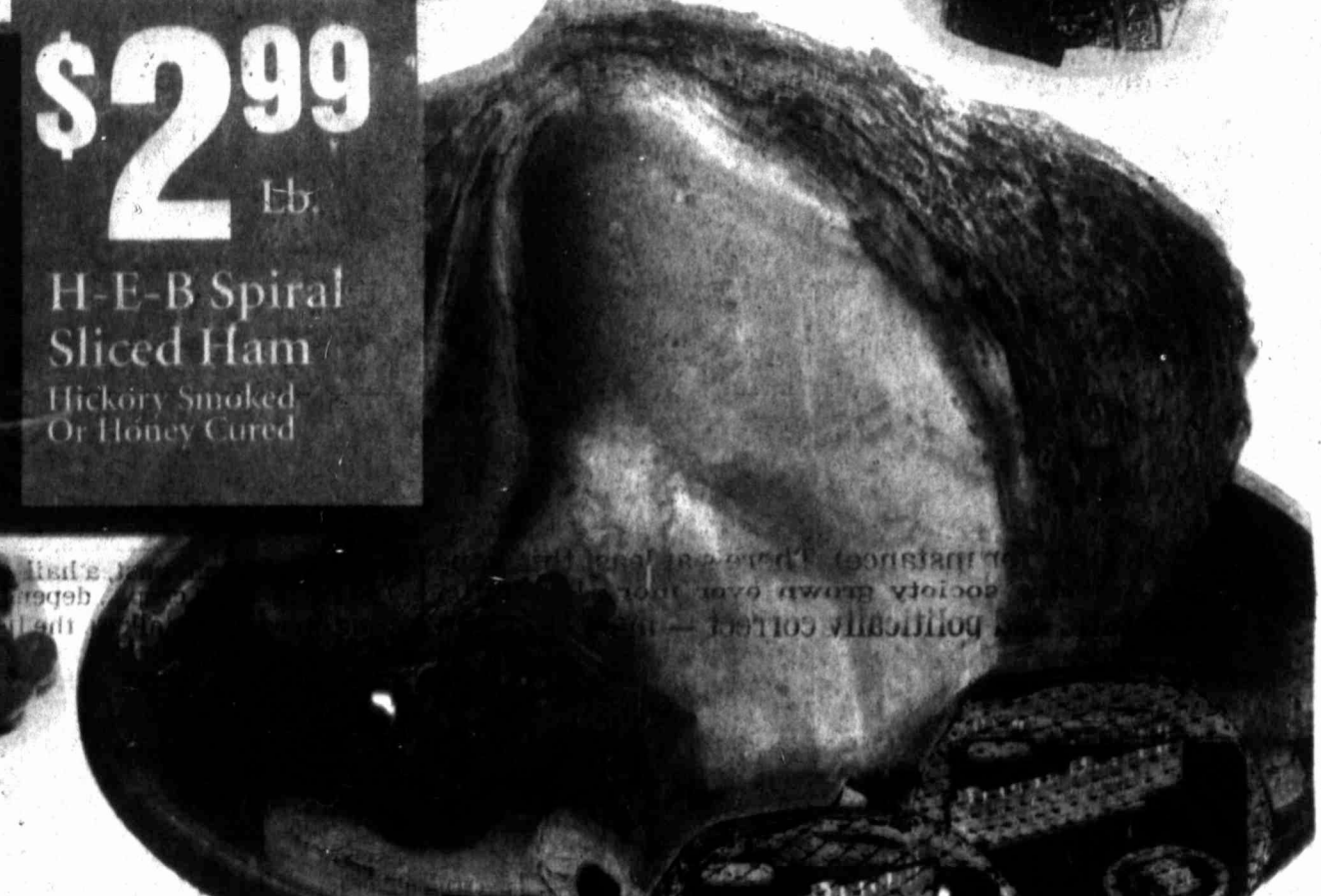
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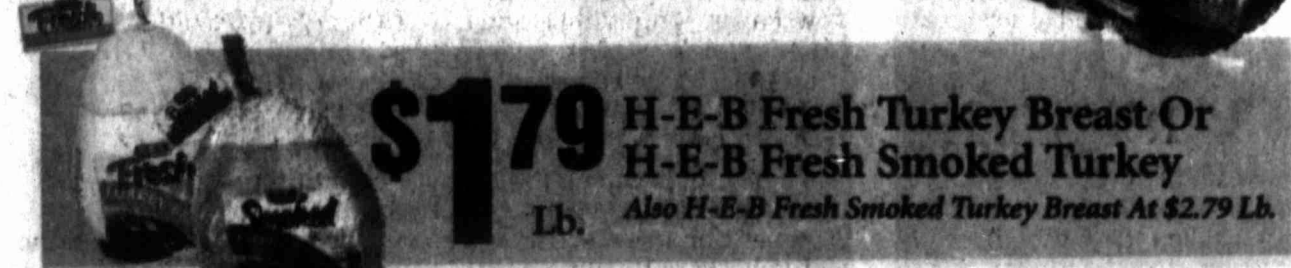
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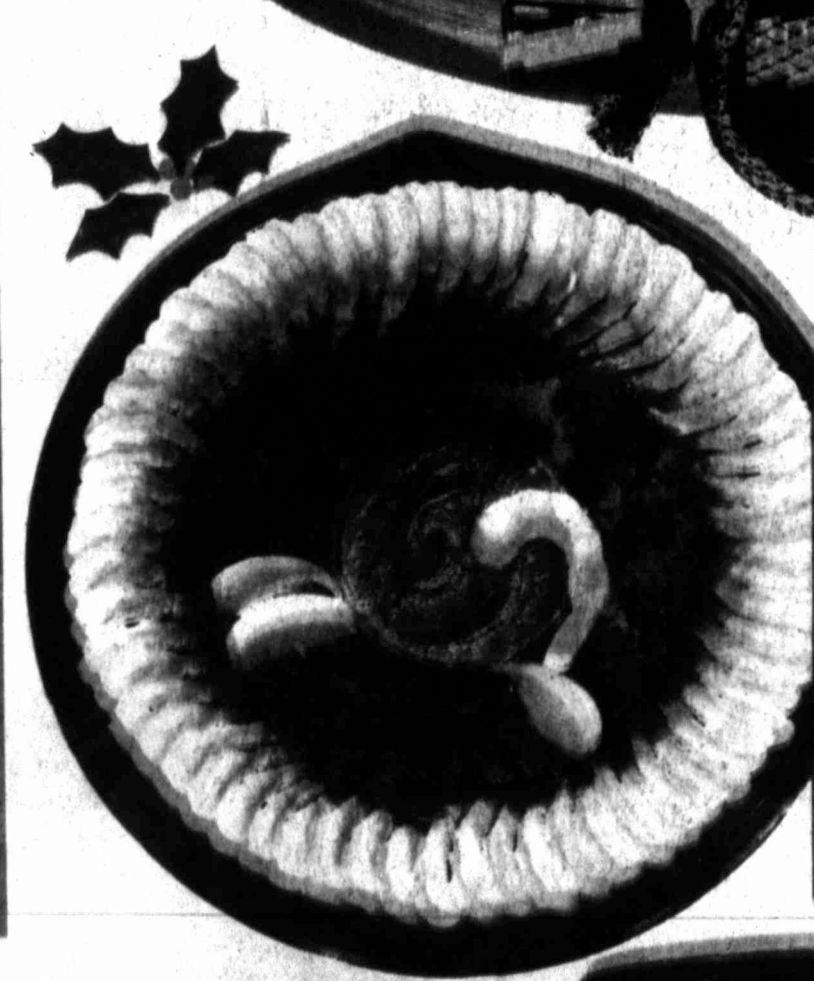
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Questions continue to swirl around Texas Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — The \$3 billion Texas Lottery, one of the nation's largest, is at the center of a growing controversy sparked by a \$6,000-a-month consulting contract given to a friend of the game's executive director.

The lottery's biggest private contractor, Rhode Island-based GTECH Corp., says it doesn't know why it hired Mike Moeller, a former state agriculture official now in federal prison.

GTECH operates the lottery's on-line games. Lottery chief Nora Linares has described Moeller as a friend.

Gov. George W. Bush ordered the lottery's governing board to get answers. A federal grand jury has subpoenaed lottery records. The Texas Rangers are safeguarding lottery documents.

Some legislators say the public's faith in the numbers game has been shaken. Describing himself as "deeply concerned," Bush said, "I think the public feels like I feel. They just want to know the truth. What are the facts?"

Ms. Linares says she's done nothing wrong. She has declined requests for interviews, but her lawyer called her the victim of politics and cut-throat competition in the gaming industry.

"The Texas Lottery has an outstanding reputation nationwide, as does Ms. Linares," lawyer Charles Soechting said. "She and it will survive politics and competitive pressures which I attribute to be at the heart of a great deal of this current controversy."

Ms. Linares previously was a

member of the Texas Democratic Party's executive committee and a former party treasurer. She initially was hired by state Comptroller John Sharp, a top Democratic gubernatorial prospect for 1998. Bush is a Republican, as is state Rep. Tom Craddick, who wants a legislative investigation of the lottery.

Craddick said the inquiry is needed because public confidence is eroding. "I do not believe it is an exaggeration to say that the reputation of the state of Texas is, literally, at stake," he said.

After shunning legalized gambling for decades, Texas voters approved a lottery in 1991. The game began in 1992, quickly growing into a national leader.

No questions have been raised about actual operation of the

games, which generated sales of \$3.4 billion in the past year, paid \$1.9 billion in prizes and produced \$1.1 billion in profit for the state treasury.

GTECH runs the lottery's on-line games under a contract with the state. Based in West Greenwich, R.I., GTECH operates lotteries in 29 of the 38 states that have the games and in about 30 nations.

The Texas Lottery is governed by a three-member commission of gubernatorial appointees. Day-to-day operations are headed by Ms. Linares, the only executive director the lottery has had.

In recent weeks, a series of news reports focused on lottery dealings that began with a report in The Dallas Morning News that GTECH paid Moeller \$30,000 for five months' work

under a consulting contract in 1992-93.

At the time, Moeller was under federal indictment accusing him of using tax money to pay for political fund-raising while a top aide to the state agriculture commissioner.

Lottery commissioners say they want to know whether Ms. Linares gave preferential treatment to GTECH or other vendors. "Ms. Linares has been consistently an advocate for GTECH and its performance," said Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers, a Bush appointee.

"I would hope it's been based on objective criteria. But that is obviously an issue that this commission has to look at as to whether there would be any other motives and we will be looking at that issue," she said.

Ms. Linares said she didn't know of Moeller's GTECH contract until told by a news reporter and then visiting Moeller in prison last month.

Company spokesman Robert Rendine said GTECH doesn't know what work Moeller did. The contract called for him to work in New Mexico.

Rendine said Moeller was hired by J. David Smith, GTECH's former national sales manager, who was convicted recently in federal court in New Jersey of participating in a fraud and kickback scheme.

"It may be that this contract is not illegal," Rendine said, "but in our mind that does not meet the company's test of being appropriate."

It also has been disclosed

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Fraternity indicted in hazing incident

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A hazing incident involving the administering of a "wedgie" to a pledge has prompted indictments returned against a defunct Texas A&M University fraternity and one of its members.

The unidentified victim was subjected to a "wedgie" and the prank injured the student badly enough surgeons had to remove one of his testicles.

The indictments charge the since-disbanded Kappa Alpha fraternity and one member, Jonathan Culpepper, with Class A misdemeanors, says prosecutor Linda Stutt.

The charges were organizational hazing and individual hazing. The individual hazing charge carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. Because the hazing incident involves bodily injury, the organization can be liable for a fine of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 or double the amount of the actual loss or injury.

Ex-fire official alleges mayor buried records

EL PASO (AP) — The mayor's office and fire department administration have buried a list of warehouses that do not comply with fire codes, the retired city fire marshal has alleged.

After working for more than a year to uncover potentially hazardous buildings, the fire marshal's office determined at least 266 warehouses in the city did not meet fire code standards.

But that was three months ago, and no action has been taken to try to finish the study nor to try to bring those buildings into compliance, said former fire marshal Bill Wilcox.

Officials unhappy with sentence given to man

FORT WORTH (AP) — Officials who sought justice for a man who fatally shot a Tarrant County sheriff's deputy then eluded authorities for a decade wish he had gotten more than 18 years in prison for the 1986 slaying.

Enrique "Ricky" Moreno Casas, now 27, was convicted in Mexico of killing Deputy Frank Howell, 38, who was shot during a routine stop, officials said.

"I was dissatisfied with the amount of years he received," said Bill Foster, a Tarrant County district attorney's investigator who worked on the case. "What kind of message does that send?"

Judge says student prayer can stay

HOUSTON (AP) — Prayer will still be allowed at a Galveston school district that was sued by four students for promoting religious activity at district functions, according to a federal ruling.

Galveston U.S. District Judge Sam Kent ruled that prayer can remain part of the Santa Fe Independent School District's graduation ceremonies and activities before sports events.

But Kent stipulated that only students may organize and present the prayer and that the prayer must be non-sectarian and non-prosefyzing.

The court also ruled Friday that some former policies of the district violated constitutional religious rights, but the district does not have to pay damages to the four students who sued.

