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Reflecting A Proud Community

San Angelo Diocese says missing \$200,000 won't affect Big Spring churches

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Officials with the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo say that the apparent misappropriation of more than \$200,000 in church funds will have no effect on local parishes.

Diocese spokesman Rev. Maurice Voity confirmed last week that at least \$200,000 in church money was deposited in accounts belonging to former bookkeeper David Mayrand, who handled the organization's finances for

more than 20 years until his death in October.

In addition, diocese officials say they can't account for about half of \$4.5 million in diocesan financial assets.

Voity said the unaccounted-for money is comprised of "very significant percentages of listed cash and investment assets, which may possibly amount up to approximately \$4.5 million."

The Rev. Michael Pfeifer, bishop of the diocese, said the organization is pursuing legal relief.

"We have engaged the law firm of

Webb, Stokes and Sparks as additional counsel in this matter," Pfeifer said in a statement released late last week. "We are already pursuing civil and criminal actions to return all monies lost by alteration or by any other means."

Both Pfeifer and Voity, however, avoided blaming Mayrand for the financial mess.

"It is simply an incomprehensible shock to all of us that altered checks, or any activity against the church, would bring us to the actions that we have been forced to take," Pfeifer's

statement read.

Voity told the *Herald* that the financial troubles afflicting the diocese would have no effect on any local parishes within the organization's 29-county boundary.

"We have fully guaranteed any savings they have with us," Voity said. "We also have a line of credit from Norwest if we need it ... The main account and our cash flow is fine."

Voity admitted that the situation was a giant headache for himself and everyone else at the diocese, but wanted to reassure individual parishoners that

local operations will continue unabated.

"The parishes really have no great worries," Voity said. "They're not going to lose a cent. That was our main concern from the beginning."

The Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring, said he has received reassurances from the diocese that local operations would not be affected, but declined further comment on the issue.

A pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring declined comment.

Commissioners establish 1998 holiday slate

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

County employees will get to enjoy 12 holidays for the 1998 calendar year, but after that things could change as one Howard County Commissioner thinks 12 holidays is too many.

Commissioners voted 3-1, with Sonny Choate voting no and County Judge Ben Lockhart not voting, to approve the 1998 holiday schedule.

"We have a \$13,000 a day payroll for our employees," Choate said. "If we shut down (meaning extra holidays) we're charging the county's residents for something they are not getting."

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, for a long time county employees had on 11 holidays a year, but that changed when it became a federal law that counties have to take Martin Luther King Day.

Olson said County Attorney Mike Thomas looked into the federal law which basically says if you take one federal holiday, you have to take the others.

"This is an expense," Choate said. "And I think we ought to set the limit at 11 holidays a year and stick with it."

Before approving the 1998 holiday schedule with 12 holidays, commissioners debated on which holiday to drop in order to get back to an 11 holiday calendar. The days being considered for deletion included Good Friday (April 10); July 3, which is the Friday preceding Independence Day; and Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Emma Brown was against dropping any of the holidays and Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he was not in favor of getting rid of the day before Independence Day or the day after Thanksgiving because both holidays are heavy travel periods and would not help the county employees who opt to travel during these holidays.

"If I'm going to drop something, I'd rather drop a day around Thanksgiving," Choate said.

As a result of the commissioners 3-1 decision, county employees will receive the following holidays in 1998: Jan. 1, New Year's Day; Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Day; Feb. 16, President's Day; April 10, Good Friday; May 25, Memorial Day; July 3 with Independence Day; Sept. 7, Labor Day; Nov. 11, Veteran's Day; Nov. 26-27, Thanksgiving; and Dec. 24-25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

NEARLY DONE

Employees of Quality Glass work on the eighth floor of the Settles Building tower. The window project is now more than two-thirds complete.

HERALD photo/
Jonathan Garrett



South county blasting worries residents

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Dynamite blasting in Howard County has more than a few residents worried about being rock right off their foundations.

Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker acted as a liaison Monday between the concerned residents and Bobby Price of Price Construction, which has been blasting from a caliche pit in Southern Howard County for years.

"People have been concerned for several years now about this problem," Crooker said during Monday commissioners' court

meeting, which eventually turned into a separate meeting in the county courtroom.

"After every blast, we have muddy water coming into our houses and things are tumbling off my cupboards," one resident said.

"A couple of years ago, we had some pretty good blasts which left cracks in my walls and knocked out the fluorescent lights in my shop," another resident added.

Resident Donna Love told commissioners that sometimes the blasts can change the formation of the water table underground, limiting the amount of water residents get from their wells.

"Since a blast on Feb. 17, I'm down to less than 100 gallons a day of water from my well," Love said. "More than that I also get brown water. My well was unlimited before this and people were coming to my house to get water."

The material Price Construction receives from blasting is being used on the North Highway 87 project.

"It's the closest base material around," Price said.

Price told concerned residents that his company was trying to make the situation a livable one for all involved by trying to minimize the number of blasts,

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Parking

Council to face citizens when parking on grass ordinance is considered today at 5:30 meeting

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several citizens concerned about a proposed ordinance to restrict parking on grassy or unpaved surfaces have indicated they will be in attendance at tonight's meeting of the Big Spring City Council to voice their opposition of the measure.

The council will meet at 5:30 in the council chambers at city hall. The ordinance is one of the first items listed on the agenda.

One council member who voted for the ordinance on Nov. 11, says he has changed his mind and probably won't vote for the ordinance in its current form.

Jimmy Campbell said the people who oppose the ordinance have raised some good points just as those who favor it have.

"I'm afraid that the way it's presented now will not allow it to be enforced equitably," Campbell said. "The way it is now, it has some real sticklers in it."

The gist of the ordinance would make it unlawful to park a vehicle on grassy or unpaved surfaces and make violations subject to a fine of between \$25 and \$500.

"I don't think it can be enforced throughout the whole city because a lot of old neighborhoods were built when one-car families were the norm," Campbell said. "I really don't know what the answer is, but it's not about taking rights away."

People who have a choice are basically in agreement with the ordinance, according to Campbell.

"Everyone in the community has the opportunity to participate (in the decision making process)," Campbell said. "It's no secret when we meet and people know we have a city government, a master plan and a volunteer code enforcement group (Code Patrol)."

"We've made a lot of headway in cleaning up our city and in hindsight, maybe this is a situation where we felt it was just a routine matter," Campbell added. "Maybe we should have spent more time on education where this issue was concerned."

"What changed my mind was a friend getting into the car with me and us driving around

and looking at properties, options and choices," Campbell said.

As for tonight's meeting, Campbell said he thinks the issue will either live or die because it's too hot an issue.

"I'd like to see it brought back with options," Campbell said. "I believe in the intent of the ordinance, but I also realize you can't legislate pride."

Councilman Greg Biddison believes the ordinance is a good one, but admits it could be reworded a bit.

"The ordinance is good and is a part of the long range plan in terms of visual pollution," Biddison said. "Some things are hard to enforce but you need to start somewhere. We're not trying to take any right away, we're trying to improve the look of the city."

