Rain helps settle dust, but farmers face dropping cotton prices

Staff Writer

Area farmers received a bit of good news today while pondering what could be some bad tidings.

Most of the area's cotton fields, now bare after harvesting, have been dry for the past month or so, which makes them highly susceptible to wind ero-

To counter soil loss from erosion and the attendant sandstorms — officials said that a good steady rain was needed to settle the dust down.

Chalk up one for the good guys.

west to east moved through the area earlier today, bringing slow, steady rain drizzles with it. National Weather Service officials said as much as a tenth of an inch of precipitation was expected in the Big Spring area.

The rainy weather isn't expected to last long, however. An NWS spokesman said a Pacific cold front should pass through this area sometime today. clearing out the cloudy weather and dropping temperatures a few degrees.

Although today's rains were definite-

ly welcome, farmers were left ponder-An upper-level disturbance moving ing a disturbing trend — falling cotton prices.

Prices have been steadily dropping for the past couple of months, and are currently hovering between 63 and 64 cents a pound — down from 70 cents a few months ago.

While current prices are not disastrous for farmers, the drop has definitely cut into their profit margins and forced many of them to hold onto their

crops to wait for prices to rise again. "Prices have been going down. Of course, they usually do this time of Fryar said. "It seems like you can't get anybody to buy cotton now."

Many possible reasons exist for the falling prices, the most prevalent the theory of supply and demand. With more than 260,000 bales expected to be harvested in this area this year, and more than 5 million bales expected statewide, cotton is once again in abundance after several years of drought.

Fryar points out that other factors have come into play as well. The recent announcement from Levi Strauss Co. one of the cotton farmer's best friends

year," Martin County farmer Lanny in recent years - that it would close 14 of its jean-manufacturing plants is bound to adversely affect prices.

Also, China announced it is cutting cotton imports this year, and that makes the price drop, Fryar said.

Rob Haney said the situation was distressing to a lot of farmers. " ... All the indications are that prices should be firm, but they're not." Haney

said. "They just keep sliding, and there's really nothing to explain it, except maybe that (traders) believe there's going to be a lot of cotton out there for a long time to come.

MONDAY AFTERNOON ACCIDENT

Despite extensive damage to all vehicles, no one was injured in this accident at Owens and 3rd Street at mid-afternoon Monday. According to witnesses, the white automobile struck the Chevrolet pickup, causing it to flip over a third vehicle.



New voter registration cards now in the mail

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Monday the Howard County Tax Office began a mass mailout of new voter registration cards, which will be valid for the next two years.

Currently, there are 18,428 registered voters in Howard County, with 17,022 of those voters considered active or non-suspense

Residents not receiving a new voter registration card who think they are registered to vote, should call County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles' office at 264-2232.

Anyone who may have moved within the last two years could be on the tax office suspense list. According to Sayles' office, registration cards were not mailed to residents on the suspense list.

If there any errors on the new blue and white card, residents are advised to correct the errors and mail the card back into the tax office so it can be corrected, according to Sayles' office. After corrections are made, a new card will be mailed out.

Residents who receive a card for someone who is deceased or has moved should return that card to the tax office also so the files can be updated.

For residents in rural areas, the address in the blue portion of the card should be the 911 address and the white portion is the mailing address. According to the tax office. it is important that residents use their 911 address in the residence field (where they live) in order that their precinct number is

Any card that does not have the 911 address should be mailed back to the tax office so it can be corrected and a new card

The 911 address is important because it allows emergency services personnel to find a physical residence in an emergency rather than a post office box or rural route number.

On Nov. 20, Postmaster Richard Saxton announced the Big Spring post office was changing its addresses over to the 911 emer-

gency system. Local address planning authorities in sup-

port of the 911 Emergency System and with the assistance of the U.S. Postal Service began implementing the first segment of city-style addressing on rural routes in Big Spring two weeks ago.

Postal customers have been receiving lettheir 911 addresses.

The public is asked to cooperate by placing their new addresses on the side of their mailbox in one-inch high letters so postal employees may see them as they approach, according to Saxton.

Saxton says the entire system should be changed over within a year as rural routes, box numbers and highway contract routes will be deleted.

"People often make the mistake of assuming that the emergency medical service can just follow the smoke so-to-speak and that's not the case," Kennemur said.

In rural areas, addresses on mailboxes are often a good distance from the house it belongs to, which is why 911 officials agree with the post office and prefer an address be at an entrance or directly on the house.

County volunteers hope to be 100 percent on-line as first responder unit by early January 1998

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

On what will be the first anniversary of the Howard County Commissioners' Court extinguishing the Volunteer Fire Department's (VFD) first responder program, the unit plans to be fully operational pending receipt of some necessary paperwork.

If all goes according to plan, the VFD will be 100 percent online as a first responder unit by the first part of January, according to VFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.

We have our policy and all we're waiting on is to get our paperwork from the Texas Austin," Sullivan said.

This is the paperwork that recognizes the volunteer fire department as a first responder unit." Sullivan added. "I don't want people to think we trying to go out and just do things on our own so we're making sure we have all of our affairs in order. Hopefully by the first of the year, we will be totally online again as a first responder

Earlier this summer, the commissioners gave the VFD its approval to get back in business as a first responder unit on accidents and emergency calls in Howard County.

Because of the liability factor and expense of operating Rescue 10 (the VFD's old first responder vehicle), commissioners grounded the VFD's first responder program back in January.

In September, Sullivan presented commissioners with a plan for the department to pay for its own insurance policy for the first responder program. VFD members would use their own private vehicles as first responder units and the liability factor would be lifted from the

county As head of Howard County's elected governing body, County Judge Ben Lockhart is required by law to give his signature of approval for the VFD to act as a first responder unit - something he told Sullivan he would do if County Attorney Mike Thomas said the proposed insurance policy was a good one, which he did.

The proposal was drawn up by Austin-based Regnier Associates and provides a general aggregate liability limit of \$2 million per location; a \$2 million products/completed operations aggregate limit; a \$1 million personal injury and advertising injury limit; a \$1 million bodily injury and property damage limit for each occurrence; a \$1 million fire damage legal liability limit for any one fire; and a \$5,000 medical expense limit for any one person.

Extensions of the policy include:

 Volunteers or employees as additional insureds - extends the general liability coverage to include employees and volunteers (regardless of whether they have membership in the department) as insureds while they are acting on behalf of the department.

provides liability protection for expected or intended bodily injury or property damage resulting from actions taken by VFD employees/volunteers to protect persons or property.

·Professional health care liability — Covers damages for injuries arising out of the VFD's health care services. This includes providing medical services, the furnishing or dispensing of drugs or medical supplies, the handling of patients, errors in dispatching and the setting of protocols by a medical director.

Coverage is provided to all volunteers and employees.

·Injury to volunteers, if not covered by workers' compensation — Provides coverage for the insured if a volunteer brings a claim for injuries suffered while working on behalf of the department. Coverage applies only if the volunteer is not covered by and is not required to be covered Workers' Compensation insurance.

·Fellow member liability - provides VFD employees and volunteers with liability coverage when they inflict bodily injury on another volunteer or employee. Coverage is provided only while the employee or volunteer is acting within the scope of their duties.

 Contractual liability — provides coverage for liability expressly assumed under any written or oral contract or agree-

·Non-owned watercraft liability — Provides coverage for bodily injury and property damage arising out of the use of nonowned watercraft. This coverage is secondary to any other valid

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Morales to seek rehearing in court decision for early-release programs for child molesters

Legislature overlooked change that made child molesters eligible for early release

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals should reconsider a ruling that would make dozens of child molesters and some murderers eligible for early release from prison, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, on Monday said prison officials are anxious for another hearing and hope to see the decision reversed.

of these people," he said. The Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest court for criminal cases, decided last week that child molesters and inmates convicted of second-degree murder manslaughter are eligible for mandatory early release.

The program allows inmates to leave prison after their time served plus good-time credits equal their full sentences. It was created when the state faced a severe shortage of prison space.

Lawmakers have abolished the program for future lawbreakers. But federal courts have ruled it illegal to keep inmates already in prison from participating in the program.

Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Morales, said the attorney general believes the issue regarding should be reconsidered. Tisdale said Morales will ask the court to set aside its ruling while it

reconsiders the case. Castlebury said the TDCJ is working now to figure out how many people would be immediately affected by the decision if it were to stand. He said previous estimates have ranged around 60 child molesters and fewer murderers.

"We're doing our contingency planning," Castlebury said. 'We'll be looking at secure facilities so they can be under lock and key.'

Convicted child molester Larry Don McQuay was released from prison last year and sent to a secured halfway house in San Antonio

The ruling making other child molesters and murder convicts

"We don't want to release any child molesters is important and eligible for the program came in an appeal filed by Randy Sullivan Schroeter, received a three-year sentence in Brazoria County for indecency with a child.

> The crime occurred in 1994, Schroeter was convicted in 1995 and he entered prison Dec. 19,

> According to the ruling, Schroeter has accrued almost five years of time credits enough for him to have been released on mandatory supervision long ago, his attorney argued.

> The court agreed, ordering prison officials to release him immediately on mandatory supervision — unless he had lost accumulated time credits because of misbehavior in prison since the appeal was

WEATHER



23 shopping days left Snoopy's Christmas Countdown sponsored by **Barcelona Apartments**

Tonight:





Fri:

Tonight, fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs from the mid 50s to mid 60s. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 20-30. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, Dry. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 50s.

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Trio arrested in Flo's Yellow Rose arson By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Three people were arrested after allegedly burglarizing and setting fire to a business east of Big Spring Monday afternoon.

