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276 'Angels' not adopted, Angel Tree deadline extended

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Because so many local children are still in need, the Salvation Army has extended the Angel Tree program until Monday.

"We felt we wanted to give people more time," said Danelle Castillo, social services director. "We hope this will ensure that all of our angels are adopted."

The program, originally planned to end today, provides new clothing and

toys for needy children, and gifts for the needy elderly of the community. The tree, located at Wal-Mart, is hung with paper ornaments listing the clothing sizes and special requests of the "angels."

Castillo said there are still 276 angels that need Christmas gifts, about half of the total who were part of the program since it began in early November.

Donors are asked to pick an ornament, fill out the card on back and leave it in the box provided, then shop for the gifts. Salvation Army workers recommend buying mainly clothing for

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- There are several ways you can help:
- Go by Wal-Mart and adopt an Angel;
 - Take a new toy to HEB for Toys for Tots;
 - Adopt a needy family;
 - Purchase gas between 11 and 5 Saturday at HEB.

the children, since many of them rarely receive new clothes.

"This might be the only outfit of new

clothes they will receive this year," Castillo said.

The Salvation Army and Toys for Tots are combining their efforts to provide toys for needy children, including a collection drive Saturday at H-E-B.

From 11 a.m.-5 p.m. local Marine Corps reservists and Salvation Army volunteers will pump gas at the grocery store, which will donate a portion of the proceeds to Toys for Tots.

"H-E-B feels like Toys for Tots is a worthwhile program," said Scott Edwards, store manager, "and I got the sense that they needed some help, and

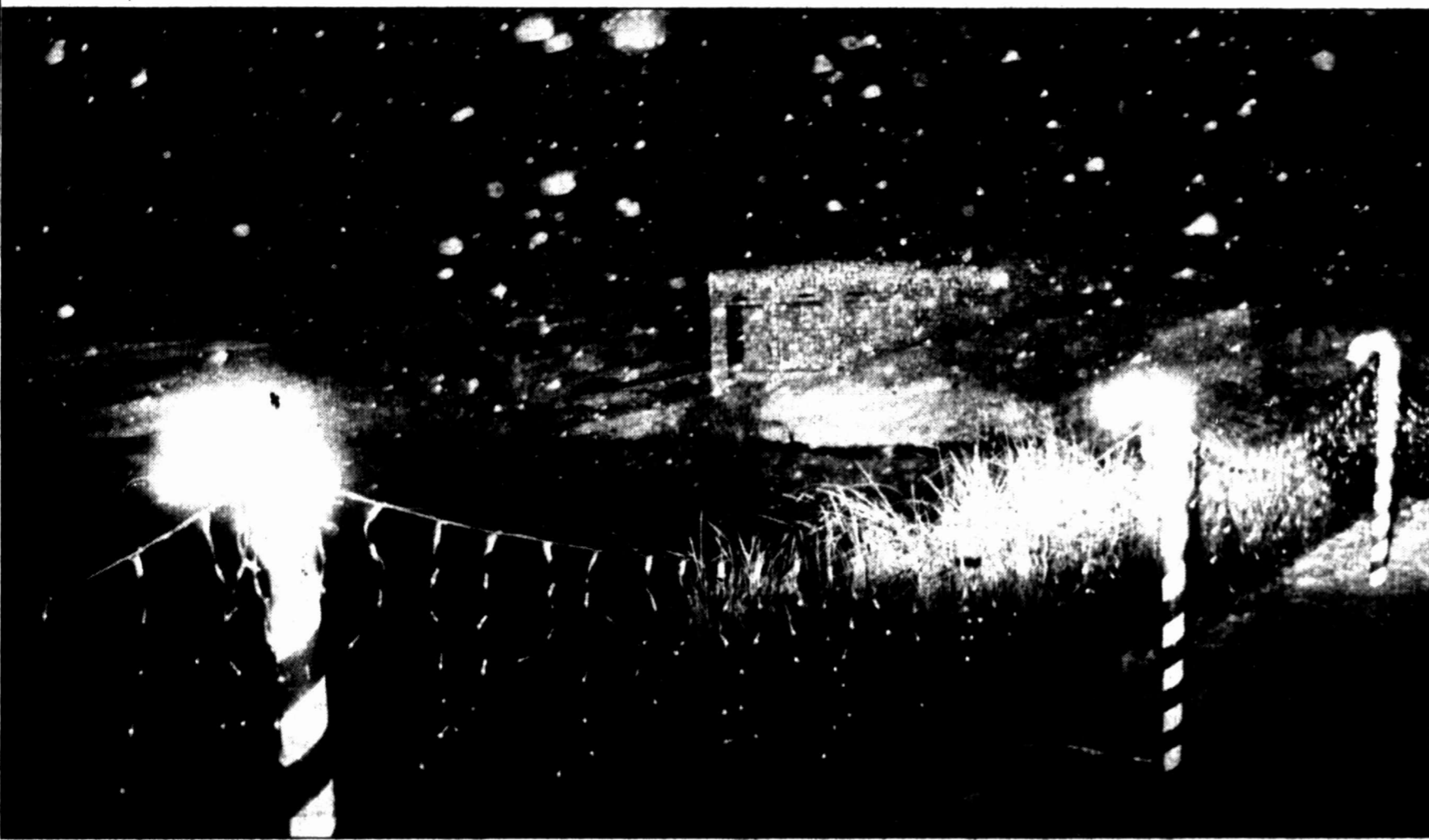
this was something we could do."

There will be a collection bin at the store Saturday for new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots drive.

H-E-B has another way shoppers can donate to the Salvation Army campaign. With its "Ring in a Miracle" program, donations to the Army can be made at the register, to go directly to the local agency's programs.

For the Angel Tree drive, the deadline for all gifts to be returned to the Salvation Army headquarters is Wednesday morning. Call 267-8239 for more information.

WINTER WONDERLAND



It was a winter wonderland-type effect at the Historic Big Spring Thursday night, as intermittent snow flurries, illuminated by the glow of 30,000 lights, are visible through the camera lens. The Festival of Lights is in its first year in decorating the spring and park area.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Building woes

Bad technology may be culprit with heating/cooling systems installed around BSISD

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

With all the troubles Big Spring ISD has had with its new heating/cooling system, officials probably expected to find gremlins lurking somewhere within the pipes.

Turns out, however, that instead of bad magic, bad technology may be the villain.

In the latest — and what school officials fervently hope is the last — episode in the district's trouble with the new system, faulty actuators are believed to be the problem.

The new system, part of the \$12.5 million bond issue passed by voters in 1996, was installed at five BSISD campuses last summer. A string of troubles has followed.

Assistant business manager Ron Logback probably thinks chasing the bugs out of the system is his second job, but thinks he has found the answer.

Faulty actuators throughout the system are behind the troubles, Logback told the Big Spring school board during its regular meeting Thursday night.

Actuators control the different motors within the system, sending instructions that lead to cooling or heating.

Because of bad circuit boards within the actuators, wrong commands have been sent out over the computerized heating/cooling system. And as a result of that, valves have stuck in place and more than 40 unit motors have burned out.

The solution is fairly straightforward, if also involved — all of the circuit boards, affected or not, will have to be replaced. That action will involve the removal of 193 circuit boards throughout the system.

BSISD officials hope the work can be done during the two week-long Christmas vacation.