"People who live here get used to how things look, but people who come in to Big Spring — tourists and business people — will take notice," Biddison added. "The long range plan addresses apathy and attitude, but you can't force people to have pride in the city."

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton continues to oppose the issue saying the ordinance is still a matter of government going too far.

"I feel like Pat Simmons (Code Patrol) has done enough," Horton said. "We should not go into people's homes and direct traffic. We have enough traffic in the streets that we can't direct."

"We have code enforcement, which the citizens pay for," Horton added. "We don't need volunteer code enforcement. Beautification (referring to visual pollution) is a part of the master plan, but it's not a part of the master plan to go into people's yards and tell them when, where and how to live."

Councilman Chuck Cawthon says you get more flies with honey than you do with vinegar and feels like the council may have made a few mistakes in the past.

"I think we need to ask people to help rather than try to force them," Cawthon said.

According to Cawthon, he has already asked City Manager Gary Fuqua to post sign on dumpsters asking people to help

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WEATHER

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Tonight, partly cloudy. Becoming much colder toward sunrise. Lows from 25-35. Wednesday, cold with a few flurries. Mostly cloudy with highs 35-45. Wednesday night, cloudy and cold. A chance of snow. Lows around 20. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, cloudy and cold with a chance of snow. Lows 20-25. Highs in the 30s.

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TU power outage blamed on high winds

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

High winds were blamed for a power outage in the Sand Springs area that left almost 300 electric customers without power for most of Monday evening.

Jim Clements of the local TU Electric office said the outage occurred at about 6:30 p.m. Monday, and affected 295 customers in the Sand Springs area. In addition, Sid Richardson Carbon Co. was without power during that time.

Full power was restored to the area by 9:30 p.m., Clements said.

Clements said a phase conductor on a power line came loose in the high winds Monday night and fell into a tree, catching the tree and surrounding grass on fire.

The resultant fire broke the conductor and melted the power line in the immediate area.

"They had to go out there, get the fire out, then we had to replace about 500 feet of wire," Clements said. Fire department units had the grass fire out in

short order, he added.

Six TU Electric repair personnel worked to restore power to the area. Clements said their efforts were hampered by the winds, darkness and safety concerns working around downed lines.

"People see a downed power line, and they automatically think it's dead," he said. "That's not necessarily the truth. We were slowed down by the dark and the wind ... and we had to make sure we were safe."

Clements said the incidents was unavoidable.

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the size of the blasts as well as the vibrations.

"We have subcontracted with Straun Explosives to do the blasting because we don't do our own blasting anymore," Price said. "They are the experts in the field."

"They will see that we don't damage your property and do anymore inconveniencing that we have to," Price added. "Straun will have a third party on site to oversee the operation. I'm not unconcerned with your problems."

Price told residents that he is not overblasting, but is trying to get the material down to a size where it will fit into his equipment (crushers).

Price also told residents that he didn't want to crack any foundations, windows or water pipes.

Crooker suggested that the group, which filled the commissioners' courtroom, select a couple of people to act as liaisons between Price and the concerned residents.

"There are ways we can blast out of a pit without bursting water pipes or cracking foundations," Price said. "Straun can do a preblast survey and totally inspect your house. After the blast they go back through and do a follow up."

"I could care less about the noise, but there's something wrong when you can feel the vibrations through a waterbed," Love said.

Price said he's concerned about the sonic blasts and wind direction.

"Seismic vibrations are virtually nil," Price said. "But, some air blasts (shock waves) are present."

Residents in the area will be contacted by Straun in the next few days to establish monitoring of their homes and try to prevent further damage.

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keep the alley's clean.

As for the parking ordinance, Cawthon is sticking to his guns. "I put 21 years in to service (military) for my country and I didn't do it to get on the city council and start taking people's rights away," Cawthon said. "That's how I feel."

Councilman Tommy Tune says he can see the validity in both sides of the argument, but will probably not vote for the issue based on what he's heard and the input he's received concerning the ordinance.

"When it first came up, I wanted to table the issue and give the community a chance to

respond," Tune said.

According to Tune, the intent of the Code Patrol is to continue the cleanup program.

"The problem I have with some of the comments against the ordinance is that people are making this an ordinance with malicious intent," Tune said. "Property rights are one thing, but responsible use of property is subject to limitations, which is based on the rights of surrounding property owners."

Tune believes the ordinance would better serve Big Spring if it was rewritten in some other form and says he has heard suggestions that the issue may be better handled through the Planning and Zoning Commission.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING BANDS WILL perform their Christmas concerts Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

Sixth grade begins playing at 6 p.m., followed at about 6:45 p.m. by the 7th grade band. Eighth graders perform at about 7:15, followed at 8 p.m. by the high school band.

The public is invited to attend the concert. Baked goods and refreshments will be offered. Call Rocky Harris at 264-3641 for more information.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB invites all to celebrate Christmas in the Park, Saturday, Dec. 13. Bring a decoration to the park at 3 p.m. and help us decorate the community Christmas tree. Return at 6 p.m. to hear the band, chorus groups, see Santa Claus and have free refreshments. For more information, call Jim or Irene at 394-4424.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 263-1211, ext. 463 for an appointment.

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.

IT'S RECYCLE DAY IN Coahoma.

Coahoma, Clean and Proud will be accepting recyclable items in the empty lot West of Little Sooper grocery store Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. We will be collecting newspaper, cardboard, feed sacks, aluminum and steel.

We will also be collecting Campbell Soup labels for the schools and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. For more information, call Irene at 394-4424.

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 fee is \$5.

FREE EYEGLASSES WILL BE available for adults Saturday at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. from 9 a.m. to noon.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended. Call the Lions at 267-3668 for more information.

PARKS CONVENIENCE CENTER IS having a food drive to help the hungry of Big Spring. Bring three cans of food and receive a free Express Plus Car Wash as our gift to you.

For more information call 263-4498.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 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 Settles.

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

•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.

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

•Mental Health Center's Family Education & Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

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.

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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.

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served, \$4. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

•Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th St.

•Lions Club Eyeglass clinic, 9 a.m. to noon, Evening Lions Bingo, 1607 E. Third. Eyeglasses will be given away and fitted to needy persons.

SUNDAY

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

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Texas by the numbers

Government releases state's 'vital' statistics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's bean counters are at it again, releasing statistics that measure the American way of life in details great and small — from the number of births and deaths per year to the amount of ice cream and broccoli consumed annually.

Each year since 1878, the federal government has issued its weighty Statistical Abstract of the United States, pulling together an array of statistics from dozens of government agencies and trade associations.

Dry-sounding in name and in fact, the 1997 edition issued a few days ago nonetheless offers some interesting nuggets of news to those willing to pore through its 1,023 pages.

Take the Lone Star State.

In its 267,277 square miles of space (a territory second only to Alaska's 615,230 square miles), Texas packs 19.1 million residents who drive 13.6 million registered vehicles on 296,186 miles of urban and rural highways.

