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## After years of denial, Gingrich makes stunning confession

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a stunning confession Saturday, Speaker Newt Gingrich admitted violating House ethics rules. The Republican hierarchy swiftly closed ranks to ensure his reelection next month as the chamber's leader.

Two years of denials ended with the striking statement that "I, Newt Gingrich, admit" to wrongdoing. The speaker acknowledged his failure to seek legal advice that would have prevented his use of tax-exempt organizations for political purposes.

The ideological leader of the GOP's House takeover also conceded, "In my name and over my signature, inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable statements were given to the (House ethics)

committee, but I did not intend to mislead."

He was answering a 22-page "statement of alleged violation," the House version of an indictment, that was approved unanimously by an ethics investigative subcommittee of two Republicans and two Democrats.

The full committee, five Republicans and five Democrats, will hold a hearing on punishment and may ask the entire House to discipline the speaker. Possibilities include a reprimand, censure, fine or expulsion.

Gingrich's plans are to survive politically, however, and the House leadership rushed to endorse his Jan. 7 reelection as speaker.

"Today, with the work of the sub-

committee complete, we reiterate our unequivocal support," said a statement signed by Majority Leader Dick Armey and the rest of the GOP leaders.

By admitting to every point in the "statement of alleged violation," Gingrich agreed that he failed to "seek and follow" legal advice that would have demonstrated his tax-exempt organizations were used improperly as arms of his political action committee: GOPAC.

The subcommittee said a college course taught by Gingrich from 1993 to 1995 and three television programs — all financed through tax-exempt organizations — were political in nature and should not have qualified for tax-deductible donations.

The committee said tax experts — including one representing Gingrich — agreed that if they had been consulted about the speaker's fund-raising tactic, "they would have advised that it not be conducted under the auspices" of tax-exempt organizations.

The false statements by Gingrich were submitted on March 27, 1995, and Dec. 8, 1994. The speaker described his college course as "completely nonpartisan" and "wholly independent of GOPAC."

The subcommittee disagreed, saying "the main message" of Gingrich's "Renewing American Civilization" course at two Georgia colleges was "also the main message of GOPAC."

In his admission, Gingrich said, "I

did not seek personal gain, but my actions did not reflect creditably on the House of Representatives."

He added, "I did not seek legal counsel when I should have in order to ensure clear compliance with all applicable laws, and that was wrong."

"Because I did not, I brought down on the people's house a controversy which could weaken the faith people have in their government."

Technically, the committee found that Gingrich's conduct violated the House rule that obliges all lawmakers to conduct themselves "at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the House of

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### FOURTH GRADERS PERFORM



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

The parents and teachers attending the December P.T.A. meeting are entertained by the Marcy Elementary fourth grade class as they sing Christmas carols.

## Unemployment rate for city, county up with seasonal trend

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The state's unemployment rate increased in November for the first time in five months, according to a report released Friday by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The state's overall unemployment rate last month increased to 5.3 percent, up from the 4.9 percent rate in October, the report noted.

The unemployment rate for Howard county was 3.6 percent, slightly higher than October's rate of 3.3 percent, while the city of Big Spring had a November unemployment rate of 4 percent, also slightly higher than October's rate of 3.7 percent.

The unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) rose slightly during the month of November, from 4.8

percent in October to 5.1 percent.

According to the TWC, the jobless rate's rise can be attributed to a seasonal trend evidenced at this time of year almost annually.

The total civilian labor force for the Permian Basin was 121,447 in November, slightly higher than October's total of 121,340, and slightly more than 1,000 higher than labor force in November 1995 (120,386).

Other Permian Basin unemployment rates include Andrews, 4.8 percent; Crane, 3.7 percent; Fort Stockton, 7.9 percent; Lamesa, 7.2 percent; Midland, 3.9 percent; Odessa, 6.1 percent; and Stanton, 4.2 percent.

The state's number of retail trade jobs grew by 7,100 in November. The service industry added 4,900 jobs.

November's lowest unemployment rate was recorded in the Bryan-College Station area.

## Herald, other businesses detail holiday closings

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

As local residents prepare for the traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebration, including church attendance, opening gifts, a variety of sporting activities and spending time with loved ones, several offices and businesses will follow suit and have special holiday hours Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Tuesday edition of the Herald will be delivered at 7 a.m. that day and there will not be an issue printed on Christmas Day. Herald offices will be open from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday for the holiday.

City Hall will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas holiday, and will reopen for regular business Thursday morning.

Howard County Courthouse offices will also be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the holiday, and will reopen for regular business at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Area financial institutions will use the following holiday schedules:

•State National Bank, First Bank of West Texas, Norwest Bank, Big Spring, N.A., and Security State Bank will all close at 2 p.m. Tuesday, and will resume regular business hours on Thursday.

•Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit

Union will close at 2 p.m. Tuesday and resume regular business hours Thursday morning.

•Cosden Employees Credit Union and T&P Federal Credit Union will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and will resume regular business hours Thursday.

•Citizens Federal Credit Union will close at 3 p.m. Tuesday and will resume regular business hours Thursday.

Local grocery outlets will have the following Thanksgiving holiday schedule.

•Wal-Mart Supercenter will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and will reopen at 6 a.m. Thursday.

•Lawrence IGA will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Christmas Eve and then will close for

Christmas, resuming regular business hours at 7 a.m. Thursday.

•H-E-B will also be open until 8 p.m. Tuesday, closing for Christmas and reopening at 6 a.m. Thursday.

The U.S. Post Office will be closed at noon Christmas Eve and will resume regular business hours on Thursday. Also, mail will not be collected from any letter collection box after 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Last minute Express Mail and Priority Mail pieces will be delivered on Christmas Day, with a special truck coming from Midland.

Area residents needing police, fire department or EMS emergency assistance may dial 911.

As for utility emergencies, residents need to call 264-2392.

## Lottery panel questions attorney's double duty

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission is considering whether they want Attorney General Dan Morales to replace the attorney representing the commission in a whistleblower lawsuit filed by former employees.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Dennis Garza has been representing the commission.

However, as president of the South Austin Tejano Democrats, Garza has publicly criticized commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers for her handling of the commission's investigation into GTECH, the lottery's prime contractor.

"Because it involves a pending suit and a lawyer who is representing us, I thought I ought to ask our attorneys to review the situation and take whatever action is in the best interest of the Texas Lottery Commission," Miers said.

Garza is assigned to represent the commission in a lawsuit filed by Tommy Headrick, Feliciano Acevedo and Billie Myrick. All three were fired in 1995 for improperly carrying weapons while on duty. Their lawsuit says the real reason was their attempts to raise concern about "improprieties" at the agency, according to their attorney, Doug Brothers.

The commission began investigating GTECH after lottery director Nora Linares disclosed last month that Mike Moeller, a close friend now in prison on corruption charges, worked as a consultant for GTECH for five months in 1992-93.

Linares has said she did not know until recently about Moeller's \$6,000-a-month contract with GTECH.

Garza joined other Hispanic organizations this week in attacking Miers' handling of the Lottery Commission investigation into Linares and GTECH. He said Tuesday that Miers was "orchestrating a mudslinging campaign against Nora Linares

to further the Republican Party agenda."

Miers, who was appointed to the commission by Republican Gov. George W. Bush, "brings up a daily offering of innuendo, allegations without proof, rabbit trails with no end in sight, all for the purpose of pushing Nora Linares out of her position. It is hardball partisan politics at its worst," Garza said.

Miers has denied political motivation in the rift.

Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, said Garza is free to make public comments as a private citizen, as long as they don't interfere with his job.

### WAL-MART DONATION



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Wal-Mart Supercenter manager Tim Diehl presents a \$2,600 donation to Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles Jr. and Lt. Carl Condray of the Big Spring Fire Department to help aid in the upkeep and maintenance of their arson dog, Sadie. Sadie's job is to assist arson investigators discover flammable liquids.

## Richards sought business for GTECH subsidiary

HOUSTON (AP) — In an apparent effort to boost business for a subsidiary of the company that runs the Texas lottery, former Gov. Ann Richards invited more than a dozen governors to dinner last year, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

The Oct. 22, 1995, dinner in Austin was hosted by Transactive Corp., the company that runs Texas' multimillion-dollar electronic food stamp program known as the Lone Star card system.

Transactive is a subsidiary of GTECH Corp., which operates

the Texas Lottery and is the focus of a probe by the Lottery Commission and the state auditor's office. A federal grand jury also is looking into matters involving the lottery and lobbyists.

Richards, who pushed the lottery through the Legislature five years ago, is the latest of several high-ranking former state officials who have been identified as having connections to GTECH.

No governors showed up for the dinner and only two or three out-of-state bureaucrats attended, the newspaper said.

"Ms. Richards has done no work for or on behalf of the company," GTECH spokesman Bob Rendine said, adding he had no further comment.

Steve Kearney, a spokesman for the law firm where Richards works, said her client was not GTECH or Transactive directly. He would not name the client who wanted the governors to attend the dinner or say whether the firm was paid for Ms. Richards' service.

Richards did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press on Saturday.

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I THINK I JUST HEARD SANTA FALL OFF THE ROOF!

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

75 ▲ Highs 34  
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**Today:** Mostly cloudy and breezy. High in the mid 70s. Low in the 30s.  
**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler. High in the lower 80s. Low in the lower 30s.  
**Extended outlook:** Tuesday and Christmas Day. Clear and dry. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, sunny. High in the mid 60s. Low in the mid 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Manuel Hinojos

Graveside service for Manuel Hinojos, 54, of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Deacon Horace Yanez of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating.

Mr. Hinojos died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, at his residence. He was born on Feb. 4, 1942 in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and worked as a general laborer.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Survivors include one brother: Andres Hinojos of Denver, Colo.; three sisters: Maria Torres Hinojos of Houston, Connie Hinojos and Rosie Hinojos both of California; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Alice Henderson

Graveside service for Alice Melinda Henderson, 90, of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church in Midland, officiating.

Mrs. Henderson died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, at her daughter's home in Hinsdale, Ill.

She was born on May 13, 1906, in Comanche County to Clarence William and Hattie Belle Henderson and married Wess A. Henderson on March 5, 1922, in Midland. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1982.

She helped organize and worked in the lunchroom at the Center Point School in the early 1940s and 1950s. She later worked in the Big Spring School Lunch Program for 23 years, retiring in 1971.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters: Frances Scott of Midland and Dorothy Lee DeCicco of Hinsdale, Ill.; one sister: Zella

Williams of Stanton; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Weldon McAdams Sr.

Weldon "Nubs" Kelly McAdams Sr., 66, of Sand Springs, died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at a Midland hospital. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with rev. Hubert Wright, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Rafor Dunagan of Midway Baptist Church.

Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

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

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

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

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

Palbearers were Carl R. Frazier, Poncho Narbaiz, James Herm, Joe Moran, W.C. Ross, Roosevelt Shaw, Tony Frazier and Tracy Frazier.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Esperanza Salgado

Funeral service for Esperanza Portocarrero Salgado, 37, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Rev. Leo Free, Rev. Al Yanke and Rev. Luis Pena, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996, at a local hospital.

Mrs. Salgado was born on May 5, 1959, in Leon, Nicaragua. She married Augustine Salgado in 1990 in Florida. She was a homemaker and a member of Living Water Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carlos Portocarrero. Survivors include her husband, Augustine Salgado of Big Spring; two sons: Carlos Valverde and Mayquel Valverde, both of Big Spring; two daughters: Claudia Valverde and Vanessa Salgado, both of Big Spring; four brothers: Carlos Portocarrero and Nicalaus Portocarrero, both of Big Spring, Felix Portocarrero of Okaechobe, Fla., and Jose Portocarrero of Miami, Fla.;

three sisters: Margarita Olga Pena, Julia Portocarrero and Carla Lugo, all of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Florence Odom

Florence Louise "Mig" Odom, 78, of Austin, Texas, died Tuesday, Dec. 17. Although recovering from surgery in the hospital, relatives did not expect her passing.

Florence was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas. Later she and her family moved to Wink, Texas. She had a career in federal civil service which included assignments at Pyote Air Force Base, Ardmore Air Force Base and Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas.

After retiring from Webb in the mid 1970s, she moved to Austin, Texas, to be closer to her family. She lived for many years in north Austin's Allandale neighborhood with her dog Duffy, and fondly remembered the friendships made during those times.

Pursuing her interest in genealogy, she joined the Albert Sydney Johnston chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and worked at the Texas Confederate Museum. She was also interested in sewing, Texas history, and pioneering Texas women. She was an avid reader.

Florence will be remembered for her wonderful sayings, great storytelling abilities, sense of humor, and wonderful cooking. Friends and relatives know that Florence had been ill for many years and faced great loss, but she was an inspiration for her perseverance and will in the face of adversity.

Survivors include brothers Malcolm Foster, Falfurrias, Texas; Walter Foster, Abilene, Texas; Robert Foster, Fort Worth, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Bettie and Jim Bridges, Houston, Texas; daughter Carol Odom, Pasadena, Texas; granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Debbie and Tom Crenshaw, Dallas, Texas; grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Dewayne and Eunice Bridges, Dallas, Texas; granddaughter Donna Rich, Austin; and granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Becky and Todd Wulfmeyer of Bend, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Charles Rich.

The family wishes to thank the 3rd floor staff at Camlu Retirement Apartments for their care and support. Additionally, the family wishes to acknowledge Leatha Whitely of Lifeway Home Health Care for her sensitive and loving assistance.

Funeral service was at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. John's United Methodist Church. Graveside service followed at Austin Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the National Wildflower Research center in Austin.

Arrangements were under the direction of Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78752 (512)454-5611.

PAID OBITUARY

Gingrich

Continued from page 1A Representatives.

House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt said the admission "revealed very disturbing and serious questions about the actions of the speaker."

"I am saddened that as a result of the speaker's actions, the integrity of the House of Representatives and the office of the speaker has been called into question."

Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas and a former Texas Supreme

Big Spring ON THE RUN

Court justice who served on a state judicial ethics task force, was more forceful. The Austin Democrat said Gringrich should be stripped of his speaker's powers if he doesn't relinquish them.

"What has happened today in Washington is similar to any citizen walking into this courthouse and pleading guilty to tax fraud and perjury, then claiming he should receive only a slap on the wrist or perhaps in this holiday season, three lumps of coal," Doggett said in Austin.

"When one of our most powerful federal officials commits tax fraud and lies about that fraud to the bipartisan Ethics Committee, this is very serious business."

Republicans tried to stem any possible GOP revolt.

"Newt's willingness to acknowledge an unintentional mistake is refreshing," Rep. John Boehner, chairman of the House Republican Conference, wrote GOP lawmakers. "While the mistake is regrettable, it's not significant enough to deny his continuing service as speaker of the House."

Another pledge of support came from Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who said earlier he would abstain if the subcommittee failed to issue a report before the speaker's election.

Ethics complaints filed against Gringrich, beginning in the fall of 1994, accused the speaker of repeating the same tactic to enhance GOPAC's desire to recruit 200,000 Republican activists.

According to the complaints, the speaker would use the tax-exempt entities to raise money that could be deducted from donors' federal income taxes. GOPAC staff members were used for the projects, and many of the donors were the political committee's regular supporters.

Gingrich contended the purpose of these tax-exempt organizations was educational, as required by federal law.

The complaints, and now the subcommittee statement, said they were political, which left taxpayers to subsidize GOPAC's partisan Republican operations.

IN BRIEF

TCA CABLE TV OF BIG SPRING will broadcast the First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree program Sunday and Monday on Cable Channel 10. The program can be seen on Sunday at 7 p.m. and again Monday at 5 p.m.

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

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

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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.

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.

Big Spring YMCA holiday camp, Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30 and Jan. 2 and 3, provides safe, affordable care for children who are out of school for holidays while parents work. Call 267-9234.

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.

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.

Christmas Eve candlelight service, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10:30 p.m. Special time of lessons, carols and Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY

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.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow-

ing activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

SEXUAL ASSAULT in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

THEFT OF GAS in the 1800 block of Gregg.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1200 block of E. 17th.

THEFT in the 1600 block of E. 16th; 1100 block of N. Lamesa; and the 1500 block of E. 4th.

MARGARITA GARCIA RAMIREZ, 45, of 703 Willia, was arrested on local warrants.

TRICIA DEANN BOREN, 25, of HC 69 Box 106, was arrested on local warrants.

SAMMY PENA JR., 17, of 1201 Fraiser, was arrested for no driver's license and driving on the wrong side of the road.

MILES RAY DIEHL, 31, of 1308 Wright, was arrested on local warrants.

JAMES M. CARTER, 49, of 4111 Muir, was arrested for assault/family violence.

TRICIA RODRIGUEZ, 18, of 1500 Lincoln, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

ADAM JUAREZ, 19, of 411 Trades, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

NORMAN ALTON NICHOLS, 42, of 700 E. 17th, was arrested for assault by threat.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

KEITH CARLTON SPIVEY, 19, of 1503 E. 3rd, was arrested on a bondsman off bond warrant, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

CHAD BRITTON STRICKLAND, 29, of 507 E. 7th, was arrested for aggravated assault causing bodily injury, and released on a \$10,000 bond.

SCOTT HANDLEY DRIVER, 27, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested for theft of service, pled guilty in court and sentenced to two years in state jail and fined \$500, probated to five years probation.

ANGIE JUAREZ ANDERSON, 28, of 2301 Marshall, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for debit card abuse. Pled guilty in court and received two years in state jail and fined \$500 plus \$126.50 in court costs, and was ordered to pay \$9,500 in restitution to the victim.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 398.22 km of thermoplastic pavement resurfacing at various locations covered by C 908-00-37 in Taylor County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX, until 1:00 p.m., January 7, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Loran Garduno, P.E., Abilene, TX, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, TX. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704-1206. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, TX, at the expense of the bidder.

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

Felipe Galindo, 56, of Big Spring passed away on Saturday at his residence following a sudden illness. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Mona Ray Coates, 69, of Big Spring died Saturday in a local hospital. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Esperanza Portocarrero Salgado, 37, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Interment Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Alice Henderson, 90, died Thursday, December 19, 1996. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM Monday, December 23, 1996, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Manuel Hinojos, 54, died Thursday, December 19, 1996. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Monday, December 23, 1996, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Seasons Greetings from the Labrew Family

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Damages now sought in affirmative action lawsuit

AUSTIN — Attorneys now are seeking more than \$6 million in damages in a lawsuit that led to a federal court order that struck down preferences for minority applicants at the University of Texas Law School.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks set an April 1 trial date in the Hopwood case after chastising both sides for not cooperating. Cheryl Hopwood and three other white law school applicants filed the lawsuit in after they were denied admission to UT in 1992 while less-qualified minorities got in.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that universities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi may not consider race when admitting students.

Austin attorney Steven W. Smith, who represents two of the four plaintiffs, said he is not optimistic that Sparks will approve any large damage awards and is being more conservative.

Lawsuit has store Santas on edge

AUSTIN — A lawsuit that accused a shopping mall Santa of trying to lift the skirt of a teen-age girl last year has sent a chill through Austin-area store Santas this year.

Now many worry whether they can hold or hug a child. And surveillance cameras might be recording every move.

"It's not as easy to be a Santa today as it used to be," Rex Voland, a 43-year-old Kris Kringle, told the Austin American-Statesman. "We're all being twice as careful. You have to be very careful what you say to people, how you have the child on your lap and how you hold them."

Last Christmas, the father of a teen-age girl filed the lawsuit against an Austin mall and a Santa after the girl accused the Santa of trying to lift the girl's skirt.

Three Ring Service Inc., an entertainment company, and Barton Creek Square mall were sued last year after a Bastrop girl said one of the company's Santas tried to lift her skirt and rubbed her thigh.

Going home for holidays vexing for Mexican Americans

SAN ANTONIO — Thousands of Mexican Americans who are returning to their homeland for the holidays are fighting delays because of red tape and confusion at Mexican customs checkpoints.

When Juan Ruiz drove to Mexico at Thanksgiving, he waited in line in the rain for what seemed like hours before, cold and angry, he paid a bribe and was on his way.

"It's not the way to treat people who send millions of dollars into Mexico every year," said Ruiz, a San Antonio businessman and rancher who travels to Coahuila.

For many, returning home in cars bearing U.S. license plates mean a confusing, time-consuming ordeal for Mexican countrymen, or paisanos, especially around Christmas.

Pantex stands to lose more than 1,700 jobs in DOE plan

AMARILLO — A decision signed by U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary could mean the loss of 1,700 to 2,170 jobs at Pantex, although the plant will keep its weapons disassembly and high-explosives work.