Although Logback is confident that the months-long woes are finally coming to an end, he admitted a sense of frustration over the lingering nature of the problems.

"It's kind of like when you go out and buy a new car — you expect it to run right," he said. "You're never going to come out of something like this without some problems. The key is to take care of the problems as soon as you can."

Logback also updated trustees on what's coming out of the rest of the bond package — construction of the new junior high

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Ron Logback
Asst. Business Manager
BSISD

school. Troubles continue there, as well.

The culprit, however, has been well-identified for months — substandard mortar. The material has tested below acceptable levels at several points on the construction site, and district officials and Monterey Construction — the contractor of the project — have been scrambling to find a solution.

Again, Logback is hopeful that a solution is forthcoming. Monterey has hired an engineer to examine and devise a way to strengthen the faulty material.

Those tests have been completed, and a solution will be proposed to the district on Monday, Logback said.

"They wanted to see if there some other options," Logback said. "If there are, we'll look at them and determine which way we want to go."

The mortar problem, which surfaced in September, threatens to delay the opening of the junior high by the start of the 1998-99 school year, he said.

"This will throw the project behind schedule," he told trustees. "Whether (the contractor) can catch up ... remains to be seen."

The mortar problem has not stopped construction, however. Other aspects of the project, such as the iron beams, are proceeding according to schedule, Logback said.

Despite the problems both at the construction site and with the heating/air condition system, Logback wanted to assure district taxpayers that no added costs would be forthcoming.

"This will be done at the manufacturer's and contractor's expense," he added. "This will not cost the taxpayers anything extra."

Sex-business ordinance a preemptive move

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

No one has specifically requested a permit to operate a sexually oriented business in Big Spring, but the city is not waiting for that to happen.

Earlier this week, officials presented an ordinance to the city council aimed at regulating sexually oriented businesses.

The city also passed an ordinance making it a requirement that a specific use permit be requested from the Planning and Zoning Commission, meaning such businesses would only be allowed to go in areas zoned heavy commercial, light industrial, heavy industrial and planned development, if approved by the commission.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the ordinance is something

the city began working on prior to the death of former police chief Jerry Edwards because of specific questions asked of the city concerning such businesses.

"What we've found through research is that these businesses are getting out of the bigger cities because of tough requirements and moving to smaller communities without ordinances on the books," Fuqua said.

"Research also show us that communities with regulations already on the books tend to scare these businesses away," Fuqua added.

According to Community Development Director Todd Darden, the city's action is a precautionary measure against something that could happen in the future.

While some communities have different separation requirements of such businesses, the city of Big Spring has added language to the ordinance that makes it an offense if a person operates any type of sexually oriented business within 1,000 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school, church, a residential dwelling unit in which one or more persons maintain a residence, a public park or a hospital.

Businesses qualifying as sexually oriented include adult bookstores; adult motion picture theaters; any business which offers for a consideration nude human modeling; any business that offers for consideration physical contact between persons when one or more of the persons are nude or semi-nude; bars or night clubs offering live perfor-

mances with specified anatomical areas exposed; adult arcades; adult motels; and escort agencies.

The ordinance is along the lines of state statutes and similar to those in Odessa, which has several such businesses in operation, according to Darden.

The council believes sexually oriented businesses are frequently used for unlawful sexual activities, including prostitution and sexual liaisons of a casual nature.

The ordinance also states the concern over sexually transmitted diseases is a legitimate health concern of the city, which demands reasonable regulation of sexually oriented businesses in order to protect the health and well being of its

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Licensing sexually-oriented businesses a major issue

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Licensing is a major issue when it comes to sexually oriented businesses because it serves as a legitimate and reasonable means of accountability to ensure operators of such businesses comply with regulations, according to city administrators.

The licensing procedure also ensures

that operators do not knowingly allow their establishments to be used as places of illegal sexual activity or solicitation.

The Big Spring City Council has been persuaded by documented evidence that sexually oriented businesses, because of their nature, have deleterious effects on both existing businesses around them and the surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, causing increased crime and the decrease of property values.

As a result of documented evidence and the trend of sexually oriented businesses moving into smaller communities, the council passed two ordinances this week aimed at regulating such businesses.

According to the ordinances, the chief of police will be the city official to approve or deny and issue any such licenses within 30 days after receiving a completed applica-

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Consider safety when putting up lights

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

What harm can there be in putting a few hundred Christmas lights around your Christmas tree and in and around your home to celebrate the holiday season?

Nothing, according to TU Electric Interim District Manager Jim Clements, if everything is done right.

Christmas lights represent only a small part of the potential hazards of the cold weather season, which is usually associ-

ated with the holiday season. "Christmas lights don't add a lot to a customer's electric bill as most people think," Clements said.

Clements said that idea is misleading and that people should be more concerned about safety because of the high volume of lights and electrical cords being used.

"Before lights are put up outside the home, people should inspect them and make sure the wiring is good," Clements said. "Moisture (due to cold weather) should not be a problem if the

lights and wiring is good."

If people are using artificial trees, lights should be clear of the primary stem branches, which are usually made of wire, according to Clements. He adds that with live trees, people should be sure they have water.

"At the bottom of the tree cut off about a quarter-inch to one half inch of the tree so it will soak water while it's up," Clements said. "By the tree being damp, lights won't heat it up."

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Hartin

Mary Ann Hartin, 63, Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, in a Midland hospital. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Underwood, Minister of Missions at First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



HARTIN

She was born on Nov. 27, 1934, in Winnsboro and married Del Hartin on Dec. 27, 1959, in Big Spring. Mrs. Hartin was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1952. She graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor University in 1957. She taught school for 30 years before retiring. The last 22 years she taught at Forsan Elementary.

Survivors include: her husband, Del Hartin of Big Spring; one daughter, Ladene Hartin of Rochester; two nieces, Jeanette Dixon of Gatesville and Looie Biffar of Dallas; three nephews, Glenn Biffar of Krum, Ray Martin of Belton and James Beckham of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Ollie Attaway; two brothers, Reyford Beckham and Fred Beckham; two sisters, Elva Biffar and Eva Jean Martin and one niece, Elaine Shuffler.

The family suggests memorials to: American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring, 79721-2121 or the American Diabetes Association; Texas Affiliate, Concho Valley Chapter; P.O. Box 62182; San Angelo, Texas; 76906.

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

Patricia Wright

Service for Patricia Wright, 65, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m.

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Clarence Pollard, Jr., 41, died Thursday at his home. Services are 2:00 PM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Pat Wright, 65, died Thursday. Services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Graveside services will be at 3:30 PM Saturday at Elmwood Memorial Park, Abilene, Texas.

Mary Ann Hartin, 63, died Thursday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Susie Harrell, 81, died Thursday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Rev. James W. Liggett, pastor, officiating. Graveside service will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday, at Elmwood Memorial Park in WRIGHT



WRIGHT

Mrs. Wright died Thursday, Dec. 11, at Marcy House. She was born on Sept. 6, 1932, in Denton, and married Clyde Leonard Wright on Jan. 21, 1950, in Wills Point. He preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1992. She grew up in Wills Point and she and her late husband had lived in Abilene, El Paso and Houston. She worked as an interior decorator for a number of years and had resided in Big Spring since April of 1997. She was a member of Heavenly Rest Episcopal Church in Abilene and was a member of the Order of the Easter Star.