Those Texans eat at 16,621 restaurants and shop at 27,354 food stores, pumping their gasoline at 11,053 service stations. Overall, the state has 2,906 of the nation's 42,130 shopping centers.

Texas was one of the 10 fastest growing states between 1990 and 1996, its population rising by 12.6 percent. During that time span, Texas nudged New York aside to become the second-largest state in the nation behind California.

As of last year, the Texas population stood at 19.1 million — a 71 percent increase over the 11.2 million people living in the state in 1970.

The state boasts one of the country's youngest populations, with only 10 percent of its citizens 65 and older compared with a national average of nearly 13 percent. Only four other states have a lower percentage of senior citizens.

Among the other Texas-related tidbits:

—Some 5.8 million Texans drive alone to work, while another 1.1 million carpool. Just over 2 percent of Texans use public transportation to get to work — half the national average. The typical travel time to work in Texas is 22.2 minutes, almost exactly on par with the national average of 22.4 minutes.

—Texans spent nearly \$22 billion on public elementary and secondary schools last year, an average of \$5,593 per student. The national average is \$6,103 per pupil.

—The 1996 median household income in Texas was \$32,039, slightly below the national average of \$34,076. Seventeen percent of Texans had incomes below the poverty level that year, compared with 14 percent nationally.

—Of the 26 million people who self-identify as being of Latino origin, just over 5 million live in Texas.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 9,9,3
CASH 5: 6,13,25,34,38

MARKETS

March cotton 67.95, down 52 points; Jan. crude 18.76, down 8 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 43.50; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 66; Dec. lean hog futures 80.72, up 55 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.05, up 15 points.
courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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RECORDS

Monday's high 70
Monday's low 46
Average high 58
Average low 30
Record high 81 in 1977
Record low 10 in 1927
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.39
Month's normal 0.20
Year to date 19.34
Normal for the year 18.11

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Monday 3:33 a.m. — 1900 North Lamesa Highway, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
2:29 a.m. — Highway 87 and Hearn, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
7:29 a.m. — 500 block Aylsford, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

Monday Friday 9 AM-8 PM
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9:30 a.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
10:16 a.m. — 3200 block E. 350, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
4:05 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
11:44 p.m. — 800 W. 18th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

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

- SCOTTY BRYANT, 20, arrested on local warrants.
- TIMOTHY RIOS, 19, arrested on local warrants.
- MARIO QUINTANA, 43, arrested on charge of public intoxication.
- MARISELDA CARRILLO, 34, arrested on charge of driving while license invalid.
- JONATHAN PIERCE, 21, arrested on charge of no driver's license.
- DON ATKINSON, 17, arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- PHILLIP BERRY, 17, arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- REBECCA ISBELL, 19, arrested on local warrants.
- DANNY ISBELL, 22, arrested on local warrants.
- ASSAULT on the 1000 block of N. Lamesa.
- THEFT on the 1200 block of Gregg, the 2300 block of Wasson, 18th and Gregg, and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- STEVEN MADDUX, 21, 2902 Cactus, arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to minors.
- JULIO NAVARRO, 34, 2902 E. Cherokee, arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ROBERT GREEN, no age given, Colorado City, arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RAYMOND TATE, no age or address given, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANCIETO AGUINAGA, no age or address given, arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- WAYNE CLAY SHINDEL, no age or address given, arrested on local warrants.

CLARIFICATION

In the Nov. 21, 1997 Sheriff's Log, it was reported that Jason Michael Mundell, 20, 1502 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. Sheriff's records indicate he was released on Nov. 20 after serving a 30-day sentence for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

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Ethel Alice (Peppy) Howe, 77, died Saturday. Services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.
Claribee Pollard Jr. 41, died Thursday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematorium
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Marysue Hutto Barber, 88, died Saturday. Services were 10:00 AM Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Jesusa Jessioa Oranga, 84, died Sunday. Services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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House Republicans still want probe of Ambassador Lawrence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The widow of former Ambassador Larry Lawrence plans to remove his body from Arlington National Cemetery, but her decision failed to quell the controversy over the waiver allowing him to be buried there.

Rep. Terry Everett, R-Ala., said Monday that his House Veterans Affairs oversight subcommittee wanted to know how Lawrence received the waiver in the first place. Lawrence, a major contributor to the Democratic Party, was ambassador to Switzerland at the time of his death in 1996.

"The subcommittee still has an inter-

est in questions concerning the State Department's actions in the granting of waivers for Mr. Lawrence," he said.

Earlier in the day, Sheila Davis Lawrence told President Clinton in a letter that she would have his body removed from Arlington and taken to San Diego, where he owned the landmark Hotel del Coronado.

Her decision followed questions about whether Lawrence really served in the Merchant Marine in 1945 and was wounded in action, as claimed.

"I remain convinced that Larry's wish to be buried at Arlington was justified by his courageous service as an

American ambassador, even as he suffered from a most painful and ultimately fatal blood disease," Mrs. Lawrence wrote. "I realize, however, that the controversy of the past few days precludes his resting there in peace."

Clinton responded with a letter telling Mrs. Lawrence that he would make sure the Defense Department abided by her wishes.

"I will always remember Larry for his friendship and for his service to his community and our country," Clinton said in the letter. "And I will never forget Larry's remarkable success as a

businessman, his generosity as a philanthropist and his skill as a diplomat."

The Army said in a statement that the Arlington cemetery superintendent "will work with the family to honor their request."

Lawrence died after three years as ambassador, and his Merchant Marine service was cited to help him receive a waiver to be buried in the nation's most prominent military cemetery. But congressional investigators said last week they had searched military records and found no evidence that he served in the Merchant Marine. In addition, the New York Post reported

Saturday that Lawrence was a full-time college student in March 1945, the same month he claimed his ship was torpedoed off the Russian coast.

On Friday, White House spokesman Mike McCurry acknowledged Arlington was "a place of sacred honor to all Americans, and no one should be buried there who has falsified records."

McCurry, asked late Monday whether anyone in the White House had tried to influence Mrs. Lawrence's decision, said, "She has many friends in the administration, but this was her decision to make." McCurry said.

Former cop says he guarded Biko, but sought no medical help

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — A former apartheid policeman said today he stood guard over a beaten, chained Steve Biko but neither wiped the blood from his face nor sought medical help.

The testimony before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission provided more details on the final days of Biko, one of South Africa's leading anti-apartheid heroes when he died in police detention in 1977 at age 30.

Jacobus Beneke, 48, is one of five former security policemen seeking amnesty in the Biko killing.

He described how Biko, injured and semiconscious from an assault during a police interrogation, was chained to a gate and left standing for hours.

"I saw that he was standing there with open staring eyes and seemed he was not aware of what was going on," Beneke said.

Although Beneke said he thought Biko should get medical care, he took no steps to clean the blood off Biko's face or treat other injuries. A doctor who examined Biko the next day found his head injuries had caused incontinence that left Biko's clothes and blankets soaked in his own urine.