The decision finalizes a \$40 billion Department of Energy plan for a smaller, more efficient nuclear weapons complex that would maintain a nuclear deterrent without new weapons production or nuclear testing.

O'Leary signed the formal Record of Decision on the DOE's Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement late Thursday.

Under the decision, the plant outside Amarillo would still assemble and disassemble nuclear weapons and perform stockpile surveillance, periodic examination and evaluation of weapons to make sure they meet DOE specifications.

The biggest blow to Pantex will be to its work force, which now has about 3,440 workers.

Pets are on many owners' shopping lists

DALLAS (AP) — As some Christmas shoppers are making their list and checking it twice, they're making sure they get something nice for the family pet.

Ruth Ann Ragland and her husband, Fred, are giving their two cats, a Siamese named Sam and an Abyssinian named Nellie Bly, a battery-operated ball with a toy weasel attached.

"They're part of the family," said Ragland, a journalism teacher at Texas Woman's University in Denton. "If we left them out, it would be like the Grinch stole Christmas."

The Raglands aren't alone. A 1995 survey by the American Animal Hospital Association found that 79 percent of all pet owners give their creatures holiday and birthday presents.

About 72 percent chose play toys, while 60 percent preferred snacks.

Add Jan Shon to that list. Her cats are getting a pretty big stocking stuffer this year — a 2-foot high fountain.

One of the felines, Sheena, a Bengal, likes to drink from running water and some of the other cats (Shon and her husband have a house full of them) like to watch.

"I think they'll be excited when they see the fountain," she said.

They're also getting an assortment of cat beds and cat toys.

"It gives us a lot of pleasure," Shon, a psychiatric social worker from Austin, said. "Our pets are part of our family. Our pets are our children."

Another Austin resident, Nancy Parkinson, will be giving gifts to several pets, although they're not all hers.

Parkinson owns her own pet sitting business, Wild About CatsHooked on Dogs, and has

already given her cats a new scratching pad.

"It's still their Christmas present," she said. "They don't know what day it's Christmas."

During the holidays, she's also very busy taking care of other people's animals and that sometimes means giving them presents on behalf of their owners.

Some owners are particular about when their pets get their gifts and ask Parkinson to deliver the gifts on Dec. 25.

Michael Wannon, a therapist who teaches personality theory at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., says the need people have to pamper their pets can be traced to attachment theory.

That's a theory that proposes humans are born with the need to form and maintain attachments. For example, he explained, an infant's behavior

is based on his or her need to form and maintain an attachment with a caregiver, like a parent. As people grow older, they can also form attachments with spouses, children, and, in some cases, pets.

Pets can make a particularly good "object" for attachment, Wannon said, because of their need to be petted and held, as well as the loyalty they're capable of showing.

So, it's natural to want to include pets during Christmas. "You feel attached to a pet, so you may give the pet a present," Wannon said.

Dr. Jim Humphries, a veterinarian, also understands the need people have to make pets part of a family Christmas.

"I think people see their pets as an extension of their family," Humphries said. "To leave the cat or dog out (during the holidays) is just a major faux pas."

Rangers end guard duty at lottery commission

Texas Rangers, called in earlier this month to ensure the integrity and security of documents at the Texas Lottery Commission, have been taken off the assignment, commission chairwoman Harriet Miers said.

Miers said she is convinced that security measures are now in place to limit access and ensure no unauthorized departure of records from the lottery commission offices.

Miers asked for the Rangers, she said, after embattled lottery director Nora Linares questioned the authenticity of records subpoenaed by a federal grand jury.

A spokesman for the Department of Public Safety told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the Rangers and other DPS officers left the building Friday.

Meanwhile, the commission is considering whether it wants Attorney General Dan Morales to assign another attorney to represent it in a whistleblower lawsuit filed by former employees.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Dennis Garza has been representing the commission in the suit. However, as president of the South Austin Tejano Democrats, Garza has publicly criticized Miers for her handling of the commission's investigation into Linares' ties to lobbyists for GTECH, the lottery's prime contractor, and other companies doing business with the lottery and whether got preferential treatment.

Three ex-employees — Tommy Headrick, Feliciano Acevedo and Billie Myrick — were fired last year for improperly carrying weapons while on duty. They sued claiming the real reason was their attempts to raise concern about "improprieties" at the agency, according to their attorney, Doug Brothers.

Garza joined other Hispanic organizations last week in attacking Miers' handling of the recent lottery commission investigation, saying in a news release that she was "orchestrating a mudslinging campaign against Nora Linares to further the Republican Party agenda."

Miers, an appointee of Republican Gov. George W. Bush, "brings up a daily offering of innuendo, allegations without proof, rabbit trails with no end in sight, all for the purpose of pushing Nora Linares out of her position. It is hard-ball partisan politics at its worst," Garza said.

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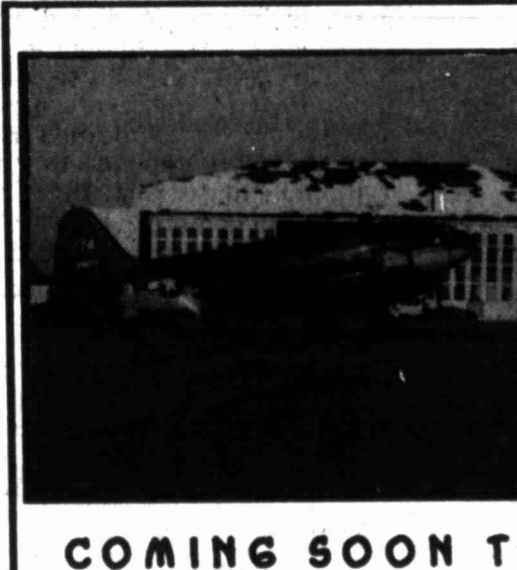
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## Quote of the Day

"Nobody ever died of laughter."

-Max Beerbohm

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## OUR VIEWS

### KBST continues to support, inform

On Saturday, KBST radio celebrated its 60th birthday — and what a life the local station has had!

It was on Dec. 21, 1936 that sound crackled from the 1500 spot on the AM dial. Strains of "The Moon is High," the station's theme song, broke the silence. Ten seconds later, Doug Dean, the station's chief announcer, said "KBST, the Big Spring Broadcasting Company station is on the air!"

Back in those days, the Herald and KBST were both members of the Harte-Hanks family and located in the same building. In fact, a telephone line was connected between KBST and the Herald newsroom, where newspaper editor Bob Whipkey would relay the latest news from the wire with the Associated Press printer clanging away in the background.

In 1959, Harte-Hanks sold the station to the Snider Corp. — which included one Winston Wrinkle as vice president and secretary.

The inclusion of Wrinkle in the station's management team began a 37-year connection between his family and the station that continues today under the leadership of his son, David.

Beginning in early 1961, Wrinkle began buying out the other stockholders and eventually became the sole owner and general manager — a position he held until his death in 1984.

The commitment to community involvement that was a cornerstone of Winston Wrinkle's philosophy continues today in the many worthwhile projects supported by the station and its personnel.

We salute KBST, our former sister station, on 60 years of service to our community, her listeners and advertisers.

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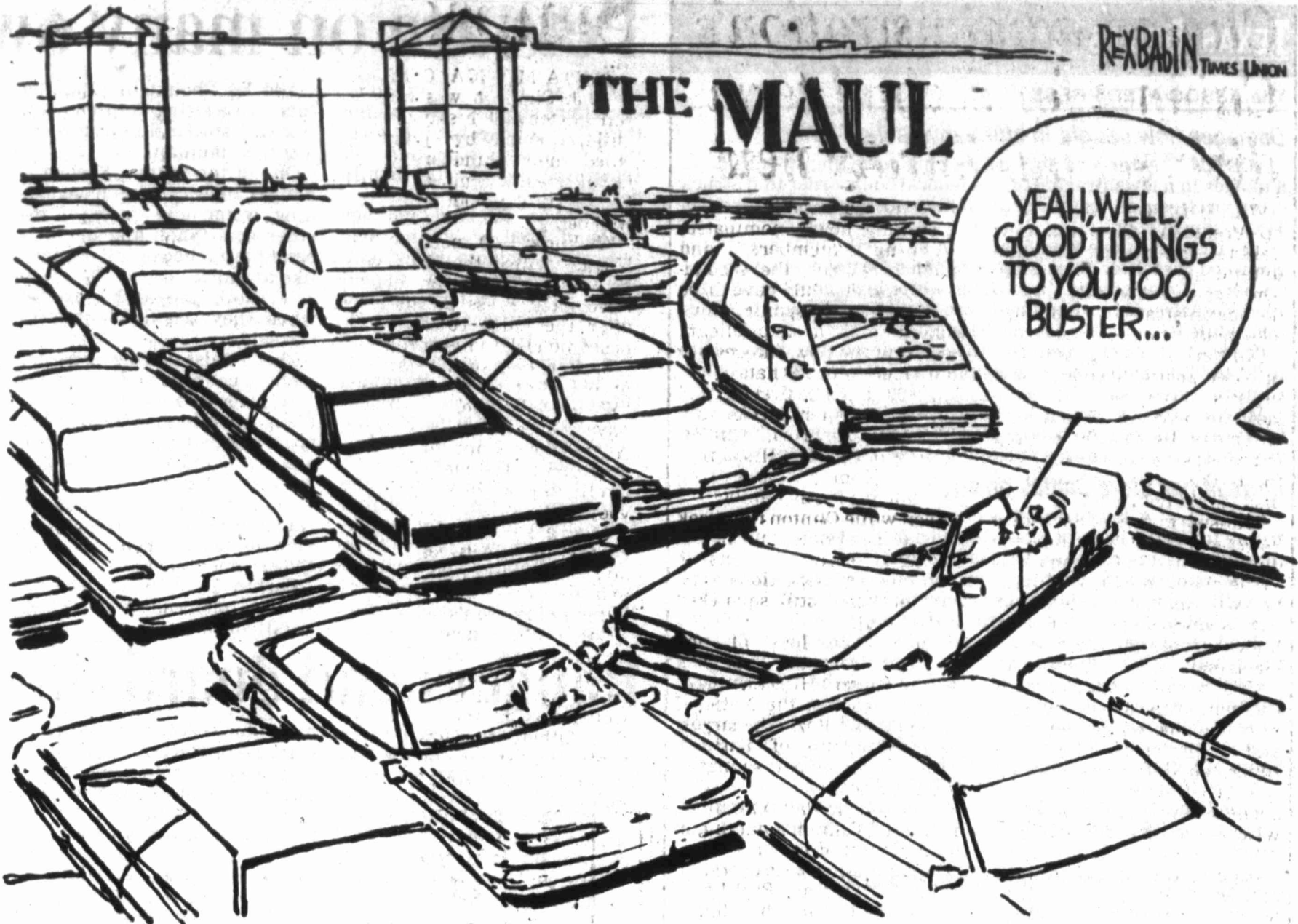
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### Koresh's missing of his prophetic return not surprising

Last Saturday was the day David Koresh had promised he would rise from the dead, leading an army of 200 million martyrs and angels to slay all those who did not follow him.

Alas, poor David wasn't up to the effort.

The date of Koresh's prophetic return was 1,335

days after a 51-day standoff ended with Koresh and 80 Branch Davidians dying in a fire that destroyed their compound.

Koresh also promised to take his living faithful to Mount Zion to join his army. But both followers and ex-followers downplay Koresh's prophecy.

No matter the date, Robyn Bunds does not expect Koresh, who fathered her 8-year-old son, to return.

"If he comes back, he won't have to kill me," she said. "I'll die from the shock."

Annetta Richards steadfastly believes in Koresh's return.

"He could have proven without the shadow of a doubt whom he was if he was given the privilege to write the Seven Seals," Richards told

The Associated Press.

I think everyone in the free

world has heard about this one by now.

Southwest Convenience Stores rewarded Odessa 7-Eleven manager Wiley Berggren for increasing sales and controlling overtime hours with awards at a company dinner.

Only 2 1/2 hours after the ceremony, the company had another reward for Berggren's apprehension of a robbery suspect the night before: a pink slip.

"This has sort of ruined the holidays," said Berggren, who was an eight-year company veteran until last Tuesday, when he was fired for violating the chain's policy of leaving suspected thieves alone.

Company policy states that employees face termination for standing up to suspected criminal activity, no exceptions.

"There is no challenge to this policy," said Southwest Convenience Stores Inc. district manager Nick Pappes, who conceded firing Berggren was a "tough" decision. "We can't allow any gray area."

The policy is in place in all 35 of SCS's West Texas stores, claims manager Laurie Lindsey said.

A similar incident four years ago left Berggren "a hair from being fired," he said.

I have to admit I was a bit amazed that news editor John Moseley, the staff liberal, sided with the company while I took the side of Berggren.

Moseley, whom I expected to lead the charge to the ACLU

or some other such yankee group, simply said, "Well, they've had that policy forever ... he broke the rules and they did what they said they would do. They fired him."

Employees of the world's largest maker of computer memory products are having a green Christmas, thanks to a whopping \$100 million in holiday bonuses that in some cases will equal three times their salary.

Kingston Technology Corp. owners David Sun and John Tu announced the bonuses at their annual holiday party Saturday. Sun and Tu sold 80 percent of Kingston this year to Softbank Corp. of Japan for \$1.5 billion. They said the workers should share the profit.

"They are the ones working hard day in, day out," Tu said. "Our attitude towards our employees is, 'You deserve this. You deserve more than this.'"

Kingston's 523 employees will get \$75,000 apiece on average. Most employees will get one to three times their annual salaries, meaning \$300,000 or more for some. The bonuses will be based on seniority and performance.

"This is beyond my wildest dreams. But everything they do blows me away," said sales representative Brandi LaPlante. "I'm going to get a bigger car to hold my three kids."

Forbes magazine estimated Sun and Tu are each worth about \$900 million, making

them among the country's wealthiest 400 individuals. The Taiwanese immigrants created Kingston after losing their first fortune in the stock market crash of 1987.

Kingston quickly became one of the fastest-growing companies in the United States. Sales for 1996 are expected to be nearly \$2 billion.

Even the man dubbed "America's toughest sheriff" is feeling the Christmas spirit. Rioting inmates destroyed the vacancy sign at the Maricopa County tent city jail last month. Sheriff Joe Arpaio ordered it up again — with an added touch.

Now the sign sits atop nearly 10,000 brightly colored lights shaped like a Christmas tree.

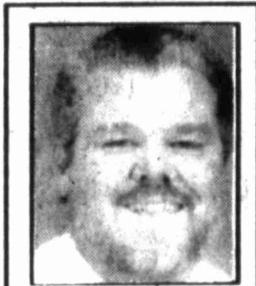
"I want the convicted inmates who have to stay in jail during Christmas to be able to enjoy something of the holiday spirit," Arpaio said.

The sign and tree were lighted on Saturday.

When Arpaio ordered the vacancy sign placed over the tent city jail last year, he said it meant he would always

have room to hold more criminals.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response to this column may be sent in care of this newspaper. The Associated Press contributed to this column.)



John H. Walker  
Managing Editor

## YOUR VIEWS

### Trail of Lights chairmen offer thanks for help, support

To the Editor:

The Big Spring Trail of Lights purpose is to provide a quality Christmas Lighting Program for the Big Spring area, to promote tourism, home town business and community involvement. With the help of many unselfish, hard-working people the third annual Trail of Lights was a great success.

This program encompassed every aspect of the community including, businesses, churches, schools, city, county, police dept., individuals, and clubs. It would be impossible to thank everyone that has given donations, time, free advertising, etc., but I would like to thank the wonderful people who chaired different committees.

First, thanks to the Big Spring Herald for coordinating their parade with the Trail of Lights. If you missed the parade, it was spectacular. There were more entries this year than in the history of the parade, and 38 of them were lighted floats. John Walker, Managing Editor of the Big Spring Herald, was the chair-

man.

The Downtown Lighting ceremony was chaired by Beth Christy. David Wrinkle from KBST was the Master of Ceremonies. Also participating were Chamber of Commerce President Frances Wheat and Mayor Tim Blackshear. Along with the program and lighting of the courthouse were many outstanding singing groups and soloists. Renovations to the courthouse hampered our lighting somewhat this year, but the East side of the courthouse looks great. Food vendors, wagon rides from the No-Step Ranch, Santa in the Pocket Park, face painting, and of course Christmas Caroling added to the festivities. What a wonderful way for families to enjoy the Christmas Season! This was covered by News West 9 TV, KBST, Big Spring Herald, TCA Cable, and other media.

The Christmas Tree Forrest, co-chaired by Marciel Smith and Christine Brockman, was one of the highlights of the program with 950 people visiting the Forrest. We utilize an empty building downtown where contestants entered their decorated trees, then the

public votes for the Peoples Choice Awards. Local baker, Gale Pittman, and his wife Maurine were Co-Chairs of the Sweet Shop. In the Forrest could be found a Special Tree for Underprivileged Children which exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas. Eighty seven children received much needed clothing and toys through the efforts and hard work of Vicki Dahmer, the Salvation Army, and all those who gave donations and picked out clothing.

Sheree Moates, Director of The West Texas Center for the Arts had her art students paint windows downtown with

Christmas scenes, and Richard Saxton, Postmaster, arranged for a special Trail of Lights, Pictorial Cancellation Stamp. Collectors from all over the United States wrote in to get this special cancellation stamp on letters, postcards and Christmas cards. This will be available annually in December.

The Proud Citizens group did a great job cleaning the downtown area for the event. A special thanks to them and the prisoners. Very little trash was left on the streets after the event, so that pride is showing through our citizens. Special thanks to all the

businesses downtown and throughout the city that decorated and made Big Spring sparkle. Gail Earls and the city did an outstanding job decorating the Settles. Something new is added each year. The Christmas Decorating Contest has been going strong for 16 years and encourages homeowners and businesses to decorate with Christmas lights. Terri Johanson chairs this contest.

BSHS Key Club sponsor, Kay Barnett, Kay Hulse for the city, and Dee Highley, BSHS Metal Trades did an outstanding job decorating the Trail of Lights Float.

Items needed next year are new or used artificial Christmas trees for the Forest. Any size is fine and will make it much easier on everyone if the trees are already set up in the Forest.

Thanks again to all those who were involved to make this years Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Trail of Lights program something we all can be proud of.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas as we celebrate this happy, holy season.

RANDY AND PAULETTE MASON  
Co-Chairs  
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## Clinton administration's Cabinet for second term diverse, but hardly new

WASHINGTON (AP) — Line up President Clinton's new Cabinet and the faces, while unfamiliar to many Americans, are hardly new to the administration and display a keen attention to diversity.

Clinton, shuffling officials into new positions and promoting second-tier aides, filled the last vacancies in his Cabinet on Friday. He cast the coming four years as a time to "continue the progress we have made and to build on it."

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, who will be the only Hispanic in Clinton's new 14-member Cabinet, is moving to the Energy Department, with Rodney Slater, the federal highway administrator and a black man, succeeding him.

"It's a safe and pragmatic Cabinet with an attempt to have balance on gender, race and philosophy," said American University political scientist James Thurber. "It spells minimum change policy-wise — incremental change at best."

Other newly announced appointments now awaiting Senate confirmation include: White House public liaison Alexis Herman, who is black, as labor secretary and Andrew Cuomo, an assistant secretary of housing and urban development and son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, for HUD secretary.

Clinton told reporters he was proud he had achieved diversity in his selections. But he added, "I would not have appointed a single one of them because of their gender or their racial or ethnic background had I not thought that

they could succeed."

Counting newly nominated, returning members and Friday's choices, the second-term Cabinet would have three blacks, one Hispanic, four women and a Republican, assuming the new choices are confirmed by the Senate.

In 1992, when he first pledged a diverse inner circle that "looks like America," Clinton put four blacks, two Hispanics, three women and no Republicans in his Cabinet.

Even while Clinton this week juggled candidates until the eleventh hour to ensure Hispanic representation on the Cabinet, some still squawked at the result.

Noting the loss of one Hispanic from the first-term lineup, current HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros, the National Council of La Raza, the largest political group of Latinos, issued a statement saying it was "outraged."

Its president, Raul Yzaguirre, dismissed Clinton's naming of Aida Alvarez, director of federal housing enterprise oversight at HUD, to replace Phil Lader as director of the Small Business Administration.

Clinton had already nominated Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., who is Hispanic on his mother's side, as ambassador to the United Nations.

"Neither the U.N. ambassador nor the SBA administrator... has had significant influence over critically important domestic policy issues," said Yzaguirre.

Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., signaled tough sledding for Cuomo in his Senate confirmation.