According to Howard County Sheriff's Office records, the three were arrested on multiple charges in connection with a burglary and fire at Flo's Yellow Rose, a tavern about a mile east of the Fina Refinery on I-20.

Sheriff's deputies arrested the following people on charges of burglary of a building and

Marie Piercefield, 17, Rt. 3 Box 341M; Richard James White Jr., 21, Rt. Box 341M; and Kevin Lee Dunlap, 20, Rt. 3 Box 151.

All three were held on bonds totaling \$15,000. White and Dunlap have been released, while Piercefield is still in cus-

Sheriff's Deputy Ron Allen said the trio allegedly burglarized the establishment sometime around 5:30 p.m., then set fire to the building after spotting sur-

veillance cameras. "They were trying to cover

their tracks," Allen said. "There was a camera in the store, and they thought it was active. They couldn't find the tape machine, so they decided to burn the building."

Allen estimated that \$40,000 in damage was done to the building, with an additional \$20,000 in damage being done to its contents. Reportedly, the building was not insured.

Units from the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department battled the blaze, while deputies from the Sheriff's Office investigated the crime.

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OBITUARIES

S.C. "Buddy" Sharp Funeral service for S.C. 'Buddy' Sharp, 83, longtime Borden County and Gail resident, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Chapel with Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor of First Baptist of Gail, officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Garden in Snyder.

Mr. Sharp died Monday, Dec. 1, at St. Mary's in Lubbock after a brief illness.

 He was born on Aug. 14, 1914, in Swertner (Williamson County). He married Margaret Hallmark on July 2, 1936, in Killeen. He was a farmer/construction worker, working for Dewey Everett Soil Conservation Service for 34 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Gail. Mr. Sharp resided in Borden County and Gail since 1943, having moved there from Florence.

Survivors include: his wife. Margaret Sharp, Gail; three daughters, Helen Kay Warden, Waverly, Tenn., Beverly Ann Beatty, Abilene, and Doris Renee Mobson, Lamesa; three sons, Hollie Leon Sharp, Granbury, Ross David Sharp and Toby Kelton Sharp, both of Gail; one sister, Bernice Henderson, Snyder; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to the Borden County EMS; Gail, Texas: 79738

Family will greet friends at the funeral home from 4 to 6 p.m. today.

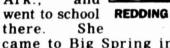
Arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

Kathy Redding

Graveside service for Kathy Redding, 40, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ms. Redding died Sunday, Nov. 30, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1957, in Searcy, Ark., and grew up McRae, and



came to Big Spring in 1976 from Arkansas and had worked as a secretary most of her life.

Survivors include: one son, Michael Toby Bryant, Little Rock, Ark.: her parents, John and Carolyn Redding, Big Spring; six sisters, Susan Lee, Lamesa, Julie Redding, Allison Sandridge and Cindy Redding Mackie, all of Big Spring, Melissa Davis, McRae, Ark., and Patricia Evans, Cabot. Ark.; one brother, John Redding, Jr., Austin; her maternal grandfather, Brady Rice, Searcy, Ark.; and several

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

267-8288 24th & Johnson

Lola Sheppard, 88, died Monday. Services are pending.

NATLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



Frinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Kathy Redding, 40, died Sunday. Graveside services will be **at 2:00 PM Wedn**esday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Tom Henry, 60, died Monday. Services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lillie Fryar, 67, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the

direction of Nalley-Pickle.& Welch Funeral Home.

Tom Henry Tom Henry, 60, Big Spring, died on Monday, Dec. 1, 1997, in Abilene. Service will be 4

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating Interment will follow at

HENRY Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on July 24, 1937. in San Angelo and married Jackie Sue Hancock on July 21, 1986, in Big Spring.

He moved to Forsan as a young man and graduated from Forsan High School then received his B.A. Degree and Masters Degree in Education from North Texas State University. He had served in these capacities: teacher, principal, assistant to the Superintendent and coach for the Big Spring Independent School District for 37 years until retiring on Nov. 30, 1994, due to his illness.

Tom was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Rotary Club and had served on the board of the YMCA and the Salvation Army.

Survivors include: his wife, Jackie Henry of Big Spring; three nephews, Danny Henry of Gainesville. Patrick Henry and Gary Henry both of Paducah; a sister-in-law, Susan Henry of Weatherford; two uncles, Miller Ray Henry of Ozona and Frank Jacobs of Big Spring; several cousins and other relatives including a cousin and her husband, Carol and Paul Lawson of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Isa Lee Henry, and one brother, Danny Lee Henry

The family suggests memorials to: Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 389; Midland, Texas; 79702 or the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Lillie Fryar

Service for Lillie Fryar, 67, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

She died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997, in Big Spring.

Lola Sheppard

Service for Lola Sheppard, 88, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, Dec. 1, 1997, at Mountain View Nursing Home.

VOLUNTEERS

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and collectible insurance, and does not cover any damages to the boat.

•Host liquor liability Provides protection for bodily injury and property damage liability arising out of serving or providing alcoholic beverages as long as the VFD does not make a charge and is not required to have a license or permit.

According to Sullivan, the policy also includes non-owned vehicle coverage of \$1 million per incident for VFD members who use their own personal vehicle for first responder activ-

"This is the kind of coverage we need." Sullivan said. "I'd rather had a little more than we need than be caught in a situation wondering if we have enough."

Because of the VFD policy, Howard County was in a position to drop some of the coverage if had on the VFD this summer, but state law still requires the county to maintain its accident and sickness coverage on

VFD members. The annual cost of the premiums for the first responder policy is \$1,800, which the VFD has raised itself, according to Sullivan.



111 E Marcy 267-8283 Mon.-Sat. 10 am-6 pm

BRIEFS

FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE as long as they last this week at First United Methodist Church office for the Living Christmas Tree performances, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Tickets are required for the production of music, narration and song, but those without tickets may attend a 2 p.m. Saturday dress rehearsal.

THE HISTORIC SPRING WILL be decorated with a lighted display for the first time this year. The first showing of the thousands of lights in Comanche Trail Park will be Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Then the lights will be turned on nightly through Jan. 1. Special programs are planned for Dec. 10-14. For more information, or to volunteer to help with the program, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

THE WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its second newcomer gathering of the year Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. at "This Old House," 503 Johnson.

The committee was formed to help member businesses introduce spouses of new employees to the community. For information, call the chamber at 263-

THERE WILL BE A hunter education course on Dec. 13 and 14, beginning at 8 a.m. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, those born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and 17 and older, must successfully complete a hunter education course; ages 12 -16, must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older. However, any individual may

take the course on a voluntary basis. The cost of the course is \$10 and the sign up sheet is at Dibrell's Sporting Goods. For more information, call

Dibrell's Sporting Goods at 267-7891 or Steve Poitevint at 264-

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the

LINE DANCING IS OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11 a.m.-noon. This is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time. Call for more information, 267-8234.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volun-

teers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, pack-

aged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

FREE EYEGLASSES WILL **BE** available for adults Dec. 13 at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. from 9 a.m.-

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended. Call the Lions at 267-3068 for more information.

Readers Corner

We accept reader's submissions for this monthly feature, including photos, poems or other items. It runs the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Send your submission to: Reader's Corner, Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry; P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring; 79721; or fax to 264-7205.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205. **TODAY**

•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. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

·Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

 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.

 Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VFW Post NO. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. ·Book Club meeting, 7 p.m.,

Howard County Library. "Deep End of The Ocean" by Jacqueline Mitchard will be discussed.

 Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

 Coahoma Senior Citizens have a luncheon, 11 a.m., Community center.

 Choir booster club meeting, 7 p.m., BSHS choir room. WEDNESDAY

 Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821. ·Line dance classes, 1 p.m.,

Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY Good Shepherd Fellowship

Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Spring Tabernacle Church,

1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon. •Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30

a.m., 55 and older. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Alcoholics Anonymous, noon

to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236. •Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30

p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715. FRIDAY

Spring City Senior Citizens

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

Bible study. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study. SATURDAY •Candlelight NA meeting, 10

to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.



Hurryl Drawing Dec.6th!

SUNDAY Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Texas Lottery

 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 Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

 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.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 68.80, down 65 points; Jan. crude 18.76, down 10 point; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 45; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 66; Dec. lean hog futures 62.30, down 20 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.05, up 22 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

Index 8022.56 Volume 180,379,170 56% -4 ATT 88 -% **Amoco** Atlantic Richfield 79% +% **Atmos Energy** 26% nc 3314 + 1/4 Calenergy Inc. 79% -% Chevron Cifra 2.10 - 2.14 Cornell Correc. 17 -% 217 +7 De Beers Diagnostic Health 11% nc **DuPont** 62% + %22 % + % Excel Comm. Exxon 61% +% Fina 641% +% Halliburton 111% - 1% **IBM** 78% - 2% **Intel Corp** Laser Indus LTD 25% +% **Medical Alliance** 72% + 1% Mobil 38% +% Norwest NUV 91/4 - 1/4 Phillips Petroleum 48 1/2 + 1/2 Palex Inc. 124 + % Pepsi Cola Parallell Petroleum 5%-% Rural/Metro 33% -% 48% +% Sears Southwestern Bell 73% - 1% 40% -% Sun **Texaco** Texas Utils. Co Unocal Corp Wal-Mart 40% -% Amcap Euro Pacific I.C.A. New Economy **New Perspective**

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RECORDS

Monday's high 56

Monday's low 39

Average high 62 Average low 34 Record high 82 in 1995 Record low 16 in 1985 Precip. Monday 0.02 Month to date 0.02 Month's normal 0.03 Year to date 18.97 Normal for the year 17.94

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: Monday

3:22 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center.

fire, extinguished by responding units. 10:02 a.m. — 700 block E. 6th. medical call, patient trans-

Medical Center. 11:28 a.m. - 2700 block

Wasson, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 2:18 p.m. — 3000 block Webb

Lane, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

transferred to SMMC. 2:38 p.m. — Third and

16th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

ed on a charge of no insurance. · CATHERINE KRUGER, 24. arrested on local warrants

license invalid. on a charge of possession of

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, the 1200 block of Wright and the 1500 block of East

DOMESTIC DISTUR-Dixon.