Survivors include: two daughters, Katanna Zachry, Garden City, and Kimberli Ulmer, Abilene, and eight grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to: American Heart Association, Howard County Division; P.O. Box 1223; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-1223 or Texas Kidney Foundation; 1525 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas; 75235.

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

Susie Harrell

Service for Susie Harrell, 81, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, in a local hospital.

BSISD plans auction for unwanted equipment

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring school district is charged with meeting the educational needs of more than 4,000 students. Unfortunately, it also is becoming a repository for material destined for the scrapheap.

Business office manager James McFarland said the district has become the unwilling home to a variety of equipment — of both the high-tech and low-tech variety — that no longer meets the district's needs.

The list reads like a junkman's version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" — 73 master air conditioners, 17 window a/c units, two stove-top heaters and numerous other items no longer needed.

The recent bond election was the unwitting agent of the items' obsolescence. The new computerized heating/cooling system made a lot of old equipment imminently expendable, McFarland said.

The high-tech revolution that has swept through state school districts in recent years has also contributed to the growing list of unwanted junk. Eight computers, six broken printers, 25 old record players and "numerous" slide projectors have been shunted to storage areas, McFarland said.

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district. The auctioneers will sell off all the unwanted equipment, while the district will realize 80 percent of the proceeds from the sale.

Not that the district is expecting a financial windfall from the sale.

"We won't see much," McFarland admitted to trustees. If nothing else, however, the deal will create space at the storage areas by Lakeview Head Start and the district's bus barn.

In other business, trustees approved:

- The resignation of a Marcy fourth-grade teacher Tammi Mason, who is relocating at the end of the fall semester.
- The 1997 tax roll. It shows that the district has a total taxable value of \$674.4 million. Given those valuations, the district would realize almost \$10.5 million in tax revenue if it collected 100 percent of its taxes this fiscal year.
- Naming Southwest Coca-Cola as provider of vending machine management service.

SEX

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City Attorney Jim Finley said the measures being taken by the city of Big Spring are pretty tough when compared to statutes in other communities.

"We can't totally ban sexually oriented businesses, but we can regulate them as to time, place and manner," Finley said.

Finley pointed out that Section 2-228 of the ordinance regulating such businesses (display of sexually explicit materials to minors) applies to all business and not just those of a sexual nature.

In this section of the ordinance, a person commits an offense if (in a business open to persons under the age of 17) they display a book, pamphlet, newspaper, magazine, film or video cassette with a cover that depicts, in a manner calculated to arouse sexual lust or passion for commercial gain or sexual lust or perversion for commercial gain, any type of sexual activity deemed inappropriate for viewing by minors.

Both ordinances will be back on the council's agenda for a second reading in January.

SAFETY

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Another fact holiday decoration lovers should be aware of is that most extension cords are good for about 13 amps, information usually available on most packages.

"With extension cords and lights, people should feel the lights and the cords to make sure they aren't getting too hot," Clements said.

"Overloading a circuit means something will most definitely get hot. Overloading also melts insulation and exposes conductors."

"Most wall sockets are rated at 20 amps," Clements added. "Stacking these is popular because it's a convenient thing to do because people don't want to cords and things lying around. One thing we hate to hear about is someone's home burning down because of a Christmas tree."

Though people may not think it's a hazard, Clements says people should never leave a lighted tree unguarded.

Also where live trees are concerned, moisture is usually down this time of year, according to Clements, and dry wood in a home is fuel for a fire.

"Once a tree gets dry and gets a spark, it's a match waiting to burn," Clements said.

One item Clements recommends is a smoke alarm for Christmas trees.

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you will have." Clements said electric heaters are designed to keep an area warm constantly to within about two degrees.

Probably the most critical area people need to look at during cold weather is frozen pipes.

According to Allstate's Texas Region Communications Department, next to hurricanes, frozen pipes are the single most costly insurance-related disaster.

To avoid pipe damage, people are urged to:

- Disconnect all garden hoses and install covers on all outside faucets.
- Sink cabinet doors should be opened to allow heat from the rest of the home to enter.
- Wrap pipes nearest exterior doors and in crawl spaces with pipe insulation or with heating tape.
- Insulate walls and unheated areas of your home. Consider weather-sealing your windows.
- Identify the main water valve on your water heater. If pipes do freeze or burst, shot off your main water valve and call your local water department.

LICENSE

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"The ordinance is designed to be tough but that's not to say people seeking to get into this type of business will get pass the Planning and Zoning Commission," City Manager Gary Fuqua said. "In fact, I think it will be quite difficult."

Anyone seeking a license to operate a sexually oriented business in Big Spring must be at least 18 years of age; not owe delinquent taxes to the city; provide adequate information in order to have a license issued; and shall have answered all questions on the application form honestly.

Any licensing requirements, not met are grounds for a license application to be denied, including the following reasons:

- An applicant or applicant's spouse has been convicted of a violation of any provision in Section 5-230 regarding sexually oriented businesses, other than operating such a business without a license within two years immediately preceding the application.
- The required licensing fee has not been paid.
- An applicant has been employed in a sexually oriented business in a managerial capacity within the previous 12 month period and has demonstrated an inability to operate or manage a sexually oriented business in a peaceful manner.
- Conviction of an applicant or an applicant's spouse for any of the following offenses are grounds for a license denial: prostitution; promotion of prostitution; aggravated promotion of prostitution; obscenity; sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor; sexual performance by a child; and possession of child pornography.

Other offenses for which a license may be denied include public lewdness, indecent exposure, indecency with a child, sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault.

The annual fee for a sexually oriented business license is \$500, which will be used to offset the cost of administering permits and inspections.

Violations of Chapter 5, with the exception of Section 5-222, are subject to a fine not to exceed \$500. Violations of Section 5-222 (required distance separation), will be subject to a fine of up to \$2,000.

According to Community Development Director Todd Darden, each day any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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BRIEFS

THE 118th DISTRICT COURT jury called for Monday, Dec. 15 has been cancelled. Jurors will be notified when the panel is recalled.

THE LOCAL VIETNAM VETERANS Association chapter has announced that an open house, scheduled for Saturday afternoon at Hangar 18, has been postponed because of weather.

The open house was scheduled to allow the general public to view an F-4 Phantom jet fighter that the VVA chapter recently acquired for display at the local Vietnam Memorial.

The open house will be held at a later date, chapter member Charlie Lewis said.

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.

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. - 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 267-3068 for more information.

MARKETS

March cotton 67.40, down 38 points; Jan. crude 18.27, up 12 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 43.50; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 66; Dec. lean hog futures 61.90, down 7 points; Dec. live cattle futures 66.60, down 32 points.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Garry Mauro says there's one reason he's glad he's not governor right now — the approaching execution of the first woman in Texas since the Civil War.

"Watching Gov. Bush wrestle with that decision, that's the only thing I can think of right now, the only reason I can think of right now that I'm glad I'm not governor," Mauro said Thursday.

"I have not wrestled with that. I do not know what I would do. It's a tough issue. I wish him well on coming to a resolution on it," the Democrat said.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected what could be the final appeal of Karla Faye Tucker, one of seven condemned women in Texas.

Ms. Tucker, 38, has been on death row since her conviction in the pickax slaying of Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, at Dean's Houston apartment during a burglary. Dean's companion, Deborah Thornton, 32, also was killed with the 3-foot-long ax, which was left embedded in her chest.