## Simpson awarded custody of his children

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson was awarded full custody of his two young children Friday by a judge who ruled their grandparents had failed to show Simpson "would be clearly detrimental to their well-being."

"I know 100 percent that Nicole wanted the children to be with me," Simpson told The Associated Press at his home after the judge ruled that he posed no risk to his children.

Earlier, he issued a statement on behalf of his family saying, "We are all so very grateful to have the children home again where they want to be." He appealed to the media and the public to give the children privacy.

After a long and contentious custody battle between Simpson and his former in-laws, Louis and Juditha Brown, the judge found in Simpson's favor after a secret custody trial in Orange County, where the Browns live.

"We love Sydney and Justin and pray for their safety and well-being as they return to their father," the Brown family said in a statement released through their attorney, Natasha Roit.

It wasn't immediately clear when the children would be delivered to Simpson. Roit said the order provided no timetable and the Browns were strongly considering an appeal.

Sydney, 11, and Justin, 8, went to stay with their grandparents when Simpson was arrested in 1994 and charged with murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The Browns agreed at the time that Simpson could file to regain guardianship whenever he was cleared and released from jail.

But after a Los Angeles jury acquitted Simpson in October 1995, the Browns decided to try to keep the children. In addition to suing Simpson in civil court, claiming he was responsible for Ms. Simpson's death, they contested custody in Orange County.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Nancy Wieben Stock ruled that the Browns had failed to provide "clear and convincing evidence" that custody by Simpson "would be clearly detrimental to their well-being."

"The children share a relationship with their father that appears to be strong, positive,

and healthy, with powerful psychological bonding," Wieben Stock said in her ruling. "All experts who had the benefit of analyzing the children with all of their significant adults, came to the same conclusion on this point."

Wieben Stock granted the grandparents visitation rights with the children and found that their relationship was stable and healthy and that regular visits would be in the children's best interests.

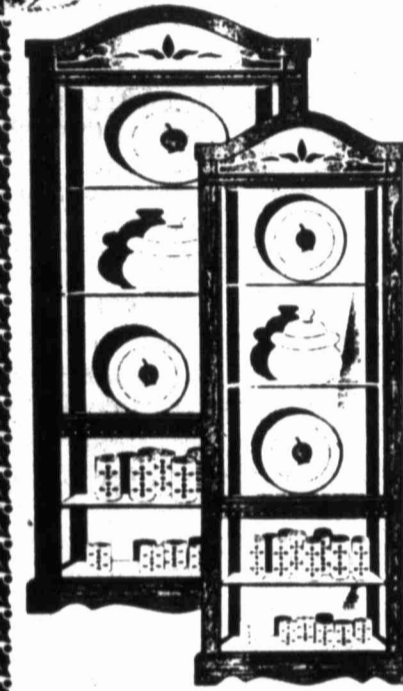
Roit, the Browns' lawyer, blasted the judge's order, saying she ignored clear evidence of domestic violence by Simpson, and signs Simpson would become violent again. Roit also

said the judge rejected the Brown family's suggestion that she consider some evidence of the killings.

"It is illogical to us that she can decide a case on domestic violence... without considering the evidence of murder," Roit said.

Wieben Stock said in her ruling she had considered evidence of Simpson's domestic violence but found that "a review of Simpson's history with the children does not yield a picture of a man who has in the past, or is likely in the future to lose control of himself in such a manner as to emotionally or physically harm his two young children."

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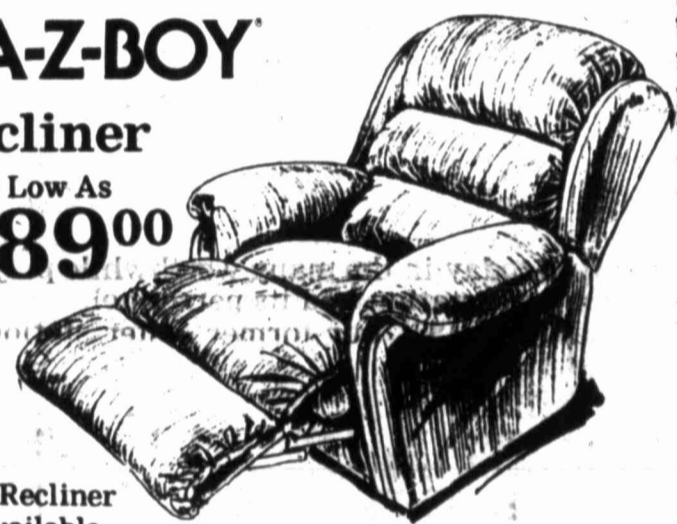
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## Inaugural store opens for business

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stocked with hundreds of commemorative items and decorated with red, white and blue bunting and balloons, the Presidential Inaugural Committee's inaugural store opened Friday.

The store, just a few blocks from the White House, offers everything from T-shirts to silver serving trays to commemorate President Clinton's Jan. 20 swearing-in.

"It's neat," said Myra Norman, one of the handful of shoppers browsing in the store. "I was looking for a campaign button, and I've seen some other things I want."

Norman, who was visiting from Atlanta, decided to come back over the weekend and pick out her souvenirs.

Inaugural committee co-chairs Ann Jordan and Terence McAuliffe cut the red ribbon stretched across the store to officially open it.

Among the items lining the shelves:

—A Christmas ornament decorated with a bridge and the slogan, "Building a Bridge to the 21st Century."

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# Government rules out armed rescue for Peru hostages

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Alberto Fujimori has ruled out an armed assault to free 340 hostages held by communist rebels at the Japanese ambassador's residence, a close ally said Saturday. The captives issued another desperate plea for running water.

Fujimori has rejected direct negotiations with well-armed Tupac Amaru rebels holding 11 ambassadors and other VIPs hostage for a fourth day.

The president of Congress, Victor Joy Way, said Fujimori

also has rejected the military option, telling "numerous countries" who have offered elite units that they won't be necessary. He did not identify the countries.

The government was considering restoring water, electricity and telephone service to the residence as demanded by the hostages and their captors, Joy Way said in a television interview.

The hostages have been held since Tuesday night, when two dozen rebels, some posing as

waiters, seized the residence during a birthday party for Japanese Emperor Akihito. The party is an annual event that Fujimori routinely attends, although he didn't this year.

Also Saturday, two released hostages identified the leader of the rebel offensive as Nestor Cerpa, the only Tupac Amaru leader not currently in jail.

"We're not talking about just anyone," said Javier Diez Canseco, a Peruvian congressman and spokesman for the 38 hostages freed Friday. "If this

leader has placed himself in the lion's den, it's because he's going for broke."

Manuel Romero, a newspaper publisher freed Friday, said high-ranking military and police officials being held in the crowded ambassador's residence were certain Cerpa was running the show.

In a 12-point statement, the guerrillas said that if permitted to speak by telephone with jailed comrades they would free "a significant number of detained people with no ties to

the government."

More than 200 hostages have been freed since the siege began, most of them women let go in its early hours.

The main demand of the two dozen guerrillas is the release of about 300 imprisoned confederates. Fujimori has shown no sign he intends to accede.

Running water was cut to the ambassador's residence early Friday and telephone and electrical service was shut down a day earlier. The action also affected homes within several

blocks of the residence.

Cars in the upscale, tree-lined San Isidro have been routinely stopped at police checkpoints in several intersections. Instead of Christmas decorations, red and white Peruvian flags fly outside many homes in solidarity with the hostages.

Sequestered in the presidential palace, Fujimori has not permitted his designated mediator to visit the besieged compound, allowing the Red Cross and freed ambassadors to serve as go-betweens.

## Settlers, Palestinians clash as tensions rise in Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — A fight between settlers and schoolchildren escalated into a melee between hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians in Hebron on Saturday, and a U.S. mediator returned to the region to revive negotiations over the troubled city.

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross was to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Peace talks are deadlocked over a long-delayed Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron, where Jewish settlers live amid 130,000 Palestinians.

On Friday, Arafat accused Ross of being biased in favor of the Israelis, and Palestinian officials said they doubted he could jump-start the talks.

In Hebron, Israeli soldiers in helmets, with guns cocked, hit, kicked and punched Palestinians after fights broke out near Jewish settlements. Reporters saw at least one Palestinian beaten unconscious, and another bleeding from his nose and mouth.

Several Palestinian youths pelted the soldiers with stones and tomatoes. Settlers clapped and cheered as the soldiers pushed the Palestinians away.

The fighting broke out along the main road running beside the settlements. Some 200 Jewish settlers, many of them

armed, exchanged blows and insults with 100 Palestinian residents before Israeli troops intervened.

It was unclear what sparked the confrontations.

Palestinian witnesses said the incident began when settlers, dancing in the streets to celebrate the Jewish Sabbath, assaulted Palestinian grade school students on their way home from school.

"When the Palestinian students walked by, the settlers started pulling their hair," said Hamdah Zarouh, a Palestinian resident of Hebron. "I saw one settler hitting students with his belt. Then everything broke loose and people from both sides gathered."

Israel Radio said the incident started in a scuffle between a Palestinian girl and a Jewish settler girl. Both were detained for questioning by the Israeli police, the report said.

Settler spokesman Noam Arnon said the incident began when Palestinian students assaulted settler children and police officers.

Negotiations over the troop withdrawal, which was agreed to in autonomy accords signed between the two sides, have been deadlocked over Israel's demands to tighten security for the settlers.

## Netanyahu hit with criticism from all directions

JERUSALEM (AP) — After six months in power, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is facing a barrage of criticism contending he is talking too much about peace while doing too little to make it happen.

Arab countries have put relations on hold. President Clinton is openly critical, and there are reports Washington might withhold \$2.7 billion in loan guarantees for Israel.

Yasser Arafat warns that Netanyahu's policy on Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas is a "declaration of war." Negotiations with Syria are in the form of military maneuvers and angry communications.

Even Netanyahu's own security chiefs are reportedly in revolt, fearing plans to expand Jewish settlements on the West Bank could trigger a new outbreak of violence by Palestinians.

Netanyahu's defenders argue he is merely giving the peace process a reality check after excessive optimism of the preceding Labor Party government. They dismiss verbal attacks from Arab leaders as psychological warfare designed to test the mettle of the new government.

And despite the criticism, there is little sign that "Bibi," as Netanyahu is popularly known, is about to yield to the pressure or is in the kind of political trouble that could drive him from office. His

Cabinet said Thursday that the government will go ahead with plans to expand settlements.

Editorials in Israel's predominantly liberal press have been savaging Netanyahu, and opinion polls indicate he trails opposition leader Ehud Barak in popularity.

"After six months in power, he has used up enough words for half a term but has yet to reach a single decision," said Yoel Marcus, a columnist for the left-leaning newspaper Haaretz.

Netanyahu aides dismiss the grumbling.

"It takes a while to get people used to a different mode of thinking," said David Bar-Ilan, a top aide. "The euphoric picture painted by the previous government of peace around the corner was very seductive, and it is hard to disabuse people of

the notion that this is not so."

Netanyahu, at 47 the youngest premier in Israel's history, came to power in the May election on a have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too platform that promised both peace and security, with minimal territorial con-

cessions.

He pledged to continue the peace process, the series of Israeli-Palestinian agreements that led to Israel's troop pull-backs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the creation of Palestinian autonomy.

## Foreign mission reportedly seeks way to restore opposition's wins

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Pro- and anti-government protesters faced off in a city south of Belgrade on Saturday, and an international fact-finding mission reportedly sought ways to restore opposition election victories.

The mission led by former Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez met with members of the opposition and representatives of President Slobodan Milosevic's government.

About 100,000 people rallied in the streets of Belgrade, blocking the center of the capital for several hours. Earlier in the day, up to 10,000 students held their daily protest.

names, and said one of them had been badly beaten. It also claimed activists were being fired from their jobs, and that workers and retirees were being threatened with loss of pay or pensions if they didn't participate in pro-Milosevic rallies.

Opposition leaders said Saturday that a mission from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe was looking for a way that Milosevic could reinstate the opposition victories.

"It is only up to Milosevic to decide," said opposition leader Zoran Djindjic. "There are a

number of legal possibilities, and if he wants to, he can choose one of them."

The opposition presented OSCE with documents that it says prove that Milosevic stole its victories.

OSCE spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said international officials were looking for a way out of the crisis "should it be reinstatement of the initial results, or some other possibility."

OSCE is an organization of 54 countries from North America and Europe. It focuses on democracy, including elections, and political security.

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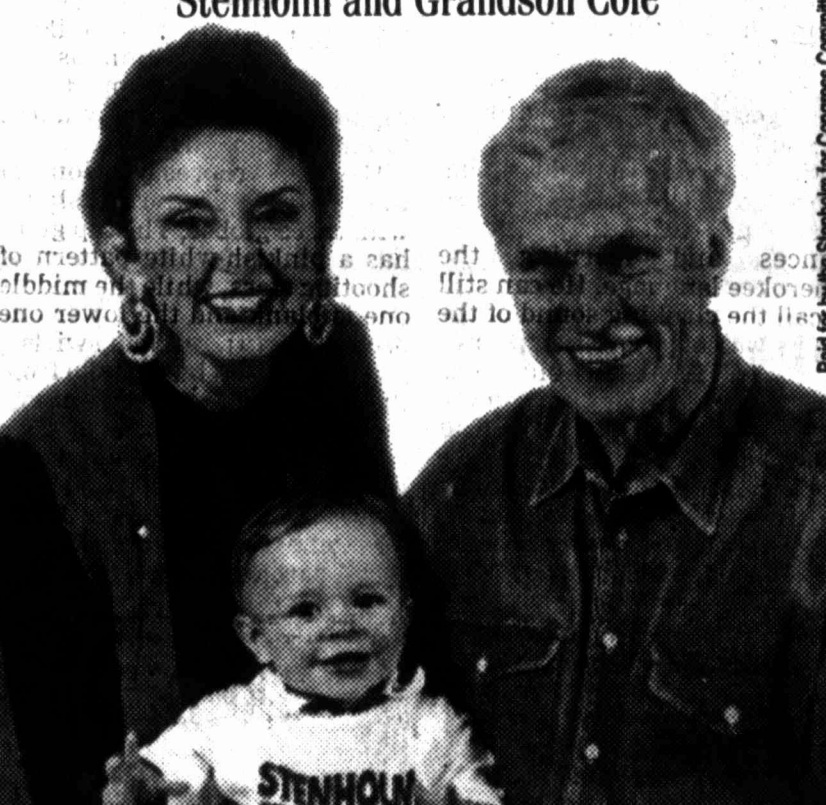
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# Oil vendor sells unusual merchandise from bizarre museum

SAN ANGELO (AP) — There's probably no way to prepare yourself to walk inside Jim Baca's bizarre museum.

Baca is known to some as the operator of the oldest continually operating self-service gas station in town.

To others, he's known as a gasoline and diesel wholesaler who delivers to farmers and ranchers throughout the area.

He owns Concho Oil Co., but he lives Chicken Jimmy's Junk and Antiques.

Baca's bright yellow business cards list 900 to 908 S. Chadbourne St. as his address.

After a tour of two buildings' worth of junkyard treasures,

Baca said, "You should see what I have at my house." Now, that would require a brave soul.

A friend helped Baca pick the name. "It's because I sell my stuff cheap, cheap, cheap," he said.

The two gas pumps out front are full-service. They're decorated with a smattering of pedal cars — sort of an earlier version of the Big Wheel — and metal street signs to help lure customers inside.

One small room contains oil-related relics like metal cans once used to transport crude.

It also contains an extensive collection of Playboy magazines. "I have every one since

1956," he boasted. There's even a sign on the door prohibiting those under 17 from entering without a parent.

But a larger room next door is open to all audiences. The door stays open.

You step inside to shelf after shelf of way-off-the-beaten-track goods.

A tour is really the only way to see the best of the best.

"This is a Jolt Meter," he said, pulling from a shelf a small, rusted appliance that resembles a scale with round face, numbers and a small hand similar to a clock.

"Lincoln Continental used these in the 1940s," he said of

the crude, early marketing tool. Apparently, Lincoln knew a ride in one of its cars would register a lighter "jolt" than a ride in a Cadillac. So salesmen encouraged buyers to compare the two kinds of cars with the Jolt Meter.

Chicken Jimmy wants \$50 for it. The story is free.

There is also a pair of 1936 Olympics yearbooks written in German. Baca is hoping for someone who reads German to come by and translate the account about Jesse Owens, the black sprinter who embarrassed the Nazis by winning the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the broad jump in Berlin that year.

The Summer Olympics book goes for \$150. The Winter Olympics book is priced at \$100.

There's one of those leather-lined football helmets that dates to 1933 and bears the name J. Berwanger. Baca said sports enthusiasts tell him Berwanger was the first player ever picked in the college draft. He never actually played.

One shelf holds the 1980 Dallas Cowboys wives' cookbook, several square Coca-Cola bottles and a pair of boots with the name of a defunct beverage called Rondo.

Hidden in one of many dusty corners is a marker resembling a tombstone. A closer look at

the old mile marker reveals the inscription "S.A. 6 miles."

Baca said it dates to the 1880s. "Make me an offer" is the price of the marker.

Among the primo items is a 1948 Chrysler pedal car at \$1,200.

In an adjoining Baca building is a Coca-Cola go-cart modeled after a 1906 Ford pickup. He bought the vehicle from a man who won it in 1979. A Ronald Reagan doll is seated in the driver's seat.

It shares space with a Coca-Cola stained-glass window. Baca would like \$200 for it.

A functional 1929 miniature toy piano is priced at \$300.

# Psychology major dreams of being Cherokee chief

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Masters brings yellow clay from Oklahoma to shape into the ancient art of his Cherokee heritage.

The unfinished masks and jars, rolled and squeezed in his Houston back yard from coils of damp clay, are returned to his native state. There, Masters fires them in a brownish-red in a kiln dug out of a hillside on his father's farm.

Masters plans to return to Oklahoma for good in a few years when he gets his doctorate in psychology. He wants to work there with Indian people and fulfill a lifelong dream.

Some American children grow up wanting to be president. Masters' goal is to be elected chief of the Cherokee Nation, the nation's second largest tribe at 180,000 members, most in eastern Oklahoma.

"I guess I grew up always wanting to lead," said Masters, who lived in an extended household in rural Jay, Okla., where he learned Cherokee medicine, mythology and traditions. "The Cherokee people have given me so much. They have given me a foundation."

"From the Cherokee people, I have gotten a strong identity of whom I am."

Masters, a 31-year-old sophomore at Rice University, also grew up attending Indian dances and learning the Cherokee language. He can still recall the clacking sound of the shells worn by Indian dancers.

"There are still old ones around that know the stories, that know the dances, that know the songs, that have a tremendous gift to give and they're willing to give if somebody asks," Masters said. "That's what I did. I asked."

When he was in his 20s, he learned Cherokee pottery from his aunt, Anna Mitchell. She is credited with reviving the art of Southeastern pottery, which has ornate shapes and simple designs, unlike Southwestern peoples' pottery of ornate designs and simple shapes, he said.

They began on a hot July day with the first step — digging clay.

"This was this kind of beautiful grayish-silver clay filtering down the banks of this wash," he said. "I learned so much that day about geology. It really impressed on me how much the old ones had to know about science in order to make this happen. They had to have concepts of temperature and stress in order to make the pottery work."

Masters, one of only a few who creates Southeastern pottery, soaks the clay in water to

remove rocks and leaves. A missed pebble can leave pit marks or cracks in a fired piece.

Masters uses no modern tools in his pottery, most of which range in price from \$600 to \$900. He smooths the inside curve of his pieces with a large shell and fires them in a stone-lined kiln that has no temperature gauge even though a too-hot fire can burn a piece white.

"I can put my hand up to the fire and tell pretty much whether it needs more wood or if it's at the right temperature," he said. "I had to get to the point where I could manipulate the fire as much as possible to get a desired effect."

One of his pieces, a long-necked water vessel, is in the Smithsonian Institution, where he worked as an intern for several months cataloging and researching artifacts.

Another piece was given as a gift from the Cherokee people by their former chief, Wilma Mankiller, to Queen Elizabeth several years ago.

His pottery embraces Cherokee beliefs and philosophy. For example, humans live in a middle world, topped by a higher place of harmony and a lower world of chaos.

Masters' representation of these worlds is a reddish jar with three globes. The top globe has a pinkish-white pattern of shooting stars, while the middle one is blank and the lower one decorated with random swirls.

"Each person has to take from the other two worlds to create their own world," he said. "We choose how much chaos to bring into our world and how much peace into our world."

Mozelle Blevins, an elder in the Cherokee tribe, notes in

Masters' pottery the Cherokee beliefs that everything — from people to trees to the earth — has an inherent purpose and connection.