LENCE on the 500 block of

 THEFT on the 2200 block of Scurry, the 1700 block of Marcy (two incidents), the 700 block of Willia, Fourth and Birdwell streets, and the 300 block of

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE on the 400 block of E.

arson.

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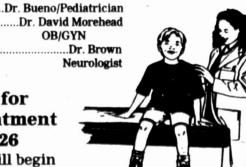
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researchers at Texas Tech say n oxide was used to provide dram relief of hantavirus symptoms of a 16-year-old boy from Merkel, but they cautioned that the success of the exper-imental drug may have been luck. I Dr. Robert B. Rosenberg and other assistant professors from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center pediatrics

department described the treatment on Monday during a live satellite broadcast beamed to 750 sites in 36 states, including hospitals, health department and Veterans Administration facilities.

Heath Henderson of Merkel was suffering from vomiting, fever, intense headache and acute respiratory distress syndrome when he was admitted to University Medical Center in September.

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pulmonary syndrome, a rodent-borne disease which frequently kills its vic-

tims by cutting off oxygen transference from the lungs to the blood. The U.S. Food and Drug

Administration has approved nitric oxide for limited use in treating severe breathing problems in pediatric and adult patients.

Rosenberg was on the team of pediatric critical care specialists that treated Henderson, and he is the doctor who developed UMC's protocol for nitric oxide use.

"This is not a treatment for hantavirus," Rosenberg emphasized. 'It's an experimental treatment for

high blood pressure in the lungs." Henderson was the first patient in Rosenberg's ongoing 2-year nitric oxide study, one of several nitric oxide studies nationwide.

It's likely that Henderson was the Henderson had contracted hantavirus first patient in the nation to receive nitric oxide as a therapy for symptoms caused by hantavirus, said Dr. Joel

Kupersmith, dean of the Texas Tech School of Medicine.

"Our review of previous research did not turn up any other example where nitric oxide has been used to treat han-

tavirus symptoms," Kupersmith said.
Rosenberg and his team have since treated a second patient with nitric oxide, a newborn with serious breathing problems.

Like Henderson, the baby recovered. But the results in Henderson's case were dramatic, said Dr. Michael J. Romano, another physician on the team who treated the boy.

Within an hour of breathing the nitric oxide through a ventilator. Henderson's condition improved, he said.

"(Nitric oxide) treats pulmonary hypertension ... when the lungs' blood vessels spasm and contract and blood can't get to the lungs to be oxygenated," Romano said. "So this is a possible therapy for pulmonary hypertension, which can be caused by a whole lot of things

Nitric oxide is a naturally occurring enzyme in the human body that helps regulate blood pressure, Rosenberg

said. And though the two Lubbock cases had positive outcomes, other nitric oxide studies nationwide reflect mixed results, he said.

"The most recent information is not very encouraging," Rosenberg said. "So we're still looking at years before we know if it's going to be helpful for older children and adults.'

Data compiled over several years suggest that newborns are more likely to benefit from nitric oxide therapy than older children and adults, he said.

Henderson was Texas' fourth documented case of hantavirus reported in 1997, and the 11th case in Texas since the state began keeping records of the virus in 1993.

There have been five recorded deaths in Texas related to hantavirus since 1993, according to the Texas Department of Health. Nationwide, 174 confirmed cases of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control.

Experts believe that hantavirus is transmitted to humans through contact with rodents and their droppings. Infection results in flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches and sometimes shortness of breath. Even with aggressive treatment, the virus can kill, essentially cutting off oxygen transference from the lungs to the blood.

And though no confirmed cases of human-to-human transmission have occurred in the United States, three possible human-to-human hantavirus infection cases may have occurred in South America.

Jury selected in ex-mayor's murder trial Anderson County constable accused

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The Detention Center since Friday second capital murder trial of former Ingleside mayor Mark Crawford was moved to San Antonio because of the attention the media gave the case in the Coastal Bend.

During jury selection Monday, the defense wondered if the trial had moved far enough. Onethird of the prospective jurors reported having knowledge of

It took 10 hours to select 12 jurors -- seven women and five men -- and two alternates from the pool of 75 provided by Bexar County.

Opening arguments were scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Crawford is accused of kidnapping business partner Nick Brueggen, 49, of Houston, forcing him into a large metal tool box and gassing him to death with exhaust fumes from a sport utility vehicle. Brueggen's body was found about a month after the May 1996 slaying, buried behind a building leased by Crawford near Aransas Pass.

Crawford's first trial last summer in Rockport was declared a mistrial after a jury deadlocked 10-2 in favor of conviction. That trial lasted about three weeks. ne a trial was anoved to san Antonio from Aransas County hecause Crawford's Matterney, Bill May, argued successfully that news media attention in the Coastal Bend made a fair trial there unlikely.

However, San Antonio proved to be not far enough away to escape public attention.

Many of Monday's prospective jurors said they had heard about the case and made up their

"I'm ready to vote guilty right now," one potential juror said. "My mind is made up," another said.

Crawford, 43, smiled.

Crawford appeared tired but attentive during the jury selection process.

He has been held in a solitary cell at the Bexar County Adult

Arraignment set for McLaren, two followers, in Dallas today

DALLAS (AP) - Separatist leader Richard McLaren was due back in court today.

He and two other Republic of Texas members were scheduled for arraignment on federal bank fraud and wire fraud charges.

McLaren is accused, along with Richard Kieninger of Quinlan and Linh Ngoc Vu of Carrollton of issuing worthless warrants similar in appearance to cashier's checks.

Prosecutors say the bogus documents were used to set up fraudulent bank accounts and pay bills.

McLaren is already behind bars. He and associate Robert Otto were convicted a few weeks ago of state charges related to a spring siege near Fort Davis.

McLaren was sentenced on Nov. 4 to 99 years in prison and Otto to 50 years. Both were convicted of engaging in organized crime.

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and Beckcom was bought with under the facility's tightest their freedom. security for high-profile

inmates. Crawford had been in the Aransas County Jail for the past 18 months, since his arrest and extradition from Mississippi in July of last year, six weeks after Brueggen's body was discov-

ered. Former co-defendent and confessed accomplice Kirk Johnson led police to the body. Before that, police were unaware of Brueggen's death.

Johnson, along with accomplice Michael Beckcom, were the state's star witnesses in the first trial. Both men testified in exchange for lighter sentences. Johnson is from Nederland and Beckcom from Houston.

Kirk Johnson was expected to testify first today.

The issue of plea bargains and the credibility of witnesses who enter into them was critical in the first trial. Two jurors voted innocent because they couldn't believe Johnson and Beckcom, jurors said.

Plea bargains again were an issue Monday.

"I wouldn't believe a word they were saying," one potential juror said.

'I don't think it's fair," another potential juror said about the practice of plea bargaining.

May suggested to the jury pool that the testimony of Johnson

Johnson received probation in exchange for testifying, and Beckcom agreed to serve at least 14 years in a federal prison for his testimony.

Capital murder is punishable by death or life in prison, but prosecutor Anita O'Rourke is not seeking the death penalty.

Crawford also faces a federal indictment involving California company, which was the focus of an investigation at the time of Brueggen's death. Federal authorities accuse Crawford of killing Brueggen to prevent him from testifying in that case.

Several witnesses in the last trial testified that Crawford was angry at Brueggen for turning on him.

The indictment accused the pair of conspiracy, money laundering, wire fraud and a variety of other federal crimes.

May said he has subpoenaed witnesses. including Crawford's mother and Frank Bochicchio, the man May alleges masterminded the plot to kill Brueggen, then framed Crawford.

Bochicchio, a Corpus Christi businessman living on Padre Island, suffers from carreer the was arrested in connection with the killing, but a grand jury declined to indict him.

of having sex with four teen-age girls

ble who last month was elected to a third term a sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl, who is now has surrendered on an arrest warrant alleging he 16, said Clark Birdsall of the public integrity divisexually assaulted a teen-age girl at a Dallas motel in May of last year.

Andre L. Ingram Sr., 35, turned himself in early Monday to a Henderson County constable, Daryl Graham, and was booked into the Henderson County Jail. He was released about 3:30 p.m. after posting a \$25,000 bond.

The alleged Dallas victim is the fourth teen-age girl Ingram is accused of being illegally involved

with sexually. Ingram was indicted in September by an Anderson County grand jury that alleged three counts of indeceny with a teen-age girl in March and two counts of indecency with another teen-

age girl in June. Both girls were under 17. In October, he was indicted again by an Anderson County grand jury, this time alleging he intentionally and knowingly engaged in sexual activity with a girl under the age of 17 in March of 1988 and again in April of 1990.

Texas Ranger W.R. Flores, who is assigned to Anderson County, said his office received the Dallas County arrest warrant late on Nov. 25. He said he telephoned Ingram, who told him he would surrender the following morning at the Anderson County sheriff's department. Ingram failed to show up, however.

About 7 a.m. Monday, Graham said, Ingram called him at home, asking if the two could meet because he had something he wanted to discuss.