Beneke stared down when lawyer George Bizos, representing the Biko family, accused the policemen of beating Biko and letting him suffer out of hatred.

"May I suggest it was evidence of the utter contempt of Mr. Biko as a human being and pure hatred for him" that led to such negligence, Bizos said.

The officers have testified that Biko's death was unintentional, resulting from a scuffle after Biko refused to stand during interrogation.

Bizos, who also represented the Biko family at a 1977 inquest that absolved police of responsibility in the killing, called that account a lie.

"Isn't it that you and your colleagues decided on the morning of Sept. 6 that you were going to teach him a lesson and punch out of him that a black man should have the cheek to think he was as good as a white person?" Bizos said.

Biko's death provoked international outrage and mobilized the anti-apartheid struggle at home. In 1987, Denzel Washington portrayed him in the film "Cry Freedom."

On Monday, former Capt. Daniel Siebert testified he drove Biko, naked and dying, more than 600 miles from Port Elizabeth to a prison in Pretoria.

Earlier testimony, when the amnesty hearing began in September, described how police butted Biko's head into a wall while interrogating him in Port Elizabeth.

The September hearing, interrupted for a national commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Biko's death, resumed Monday.

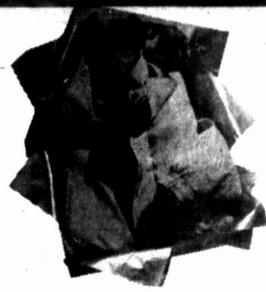
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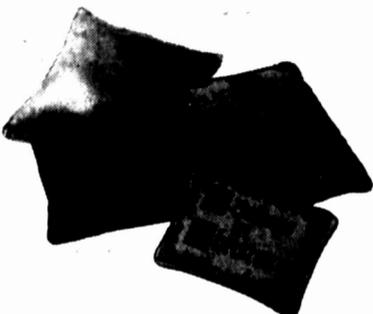


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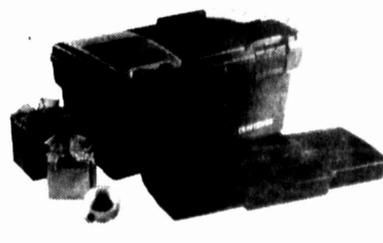
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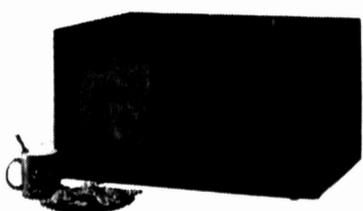
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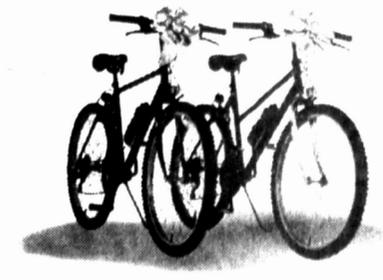
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OUR VIEWS

Drive thru Nativity opens 11th year

Monday at 6:30

First Church of the Nazarene will host its 11th annual live drive thru Nativity on Monday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the church, 1101 W. 1st St. The drive thru Nativity has probably noticed the drive thru Nativity throughout our community. The drive thru Nativity treats visitors to live Nativity scenes reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

The drive thru Nativity is an undertaking that involves a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of the church members. The drive thru Nativity is a tradition that draws visitors to the church every year.

Although the church does take donations for the drive thru Nativity, it does not charge every-thing. The drive thru Nativity is a tradition that draws visitors to the church every year.

Church members will stand in the drive thru Nativity and act a part dedicated to the birth of Jesus Christ. Visitors listen to the drive thru Nativity in English or Spanish.

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CURTIS MULLINS
PRESIDENT
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TO THE EDITOR:
I know only what I have read in the paper these last few days regarding Mr. Ron Logback. I don't think a lot of rambling of who did what is doing us any good.

From what I have read this was a problem some years ago so why are we upset with Mr. Logback?

Yes, the dollars brought in would definitely have been a boon but again this is a problem that we faced years ago and no one, for one reason or another, took action. It is not right that we pin this on Mr. Logback. We know what the problem was, how about we correct that problem with those that can make the changes. If we want the changes made we need to take action instead of blaming Mr. Logback or BSISD. If we want these playoffs here at our stadium, let's find out what is necessary to get it done or at the very least determine if it is feasible.

Let us act instead of react, let us have positive thoughts. I hope complaining should at the very least bring this to the school board. Working together on a solution is far better than making accusations.

BURR LEA SETTLES, JR.
BIG SPRING

EDITOR'S NOTE: As pointed out by Mr. Logback in the original story, he has requested (without success) of his employer on several occasions to train someone to work in his absence.

We agree with Mr. Settles... if we think we want playoffs, let's work toward that goal. If not, let's let the Lamesa's and Plainview's continue to host them and move on.

Here's a holiday for folks who are fed up

You've heard of Lent. Well, I observe Bent, and I give up stuff for Bent just the way people give up stuff for Lent.

Bent is short for "bent out of shape," which is a polite way of saying highly annoyed, to use still another euphemism for vulgar language.

I've decided to give up airports and airlines because both have become a pain in the chakra of annoyance, which is located in the vicinity of that part of us that we use to sit.

I gave up Greyhound buses a long time ago (early 1950s) because they too closely resembled cattle cars. I know we all do a certain amount of role playing, but the part of a steer en route to somewhere is one I will gladly forgo. Being confined in a crowded, enclosed, poorly ventilated space with

strangers who are hawking, spitting, coughing, sneezing, chattering, snoring, crying and occasionally emitting noxious gases into an already saturated atmosphere is not my idea of fun. Especially when I'm asked to pay for my own discomfort.

Well, airlines in their greed, have attained the Greyhound Bus status. The only differences are a few thousand feet and a few hundred miles per hour. It is certainly convenient to travel long distances at a high rate of speed. No question about that. But airlines have succeeded in making it uncomfortable.

And airports are the Siamese twins of airlines. Most American airports seemed to have been designed by an architect intent on reproducing existential hell in various forms and shape. They all tend to look alike, sound alike, smell alike. Most have achieved the egalitarian goal of perfect equality in bad food and inconvenience.

I never have flown bargain airlines or commuters because you don't sell tickets at low prices without saving money

somewhere. And on an airplane, there aren't a heck of a lot of places to save money except in maintenance and pilot training.

Now the big airlines are into affirmative action. I not only oppose affirmative action in principle, but I especially oppose it at 30,000 feet and 600 miles per hour. When it comes to pilots of planes in which I sit helpless, I am a believer in strict meritocracy. Damn diversity, give me competence, experience and judgment.

But I don't run airlines, and those who do can do anything they want. But now I don't fly on airlines because I, too, can do anything I want. The airlines have now managed to achieve the same level of annoyance as network television ads for menstrual pads, hemorrhoid remedies and vaginal douches shown during the dinner hour.