DALLAS (AP) — One day before today's scheduled testimony before a grand jury, a county commissioner apologized to a court reporter and a prosecutor who accused him of touching them improperly in separate incidents earlier this year.

Rockwall County District Attorney Ray Sumrow, special prosecutor, said he would ask the grand jury today to indict Ken Mayfield, 47, who is also a defense attorney, on charges of public lewdness, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine, and assault by offensive touching, a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of a \$500 fine.

The women said Mayfield approached them unexpectedly in the Frank Crowley Courts Building on Thursday.

"I was in shock, nervous, jittery, intimidated," the prosecutor said. "I think it's strange that he is doing it now. His motives are suspicious right before the grand jury."

The court reporter said she was "kind of shocked."

MARSHALL — A federal judge has threatened to hold a defense lawyer in contempt of court if he continues to ask questions ruled off-limits to a prosecution witness in a timber theft trial.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice told attorney Robert Perkins on Thursday that if he continued the forbidden line of questions he will be "in serious trouble with the court."

Perkins represents James R. Anderson, 52, of Whitehouse, who is charged with conspiracy to transport and sell stolen goods in interstate commerce and with two counts each of selling and transporting stolen timber in interstate commerce.

Anderson and Dean Hodge, 53, of Smithland, are accused of stealing timber from land in Bienville and Bossier parishes in Louisiana and selling it to East Texas lumber mills.

Perkins incurred the judge's ire for questioning Christopher Garner, 42, of Shreveport about his allegations that Anderson and Hodge had caused him to get into trouble for writing bad checks in Louisiana.

DALLAS (AP) — The White House rejected Dallas' bid to play host to President Clinton's meeting on race relations because the city's racial problems are "too big a mess," according to a lawyer involved in the process.

The White House eventually chose Akron, Ohio, for the president's town meeting because that city had been in the forefront of structured interracial discussion.

But Michael Sorrell, a Dallas lawyer hired recently as a special assistant to the initiative's executive director, called Akron a "horrendous" choice for the meeting that occurred last week.

"The Midwest, next to ... Montana, is the whitest place you'll ever go," Sorrell told a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Dallas on Thursday, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Sorrell said he arrived for a White House planning session with charts, statistics and a speech to argue racial problems made Dallas the perfect place for Clinton to kick off the series of national meetings.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has struck a blow against taxpayers' rights to sue accountants who give them bad advice, according to an Austin attorney.

In a decision released late Thursday, the court said partners in a now-defunct San Angelo food store company waited too long to sue their accountants after being charged more than \$2 million in back taxes and interest.

The partners said they followed the advice of accountants when paying their taxes and should not be stuck with the extra bill. But the court, in a 5-3 decision, said the partners could not pursue their claim against the accountants.

Winston Krause, an Austin attorney for the company's partners, said under the law, taxpayers with disputes over what they owe can fight the Internal Revenue Service and then sue their accountants if ultimately found liable for additional taxes.

That is what the partners in Colonial Food Stores, Inc. did, Krause said.

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Supreme Court justices, reacting strongly to a written motion calling them "nine nutty professors," have referred two lawyers to grievance committees for possible disciplinary action.

Justice Rose Spector dissented. She called the lawyers' motion "an intemperate attack on the members of this court," but added, "Nevertheless, I do not believe that their writing can possibly form the basis for lawyer discipline."

Targeted Thursday were two lawyers handling a case in which the Supreme Court stripped a multimillion-dollar jury award from parents who said their daughter was born disfigured because of the anti-morning sickness drug Bendectin.

In July, the Supreme Court ruled that there was no scientifically reliable evidence to support the verdict for Kelly Havner, formerly of Corpus Christi, who was born without fingers on her right hand.

The Havners' lawyers then filed a motion for rehearing that began, "Outlined against a hazy July sky, the four horsemen rode again last Wednesday, July 9, 1997. You know them: Pestilence, Death, Famine, and this Texas Supreme Court."

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Secretary of State Tony Garza, who's seeking the Republican nomination for Texas land commissioner, has released his federal income tax returns for the last five years and challenged fellow candidates to be open about their personal finances.

"The public has a right to know whether my business interests would be impacted by any relationships with other companies doing business with the General Land Office," Garza said. Garza paid \$66,126 in taxes on \$314,124 in income from 1992 to 1996. Nearly all of the income came from direct wages.

Meanwhile, likely Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro said Republican Gov. George W. Bush has not done enough to lower Texans' auto insurance bills.

"Governor Bush lets the big insurance companies keep almost 50 cents of every auto liability premium dollar. That's too much," Mauro said, adding that the governor could lower that to 25 cents per dollar without the Legislature passing a new law.

Henry Cisneros is second of Bill Clinton's cabinet secretaries to have been indicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second former member of President Clinton's Cabinet has been indicted on felony charges.

Henry Cisneros, who was Clinton's first housing secretary, was charged Thursday in an 18-count indictment with conspiracy, obstructing justice and making false statements to the FBI about payments to his former mistress, Linda Jones.

Jones, whose married name was Medlar, and two others also were indicted. All four were charged with one count of conspiring to defraud the United States by impeding an official investigation. If convicted, the defendants face up to five years in prison on each count.

Independent Counsel David M. Barrett alleged Cisneros lied about the amount and nature of payments to Jones when questioned by FBI agents as part of the confirmation process.

Cisneros' indictment is just the latest case involving high-level Clinton appointees:

- In August, former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy was indicted on 39 counts for allegedly accepting favors from companies doing business with the USDA.
- Former Commerce Secretary Ron Brown had been under investigation when he died in a plane crash in 1996.
- Attorney General Janet Reno is reviewing whether to ask for an independent counsel to investigate Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's role in rejecting an Indian casino opposed by tribes that had contributed to the Democratic Party.

Clinton is the subject of a Justice investigation into fund raising during the 1996 campaign; an independent counsel's probe into the Whitewater land deal; and a sexual harassment

CISNEROS CHRONOLOGY:

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

- December 1986: Lubbock, Texas native Linda Jones is hired as fundraiser for San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros.
- March 1987: Cisneros and Ms. Jones begin an affair, she said later.
- October 1988: Cisneros publicly acknowledges a "close personal friendship" with Ms. Jones.
- Late 1989: Cisneros reconciles with his wife, Mary Alice.
- January 1990: according to Ms. Jones, Cisneros' begins monthly payments of \$4,000.
- May 1991: Ms. Jones, now divorced, moves back to her hometown.
- December 1992: President Clinton names Cisneros as secretary of housing and urban development.
- 1993: Cisneros stops payments to Ms. Jones.
- July 29, 1994: Ms. Jones sues Cisneros, alleging breach of contract and fraud. Cisneros denies agreeing to make regular payments.
- Oct. 14, 1994: The Justice Department announces an inquiry into allegations that Cisneros misled the FBI about how much he paid Ms. Jones.
- March 14, 1995: Justice determines Cisneros had provided false information. AG Janet Reno recommends that an independent counsel investigate allegations that Cisneros conspired to conceal information about the payments.
- May 19, 1995: Cisneros and Ms. Jones reach an out-of-court settlement for \$49,000. Both agree not to talk with reporters or profit commercially from the relationship or lawsuit.
- Nov. 27, 1995: Federal prosecutors grant Ms. Jones immunity from prosecution in the Cisneros probe in exchange for her cooperation.
- May 30, 1996: Cisneros says he wants to remain HUD secretary if Clinton is re-elected in November. He earlier had told a newspaper that financial constraints might force him to serve just one term.
- Sept. 17, 1996: Federal agents serve a search warrant on the Lubbock home Ms. Jones shared with her mother, taking several boxes of material.
- Nov. 21, 1996: Cisneros resigns as HUD secretary.
- Jan. 12, 1997: Frank Wing, former San Antonio City Council member and a close Cisneros political ally, is subpoenaed by a grand jury looking into financial help given to Cisneros' former mistress.
- Jan. 23, 1997: Cisneros becomes president and CEO of Univision.
- Sept. 12, 1997: Ms. Jones is indicted on 26 counts of conspiracy, bank fraud, money laundering and obstruction of a special prosecutor's investigation.
- Dec. 11, 1997: Cisneros is indicted on 18 felony counts of conspiracy, obstructing justice and making false statements to the FBI about payments to Jones. She and two other defendants — John Rosales and Sylvia Arce-Garcia, employees of Cisneros in Texas and later at HUD — are charged with one count of conspiracy. Jones also is charged with a separate count of lying to the FBI, while Rosales is charged with two counts of lying to the FBI and IRS.