Graham, who said he has known Ingram for bout two years, said they met off between Poynor and Frankston, about 25, miles wofficials said Monday

The arrest warrant stems from an investigation years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

ATHENS (AP) — An Anderson County consta- by the Dallas Police Department into a report of sion of the Dallas County district attorney's office, which handles cases involving law enforcement officers and other sworn public servant personnel accused in criminal cases.

He said due to the nature of the case he could not comment further on the investigation.

The Dallas Police Department's Child Exploitation Unit conducted the investigation and presented the case to the district attorney's

Sgt. B.A. Fassett of the department's Child Exploitation Unit said the alleged incident occurred in May 1996 at a motel in Dallas.

Fassett said the girl, who at the time lived in the Dallas area, reported it to Dallas authorities. However, detectives lacked sufficient information to file a case, but continued to investigate the victim's claims.

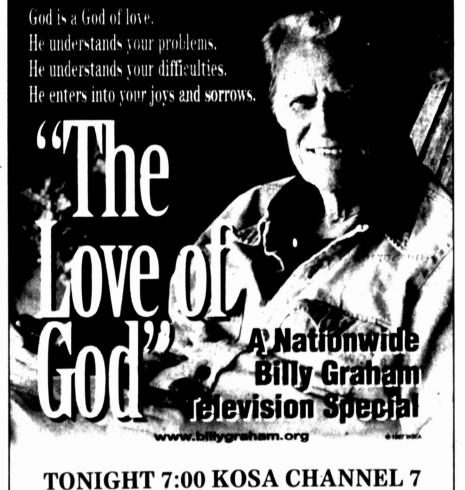
About three weeks ago, Fassett said, new information surfaced in the investigation which helped detectives to corroborate the victim's statements.

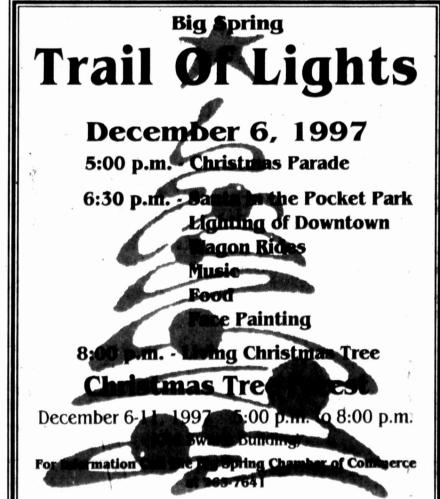
County officials say Ingram can continue to

serve as constable until a jury decides his fate. He is also employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a correctional officer with a unit in Tennessee Colony. Prison officials say since the alleged incidents did not occur on prison property, Ingram will not face an internal affairs investigation.

Ingram's legal problems should not affect his

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Saturday promises a full day of action in our community

here's going to be something for everyone this Saturday in Big Spring. Just consider your options ... there are activities beginning at noon in the downtown area that are associated with the Trail of Lights.

Then, at 5 p.m. it's time for the 11th Herald Community Christmas Parade, followed by the Trail of Lights lighting ceremony. And if that's not enough, the First United Methodist Church will present its 17th annual Living Christmas Tree at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

This year's parade has surpassed last year's in size and, as such, will be the largest parade ever in the community with nearly 90 entrants, more than 1,500 participants and more than 100 vehicles stretching nearly 25 blocks from start to finish.

Theme for the parade is "Our Favorite Christmas Carols," and the promise for a wide variety of musical selections is great, based on a sneak look at the entry

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Trail of Lights committee has been working to make this year's presentation bigger and better than ever and based on the number of lights already being displayed around town, have met with some success.

The group is working to come up with a day's full of activities for people to come to Big Spring and this year will feature a noon start of activities with food booths, vendors and music in the downtown area.

Lighting of the community Christmas tree is set for 7 p.m. on the Courthhouse lawn And almost as much of a tradition in Big Spring as Christmas itself is the First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree.

For nearly 20 years, First Methodist has given this wonderful presentation of holiday music to our community as a Christmas gift. This year, as in year's past, there will be a 2 p.m. dress rehearsal on Saturday followed by 8 p.m. performances on Saturday and

Tickets are required for both evening performances, but the rehearsal is open to the public and no ticket is required.

So, if battling the shopping crowds doesn't get you in the Christmas spirit, then Saturday certainly should get you headed in the right direction!

OTHER VIEWS

If, in the midst of a raging controversy, opposite sides start swinging their cudgels at your head, there's a fairly good chance you have taken the right

That, at any rate, seems to be the case with some Internet providers who have taken the commend able position of trying to rein in online smut on their own, only to earn the disapproval of both freespeech and censorship advocates.

According to a newspaper account, the Internet companies, which include America Online and Walt Disney, will employ a number of tactics against objectionable material. They will aim to rid the Net of child porn, which may not be easy but should be beyond debate. Another tactic will be to encourage parents to install computer software capable of filtering out anything they want to keep out of the sight of their children.

Don't do it, say some. They argue that, in protecting children from explicit sex and the like on their PC terminals, the software will also prevent access to perfectly legitimate information and opinion. It's true that the software now on the market needs to be fine-tuned if possible, but these critics overlook a

vital point, which is that parents should have the right to weigh the risk of overly limited access against the risk of exposure to filth. And parents who install the software could always disconnect it when they have time to supervise their children's Internet explorations.

It's not enough, say others. They won't be happy until there are additional criminal penalties for transmitting obscene or indecent matter that children then see. But the laws that would be necessary would likely be ineffective and, to the extent they were not, would keep the material out of the hands of adults, too, and probably run afoul of the U.S. Constitution and the Supreme Court, as one clumsy law already has.

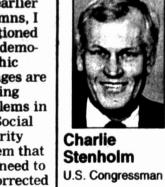
The Internet is an extraordinary, evolving communications vehicle. Its potential is enormous if it can simultaneously avoid special government restrictions and an attitude of anything and everything goes. Although they may be acting partly out of fear of government intervention, it is far, far better for the Internet providers to seek out responsible ways of protecting children than to have the government jump in again.

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Elimination among Social Security arguments

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of columns by 17th District Congressman Charlie Stenholm on the Social Security system.

In some of my earlier columns, I mentioned that demographic changes are causing problems in the Social Security system that will need to be corrected



in the near future. Over the next couple of years, we are likely to hear a great deal from all sides of this debate.

Some will claim that the only way to save Social Security is to eliminate it completely and replace it with the system of private investment in which all individuals are free to choose

how their retirement dollars are invested without any government intervention. Others claim all that is necessary to keep the current program in financial balance is to increase the payroll taxes paid by current and future workers. There are options between these two ends of the policy spectrum.

While "privatization" would allow each individual to invest all or a portion of their current payroll taxes into the retirement plan of choice, little room is left for mistakes or unexpected catastrophes. For example, if Joe Smith invests his funds in the stock market and loses everything or if he makes no retirement plans whatsoever while he works because his family need the funds for current living expenses, he could be left to founder in poverty once he retires. On the other hand, he could strike it rich with good investment planning and earn much more than he ever could have received through the current Social

Security program.

Conversely, some advocate increasing current payroll taxes by a few percentage points to keep the current system in balance. Those who promote this alternative are exactly right: the current system can be sustained forever if taxes are increased from time to time but the degree of tax increases that would be required given the demographic shifts would be politically unsustainable. While some may be willing to saddle future generations of workers with this kind of tax burden, I simply do not believe this is a viable option. Others adopt something of a

middle ground. there are many variations but they all include some level of private investment combined with efforts to strengthen and maintain the current Social Security system. To date, it is clear that this kind of approach has the broadest support; however, many different factions each claim their configuration is the best and

sometimes show little support for other reform proposals. In 1996 Marshall Carter and Bill Shipman wrote a book that really made an impression on me. While I do not agree with all of the book's claims, I was so impressed by something they wrote in 'Promise to Keep: Saving Social Security's Dream" that I must share it:

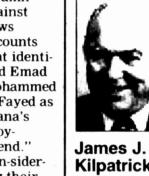
While considering possible solutions to our retirement * problem, we have been guided by three principles that we believe are valued in a civil society: 1) The first principle is that the elderly are able to retire with financial security. 2) The second principle is that younger workers should be able to keep the fruits of their labors. 3) The third principle is that the economy should not be unreasonably or unnecessarily burdened by achieving the first two principles. In our view, any and all suggestions to solve Social Security's problems should be considered if they meet these principles."



Writer's Art: He was her fella

Several weeks ago, in the aftermath of the death of Princess Diana, I was inveighing in this

column against news accounts that identified Emad Mohammed al-Fayed as Diana's "boyfriend." Con-sider-



Kilpatrick ing their The Writer's Art ages and maturity, I thought the term

inapt. The column kicked up a nice flutter of mail. I had mentioned such alternatives as companion. close companion, male companion, close friend, constant escort, and even "beau." I liked "beau." Because the princess and her gentleman friend were not exactly living together, I discarded the appellation of "covivant."

A number of readers inquired about "covivant." Had I invented the term? No, I have had to respond, though I happily would claim credit for so splendid a coinage. To the best of my recollection, the word cropped up in Canada — probably in Montreal or Quebec — at least 10 years ago.

The lexicographers have yet to admit "covivant" to their exclusive domain, but I surely would press for its nomination and election. The word carries a light and lusty ring, the faint fragrance of Chanel, the glow of a bedlamp, the shared scatter of Sunday morning papers.

From Rita and Bob in West Palm Beach comes a friendly

note: "We mature folk are 'chums.'" A regular correspondent in North Charleston, S.C., votes for "frequent escort." A reader in Bend, Ore., nominates "consort." The happiest note of all comes from a 67-year-old Baptist widow who enjoys a loving relationship with "a wonderfully wicked Episcopal priest, age 72." And what is he to her? "He's my 'fella."