"You have to be in tune with the clay before you do it or the pot doesn't come out right," she said. "You have to be in the same spirit as the raw clay."

Elias Bongmba, assistant professor of religious studies at Rice, said Masters easily understood African religions in a class Bongmba taught last year.

"The African world view has a lot of things that a Native American can relate to such as the belief in higher powers and the role that ancestors and elders play in the community," Bongmba said.

Masters has worked in youth development programs for the Cherokee tribe and in other countries. He wants to meld his spiritual ideas with the skills he learns in psychology classes.

Any run for the chief's job is several years away. Masters figures he still has at least six more years of school before earning his doctorate, but that doesn't stop him from already thinking about what he would like to do as leader of the Cherokee Nation.

"We've got to find a way to give young people, give people in general, a sense of who they are, where they fit in and how they belong — what they mean to themselves and the rest of the world," he said.

Masters credits an old woman for one of the highest compliments ever given to him.

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Getting the station on the air Dec. 21 was something of a minor miracle, for the license had not been approved by FCC until Oct. 30, 1936. In less than two months, the new station not only acquired and installed equipment, but assembled a staff and constructed studios off the Crawford Hotel lobby (NE corner 3rd and Scurry), and a 167-ft. high tower in the lowlands north of the T&P tracks in eastern Big Spring. This was fortuitous in that the underlying salt water helped produce a strong signal, but it did not take into account that the area flooded frequently - and sometimes disastrously.

Jimmie Willson, who a decade before had been the organist at the Lyric and Ritz theaters and a youth leader before his time with his "Little Potatoes group," had sensed the wave of the future. He had gone into radio in Arkansas, and was hired as KBST's first manager. Douglas Doan, a stock company trouper for 12 years, also had turned his talents to radio and came as chief announcer. Others on the staff were Dorothy Demaree, program director; Gene Reynolds, assistant announcer; C.M. Games, commercial manager; E.T. McKinney, chief; Frank Brock, assistant engineer; and Ruby Saylor Whipkey, recent bride of the Herald's new managing editor, was secretary-auditor, a position she held until the station sold in 1959.

Dignitaries such as Mayor Grover C. Dunham, City Manager E.V. Spence, Chamber Manager W.T. (Tainac) Strange, W.C. Blankenship, school superintendent, and P. Walker Henckell, president of the Pastors' Association, spoke briefly. There was a bevy of local musical talent, along with the Ray Maddox Orchestra. The band and orchestra struck up in the Crawford Hotel ballroom across the hallway, and residents celebrated with a gala dance.

Community involvement already was evident, for six days before the First Presbyterian had voted to install a telephone wire for remote broadcast of its Sunday morning services. Soon, a line was tied into the Big Spring Herald where R.W. Whipkey, with the Associated Press printer clanging background sound, relayed the latest news hot off the wire. Before long, the Lyric theatre (110 E. 3rd) had a wire that made it possible to broadcast "Man on the Street" interviews live on busy Third Street.

After the station start-up, it drew more heavily on the Abilene connection with Howard (Josh) Barrett coming to replace Willson as manager. In 1940, Jack Wallace transferred from Abilene as commercial manager and within a year began directing KBST operations. It was Wallace who instituted remote broadcasts of Big Spring Steer football games, especially out-of-town games. Before long he was joined by Bob Bell, who still follows the Steers in a somewhat suspiciously partisan pattern.

Capt. Elliott Roosevelt, son of FDR, had come to Texas after a stint of heading up the Hearst chain broadcast functions, and he was instrumental in founding TSN (Texas State Network) which included KBST as an original affiliate. It went on the air Sept. 15, 1938, on the third anniversary of Mutual Broadcast network, with which KBST was associated.

The Crawford Hotel studio-office quarters were becoming increasingly cramped as business and personnel increased, so a decision was made to move and increase power to 250 watts. J. Y. Robb, Sr. constructed a building at 702 Johnson expressly for the station, and in a special section of the Herald KBST proudly announced: "We Celebrate Our New Home." Wallace had lined up a day-long parade of local talent including Bill Dawes, J. Arnold Marshall, also Mary June Robbins, Maurine Chrane, who with Mary Clarinda Sanders and Wanda McQuain constituted the Rhythmettes, as vocalists; Elsie Willis and Mary Vance Wallace as pianist; Mayor Grover Dunham and others as speakers.

Among the staff members with Wallace at the studio opening were Howard Kemper, chief announcer; Jerry Brockman, program director; Leonard Lyons, announcer; Charles White, commercial manager; Maurine Chrane; Andrew M. Jones and Travis Flatt, engineers, and, of course, Ruby Whipkey. Before the day was out, the schedule was pre-empted by one of the biggest news stories in history - the Japanese had wiped out most of the U.S. Pacific fleet in a pre-dawn attack on Pearl Harbor. With the U.S. plunged into war, the station immediately began boosting plugging war bonds and in countless other ways supporting the war effort until finally sharing in the celebrations of V-E and V-J Days. Nightly patrons were glued to their sets to hear Gabriel Heater intone: "The news from Tobruk is dark tonight," or later more cheerful reports on Allied victories. Of course, there were those inevitable local reports that "The Secretary of War regrets to inform you that your son..."

The station was slugging it out for the advertising dollar, for in 1949 the Andersons and R. B. McAlister had obtained a license for KTXC (later KBYG) and Homer McKinley, a Glasscock County rancher, one for KHEM which was domiciled in the basement of the Settles Hotel in 1956. This was followed with a syndicate of some of the former Harte-Hanks group and local investors that put in a television KBST-TV, later KWAB-TV to capitalize on the Webb AFB impact on the community.

Perhaps the tension bore heavily on R.W. Whipkey, de facto head of the KBST although primarily the publisher of the Herald. He sustained a severe heart attack July 9, 1959 and the owners decided to sell.

The buyer was the Snider Corporation, which had been put together in Minneapolis, Minn. for that express purpose. Two native Texans from Fort Worth and vicinity, brought together by their Baptist heritage, had been wanting to get back to their native state. Ted Snider, who had been born in Corsicana and reared in Fort Worth and who had graduated from Baylor University with a radio and television major as a springboard to a career in both fields, was with a station in Minneapolis. At the city's lone Southern Baptist Church he met up with B. Winston Wrinkle, a graduate of Texas A and M University with a major in agriculture that led to being named a district sales manager for Pfizer pharmaceuticals.

They put in 30 per cent each, and Patricia Withers, Chicago, Ill. and Robert M. Newgard, Hollywood, Calif., whom Snider knew, put in 20 per cent each of a \$25,000 capitalization. Snider was named president and treasurer and Wrinkle vice president and secretary at the initial meeting held in the Snider residence in Minneapolis after signing the purchase agreement Aug. 15, 1959. On Sept. 13, 1959 application was filed for transfer of license.

"Gathering and reporting of local news will be one of the principal cornerstones of our operation," said a statement by the new owners. There were to be programs highlighting Webb AFB, plus such bread and butter segments as agricultural, industrial, oil, educational, news along with that from the VA and Big Spring State Hospitals, etc. Open forum broadcasts were contemplated with those spotlighting community organizations. To this day, community involvement has remained a hallmark on KBST.

Once Snider and Wrinkle took over operations, KBST became more aggressive, but the partnership was not made in heaven. Snider had a background of program experience, Wrinkle in pragmatic business, and finally Snider signed a quitclaim deed January 28, 1961 and found other employment. Wrinkle eventually bought out other stockholders. Although he had no training in radio announcing, Wrinkle soon became an expert at it. Also he had a keen sense for promotions, often times tied to spotnews such as a snowman contest after an unexpected 8-inch fall.

Working with the sales manager of a car dealer, who was out of town, he contrived to put a car and a stuntman, Rick O'Neill, on a platform, which was hoisted by crane and suspended 75 ft. in mid-air until 35 units were sold. Food and water were raised by rope and pulley, and sanitation problems were solved by a chemical toilet on one edge of the platform. But when the dealer returned and took one look at that, he snorted: "Take that damned thing down."

KBST had an eye for the sportsman and promoted a bass tournament, pioneering in use of a lie detector to validate the source and size of fish. Alas, it rained cats and dogs and only one fish, a 4-1/2 pounder - of consequence was caught.

Football commanded prime attention, and KBST's panel of experts with such notables as Frank Hardesty became a fixture.

Once Wrinkle, Bob Bell and a staffer were being flown to Pampa for a football game when suddenly the plane was locked in fog. Somehow pilot Howard Lloyd spotted a highway and landed with great urgency for prayer and a bathroom.

They piled equipment at the side of the road and flagged the first car, a small El Camino. With all equipment and four people somehow they got to the stadium minutes before kick-off. (Oddly, the same thing was happening to Tommy Hart, Glenn Cootes and Keith McMillan, and pilot Cecil Hamilton from the Herald.)

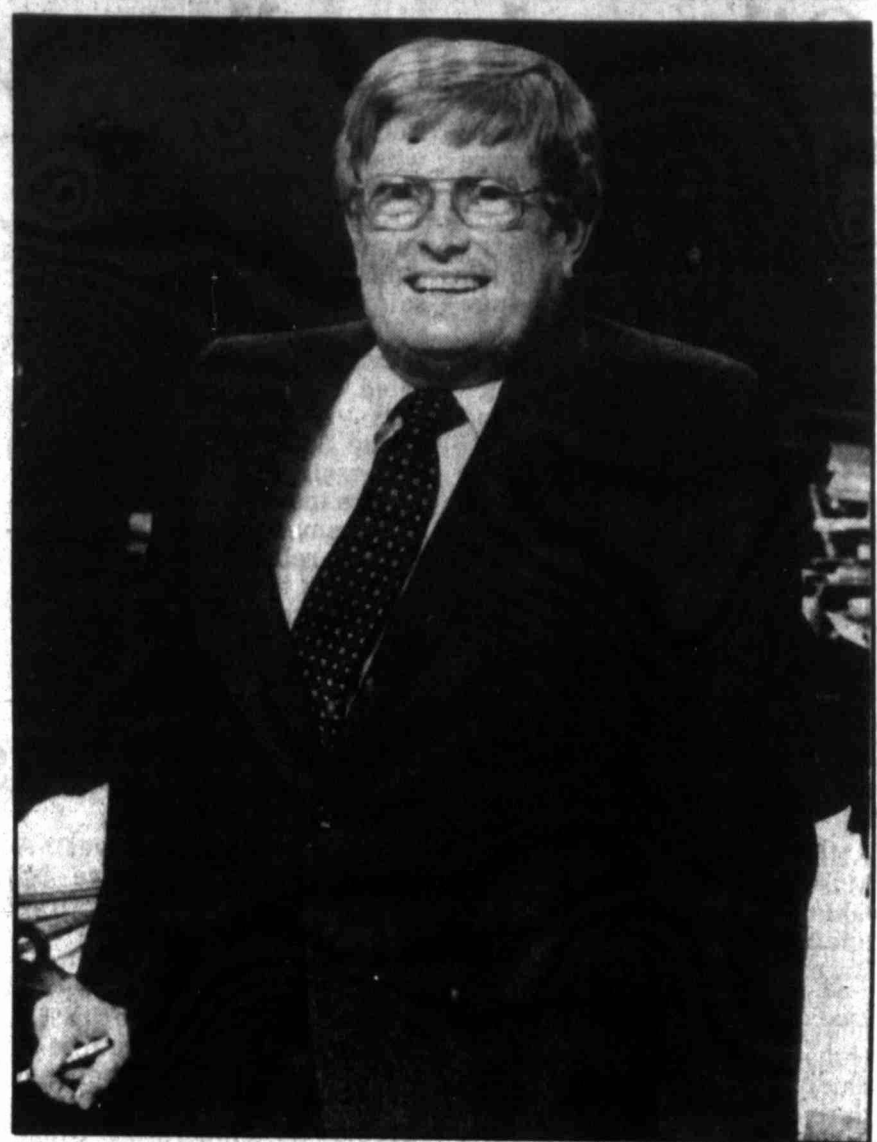
Tragedies brought instant appeals for help, and KBST observed a Jackie Romine Day to raise money toward a liver transplant. At the same time, the station signed up donors for organ transplants.

Many budding radio personalities got their start or spent part of their early careers here. Among those who rose to the top was Larry Forniquet, now known as Larry Connors and the anchorman for KMOX-TV, St. Louis, Mo., nightly news. Once, Paul Harvey, here to address the Chamber of Commerce banquet, originated his daily national broadcast from KBST.

Emergencies found KBST on the spot, and often Wrinkle at the helm of the mobile unit. There were occasional calls to the lowlands of Jones Valley for floods, and once the station was knocked off the air for three days in the 1960s when the transmitter suddenly was in the middle of a lake. Wrinkle solved this by building a cofferdam around the transmitter and tower. When the area flooded, he simply rowed out to the site.

The station covered everything from cotton compress and refinery fires to tornadoes. Who can forget J.N. Young Junior broadcast from the mobile unit that plunged into what seemed a nest of twisters? "This may be the last you hear from us," he cried. Or the word from a Civil Defense operative one Saturday morning when hundreds of school children were at the City Auditorium for a kids' drama? "A tornado has been reported coming over Scenic Mountain! Be calm." Then KBST had to report one of the city's most historic traffic jams within two blocks of the auditorium.

Listing personalities familiar to the KBST audience would be an endless process, but among them were Mrs. George O'Brien, whose "Bible Class of the Air" was broadcast for years free of charge. Another was Bruce Frazier, who started with an ostensibly agricultural program in early morning, but which was in fact a hodgepodge of bulletin board, Frazier philosophy and gab, etc. (Frazier, like Wrinkle, knew no hours because he worked at Howard College, was pest control man for a hospital, promoted real estate production. He had to - his family grew by one every year or so.) KBST dispatched Frazier, who was fluent in Spanish, to Mexico, when the Jo Palone and Howard Lloyd families crashed into mountains. Luther Kelley came on as an announcer in 1960, took a sabbati-



B. Winston Wrinkle, owner and general manager of KBST from 1959 until his death in 1984.

cal, but came back in 1981 with "Nostalgia Nights," for which there was pressure to syndicate, another popular feature was Lois Talkington's "Classified Page of the Air."

Customers have remained loyal to the station over the years - among those under the same ownership as when Wrinkle took over are PERCO (Stan and Cecil Peurifoy, great harmonizers, composed and sang their own jingle, still in use), Neel's Transfer, and Leonard's Pharmacy. Romances have blossomed at KBST, starting with members of the original staff, then with Jack Wallace and Mary Vance Kneaster (who now are retired and live in San Angelo), and Linda Beckham, who gave up a promising career, and married Richard Willadsen on a ceremony solemnized over KBST. Most celebrated, perhaps, Bob Lewis, was struck by Susan Zack, who was presenting a high school radio program. They were happily wed and he achieved further fame on his own as Tumbleweed Smith and "Sound of Texas."

If Wrinkle's red hair was indicative of a low boiling point, it is not surprising that KBST was at the heart of many local controversies and political campaigns. Wrinkle, an avid Republican even before it was not altogether popular and who twice was a delegate to the national GOP convention as well as on the state committee, spoke the opposition hip and thigh, but was fair and gave friend and foe equal time. He was caught in the middle of the CARE and FAIR battle centering around dismissal of Jay Banks as police chief and a soundly defeated effort to recall three city councilmen. Once Wrinkle ran a close race for county commissioner, and insisted on a recount, only to have the margin

increase.

He was so vigorous and enterprising that not many people were aware of a tremendous health burden he carried. Not long after he met and married Betty Ann Taylor, an Air Force nurse when they both served at Westover AFB, Mass., he began developing kidney stones. By 1973 he was reduced to 5 percent function in one kidney and went on dialysis to sustain life.

Somehow he stayed in the thick of civic, business and political affairs, as well as his church, even maintaining at times a rigorous day that began at 5 a.m. and ended after most people's bedtime. In the process he was named the Jaycee's and the Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, president of the Chamber, Downtown Lions Club and Big Spring Industrial Foundation. The former Air Force base was converted to an industrial park, and named McMahon Wrinkle Air Park after him and a good friend.

Nor were his concerns confined to the station, for he invested in local development, including an apartment complex to meet a pressing community need. The brave flame, sustained artificially for a decade, finally flickered out Jan. 19, 1984. After his death, Betty Wrinkle became president of Snider Corporation and continued in the same tradition.

Finally, Dec. 1, 1985, she sold the station to her son, David, the only one of four children who followed the radio trade (although Robert had been a program director and announcer for a time after his father's death). The Snider Corporation was extinguished, but not the spirit which continues today - exactly 60 years after that first sound of "The Moon Is High" Dec. 21, 1936.



KBST During The Early Days

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By STEVE REA  
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## Grady duo head All-Crossroads six-man squad

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

What's the old football saying — you either rebuild or reload? The Grady Wildcats did both in 1996.

After three straight seasons of contending for a district title, the Wildcats hit a major bump in the road, winning only two games during the 1995 season. And with only 10 players suiting up for 1996, it looked like losing might stay awhile at Grady.

But Roger Smith and his charges wouldn't have any of that. Instead, they put their rebuilding project into overdrive, and surprised more than a few people by winning Grady's first-ever district title



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in football this season. Aside from the glory of a district title, Smith and several of his team members earned inclusion on this year's Big Spring Herald All-Crossroads Six-Man Team.

No one is fitting Smith and the rest of the Grady miracle workers for halos, but what they accomplished this past season was especially noteworthy. Taking essentially the same personnel from a 2-8 team and turning it into a 9-1 district champion must have had Grady fans feeling especially

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## 1996 All-Crossroads Six-Man Team

### Superlatives

**Coach of the Year** — Roger Smith, Grady  
**Offensive MVP** — Brad Cox, Grady  
**Defensive MVP** — Josh Richter, Sands

### Offense

**Quarterback** — Tucker Etheredge, Klondike  
**Running back** — Brad Cox, Grady  
**Running back** — Josh Richter, Sands  
**Center** — Bryce Dye, Borden County  
**End** — Grant Key, Borden County  
**End** — Clayton Roberts, Klondike

### Defense

**Lineman** — Jesus Porras, Sands  
**Lineman** — Bryce Dye, Borden County  
**Linebacker** — Josh Richter, Sands  
**Linebacker** — Cody Peugh, Grady  
**Linebacker** — Justin Hambrick, Sands  
**Safety** — Brad Cox, Grady

## Lady Steers edge out-manned Mojo

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

For once, foul trouble was the Big Spring Lady Steers' friend.

The Lady Steers were able to take advantage of a foul-plagued Odessa Permian squad Friday night, eking out a 62-61 victory over the Lady Panthers at Steer Gym.

Permian came into the game with only seven players suited up, and three of those fouled out, forcing the Lady Panthers to play four-on-five down the stretch.

It was a good thing for the Lady Steers, too, because one of those Permian players on the bench — post player Katrina Jordan — played like a certain Jordan of NBA fame, torching Big Spring for 32 points.

Despite Permian's plight, however, Big Spring coach Ron Taylor was not in a sympathetic mood after the game. For one thing, his team had played a significant portion of the first half with three of its starters on the bench with foul trouble. And secondly, the Lady Steers (8-9) struggled mightily from the free throw line, hitting only 11 of 23 charity shots.

"That was the whole key to

the ball game," Taylor said. "If we make our free throws, it's over. We had the easy shots and we didn't put them in. That's the story of our season right there ... Still, it was a good win for us, and we'll take it."

The game was one filled with back-and-forth momentum shifts, with neither team managing to gain a stranglehold on the other. Permian built an eight-point lead early in the second quarter, only to watch the Lady Steers grab the advantage right back.

The catalyst for Big Spring's rally was junior guard Kara Hughes, who sandwiched a pair of three-pointers around two Miriam Cisneros free throws to cut Permian's lead to two points with 4:26 left until the half.

Maggie Haddad then gave the Lady Steers a four-point lead when she converted a steal, then fed Krissi McWherter for a bucket with 1:26 remaining.

But the Lady Panthers answered back. First, Jordan scored four straight points to tie the contest at intermission, then helped her team open a 10-

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## Second-half explosion gives Westlake 5A championship

IRVING (AP) — Austin Westlake, Texas' winningest high school football team of the 1990s, finally has a state title.

The Chaparrals broke open a close game with three quick third-quarter touchdowns and added four more in the fourth to crush turnover-plagued Abilene Cooper 55-15 Saturday for the Class 5A Division II championship.

Westlake (16-0) improved to 94-8-3 in the decade, and avenged title-game losses in 1990 and 1994. The Chaps had fallen to the eventual state champ four of the last six years.

"It's hard to express how it feels when you're as happy as I am right now," said Westlake coach Ron Schroeder, who took over the team in 1987 following a 2-8 season.