suit filed by former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones.

Cisneros was secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1993 until November 1996. He now heads Univision, a Los Angeles-based Spanish tv network.

"While Mr. Cisneros and his family do not relish the prospect of further public airing

of private events beginning a decade ago, he will defend himself vigorously and expects complete exoneration after a trial," said Cisneros' attorney, Cono Namorato.

Univision said it was aware of the probe when its hired Cisneros last January and he will continue as its CEO.

Clinton had kind words for

Cisneros.

"Henry Cisneros has a distinguished career of truly dedicated public service," Clinton said. "I have greatly valued his service."

The indictment alleged Cisneros, who is married, paid Jones more than \$250,000 from 1990 through 1993 and conspired with her and the other defendants to mislead investigators about the payments both before and after he became secretary.

Among his allegedly fraudulent statements were assertions the payments never exceeded \$10,000 annually and he had not been threatened or coerced.

The indictment also alleged that Cisneros lied when he "stated that he had only one extramarital relationship, other than that with (Jones), during his marriage."

Cisneros was separately charged with an additional 17 counts of making false statements and misleading the FBI "in an effort to obtain top secret national security clearance."

Jones was charged with a separate count of making false statements to the FBI.

Barrett initially granted Jones immunity from prosecution, but later accused her of misleading the FBI, thereby failing to "live up to her end of the bargain."

Jones has said she and Cisneros began their romantic relationship in 1987, when he was San Antonio mayor.

Cisneros acknowledged the relationship in 1988, then reconciled with his wife.

The indictment names John Rosales and Sylvia Arce-Garcia, who both worked for Cisneros' communications company before he became HUD secretary and later worked for him at the agency.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
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OUR VIEWS

We salute ...

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- Coaches and team members of the STANTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, for reaching the Class 2A state semifinals. The Buffaloes face Italy at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Brownwood.
- Marine reservist GEORGE HERRERA, who is heading this year's Toys for Tots campaign.
- LONNIE SMITH, for being named chief of the Big Spring Police Department.
- Members of the local VIETNAM MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, for acquiring an F-4 jet fighter to add to the local Vietnam Memorial.
- JUSTIN WHITE, LOGAN GAMBLE AND PAUL KINSEY of Forsan High School, who were named to the All-District 8-2A First Team.
- JEFF DENTON, ANTWOYNE EDWARDS, KURT MIRANDA, BRADY PATTERSON, CHAUNCEY FORD AND BROCK GEE of Big Spring High School, first-team selections on the All-District 4-4A football squad.
- Officials at FINA REFINERY, who recently donated equipment to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

Janet Reno insists the Justice Department's year-old investigation into the finances of the Clinton-Gore campaign will continue. The attorney general argued this week that her decision to reject the appointment of an independent counsel to look into fund-raising calls made by the president and the vice president represents just one element of the department's investigation.

Unfortunately, try as she may to be reassuring, Reno still doesn't seem to get it. An independent counsel should have been appointed long ago.

The attorney general was appointed by the president. She may not be a Clinton confidant, but clearly, with so many administration officials, not to mention higher-ups at the Democratic Party, linked to the fund-raising scandal, she runs the risk of conducting an investigation that will be vulnerable to charges of political favoritism.

BEACON JOURNAL
Akron, Ohio

Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, who carries a history of Mexico in his name, begins his first full week as mayor of Mexico City today. Friday's inauguration capped a sometimes heart-breaking quest to hold public office. Now, he has attained a position of power and influence and will be judged on how well he performs.

Cardenas carries the name of an Aztec king and is the son of Lázaro Cardenas, president of the republic

AMERICAN-STATESMAN
Austin

from 1934 to 1940. Cardenas' memory is revered in Mexico both for his compassion for the country's poor and for his fierce nationalism.

Texas and the United States both have a stake in a positive outcome for the Cardenas mayoralty and he is going to need more than good wishes and a history to achieve it.

President Clinton's promised series of town hall meetings on race opened last week in Akron, Ohio, to mixed reviews. More good news is that the session include a few participants whose views on affirmative action were different from the president's — unlike hearings recently held by his advisory committee on race about increasing diversity on college campuses.

But regrettably, the president chose one such participant, Abigail Thernstrom, to browbeat over racial preferences in an unnecessary and desperate attempt to start an argument. Thernstrom is a conservative opponent of affirmative action who recently co-authored a book that takes an optimistic view of racial progress in the United States.

To his credit, Clinton asked tough questions. He must continue to ask them. If they hear such questions often enough, people will start thinking — and talking — about answers.

THE OREGONIAN
Portland

Sports, crime and punishment ...

A lot of sports writers and commentators are trying to make the case of Latrell Sprewell a racial cause celebre. Especially since the celebrated black lawyer, Johnnie Cochran, is trying to rescue Sprewell, the black basketball player who attacked his coach, P.J. Carlesimo.



Carl Rowan
Syndicated Columnist

But this latest ugly episode in American sports has nothing to do with race. It is about the absence of law and order, due process and a single standard of justice in institutions that have been corrupted by greed and a desire to win at almost any cost.

My initial reaction was that

no punishment of Sprewell could be excessive, because punching one's coach is intolerable. Then I remembered some of the real rules of big-time athletics in America:

Thou shalt not beat up an umpire or referee. But thou may, in the closing days of a pennant chase, spit upon him or her in moments of provocation if one is a superstar.

Roberto Alomar of the Baltimore Orioles spat on an umpire when his team seemed World Series bound and he was suspended for a few days. Sprewell choked Carlesimo when his team, the Golden State Warriors, is going to the dogs and Sprewell gets suspended for a year and the team unilaterally cancels his \$32 million contract.

You don't have to condone Sprewell's thuggish behavior to ask how Alomar and Sprewell could get such different punishments. Cochran is surely going to focus on the fact that

organized sports have no system of due process and that punishment often is meted out according to a variety of prejudices and whims.

Another rule in American sports might read:

While thou may physically maim a girlfriend or beat up a wife and stay eligible to play, thou will get banished for punching an able-bodied coach.