True, giving up airlines and airports for Bent will limit my destinations, but I have also given up a lot of destinations for Bent, too. I cannot think of a single reason why I would ever want to visit New York

City, Chicago, Los Angeles or Washington, D.C. I've seen them, and in my opinion they don't rate a return visit. Most places I want to visit I can get to by car, boat or train.

I don't expect you to observe my own holiday, Bent, but sometime you ought to make a list of things you can do without. A lot of what annoys us in the new dark ages of America, sometimes called the postmodern world, we really don't need. We just never stop to think that about it.

But I find that the mad-merchant culture, in which in every conceivable manner and in every conceivable form we are screamed at to buy something, has become tiresome. The marketing mania in American has gone over the top. I can hardly find my bills for all the advertisements, catalogs, brochures and come-on letters stuffed in my mailbox.

I may decide to make Bent a year-long holiday.

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Racial reconciliation in the South

HIGHBACK MOUNTAIN, Ga. — We always challenge the times of the Baptist preacher who drives up the mountain.

George Dickey is confident of his own, however, and too accommodating to make his visitor walk. So, slowly we climb the mountain, pausing at the spot where you can see the Tomb of Dickey on either side of the highway. The river has wrapped itself about the base of Highback Mountain, my silver post box is an Indian co-op. It is a sight worth considerable trouble.

We climb some more. The cemetery of the mountaintop is our destination.

The first time I ever came here, I felt as if I was on hallowed ground. Ethelene Jones says, Ethelene is Grover's wife, a retired librarian and local historian, the co-author, in fact, of a hefty Lamm County history in its fifth printing.

And the old graveyard is beautiful, the way high forgotten cemeteries often are. We tiptoe about on wet leaves and burial spots. Perhaps it's the company, but I think of the old Baptist hymn, "Higher Ground."

Ethelene explains the genealogy, a string of begets, in her patient way. This is the final resting place of the George Dickey family and extended family. George and his wife, Hannah Taylor Dickey, lie beneath marble tombstones. All around them are slaves as many as 26, the graves marked only with fieldstone.

George Dickey was the great-grandfather of the poet James Dickey. In the 1840s he moved his wife, possibly a niece of President Zachary Taylor, and a number of slaves from North Carolina to North Georgia. Whatever his plans, they were cut short by his death months later. Hannah, however, lived until 1868, when she died a wealthy old woman.

The Dickey family has known about the cemetery for decades. Through the years one family member or another has hacked away at the weeds; one built a boundary wall. James Dickey, born in Atlanta, visited once in the 1970s.

Now a California cousin, Fred Dickey, wants to go another step. He wants to use the old cemetery as a symbol to promote racial reconciliation. Nobody can ever know for sure, but Fred wants to believe that the inclusion of slaves in the family plot is a positive sign. He thinks it shows "family affection," that the Dickeys were on the more benevolent end of the slave-owning abomination. Most of Hannah's slaves listed in the census were women and children, and one expert has thrown out the suggestion that the mistress may have run a school for them.

"I can't think of anything more teeth-gritting than having some Californian come in and telling African-Americans in Georgia how to observe slave graves," Fred admits.

But so far reception for his ambitious idea has been good. Dickey has involved U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney's (D-Ga.) office and Atlanta poet Herbert W. Denmark. The family plans restoration work in the spring and a graveside ceremony in June.

Already Fred has written the inscription for a new monument at the remote site near Mineral Bluff: "Here, among familiar pines, are two pioneers of these hills, and twenty-six slaves, nameless here, though not the sweat and grief they gave to this soil. They worked the land unequally. There are here together equally. — The Dickey Generations."

And, from his cousin James Dickey's work, this: "That is where it has to start: With the simplest things. More kindness will do nothing less/Than save every sleeping one/And night-walking one of us."

Whatever else, he hopes to bolster the simple stones over the graves of the unknown slaves so that they don't disappear, dust to dust, over time. And he will ask poet Maya Angelou for permission to use this:

"History, despite its wrenching pain, Cannot be un-lived, but if faced/With courage, need not be lived again."

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Past record with state privatization raises concerns about welfare

AUSTIN (AP) — Problems with private vendors that run Texas Lottery and the Lone Star Card for welfare recipients has legislative budget writers worried about privatizing a system to determine welfare eligibility.

"It appears to me that we have two and maybe three situations in Texas today where we have privatized a massive system" and then run into problems, said Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Interim Finance Committee. "We find that we are virtually captive to this company because there is nobody else out there to do it or it's so expensive or changing companies would be too disruptive."

Ratliff was referring to the operators of the Lone Star Card which have threatened to sue the state and bail out of their contract. Transactive Corp., a subsidiary of GTECH Corp., has com-

plained that because its profits are tied to the number of welfare recipients, the company is losing money as the number of poor Texans receiving welfare declines.

Ratliff said the dispute threatens Texas' ability to deliver food stamps. The state also has run into problems with GTECH, which runs the lottery. GTECH has sued the lottery to prevent it from considering new bids for the work it's done for the agency since the inception of the numbers games.

Ratliff's Senate Finance Committee heard testimony Monday about the progress of the Texas Integrated Enrollment and Services (TIES), a computer system being designed to determine eligibility for welfare benefits. Lawmakers approved the development of the system earlier this year.

The Texas Health and Human

Services Commission is planning to award the contract for the automated system by November 1998.

HHS Commissioner Mike McKinney he is closely watching the problems with the operators of the Lone Star Card and the lottery.

"I've tried not to make the same mistakes," he said. "We're going to make sure we make a computer system that gives us what we want."

McKinney said the commission is aiming to have the plan for the system completed by February 1998 and submit it to Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislative Budget Board by April.

The first pilot programs should begin in November 1999, McKinney said, adding that it will take about two more years to fully implement the system.

"There is a potential for small mistakes, small problems, to be magni-

fied," he said. "So if we actually get it out in three years, I'd be tickled."

Ratliff said he expects the TIES computer system contracting to be closely scrutinized.

"I will want them to tell me that whatever system that they adopt that there are backups or there are other companies and other mechanism that we can turn to if we have any type of problem," Ratliff said.

But Ratliff added that problems with the state's new child support computer system illustrate that there could be problems even if the system were not contracted to a private company.

The state's new computer system for handling child support collects was delayed for years, cost well over estimated and has caused many families to go without payments for weeks.

"That system is just about to crash

and burn," he said. "My office is being inundated primarily with women who are trying to take care of children and their (ex-)husband have sent in their child support, but its not getting back to them," Ratliff said. "It's disappearing into a black hole. And that's not a privatization problem, that's an internal problem."

"They are doing that one in in-house, so I guess what it illustrates is that in-house has its problems too," he said.

Supporters of the TIES system say it will coordinate and streamline programs, including Medicaid, food stamps, cash assistance, public health services, nutrition assistance and workforce development, currently operated by multiple state agencies. The system is intended to provide one-stop shopping for state assistance and to cut costs.

Inmate with death sentences in three states heading for lethal injection today

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Michael Lee Lockhart has been compared to serial killer Ted Bundy, a comparison Lockhart denies.

What they likely will share is a common fate, their lives ended by execution.