Kent said student-organized baccalaureates still may be held in the district's high school auditorium, and outside groups may distribute Bibles and other printed materials on public sidewalks outside schools.

The ruling is the latest in a nearly two-year battle over religious issues in the Galveston County school district.

Kent's decision follows existing

Morales warns of rumors in baby formula settlement

HOUSTON (AP) — The state attorney general is warning Texans to ignore rumors they can receive refunds from a price-fixing class-action settlement with infant-formula makers.

Attorney General Dan Morales said Texas isn't part of the settlement and Texans aren't eligible for payments. The deal involves consumers in 17 other states.

Morales advised Texas consumers not to send money or personal information to anyone who claims they can obtain refunds.

One rumor is consumers can get up to \$1,400 by sending \$5 and information to the settlement claims administrator, Morales said.

The false reports have been fueled by faxes and the Internet.

The settlements, when they become final, are for purchases of Enfamil and Similac formula between Jan. 1, 1980, and Dec. 31, 1992, in Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The per-person settlement probably will be between \$5 and \$45, and won't be paid until late 1997.

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Woman accused of slowly poisoning husband to death

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — A bit in his food. A little more in his drink.

Prosecutors say it took more than a year for Joann Curley to poison her husband to death for \$300,000 in life insurance. She even brought some of the deadly thallium to his bedside in a thermos of iced tea as he lay dying in a hospital, according to court documents.

"Please help me, my wife is trying to kill me, she is not as she seems," Robert Curley, 32, told a nurse at Hershey Medical Center on Sept. 22, 1991, the affidavit said.

His heart stopped the next morning.

Ms. Curley, 33, was arrested and charged with first-degree

murder. She cried during her arraignment, where she was denied bail. Prosecutors said they would seek the death penalty.

Attorney Frank Nocito said his client would plead innocent and he would petition the court to release her on bail.

District Attorney Peter Paul Olszewski said detectives in the community 100 miles north of Philadelphia had been investigating the death since April 1994, when they exhumed the body under pressure from the victim's sister.

"The arrest was the right thing to do," said Olszewski. He said it took five years because of the complexity of the case.

Court records describe a

focused killer who systematically coated her husband's food and drink containers with poison for about a year.

Curley was finally hospitalized in September 1991 with flu-like symptoms and deteriorated rapidly over 10 days.

He complained of debilitating pain in his palms and the soles of his feet, then began vomiting. His hair fell out before he died.

After his death, blood tests on both Ms. Curley and her 4-year-old daughter revealed traces of thallium in their systems, too.

Authorities now say Ms. Curley intentionally swallowed some of the poison and gave some to her daughter to throw suspicion on to her husband's co-workers.

Police at first believed Curley, an electrician, was poisoned by co-workers as a prank. Thallium, a metallic substance once used as an ingredient in rat poison, was stored at the Wilkes University lab where Curley worked.

But investigators ruled that out after tests showed Curley had 900 times the lethal dose of thallium in his system, and the poisoning had begun before he started working at the university.

Police said Ms. Curley was motivated by more than just her husband's insurance money. She also did not want to share the \$1.7 million civil judgment she received after her first husband died in a car accident.

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Moeller's contract with GTECH listed a New Mexico address belonging to a cousin of Ms. Linares; and Ms. Linares took a 1995 trip to Santa Fe, N.M., with Moeller and Lena Guerrero, then a lobbyist for Atlanta-based Dittler Brothers, the lottery's instant ticket manufacturer.

A federal grand jury in Austin subpoenaed travel records for lottery employees going to Atlanta during July and August, and for the sign-in logs signed by all visitors to lottery headquarters.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Mills wouldn't say what the grand jury is investigating. "We're not allowed to comment, even on the existence of an investigation," he said.

Ms. Miers has asked the Texas Rangers to safeguard lottery documents. She said the subpoenaed visitor logs were jumbled, and that not all subpoenaed records were immedi-

ately given to the lottery's general counsel.

Several of the logs showed Moeller visiting lottery headquarters in 1992, with one including the notation "husband" after his name in which Ms. Linares was listed as his escort. Ms. Linares' lawyer said the logs had been tampered with.

"It's a fake. Plain and simple," he said. "It's obvious this is an attempt on the part of someone to spread false information."

On Friday, Lottery Commissioner Joe Morin resigned. A group he leads, the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce, leases office space in an Austin building owned partly by GTECH officials.

"Even though the Lottery Commission attorney has told me there's no conflict of interest in the current arrangement, the public's perception of a conflict of interest must be considered," Morin told Bush in his resignation letter.

Clinton pushes adoption, but defers idea of doing so himself

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton pushed Saturday to "make adoption a reality for America's most vulnerable children."



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But he and the first lady deferred any thought of adopting a child of their own until after their White House years. Clinton made clear while he believes adoption is not practical now for his own family, there are thousands of children in the foster care system who need to find "permanent homes and families to love them."

"The holidays we celebrate this month teach us that through faith and love we can truly repair the world," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "I can think of no better way to fulfill the promise of this season than to bring a child into a family and a family to a child."

The president moved to double the adoption of children in foster care by the end of the century.

"No child should be trapped in the limbo of foster care, particularly when there are families with open arms waiting," the president said.

Clinton said there are now nearly 450,000 children in the nation's foster care system, and of these, some 100,000 will not return to their original homes.

Each year, at least two thirds of the foster-care children who will not return to their own

homes are also not permanently placed elsewhere, the president said, forcing many to wait as long as three years.

Clinton ordered the Department of Health and Human Services to report back in 60 days on how best to increase adoptions, including the use of "sensible financial incentives to help states improve adoption rates."

"We will double the number of children we move from foster care to permanent homes, from 27,000 a year today to 54,000 a year by the year 2000," he said.

As for his personal plans, Clinton made clear through his staff he does not believe his duties as president permit him to become an adoptive father, at least not now.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has been a strong

advocate of adoption, said last spring she and the president were considering adopting a child as a brother or sister for their 16-year-old daughter Chelsea.

But assistant White House press secretary Barry Toiv said the Clintons have decided with their present responsibilities "they would not be able to devote the time and attention a baby would need."

They also think it would be unfair to bring an older child into the maelstrom of publicity life in the White House has become, Toiv said.

"They believe parenthood is an enormous responsibility that can't be entered into lightly," Toiv said. "They don't rule out adopting later in life, but they believe it wouldn't work in the White House."

Most consumers wanting to disconnect air bags told to wait

WASHINGTON (AP) — DeeAnn DePaul of Tacoma, Wash., wrote the government last month asking for permission to have a mechanic disconnect her driver-side air bag.

She's 5-foot-4 and unable to sit very far from the steering wheel, where deploying air bags open at speeds up to 200 mph — fast enough to kill children and small adults. She isn't happy she was told to wait.

"I'd like to have a choice. That's the bottom line," DePaul said Friday. "I'm willing to sign whatever (legal waiver) they want me to sign."

In the last few months, nearly 800 consumers have written officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency asking for a waiver so a mechanic can disconnect their air bags. The agency has granted 80 waivers, all to people who cited medical problems, officials said.

The agency has turned away hundreds of waiver requests, telling people to wait until next year when the agency writes a new regulation allowing them to make their own decision. The new rule will provide clear legal authority for deals to disconnect air bags and a safe process for doing it.

"One of the purposes of the proposal (for the new regulation) is to eliminate the need for people to petition their government for this permission," said Phil Recht, NHTSA's deputy administrator.

Air bags have been blamed for the deaths of 32 children and infants and 20 adults. The agency has said repeatedly that younger children should ride in the back seat, away from front-seat air bags.

Air bags have saved more than 1,600 lives, and agency officials believe once people are informed about the benefits of air bags, very few will choose to disconnect the devices.

"We've advised our members that they should discourage their customers from discon-

necting air bags," said Steve McDonald, a spokesman for the Automotive Service Association which represents 55,000 independent service garages.

The NHTSA proposal, modeled after similar programs used successfully by BMW and Volvo in Europe, will include literature for consumers, a consent form to sign and labels inside the car warning passengers an air bag has been disconnected.

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'Kofi' and 'the big boys' together will set the United Nation's course

NEW YORK (AP) — Everyone knows him as "Kofi." In the stuffy, suspicious world of global politics, that simple fact says a lot about the man moving into the CEO suite at the United Nations.

Through crises both international and internal at the world body, Kofi Annan has made friends and found supporters in important places. In his next five years as secretary-general, the man from Ghana may need to call on every one of them.

One place where he'll find them is at the Pentagon. "Everybody here is very impressed with him," said a Defense Department official who has worked closely with

the U.N. peacekeeping department, led by Annan since 1993. "He's committed to doing things better at the U.N."

He'll find them, too, within the U.N. rank-and-file, where his soft-spoken, open manner — and reputation for competence — made him a favorite among the top deputies.

"I've never heard Kofi once raise his voice," said a U.N. staff member who has long worked with him. "I don't think he has a single enemy."

But will "Kofi" find friends in Congress?

His success in winning over "the big boys" — as Annan often refers to the Washington leadership — will make or

break his tenure as U.N. chief.

Their hostility brought down his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Their support, if they see Annan as a committed U.N. reformer, could untie the purse strings on more than \$1 billion the United States owes in U.N. back dues.

Annan, 58, to be confirmed as secretary-general by the General Assembly on Tuesday, moves into the job with something of a head start. Better than any of his six predecessors, he knows America and its ways.

A scion of a chiefly west African family, Annan was educated in the U.S. heartland — at Minnesota's Macalester College

— and indoctrinated in American business practice, earning a master's degree in management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Through a 34-year U.N. career, he has worked in Egypt, Ethiopia and Geneva, but his mark was made in New York, where he has held top positions in personnel and budget at U.N. headquarters.

He first came to wide U.S. attention in 1990 when he helped negotiate the release of Western hostages held by Iraq during the Gulf War.

Annan took charge of U.N. peacekeeping, as undersecretary-general, just as the depart-

ment's responsibilities were exploding in the aftermath of the Cold War. By 1994, the U.N. flag was flying over 19 peacekeeping missions worldwide, with 75,000 troops, police and other personnel.

The numbers have declined since, but Annan's department meanwhile grew more professional and capable.

Though "perpetually broke," as he once said in an interview, Annan cajoled and borrowed from member governments to build a headquarters staff. A situation center that had just two telephones when he took over now has around-the-clock computer, voice and fax connections to worldwide operations.

By all accounts, his reputation for quiet competence was cemented earlier this year with four months' temporary duty overseeing the transition from U.N. to NATO-led peacekeeping in Bosnia. The complicated, delicate turnover proved problematic.

Some may question whether a career U.N. bureaucrat is too tied to old structures to press on with a top-to-bottom overhaul of the institution, as demanded by the Republican Congress and seconded by the Clinton administration.

But others point out it's often the insiders who know best where there's fat to cut.

WORLD BRIEFS

Tamil rebels say 26 deaths in attack on police camp

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Twenty-six rebels were killed in this week's attack on a police commando camp that left at least 38 policemen and soldiers dead, guerrilla leaders said Friday.

The Tamil Tigers killed 50 soldiers and captured a large stock of weaponry during Wednesday's attack at Pudukunawa village in eastern Sri Lanka, the rebels said in a statement from London.

Military officials estimated that 38 government policemen and soldiers died in the attack, the deadliest since October, when rebel suicide bombers rammed an explosives-laden boat into a Sri Lankan gunboat and killed at least 12 sailors.

Town dance rewards rat killers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

At this party, dancers need to bring at least 50 rat tails before they can shake their own.

Admission to the Cabuto town dance is the latest gimmick toward vermin control in the central Philippines.

Cabutan is in Iloilo province, one of the country's biggest rice-growing regions. Rats have destroyed 58,000 acres of rice in Iloilo alone.

Town officials were inspired by the "Miss Rat" contest earlier this year in nearby Monpon, which did much to end that town's problem, provincial agriculturist Apolinario Sotomil said.

Contestants were judged not only for their beauty but also for the number of rats they and their sponsors could kill.

Cabutan officials say they might make rat tails the admission for each of the town's four annual dances, Sotomil said.

He didn't say whether Miss Rat would be there.

U.S. military employee sentenced to five years in prison

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — An appeals court sentenced a civilian employee of the U.S. military to five years in prison Friday for beating his South Korean girlfriend, who later died of her injuries.

Henry C. McKinney, 36, an electrician assigned to the 8th U.S. Army based in Seoul, received a seven-year term in a lower court ruling in July.

Presiding Judge Hwang In-hang said his three-judge panel decided to reduce the sentence because the defendant had a history of mental illness.

McKinney, of Owensboro, Ky., was accused of beating his live-in girlfriend in January during a fight over her desire to separate, police said. The woman, Kang Woon-kyong, 39, died several hours later of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Two Chinese dissidents sent to labor camp

BEIJING (AP) — Two Chinese democracy campaigners have been sent without trial to labor camps for penning essays critical of the government.

Fu Guoyong, who already has served two years in a labor camp for taking part in the huge 1989 pro-democracy demonstrations, was sentenced to three more years at a work farm, the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and the Democratic Movement in China said.

Police in Taiyuan, capital of central Shanxi province, ordered the punishment for an essay the 29-year-old Fu wrote in Beijing Spring — a magazine published by exiled dissidents in Canada and the United States. The group did not say when the essay was published.