Cooper (12-4), making the finals for the first time since a controversial 20-19 loss to Austin Reagan in 1967, held its own in the first half only to self-destruct over the final two quarters.

The Cougars led 7-0 early in the second quarter and were tied 7-7 at halftime. They had the ball to open the third quarter, but an interception by Michael Anderson on the second play of the half began Cooper's demise.

That turnover was the first of six by Cooper over the final two quarters and one of eight in the game for the Cougars.

Westlake scored following all but one of the second-half turnovers.

In fact, the Chaparrals got touchdowns on seven of their eight second-half drives. They had three within a 3-minute, 35-second span of the third quarter, and three more within 3:16 of the fourth quarter.

"You can't beat a good football team when you make that many turnovers," Cooper coach Randy Allen said. "In the third quarter, they gave us three quick punches before we got started, and that did us in."

Westlake's Drew Brees, the 5A offensive player of the year, ran for three second-half touchdowns (two 1-yard dives and a 2-yard bootleg) and threw for two more, a 47-yarder to Jeremy Amos and a 20-yarder to Matt Murphy.

Brees was 11-of-18 for 163 yards. Three of the catches were by all-state receiver Ryan Read, giving him 108 for the year and breaking the state record of 106 held since 1992 by Arlington's Nassar Ayaad.

Jamie Tyler, who ran eight yards for the Chaps' first-half touchdown, had a 23-yard touchdown in the third quarter and Brent Chalmers scored from the game's final points on a 1-yard run with 2:21 left to play.

Westlake ran for 230 yards, with Tyler gaining a team-high 127 on 24 carries.

Schroeder said he had a 50-play game plan, but decided at

halftime to go with only seven of them.

That change in strategy was so successful that Schroeder said "we didn't even use all of those."

For Cooper, the game was uncharacteristic in many ways.

The Cougars had lost the ball just six times in their previous five playoff games, and they hadn't allowed more than 31 points since a Week Five loss to Amarillo.

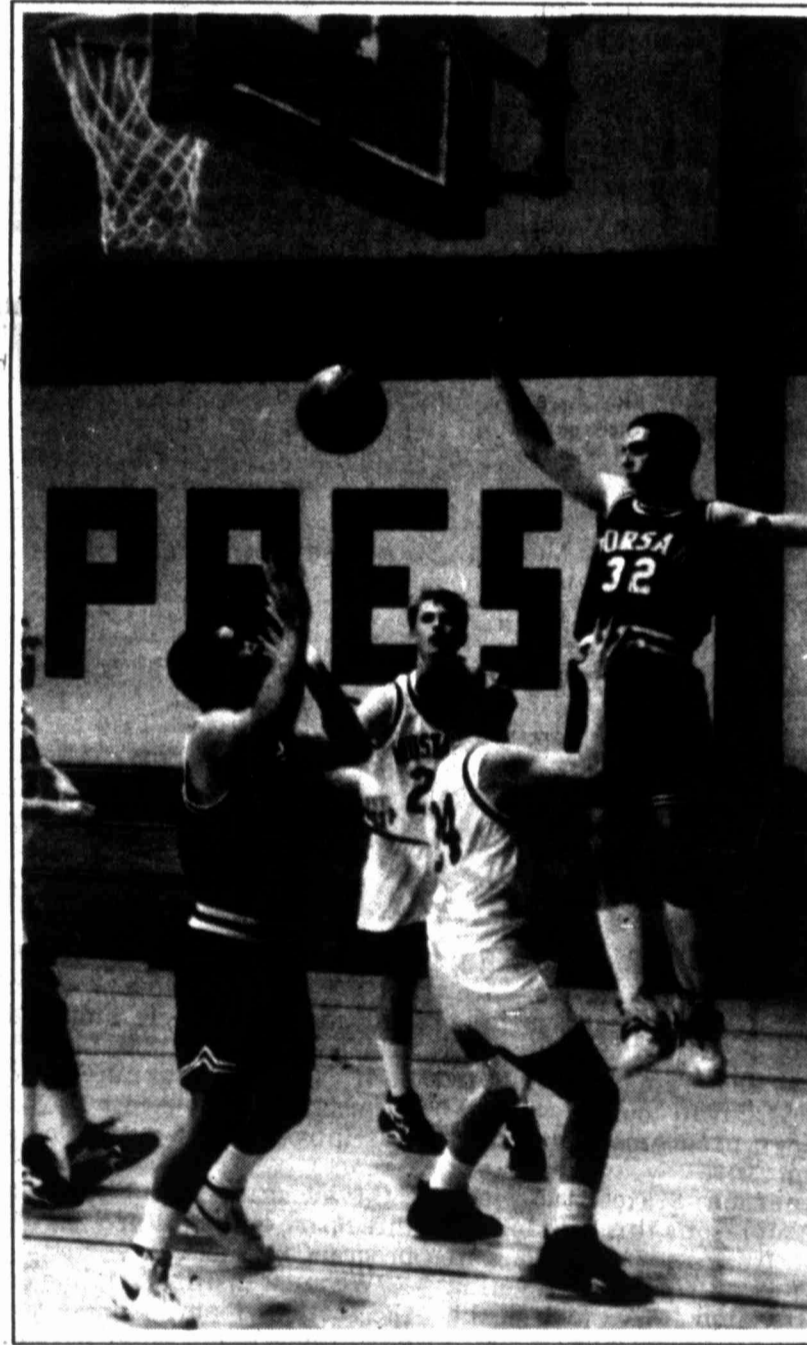
The lone bright spot for Cooper was running back Dominic Rhodes, who ran for 230 yards — the most Westlake had allowed all year.

But the game was a nightmare for Cougars quarterback Michael Anderson. He completed half as many passes to Westlake (4) as he did to his own team (8). He had as many second-half interceptions, two, as completions.

The game was especially disappointing for Allen, the Cooper coach who was a starting running back on the 1967 Cougars team that was denied the state title when quarterback Jack Mildren was ruled down an inch short of a touchdown on the championship game's final play.

Allen returned to his alma mater in 1991 and made "One More Inch" his mantra. The Cougars began believing this could be the year after a Week Seven victory over Odessa Permian, their first since 1979.

### DISH OFF



Forean's Josh Gaston (32) passes to a teammate during the Buffaloes' game with Sands Friday in Ackerly.

## Sealy wins 3rd straight state title

HOUSTON (AP) — Jaron Dabney ran for 173 yards on 23 carries and scored four touchdowns as Sealy overcame four turnovers to beat Tatum 36-27 in the Class 3A championship game at the Astrodome Saturday.

The win made Sealy the first team in 40 years to win three consecutive state football titles. Abilene (1954-56) was the last team to win three titles in a row.

"It's been done four times now. I guess it makes it pretty special," Tigers coach T.J. Mills said. "It's kind of hard to fathom. I just wouldn't let myself think it the last couple of weeks, and that's why it's overwhelming right now."

Dabney scored his second and third touchdowns within a three-minute span late in the second quarter, giving Sealy a 22-15 halftime lead.

"I had faith in my offensive line," Dabney said. "They told me before the game they were going to come out and give it their all."

Sealy stretched its lead to 29-15 when freshman Isaiah Joiner scored on a three-yard touchdown run with 4:18 left in the third quarter.

However, Tatum took advantage of a Tigers turnover and sliced the lead to 29-21 on Hightower's third touchdown pass of the game, an 18-yard strike to Chingo Brown with 10:46 left in the game.

## RFK's last football game sure to emotional for fans, if not players

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL's last game at RFK Stadium will be an event sure to stir the emotions of fans, dignitaries and the throng of former Redskins players and coaches expected to attend.

As for the game itself, well, that's another matter. For opposite reasons, the Redskins and Dallas Cowboys just don't have the usual motivation.

"Honestly, it's going to be hard," Redskins linebacker Marcus Patton said. "Once the whistle blows and the game starts, the ball's kicked, we'll probably be into it, but it's going to be difficult."

The Redskins are dealing with the humiliation of one of the worst collapses in recent sports history. Knocked out of playoff contention last week, they have a chance to become the first team since the NFL went to a 16-game regular season in 1979 to finish 8-8 after starting 7-1.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, went in the opposite direction, winning nine of their last 11 to clinch their fifth consecutive NFC East title. With no realistic chance of improving their playoff seeding, the Cowboys will rest several of their injured starters and coast into the postseason.

"I think it's wonderful; I'm glad we don't have to come there and win," coach Barry Switzer said. "We got that accomplished last week, and that was our goal. Our attitude is excellent in regard that there are certain players that are happy because they won't have to be extended this week, because they can take that opportunity to get ready to play the playoffs."

That includes tackle Mark Tuinei, defensive end Tony Tolbert and tight end Eric Bjornson, and probably running back Emmitt Smith and safety Bill Bates. Quarterback

Troy Aikman could have a short night as well.

Switzer even called this a "bye" week for the Cowboys. Though he later called that a "poor choice of words," the comment didn't seem to rile the Redskins. Most of the team's usual tough-talkers, including Patton, Tre Johnson and Rich Owens, offered little or no reaction.

"They've got to do what's best for them," was coach Norv Turner's shoulder-shrugging response.

While the line between victory and defeat may be blurred Sunday, it's also true that an NFL game is never meaningless. For the Redskins, there are a number of players who have one last chance to prove they shouldn't be put on the chopping block for their performances in the second half of the season.

"A lot of guys may not think they don't have much to play

for, but you've got a job you want to keep next year," return specialist Brian Mitchell said. "People whose contracts are up, you want to be able to come back to this team or have another team look at you. We don't have a chance to go to the playoffs, but a lot more is at stake. Your career is at stake."

For the Cowboys, it's not next year, but next week they have to worry about. The offense hasn't scored a touchdown in three of the past five games.

Even Smith, who wasn't exactly enthusiastic over the prospect of playing, admitted the offense probably should use Sunday's game to rediscover its rhythm.

"Personally, I think we need to go out there and establish some good things, work on the running game, work on the passing game, try to get the ball in the end zone when we're in the red zone. That's the key," Smith said.

## Patriots squeak by New York

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Bill Parcells and the New England Patriots rallied from a 22-point halftime deficit to earn a first-round playoff bye Saturday in what apparently will be Dan Reeves' bye-bye game with the New York Giants.

Drew Bledsoe capped the sensational comeback for New England (11-5) by throwing a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ben Coates on a fourth-and-seven play with 1:23 to go for a 23-22 win Saturday.

Coates dragged two Giants' defensive back the final yard for New England's third touchdown in the final 12:20, assuring the Patriots a week off and denying Reeves a going-away present.

Earlier in the week, Reeves said he expected the Giants (6-

10) to fire him when the season ends, and indications are that could happen as soon as Monday.

This last loss was one of the toughest of his long coaching career. The Giants played a flawless first half in building a 22-0 lead, then collapsed in the second half.

The Patriots' remarkable comeback enabled Parcells to beat the Giants in his first appearance against them since leaving as New York's coach after the 1990 season.

The loss was typical of New York's inconsistent play all season.

An Adam Venatieri's third-quarter field goal got the comeback going for the Patriots, the AFC East champions. Bledsoe,

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MENS MAJOR RESULTS - Bob Brock Ford over Team Sixteen, 8-0; B.B.S.S. over Parks C.C., 6-2; Walker L.P., Gas over Hagen TV Repair, 6-2; Rocky's over Fred's Contracting, 6-2; Parks Agency over Mason Roofing, 6-2; O'Daniel Trucking over Huff's Ranches, 6-2; Team Fifteen over Tito Fuels, 6-2; Fina Engineers over B.S.I., 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Wendel Payne, 258 and Don Ewing, 665; hi sc. team game and series O'Daniel Trucking, 1003 and Parks Agency, 2913; hi hdp. game and series, Wendel Payne, 288 and Lee Everett, 737; hi hdp. team game and series, O'Daniel Trucking, 1163 and 3335.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 94-26; O'Daniel Trucking, 84-36; Team Fifteen, 80-40; Fred's Contracting, 74-48; Mason Roofing, 72-48; Rocky's, 70-50; Parks C.C., 68-52; Walker L.P. Gas, 60-60; Tito Fuels, 58-62; Huff's Ranches, 56-62; Fina Engineers, 54-66; Hagen T.V. Repair, 52-68; B.S.I., 52-68; B.B.S.S., 40-80; Bob Brock Ford, 34-88; Team Sixteen, 0-120.

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STANDINGS - Parks Agency, Inc., 82-46; Double R Cattle Co., 82-46; Fred's Contracting, 78-42; White Motor Co. Stanton, 76-52; KC Steakhouse, 75-53; A Timeless Design, 68-60; Cowboy's, 64-64; Ups & Downs, 64-64; Strike Force 4, 62-66; The Bold & The Beautiful, 62-67; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 58-70; The 4 of Us, 57-63; Neal's Sporting Goods, 56-72; Federal Oil, 53-75; Big Spring Instrument, 38-82; Vogue Beauty Salon, 34-94.

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SMITH Continued from page 11A Smith, the Herald's Coach of the Year, is no stranger to success at Grady, twice leading the Wildcats to shares of a district title. Both years, however, Grady was eliminated from competing in the playoffs because of a coin flip. This year, no coin was necessary. The Wildcats defeated District 7's "Big Three" of Sands, Klondike and Wellman en route to the first outright district football championship in school history. But as good a coach as Smith is, he had to have players to help accomplish the turnaround. Fortunately for him, he had one of the best in the state, senior running back Brad Cox, the offensive player of the year. Cox (6-foot-0, 145 pounds) was a virtual one-man wrecking crew for the Wildcats. He rushed the ball 160 times for

1,383 yards and 36 touchdowns, passed 21 times for 434 yards and 8 TDs and caught 11 passes for 196 yards and two scores. Also, he added a pair of touchdowns on kickoff and punt returns, giving him 2,400 all-purpose yards this season. Joining Cox in the backfield is Sands senior running back Josh Richter, who rushed for 1,225 yards and 18 touchdowns while catching 12 passes for 218 yards and 5 TDs, and Klondike quarterback Tucker Etheredge, a sophomore. The line features three effective pass-catchers, starting with the Borden County duo of senior center Bryce Dye and senior end Grant Key. Dye managed 25 catches for 345 yards and four scores, while Key grabbed 45 passes for 766 yards and 12 touchdowns. Rounding out the line is Klondike senior Clayton Roberts, a unanimous all-dis-

PATS Continued from page 11A who was 31 of 47 for 301 yards, made it 22-10 with a 26-yard touchdown pass to Terry Glenn with 12:20 to play, then former Giant David Meggett returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown with 11:09 to go. The Patriots' game-winning drive covered 75 yards in 13 plays and lasted 5:45. Bledsoe hit Glenn on passes of 17 and 13 yards, and Troy Brown kept it alive with a great catch while laying on his back for 13 yards on a third and 13 to the New York 29. Coates capped the drive by dragging Conrad Hamilton and Tito Wooten into the end zone. The Giants got to the Patriots' 40 on their final possession, but Dave Brown was called for intentional grounding and New York never got closer. New York built its 22-0 lead on a safety, two Brad Daluiso field goals, a touchdown run by Charles Way and an interception return by Jason Sehorn.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dom Capers heard a couple of his Carolina players utter the words "Super Bowl" this week. He quickly acted to silence them.

"Any time you talk or spend any time concerned with anything other than what's directly in front of you, that's counter-productive," he said.

Still, that those words are even being uttered by players on a second-year expansion team is remarkable.

Nor are they a pipe dream. If the Panthers, who already have clinched a playoff berth at 11-4, beat Pittsburgh Sunday, they'll be NFC West champion and no worse than the second seed in the NFC playoffs. Not a bad post position.

Pittsburgh, last year's AFC representative in the Super Bowl, has already clinched the AFC Central title and enters the game at 10-5.

But the Steelers are coming off their first home loss of the season, a 25-15 decision to San Francisco last week in which the 49ers led 16-0 after six minutes and were never really threatened.

The playoff picture is unusually clear for the final regular-season weekend.

In the NFC, the six teams are settled and the seedings are all that's left. Going into the weekend, the order is Green Bay, Carolina, Dallas, San Francisco, Minnesota and Philadelphia.

That could change, but it's unlikely. Green Bay would have to lose, at home to Minnesota by 19 points while Carolina is winning to lose home-field for the playoffs. Dallas, which has been held without a touchdown in three of its last five games, would have to beat Washington by 78 points to have any chance of a first-round bye.

In the AFC, Denver, New England and Pittsburgh have clinched the three divisions and are the top three seeds.

The other three berths are up for grabs among Buffalo, Kansas City, Indianapolis and Jacksonville, and each could make it by winning. That's because Kansas City is at Buffalo in what is essentially a playoff elimination game.

The weekend started with New England at the New York Giants and New Orleans at St. Louis on Saturday.

In other Sunday games, Arizona is at Philadelphia, Atlanta at Jacksonville,

## NFL THIS WEEK

Chicago at Tampa Bay, Houston at Baltimore, Indianapolis at Cincinnati, Miami at the New York Jets, Seattle at Oakland and Denver at San Diego.

Detroit is at San Francisco Monday night.

Kansas City (9-6) at Buffalo (9-6)

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Atlanta (3-12) at Jacksonville (8-7)

The AFC playoffs in a capsule, with the spotlight on the Bills and the Chiefs, two teams who looked like locks a month ago. But the Bills have lost three straight, the Chiefs have lost three of four, and now they play what amounts to a playoff game a week early.

If they beat the Bills, the Chiefs will extend to seven their run of consecutive seasons in the playoffs, a current NFL high. The loser in the Chiefs-Bills game also could back in if Jacksonville, 6-1 at home this season, loses to the Falcons in what's likely to be June Jones' final game as Atlanta's coach.

The one complication could be a tie between the Chiefs and Bills, although there hasn't been one in the NFL since 1989.

So Jacksonville is in if it wins — unless there's that tie, which would put both Kansas City and Buffalo in.

The Colts, who have won three straight, miss only if they lose in Cincinnati and the Bills and Chiefs tie. Making the playoffs would cap a remarkable season for Indianapolis, which has been without almost all its starters at one time or another.

Detroit (5-10) at San Francisco (11-4) (Monday night)

If Carolina beats Pittsburgh, the 49ers' junior varsity probably will play against the Lions in what seems sure to be Wayne Fontes' final game with Detroit.

Being a wild-card would be something new to the 49ers, who have made the playoffs 12 of the past 13 seasons. They won the NFC West 11 of those seasons, missed the playoffs once and were a wild card only in 1985.

Minnesota (9-6) at Green Bay (12-3)

One of Green Bay's three losses was a 30-21 defeat at Minneapolis. That shows how unlikely it is that the Packers

will lose home-field advantage in the NFC. They would have to lose by 19.

They're not likely to lose at all.

Green Bay is 7-0 at home, and the 31-3 win over Detroit last week demonstrated its dominance has returned. That coincides with the return of Antonio Freeman from a broken arm to be Brett Favre's top receiver. In three games back, Freeman has caught 22 passes for 391 yards and four touchdowns.

Arizona (7-8) at Philadelphia (9-6)

Dallas (10-5) at Washington (8-7)

The Cardinals' two wins over Washington are the main reason the Redskins are out of the playoffs after starting 7-1.

Dallas has scored four touchdowns in its last five games, meaning it won't come close to one of the weekend's more outrageous possibilities: If the Cowboys beat the Redskins by 78 points and the Panthers and 49ers lose, the Cowboys get a bye the first week of the playoffs.

The Eagles are in, but they've lost four of six and beat the hopeless Jets by just a point last week.

Denver (13-2) at San Diego (7-8)

Seattle (6-9) at Oakland (7-8)

Wasn't it nice of the NFL to schedule another set of divisional games for the final week? Too bad they mean nothing, even for the Broncos, who have secured home-field advantage in the AFC and plan to rest as many regulars as they can after rebounding from their loss at Green Bay by beating the Raiders last week.

"We don't have a junior varsity," coach Mike Shanahan said. "But we're looking to take out as many of our starters as possible, just as a precaution."

The most interesting thing about these games: The Raiders, who were penalized 20 times at Denver last week, need only eight penalties to break their NFL record for a season.

Miami (7-8) at New York Jets (1-14)

The only thing at stake here is a 500 record for coach Jimmy Johnson in his first season in Miami. The Jets aren't even playing for the first pick in the draft — they've already clinched that for the second straight year. This is Rich Kotite's final game as Jets coach. He said Friday he will step aside after the game.

# Oilers close disappointing season against Baltimore

## Houston hopes to end 1996 on positive note

BALTIMORE (AP) — No matter what happened in Baltimore, those Cleveland Browns players who became Ravens figured this season would have to be better than last.