That may sound absurd, but it is the reality of life in a system where almost anything goes for players who are so gifted that teams regard them as indispensable. One running back, Lawrence Phillips, survived some atrocious behavior at the University of Nebraska, was recently thrown off the National Football League's St. Louis Rams, but still wound up with the Miami Dolphins and a chance to go to the Super Bowl. This kind of coddling is justified in the name of "giving a second chance," but it is nothing more than letting the

desire to win wipe out almost all standards of decent behavior.

This destructive stuff begins in high school, or even earlier, as star athletes take on the brattish attitude "you can't win without me." It intensifies when high-schoolers are courted shamelessly by college coaches for whom recruiting is the key to winning and winning is essential to survival. The college kids are corrupted with under-the-table cash, cars and girls. Then the students are told to steer clear of gamblers and gambling, and most people pretend to be shocked when stories erupt of point-shaving and other detectable transgressions.

Do I expect the Sprewell case to become a catalyst for cleaning up these abominations? No, because deep at the heart of our culture there's only one name of the game: WIN!

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First dog has many predecessors

By ANN McFEATHERS
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WASHINGTON — President Clinton and his wife Hillary were stunned before the election last year when they were shown a poll that many Americans did not know they have a daughter Chelsea. They are not making the same mistake with their new puppy.

Of course, the country knows all about Socks, the cat that accompanied the Clintons from Little Rock to Arkansas (the cat has a prominent place on the White House home page on the Internet and is often spied by photographers on the South Lawn). Now, you can expect to be deluged with tidbits about the First Dog.

Just weeks after Chelsea departed for college at Stanford, 3,000 miles away, leaving a lonely first couple, Clinton is getting, as 99.4 percent of Americans know, a 3-month-old chocolate Labrador retriever from a friend. Clinton has met his new canine chum, who came for a romp on the South lawn, but the dog is being housebroken at somebody else's house.

In the week since that happened, there have been well over 500 news stories about the dog, which doesn't even have a name yet. The Clintons cagily are asking Americans to submit names, and The Washington Post quickly cobbled up a "Name That Dog" feature. We like "Shoes" because it fits with Socks. Needless to say, there have been a lot of suggestions that won't be chosen such as "Subpoena" and "Waffle."

The NBC News research department neatly summarized the burning question — how many pets have there been at the White House since 1789? The list included 23 dogs, 16 birds, 11 horses, 10 cats, 4 cows, 4 goats and 4 rabbits. It failed

to include goldfish, mockingbirds, parakeets and white mice and peripheral dogs who came and went.

Of course, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, publishers of a wee new book, "First Dogs," are in heaven. As are its authors, Roy Rowan and Brooke Janis. Clinton's getting a dog is even better promotion for the \$17.95 book than Dan Rather of CBS saying the book is a "doggone delight that will leave you sitting up and begging for more. I give it four paws up."

The book shows how inventive the Clintons must be to equal some of the names of the new puppy's predecessors: George Washington's Sweet Lips, Drunkard, Tipsy and Tippler; John Kennedy's Shannon, Charlie, Wolf, Pushinka, Clipper, Butterfly, White Tips, Blackie and Streaker; Rutherford B. Hayes' Dot, Jet, Hector, Grim, Deke, Juno and Shep Theodore Roosevelt's Rollo, Manchu, Sailor Boy, Tip, Mutt, Blackjack, Pete and Skip, and Lyndon Johnson's Him, Yuki, Her, Blanco and a basket full of puppies. Gerald Ford had Liberty. Richard Nixon's beloved Checkers died before his master got to the Oval Office but then along came Pasha, Vicky and King Timahoe, who had their own Santa, tree and stockings at Christmas.

Ronald Reagan had two dogs, Lucky, who often yanked Nancy Reagan nearly off her pins, and Rex. George Bush's dog Ranger was outshone by his wife's dog Millie, who had six puppies, killed rats on the White House lawn and earned more than a million dollars by writing a book about life in the White House with the first lady. Jimmy Carter's daughter Amy had Grits, who refused to take his shot for Heartworm

Awareness Week and fought with her cat, Misty Malarky Ying Yang, a warbling for Clinton.

Clinton also must hope that his unnamed pet's trainers do a better job than was done with Grits, who peed on White House carpets, and Heidi, Dwight Eisenhower's dog. Heidi left a large yellow stain on the carpet of the Diplomatic Reception Room and was always ruining the pictures of photographers trying to shoot Mamie Eisenhower.

Rowan and Janis urged Clinton for political reasons to get a dog (54 million Americans own and love dogs) and also said that a dog would ease the loneliness of the White House and carry on a long tradition of making the White House a dog-house.

Clinton, who went Christmas shopping for his wife and daughter in New York, also is apparently thinking of buying his new pet something. Petco, a national pet supply store, claims Clinton called a Washington branch and asked about leashes, collars and rubber and leather toys, including pig's ears, which Clinton said he remembered from Arkansas before his dog Zeke, a cocker spaniel was run over by a car.

The chain recommends pet owners give their pets Santa hats or reindeer antlers, fashion sweaters, booties, treat dispensers, rawhide Christmas bells and interactive play toys and pet furniture.

While those are sobering thoughts, a comment that put the whole affair in perspective came from White House press secretary Mike McCurry: This is all about "the president's desire to have one loyal friend in Washington."

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House and politics for Scripps Howard News Service.)

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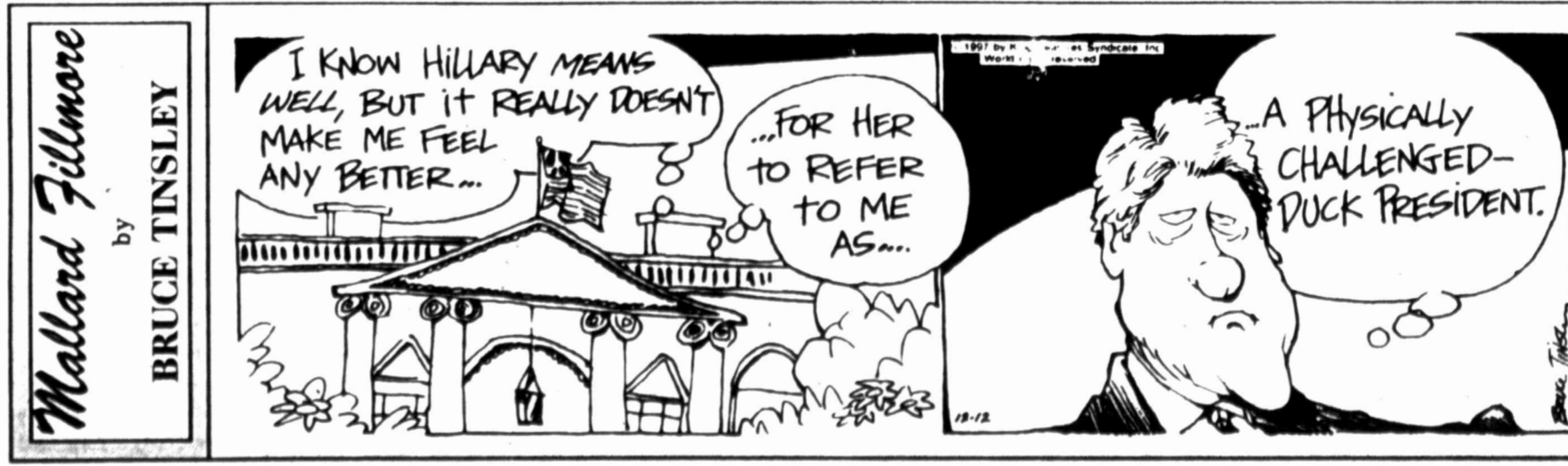
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BRUCE TINSLEY

Police storm house, kill murder suspect, children safely released

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Police stormed a house before dawn today and safely rescued two young children, killing the murder suspect who had held them hostage for three days.