Lockhart, 37, who at one time claimed to have murdered more than two dozen people, now acknowledges three murders — in Texas, Indiana and Florida — and has death sentences to show for them in each of those states.

Today, the drifter from Toledo, Ohio is set for lethal injection in Texas for killing a police officer, Paul Hulsey Jr. while Hulsey was on patrol March 22, 1988 in Beaumont, about 85 miles east of Houston.

"The man was doing his job," Lockhart said in an interview last week. "And I'm responsible for his murder."

And the murder of Windy Gallagher, 16, of Griffith, Ind., tortured and fatally stabbed at her home in 1987. Eight months after his Texas conviction, a jury in Indiana sentenced him to death.

And the murder of Jennifer Colhouer, 14, of Land O'Lakes, Fla. A judge in Dade City, Fla., gave Lockhart his third death sentence in December 1989 after he pleaded guilty to a similar mutilation slaying at the victim's home in January 1988.

The self-described smooth-talking con man was once a door-to-door salesman and had a knack for "getting unsuspecting young girls to allow him into their homes."

Miss Gallagher was found raped and stabbed in her bedroom Oct. 13, 1987. The victim's younger sister discovered her disemboweled body tied to a bed, hands tied behind her.

Miss Colhouer was found by her father in an upstairs bedroom Jan. 10, 1988. She had been abducted after getting off a school bus, raped and fatally stabbed.

"I am guilty for those three cases and take full responsibility for those cases," Lockhart said. "I wish I could give my life in place of theirs. I have been praying for this since 1988."

That's when Lockhart, heading for California, raced into Beaumont on the way from Louisiana, driving a red Corvette stolen from a car salesman. Hulsey, son of a Texas police chief, spotted the streaking car and gave chase, lost it, then tracked it to a motel. When Hulsey confronted Lockhart, he was fatally shot with a .357-caliber Magnum pistol.

His slaying was the first of a

Beaumont officer in the line of duty in 68 years.

"I wasn't going out looking to kill no Beaumont policeman," Lockhart said. "He was just checking me out. The car had Florida tags. I was in a drug neighborhood."

"I should have stuck to robbery," he added.

Traveling the country, he'd support himself by robbing banks, pulling 20 to 25 heists by his own estimate. He got around by stealing cars, mostly expensive sports cars like Corvettes and Porsches.

"I looked like a little rich brat kid," he said. "I don't know what's wrong with me but there's something wrong that makes me do the things I do."

"I realize how many people I've hurt and how many lives I've destroyed. I realize way down, deep inside, I wanted to get caught. And I think that's why I'm here. I didn't want anyone else to suffer."

A psychologist who testified at Lockhart's 1988 Texas trial, which was moved from Beaumont to San Antonio because of publicity, said Lockhart was haunted by homosexual impulses that led to anxiety, that he had been molested by a family friend and neighbor at the age of 5 or 6 and also was the victim of incest from the time he was 9 until he was 12.

The psychologist also said that Lockhart's anger was directed at younger women and that he was not a threat to men unless cornered, like when Hulsey confronted him.

Lockhart last week brushed aside questions to explain his murder spree.

"It's way too complex for you and me to sit here in a short time and discuss that," he said.

"There are many many factors in my life that led me down the path I left. Even though there are things that happened in my childhood that were very devastating to me and beyond comprehension, as an individual we are all still responsible for the choices we make. Bottom line is: You cannot blame those factors. They can answer questions, but you have to face responsibility to be accountable for your own actions."

"I'm not willing to give a sound bite for the news media. We all know you're not going to get these answers in the newspaper. There has been a lot of books written that people can study and understand how a person like myself might have went down the path I went down. One thing is certain, God did not create a murderer."

Many deformed children in Texas go untreated because of claim denials by insurance companies

DALLAS (AP) — Two-year-old Jace Lackey was born with a skull deformity that doctors said would cause his tiny head to swell to two times its normal size, expanding only from front to back.

The deformity didn't interfere with his breathing and was not life threatening, but his parents were convinced he would never lead a normal life.

The Lackey family was surprised and hopeful after doctors assured them that the little boy's deformity could be repaired with surgeries over the course of several years.

All they needed to do was make a claim to their health insurance company for the several hundred thousand dollars the procedure would cost.

Days later came the insurance company's response letter.

It informed them that the surgery Jace wanted was "cosmetic" so their claim was denied. The boy's head was left to grow abnormally for months.

The Lackey family's experience is representative of what many American Medical Association doctors say is a growing problem — insurance companies that purposefully deny claims for reconstructive surgery, even in the cases of

deformed children.

The company that denied Jace, American Medical Security, sometimes lumps surgery on deformities into the same category that includes nose jobs, which aren't covered by Lackey's policy either.

Many insurance companies take the same stance, leaving hundreds of children without the reconstructive surgery that could repair a deformity, said Dallas Dr. Kenneth Salyer, the surgeon who was scheduled to perform Jace's surgery.

"It is an outrage that families must also have to worry about obtaining insurance coverage for medically necessary procedures during this already stressful time in their lives," Salyer said. "Battling with insurance companies for coverage only adds to the tragedy of the situation."

Doctors at the AMA's biennial House of Delegates meeting are fighting for a resolution that would ask for legislation on the issue.

They say that cosmetic surgery should be defined as a procedure to improve normal structures of the body to improve the patients self esteem.

Reconstructive surgery, how-

ever, should be defined as a procedure performed on abnormal structures — sometimes to improve function, but also to approximate a normal appearance.

The delegates were set to vote on the issue today.

"The insurance companies say 'the surgery doesn't improve a function,' but isn't the function of the face to appear normal," Salyer said. "What about the emotional lives of these patients that are destroyed?"

After several months of pressure, the insurance company did pay for Jace's initial surgery. The company says it follows guidelines by an industry group on when to offer coverage and when not to.

"Anytime that we are declining coverage for a certain medical treatment we will always bring in a physician to substantiate our position," said Charles Bowers, vice president of the public relations department.

"Finally, I will note, there is an appeal process. These are not whimsical decisions, there has to be protocol."

Dr. Dennis Lynch, president of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, says the denials fol-

low a trend of "penny-pinching" by insurance companies at the patient's expense.

"From decreased hospital stays to an increased number of insurance denials, companies rather than medical professionals are determining the quality of patient care," Lynch said.

Teenager Mike Hatfield, who was born with a deformed face, has also had difficulty with an insurance company. His family's company, Health Administration Services, paid for most of the surgeries he has needed over the years, but has refused to pay the full amount of the final surgery.

In a letter to the company, the boy's mother, Laura Hatfield, told the company, "I understand the intent of your policy is to avoid frivolous claims and unnecessary procedures. I appreciate that effort, but Mike does not fall into that category."

A spokesman at HAS did not immediately return a call for comment.

Salyer said patients like Mike Hatfield can wait for years before companies decide to pay for the surgery, if they ever do.

"It is a true tragedy that some people are forced to live with these deformities when they don't have to," he said.