Another piece of unfinished business has to do with placenames. In September I gave a lick and a promise to a little book, "What Do You Call a Person From ..." I cannot say how I got the notion that the work had been published by Merriam-Webster, but I did. It was in fact published by Facts on File.

I noted that people from Galesburg, Ill., are known as Galesburgers, residents of Edinburgh are Edinburghers, and those who live in Pittsburg are Pittsburghers. I failed to mention that there is a Chaseburg in Hamburg Township, Wis., however improbable that may seem. Residents are Chaseburgers and Hamburgers

From all this I leaped to the surmise that people who live in Spartanburg, S.C., are Spartanburgers. That is unso. Half the town of Spartanburg wrote in to say that we are not Spartanburgers, we are SPAR-TANS! They accompanied their protests with a considerable deal of local history, from which I learned more about the Spartan Regiment of Revolutionary days (fought under Gen'l Daniel Morgan in the Battle of Cowpens, 1781) than I really wanted to know. Many readers expressed their

not only Aussies but also Ozzies. That's what the book said. A Michigander wrote in to advocate a further nomenclatural division by age and gender, to take in Michigeese and Michigoslings. Fine with me. I also learned that "those who live in the Upper Peninsula call themselves Yoopers. The Yoopers call those who live in the Lower Peninsula Trolls, for

they do live under the bridge." I have nothing more to say about this lightweight reference work, except to add that when I discovered that the author had placed Charleston, S.C., in NORTH Carolina, I burned the book to start the first fire of December. And it was not even

Now, to matters of greater pitch and moment: It is time to talk of the Doctrine of Notional Agreement. The doctrine developed about 1954 and has been widely adopted by grammatical heretics in the ensuing years. In the Dictionary of English Usage, the editors define it in this impenetrable fashion:

"Notional agreement is agreement of a verb with its subject or of a pronoun with its antecedent in accordance with the notion of number rather than with the presence of an overt grammatical marker for that notion.

After the 47th reading of that definition, the fog begins to lift, but examples better serve the purpose. Guitar Player magazine commented last year that "Only a handful of guitarists HAS profoundly influenced the development of fingerstyle guitar." Converts to notional agreement would make it HAVE profoundly influenced.

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commissioned killing of a Soweto physician JOHANNESBURG. Africa (AP) — A second convicted murderer told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission today that Winnie Madikizela-Mandela commissioned the killing of a Soweto doctor. Thulani Dlamini admitted in a written statement to the com-

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were sentenced to death for Asvat's killing. Their sentences were reduced when South Africa abolished capital punishment. Mbatha is serving a life sentence and Dlamini a 20-year sentence. Their testimony is the

strongest to date directly linking Madikizela-Mandela to some of the 18 alleged human rights abuses by her and her bodyguards that the commission is investigating. While the commission lacks

the power to prosecute, it can refer allegations to police for possible criminal investigation.

In other testimony today, one of Madikizela-Mandela's former bodyguards alleged that he and Madikizela-Mandela of intimihis colleagues would hunt down people accused of being informers and bring them to the Mandela house in the black township of Soweto for beatings.

Gift Ntombeni testified that Madikizela-Mandela often witnessed the assaults and sometimes took part. On one occasion, he alleged, the Mandelas' daughter Zindzi carved the initials of the African National

Congress into a victim's skin. "I know that you wouldn't defy Winnie and whenever you defy her, you were called an

informer," Ntombeni said.

Madikizela-Mandela, requested the hearings to clear up long-standing allegations about her actions and those of her bodyguards in the late 1980s. She and Nelson Mandela separated after his 1990 release from prison and divorced last year.

ing to silently pray for three friends shot to death during a

"There was very little being

prayer meeting 24 hours before.

Witnesses have said she ordered the doctor killed because he could implicate her in the 1988 death of 14-year-old

Stompie Seipei. Dlamini said he originally told police that Madikizela-Mandela was involved in the doctor's killing, but they ignored him. He refused to repeat the information at his trial because police had tortured him, and he didn't want to cooperate.

On Monday, Asvat's brother, Ibrahim, told the commission the trial prosecutor showed him Dlamini's statement but said police didn't want the alleged role of Madikizela-Mandela to come up.

Dlamini said he never raised the matter again and refused several later requests by police to repeat his original statement. Finally, he agreed to tell the story to police in 1995.

In 1991, Madikizela-Mandela was convicted of kidnapping and being an accessory to assault in the case of Seipei and three other young men who were abducted by her bodyguards and beaten at her house.

Initially sentenced to six years in prison, Madikizela-Mandela eventually paid a \$3,200 fine on

On Monday, Commission officials accused dating witnesses by contacting people who received subpoenas to appear at the hearing, which began Nov. 24.

Her lawyer denied the accusation but promised no more witnesses would be contacted.

Madikizela-Mandela is expected to testify this week to conclude the hearing.

She is running for election as deputy president of the African National Congress, a post that would make her deputy president of the country after the national election in 1999.

Schoolyard dispute goes to court; judge orders girls to be nice

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. calls to each other or relatives, (AP) — Two fifth-grade girls were told that if they can't get along they won't be sent to the principal — they will be called

before a judge. "If one of you looks cross-eyed to the other, you're going to come back here," Macomb Circuit Judge Michael Schwartz warned the 10-year-old classmates during an after-school hearing Monday. "If one of you causes problems to the other, I'm going to put you in the juvenile hold.'

Kytan Schultz and Cassandra Reibel stood before him, their heads barely rising above the judge's bench. The girls only nodded during the stern lecture and stuck close to their parents as they left court.

Schwartz cracked down on both girls, students at Miller Elementary School in the Detroit suburb of Center Line, during a héaring in which he lifted another judge's personal protection order issued Nov. 21 on behalf of Kytan.

Under the original order, the girls couldn't be on the same piece of property together meaning Cassandra could have been in violation simply by going to school. She stayed home from school last week for fear of being arrested, but showed up Monday. Kytan was in school last week but stayed home Monday

The new ruling, which also covers the girls' parents, simply orders the girls to behave and it allows them to remain in the

same classroom. "No more harassment, no more threats, no more obscenities or vulgar names, no more pulling hair, no more threats to the family, no more threatening learning experience.

no more appearing or confronting each other in a public place or on public property," Schwartz said.

Schwartz did not specify the amount of jail time he might

impose for a violation. Kytan's mother, Deborah Schultz, said her request for the original order was a matter of taking care of her child after Kytan endured what Mrs. Schultz says was a year of hairpulling, name-calling, taunts and teasing by Cassandra.

"When your children are hurting, isn't it the parent's responsibility to see to the protection?" Mrs. Schultz, 44, a restaurant manager, said. "I'm sick of it and I'm not going to take it anymore.'

Mrs. Schultz said the new order means she will have to move from the area. "This is not

justice," she said. But Cassandra's attorney, Michael Dennis, said the ruling

was "definitely a solution." That this case was even in court had caused a minor uproar in the community. Before the new ruling was issued, the Macomb County prosecutor called the case an abuse of the court system and educators said it could subvert their efforts to teach children

how to get along. At Miller Elementary, where Cassandra and Kytan are in the same classroom, educators say a court order-is unnecessary and potentially harmful.

"The public needs to trust us." assistant Center Line superintendent Karl Klimek said. "We're not trying to hurt either child. We're trying to resolve this so that it becomes a positive scene inside."

Moments after 35 Heath High School students murmured 'amen" Monday morning in their informal hallway session, eight of them were shot. Three of the survivors remained hospitalized today.

Authorities immediately arrested a 14-year-old freshman identified by his friends as Michael Carneal, a self-professed atheist who would sometimes mock the daily prayer group but who was not considered a danger by his classmates.

Shortly before the start of the school day, Principal Bill Bond explained the decision to reopen the school immediately. He said counselors would be on hand but teachers would attempt to hold regular classes, too.

"This is a terrible tragedy but I still believe in Heath High School," Bond said. "I still believe in public education. And we can't let one mixed-up person destroy our society. If someone believes in anarchy and we let that anarchy control us, then he is in control of us. And I don't believe in letting someone control me, so we will go about our business."

"I feel like the students need to be with other students and they need to grieve together," he

Warford said the students

kids praying," guidance coun-selor Allan Warford said this morning. "It's a very somber "We're going to be looking at long-term counseling for some of

these students," he said. Witnesses gave differing descriptions of Carneal's behavior after the shootings. Bond, who arrived at the scene shortly afterward, said the boy said he was sorry but "acted just like he had been caught with some

minor offense.' Heath High senior Ben Strong, the leader of the prayer group, said when he grabbed Carneal, "He was, like, 'I can't believe I'd do this," Strong said. "Because he shot one of his friends who was just a few feet away, because he wasn't aiming at any person. And he said, 'Kill me now' or something like that."

Strong, a pastor's son who won praised for his bravery during the shootings, said Carneal had told him last week to stay away from Monday's circle.

"When we got done praying, I kind of thought everything was going to be OK," Strong said. "And I just heard a pop and I spun around. And I ... was like. 'Mike, what are you doing? And then he just let a bunch of them

Strong said Carneal squeezed off 11 shots before he knew what was happening.

"Then I seen some people fall, and I seen blood," Strong said. "And I just ran over there. ... I was just telling him to be calm, ly immature.

drop the gun, whatever. And he just kind of slouched down and dropped the gun."

By then, 15-year-old Kayce Steger, Jessica James, 17, and 14-year-old Nichole Hadley were

fatally wounded. Two other students were hospitalized in serious condition, one was listed in good condition and two were treated and released.