In the essay, Fu said that "rulers never voluntarily leave the stage of history. The price of struggling for democracy must be paid with blood, even lives," according to the group.

Chen Ping, 45, an editor of the Shanxi-based magazine Economic Issues, was sentenced to one year in a labor camp for writing an article with Fu on constitutional issues, the group said.

The article has not been published, and the Information Center did not have details about its content. The 45-year-old editor was arrested in August. He previously had been expelled from the Communist Party for taking part in the wave of 1989 demonstrations.

China's small community of outspoken dissidents have been

virtually silenced by 18 months of relentless arrests and intimidation by police. Police increasingly have sent criminal or political suspects to labor camps for terms of up to three years without trial, as they can do by law.

Fu was a member of a group of dissidents in eastern Zhejiang province who compiled letters and petitions demanding democracy, the release of political prisoners and an investigation into the military assault that crushed the 1989 protests in Beijing. He was detained in July.

He was detained for a month last December for gathering signatures on a petition demanding the release of Wei Jingsheng, a veteran dissident serving a 14-year prison term.

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Lewisville runs wild to take 5A Div. I title

WACO (AP) — Lewisville's Luke Taylor ran for five touchdowns and the Farmers rushed for 537 yards in a 58-34 pasting of Converse Judson Saturday, earning them the Class 5A Division I championship in the highest-scoring title game in state history.

Lewisville (15-0), the 1993 5A Division II winner, became the first team to win both 5A crowns since the class was split in 1990. Judson (13-2), the defending Division I champs, failed in its bid for a fourth crown in five years.

With two running teams, the game was expected to be low scoring. Instead, it was quite a

shootout, taking out many championship game records in its wake.

Lewisville did most of the damage — without even throwing a pass.

The Farmers' yardage was a title-game best, four more than Sealy's output in its 1994 3A championship. The 30 points scored by Taylor tied the record set by Michael Horace of Groveton in the 1984 2A title game and tied by Southlake Carroll's Dane Johnson in the 1992 3A championship.

Despite all that, the Rockets actually were in the game as late as the third quarter.

After allowing Lewisville to

take a 21-0 first-quarter lead, Judson fought to within 34-27 at halftime thanks to a 75-yard touchdown pass on the last play of the second quarter.

The Rockets were still within 41-34 midway through the third quarter when Lewisville finally did it has done best all year: a sustained drive that gained yards in small bites handfulls instead of huge chunks.

The Farmers took 8 minutes, 5 seconds to move 78 yards. They converted two fourth downs along the way, one on a fake punt. Although the possession ended in a 23-yard field goal by John Grace, the 44-34 lead was the crushing blow.

But that didn't stop the crushing.

Judson would fumble away consecutive snaps deep in its own territory and Lewisville would turn both into touchdowns. Taylor had the first one, a 1-yarder, with 3:23 to play, then Danielle Brazzelle went 24 yards on a reverse just 23 seconds later.

Lewisville's offensive dominance was nothing new. The Farmers averaged 45 points in their five playoff wins.

Taylor, who scored four of his touchdowns in the first half, was the game's leading rusher with 147 yards on 17 carries. Quarterback Michael Odle was

close behind at 137 yards on 17 carries. Kenan Gray gained 105 yards on 10 carries and Brazzelle had 97 yards on eight carries.

All four runners had over 900 yards this season to make Lewisville and its Wishbone offense arguable the best overall team in the state.

No matter who wins the Division II crown next weekend, the Division I champions will be able to claim dominance — something that's been rare in the seven years of the two-tiered system.

Lewisville's closest game was a 12-7 victory over Plano in the season opener and wouldn't be

challenged much again. The Farmers' playoff run included victories over two undefeated teams and three district champions.

Judson, meanwhile, shouldn't feel too ashamed.

The Rockets — who survived double overtime in the season finale just to make the playoffs, then overcame a 31-point deficit in the first round — were the first team this season to score more than 19 points against the Farmers.

Judson's 395 yards rushing was by far the most allowed by Lewisville, which had given up just one touchdown over its previous seven quarters.

Early success has Borden boys thinking playoffs

It's been a long, long time since the residents of Gail have been able to watch their boys' basketball team in the playoffs, but their long wait may end this season.

No one has used Borden County's boys team and successful season in the same sentence for at least 30 years. The girls' team had a string of strong team in the 1960s, but even the Lady Coyotes have hit upon recent hard times.

But this year, things just might be different. This year, Borden County fans might be whooping it up well into February. Making the playoffs, which might have been dismissed as a pipe dream a couple of years ago, are a strong possibility for both Borden squads this season.

If the Coyotes qualify for post-

season play, something that hasn't been accomplished at Gail since the 1960s, Trey Ritchey might become the most popular man in Gail.

Ritchey, the coach of the boys' team, has patiently built the squad into one believes that the playoffs are there for the taking. And he's quick to encourage such bold talk.

"Last year, we had a pretty good record (16-12)," Ritchey said. "I felt like we had a pretty good ball club, and we returned virtually everybody from last year."

That returning talent, which leading scorer Colt McCook (13 points a game) has compiled a 9-2 record through Friday night's win over Forsan at the Coyote Christmas Tournament. The suddenly hot Coyotes are riding the crest of a seven-game winning streak.

Learning how to win — much less compiling a winning streak — has taken time in Gail.

"My seniors tell me that (seven) wins in a row is the longest streak they've had in their lives, so that shows you the futility we've had in Borden

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Coahoma's Aaron Barr (23) fires a shot during the Bulldogs' game with Sterling City Saturday at the Hooptown Classic in Stanton.

Defensive stand leads Coahoma to win over Sterling City

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Halfway through Coahoma's game with Sterling City Saturday, Kim Nichols decided that this man-to-man business was for the birds.

Nichols, head coach of the Bulldogs, decided to send his team's man-to-man defense to the trash can with 5:07 left in the game, going instead to a zone defense to give Coahoma

the least impressive performance of the season. Behind their defensive stand, the Bulldogs cracked open a tight game and won away with a 64-48 victory over the place game of the Classic Saturday.

Coahoma's offensive guards Jonathan and Matthew Hamilton and Mattie Lee for most of the game. The Bulldogs' leading scorer, Regi Roberts, put the game out of reach.

The Bulldogs' 33-33 tie game decided that enough was enough. "We decided on playing a man-to-man (Sterling City) did a good job of putting them out of the perimeter," Nichols said.

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While Coahoma's defense was limiting the Eagles to only 15 points in the second half, the Bulldogs took control of the game with a 10-0 run midway through the third quarter.

Collum got the Dogs' offense going with a follow-up layup and a missed free throw, then teaming up with Hamilton and Regi Roberts to put the Bulldogs up by 11 points with four minutes to go in the game.

Collum followed suit, hitting a three pointer, then getting a basket and free throw to put the Bulldogs up by 11 points with four minutes to go in the game.

Collum scored 16 points and Hamilton 15 to lead the Bulldogs, who improved to 7-5 with the victory. Sterling City was led by point guard Paul Rodriguez, who scored 18 points.

Nichols said his team rebounded well from a 1st to 2nd round loss to Sterling City. Please see BULLDOGS, page 12A

Eagles avoid 'idiotic' loss to New York

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles barely escaped a devastating loss to the New York Jets on Saturday, avoiding looking like idiots.

Michael Zordich's two interceptions set up touchdowns as the Eagles stormed back for a 21-20 victory. That kept Philadelphia (9-6) in strong position for a playoff berth, perhaps even an NFC East crown.

Zordich's second pickoff and 7-yard return to the New York 18 led to Irving Fryar's second touchdown, a 14-yard pass from Ty Detmer. Gary Anderson's extra point made the difference.

Just 1:35 earlier, they had climbed within six points on Detmer's 2-yard pass to Chris T. Jones that finished off an 80-yard drive helped by a fourth-down holding penalty in the end zone against Jets safety Gary Jones.

Before that, the Eagles looked hopeless against the hapless Jets (1-14), who lost their 11th straight home game and set a franchise mark for futility.

Earlier this week, Detmer said the Eagles would look like idiots if they lost to the Jets. Those words inspired New York's defense, especially Hugh Douglas, who had three sacks and an interception.

Cowboys want Smith to regain running form

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith, who missed a Pro Bowl spot among the Dallas Cowboys' league-high nine selections, is still high on coach Barry Switzer's list.

Switzer said Friday he hopes the running back's weekend performance proves he deserves the same limelight as four of the offensive linemen who block for Smith.

Guards Larry Allen and Nate Newton, tackle Erik Williams and center Ray Donaldson all

landed spots on the NFC Pro Bowl.

"I hope Emmitt has a national audience," the coach said. "I hope that Emmitt proves to everybody that he's the best back in the NFL this weekend."

He believes Smith is motivated to excel against New England on Sunday. The Cowboys, leading the NFC East with a 9-5 record, can win a fifth consecutive division title with a victory over the 10-4 Patriots.

"I'd like to see this light his engine up," Switzer said following the Cowboys' practice Friday.

Although Smith made an annual trip to Hawaii to play in the Pro Bowl after each of his first six seasons in the NFL, the game will go on without him this time.

"Motivation comes in a lot of different ways," said defensive coordinator Dave Campo. "That type of motivation ought to be

stronger with (Smith) than it would be in defense."

Although Dallas has the NFL's top defense going into Sunday's contest, the Cowboys rank 19th in the league in rushing offense entering the home game. The defending rush king, Smith, is averaging only 3.7 yards per carry.

"Emmitt is a team player," Campo said. "The first thing on his mind is winning, not the Pro Bowl."

Holtz bids silent farewell to Fighting Irish

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The "We Love Lou" sign that hung for years over the doorway at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station, a bar popular with Notre Dame students, is gone.

So is Lou Holtz. And after 11 years as Notre Dame's coach, the end came surprisingly quick. There was no farewell tour, no building named in his honor, no weepy campus rally to say goodbye. His players couldn't even manage to win their last game and send Holtz to his 10th straight bowl.

Instead, less than two weeks after his Nov. 19 announcement that he was resigning, the clock ran out on Holtz at Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles. The Irish had an eight-point lead and an all-but-guaranteed spot in the Fiesta Bowl with four minutes to go, but ended up losing to Southern California in overtime.

As Trojans players stormed the field to celebrate their first victory over Notre Dame in 14 years, Holtz crouched down on

his knees, his head in his hands and tears in his eyes.

"I don't think I've ever been as devastated in my entire life," he said. "I was devastated because so many things came to an end, things that I had cherished."

"I realized it was the last time I'd be the football coach at the University of Notre Dame. I can't think of a more cruel way for my life at Notre Dame to finish than that."

Just like that, it was over. There was no bowl game to prepare for, no players to recruit, no coaches to hire. For the first time in nearly 30 years, Holtz didn't have a team to coach.

He cleared out his office and left town quickly, his emotions too raw to stay near the university that gave him so many memories and will always have a special hold over him. He returned briefly for the Dec. 6 football banquet, where he said a final goodbye to his team before he and his wife, Beth, left for good.

As he walked into the banquet hall, Holtz said he'd tried not to think about addressing his team for the last time.

"It's impossible to describe," he said of his feelings. "I just want to try and make this as fine an affair for our players as possible."

When Holtz left, he still hadn't answered the question everyone has been asking since he resigned: Why?

All he's said, and he's said it repeatedly, is that he stepped down because "It's the right thing to do." Few believed him, especially when he talked of his deep love for Notre Dame and how he hated to leave.

Fans read between Holtz's lines and came up with their own conclusion: athletic director Mike Wadsworth, who replaced Holtz's good friend Dick Rosenthal when he retired in 1995, was somehow to blame.

Wadsworth was even booed when he was introduced at the banquet — an unheard-of occurrence at the lovefest for anyone connected with the football team.

"I don't think there's any doubt I don't have a closer friend in this world than Dick Rosenthal," Holtz said. "But Mike Wadsworth is outstanding talent and he'll do a tremendous job. So let's all make sure we don't read something into my leaving the University of Notre Dame."

"I'm going to leave here with great feelings," he said. "This is a special place. Pull together and keep it together. The future's bright here."

For Holtz, the future is a little less certain. Despite the speculation that he'll be coaching in the NFL next season, Holtz said he hasn't talked to anyone about a job.

Wherever he is, though, Holtz said a piece of him will always be at Notre Dame.

"I'll think about you coming out of the tunnel. I'll think about you touching the 'Play Like a Champion Today' sign," he said. "I'll relive it each and every week, and I'll have the fondest memories."

Steers drop 2-pointer to Pampa

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's run through the Fourth Annual Greater Big Spring Rotary Tournament ended as it began, which certainly wasn't good news for local fans.

For the second time in the tournament, the Steers dropped a two-point decision, this time coming out on the short end of a 69-67 score against Pampa Friday night.

The Steers apparently tied the score with three seconds remaining, but a Big Spring player was called for a walking violation, which allowed Pampa to regain possession and ice the victory.

Justin Myers scored 20 points, John Smith 15 and Tory Mitchell 12 to lead the Steers, who stand at 5-8 for the season.

Pampa, the defending state Class 4A champion, followed its win over Big Spring with another nail-biter, a 73-63 double-overtime win over El Paso Austin in the tournament semifinal Saturday morning.

Pampa then played Snyder for the title Saturday afternoon, and dropped a 50-46 decision to the Tigers.