Four-year-old Malcolm Phillips and his 2-year-old cousin, Tedi Priest, were doing well. The boy and girl were reunited with their mothers, who cradled the youngsters outside the house in a misty rain.

Primate center employee dies after contracting virus from monkey

ATLANTA (AP) — The employee at Yerkes Primate Research Center didn't think much of the tiny substance that struck her eye as she helped move a caged rhesus monkey.

Ten days later, the woman's eye was inflamed. Four weeks later, she died after contracting the herpes B virus.

The woman's death, announced Thursday, is the first known case in which the virus is believed to have been transmitted through the eye, said Yerkes spokeswoman Kate Egan.

"I don't know what it was, urine, feces ... we just don't know," Egan said. The virus, common among rhesus and macaque monkeys, is either harmless or causes mild disease in the primates. It is deadly to humans.

The woman, identified by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as Elizabeth R. Griffin, died Wednesday after a roller-coaster battle with the virus. She appeared fine after initial treatment for her eye, then worsened.

Griffin, 22, who graduated this year with a degree in biology from Agnes Scott College, was a member of the primate research team. She was wearing a lab coat, gloves and a mask, but had no eye protection while helping to move the cage that was covered in a protective mesh to further limit contact.

"During this transfer, as she tried to look into the cage to check the status of the monkey, something came out," Dr. Tom Gordon, Yerkes' associate director of scientific programs, told reporters.

"Because it was so minor an event, it was not even viewed by the individual as serious. She didn't see it as an accident or an injury," he said. Symptoms developed about 10 days later.

Griffin was admitted to Emory University Hospital about four weeks ago. She responded well to anti-viral medication at first, said Dr. Carl Perlino, an associate professor in Emory's Department of Medicine.

"She did do well for perhaps eight to 10 days and then actually went home," Perlino said. "The day after she was sent home, I got a call saying she was developing weakness in her legs."

Griffin's condition worsened and she returned to the hospital where she died.

The virus isn't known to travel through the air, so the woman didn't think she was putting herself in any danger by not wearing eye protection, Egan said.

"In every other case we know of, the infection is from a bite or a scratch or a needle stick," she said.

"This was an extraordinary low-risk kind of activity by any measure we have," Gordon said. "There's no way you can get bitten or scratched doing what she was doing."

Herpes B virus is fatal in 70 percent of humans who contract the disease. Gordon said only 40 cases of monkey-to-human transmission have been recorded since 1933, when the first case was reported in a human. The cases came from bites, scratches and pricks from needles, the center said.

Griffin's colleagues held a memorial service for her at a chapel on Emory's campus Thursday, lauding her service to the research center.

The Yerkes center, which holds about 2,800 primates, performs tests on 15 primate species to find cures for AIDS, cardiovascular disease, Parkinson's disease and cancer.

"I was so happy. I had all smiles," said Tedi's grandmother Margaret Vickson. The girl's uncle, Alphonso Wright, said, "I had faith they were going to come out OK."

John Edward Armstrong had been holding the two at gunpoint in their duplex since Tuesday morning, when he burst into their home while fleeing police who suspected him of a fatal shooting.

He ordered the children's mothers out and kept the two toddlers. A father of three himself, he had apparently treated them well, but police became concerned as he repeatedly broke promises to free them.

"There were concerns about what he would have done. He

had nothing to gain by giving up. He knew what charges were facing him," said Police Chief William Kennedy. "We gave Mr. Armstrong every opportunity to come out peacefully. He did not."

Armstrong had previously taken only cat naps each night. But early this morning, a police listening device detected the sound of him snoring. Kennedy ordered the raid.

It was 4:06 a.m. (CST) when seven SWAT team members burst into the duplex and found Armstrong and the children sleeping in a back bedroom.

Armstrong woke up and struggled with officer Scott Perkins. Police gave no detail on precisely what happened next, but in

the end, Perkins was wounded in the hand, Armstrong was killed and the children were free.

Tedi was in tears as her mother, Iris Vickson, hugged her tightly, and Adrienne Phillips smiled broadly as she held her son and patted his cousin on the back. The children's fathers are brothers.

The children were checked out at a hospital and pronounced fine.

"It was very emotional for the mothers and the officers as well. Kids were crying, mothers were crying, police were crying as well," Lt. Cheryl DeGross-Berry said.

After police announced that Armstrong was dead, his sister,

Doretha Owens, said: "They didn't have to do this. They didn't have to do this to my brother. They treat us like dogs."

The grandmother, Vickson, expressed sympathy for Armstrong's family.

Armstrong, 39, was suspected of fatally shooting a man and wounding a woman in nearby Winter Park before leading police on a chase that ended near the children's home. He did not know the children's family and apparently picked the house at random.

Armstrong did not respond to requests from his 12-year-old son and his brother to surrender and ignored televised pleas from Malcolm and Tedi's relatives.

Instead, police said he let the children sleep, provided them blankets, made them peanut butter sandwiches and let Tedi watch a Mickey Mouse cartoon.

Armstrong had previous convictions for robbery, burglary and attacking his wife. Due for release from prison on a robbery conviction May 24, 1998, he was instead freed in March, among about 400 inmates who got out when a U.S. Supreme Court ruling restored early-release time originally intended to relieve prison crowding.


Family members said Armstrong had been on a two-week crack and heroin binge before his latest run-in with the law.

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Fire at Burger King closes London's Heathrow Airport

LONDON (AP) — Fire broke out early today in a fast-food restaurant at Britain's Heathrow international airport, delaying hundreds of flights and causing huge traffic jams. No injuries were reported.

The fire began at 4:40 a.m. local time (10:40 p.m. Thursday CST) at a Burger King restaurant in terminal 1 and quickly spread through the air ducts to other parts of the building.

Eyewitnesses said they saw smoke and flames billowing through the roof of the terminal for two hours after the blaze flared. About 70 firefighters brought the fire under control 3 1/2 hours after it started, and authorities released a statement at 9:45 a.m. (4:45 a.m. EST) saying the fire was out.

At one point, terminals 1, 2 and 3 were closed, causing delays for more than 50,000 airline passengers and traffic jams on roads leading to the airport, 15 miles west of central London.

"The whole sky above the terminal seemed to be glowing," said Bob James, an American oil engineer, who landed at Terminal 3 soon after the fire broke out. "All you could see

was smoke and flames. It was a sight I will never forget."

Terminal 1, which handles mainly domestic flights and flights to the European continent and Ireland, was expected to be closed until mid-afternoon, and possibly until Saturday, airport authorities said. Flights into Terminal 1 were diverted to other airports in southeast England.

Terminals 2 and 3, located near Terminal 1, reopened after about two hours.

Terminal 4, which handles mostly British Airways overseas flights and is located about three miles from the three other terminals, remained open.

Officials said there would be delays and changes to flight schedules throughout the day. British Airways said it had canceled all its British and international flights from Terminal 1 until at least 3 p.m. (10 a.m. CST).