Carneal was charged as a juvenile with murder and attempted murder and also with burglary for allegedly stealing the pistol used in the shootings and four other guns last week. The homeowner didn't know the weapons, taken on Thanksgiving Day, were missing until deputies called after the shootings.

Authorities did not identify Carneal as the suspect, but friends and others at the scene confirmed his name to The Associated Press. Sheriff Frank Augustus said authorities would seek to have the boy tried as an adult; a Dec. 16 hearing was set.

As families mourned, dazed school officials and authorities began piecing together a picture of Carneal, the son of an attorney in this small western Kentucky community.

Bond described him as a "very intelligent young man" who had had "some minor problems" but had never been suspended from school. He described him as short for his age and emotional-

Strong said Carneal had been picked on, but no more than other students. He said Carneal hung out with people who said they didn't believe in God.

"It was pretty much making fun of, stupid little things like that," said Michael Zink, a 16year-old student who identified his friend Carneal as the gunman. He said Carneal and others who called themselves atheists were "just trying to be rude and obnoxious."

The Rev. Kevin McCallon, who visited witnesses and victims' families, said no one believed Carneal was a genuine threat.

"They saw him as a jokester," McCallon said. "Even when he pulled the gun, they thought it was a toy. They had no idea he was capable of any of this."

Bond said Carneal had warned friends last week that "something big's going to happen" and they chalked it up as a potential prank. But authorities said there was no indication of a specific motive, and Carneal didn't mention religion to investiga-

Witnesses said he waited until the prayer group was finished before calmly inserting earplugs and pulling the pistol out of a backpack.

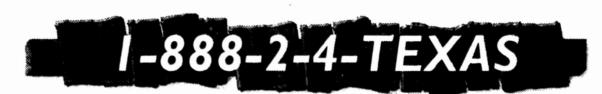
"As soon as they said amen, he opened up on them," Bond said. 'Only the first three shots could have been aimed. After that, it was just as fast as he could pull the trigger."



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Packers lock up spot in playoffs with 27-11 win over Vikings

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MINNEAPOLIS — With one fluttering, floating, wish-I-had-it-back pass, the Green Bay Packers' Metrodome jinx finally ended.

Brett Favre threw it. Corey Fuller dropped it. And as the ball bounced in the end zone, it took with it the Minnesota Vikings' home mastery over their interstate rivals.

Given the lucky break he waited six years for, Favre followed with a touchdown pass on the next play for a 10-3 halftime lead and the momentum the Packers needed for a convincing 27-11 win Monday night.

"That was a big break," coach Mike Holmgren said of Fuller's blown interception. "Once in a while you get one,

Holmgren smiled when he said it, his 0-for-Minnesota slump finally over and his fifth straight playoff berth guaranteed.

For that he could thank Favre, who avoided — with help — the mental lapses that doomed the Packers the last five years. He could thank Dorsey Levens, who carried 31 times for 108 yards and two TDs. And he could thank a rejuvenated defense that had six sacks, 2) by Reggie White, and a crucial interception by Doug Evans on the second play of the second half.

The Packers (10-3) did more than exorcise the memories of their past Metrodome failures Monday night. They all but eliminated Minnesota (8-5) from the NFC Central race, and can

clinch the title by beating second-place ont out of the playoff picture. We have Tampa Bay (9-4) on the road Sunday.

"To struggle up here like we have and to finally come up here and win one, and win in the fashion we did, it feels good," White said.

Minnesota, meanwhile, lost its third straight game, and in the space of nine days has gone from a first-place tie to one game out of fourth in the tough Central.

With a road game at San Francisco up next, followed by a home game against rejuvenated Detroit (7-6), the Vikings' once-solid playoff hopes seem

"It's a tough position to be in," said quarterback Brad Johnson, who had his worst game of the season, playing on a gimpy right ankle. "We're still

to bounce back and get it done in the next three games.'

The Vikings had plenty of chances Monday night, beginning with Fuller's misplay late in the second quarter.

With the score tied 3-3, Favre dodged a pass rusher and tossed a hurried, wobbly pass toward the corner of the end zone, where Robert Brooks was double covered.

The ball floated right to Fuller, who leaped for what should have been an easy, drive-killing interception. Instead, it bounced off his hands twice and fell incomplete.

On the next play, Favre threw an 18yard TD pass to Brooks with 2:10 left in the half.

"That's football, man," Favre said.

"Sometimes you guess right and make a play. I didn't that time. I didn't see Corey Fuller, and he should have picked it off. He didn't. Our game." Fuller agreed.

'That was a momentum-turner," he said. "I just dropped it. I don't have no

The Packers then turned the game's first turnover into a 17-3 lead early in the third quarter. Evans wrestled a pass away from Jake Reed at the Minnesota 37 on the second play of the half, and from third-and-11 at the 38 the Packers got the ball to Levens four straight plays, the last a 3-yard run for a 17-3 lead.

The Vikings still had chances, even then, they just didn't take advantage of any of them.

Dallas' playoff odds still long

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — When the Dallas Cowboys walked off the field after last Thursday's loss to the Tennessee Oilers, their season seemed as good as over.

By the time the Cowboys play again on Monday night, their path to the playoffs could be crystal clear.

Dallas' postseason forecast changed dramatically Sunday following losses by both the New York Giants and Washington Redskins. Should the Giants and Redskins both fall again this Sunday, the Cowboys could win the NFC East by sweeping their last three games.

For Dallas, that wouldn't be as easy as it sounds. The Cowboys haven't won three in a row all year, have lost their last two and have added Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Deion Sanders to an already long list of walking wounded.

Right now, Dallas is 6-7 and in fourth place. New York leads the division at 7-5-1, followed by Philadelphia and **snington** at 6-6-1.

Because of the ties, the loss column will dictate the NFC East champion. The Cowboys would take the crown for a sixth straight year with fewer losses or even the same number as the Giants, Eagles and Redskins.

It's not likely that any of those teams will end up with a wild-card berth. Both spots might be filled by NFC Central teams as that division has four teams one game or more over

Forget the number crunching. Emotionally, how do the Cowboys see their chances?

Around the locker room on Monday, opinions ranged from Nate Newton calling the race high drama to Michael Irvin considering it agony to Tony Casillas floating the idea that fate is keeping Dallas alive.

"It seems like everything is pulling in our direction ... it's like we're supposed to go to the playoffs or have a chance, at least," Casillas said. "If we can't see the opportunity we have now, then maybe we don't want it bad enough.



Alvin Harper, shown here with Dallas quarterback Troy Alkman following their 30-20 NFC Championship game win over San Francisco in 1993, wants to return to the Cowboys after having been cut by the Washington Redskins.

Alvin Harper wants a return to Cowboys

the NFL to succeed.

DALLAS — Former Dallas wide receiver Alvin Harper would like to rejoin the team, if owner Jerry Jones will have him.

"I've always considered myself a Cowboy and always will," Harper told The Dallas Morning News after being released Monday by Washington. "So many great things happened to me there (Dallas).'

Jones said today no decision has been made on signing Harper, who caught just two passes

We'll be evaluating that situation today but candidly we are pretty pleased with the way that Anthony (Miller)'s been coming on," Jones said on KLIF radio.

for 65 yards for the Redskins.

In May, Jones considered making a deal for Harper to be the Number Two wide receiver opposite Michael Irvin, but went with Miller

Harper was a first-round draft pick by the Cowboys in 1991, and caught for more than 100 yards in six different games.

Newton's theory is that Dallas must be successful for "I think Mr. Jones and Barry put their heads together and

said 'We're going to come up the hard way. Let's push these guys to the edge, see if they them, and they beat them ... I can handle it, then try to bring them back in,' " Newton said. "Well, they better hurry up and get the tow trucks out.'

"I expect Nate to come up with something that ignorant, then laugh about it like it's OK," Irvin said, himself laughing. "Who does that make it exciting for?"

Irvin spent part of Sunday working out at Valley Ranch.* After running, he decided to sit in the steam room.

read the paper. I'm not playing that what-if game," Irvin said Monday, laughing. "Two minutes later, there I was with a piece of paper and a pencil saying, 'OK, what if they beat

had to catch myself.' This Sunday, the Giants play the Eagles in Philadelphia and the Redskins play at Arizona.

Another round of losses by New York and Washington would certainly make for an interesting December in the NFC East.

LETT'S RETURN

Former All-Pro defensive tackle Leon Lett returned to practice Monday after serving to make room for Lett.

"I said, 'I'm just going to a yearlong suspension for drug use. It was his second punish ment; a third would likely mean banishment from the

> Lett, 6-foot-6 and 290 pounds. appeared to be in good shape He worked out with the team and seemed to pick up where he left off last season when he was one of the most dominant defenders — especially against the run - in all of football.

"He didn't look like a guy we just got off the street," coach Barry Switzer said. "He looked like the Big Cat. He made plays, had a big smile on his face and was glad to be back."

The team had a roster spot open, so no move was needed

Texas beginning search to locate new head coach

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Although speculation about Texas' next football coach has centered on Northwestern's Gary Barnett, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds says more than one candidate will be interviewed for the job.

"I have a pretty short list, and contact has been made with candidates," Dodds said Monday, declining to identify anyone on the list. "The interview process will hopefully move quickly. We need to wrap this up as quickly as possible."

Speculation about the successor of John Mackovic, who was fired and reassigned on Saturday after a 4-7 season, has focused on Barnett.

But Dodds said, "We will interview more than one. We have always interviewed more than one.'

Dodds said he entered a twohour, closed-door meeting with the school's 11-member search committee on Monday with a long list of candidates and whittled that down to a "very short list.'

When asked if a frontrunner had emerged after the meeting. Dodds said, "I wouldn't say that."