Even if the league didn't recognize them as former Browns, the Ravens were, for the most part, the same team that made the playoffs in 1994. Of course, they were the same players who fell to 5-11 in 1995 after the public announcement the team was leaving Cleveland. They were 1-7 in the second half of that season.

After going 2-8 in the last 10 games, and holding a second-half lead in each of them, the Ravens can do no better than last year. They will be worse should an underachieving Houston team beat them in Baltimore on Sunday.

"It's more frustrating than last year," said quarterback Vinny Testaverde, who is having the best year of his career leading an offense ranked second in yardage passing. "We've come so close in so many of our games."

The Ravens hope the Oilers will continue their late-game woes. Against San Francisco and Miami, Houston gave up leads in the fourth quarter and lost.

Clinging to a slim playoff hope against Cincinnati, the Oilers last week gave up a 6-0 halftime edge and fell 21-13,

**For Houston, the second half of the season has been one of missed opportunities and lost balls. In an eight-game stretch, the Oilers have had 18 turnovers, compared with 10 takeaways.**

leaving Houston seeking nothing more than a .500 record in the finale.

The Oilers will start Steve McNair at quarterback, replacing Chris Chandler, who threw three interceptions against the Bengals.

At 4-11, with all its wins coming at home, Baltimore is glad to be getting Houston (7-8) at Memorial Stadium. There's also the motive of revenge against the Oilers, who beat the Ravens 29-13 on Sept. 15.

"It's a division game and that's always an extra incentive," said Ravens coach Ted Marchibroda. "Plus, we have the chance to go 5-3 at home and do something for all those fans at Memorial."

The prospect of matching the Browns' record of a year ago does not affect him.

"It's not the record. It's the reason why (they lost games)," he said.

With 350 points, fifth in the league, the Ravens offense remains the team's surprising strong point, led by running back Bam Morris and

Testaverde, who was elected to the Pro Bowl.

The defense, meanwhile, has struggled mightily, ranked at or near the bottom in most categories, including third-down efficiency, total yards per game and yards passing per game.

Not surprisingly, Houston coach Jeff Fisher is less concerned with the Ravens' injured defense than with the Baltimore offense, which clicked after a three-interception performance by Testaverde against the Oilers in Week 3. After that game, Testaverde promised he wouldn't turn in such a poor performance for the rest of the year.

For the most part, he has delivered.

"Vinny's doing what he is capable of doing," Fisher said. "He has played much better. So this is much bigger challenge for us defensively."

Last week, Baltimore lost 27-16 to Carolina, despite holding a 13-10 lead at halftime. The Panthers got 10 unanswered points to begin the second half, contributing to the Ravens' continued defensive woes.

For Houston, the second half of the season has been one of missed opportunities and lost balls. In an eight-game stretch, the Oilers have had 18 turnovers, compared with 10 takeaways.

Against the Bengals, Houston turned over the ball four times, while gaining 341 yards to Cincinnati's 205. The Oilers also outgained Jacksonville 361-279 the previous week, but four turnovers resulted in a 23-17 loss.

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# Artist files lawsuit over Rockets' logo

HOUSTON (AP) — A freelance artist who won a 1994 contest to create a new Houston Rockets logo has sued claiming the team didn't follow through with promised prizes and is counterfeiting his design.

Thomas Nash of Missouri City filed a copyright infringement lawsuit in federal court Friday.

Nash wants to stop the Rockets from producing or marketing merchandise with his design of a missile orbiting a basketball. He is seeking to have such items pulled from store shelves.

He also is asking for unspecified damages from sales of the materials over the past two years.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are: Bee Ball Ltd., Basketball Ventures Inc., Rocket Ball Ltd., Rockets owner Les Alexander and NBA Properties Inc.

Rockets spokesman Tim Frank called the lawsuit "ridiculously frivolous."

"We understand that there was some kind of dispute over this, but we are kind of shocked that a suit has been filed," he said. "This has caught us by surprise."

Frank confirmed that Nash won the contest and that several items were promised to the winner. After Nash complained he didn't receive them, the

items were sent to him in October, but Nash wouldn't accept them at that time, Frank said.

Nash said he had been promised gifts ranging from an autographed basketball and jersey to a dinner with coach Rudy Tomjanovich and former star Calvin Murphy.

Nash's was among more than 5,000 entries in the logo design promotion. Artists picked by the team added snarling teeth, eyes and other comic accents to Nash's drawing.

Nash's lawsuit said he didn't hear from the Rockets before he saw his design unveiled in the news media. The team invited him at the last minute to attend a June 1995 ceremony where he received a \$1,000 gift certificate but nothing else, the suit said.

Nash applied for a copyright on Oct. 21 and is the sole owner of the logo, the lawsuit said.

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## What to do with that leftover turkey

Stories by the Associated Press  
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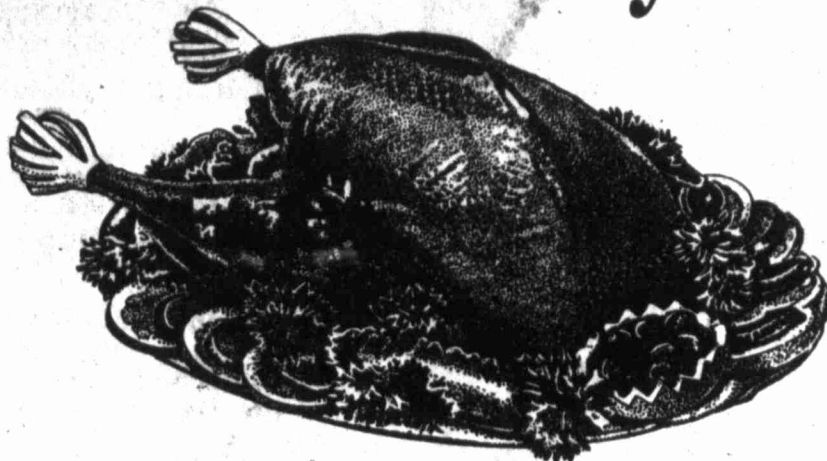
### LOW-FAT TURKEY NUGGETS AND TURKEY QUESADILLAS

In most households, the day after Christmas means leftover turkey. Seasoned nuggets, made with shredded dark turkey meat, are quick and easy to fix. Plus, they're low in fat. Each serving has 7 grams of fat and 227 calories. Dip the nuggets in homemade honey-mustard sauce. Serve with steamed carrots and green beans.

Turkey leftovers can also be used to create Turkey Quesadillas, made with purchased fat-free flour tortillas, fat-free sour cream and reduced-fat cheese. Each serving has 9 grams of fat and 411 calories. The recipe is quick and easy to prepare in a microwave oven.

### TURKEY NUGGETS WITH HONEY-MUSTARD SAUCE

**For the Honey-Mustard Sauce:**  
1 tablespoon mustard pickle relish  
1 tablespoon apricot preserves  
1 tablespoon honey  
**For the Seasoning Mixture:**  
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon dry thyme  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon dry oregano



1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon instant blending flour  
1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

**For the nuggets:**  
1/4 cup minced white onion  
2 tablespoons water  
2 cups leftover cooked, shredded dark turkey meat  
1 cup dry bread crumbs  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon skim milk  
1 egg white beaten with 1 tablespoon water  
Combine sauce ingredients and chill.  
Combine seasoning mixture ingredients; set aside.

To prepare turkey nuggets, cook onion over medium heat with water for 2 minutes until softened and water has evaporated.

Set aside.

In a bowl, combine turkey, cooked onion, bread crumbs, salt, pepper, paprika, eggs and milk. Blend with fingertips until mixture holds together. Using a teaspoon, form mixture into 2-inch nuggets. Place nuggets on a tray and then refrigerate for 10 minutes before proceeding.

One piece at a time, dip nuggets first into egg white mixture, then coat with dry seasoning. Set on a tray until all of the nuggets are coated. Spray a 10-inch skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Cook turkey nuggets over medium-high heat, about 6 to 8 minutes, reducing heat if they brown too quickly. Turn nuggets and cook until well browned. Serve turkey nuggets with honey-mustard sauce on the side. Makes 6 servings.

**Nutrition facts per serving:**  
227 cal. (28 percent calories

from fat), 19 g pro., 7 g fat, 22 g carbo., 663 mg sodium.

**Recipe from:** Shady Brook Farms

### TURKEY QUESADILLAS

(Recipe by cookbook author Sarah Leah Chase)

Eight 6- to 8-inch fat-free flour tortillas  
1/2 cup reduced-fat or fat-free sour cream  
1 cup finely chopped cooked turkey  
1/2 cup prepared salsa  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded reduced-fat cheese  
2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro

Spread one side of each tortilla with 1/2 tablespoons sour cream. Top half of the tortillas with a thin layer of turkey. Dot each evenly with the salsa, cheese and cilantro. Top with remaining flour tortilla, sour cream side down, to make a sandwich.

Place each quesadilla on a microwave-safe plate and cook on high (100 percent power) for about 1 minute, or until the cheese is thoroughly melted and the quesadilla is hot throughout. Repeat process with each quesadilla. Cut the quesadillas into 4 to 6 wedges and serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutrition facts per serving:**  
411 cal., 26 g pro., 9 g fat, 56 g carbo., 1,271 mg sodium, 52 mg chol.

*Recipe developed by Sarah Leah Chase for the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line.*

## Other recipes and tips for Christmas dinner

### Quick solutions to holiday cooking problems

The following are some solutions to holiday cooking problems that home cooks may encounter.

**Problem:** There is only have one oven to cook all the foods.

• Plan menu to reserve oven space for turkey. Include stove top, microwave and refrigerator recipes.

• Allow 30 minutes for turkey standing time and carving. Bake extra stuffing and reheat side dishes during that time.

• To avoid food safety problems, do not partially cook the turkey ahead of time.

**Problem:** Turkey is still frozen the day before Christmas.

• Speed defrosting by placing turkey in original wrapping in cold water. Allow 30 minutes defrosting time per pound. (The American Plastics Council recommends changing the water every 30 minutes.)

• Do not leave a turkey on the counter overnight to defrost. Room temperatures allow bacteria to grow.

**Problem:** Stuffing the turkey the day before.

• For food safety, do not stuff a turkey until it's ready to be cooked.

**Problem:** Lots of leftovers.

• Two hours is the maximum amount of time roasted turkey, stuffing and gravy can be left at room temperature. After two hours, leftovers must be refrigerated.

*From: Reynolds Wrap*

### Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes

6 baked sweet potatoes  
12 halves scooped-out sweet potato skins  
Juice of 1 medium orange or to taste

1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind  
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot  
Pinch of ground nutmeg  
2 to 3 tablespoons maple syrup or to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut sweet potatoes in half lengthwise, scoop out flesh. Set scooped-out skins aside.

Puree sweet potato in food processor with remaining ingredients except skins. Spoon puree into skins. Place on lightly oiled baking sheet; bake until heated through, about 15 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

**Variation:** Heat the seasoned puree in an ovenproof casserole, then spoon it into halved, hollowed-out orange shells for a more elegant presentation.

**Recipe from:** Vegetarian Times magazine  
**Georgia Pecan Orange Biscotti**

1/2 cup pecan pieces  
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup (2 ounces) unsalted butter, softened

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 large egg

1 teaspoon grated orange zest  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the pecans in a 9-inch pie pan and toast in the oven for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the pecans are deep brown and

glossy. Watch carefully so the pecans don't burn. Chop the pecans finely and set aside.

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the butter and sugar. Using an electric mixer, beat on medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in the vanilla, egg and orange zest. Fold in the dry ingredients and nuts; mix until thoroughly blended.

Line a baking pan with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Form the dough into a 3-by-12-inch strip. Mound the dough up slightly in the center of the strip so that the sliced biscotti will be slightly thicker in the middle.

Bake on the middle rack for 18 to 20 minutes, or until lightly golden. Remove the pan from the oven and let the cookie loaf cool for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees. Either on the pan or on a cutting board, slice the loaf of dough diagonally into scant 1/2-inch thick slices. You should have between 12 and 16

Please see RECIPES, page B3

## Enjoying the wonderful gift of nothing this holiday season

It is in the midst of the holiday season that each of us pauses and reflects upon how grateful we are to have our wonderful family and friends.

I, for one, am grateful to have my dear friend Rhonda who hasn't sent a card, hasn't dropped off a gift — hasn't done anything but leave the following beautiful holiday greeting on my answering machine: "I'm busy. Let's

get together in February." I'm grateful for my friend Anne, mother of two, who considers the three seconds we spent flying past each other at the mall yelling, "Merry Christmas! Talk to you next year!" a perfectly adequate holiday get-together.

I'm grateful for my friend Kim, who two months ago enthusiastically invited me out for a leisurely afternoon tea on the Saturday before Christmas, only to called back several days ago and enthusiastically cancel. In short, I'm grateful to all of the people in my life who understand a simple unspoken rule of friendship: During the holidays, the truly thoughtful friends are the ones who do absolutely nothing.

These are the truly guilt-free friends. These are friends you're always happy to see because you know there will be positively no possibility they will show up with a gift for which you need to reciprocate.

There will be no chance you will suddenly find yourself in the basement frantically rewrapping and giving a gift you have already received from someone else.

There will be no chance you will have to slip away to the laundry room to hastily tear a gift tag off a present meant for your aunt and replace it with the name of the party standing in your vestibule with a hand-embroidered scarf.

Furthermore, these are the friends you needn't feel bad about not calling for a holiday get-together, because you know they are happy you haven't.

You instinctively understand that despite vowing that this year would be different, the giftless friend is currently ricocheting between unfinished Christmas cards, unfinished shopping and an overbooked calendar.

Besides, when it's all said and done, which person would you rather have show up at your door?

The bright, well-rested neighbor peeking out from behind a homemade sock doll she has crafted for your child? Or the one ringing your doorbell with

her right shoe as she struggles to clutch a napless 2-year-old, an overflowing diaper bag and

shrieking bundle of nerves rushing from office to office in search of last-minute catalogs

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an apple-juice-splattered gift list?

Who would you rather have pop into your office? The cheerful executive presenting you with a beautifully wrapped tin and apologizing that she only had time to make 12 different kinds of cookies this year? Or the bug-eyed,

and a Federal Express miracle? The truth is, no matter how haggard and frazzled the image, during the holiday season we'd rather be looking in the mirror. Send e-mail to Mickey Guisewite at [mguisewite@aol.com](mailto:mguisewite@aol.com). © 1996 by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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# WEDDINGS

## Kendrick-Cunningham

Halye Kendrick, Baird, and Matthew Cunningham, Abilene, were united in marriage on Dec. 21, 1996, in the First Baptist Church in Baird with Rick Cunningham, father of the groom and minister of the 14th & Main Church of Christ in Big Spring, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Elmore Kendrick, Baird.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Cunningham, Big Spring. Instrumentalist was Larry Riney, Baird, and vocalist was Bridget McDowell, Baird.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a short sleeved white raw silk gown with flowers and a beaded bodice with sequins and pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses, carnations and statice.

Gera Van Cleave, Houston, was the maid of honor.

Christa Cunningham, Kristi Smalley, both of Abilene, and Jordan Menzies, Baird, were the bridesmaids. Junior bridesmaid was Mindy McDowell.

Flower girls were Misty and Mitzzy McDowell, and Jacob Cunningham was the ringbearer.

Best man was Steven Rounsaville.

Ryan Trowbridge, Tim Ellis and Dan Maberry, all of Clyde, served as groomsmen.

David Cunningham and Bart Kendrick served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fel-



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lowship hall. The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake. The bride's table featured red poinsettias with Christmas greenery and candle arrangement.

The groom's table had a chocolate double-layer cake with white chocolate covered cherries.

The bride is a graduate of Baird High School and McMurry University. She is employed by the Baird Independent School District.

The groom is a graduate of Clyde High School and Abilene Christian University. He is employed by Abilene State School.

The couple will make their home in Abilene.

## Hodgin-Sims

Allison Brooke Hodgin and Jon Michael Sims were united in marriage on Dec. 15, 1996, in the Logsdon Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene with Rev. Samuel J. Sims, groom's father, and the Rev. John Hall officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Warren Hodgin, Abilene.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel J. Sims, Big Spring.

The couple stood before Christmas trees, white poinsettias and Christmas greenery.

Instrumentalists were Joy Lovell, organ; Mark Skipper, piano; and Mark Waxler, trumpet. Vocalists were Debbie Stephenson and Matthew Irish.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an original gown by Phylis for Bianchi of silk shantung in candlelight. The fitted bodice, with appliques of re-embroidered Alencon lace, was off-the-shoulder with long tapered sleeves and a sweetheart neckline.

Pialletts and tiny seed pearls enhanced the lace on the bodice and sleeves. The princess lines fell into a full skirt that had a chapel-length train. A lace clip with pearls held her long sheer veil of imported English illusion.

She carried a bouquet of gardenias, white roses and cascades of Christmas greenery.

Matron of honor was Tiffany Zuliani, sister of the bride, Franklin, N.C., and Jennifer Cates, Austin, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Angela Valentine, Abilene; Stacey Tindell, Waco; Kristi Rentzsch, Sandia Park, N.M.; and Lori Cook, Abilene.

Claire Goodrich, Abilene, served as flower girl, and Max Zuliani, nephew of the bride, Franklin, N.C., served as ring bearer.

Best man was Christopher Sims, brother of the groom, Grand Prairie.

Groomsmen were Charles "Chuck" Anderson, Arlington; Brent Casey, Abilene; Joseph Marney, Lubbock; Casey McLean, Abilene; and David Cook, Abilene.

Jess Briley, Timothy Dunn, Forrest McMillan, and Steve

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Bezner, all of Abilene, served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Johnson Building on the Hardin-Simmons University campus.

The bride's cake was a large four-tiered white cake with raspberry filling decorated with fire and ice roses and Christmas greenery.

The groom's cake was a large two-layer German chocolate cake decorated with chocolate berries.

The reception hall was decorated with Christmas trees, white poinsettias and Christmas greenery. Music was provided by Mark Skipper.

The bride is a graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene, and Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in Education. She is employed as a substitute teacher by the Abilene Independent School District and St. John's Episcopal School.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a degree in Physical Education. He is employed by T. Cooper's.

Both the bride and the groom will continue their educations as graduate students working toward Master Degrees at Hardin-Simmons University.

Following a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple will make their home in Abilene.

## GETTING ENGAGED

Due to the Christmas holidays, all items for publication on Sunday, Dec. 29 are due by Monday, Dec. 23.



Pamela Kennedy and Jason Henry will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 28, 1996, with Rev. Stephen Grace officiating.

She is the daughter of Ralph and Charlene Kennedy, Big Spring.

He is the son of Jackie and Annette Henry, Coahoma.



Corrie Yanke and Brian Doll will be united in marriage on May 31, 1997, at Living Water Ministries with Gary Smith, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, and Leo Free, pastor of Living Water Ministries, officiating.

She is the daughter of Alvin and Judy Yanke, Big Spring.

He is the son of John and Wilma Doll, Big Spring.

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## WHO'S WHO

Larry Hood, 50, of San Angelo, and formerly of Big Spring, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Driver's License service office in San Angelo. He now oversees seven driver's licenses



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offices in 16 counties.

He joined DPS in December 1968 and was in patrol in Abilene for six years before moving to San Angelo in 1976. He then transferred over to the driver's license office in 1993. Hood is replacing Sgt. Charles Franklin who retired last month.

Hood is the son of Curtis and Elma Hood of Big Spring. He is married to the former Kathy Havins and they have two daughters: Nikki Hood and Kim Scott who live in the Dallas area. He is a 1964 graduate of Big Spring High School.



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 Marta Manning, Bartlesville, Okla.

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## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Scruffy" cute male kitten, striking green eyes, silver-gray and white downy coat, playful and inquisitive, loves to be cuddled; a wonderful lap companion for cold winter nights.

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## STORK CLUB

Erik Vega Dominguez, Dec. 10, 1996, 1:14 p.m., 7 lbs. 11 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Estella V. and David Dominguez II.

Grandparents are Irene Vega and Freda and David Dominguez, all of Big Spring.

Edric Anthony Rodriguez, boy, Dec. 10, 1996, 4:30 p.m., 6 lbs. 15 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Geneva and Eddie Rodriguez.

Grandparents are Minnie Martinez and the late Albert Martinez and Connie Rodriguez, all of Big Spring.

Arron Ruis Aluizo, Dec. 18, 1996, 7:04 a.m.; parents are Sylvia Moreno and Salvador Garza.

Grandmother is Angel Aluizo, Big Spring.