SAISD votes to require school uniforms

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Trustees in the San Antonio school district have voted to require the city's 60,000 public school students to wear uniform clothing beginning next fall.

San Antonio becomes the largest school district in the state to do so.

Trustees took the action unanimously Monday night.

"We think it's going to reduce the amount of distraction and increase the focus on learning," said David Splitak, associate superintendent.

The Northside School District in San Antonio approved a tough dress code in August that banned shorts and baggy clothes.

Despite the unanimous vote, some trustees expressed concerns about forcing uniforms for high school students.

"We might have some problems enforcing this," trustee Tom Gaffney said.

"I'm kind of embarrassed that we're telling our upper-classmen students how to dress when this is something they ought to be learning for themselves," trustee Sylvia Ward added.

Evelyn Sanders, a teacher in the Twain Middle School, where uniforms were required this fall, says teachers are treating students more fairly.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Associated Press
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Claimed 2B Sergio Nunez off waivers from the Kansas City Royals.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Kenny Lofton on a three-year contract and RHP Dwight Gooden on a two-year contract. Traded OF Marquis Grissom and RHP Jeff Juden to the Milwaukee Brewers for RHP Ben McDonald, RHP Mike Fetters and LHP Ron Villone.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Traded RHP Steve Karsay to the Cleveland Indians for RHP Mike Fetters.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with C John Marzano on a minor-league contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B Paul Sorrento on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with SS Kevin Elster on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Stanley on a two-year contract and 2B Tony Fernandez on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Jose Vizcaino on a three-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed G Penny Hardaway on the injured list.
UTAH JAZZ—Activated G John Stockton from the injured list. Placed G Troy Hudson on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed LB Tim Tarry on injured reserve. Signed S Cory Gifford off the New Orleans Saints practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed C Michael Cheever on injured reserve.
COLLEGE
NORTH CAROLINA—Named Carl Torbush football coach.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE		NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
East	West	East	West
New England	11 3 0	N.Y. Giants	8 5 1
Miami	9 5 0	Washington	7 6 1
N.Y. Jets	8 6 0	Philadelphia	6 7 1
Buffalo	6 8 0	Dallas	6 8 0
Indianapolis	2 12 0	Arizona	3 11 0
Cincinnati	10 4 0	Central	11 3 0
Pittsburgh	9 5 0	Green Bay	9 5 0
Jacksonville	7 7 0	Tampa Bay	8 6 0
Tennessee	5 8 1	Minnesota	7 7 0
Baltimore	5 9 0	St. Louis	7 7 0
Cincinnati	5 9 0	Detroit	7 7 0
Chicago	4 10 0	Chicago	3 11 0
San Diego	4 10 0	West	12 2 0
San Diego	4 10 0	San Francisco	7 6 1
San Diego	4 10 0	Carolina	6 8 0
San Diego	4 10 0	New Orleans	5 9 0
San Diego	4 10 0	St. Louis	4 10 0

NHL

Uah at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
 Washington at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
 Denver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Dallas, 9 p.m.
 Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE SCORES

EAST
 Army 74, Yale 65
 Duquesne 74, W. Kentucky 64
 Lafayette 81, Haverford 44
 Penn St. 85, George Mason 46
 St. Francis, NY 84, Lehigh 73
 Vermont 95, Holy Cross 59

SOUTH
 Belmont 77, Liberty 51
 Centenary 66, NW Louisiana 56
 East Carolina 67, SW Louisiana 64
 Morehead St. 65, Marshall 50

MIDWEST
 Bradley 53, Michigan 59
 Illinois 88, Maine 99
 NE Illinois 82, Dominican, Ill. 49

SOUTHWEST
 Alcorn St. 82, Ark.-Pine Bluff 98
 Arizona 83, Baylor 68
 Texas A&M 91, Sam Houston St. 68
 Tulsa 93, Morgan St. 56

FAR WEST
 No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST.

TOURNAMENTS
 Franklin National Bank Classic
 Championship
 George Washington 70, Maryland 66
 Third Place
 Kansas 89, Penn 71

SPORTS BRIEFS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 spring.

Junior hoops program slates registration

Registration for participation in the Big Spring Junior Basketball Association has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Big Spring Mall.

Steers frosh falls to Colorado City

Big Spring's Steers freshmen, after having finished third in the Colorado City tournament over the weekend with a 36-22 win over Abilene Wylie, were no match for Colorado City when the young Wolves paid a call on Steer Gym Monday.

Colorado City returned home with a 64-37 win, despite the 16 points scored by Isaac Willborn and Jason Choate's eight points.

The lopsided loss was not as bad as the Steers suffered at the hands of San Angelo Lee during the second round of the Colorado City tournament, however, as Lee romped to an 81-30 win.

In that Saturday morning loss, the young Steers were paced by K.C. Cross, who had seven points, and Jaroe Parnell who scored five.

Parnell rebounded in the Saturday afternoon game and scored 11 points in pacing the Steers frosh to the win over Wylie.

8-2A TEAM

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Fryar of Eldorado; kicker Jason Skelton of Wall; and the secondary quartet of Roscoe's Roddy Alexander, Walls Cory Braden, Eldorado's Kyle Hunter and Winters' Ricky Luz.

Underwood, Nitsch and Luz were two-way first-teamers — Underwood picked as the district's top offensive center, while Nitsch earned an offensive line spot and Luz joined Eldorado's Kyle Hunter as the district's top receivers.

In addition to Nitsch, the first-team offensive line included Eldorado's Beau Sallee, Winters' Michael Prewitt and Roscoe's duo of Marcus Herrera and Shane Tomlin. Eldorado's Jason Richters was the pick for first-team tight end.

Eldorado's Casey Snelson was the first-team quarterback, while Bounds was the first-team punter.

In addition to White and Rye, the second-team defensive unit included Coahoma linebacker Walt Bordelon and Forsan defensive back Ferrol Voight.

Forsan's Gary Simer was the second-team center, while Coahoma's Jerry Mann was a second-team wide receiver.

DISTRICT 8-AA All-District Football Team

Most Valuable Player: Garrett Bounds, senior, Eldorado.

Offensive Player of the Year: Kenny Whittenburg, junior, Winters.

Defensive Player of the Year: Dennis Conner, senior, Winters.

First Team Defense

Ends: Jody Underwood, senior, Roscoe; Bear Nitsch, senior, Winters.

Linemen: Logan Gambille, senior, Forsan; Craig Conner, sophomore, Winters; Randy Spears, senior, Eldorado.

Linebackers: Mark Fryar, senior, Eldorado; Kyle Hollon, senior, Wall; Michael Pritchard, senior, Winters; Paul Kinsey, senior, Forsan.

Secondary: Roddy Alexander, junior, Roscoe; Cory Braden, junior, Wall; Kyle Hunter, senior, Eldorado; Rick Luz, senior, Winters.

Kicker: Jason Skelton, senior, Wall

First Team Offense

Center: Jody Underwood, senior, Roscoe; Linemen: Beau Sallee, senior, Eldorado; Bear Nitsch, senior, Winters; Michael Prewitt, junior, Winters; Marcus Herrera, senior, Roscoe; Shane Tomlin, senior, Roscoe.