Barnett transformed Northwestern from a cellardweller into Big 10 champions in 1995 and took the Wildcats to a second straight bowl game in 1996 before finishing 5-7 this

He says he will listen to what Texas officials have to say.

"I just have to wait and hear what's there," Barnett said. "I've been to Austin one time in my life. I have no idea what it's about or anything about it or who they are.'

The Chicago Sun-Times, quoting unidentified sources, said Barnett may be interested in going to Texas because he is upset that Northwestern athletic director Rick Taylor, with whom he reportedly has had rifts, has received a contract

Two other candidates, Mack Brown of North Carolina and Butch Davis of Miami, say they are happy where they are, but stopped short of taking themselves out of the running for the Texas job.

"I am perfectly happy here," Brown said. "I'm planning on staying."

Davis, a former Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator, said, "If they want to call me and say, 'Do you want to talk?' I'll listen to them. But that doesn't mean I have any intention of going."

Davis has a seven-year contract at Miami worth an estimated \$650,000 per year. Mackovic's contract paid him roughly \$625,000 per year.

Other candidates for the Texas job include Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer, Oklahoma Simmons, Mississippi's Tom Tuberville

and Georgia's Jim Donnan. The search committee includes former Texas coach Darrell Royal; Thomas Hicks, a Texas regent and owner of the NHL's Dallas Stars; former players Bob Moses, Doug English and Alfred Jackson as well as Longhorn Foundation

advisory chair Mack Rankin. "We discussed names and it was a very thorough meeting.' Moses said. "There's a lot of

work to be done." Dodds said he would make initial contact with candidates and then have members of the search committee conduct a follow-up interview. Dodds said he alone will make the final decision on hiring a coach. He also said he is sending a letter to recruits to let them know Texas is still interested.

"We want a coach the players respect, someone with great strength and toughness, someone who is focused on what's right for the student-athletes and NCAA compliance, will represent the university well and someone who works well with the media," Dodds said.

Aggies ready to challenge Cornhuskers in title game a 27-16 victory on Friday to cap-The ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE STATION - The No. 14 Texas A&M Aggies realize that it's not impossible to the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Just very diffi-

The Texas Longhorns pulled off a big upset against the Cornhuskers in last year's Big 12 championship game and the Missouri Tigers came within a freak play of beating No. 2 Nebraska this season.

Now it's the Aggies' turn to challenge the Cornhuskers in Saturday's title game in San Antonio's Alamodome

"Texas was the underdog and ended up winning," Aggie defensive end Brad Crowley said. "Nebraska is a great team. They've won a lot of games and some games by just a few points. We'll just be prepared like all the other games

and see what happens." The Aggies finished off the efending champion, onghorns' dismal season with

ture the outright Big 12 South title. The Cornhuskers completed an 11-0 season with a 27-24 victory over Colorado for the North crown. "Colorado and Missouri had

success (against Nebraska) but it's hard to say we'll go do the same things." A&M quarterback Branndon Stewart said. "You see what others have done and what you do well. We'll combine the two.

"It's encouraging to know that teams have moved the ball on them but they've stopped a lot of good teams. It's encouraging to know that we have the opportunity to move the foot-

The Aggies (9-2, 6-2 Big 12) must prepare for Nebraska's multi-dimensional option offense, and one week isn't really enough.

"It's really hard to prepare for an option team," coach R.C. Slocum said. "You can't take a scout team and simulate what

Michigan's Woodson snags Camp award

Seen as barometer of Heisman voting

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - The fact that former Michigan receiver Desmond Howard and the five other players who won the Walter Camp Trophy since 1991 also won the Heisman is fueling Charles Woodson's

optimism. Woodson was awarded the honor on Monday, the same day the foundation named Lloyd Carr this season's top college coach after leading the Wolverines (11-0) to the brink of their first national title since 1948.

'Hopefully, I can follow in those footsteps," Woodson said.

In its 31 years, the Camp award has been a barometer to Heisman voting in a fashion similar to the way New Hampshire's primaries have foreshadowed outcomes of presidential elections.

Only five times since the award was first given in 1967 has the Camp award gone to an athlete who ultimately didn't win the Heisman, the last time in 1990 when Notre Dame's Raghib "Rocket" Ismail won the Camp, but lost the Heisman to Brigham Young quarterback Ty Detmer. Although Woodson played some at wide

receiver, he was primarily a defensive back this season. No defender in the twoplatoon era has won the Heisman, and some observers suggest that Woodson's simply being considered a Heisman frontrunner with Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning reflects his impact in carrying the Wolverines to their first Rose Bowl in five years.

"In a year when no one has stepped forward, Woodson deserves the Heisman," Mel Kiper, a NFL draft analyst for ESPN, said last week. "He hasn't had any bad games, he's made a difference on both sides of the ball, and he's elevated Michigan's defense to one of the best in college history.

"The Heisman's for the MVP on their team, and Charles has made the difference for Michigan.'

With seven interceptions this season, Woodson offensively averaged 21 yards on 11 catches, 8.6 yards on 33 punt returns and 5 yards on three runs, scoring four touchdowns along the way.

In the Wolverines' pivotal 20-14 seasonending victory over Ohio State, Woodson caught a 37-yard pass to set up Michigan's first touchdown, returned a punt 78 yards for another score and thwarted a Buckeyes

rally with an interception in the end zone. "If the Heisman doesn't come around, it doesn't," Woodson said. "I'll still be

happy.'

The Camp awards — named after the former coach at Yale and Stanford in the late 1800s - formally will be given to Woodson and Carr during the Connecticut-based foundation's February banquet at Yale.

The Camp awards' recipient is chosen annually by the coaches and sports information directors from Division I-A

"As is the case with any award, it's due to the efforts and dedication of a lot of people," Carr said Monday, crediting his assistants and players as the Wolverines continued prepping for their New Year's Day bowl against No. 8 Washington State (10-1) in Pasadena.

"No coach could ask for the kind of group of young people who have played here with such spirit and enthusiasm that would have made Walter Camp happy.'

Woodson, who plans to chat with his mother after the Rose Bowl to decide whether he will forego his senior season to enter the NFL draft, said the award just adds to an unbelievable season.

"This season just gives us something we'll all think about, and when we're done say, 'Man, what a ride."

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From staff and wire reports

Dykes to be football banquet speaker

Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes will be the featured speaker for the Big Spring Steers Football Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m Dec. 16 in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$9 per person and can be obtained by calling Quarterback Club president Randy Gee at 267-7424 or 263-1889.

Since seating for the banquet will be limited, football fans are encouraged to get their tickets

Registration under way for youth league

The deadline for registration for a youth basketball league being formed by the Big Spring YMCA is Dec. 6.

No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning. For more information, call 267-8234.

TP&WD officials offers recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks.

Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antierless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-

For more information, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

Special Olympics in need of coaches

Local Special Olympics officials say they need volunteers to serve as coaches for athletes

involved track, soccer, equestrian events, aquatics, basketball, softball, gymnastics and bowling Those interested should attend the Special Olympics Texas Coaches' Training Clinic set for

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Odessa College. Anyone with questions concerning the training school or about registering an athlete may call (915) 684-5024.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

BSHS freshman teams fall to Lamesa

Lamesa's Golden Tornadoes freshman squads swept a pair of games from Big Spring's Lady Steers and Steers frosh Monday.

In girls' action, three consecutive turnovers late in the game resulted in the Big Spring girls' first loss of the season, as Lamesa posted a 43-36 comeback win.

The Lady Steers frosh was paced by Melissa Flenniken's 13 points and eight rebounds, while Melissa Forth added six points, six rebounds and three steals.

Others earning praise from coach Mike Wallace included Kristie Gunselman, Angela McGee, Stacie Barber and Erin Matschke.

In the boys' game, Lamesa used its entire roster, constantly rotation the lineup on the floor, in taking a 73-37 win over the Steers frosh.

Bo Butler paced the Big Spring attack with eight points, while Greg Harris, Casey Cross and Ricky Smith managed six points apiece. Lamesa's Noel Morales led all scorers with nine points, while Matthew Wade had eight.

Both Big Spring freshman squads will return to action Thursday, facing Ballinger teams in the opening round of the Colorado City Tounrament.