In other action Saturday, Merkel defeated Midland's JV 97-59 in the "guarantee" game. The Steers' lone victory in the tournament was a 68-51 win over Merkel Friday. The victory was the third straight

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Playoff spots filling up fast

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weekend began with six of the 12 playoff spots filled. In the NFC, Green Bay, San Francisco and Carolina are in, and in the AFC, where only

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teams had been eliminated, it's Denver, Pittsburgh and New England. Dallas, Philadelphia and Minnesota could wrap up the other three NFC spots, although division titles have yet to be decided. Kansas City is the closest to clinching a spot in the AFC.

There were two games Saturday: Philadelphia at the New York Jets and San Diego at Chicago.

In other Sunday games, Baltimore is at Carolina, Cincinnati at Houston, Green Bay at Detroit, New Orleans at the New York Giants, St. Louis at Atlanta, San Francisco at Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay at Minnesota, Indianapolis at Kansas City, Oakland at Denver, Washington at Arizona and Seattle at Jacksonville.

Buffalo is at Miami on Monday night.

Baltimore (4-10) at Carolina (10-4)

San Francisco (10-4) at Pittsburgh (10-4)

These games could decide the NFC West, which Carolina controls by virtue of its 30-24 win in San Francisco last week. Pittsburgh, which has clinched the AFC Central, is the key — after playing the 49ers, the Steelers go to Carolina next week.

"It would be nice to be sitting here right now having a bye and a win and feeling fat, but that's not the case," says 49ers coach George Seifert, whose team embarrassed itself last week by taunting the Panthers in pregame warmups, then committing a team-record 15 penalties.

The Panthers, the first second-year expansion team ever to make the playoffs, can clinch the division and get a first-round bye by winning their last two games. They also can clinch it by win Sunday and the 49ers lose, and they have a chance to secure home-field advantage in the playoffs if Green Bay falters.

The Steelers also have a first-round bye in sight. They currently trail New England in a tiebreaker. They also view these two games against NFC teams as a measurement of where they stand.

Indianapolis (8-6) at Kansas City (9-5)

The Chiefs can make the playoffs with a win; the Colts need to keep winning and get help. But Indianapolis, which upset the Chiefs 10-7 at Arrowhead in last season's playoffs, has to be pleased just to be in this position.

After starting 4-0, the injury-plagued Colts lost five of six. Jason Belser is the only defensive player to start every game. Marshall Faulk is just getting into top shape and quarterbacks Jim Harbaugh and Paul Justin have both been banged up.

The Chiefs also have quarterback problems. Rich Gannon will start again for a team that produced just 169 yards in Monday night's 26-7 loss to Oakland.

SPORTS EXTRA

BOWLING

Local leagues

MEN'S MAJOR RESULTS - Team Fifteneover Parks C.C., 8-0; Mason Roofing over Team Sixteen, 8-0; Fred's Construction over O'Daniel Trucking, 6-2; Hagen TV Repair over Fina Engineers, 6-2; Trio Fuels over B.B.S.S., 8-0; Walker L.P. Gas over B.S.L., 8-0; Parks Agency over Bob Brock Ford, 8-0; Rocky's over Hull's Ranches, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Phillip-Ringener, 257 and John Jackson, 709; hi sc. team game and series, Walker L.K.P. Gas, 1003 and 2856; hi hdp game and series, John Jackson, 286 and 802; hi hdp team game and series, Team Fiftene, 1181 and 3280.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 88-24; O'Daniel Trucking, 78-34; Team Fiftene, 74-36; Fred's Contracting, 72-40; Mason Roofing, 70-42; Parks C.C., 66-46; Rocky's, 64-48; Trio Fuels, 56-56; Walker L.P. Gas, 54-58; Hull's Ranches, 54-56; Hagen TV Repair, 50-62; B.S.L., 50-62; Fina Engineers, 48-64; B.B.S.S., 34-78; Bob Brock Ford, 26-86; Team Sixteen, 0-112.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS - Jan's Place over Conoco, 8-0; Saunders Company over Fith Wines, 88-0; Big Spring Music over Security State Bank, 8-0; Bowling Stones over Loan Stars, 6-2; Golden Corral over Three Spares, 6-2; Western Auto over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; Charlotte's Raiders over TEP, 6-2; Powder Pilots over Snyder ESPover Walmart Fun Bowlers, 6-2; A Timeless Design (unopposed), 6-0; hi sc. game and series (man) David Campbell, 228 and Jackie Lecroy, 604; hi hdp game and series (man) James English, 288 and James English & Eric Charter (tie), 726; hi sc. game and series (woman) Joyce Davis, 227 and 612; hi hdp game and series (woman) Paige Griffin, 275 and 701; hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 615 and 1689; hi hdp team game and series, Charlotte's Raiders, 724 and Saunders Company, 2070.

STANDINGS - Golden Corral, 77-35; Powder Pilots, 74-36; Charlotte's Raiders, 72-40; A Timeless Design, 66-44; Western Auto, 65-43; TEP, 63-49; Big Spring Music, 62-50; Jan's Place, 62-50; Security State Bank, 61-51; Arrow Refrigeration, 50-50; Conoco, 60-50; Saunders Company, 56-56; Loan Stars, 56-56; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 51-57; Bowling Stones, 45-67; Fith Wines, 45-67; Slow Starters, 45-67; Three Spares, 42-70; Snyder ESP, 42-70.

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Sunday's Games

Chicago 113, New Jersey 92; Washington 108, Denver 104; Charlotte 84, Philadelphia 75; Indiana 97, Boston 94; Cleveland 101, Golden State 87; Minnesota 108, Phoenix 105; Vancouver 95, Orlando 93; L.A. Lakers 120, Portland 119, OT.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) - Results

Friday from the eighth go-round of the \$3.2 million National Finals Rodeo: Bareback riding-1, Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 81 points on Three Hills Rodeo's Skool's Born to Boogie, \$11,654. 2, tie Ken Lensegraver, Piedmont, S.D. and Lance Crump, Cooper, Texas, 80, \$7,593. 4, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 78, \$4,238. 5, tie, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., Kelly Wardell, Moorcroft, Wyo., Rocky Steagall, Sanger, Calif. and James Bourdeaux Hackberry, La., 77, \$1,059.

Call roping-1, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 7.3 seconds, \$13,384. 2, tie, Cody Ott, Orchard, Texas, Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla. and Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., 7.9, \$6,686. 5, Bud Ford, Everman, Texas, 8.8, \$1,130. 6, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 10.0, \$742.

Saddle bronc riding-1, Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., 84 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Hot Toddy, \$11,654. 2, Dan Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 82, \$8,829. 3, Robert Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 81, \$6,357. 4, Glen O'Neill, Calgary, Alberta, 80, \$4,238. 5, tie, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta and Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 79, \$2,119.

Steer wrestling-1, Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., 3.3 seconds, \$13,384. 2, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 3.8, \$10,029. 3, tie, Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo. and Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., 4.0, \$5,015. 5, Mark Roy, Delmore, Alberta, 4.1, \$1,130. 6, Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., 4.3, \$742.

Team roping-1, Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho-Briti Stockline, Claremore, Okla., 4.5 seconds, \$8,365. 2, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla.-Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., 4.7, \$6,268. 3, tie, Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif.-Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif. and Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M.-Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, Ariz., 5.0, \$3,134.

STEERS

Continued from page 11A for the Steers over Merkel this season.

Myers scored 21 points to lead the Steers, who also got double-figure scoring from Paul Foresyth (14 points), Greg Wollenzien (13 points) and Smith (12 points).

Big Spring led Merkel by seven points at halftime and four points heading into the final quarter before extending their lead in the waning minutes.

Despite the close loss to Pampa — and another two-point loss in the tournament — Tipton was pleased with his team's play.

"We're playing well," he said. "We came up short a few times, but we're playing well against some good people."

SMITH

Continued from page 11A to be stronger with (Smith) than it would be in defense.

Although Dallas has the NFL's top defense going into Sunday's contest, the Cowboys rank 19th in the league in rushing offense entering the home game. The defending rush king, Smith, is averaging only 3.7 yards per carry.

"Emmitt is a team player," Campo said. "The first thing on his mind is winning, not the Pro Bowl."

Smith said he was not surprised his name wasn't on the list released Thursday.

"I kind of expected it. That's the way it goes," Smith said. "I'm glad some of my linemen did make it. For me, it means I've got to work a lot harder in the offseason."

BULLDOGS

Continued from page 11A Greenwood Friday that knocked Coahoma out of championship contention at the tournament.

"We were a little disheartened after losing to Greenwood, but they did a good job coming back and playing well today," Nichols said.

The Bulldogs return to action Monday when it opens District 8-2A play against Howard County rival Forsan. Game time is 8 p.m. in Forsan.

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BORDEN

Continued from page 11A County," Ritchey said.

It's one of the biggest coaching cliches in the books to say that success is a result of teamwork, and not because of any one player. But for Ritchey, it's not just cliché: It's simple fact. McCook is the only one averaging in double figures, but five players average seven points or more a game.

"In the Coahoma tournament, some of our kids who had the biggest impact — even though they didn't score a ton — were the ones who played big for us on defense," he said. "That's why it's hard for me to single

out anybody on this team."

Both Borden teams raised a lot of eyebrows when they swept last weekend's Coahoma Invitational, and both breezed to Saturday's final at the Borden tournament. Taking home the trophy from Coahoma, more than anything, might have convinced the Coyotes that they're for real.

"Last weekend was as big of a thing as my guys have been through," Ritchey said. "The main thing I wanted for us was to be competitive. To come away with a win was just icing on the cake."

But tournament trophies, as

attractive as they may be in a display case, are not the main driving force for this team, Ritchey said. Busting the playoff drought is.

If that happens — if Borden's boys finally make the playoffs — then Ritchey can't think of a more deserving group of young people.

"We've got great kids up here," he said. "They're not going to give you any trouble on or off the court. They win with class, and they lose with class. They're just some kids who are going to play hard and let whatever happens, happens."

Track great Peacock dead at 82

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Eulace Peacock, whose triumphs included seven victories over Jesse Owens, is dead at the age of 82.

Peacock died Friday in a nursing home where he had been confined with Alzheimer's disease.

Peacock, one of track and field's leading athletes in the 1930s, missed the Berlin Olympics in 1936 because of an injury. Owens won four gold medals in those games.

He was regarded as Owens' greatest rival and in 1935, Peacock defeated Owens in seven of 10 meetings.

Peacock was a sophomore at Temple in 1935, while Owens was a sophomore at Ohio State.

At the Amateur Athletic Union national championships in Lincoln, Neb. that year, Peacock beat Owens in the 100-meter dash and the long jump.

In the 1936 Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Peacock tore his right hamstring. The injury hampered him in the Olympic trials two months later where he finished 10th in the long jump and withdrew from the 100-meters.

Peacock never competed in an Olympics because the games were canceled in 1940 and 1944 during World War II.

In addition to sprinting and long jumping, Peacock won six national titles in the pentathlon and was an outstanding football player in high school and col-

lege. Peacock was born in Dothan, Ala. on Aug. 27, 1914. In 1933 at Union High school he set a New Jersey scholastic long jump record of 24 feet, 4 1/2 inches that stood until 1977, when Renaldo Nehemiah jumped 24-11.

He owned small businesses in the Bronx and Harlem, including a wholesale meat business with Owens. He also served as a long jump official at track meets.

Peacock is survived by his daughter, Linda DiGangi Freundlich, a son, Eulace Clinton Peacock, and seven grandchildren. His wife, Betty, whom he married in 1942, died in 1989.

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Cowboys, Patriots both seek to clinch division title

IRVING (AP) — In a firestorm season of suspensions, injuries, and poor point production for the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, there has been one calming influence: a rock-steady defense.

Coordinator Dave Campo's crew held together through it all and that's one reason the Cowboys can win a fifth consecutive NFC East title if they defeat the potent New England Patriots on Sunday.

"Our defense has been outstanding in a year where the offense has yet to do the job," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "The Cowboys have the NFL's top defense going into Sunday's game with the Patriots, who lead the league with an average of 28 points per game."

Campo, in his second year as coordinator, is starting to get some of the credit, although no big job offers are stacking up in his office at Valley Ranch.

A newspaper recently moved a list of the top 15 candidates for NFL head coaching jobs and Campo's name wasn't mentioned.

"I have that on my board in the office," Campo said. "It's a tremendous motivator to me. It pushes you into doing something more, whether it's working harder or doing something to try to make things happen."

"It's like when I read the Cowboys are dead. I like that from a motivational standpoint."

The Dallas defense is suddenly getting the credit for the Cowboys 9-5 season, even though it lost perhaps its most effective player, tackle Leon Lett, to a drug suspension earlier this month.

"I feel it's good our defense is starting to get some recogni-

tion," Campo said. "Success brings good things for everybody. Sure, someday I'd like to be a head coach, but that's not what I'm worried about right now."

The Cowboys are worried about the Patriots (10-4), who can clinch their first AFC East title in a decade with a win.

"This could be a real battle," Aikman said. "We've got to put some points on the board, because we know how capable their offense can be even against a defense like ours."

Which could make for a classic matchup with division titles on the line.

"We have something to prove to ourselves," said quarterback Drew Bledsoe. "We have an opportunity to find out where we stand."

Bledsoe said the Dallas defense "is the best we've faced this year. It will be a great challenge."

New England coach Bill Parcells seconded the motion.