Jessica Lynn Mince, girl, Dec. 17, 1996, 11:50 p.m.; parents are Jesse and Julie Mince.

Grandparents are Billy and Sandra Hallford and Jesse and Loydeen Mince, all of Big Spring.

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# Colorado City woman has fight with rabid bobcat

Doris McClellan takes morning walks on her ranch south of Colorado City. One morning,



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
Columnist

for some unknown reason, she strapped on a pistol and headed for the pecan grove just below her house. She carried a cup of coffee with her. She heard a squalling, terrible roar as she entered the shady area. It was a rabid bobcat. Doris stood perfectly still, thinking it might not attack. But the bobcat advanced rapidly. Doris dropped her cup of coffee, drew her pistol and shot twice. The bobcat flinched when it was

hit, then leaped for Doris's throat.

Doris drew her right elbow over her face. "He latched onto my elbow with his strong jaws," says Doris "and clawed my arm repeatedly. It also bit the inside calf of my left leg. So there I was, dangling this mad, thrashing bobcat from my right elbow and my gun was in my right hand. With this thing scratching me all the while, and trying to maintain my balance, I transferred the gun from my right hand to my left and shot him in the belly. He dropped to the ground and there was silence. The bobcat crossed a ranch road and disappeared. I thought it was going over there to die."

Doris, dripping blood, walked back to the house and called 911. "After I made the call my arm was numb and I was shaking," says Doris. She drove to the ranch gate to wait for the

ambulance.

The sheriff arrived and drove Doris's pickup back to the house. The ambulance attendants dropped saline solution on the pieces of skin hanging down.

At the hospital, doctors spent two hours closing the claw wounds. They left the bite wounds open to drain. Doris was in the hospital six days taking antibiotics and rabies shots.

As the sheriff was driving Doris's pickup back to the house, with the deputy following in the sheriff's car, the bobcat tried to attack the pickup.

It jumped on the tailgate and began clawing. It left claw marks that go all the way down to the metal.

The bobcat finally jumped off the pickup. The sheriff stopped the pickup, got out and shot the bobcat three times with a 12-

gauge shotgun before it died. The head was sent to Austin and of course, it was rabid.

The sheriff later told Doris the .38 revolver she carried saved her life.

Doris feels like a guardian angel was with her that day. She is grateful she was the one attacked instead of her grandkids, who were playing in that pecan grove just a few days before. "I feel an older person or child could not have survived the attack."

She thinks she was spared to warn people to be more cautious with their children during outbreaks to school groups about her ordeal. Her talk is titled "Walking Can Be Hazardous To Your Health."

Doris is a former school teacher who is now writing a series of children's books.

She still takes walks wearing her .38.

## IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Lonnie M. Johnson has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Johnson is the son of Lonnie M. Johnson, Midland, and Darlene C. Sheldon, Big Spring.

Army Pvt. Waylon L. Martin has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill,

Lawton, Okla.

Martin is the son of Debra S. Hiller, Big Spring.

He is a 1996 graduate of Graham High School.

Brice Poston, a graduate of Big Spring High School, earned the title "United States Marine" upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

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FRIDAY - Beef stew, cauliflower, tossed salad, corn bread, milk, fruit.

## Recipes

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slices. Turn the slices so that a cut-side is down. Spread the slices evenly on the pan.

Return the pan to the oven and bake for 20 minutes, turning the cookies over halfway through baking. Turn off the oven and let the cookies cool for 1 to 2 hours in the oven with the heat off. They should be quite crisp. Store in an airtight container. Makes 12 to 16 biscuits.

Recipe from: "Food Gifts for All Seasons" by Anne Byrn (Peachtree Publishers).

### Day-After Turkey Divan

2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 bunch scallions, trimmed and finely chopped  
5 cloves garlic, minced  
24 sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, drained and cut into slivers

12 ounces vermicelli  
1 large bunch broccoli, tender stalks and florets cooked until just tender

4 cups chopped cooked turkey  
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese  
5 large eggs  
2 1/2 cups half-and-half  
1 tablespoon dried tarragon  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup dried bread crumbs tossed with 2 tablespoons melted unsalted butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a shallow 2 1/2-quart casserole or lasagna pan.

Heat the olive oil in a small heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the scallions and cook, stirring for 3 to 4 minutes or until softened. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and cook for 1 minute more.

Cook the vermicelli in boiling salted water according to package directions until just tender. Drain the vermicelli. Combine the drained pasta with the cooked vegetables in a large bowl. Gently stir in the broccoli, turkey and blue cheese.

Beat the eggs with the half-and-half until well combined. Stir in the tarragon, salt and pepper. Pour the mixture over the pasta mixture, combining well. Turn into the prepared casserole and sprinkle the buttered bread crumbs over the top. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until lightly crusted and hot.

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Owning and operating a health club these days is no longer as daunting as dead-lifting 300 pounds.

Ask most gymnasium managers, and they say their business is in tip-top shape.

Apparently the workout fad of the 1980s — and health clubs' unhealthy business — are things of the past. Concern over health has muscled out the fascination of simply looking good, which means steady business for most gyms.

"People go to gyms for the

right reasons now," says Chris Kulb, general manager of L.A. Workout in Camarillo, Calif. "I've been in this business since the early '80s, and it's changed for the better. It's much more stable now."

"People work out now because they know they have to. Fifteen years ago, we all weren't worried about high-blood pressures and high cholesterol counts, and there wasn't fat-free everything on the market. Now we are forced to realize that health is a big concern."

"Our business is rocking.

People, for the most part, don't work out to look good anymore, they do it to be healthy."

It's the '90s and Americans are force-fed health and fitness, not hamburgers and french fries. Everywhere you turn, there are reminders of the need to keep fit.

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Above: 27 Retired Senior Volunteer Program members recently traveled to Nashville for a Christmas Tour. They attended the Grand Ole Opry, Graceland and stayed in the Opryland Hotel. For information on next year's trips, call 264-2397 or 393-5390.

Below: RSVP Volunteers (left to right) Nell Draper, Wanda Marsh and Irene Maxwell pose with some of the stocking caps volunteers crocheted or knitted for the Caps for Warmth project. Northside Community Center and Salvation Army were given 150 caps to distribute to the homeless and children during the holiday season. All supplies for the caps were from donations. This is an ongoing project that will include the Big Spring State Hospital patients next year.



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Rita Dykes (left), a representative from West Texas Opportunities, accepts a \$450 check from Adella Rivera, manager of Security Finance, Big Spring. Security Finance's parent company (Security Finance Corporation) established a private charitable foundation, Security's Lending Hand Foundation, to allow each of its offices to give something back to the local community. The amount of this contribution is based on the number of new customers who chose to do business with Security Finance in 1996.

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**It's easy to find the right light**

Scripps Howard News Service

They can look like glass Frisbees hovering over a modern table or take the form of elegant candles interspersed among dangling crystal in a traditional setting.

Dining room lights are diverse. They're available in everything from glittering 24-karat gold finishes to painted patinas that mimic the look of something that's been rusting in the desert for 25 years.

With the help of fabric bows and mini-shades, some are designed to do quick personality changes — from a cheery tartan Christmas mood to a swanky leopard skin persona.

Dining room lights not only come in many styles, they have multiple roles. They make a statement, provide light, set the mood and, sometimes, even hold a potted plant.

"A light fixture is part of your furnishings," says Mary Branson, sales manager for a lighting fixture firm. The dining room is a focal point of the home, she says, and the light that hangs there should be selected carefully.

The first step in choosing a dining room fixture is to think about the room's use. Becky Becker, a lighting consultant, says some formal dining rooms are strictly for dining while others are casual, multi-purpose rooms in which the dining table is used for eating, paying bills, playing games or doing homework.

Inverted-bowl styles and other designs in which the light aims down typically provide a less formal light, while candle-type lights and other

styles that aim the light up have a formal look.

Becker says fixtures that combine up-and-down-lighting might be just right for a family that wants downward task lighting for schoolwork and upward light for dining.

Halogen bulbs can be used in fixtures to give brighter light. Halogen bulbs also last longer. But Branson notes they must be used in a fixture with an open design — where bulbs are not enclosed in glass — because

they burn hotter than incandescent bulbs.

Dimmers give light fixtures versatility by providing many light levels, helping create an atmosphere for virtually any occasion.

The size of the room also is important when selecting a fixture.

"You want your fixture to be in proportion with the height of the ceiling, the size of the room

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## Fryar selected "Producer of the Year"

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

It's not what you don't have (rain) but what you do have (good management skills) that makes Howard County farmer Lanny Fryar an award winning producer.

Fryar was recently notified that he has been selected Cotton Farmer of the Year (Southwest Region) by Cotton Farming Magazine, which features Fryar and other regional winners in its November/December 1996 issue.

Fryar and three other regional winners will pick up their A.I.M. (Achievement, Integrity and Management) awards at the 5-day Beltwide Cotton Conference in New Orleans Jan. 6 through Jan. 10.

Fryar was selected in the Southwest Region from among 18,417 cotton farmers in Texas and Oklahoma.

He farms or manages a total of 3,000 acres in western Howard County and eastern Martin County. Some of the land Fryar manages is owned by Howard County resident Elizabeth Meek.

"When I received the phone call (about the award), I about had a heart," Fryar said. "I couldn't believe it, because I'm pretty hard on myself and I know a lot of other farmers who work just as hard."

Fryar added, "I'm surprised I was selected because I'm a dry-land farmer and usually irriga-

tion farmers win simply because they have the water."

Fryar is a fourth generation farmer who found himself starting from scratch after the death of his father in 1985.

"I've been blessed with making the right decisions," Fryar said.

After starting over with an FHA loan and repairing used equipment he purchased, Fryar has paid off his debts and owns all of his equipment outright.

In 1993, he produced 2.2 bales per acre while other area producers were harvesting one to 1.5 bales per acre without irrigation in an area with an average annual rainfall of just 13 inches.

Fryar rotates his crop with black-eyed peas, depending on the market, in order to work the soil and add nitrogen to it.

Fryar has also been noted for taking a calculated risk last year on his fields, in the midst of a continuing drought. He plowed his fields in the fall, usually a "don't do" situation for most growers in the Texas High Plains because of blowing winter winds.

His reasoning was that if he broke the ground he could still take advantage of what rain, if any, fell.

Another success Fryar has enjoyed stems from how he treats insect problems. He uses a nonpoisonous garlic spray, which doesn't harm the beneficial insects in his crops.

This has allowed him to spend less than \$18 an acre for



Howard County farmer Lanny Fryar, pictured here with one of his tractors in Martin County, is one of the best cotton farmers in the country, according to Cotton Farming Magazine. Fryar will be one of four regional winners attending the Beltwide Cotton Conference Jan. 6-10 in New Orleans to pick up a Producer of the Year award.

a whole year of spraying and has helped him realized yields of a half a bale to a full bale more cotton per acre than other producers.

Fryar's advice on how to be successful as a cotton producer is simple, scout fields even when you know everything is alright.

He adds there are a few

things producers can do to be successful, even in the wake of drought conditions.

"Whatever you do, protect your soil; use legumes to enhance soil structure and nitrogen content; use soil samples to determine crop fertilizer requirements; and scout for insects," Fryar said.

Fryar adds it's a good idea to

know when to break the soil in a dry year to capture rainfall, even a small amount; don't overextend financially; and where necessary, buy used equipment and fix it yourself.

During conference Fryar said there will be roundtable discussion among attendees on farming and family practices on what else - cotton.

## Rita's Gifts offers memories through merchandise



Rita's Gifts and Collectibles is a dream of owner Rita Anderson, one she hopes brings back childhood memories for her customers browsing through the decorated rooms.

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Going from respiratory therapy to business owner is a giant leap for most, but when it's in your part of the family's blood and it's what you enjoy, the transition is easier. According to Rita Anderson of Rita's Gifts and Collectibles.

Anderson, who grew up in Midland, attended Big Spring High School her senior year and also lived in Abilene and Corpus Christi, moved back to Big Spring six years ago.

She recently opened her store at 2000 W. 4th next to Spring City Auction, which is owned by her father, in October and had a grandopening and ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this month.

What Anderson sells is a little bit of everything, but she would probably describe it as childhood memories.

Rita's Gifts is a collection of rooms decorated with just about any item imaginable. It if makes a nice gift or accents a home, Anderson more than likely will have it or know how to get a hold of it.

Anderson said people should be comfortable when they shop.

"I wanted to put in a place people would remember," Anderson said. "I want people to relate when they shop. I go shopping in places like this all over the country and it brings back memories from my childhood."

Even the furniture items in

the store are for sale. Most items will sell for between \$1 and \$39.95.

"Shopping got me interested in doing this," Anderson said. "I wanted something (gifts) for myself and the general public that was affordable. I wanted something that would allow people to relive their childhoods as well."

A lot of people don't know about Rita's Gifts and Collectibles, according to Anderson, but that allows them to be surprised when they walk through the store.

"People are surprised because they don't expect what they see when they get here," Anderson said.

One of the benefits Anderson receives from operating the business is getting to go shopping for the store all over again when items sell.

Despite growing up in a family involved with auctioning, Anderson said she was never interested in the antique part of the business, but the gift shops she encountered always impressed her.

Being in the business she is in allows Anderson to shop almost anywhere. She's shopped for her business in Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana, and often finds time for a little vacationing along the way.

The most common item in Anderson's shop is candles. The most unusual item is a stuffed alligator. The oldest

piece is a crank victrola dating back to 1919 as well as a Singer treadle sewing machine dating back to the 1920s.

Another nostalgic item in Anderson's store is a 1950s style Coca Cola room, which includes a Coke ice chest from the 1930s.

"I've even helped people decorate their homes when they've brought in a picture looking for particular items to match," Anderson said.

She added, "I also have a lot of cards from people who want me to give them a call if I can find a particular item or it happens to come into the store."

Anderson spends about one week out of each month shopping and looking for pieces to go in the store.

"I want people to take their time and look around," Anderson said. "You can never outguess the public as to what they want."

Anderson says its absolutely wonderful when you can make a living doing what you love, but it's still important to remember the most important thing - family, which is why she closes on Sunday.

"Sunday is still family day," Anderson said. "Otherwise the store is opened 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday."

She also enjoys being different and doing different things when it comes to decorating, such as using a porch light as a room light.

## Venison: A different kind of after Christmas treat

Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings is so traditional at Christmas that I am reluctant to even mention a change from it...but, we all have to admit that the meals following the big Christmas feast find few enthusiasts for leftover turkey.

Our family always enjoys a good plate of Mexican style food for this change.



Don Richardson  
County Agent

...we're planning some kind of venison treat, however, thanks to the good shooting of my son-in-law and my plain old-fashioned good luck. He and I were treated to a

hunting trip to Ozona on the ranch of a long-time friend and we had a great time, while our wives brought up the idea of it being a good male-bonding experience for both of us.

They probably won't realize that we had this planned for some months unless they happen to read the article. Anyway, all of this makes for a timely idea for today's column.

I learned some preparation techniques from my hunter son-in-law that I thought worth sharing with those of you interested in such things. Most hunters already know that the strongest flavor of venison is stored in the fat, so trim this away before cooking it.

Substitute margarine, butter, cooking oil, bacon or salt pork if your recipe needs any fat for this naturally very lean meat. Wrap meat for freezing immediately after it has been cut. Use wrapping paper made espe-

cially for freezer use to insure a good quality product.

Package the meat in the amounts suited to the needs of the family. Trim and clean the cuts so that they are ready for cooking. Wrap carefully to retain moisture and exclude all the air possible from the packages.

Place two layers of waxed paper between individual steaks and chops so that the frozen pieces can be separated for easier cooking. Plastic bags are good for ground meat. Be sure to exclude all the air possible by packing the meat firmly. Also, label and date all packages.

This is a "guaranteed good from Kansas" recipe from my son-in-law that we will be trying out. It is spicy baked venison. Cut one and a half pounds of venison into three-quarter inch cubes. Place the meat in the bottom of a two-quart baking dish, dot with butter and

sprinkle a package (one and three-eighths ounces) of dry onion soup mix over it. Slice eight ounces of mushrooms and one green bell pepper into strips and layer them on top of the venison.

Puree one 16 ounce can of tomatoes and add two tablespoons of Worcester sauce, two springs parsley and one tablespoon of cornstarch. Add all of this to the venison. Wrap a heavy piece of foil over and under the baking dish, sealing it at the top and sides.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for two to three hours until the venison is very tender. Remove the foil and serve. I will let you know later if it is as good as it sounds. Anyway, there is a different approach from the standard of chicken-fry and roast.

The Howard County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service hopes each

of you have the most merriest of Christmases and may this holiday season find you in good health and prosperity.

The disastrous drought of this past year has made it tough on so many this year and has been economically rough to our entire community. Still we have so much to be thankful for and I hope this season we can all take time to realize this fact.

We can't dwell on our misfortunes but must look forward to what the future may hold. This time of year is so special to all of us.

It is the season to bring family and friends closer together and remind us that we do have much to be thankful for. Precious family members and friends are worth so much more than any expensive gift might be.

Happy holidays from your county extension office and staff.

### BUSINESS IN BRIEF

#### NO NEW RATES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve passed up a chance to raise interest rates at its final meeting of the year despite a report showing new found strength in housing.

Following more than 3 hours of closed-door discussions Tuesday, Fed policy-makers announced they had decided to leave rates unchanged, meaning millions of consumers and businesses whose loans are tied to Fed rates will see no change in their borrowing costs.

#### CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unexpected surge in housing construction in November shows the economy still with considerable pep despite predictions of slower economic growth next year.

Builders started construction at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.51 million units last month, up 9.2 percent over a revised rate of 1.39 million units in October, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. It was the steepest advance since July 1995 and more than four times what economists had predicted.

#### NURSING HOMES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House quickly abandoned a proposal to reduce inspections of many nursing homes, saying the idea was never actively considered by President Clinton.

A number of consumer groups and state officials panned the proposal, which had been outlined in policy documents distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services. A White House spokesman poo-pooed the idea Tuesday — the same day two newspapers reported the possibility.

#### DRUG MERGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission removed the last major hurdle to the merger of drug giants Ciba-Geigy Ltd. and Sandoz Ltd., after winning an agreement designed to ensure competition in development of gene-therapy treatments.

The new company, to be called Novartis AG, would have major operations in Europe and the United States. The merger of the two Swiss companies already has been approved by the Swiss and European Union authorities and shareholders of the two corporations. The FTC approval came Tuesday.

#### TEXACO CASE

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — The Texaco executive who taped meetings where company managers belittled blacks and plotted to destroy documents is cooperating with prosecutors and may get the charge against him resolved without a trial, according to court papers.

Richard Lundwall "is and has been engaging in discussions with the government concerning certain issues presented by this case, including the possible disposition of the case without trial," according to court papers filed Monday in U.S. District Court in White Plains.

#### AIDS-EEOC-ADA

MIAMI (AP) — In what the government says is the first case of its kind, an entertainer reached a \$90,000 settlement with a cruise line and employment agency for having a job offer withdrawn after a pre-employment blood test found he had the AIDS virus.

The award comes in the first HIV-employment case filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Thomas Effers, an EEOC attorney, said Tuesday.

## Dispute could cost fans playoffs and Super Bowl

AUSTIN (AP) — Are you ready for no Fox ball?

Time Warner, the parent company of Austin CableVision, says the Fox television network is threatening to pull its access to some local Fox stations, including Austin's, in retaliation for Time Warner's decision against carrying the network's new, all-news station.

If the alleged threat is carried out, some television viewers around Austin and other U.S. cities could miss NFL football playoffs, the Super Bowl and popular Fox shows like "The X-Files" and "The Simpsons."

"They're holding our viewers in Austin and other cities hostage," Michael Luftman, a Time Warner spokesman, said Tuesday.

Other cities that could be blacked out, according to Time Warner, include Tampa, Fla., Milwaukee, Kansas City, Mo., and Greensboro, N.C.

Fox is in the process of buying its local affiliates in those cities. If the network cuts off Time Warner from the affiliates, cable subscribers may still be able to get the local Fox stations. But they would have to disconnect their cable and reconnect rooftop or "rabbit-ear" antennae to do so.

But Fox officials say they haven't threatened to pull any access from Time Warner cable systems.

"The last people we want to be adversely affected are the viewers," said Bill Squadron, a vice president for News Corp., which owns Fox.

Squadron wouldn't say stations won't be pulled from any Time Warner systems, but said News Corp. is focused on renegotiating contracts with Time Warner by Jan. 1.

Time Warner has sued Fox in a Florida state court over the matter. It wants the court

to rule that under current contracts, Fox must allow the cable provider to carry local stations owned by the network.