SPORTS EXTRA

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RESULTS-Inlaws 4-4, Santa Fe Sandwiches 4-4, Bob's Custom Woodworking 2-6, Allens 6-2, Awesome 4-2-6, Denny's 6-2, hi sc game teem Santa Fe Sandwiches 776, Denny's 732, Aliens 684, hi sc series team Santa Fe 2159, Denny's 2041, Aliens 1951, hi hdcp game team Santa Fe 890, Inlaws 887, Aliens 849, hi hdcp series team Santa Fe 2501, Aliens 2446, Inlaws 2429, hi sc game ABC Philip Ringener 256, Richard Rowden 246, James Smith 226, hi sc series ABC Richard Rowden 680, Philip Ringener 610, Robert Beaty 593, hi hdcp game ABC Philip Ringener 280, James Smith 270, Richard Rowden 249, hi hdcp series ABC Philip Ringener 712, Don Barton 693, Richard Rowden 689, hi sc game WBC Evelyn Williams 216, Monette Rowden 179, Debra Barton 164, hi sc series WBC Evelyn Williams 573, Monette Rowden 454, Danse 574, Monette Rowden 454, Whatley 422,hi hdcp game WIBC Evelyr Williams 235, Debra Barton 233 Monette Rowden 223, hi hdcp series WIBC 630, Debra Barton 599, Lisa series ABC 139, most over ave WIBC Debra Barton 51, most over ave series IBC Debra Barton 53.
STANDINGS-Denny's 66-46, Santa F

andwiches 64-48, Inlaws 60-52, Alier

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RESULTS-SB&S Inc. 8-0, Southwestern Crop Ins. 0-8, Big Spring Music 2-6, Alley OOPS 6-2, Rocky's 2-6, KC Kids 6-2, Unearned Points 0-8, Day & Day Builders 8-0, Psycho Sisters 6-2, Neighbors Auto Sales 2-6, Pack-N-Senders 6-2, Cline Construction 2-6, Carlos Inc. 4-4, Green House Photography 4-4, March Migner 10-2 Photography 4-4, Wynn's Winners 0-8, Campbell Cement 8-0, Federal Oil 0-8, Gene's Dream 8-0, Barber Glass & Mirror 3-5, Inspirations 5-3, hi sc game team Big Spring Music 731, Campbell Cement 675, Green House Photography 660, Pack-N-Senders 660, hi sc series team Big Spring Music 2049, Campbell Cement 1938, Carlos Inc 1916, hi hdcp game team Campbell Cement 909, Alley OOPS 897, Green House Photography 889, hi hdcp series team Campbell Cement 2640, Alley OOPS 2565, Gene's Dream 2549, hi sc game WBC Joycee Davis 258, Patti Hill 216, Layonne Brumley 212, hi sc series Lavonne Brumley 212, hi sc series WIBC Joycee Davis 628, Patti Hill 593, Alice Ewing 553, hi hdcp game WIBC Betty Brumley 265, Joycee Davis 261, Lavonne Brumley 255, hi hdcp series Dahmer 705, Patti Hill 692, most over ave game WIBC Betty Brumley 64, Joycee Davis 52, Cheree Dahmer 51,

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x-won division title y-clinched playoff berth Monday's Game Green Bay 27, Minnesota 11 Thursday, Dec. 4

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Clair

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AGGIES

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the players will face on game day. We're not an option team and we don't have a lot on our

"That's one of their (the Cornhuskers') big advantages. They have a program with a large number of players. They've got quality people to

to put some guys together." The Aggles expect to be doing w extra homework on the Nebraska option.

"Nebraska is hard to defend," Crowley said. "They run the ball so well and they have so many formations. We have our work cut out. There are so many ways they can run that option."

The Aggies have to defend against three outstanding runners in quarterback Scott Frost and running backs Ahman Green and Joel Makovicka. Frost, who has 1,016 yards, became the 12th NCAA Division I-A quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards in a sea-

"When their quarterback, tailback and fullback are great runners, that puts a great burden on your defense," Slocum said. "They are all a threat to go all the way, so they get a passing game where guys are wide open because people are trying to stop those (runners)

Redskins QB out for rest of the season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. - Larry Bowie's eyes grew as wide as saucers when he was told that Gus Frerotte is out for the season with a fractured hip.

"I dfdn't know," Washington Redskins fullback said. "They didn't say anything about it in the meetings.

Darrell Green, the team's senior veteran, was also surprised to hear the news — and just as surprised at the fact that it wasn't announced minutes earlier at Monday's full team meeting.

So while Jeff Hostetler was talking about how he could provide a much-needed spark to the offense — the way he did in 1990 when he replaced an injured Phil Simms and led the New York Giants to the Super Bowl title — most of his teammates went home Monday night not even aware that their on-the-field general is down for the count.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stay in touch with objectives. A boss is feeling more easygoing. Allow the exchange of ideas that greets you. What has been a hassle might actually seem worth it. Make time for a 'must" meeting, and greet coworkers positively. You are on an uphill swing. Tonight: Frolic.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You like the news you hear.

A trip is more than possible now. You will gain in many different areas of your life by this experience. It feels as if a dream come true is about to happen. Go with intuition. Clear your desk, and stay late if need be. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Close relating is important to success. Discussions are key; you share heartfelt dreams and desires with another. Making money and increasing financial and emotional security are key. Detach, and discuss the future. Tonight: Take the long-range view.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Going along with others who seem to be inspired, and feeling very happy, seem easy. Socializing and networking are primary activities. Listen carefully to feedback from a financially suave associate. Do not conclude negotiations just yet. Tonight: Enjoy others.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) rou accomp good about co-workers. The sense of camaraderie lasts throughout the day. Make time for a social get-together at the end of business. Call the doctor, and make an appointment. Take good care of yourself. Tonight: Act as if it's Friday night.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Romance could tickle your heart, whether single or attached. Make time for a special lunch with a loved one. Your smile and positive attitude flow into work. Be careful with a risk; it could be costly in the long run. Work late, if

you need to. Tonight: Success and smiles mix.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Determine what you want from another. Experiment with different ideas that can affect your domestic life. Express your true, loving nature. It is important to create a safe haven for yourself. Your playful, frisky side comes out when dealing with others. Tonight:

Be a live wire.*** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Some days are close to perfect. Follow your intuition in an important discussion. Others share more easily. An idea hatched today is likely to be dynamic, exciting and successful tomorrow. Go with your gut instincts. Tonight: Prepare a favorite meal at home.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Expenses are deceptive. What you might think is going on, isn't. However, you might enjoy the haze and the happy hues. If doing holiday shopping, you find the perfect gift. Make calls, socialize and handle business in the afternoon. Talk up a storm. Tonight: Enjoy some good-natured chitchat.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You are personality-plus, full of good news and mirth. There is a strong possibility you don't have a clear perspective; take a step back. If there is something you really want, now is the time to go for it. You can pull rabbits from hats. Tonight: Tend to holiday errands.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your smile speaks for itself. Others read you loud and clear. Whatever makes you beam is obviously good news, and a secret. But you aren't great at 🎛 keeping the cat in the bag. By: late afternoon, you speak out. Your magnetism and joy are contagious. Tonight: Grant a wish.

PISCES (Feb. 19 March 20) Complete work during the day, initiate a project and go for desires. A meeting with a key person proves successful. Others seem willing to help you and support your projects. Follow-through counts. You 3 might want to assume a low profile later on. Tonight:

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Grandma yearns for Christmas holiday where less is more

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my grandchildren that they don't already have, and our children are all doing well financially.

My husband retired this year, and we're living on a lot less money now, but even if our finances were greater, I've lost the desire to contribute to this empty commercialism. I don't want to stop giving completely, but I long to have a more meaningful holiday with my family, sharing the gift of OURSELVES and not our wallets.

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As a family, do something for those less fortunate. Spend an evening singing carols at nursing homes and hospitals; gather to bake cookies or prepare a meal for a needy family. Your adult children will appreciate your initiative in reducing their financial burden, and the grandchildren will learn a valuable lesson about the true spirit of Christmas. Readers, remember the spe-

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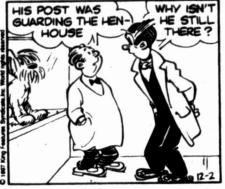
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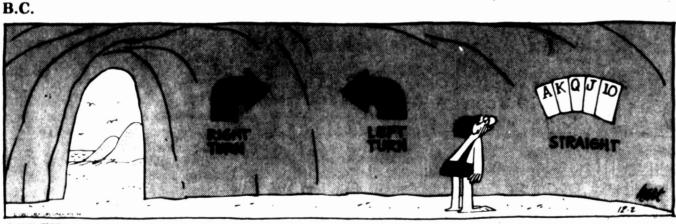






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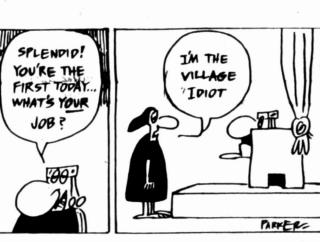


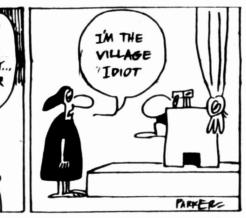
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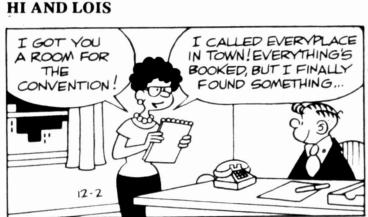
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On Dec. 2, 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

On this date:

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In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France. In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing

European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

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raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October. In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its "Model A" automobile, the successor to its "Model

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel

Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would lead Cuba to Communism.

In 1967, Cardinal Francis Spellman died in New York City at age 78.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart. Barney Clark, a retired dentist, lived 112 days

with the device. In 1991, American hostage Joseph Cicippio, held captive in Lebanon for more than five

years, was released. Ten years ago: After a chaotic meeting that had begun the night before, the Chicago City Council elected Eugene Sawyer acting mayor, succeeding the

late Harold Washington. Five years ago: Germany's lower house of parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Maastricht Treaty on European unity. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with five astronauts and a spy satellite

aboard. One year ago: Financier Charles Keating Jr., a central figure in the most notorious savings-and-loan debacle of the 1980s, won a new federal trial because jurors had learned of his prior fraud conviction in state court before convicting

him of fraud and racketeering. Today's Birthdays: Actor-playwright Adolph Green is 82. Actor Leo Gordon is 75. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is 73. Actress Julie Harris is 72. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 66. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 58. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 47. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 45. Actor Dan Butler is 43. NBC news broadcaster Stone Phillips is 43. Actor Dennis Christopher is 42. Actor Steven Bauer is 41. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 37. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Tracy Austin is 35. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 29. Rock singer Jimi Haha (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 29. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 27. Tennis player Monica Seles is

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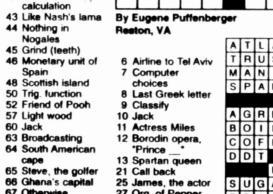


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