"Their defense could be trouble for us," Parcells said. "They are playing extremely well, particularly the secondary, which is the best we've played."

The playoff scenario boils down to this: —New England wins the AFC East with a win at Dallas or a Buffalo loss at Miami on Monday night. The Patriots also clinch a first-round bye with a win at Dallas and a Pittsburgh loss against San Francisco. The Pats already own a wild card.

—Dallas clinches NFC East with a win against New England or a Philadelphia loss to New York Jets on Saturday and a Washington loss at Arizona on Sunday.

Oilers out to revive fading playoff hopes

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers know it shouldn't have come to having to win their last two games of the season just to have a chance to get into the playoffs.

And after a 1-6 start, the Cincinnati Bengals (6-8) wonder what might have happened if they'd started a little faster.

The Oilers (7-7) on Sunday face the red-hot Bengals — an early-season Oilers victim who have a 5-2 record over their last seven games under interim coach Bruce Coslet. A Houston loss would kill its postseason hopes.

The Oilers are asking themselves how they could look like division contenders in the first seven weeks (5-2) and also-rans (2-5) over the next seven games.

"We're searching within ourselves for the answer, but somehow we're not seeing it," linebacker Micheal Barrow said. "Maybe you should flash a number on the TV and say 'if you know the reason the Oilers aren't winning, please call.'"

"We could do a survey and whoever has the best reason gets two free tickets to the game."

Barrow might offer some-

thing more enticing than free tickets. Attendance has plummeted this season since the announcement the Oilers are moving to Tennessee after next season.

Some players place part of the blame for their 2-5 home record this season on the silent AstroDome. Barrow doesn't agree.

"If it's 50,000, we're cool, if it's 20,000, we're cool," Barrow said. "It (small crowd) is probably to our advantage in some cases. Opponents come in here and it's so quiet and it might seem like practice and throw them off."

Close losses have forced the Oilers into their drastic playoff situation. Five of their seven defeats have been by seven or fewer points.

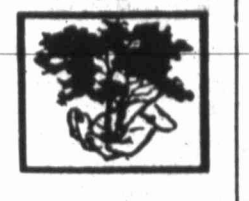
"Things didn't work out in some close games like San Francisco and Kansas City in the first game of the season," Chris Chandler said. "There have been games along the way that were close and we let slip by."

"You could say we are young or any number of things, but we didn't win and that's why these last two games are so important."

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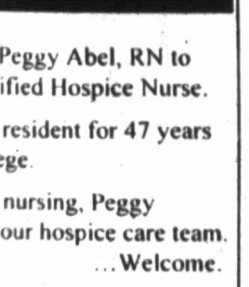
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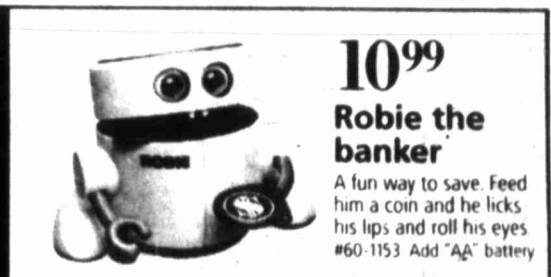
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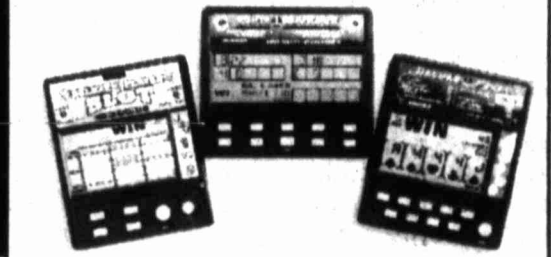
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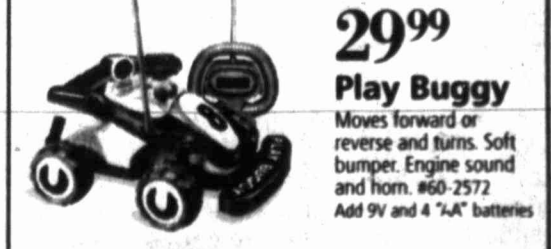
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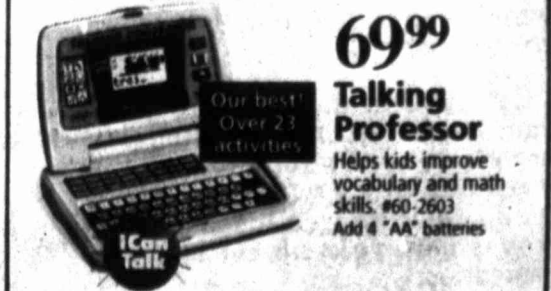
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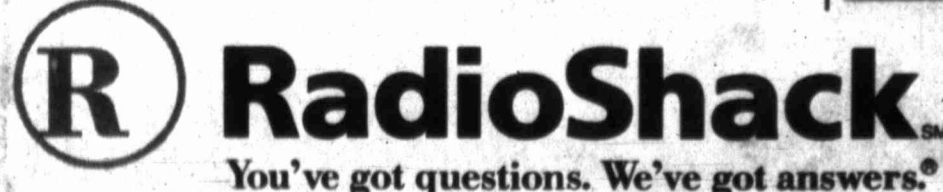
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Clemens eyes new future with Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Roger Clemens says he won't have any regrets. He'll be too busy pitching for his first World Series ring to spare any nostalgic thoughts for Fenway Park.

After 13 seasons with the Red Sox, the three-time Cy Young Award winner agreed Friday to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays.

With an \$8.25 million average annual value, it's the highest ever for a pitcher, topping the \$7.75 million under John Smoltz's \$31 million, four-year contract with Atlanta.

"It was a tough and long decision," Clemens said during a news conference at SkyDome. "We had to think about it for quite some time, but I know this was the right thing. I'm working for that world championship ring, so I'm extremely happy."

Clemens also was courted by the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians and Red Sox. But the Blue Jays prevailed, and now have one of the best pitching staffs in baseball — including this year's AL Cy Young winner, Pat Hentgen, and the AL ERA leader, Juan Guzman.

Although Boston remained in the hunt until the end, Clemens and his agents said Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette had signaled early on that the team wasn't keen on matching the big offers coming from elsewhere.

"I know from my heart he didn't really want me back," Clemens said, suggesting Duquette would be happy he was leaving. He said some of his former Red Sox teammates — including Jose Canseco and Mo Vaughn — were "pretty distraught at the situation there."

Randy Hendricks, one of Clemens' agents, described the Red Sox's attitude as "seeming indifference" as they suggested the pitcher was past his prime.

Clemens, 34, made \$5.5 million last season, when he was 10-13 with a 3.63 ERA and led the league with 257 strikeouts. In his career, he is 192-111 with a 3.06 ERA and holds the major-league record of 20 strikeouts in a game, which he set in 1986 and matched last season.

In Boston, Red Sox CEO John Harrington said it was unfair to suggest the team was glad to see Clemens go.

"We always attempted to treat him fairly, with appropriate compensation and respect," Harrington said. "We made every effort to get him. There is no one in this organization who is happy that Roger has left."

Boston, according to Hendricks, offered Clemens a \$20 million, four-year deal before he filed for free agency last month but only was willing to guarantee \$10 million of it.

After Clemens filed for free agency, the Red Sox raised their offer to \$17.5 million guaranteed over three years, with a 2000 option that could have made the package worth \$22 million. Harrington said the club offered additional bonuses that would have added up to more per year than the Blue Jays' offer.

Clemens said his final decision came down to Toronto and the Yankees, and he told of running through each team's roster in his mind, trying to gauge which had the best shot at a championship.

He said Blue Jays president Paul Beeston told him during negotiations that Toronto was prepared to do whatever it took, including midseason moves next year, to get into contention.

Jones, NFL drop dueling lawsuits; declare peace

Cowboy owner can continue maverick marketing deals

DALLAS (AP) — The NFL finally gave Cowboys owner Jerry Jones the response he wanted for his deal with Nike: Just do it.

The NFL and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones on Friday settled their dueling lawsuits over licensing and marketing deals.

The league filed a \$300 million lawsuit against Jones in September 1995, claiming he had entered into licensing and sponsorship arrangements that violated the league's revenue-sharing policies, including deals with Pepsi, Nike, Dr Pepper, American Express and AT&T.

The NFL alleged the deals violated a trust agreement the club signed in 1982 authorizing the NFL to negotiate commercial uses of the team's name,

We knew from the start that we were also shaking up the status quo. But that's what we're all about and that's what Jerry Jones is all about.

Brad Shaw
Pepsi spokesman

helmet, uniform and slogans. Jones responded with a \$700 million countersuit in federal court in New York, accusing the league of blocking teams from conducting their own marketing business.

All parties said they settled after acknowledging that it was time to move forward and get past costly litigation.

But the settlement also means Jones is free to continue his existing Texas Stadium sponsorships and enter into new ones with no obligation to share the revenue with the NFL, said Dick Cass, stadium and team lawyer.

"If that is indeed the case — that the Cowboys are allowed to keep all these agreements and in fact are allowed to sign more — to me (it) is a rather surprising outcome," said Jim

Andrews, vice-president of International Events Group in Chicago, which publishes IEG Sponsorship Report, a biweekly newsletter that tracks corporate sponsorship of sports and other events.

Andrews said he supposed the NFL decided to trade away some of its control over marketing rather than "raise the whole specter of antitrust as it relates to the league."

"From the marketing standpoint alone, it doesn't make any sense to allow the Cowboys, and by default now any other club that wants to, sign their own agreements," he said.

Jones said the agreement shows that the league has recognized "that Texas Stadium can market itself consistent

with league rules and policies, and we have agreed to work together for the betterment of the entire NFL."

Ending the litigation will pave the way for Jones to join the other NFL owners in promoting the league, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

"This agreement recognizes that our mutual goal of having the NFL and its teams stay at the forefront of sports marketing would best be served by all 30 teams and the league working together to build the best possible structure for the future," he said.

NFL spokesman Chris Widmaier added that the agreement showed the league's sponsors and licensees that the NFL was ready to protect their interests. It also promoted a "clearer understanding of the line

between stadium sponsorship and club sponsorship," he said.

Andrews said that line is "very clear to the marketing people and to the attorneys — it's not clear to the fans."

"That's the group that doesn't make the distinction. That's who these companies have paid the NFL major dollars to reach," he added.

AT&T's Chris Schein said the prestige of being associated with Texas Stadium goes beyond Dallas Cowboys' games — to concerts, tractor pulls and high school athletic competitions.

"From the start we said that the relationship was good for both football and fans and it was a quantum leap forward as to the way teams will be marketed in the future. It's good to hear that the NFL agrees with that," said Brad Shaw, a spokesman for Pepsi.

"We knew from the start that we were also shaking up the status quo. But that's what we're all about and that's what Jerry Jones is all about."



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Look no further than Big Spring for your Christmas gifts

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Big Spring is the place to shop if you are looking for that unique or unusual gift for your family and friends.

Several new and old businesses are offering lots of different items including name brand perfumes, jewelry, handmade candles, Native American dolls, interesting Christmas ornaments, cedar lawn furniture, herbs and remote controlled airplanes.

The Christmas Connection, located inside Mason Lawn and Garden at 600 E. Third, is the place to shop for Christmas ornaments, lights and accessories.

Randy Mason said the store has silk poinsettias, fireplace screens, lawn stakes for your lights, all different kinds and sizes of lights for your tree or yard, lighted yard ornaments and light cord holders to wrap your lights up when the holidays are over.

They have ornaments that not only hang on the tree but blow bubbles as well. Looking for a present for a teacher? They have many different teacher ornaments and gift ideas. They also have ornaments if the

theme on your tree is sports, Walt Disney or Warner Brothers characters or a West Texas Christmas.

They also have different kinds of ribbons for wrapping your packages (with or without wire), bird houses as well as decorations for your home. They are open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Check all the pharmacies in town for name brand perfumes and colognes and other gift ideas.

Bell's 11th Place Pharmacy, 1001 11th Place, features hand-carved and hand-painted birds, hand-tooled leather goods, Texas candy, hand-carved boxes from Poland, clocks and unusual candles.

They also have Frumps where the artist uses his family members as models for the figurines that feature them playing football, soccer and other sports. They are open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Professional Pharmacy, 1000 Main, carries sugar-free candy and makeup by Physician's Formula and Allercreme.

For your dog or cat, they have a pet pharmacy to help your animal feel better like flea powders and something to help

with mange. They are open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on

Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A new business, The Candle

Shop, recently opened in the Big Spring Mall. Owner Lisa Simer hand dips and carves

candles of all shapes, sizes and colors.

If you wanting a certain color or style, she can make it. The trick to these candles is you burn the candle down about two inches or so then trim the wick as close to the wax as possible. You then drop in a votive or tealight and burn it. The outside part of the candle is made of paraffin and won't burn while the inside part burns and then reflects the color of the candle. Go by there during mall hours to see a demonstration.

Another new business, Shae's Tanning and Nail Salon at 1809 Lancaster, offers Jewel's Classic Jeans. Co-owner Charlotte Peterson said these jeans are similar to the popular Rocky Mountain Jeans.

They also have vests made from antique quilts. If you can't decide on what to get the person who has everything, how about a tanning session or manicure? They are open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Peterson's daughter-in-law Penny Peterson is also a co-owner of the shop.