The cable company also wants the court to make clear that Fox can't block affiliates that doesn't own from dealing with Time Warner.

Fox is buying the local stations in question from New World Communications Group. As part of the purchase, New World has turned over to Fox the right to renegotiate retransmission contracts.

Squadron said the contract dispute centers around Fox getting a "fair deal" for its programming.

"Fox obviously has very valuable programming," he said. "We need to have a fair and reasonable agreement."

Luftman said Fox wants Time Warner to pay for access to the local stations, but Squadron wouldn't say whether Fox considers a fair deal to include payments.

Time Warner has made deals with local stations on advertising and channel space, but has never paid for access, Luftman said. He said paying — and being forced to charge customers — for access to local stations that non-cable subscribers get for free is not an option.

"The whole idea of us paying for a local broadcast signal is a non-starter," Luftman said.

Time Warner has opted to carry the new, MSNBC news station, owned by Microsoft Corp. and the NBC television network. Luftman said the cable company doesn't have channel space for Fox's news station in New York, where it believes Fox wants the station to be carried.

Squadron called that a separate dispute.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

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**County Clerk's office**  
**Marriage Licenses**  
David Rodriguez, 24, and Janie Gloria Perez, 23.  
Michael Mendoza, 28, and Consuelita A. Ponder, 24.  
Andrew D. Rankin, 26, and Amanda Kathryn Reagan, 19.  
Carlie Paul Harvath, 39, and Emma Sanchez Vela, 37.  
Donald William Bryant, 33, and Barbara Biggers, 43.  
Bill Warren Reed, 74, and Wanda Reed, 69.

**County Court records**  
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Jo Ann Herrera, Linda Padgett, Joe Nick Garlas, Jr., Brad Gerald Uggstad.  
Order(s): Jo Ann Herrera, Linda Padgett, Joe Nick Garlas, Jr., Brad Gerald Uggstad.  
Order(s) of dismissal: Curtis Lamar Martin, Shawn P. Pommerening, Alberto Hinojosa, Adolpho L. Franco, Steven Mark Young, Terry Bailey, David Rodriguez, Leonard McPeak, Ernest W. Clark (2), Henry Edward Currie, Jim Bob White (2), Mark Harris, Theodore E. Rios, Johnny Edmondson, Holston Banks, Jr., Jeff Curry, Ernest Kerr, Audrey Mae Valentine, Donna Lee Berry, Kathryn Senter, Russell Parks, Lonnie E. Hattenbach, Edward Lee Harrington, Elisente Martinez, Jamie Lee Adkinson, Paul Don Akin, Adrian Ramirez, Nita Rodriguez, Kim Tomas, Robert Vela, Joseph Kakar, William Jay McNew and Mauricio Garcia Hernandez, Jr.

**Order granting essential need operator's license:** Daniel Glen Barber.  
Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Jose Torres Moreno.  
Probated judgment DWI: Lonnie E. Hattenbach \$600 fine and 180 days in jail.  
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under 2 ounces: Caleb Lee Robertson \$200 fine, \$192 court cost and 14 days in jail and Tommy Duncan, Jr. \$200 fine and \$157 court cost.  
Order of modified conditions of probation: David Lee Brumley.  
Motion & order of dismissal without costs: Elisente Martinez.  
Judgment & sentence theft over \$50/under \$500: Tommy Wayne Duncan, Jr. \$200 fine, \$157 court cost.

**Deed filings**  
**Warranty deed**  
grantor: James B. MacMillan, III and Lynda L. MacMillan.  
grantee: Lynda L. MacMillan, Trustee for the Lynda Lee MacMillan Trust.  
property: Being a 324.4'x253.5' tract and a 324.4'x402.84' tract, both out of the north 1/2 of sec. 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: Dec. 9, 1996

grantor: Bonnie Thorp  
grantee: First Commercial Mortgage Company.  
property: East 40' of lot 5, and the west 20' of lot 6, blk. 1, Monticello Addition.  
filed: Dec. 11, 1996

grantor: Jerry P. Garrett and Cornelia Rae Garrett Anderson-Parker  
grantee: John Kennemur and Tant Kennemur  
property: lot 20, blk. B, Merrick Greene.  
filed: Dec. 11, 1996

grantor: Cynthia Lester Pipkin  
grantee: Tony F. Lester  
property: 30'x30' tract of land in the southwest corner of lot 11, blk. 20, Original Town of Big Spring.  
filed: Dec. 12, 1996

grantor: Donald Bryan Lester  
grantee: Tony F. Lester  
property: 30'x30' tract of land in the southwest corner of lot 11, blk. 20, Original Town of Big Spring.  
filed: Dec. 12, 1996

grantor: Steve and Carol Jeter  
grantee: Jackie Ray Jr. and Charlyn Michelle Rindard.  
property: lot 12, blk. 2, Jordan Park Estates #1, a 7.88 acre tract out of section 45, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  
filed: Dec. 12, 1996

grantor: Berkeley Federal Bank & Trust FSB  
grantee: Kerr Management, Inc.  
property: lot 7, blk. 5, Capehart Addition.  
filed: Dec. 13, 1996

grantor: Associates Relocation Management Company, Inc.  
grantee: Mark Anthony and Dawn M. Brown.  
property: lot 27, blk. 6, Kentwood (Unit No. 2).  
filed: Dec. 13, 1996

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Linda Kay Fox and Deborah

Gay Thompson Allen  
grantee: Clifford W. Goff and Ramona Goff  
property: 2.43 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 19, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  
filed: Dec. 9, 1996

grantor: Gwyn McCullough Horbath  
grantee: Dan and Kathy Lusk  
property: lot 8, blk. 5, Park Hill Addition.  
filed: Dec. 10, 1996

grantor: Lawanda G. Zant  
grantee: Peggy Lou Pennington  
property: lot 9, blk. 6, North Belvue Addition.  
filed: Dec. 12, 1996

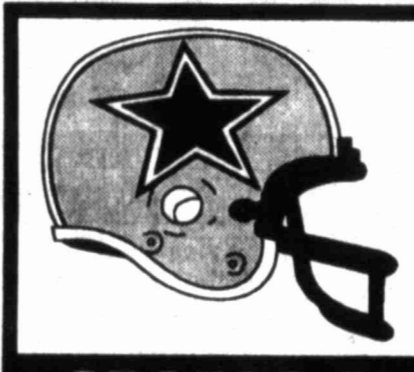
grantor: G.C. Broughton, Jr.  
grantee: Wallace Sprabery  
property: Surface estate only in a tract of land in section 23, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: Dec. 13, 1996

grantor: Robert E. and Deana Rogers  
grantee: Mark L. and Tiffany L. Yarbrough  
property: North 35' of lot 2 and the south 28' of lot 3, blk. 13, Douglass Addition #2.  
filed: Dec. 13, 1996

grantor: Key Homes, Inc.  
grantee: Lawanda G. Zant  
property: lot 11, blk. 1, Caroline Court.  
filed: Dec. 13, 1996

**Family:**  
Bertha Leal vs. Lester Smith.  
Michelle Gonzales vs. Johnny Cantu Dolores Salazar vs. Epifanio Menoza, III  
Mary Marie Lewis vs. Lenora Ann Scott  
Frances Covarrubias vs. Pedro S. Covarrubias  
Mitzie Lobaton vs. Jesse Ezell  
Inez R. Rocha vs. Sam Gonzales  
Christina M. Ruiz vs. Raymond Cruz  
Brenda L. Ortiz vs. Baldemar Ortiz  
Adelle Rivera vs. Alfredo Diaz  
Debbie Paredes vs. Andrie Carrizosa  
Letha Faye Lang vs. Tommy Joe Manuel  
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## Truckers unhappy with import searches, causes long delays

LAREDO (AP) — Forced to undergo import searches, truck drivers who transfer loads across the Texas-Mexico border say their livelihood is suffering from the delays.

A requirement that unhitched rigs — tractors without trailers — go through U.S. Customs Service inspections at the import lot is delaying crossings at the Juarez-Lincoln bridge for up to five hours, trucking officials said.

The Association of Transportation and Transfer will lobby U.S. Customs, the City of Laredo, and "anyone who will listen" to deal with the problem, said Jorge Gutierrez, the group's president, adding bridge congestion is resulting.

"We used to make two and three trips a day. The delays now limit us to one, or two at the most," he said.

Gutierrez wants the tractors to be allowed to cross at Juarez-Lincoln like any other vehicle.

But Maria Reba, director of

South Texas Customs Management, said the drug interdiction program Operation Hardline requires Customs to inspect the unhitched rigs.

Drugs and other contraband have been discovered in tractor-trailers returning to the U.S. side at different ports on the border, she said.

Ms. Reba said unhitched rigs also pose a danger on the bridge unless they are confined to the line of trailer traffic.

She said tractors cannot be inspected at the border station because Customs has the equipment at the import lot.

Gutierrez has petitioned the city and Customs to change the inspection process to allow the drivers to make better time in crossing the international bridge.

But Port Director Leticia Moran has said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will not allow these rigs to be handled at secondary inspection areas because of fumes.

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## Professor thinks airport security taken too lightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — America has taken airport security too lightly and now must develop a system that works quickly and efficiently, an aviation security consultant told an industry conference recently.

"We have not declared war on terrorism as the Europeans have," Lee Grodzins told the Global Aviation Safety and Security Summit.

"A system that secures us against past acts may not secure us at all against future acts," warned Grodzins, vice president of American Science and Engineering Inc., which develops advanced technology for security, and a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He urged toughening airplanes and their cargo containers against explosives and improving technology to detect explosives and scan passengers, luggage and cargo.

Security concerns have been heightened since the July explosion of TWA Flight 800, killing 230 people off New York's Long Island. The cause remains under investigation, but the blast has prompted

tighter airport security and has drawn congressional and White House attention.

Grodzins spoke during a day-long meeting organized by Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine that also heard a top air safety expert urge development of a single standard of flight safety worldwide.

While the developing nations have just 16 percent of commercial air traffic they account for 70 percent of accidents, Stuart Matthews of the Flight Safety Foundation said.

"We must strive for one level of safety worldwide and it's the less-developed nations that need the help," said Matthews, chairman of the airline-sponsored safety foundation.

He told the conference that human error is the biggest single factor in airplane accidents.

"It's a fundamental facet of the human species, people make mistakes," Matthews said. "Fatigue is one obvious reason why people make mistakes. They forget, they become confused, they misunderstand and take the wrong actions."

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RENTALS

Business Buildings 520

FOR RENT: small building or car lot, 810 E. 4th. \$150/monthly, \$100/deposit. Call 263-5000.

RETAIL STORE for lease, approximately 3000 sq.ft. located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514. Owner/Broker.

Furnished Apts. 521

\$99. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer, 263-7811.

CLEAN ATTRACTIVE large 1 bedroom. Central heating/cooling. \$275. Also 1 bedroom efficiency, \$200. No bills paid. 1104 E. 11th. Call 267-7628.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-6944-263-2341.

Housing Wanted 523

CASH BUYER needs minimum nice 2 bedroom, 1 carport, low 20's. Call Sue Bradbury at Century - 21 Mc Donald Realty. 263-7615 or 263-7537.

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1 BEDROOM garage apartment, newly remodeled, suitable for individual or couple, references and lease required, \$275/mo, \$150 deposit, water and gas paid. 267-4667

NOW AVAILABLE... Largest, nicest two bedroom apartment in town, 1300 square feet, FREE gas heat and water, two car attached carport, washer-dryer connections, private patio, beautiful courtyard with pool and party room, furnished or unfurnished and "REMEMBER... YOU DESERVE THE BEST". Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 W. Marcy, 267-6500.

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Unfurnished Houses 533

1108-AUSTIN. 2 bedroom, no bills, or appliances. \$220.00/month, \$100.00/deposit. Will consider rent to own. 267-7449.

1605 AVION. 2 bedroom, no bills or appliance. \$235.00/month, \$125.00/deposit. Will consider rent to own. 267-7449.

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1102 Sycamore. No pets. 267-3841, 556-4022.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1102 Lancaster. 267-3841, 556-4022.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, No Pets. 800 E. 15th. 267-3841, 556-4022.

3/1, NEW PAINT & Carpet. Good neighborhood. \$575 month plus deposit. One year lease. 267-2296.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, 2529 Gunter. 267-3841, 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, 4221 Hamilton. 267-3841, 556-4022.

BRICKED 2 bedroom, 2 bath House. \$350/mo. \$200/deposit. Non-smokers & no pets. Total kitchen appliances, good well, water, Knott Community, Sands ISD. 915-399-5274, 915-268-3044. Ref. req.

CLEAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, stove and refrigerator, central heat, new carpet 2506 Central. Call 263-3350.

FOR LEASE, 2620 Albrook. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Available December 23rd. \$295. month, \$150. deposit. Call Home Realtors, 915-263-1284.

FOR LEASE, 2612 Albrook. Two bedroom, one bath. \$275. month, \$150. deposit. Call Home Realtors, 915-263-1284.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, large den, new kitchen, fenced yard. Close to schools. Call 267-7659.

FOR RENT 2 bedroom unfurnished. \$225/month, \$175 deposit. 307 W. 5th 264-6931 or 634-3651.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE OR RENT. 2 bedroom mobile home. Central heat/air. Can be moved or lot for rent. 6308 Midway Rd. 3 miles East of FM 700. \$350/mo. \$300/deposit. 264-6931 or 634-3651.

NICE CLEAN 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, good location, HUD approved. \$275/month, \$150/deposit. 267-1543.

NICE CLEAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with carport. 2510 Carlton. \$575/month, \$300/deposit. 267-1543.

SMALL 2 bedroom, newly remodeled mobile home, washer & dryer, stove, refrigerator and in the Midway area. Call 393-5585 anytime or after 2:00 267-3114.

Two bedroom, Two bath, carport, laundry room, fireplace. \$400/rent, \$200/deposit. Call 263-6932.

NICE CLEAN 3 bedroom house, 2 bath, AC, carport 2603 Lynn Kentwood. \$575/mo, \$300/deposit. 264-0850 or 267-0350.

TOO LATES To Classify 627 120 ACRES near Knott. CRP surface only. \$425.00/acre/ B. Weaver Real Estate 263-3093.

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EXPANDING FIBERGLASS composite firm seeking supervisor for Big Spring expansion. Fiberglass experience helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirements to: SUPERVISOR BOX 2501A c/o: Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431 Big Spring, TX 79721.

Too Late To Classify 627

FOR SALE: 1992 FORD F-150, automatic, air, V-8. \$4900. 263-0309.

FOR SALE: 1993 COUGAR XR7, loaded, sale at bargain price. \$4500. 263-0309.

FOR SALE: 1989 BERETTA GT, loaded. Get it while it last. \$1650. 263-0309.

FOR SALE: 1994 DODGE DAKOTA SPORT, V-6, loaded, 39,000 miles. Price to sale quick. \$6300. 263-0309.

JACK & MATTIE'S DINER will be closed until January 6th 1997. We would like to take this time to THANK EACH AND EVERYONE of our customers and friends for being here when we really needed them, thru our water closings and my sickness. You always came back. We would like to give a special thanks to Mel Prather for decorating the place up and to David Winkle for some freebies. Hope to see all of you this next year, our last? (again) HAPPY HOLIDAYS AGAIN FROM GRUMPY MATTIE AND SWEET JACKIE!

NOW HIRING FOR experienced Data Entry Operators for approximately 3 month assignment. Call Kelly Service, 915-689-901. EOE. Never An Agency.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997, for the purchase of a Boom Fall Mower. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Alpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 1138 December 15 & 22, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Kent County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., on Monday, January 15, 1997 for gas and/or hunting leases on Public School Land owned by Jayton-Grand Independent School District located in Dawson and Martin Counties. Details regarding location of land, length of leases, minimum bid, and other information may be obtained from the Office of the Kent County Judge, The Kent County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Witness my hand this 10th day of December, 1996. Tommy Stansland Kent County Judge P.O. Box 6 Jayton, Texas 79528 (808) 237-3378 1147 December 22, 29, 1996 & January 6, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997, for the purchase of a Sport/Utility Vehicle. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Alpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 1138 December 15 & 22, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997, for the purchase of a four (4) to six (6) ton Tandem Stalk Roller. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Alpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 1137 December 15 & 22, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997, for the purchase of Asphalt for Seal Coating. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Alpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 1142 December 15 & 22, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 1997, for the purchase of Aggregate for Seal Coating. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Alpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 1142 December 15 & 22, 1996

NEW DORMITORIES Specifications may be obtained from DBA, Inc., PO Box 702, Cleburne, TX 76033, 817-645-8884. Bids should be sent to Terry Hanson, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, Howard College, 1001 Brown Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 1997 at which time they will be opened in the Tumbleweed Room of the Dora Roberts Student Center and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future Board meeting. Technical questions should be directed to J. Philip Furquerson, Architect, 800 Johnson Street, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-267-9784. Bidding questions directed to Terry Hanson, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, 1001 Brown Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 1148 December 22 & 26, 1996

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 22:

Pressure is intense this year, as you juggle your energy. Honor your need for more space. Take time out, to center yourself and be creative. Imagination knows no limits; channel it into your work. Sometimes, your high-ingenuity and mental activity take their toll. You gain financially, as long as you avoid burning the candle at both ends. If you are single, romance may tire you, with people heaping so many demands on you. Above all else, emphasize friendship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Clear out a problem that has been looming. You might have been avoiding it. But now, push comes to shove. Though everyone is well-intended, there could be an eruption. Be understanding. Good communication is the result. Tonight: Catch up on news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use extreme caution with finances and desires. Make sure that you aren't stretching yourself too far. Keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas. Use your heart and imagination, more than your wallet, when selecting gifts. Tonight: Stop for eggnog.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your more playful side emerges with others. But you need to tread with care. Apparently, not everyone has your sense of humor about the holidays. A friend is truly in a "bah humbug" mood. Be direct with partners. Tonight: Make your own plans!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The holidays are an important season for you, but you require time off. Recharge your batteries. You have run around, more than most signs lately, and have pushed yourself too hard. Do things for yourself. Worry less about what has to be done. Tonight: Get extra sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Stay in tune with the big picture. A change in plans could upset you. Recognize what you want, and keep it in view. It is important to understand another's issues, but don't let them run you. Keep the good times rolling. Tonight: Go out with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You find out what is holding another back. Try to under-

stand what makes you respond to this person. Discussions alter your perception of what you want. A family confab is in order. Let go of controlling needs. Tonight: Attend to various details.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Pressure is enormous. A partner may ruin what seems like a wonderful day. Lighten up about what is occurring. Stay centered. Set up terms, and let another know your boundaries. Keep the lines of communications open. Tonight: Return phone calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Level with a loved one. One-to-one relating is important. Deal with a change in plans. Another may not see things in the same way. A gift that is important to you may not be to someone else. Use this difference of opinion to your advantage. Tonight: Make up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have certain ideas, and a partner has a different mindset. Air your opinions. Listen carefully to what is going on. A child or new romantic interest may be hard on you. Still, attempt to mend fences. Establish your limits. Tonight: Go with helpful suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Pressure is severe to make a significant change within the family. A lot feels out of whack. But, you might be overly sensitive. You are out of sorts, and need some time alone. Be more aware of your needs. Don't feel like you have to socialize. Tonight: Pace yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Friends and a loved one want your attention. Juggling these two elements of your life is a handful. Maintain your sense of humor, and go with the flow. You might have to change plans anyway. Accommodate yourself first. Tonight: Stand under the mistletoe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Consider what is happening with a family member. Allow the benefit of the doubt. Realize the level of pressure the holidays cause. A friend may let you down. You need to revamp your plans. Give others space, yet support. Tonight: Help out at home.

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DEAR ABBY: I want to thank you for Operation Dear Abby. I was in the Navy for five years.

Holidays were a miserable time for me until I received the Operation Dear Abby letters. Not having a close family, I truly appreciated the heartfelt gestures from everyone. It made me feel very proud to receive the love and support from you and the caring citizens of our country. I cried real tears of happiness with the encouragement I received from so many whose faces I did not know.

I am now medically retired, but I still remember the joy I received. So now I send letters

to those who are stationed overseas. I can't thank you enough for remembering the military men and women who give up their families to give strength and protection to our greater family - our nation. God bless you and all of those who have ever sent those letters and gifts. I will be forever grateful. - NAVY PRIDE, RIVERDALE, CALIF.

DEAR NAVY PRIDE: Thank you for a beautiful letter, which I'm sharing with all those who have worked so hard to make Operation Dear Abby a success. May the holiday be healthy and happy for all of you.

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