Tight End: Jason Richters, senior, Eldorado; Wide receivers: Kyle Hunter, senior, Eldorado; Ricky Luz, senior, Winters.

Running backs: Marshal Scates, senior, Winters; Justin White, junior, Forsan; Lance Mitchell, sophomore, Eldorado; Mark Fryar, senior, Eldorado.

Quarterback: Casey Snelson, senior, Eldorado.

Punter: Garrett Bounds, senior, Eldorado

Second Team Defense

Ends: Justin White, junior, Forsan; Armando Villavicencio, junior, Eldorado.

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TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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Dallas at Cincinnati	Arizona at New Orleans
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Miami at Indianapolis	Chicago at St. Louis
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Freecom, Inc. currently has a position open for a secretary. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 1-2 years professional experience and will possess excellent communication skills; typing proficiency of 55 wpm minimum; proficient use of Windows 95 word processing and spreadsheet applications, as well as general office equipment. Must be able to work in a deadline environment. Mail or fax your resume and references to the attention of Annette DeAnda, NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING is accepting applications for the position of Utility Maintenance Repairman. To check minimum qualifications and receive more information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX. 79720 or call 915-264-2346 by Thursday, December 11, 1997. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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CELLULARONE
A leader in the telecommunications field.
Sales
Expansion and growth requires us to add to our sales team. We are now recruiting an energetic, enthusiastic, motivated outside sales representatives for the Big Spring/West Texas area. Experience preferred but not required, will train Bilingual a plus. We offer a great opportunity within one of the fastest growing industries that includes: stability of a base salary, plus an attractive commission/bonus structure, vehicle allowance, cellular telephone, medical/dental/life, 401K retirement savings plan, vacation and more. Rapid advancement opportunities. EOE. Please submit your resume and cover sheet to:
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DRIVERS - TST Paraffin Service Co. (Div. of Yale Key) Looking for Truck Driver with CDL Licensed with less than 3 tickets in 5 years. Will have to pass DOT Physical and Drug Test. Must be 21 years old. Will take applications at the Stanton and Lamesa offices or call 1-800-522-0474 or 756-2975. Benefits include: Health Insurance, Uniform's furnished, Profit Sharing Plan, 1 week vacation, after 1 year employment, 2-week vacation after 2 year employment. Will train qualified applicants with oil field experience.

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Big Spring Herald has delivery routes open in the following areas:
Airbase Housing Washington Blvd. 15th, 16th & 17th Streets
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Please apply in person at The Big Spring Herald Circulation Dept., 710 Scurry.
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HELP WANTED

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital
Sweetwater, Texas
is seeking experienced RNs and LVNs for the following openings:
Full Time House Supervisor R.N. - 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.
Full Time Med-Surg R.N. - 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.
Full Time Med-Surg R.N. - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Full Time Med-Surg L.V.N. - 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.
Full Time Med-Surg L.V.N. - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Applicants must be able to work full-time. We offer a pleasant work environment, competitive salary and excellent benefit package. For immediate consideration, contact the Personnel Director at:
P.O. Box 690, Sweetwater, TX 79556.
(915) 235-1701, ext. 222
Fax: 915-235-1783
EOE

Big Spring Herald Circulation Dept. has an immediate opening for a part-time Customer Service Rep. Duties include answering the phone, data entry. People skills a must. Apply in person at the Big Spring Herald Circulation Dept. 710 Scurry.
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The Big Spring Herald has an opening for a Newspaper Display Advertising Sales Consultant. The person selected for this sales position will work with retail advertising customers through outside sales. We seek a person with these selling qualifications:
•Positive self starter with sales aptitude to aggressively sell newspaper advertising.
•Ability and desire to provide excellent customer service.
•Produce quality work under pressure of daily deadlines.
•Positive desire to reach department goals and objectives.
Send your resume to:
Edwin Vela, Advertising Manager
P.O. Box 1431
Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431

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HELP WANTED

BEAUTY SHOP

The Carriage Inn - Big Spring, Needs a responsible beautician to operate the beauty shop. We need someone who understands the wants and desires of residents at our retirement center. The hours of operation are from 9 to 5 Monday thru Friday. For less details, please contact Mr. Sinclair, the community director of Carriage Inn at area code 915-267-1353.

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Immediate need for full-time Customer Service individual. Good phone skills & bookkeeping expertise. Quick-Books Pro a plus. Qualified applicants only. 800-404-1190.

NEEDED:

Dependable individual for District Sales Manager position for the City of Big Spring. Experience in sales and Public Relations a must. Ability to be on call 24 hours / day. Must have own vehicle (mileage reimbursed). Salary: \$400/week Benefits: Paid Holidays, Paid Vacations, Health Insurance 401 (k) Send Resume to or apply in person at: 4000 N. Big Spring, Suite 113 Midland, TX 79705 FAX: (915) 682-3041

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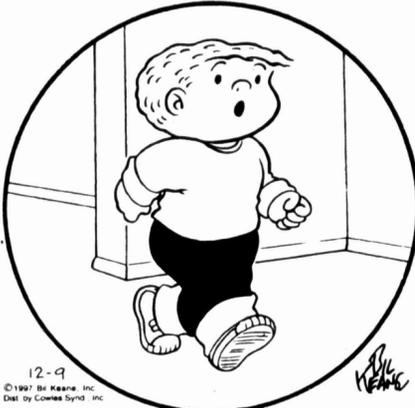
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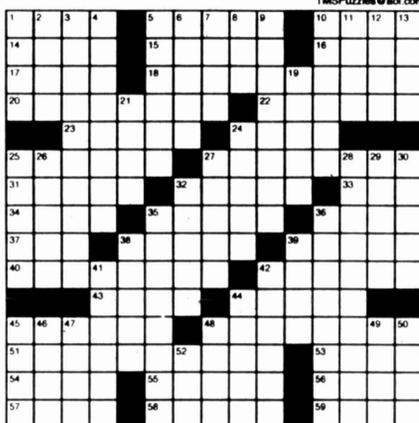
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Bernice Gordon Philadelphia, PA

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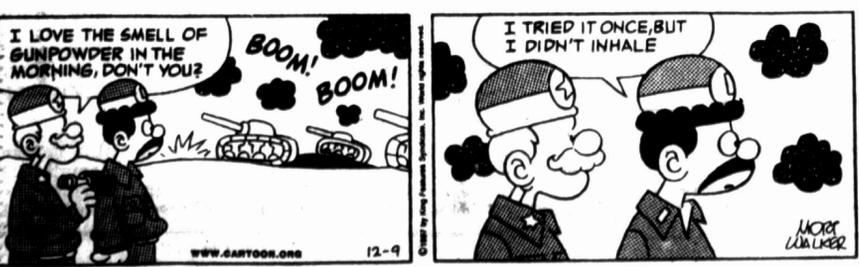
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