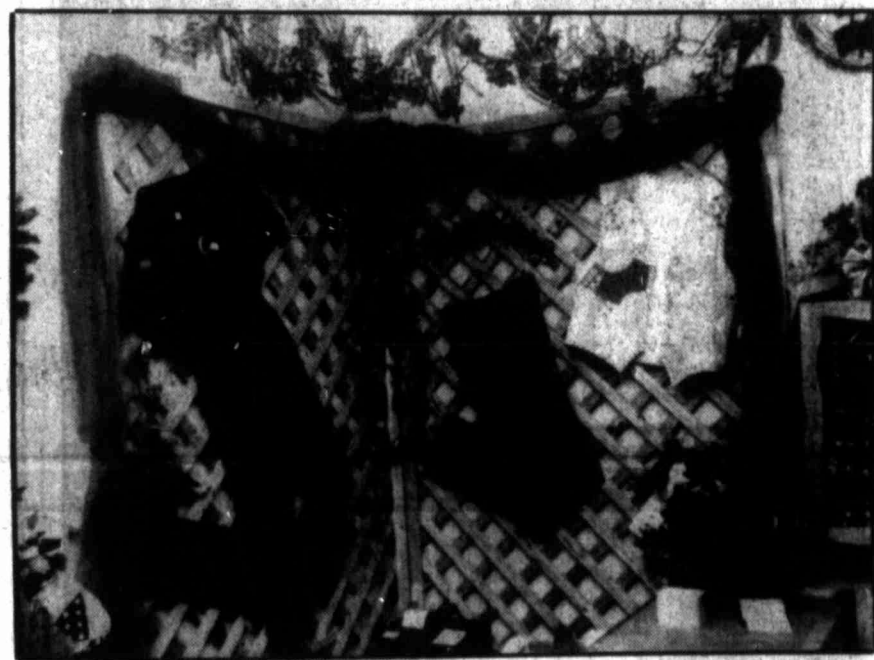
Big Boys Toys, 1700 E. Marcy, has gift ideas for the man in your life. They have models, paints, detailed items, remote



Nature's Bountie, a new business at 808 Gregg, features medicinal herbs, floral arrangements and cedar lawn furniture. Many new and old businesses in town have that perfect Christmas gift you've been searching for.

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Above: Jewel's Classic Jeans and vests made from antique quilts are featured at Shae's Tanning and Nail Salon, 1809 Lancaster. Below: Candles and more candles can be found at the Candle Shop in the Big Spring Mall. All are handmade by the store's owner, Lisa Simer.



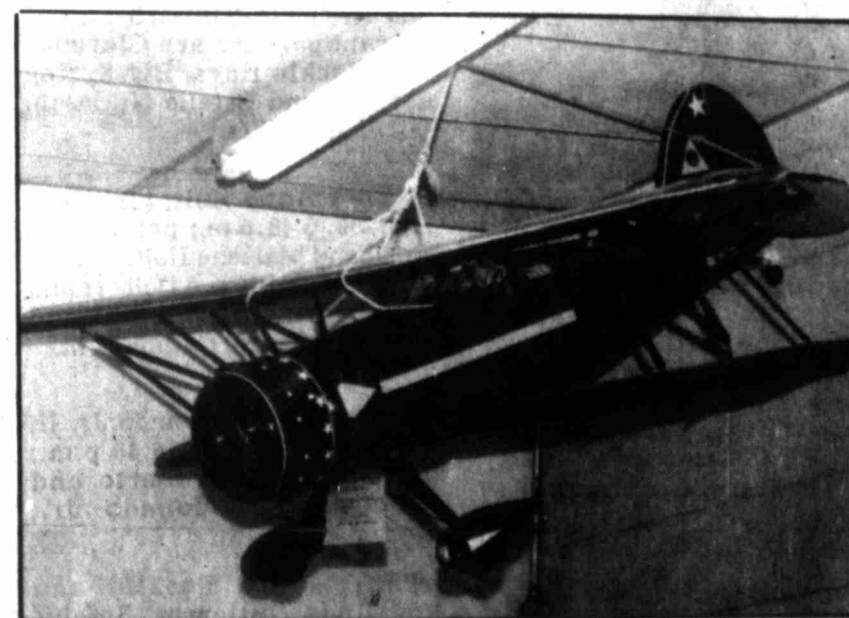
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Above right: Frumps are figurines modeled after the artist's family members and features them in striking poses while playing sports. Bell's 11th Place Pharmacy, 1001 11th Place, also has hand-carved boxes and other gift ideas. Below: This is one of several remote-controlled aircraft you can find at Big Boy's Toys, 1700 E. Marcy.



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Top: At The Christmas Connection, 600 E. Third, you can find a variety of ornaments including these that blow bubbles. Above: The Kachina dolls made by Native Americans are featured at Spirit of the West, 1900 Gregg.



Santa Claus comes to town for more than holiday cheer

The season of peace and goodwill is reflected best in the small towns.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

When you drive through them and see the lighted courthouses and Christmas displays you get a little tingle in your body and a lump in your throat.

A familiar bearded man in a red and white suit strolled down the street among the holi-

day shoppers in Cisco on Dec. 23, 1927. He barely spoke to the smiling people he met. Santa entered the First National Bank and immediately became the center of attention.

Suddenly the words rang out across the lobby: "STICK 'EM UP!" Three men with drawn pistols were stationed in strategic positions. Their names were Louis Davis, who covered the door; Robert Hill, who held a gun on the cashier; and Henry Helms, who guarded the teller.

The bank officers were lined up against the wall while the man in the Santa suit searched them for weapons. While Santa told the teller to open the safe, a woman customer and her

daughter ran out the side door of the bank and went to city hall just a half block away and announced: "They're robbing the First National Bank!"

While policemen converged on the bank, Santa reached into his suit, pulled out a tow sack and began filling it with cash and securities from the vault. A curious passerby, noticing the bank's front door was closed, pressed his face against the plate glass in front. At that time, Santa emerged from the vault, drew his pistol and fired, drilling a hole in the window just above the man's head.

Almost immediately a shot answered from outside the bank. Hill, one of the bandits, fired a shot into the bank's cell-

ing, hoping to keep officers from rushing in. From outside, a shower of bullets pelted the

bank. Aroused citizens rushed to the scene, some bringing firearms. To get to their car, the robbers had to go through an alley which was alive with gunfire. They forced some of the bank employees and customers to enter the alley first. Two of them were shot. Santa grabbed

two small girls and used them as shields. They made it to the car and sped away. Carloads of

While policemen converged on the bank, Santa reached into his suit, pulled out a tow sack and began filling it with cash and securities from the vault.

civilians and lawmen gave pursuit.

Down the road, the robbers stopped a car and forced the occupants out. They transferred the bag of money and securities to the second car, but the driver had cleverly taken the keys. So the bandits returned to their car without the loot and took

off again. One of the robbers, Louis Davis, was badly wounded and left behind. He later died of his wounds. The bag contained \$12,000 and \$150,000 securities.

The robbers' car stopped on a little road and they ran away, leaving the two girls in the car. Area lawmen joined in the search and the bandits were apprehended. Two were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Henry Helms did. The other one, Marshall Ratliff, the man who played Santa Claus, was hung by irate Cisco citizens. The third bandit, Robert Hill, was released from prison on good behavior and lived a quiet life by another name in a West Texas town.

GETTING ENGAGED



Cindy Leach, Deer Park, and Roger Stafford, Pasadena, will exchange wedding vows Jan. 4, 1997, at Second Baptist Church in Pasadena with Rick Davis, former pastor of groom from Midlothian, officiating. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Cheryl Leach of Deer Park. He is the son of Jo Ann and the late Bill Stafford, Sand Springs.



Brandy Taylor and Jimmy Manning will be united in marriage on Dec. 28, 1996, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Rev. Elwin Colom officiating. She is the daughter of George and Judy West, Coahoma, and Tom and LaVenna Taylor, Olympia, Wash. He is the son of Jim and Mark Manning, Bartlesville, Okla.

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Reagan

Richard W. and Betty J. Reagan, Big Spring, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 14, 1996, with a private family gathering. Richard is the son of Bascom A. Reagan, a pioneering founder of Big Spring and a local carpenter. Betty is the daughter of the Rev. Wesley R. Hutchings and worked for Drs. J.V. and Neil Sanders for 43 years. They are the parents of three children: Darrel (Nelda) Reagan, Big Spring; Janis (Edwin) Halstead, Tucson, Ariz. and John Reagan, Waco. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD REAGAN

Paid announcement

Howle

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Howle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 23 at a dinner at KC's Steak House hosted by their daughter, Kathy Terrazas. He was born in Yantis, Texas and she was born in Virginia Bryant in Pine Forest, Texas. They met on the campus of East Texas State in Commerce. They were married Nov. 27, 1946, in the home of Terrell Howle, who also officiated at the ceremony. They have two children: Kathy Terrazas, Big Spring and Kim Howle, Amarillo. They also have six grandchildren. The Howles have lived in Golden, Yantis, Big Spring, Lenorah, Darrouzet and New Home during their marriage. They are both retired. Mr. Howle has worked as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent of schools. Mrs. Howle has worked as a teacher and librarian. He is an ex-prisoner of war and active in church and she is a member of the Women's Forum, Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and is active in church. Mr. Howle enjoys collecting antiques and ranching. Mrs. Howle likes to read and refine.



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL HOWLE

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ish furniture. Together they enjoy all sporting events, traveling and spending time with their grandchildren. This was their daughter's (Kathy's) comment about her parents' marriage, "They have enjoyed a long marriage, devoted to their children, family and friends. Their lifelong commitment to education has given us a legacy like no other. Their children, family and friends are indeed blessed because they have known this couple."

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WHO'S WHO

Alison Cooper, a senior at Grady High School in Lenorah, has been chosen as the Whataburger Scholar/Athlete of the Week from among high school seniors nominated by coaches throughout Texas. Alison was nominated by her principal, Richard Gibson. Cooper is ranked number one in her class with a 93.84 average. She has been a regional qualifier in University Interscholastic League persuasive speaking, regional qualifier in singles in tennis, a member of the All-Star Cast in 1995 and 1996 for One Act Play and enjoys cross-examination debate. Her hobbies include swimming, reading, water and snow skiing. She was profiled on the High School Extra Program on Fox Sports Southwest, a cable television sports channel Dec. 8 and 9. To be nominated, coaches submit profiles of their outstanding senior scholar/athletes from their schools in all UIL sports. Award criteria is based on the student's grade average, senior class ranking, their sport(s), honors/awards and outside hobbies and interests.

COOPER

Owner Tim Flohr said they also have remote-controlled cars and boats that people use for competition racing. The items can be bought as either gas or electric-powered. The store also has slot car tracks, rockets and science projects such as erupting volcanoes. They are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Spirit of the West, 1900 Gregg, features Kachina's Native American dolls. They have sterling silver jewelry that have stones in them made by Native Americans.

Gifts

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aircraft such as helicopters and planes as well as 3D jigsaw puzzles.

Manager Claudia Darden said they have many gift items like belts, handbags and clothing. "We have lots of unique and different items. If we don't have it, we'll get it or try our best to," said Darden. The store is owned by Claudia Darden and open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Nature's Bountie, located at 808 Gregg and owned by Sandra Woods, features medicinal herbs and floral arrangements. They also have cedar lawn furniture, bird houses, afghans, wreaths, figurines and other gift items. Nature's Bountie is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Holly" friendly Lab/Dalmatian mix, two-year-old spayed female, black short-haired coat with spots on chest and feet, obedient and loves to fetch, is full of energy. Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies. "Rattle" small Terrier mix, light brown and white coat, docile and well-mannered. "Ringo" spayed female red Chow mix, beautiful animal with a sweet disposition. "George" happy-go-lucky large six-month-old male Beagle mix, black, white and tan coat, full of energy and needs a home and family to grow with. "Derby" male Pit mix, brown short-haired coat, very friendly and loves attention. "Caroline" spayed female Chow/Pit mix, short-haired golden coat, perky ears, medium build, approximately 1 1/2 years old, docile, obedient and loves people. "Peck" small neutered male Shepherd mix, timid but loves attention. "Chuck" medium sized 10-month-old Shepherd/Lab mix, very active and lots of fun. "Tripod" friendly and energetic short-haired blonde male Lab, 11 months old, injured as a pup and has three legs, this doesn't slow him down a bit! These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Free at other homes: Solid black male puppy, 267-2283.

COUNTRY STAR FROM COAHOMA



Jason Milliken from Coahoma was a guitarist and vocalist this fall on the bi-weekly live country music television show, "Country Jukebox," produced by South Plains College in Levelland. The show is broadcast each semester from the Tom T. Hall Production Studio in SPC's Creative Arts Building. Milliken also performed with the group on Country Fest, a live television show featuring performances by SPC's student country music ensembles.

life! Sunday deadlines

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STORK CLUB

Nicole Brooke Niklasch, girl, Nov. 24, 1996, 12:21 p.m., six pounds, 11 ounces, 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Michael R. and Jeanne H. Niklasch. Grandparents are Clarence and Mackie Hays, Big Spring and Joe and Estelle Niklasch, Milwaukee, Wis.

Aubry Anne Holt, girl, Dec. 11, 1996, 5:48 p.m.; parents are Mark and Marlene Holt. Grandparents are Delbert and Betty Holt, Slidell, La. and Raymond Succo, Gallup, N.M.

Estroberto Maldonado Jr. II, boy, Dec. 10, 1996, 8:48 p.m.; parents are Estroberto and Esmeralda Maldonado Jr., Snyder. Parents are Rosalio and Rosalinda Gutierrez, Snyder and Estroberto and Manuela Maldonado Sr., Nuevo Laredo.

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CORRECTION Randy Russell Audiologist of Big Spring Specialty Clinic does not carry the title of doctor. This title was erroneously printed in the Big Spring Herald during November.

ON THE MENU

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

LUNCH
MONDAY - Salmon croquets; macaroni and cheese; greens; slaw; milk/rolls; fruit.
TUESDAY - Beef tips; rice; mixed vegetables; strawberry gelatin; milk/roll; pie.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken fried steak; potatoes; green beans; salad; milk/rolls; peaches.
THURSDAY - Pork chops; potatoes; broccoli; applesauce; milk/rolls; cake.
FRIDAY - Turkey and dressing; sweet potatoes; green beans; fruit salad; milk/roll; cake.

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 - Corn dog; potato rounds; celery sticks; mixed fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Italian spaghetti; corn-on-the-cob; English peas; applesauce; hot roll; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Nacho Grande; salsa; pinto beans; Spanish rice; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Turkey and dressing; whipped potatoes; green beans; gelatin fruit salad; hot roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Pepperoni pizza; French fries; vegetable sticks; cookie; milk.
(Secondary Second Choice)
MONDAY - Fried Chicken;

potato rounds; celery sticks; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.
TUESDAY - Deli sandwich; French fries; corn-on-the-cob; English peas; applesauce; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Steak sandwich; whipped potatoes; green beans; gelatin fruit salad; milk.
FRIDAY - Manager's choice.

SANDS SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit and sausage; juice; jelly; milk.
TUESDAY - Donuts; milk; juice.
WEDNESDAY - Sausage on the blanket; jelly; milk; juice.
THURSDAY - Cereal; toast; jelly; milk; juice.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Sandwiches; potato chips; soup; cookies; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Slice turkey with white gravy; green beans; slice potatoes; hot rolls; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; cheese; pinto beans; corn bread; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken fajitas; burritos; salad; ranch style beans; cobbler; milk.
FRIDAY - Pizza; salad; corn; cookies; fruit; milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls; ham; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Pancakes with syrup; sausage; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Eggs; toast; jelly; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Christmas Holiday
LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak fingers with gravy or corn dog; mustard; potatoes; green beans; rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Taco salad with picante sauce or burrito, fresh fruit; pinto beans; corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pizza; French fries; fruit juice bar; milk.
THURSDAY - Hamburgers;

French fries; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickle; milk.
FRIDAY - Christmas holiday

STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Pop-tart; Canadian bacon or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Scrambled eggs; sausage patty or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Biscuit/bacon; gravy or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Oatmeal; little smokies or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon roll or cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Cheeseburger; or hamburger; French fries; hamburger salad; peaches; peanut butter bar; milk.
TUESDAY - Meat loaf or beef steak; mashed potatoes with gravy; buttered spinach; peas; hot roll; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken or stir-fry; steamed rice; gravy; green beans; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.
THURSDAY - Pizza or chicken and dumplings; corn on the cob; applesauce gelatin; cookie; corn bread; milk.
FRIDAY - Sub sandwich or turkey/cheese sandwich; chips; vegetable soup; apple wedges; cookie; milk.

GARDEN CITY LUNCH

MONDAY - Fish nuggets; au gratin potatoes; June peas; sliced bread; cookie; milk.
TUESDAY - Beef and bean chalupas; lettuce; tomato; picante sauce; Spanish rice; cake; corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Ham; creamed potatoes; green beans; fruit salad; hot rolls; milk.
THURSDAY - Barbecue sandwich; pickles; potato salad; ranch style beans; ice cream or candy.
FRIDAY - Out for Christmas Holidays.

ELBOW SCHOOL

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; graham cracker; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits; Canadian bacon; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Eggs; toast; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage; biscuit; juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; green beans; peaches; garlic bread; milk.
TUESDAY - Bean and cheese chalupa; cheese; corn; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Meat loaf; mashed potatoes; peas; fruit; hot roll; milk.
THURSDAY - Sliced turkey; sweet potatoes; pineapple tidbits; hot roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; onion rings; lettuce; tomato; pickle; fruit; milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Donuts; juice;

milk.
TUESDAY - Eggs; hash browns; biscuits; juice/milk.
WEDNESDAY - Muffins; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Pancakes/sausage; juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Steak fingers with gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli/cheese; hot rolls; pineapple tidbits; milk.
TUESDAY - Soft burritos; ranch style beans; cheese/sour cream; salad; peaches; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hot dogs; French fries; salad; relish/onions; fruit pies; milk.
THURSDAY - Turkey/dressing; gravy/cranberry sauce; English peas; sweet potatoes; fruit salad; hot rolls; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburgers; potato chips; salad; pickles/onions; cookies and creme; milk.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; toast;

jelly; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - French toast sticks; little smokies; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - No School

Teacher in-service

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken nuggets; rice or creamed potatoes; English peas; biscuits; syrup; honey; milk.
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pork and beans; tossed salad; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Turkey and dressing; giblet gravy; green beans; sweet potatoes; sliced bread; pumpkin pie with whipped topping; milk.
THURSDAY - Sandwiches; peanut butter; cheese; chicken; salad or bologna; French fries; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - No School

Teacher in-service



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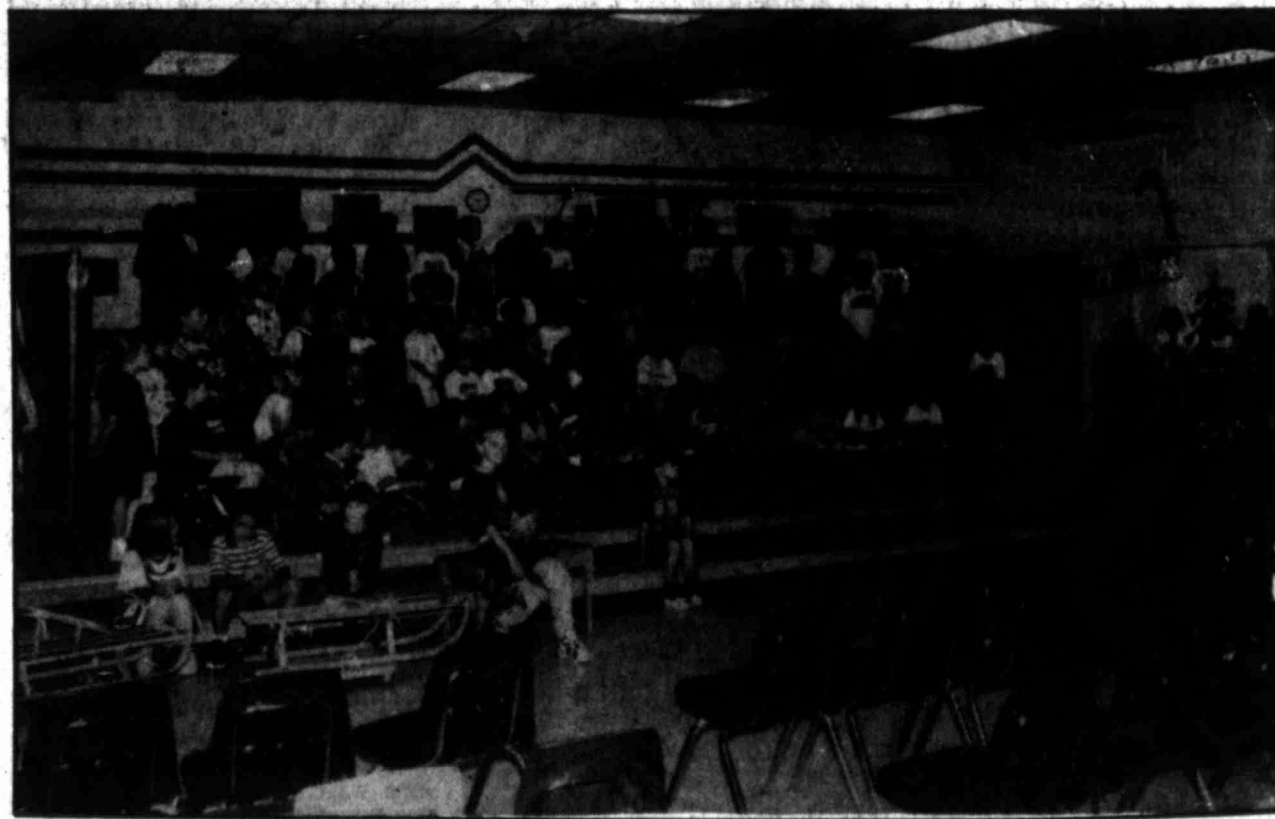
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Myrtle Keele
Big Spring Resident

"When I go to the hospital, everything is always all right. I appreciate their care. They are always so good to me."

KENTWOOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The students of Kentwood Elementary School are preparing a christmas program for the P.T.A. Club meeting on Tuesday. It is named "Season Greetings" and this will be the first year for the program. All students in grades one through five participated.

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.
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Grazing may offer salvage value for drought-stricken crops

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



Don Richardson
County Agent

The frosts and freezes came before maximum maturity was obtained on many of these fields and lighter

than hopes for yields of grain has been experienced. High winds blew over a lot more of the grain laden stalks, lowering yields even more so. Farmers in this situation have two choices: plow it under and start over next year, or try and salvage some of its value by grazing it.

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

A bright spot in all of this is the potential farmers with these "stalk fields" have for some additional cash income

from livestock production. This can come from either cash leasing their fields to stockmen, eager to put their livestock on such lands, or by the farmers, themselves, buying stocker cattle or sheep and grazing the available forage and grain.

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

There are about as many options in considering such

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

The most common rate we have found out about is 35 cents per pound, for example, if a steer gains 100 pounds during his stay on the field, the landowner would receive \$35 for that gain. One hundred head of cattle averaging such a

gain would mean \$3,500. Some landowners prefer to just cash lease their lands and walk away with no further responsibilities.

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

Also, who is responsible for building and keeping up fences is another question that should be addressed. Homeowner insurance policies should pos-

sibly updated on such matters as well.

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

Most frost killed plants will range in the 4 percent to 5 percent range on crude protein.

Iraq's oil exports won't have immediate impact on prices

DALLAS (AP) — It should be a few months before consumers see a drop in prices at the gasoline pump even though Iraq's re-entry into the export market caused an immediate impact on the cost of crude oil.

Crude oil prices tumbled 3 percent Tuesday on the lifting of sanctions against Iraq after Saddam Hussein turned on a pipeline to carry oil to Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

The prospect of Iraq's return had barely dented worldwide oil prices in recent months. The price for January delivery of light, sweet crude oil dropped 88 cents to close at \$24.42 a barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Falling crude prices eventually will be reflected at gas stations, said Mark Mahoney, associate editor of Oil Price Information Service.

"Crude definitely rules the rest of the market, if it goes down the rest goes down with it," Mahoney said.

Still, consumers were doubtful about when they would see any relief at the gasoline pump.

"It doesn't make a difference," said David Garcia of Dallas, who was filling his tank Tuesday with unleaded gasoline priced at \$1.19 a gallon. "The prices will stay the same."

But analysts say ultimately U.S. consumers will see a difference when they fill their tanks.

"It will take a couple of months for this oil to hit the market, hit our shores and knock crude down to about \$19 or \$20 a barrel," said Mahoney.

"You really won't see any short term effect at the pump. Heating oil will probably not change much either because the commodities are bought early. Until they get rid of that supply, they can't get rid of the prices."

Iraq's oil has been off the world market for six years since its soldiers invaded Kuwait in August 1990, triggering the Persian Gulf War. On Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali authorized Iraq to sell \$2 billion worth of oil to buy food and medicine for its people.

U.S. analysts say world demand is probably strong enough to support the extra 580,000 or so barrels that Iraq

would ship per day without a collapse in oil prices. The amount is a small fraction of the 72 million barrels the world uses daily or the 17.5 million barrels that U.S. consumers demand.

Before the invasion of Kuwait, Iraq exported more than 3 million barrels daily.

Osama Abdul Razzak Al-Hiti, an adviser to Saddam, said Iraq will not dump oil onto the markets causing prices to drop.

"I don't think it serves us," al-Hiti said at an OPEC meeting late last month. "It doesn't serve OPEC."

Those comments were opposed to his opinion in 1992 when he served as oil minister. At that time he said other suppliers in OPEC should not attempt to undercut Iraqi crude sales with lower prices once his nation regained the right to export.

"If anyone tries to take advantage of even one barrel, I'll produce to my full capacity," al-Hiti said. "Seven dollars a barrel is better than none. Six dollars is better than none. That's not going to matter to me at all."

Regardless of how Iraq deals with its new right to export, consumers were not eager to welcome the barrels from Baghdad.

"I'd rather they just stay out of it," said Michael Smith of Irving, Texas, who prefers not to deal with Iraq. "The prices will stay too high anyway."

Chris Sparks of Grand Prairie agreed: "It's our own taxation on the fuel that makes it so high. They should tax something that's not a necessity."

Gasoline prices have been high and unchanged in recent months.

A recent Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide found the average price at self-serve pumps, which account for most gasoline sales, was just below \$1.25 a gallon for regular; nearly \$1.35 for mid-grade and about \$1.43 for premium.

The average pump price for all gasoline grades, including taxes, was \$1.30 a gallon on Friday, down one-hundredth of a cent from two weeks earlier.

Those prices are about 19 cents above last year, said Gil Teel, a Houston spokesman for the American Automobile Association.

SHOPPING FOR MEMORIES!



Rita Anderson, owner of Rita's Gifts and Collectibles at 2000 W. 4th, was recently welcomed to the Big Spring business community during a ribbon cutting ceremony given by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors group. Rita's Gifts and Collectibles has a variety of items to choose from that Anderson hopes will bring back memories of specific time periods for the customers purchasing them.

Texas Lottery: Guerrero resigns as Dittler lobbyist

AUSTIN (AP) — Turmoil over the Texas Lottery is continuing with the resignation of a lobbyist for a lottery ticket company.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that Lena Guerrero resigned as a lobbyist for Atlanta-based Dittler Brothers, which provides scratch-off lottery tickets, amid questions about her ties with lottery director Nora Linares.

The Lottery Commission is looking into how Mike Moeller, a close friend of Ms. Linares, got a \$30,000 consulting contract with Rhode Island-based GTECH Corp., which runs the state's lottery.

Dittler Brothers spokeswoman Teresa Harris said Ms. Guerrero believed her resignation would be in the company's best interest in light of "all the publicity."

Ms. Guerrero didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

She had worked as a Dittler Brothers lobbyist since September 1994. In a Texas Ethics Commission report, she listed her fee at between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Once a prominent Democratic figure, Ms. Guerrero lost her seat on the Texas Railroad Commission in 1992 after admitting she lied

about having graduated from the University of Texas.

Her name came up recently as the Lottery Commission looked into the contract involving Moeller.

For five months beginning in October 1992, GTECH paid Moeller \$6,000 a month for consulting work in New Mexico. Moeller listed an address belonging to a cousin of Ms. Linares on the GTECH contract.

Last year, Moeller took a trip with Ms. Linares to Santa Fe. They were joined there by Ms. Guerrero, her husband and two high-ranking lottery employees.

Last month, the Lottery Commission rejected the recommendation of Ms. Linares and the staff that Dittler's contract to provide scratch-off tickets be extended for another year. It voted to seek new bids.

In other lottery developments:

— Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has scratched from a 1994 campaign finance statement a reported \$6,972 contribution from GTECH lobbyist Ricky Knox. Bullock said the contribution should have been listed as coming from former Sen. John Montford, who had hired Knox as a consultant.

"It was a reporting error

from Senator Montford's office to our office," Bullock spokesman Tony Proffitt said. "Ricky never donated anything."

A contribution to Bullock from Knox would violate GTECH's contract with the state and could lead to termination of the contract.

— Lottery Commissioner Joe Morin said he may recuse himself from voting on issues involving GTECH because the association he heads leases offices in a building owned by top GTECH executives.

GTECH officials and their family members own 70 percent of the downtown Austin building whose tenants include the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce.

Morin, who is president of the chamber of commerce group, said it won't be renewing its lease.

— Attorney General Dan Morales' office will decide whether contracts between GTECH and several lobbyists are public records or may be kept confidential, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The Lottery Commission, which has copies of the contracts, asked for the ruling because it has been asked for the GTECH information.

Drought stunts Christmas tree sales

DALLAS (AP) — Otto Schroeder closed the doors at his choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm early this year when all he had left were drought-stunted 4-foot to 5-foot-tall trees.

"We have to save these trees for next year in hopes that we'll have the (tall) trees we're looking for," he said, explaining that 7 feet is the usual top height for his Virginia pines dotting 20 acres southwest of Dallas.

While a sizable crop of trees planted several years before the drought is available this year, many, like Schroeder's, are shorter than expected, said Lanny Dreesen, a forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Conroe.

And officials say the drought could cause more dire effects three to five years down the road, when the seedlings that were planted in January should be ready for harvest.

"If we put seedlings out, and we do not have rain, and we don't have irrigation, the roots are very shallow on the young tree and a drought can cost a grower all of those seedlings," said Jim Wilson, executive director of the Fort Worth-based Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Schroeder says he'll look for some help from on high for a better growing season next year.

"We'll do a whole lot of praying in hopes the spring rains come, and we get the growth we're looking for," he said.

Dreesen predicts Texas growers will sell between 250,000 and 300,000 trees this year, roughly 10 percent of all the Christmas trees sold in the state.

That's down slightly from last season.

"This year we're hedging it a little bit, maybe due to the drought," he said.

Ninety-five percent of the tree farms in Texas are choose-and-cut operations in which people select their favorite live tree, cut it down and haul it home. The farms usually serve cold-weather treats like cider and hot chocolate, and take customers on tractor-drawn hayrides to the tree fields.

This year, a 6-foot choose-and-cut tree will cost about \$25, a bit more closer to urban areas, Dreesen said.

Lonna Mock, a repeat customer at the Hilltop Christmas Tree Farm in Sealy in southeast Texas, was shopping Monday with two of her young sons for a scaled-down version of the 10-footer that adorned the family home last Christmas.

"They love it," she said of her children. "They just couldn't wait because we had been out here last year. ... They've been reminding us every day."

The Mocks enjoy not only the tree's fresh smell, but the shared family experience.

"It's a tradition we stated to build memories," Mrs. Mock said.

Hilltop owner Pat McDaniel said despite the drought's effects, she experienced a record weekend, selling more than 500 trees on Sunday alone.

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Texas is one of 36 states that produce poinsettia potted plants. The state produced 3.58 million pots in 1995 and is expected to produce more than 3.85 million pots in 1996. Texas has 94 poinsettia producers, 4.6% of the 2,044 U.S. producers. Total market value for US poinsettias has risen from \$37.6 million in 1976 to \$209.4 million in 1995.

1995 Texas Poinsettia Production	
Rank among flowering potted plants	#1
No. of pots	3.58 million
Total value	\$13.5 million
Total U.S. Production	

Source: United States Department of Agriculture
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

Environmental group blasts TNRCC

AUSTIN (AP) — The state agency in charge of regulating polluters gives the companies it inspects advance notice of routine inspections and discounts on fines, according to a study by an environmental watchdog group.

The Texas Center for Policy Studies said the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission discourages its inspectors from issuing written violation notices and tells companies they will be inspected two weeks in advance.

"Who isn't going to look good when the inspector comes if

you have this much advance notice?" Mary Kelly, the center's executive director said Wednesday.

Conservation Commission officials said the report from Ms. Kelly's group ignores legal requirements regarding inspection notices and the benefits from flexible fines.

The commission said minor pollution problems could be solved within the notice period, but serious violations could not. It also said being flexible on fines ensures compliance with the laws.

BDC seeking business ideas

Herald Staff Report

The Howard College Business Development Center (BDC) is anxiously awaiting for businesses in the area to bring new business ideas to them.

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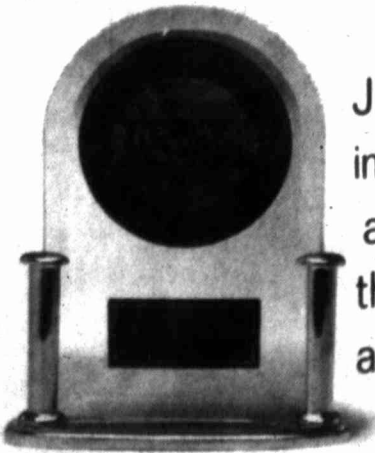
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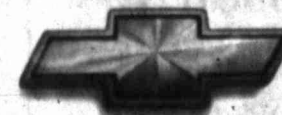
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Quitclaim deed transferor: Frances Gomez transferee: Mary Ann Kesterheier property: tract out of lot 7, block 1, Colonial Hills Addition; and tract out of lots 7-9, block 12, Bauer Addition. filed: Dec. 3, 1996
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Announcements 036

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Help Wanted 085
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE- INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION has the following positions available at the Wallace Unit located in Colorado City, Texas:
PLANT MAINTENANCE MANAGER I-CARPENTER/PAINTER/LOCK TECHNICIAN, annual salary \$25,140 plus benefits. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED and five (5) years full-time, wage-earning experience as a carpenter or painter. Experience as a millwright preferred.
Applicants must submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to TDCJ-JD, Facilities Division Personnel, ATTN: Terri Hall, P.O. Box 4011, SPUR 59 OFF HWY. 75 North, Huntsville, TX 77342 by 5:00 P.M. MONDAY DECEMBER 30, 1996. A complete job description and all application forms may be obtained at the above address or by calling the Facilities Division Personnel Office at (409)294-6423 or 294-6912.
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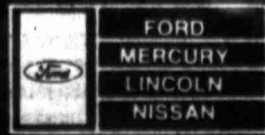
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TRUCK DRIVERS needed for oilfield work. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. Must have Class A CDL, clear driving record & 2 years Truck driving experience. Call 1-800-586-2669, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Furniture 390 FOR SALE: 3 cushion couch, off white, good condition. Call 263-6097, leave message.

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O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, Faithful vine splendor of Heaven, blesses mother of the Son of God, immaculate virgin assist me in my necessity.

O Star for the sea, and show me here you are my mother, Holy Mary Mother of God Queen of Heaven, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power.

O Mary conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recurred to Thee (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

E.A.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 15:

Pressure is intense this year. Much of it is coming from within you. Make a conscious effort to behave in a mellow, more even manner. Be easier on yourself. Family and domestic matters take a high priority.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Take a back seat for a while. You always put your best foot forward. You are overwhelmed by the options that appear on the horizon. You are exhausted and need a lazy day. Give yourself the gift of a day off. Tonight: Do only what you want.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Pressure is intense, especially with money. Revise your Christmas list accordingly. Creative brainstorming with a partner helps you find solutions. Talk through a concern about image. A partner may be needy. Tonight: Go out and about.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Stay centered about what is going on. Listen with care to a friend who is out of sorts. Maintain a sense of humor. Be easygoing, as this person unravels. Your perspective helps another lighten up. Express opinions. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Reach out for another. Be amenable to a change in plans. Go where there is a relaxing atmosphere. This is not the best day to complete practical matters. Go to the movies, listen to music and luxuriate. Let your mind and body unwind. Tonight: Do something different.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A loved one adds to the challenge of dealing with others, who are asserting in another direction. The best plan is to avoid the power play. Remain steady. Relate on a one-to-one level. Don't take any inordinate risks. Tonight: Make the first move.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are up for change on the home front. Avoid pushing another. Your humorous ways help ease touchy situations. Let others

reveal what is going on with them. Your cheerful attitude can save the day. Tonight: Respond in the affirmative.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

The operative word is "yes." You have to answer to another. Share what is going on. You find discussions difficult at times, as if someone doesn't want to hear. You will also be amused. Be understanding. Tonight: Get your Christmas cards addressed and ready to send.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

It will take all your creativity to bypass the problem you're having with a loved one. Be careful with an expenditure; there could be a problem with the item. The added expense hasn't surfaced yet. A conservative path is the best. Tonight: Spice up life with some mischief.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You feel out of sorts with a family member, which results in a major disagreement. Pull back, and do not trigger emotions. Your good cheer prevents you from getting entrenched in negativity. Take time off by yourself. Tonight: Go to bed early.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Extend yourself. You are likely to suffer a self-imposed restriction. Make an effort in another direction. Try not to take certain conversations personally. Run more holiday errands. Another may seek you out, desiring to talk to you. Tonight: Dine out.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Setting up a strict budget is wise. A lot of monetary demands are being made of you. You need to cut, but where you would least like to. Be realistic. A friend may be pushing too hard, and you might say something that you will later regret. Tonight: Order in.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Someone you care about could be very severe with you. It may be appropriate to pull back. Take a more reasonable look at what is going on. Listen to your sixth sense regarding this person. It is OK to use your personality to melt another's defenses. Tonight: Just ask.****

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Gifts from the heart will please seniors on your list

DEAR ABBY: Last year I missed your column on Christmas gifts for seniors. I remember in the past you printed some great suggestions, and since there are several seniors on my list this Christmas, how about helping us again? — JESSICA IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR JESSICA: Certainly! I combed my past columns and found a wealth of ideas that



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come from the heart, not the wallet. Remember, most seniors have more than their share of dusting powder and aftershave, and have run out of room for bud vases and bird feeders. Consider these more practical alternatives:

- Postcards or lined stationery and envelopes with a generous supply of postage stamps.
- A gift certificate for their favorite grocery store, deli or pharmacy.
- An assortment of greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, as well as get-well and condolence cards.
- A "paid in advance" certificate for 10 lawn mowings or snow shovels by a neighborhood youngster.
- A "certificate" for a service you can perform that is difficult for them — a thorough house cleaning, a month's laundry, a handyman visit for home safety inspection and minor repairs.
- An offer to rewrite their address book in larger, more legible print.
- A month of Sunday drives to church, or to the country, the museum or the park.
- If the person on your list is on a limited income, a check in any amount will be appreciated.

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