"Typically on a Friday the airport will handle about 170,000 passengers. Just about half of those will be into and out of Terminal 1," said Roger Cato, Heathrow's managing director. The fire apparently started in

the ventilation shaft above a deep-fat fryer, fire officials said. The restaurant was not open at the time.

"There were very few people around and when the smoke detector started everyone thought it was a false alarm," said British passenger Marianne Billington, 57. "It took about half an hour for people to start taking it seriously."

The fire caused heavy traffic congestion on area roads.

British Broadcasting Corp. TV reported that at one point cars were backed up for five miles along the M4 highway, which carries traffic in and out of the airport. Traffic also backed up on the M25, the highway that circles greater London and is linked to the M4.

Some motorists abandoned cars alongside the M4 and tried walking to the terminal carrying their luggage, the Automobile Association reported. Police warned that abandoned cars would be towed.

Last year, 57 million people used Heathrow, which handles more international passengers than any other airport in the world.

Cold War terrorist gets day in court

PARIS (AP) — He was once one of the world's most-wanted men, a flamboyant Cold War-era mastermind of deadly bombings, assassinations and hostage dramas that terrified and horrified. By his own count, he killed 83 people.

Today, Carlos the Jackal, a k a Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, goes on trial for the slayings of two French investigators and a Lebanese national. Prosecutors hope to put the 48-year-old former communist terrorist behind bars for 30 years.

Though his terrorist ties are believed to have dried up and his East bloc backers lost their jobs with the Soviet collapse, authorities were taking no chances with security for the weeklong trial of the Venezuelan-born Ramirez.

Police did not reveal specific plans, but said each of the nine jurors, nine alternates and three judges in the trial were being given two bodyguards and a chauffeur. Officers carefully checked bags, purses and briefcases at the Palais de Justice, and all entrances to the building had body scanners.

Security in the capital already had been increased during this month's trial of suspected Muslim militants linked to

Algerian-related terror bombings in recent years.

Aside from deadly bombings and killings in France, Ramirez is most infamous for his participation in the 1972 massacre of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinian commandos at the Munich Olympics. He plotted the 1975 seizure of OPEC oil ministers and the 1976 Palestinian hijacking of a French jetliner to Entebbe, Uganda, that ended with an Israeli commando raid.

Ramirez was trained as a guerrilla in Cuba and Moscow and joined the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Twenty-two years ago, in June 1975, he was posing as a student in a tiny Latin Quarter apartment near the Sorbonne when two unarmed investigators knocked on his door.

Raymond Dous and Jean Donatini, of the Direction de la Securite du Territoire — France's FBI — were probing an attack on Israel's El Al airlines at Paris' Orly Airport in January of that year.

Arriving at 9 rue TOLLIER with the two investigators was Michel Moukharbal, a fellow PFLP militant arrested earlier that month. Moukharbal pointed to Ramirez as a suspect and

Ramirez opened fire, killing him and the two agents before fleeing the country.

Ramirez was convicted in absentia in 1992, but French law requires a retrial upon the suspect's return to the country.

Ramirez's fingerprints on the pistol and his description of the killings in an interview are giving the prosecution a virtually open-and-shut case. But observers say he might use his secrets to work out a deal that could eventually get him out of jail or secure his early release.

Bernard Violet, author of "Carlos — The Secret Networks of International Terrorism," said Ramirez has information about other terrorist groups, including Algeria's Armed Islamic Group and Hamas, that French intelligence covets.

Ramirez has spent his time behind bars reading up on French law and studying the language. He and his lawyers were expected to ask the court to throw out the case, contending he was illegally abducted by French agents in Sudan.

"He will use the arms needed for that battlefield, and that's to use legal means to say what he wants to say politically," a lawyer for Ramirez, Isabelle Coutant-Peyre, told AP.

Rift with Turkey clouds EU opening

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — A rift with Turkey clouded today's opening of the European Union summit, already dominated by two great turn-of-the-century challenges: creating a common currency and expansion into Eastern Europe.

Angry that Turkey has not been promised eventual EU membership, Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz pulled out of a dinner with his EU colleagues scheduled for Saturday.

The union has not included Turkey on a list of 11 nations that are to be invited to join the group because of its human rights record, its occupation of northern Cyprus and its border disputes with EU member Greece.

"There is no comparison possible between Turkey and the other 11 applicant countries. No one is tortured in these countries, but this is not the case unfortunately in Turkey," Luxembourg's prime minister, Jean-Claude Juncker, told the British Broadcasting Corp.

The Turks warned they would cut relations with the EU unless the summit gave guarantees that the country of 60 million would one day be considered eligible for EU membership.

"If there is a negative outcome at the summit, Turkey will no longer discuss political issues with the EU," Foreign Minister Ismail Cem was quoted by the daily Milliyet newspaper as saying.

"We will no longer talk Cyprus or human rights with them, only economic issues."

The feud with Turkey cast a shadow over a summit that was to be focused on making decisions for incorporating former East bloc nations into the EU early in the next decade and for coordinating Europe's economic policy after the switch to a

single currency on Jan. 1, 1999. Hopes were especially high for a deal that would end a squabble over proposals for a special economic council made up of the 11 EU nations expected to qualify for the euro when it goes into effect.

The deal aims to satisfy French and German-led demands for the so-called "euro-9" council without shunning Britain, Sweden, Denmark and Greece, which will likely stay outside the monetary union but fear being marginalized by the insiders.

A compromise was expected under which the currency outsiders will get observer status on the council.

"There are a thousand possible compromises with our British friends," French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn said Thursday.

On expanding the EU, European leaders plan to wipe away the last traces of Europe's Cold War divisions by opening the union's doors to its former communist neighbors.

"This will allow us to finally reunite the peoples of the

European continent," Juncker said in a pre-summit letter to his fellow leaders.

The EU leaders were planning to start formal membership talks with 10 eastern neighbors and Cyprus in the spring. The six favorites — Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Cyprus — could be in the EU by 2004.

The Turks applied to join the EU in 1987. Since then, the Europeans have tried to resist Ankara's requests for membership without upsetting a loyal NATO ally and important trading partner.

Now Turkey is angry at being overtaken by Eastern European countries and furious at the EU's plan to open negotiations with the Greek-Cypriots.

As a conciliatory gesture, the EU was prepared to offer Turkey a seat in the "European Conference," a new group made up of 15 EU members and the 11 would-be newcomers.

"Turkey itself has decided it does not want to take part on the terms that were offered," British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said.

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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Church will provide food boxes for needy Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A local congregation plans to feed the needy Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at the Lakeview Headstart gym.

Church of the Harvest will be receiving a truckload of food, clothing and other items from its ministry headquarters in Dallas. They will distribute the items to anyone who asks, a minister said.

"We asking that they need it, that's all," said Mark Barber, music pastor. "This is for any-

one who may be going through a hard time right now. If you need some food, we want you to come out Saturday."

The church plans to have ministry teams at the gym for anyone who wants to discuss their faith, but Barber said they won't "push" religion on those being served.

All those who come to the gym will receive a box containing food such as potatoes, canned goods, bread and some clothing as well, Barber said. There is expected to be enough for 200 local families.

FOOD BOXES

Where: Lakeview Headstart Gym
When: Saturday, 1-4 p.m.
Who: Church of the Harvest will provide food and clothing for the needy.
Call the church, 267-6747 for more information.

"This is an outreach of our church," Barber said. "This is part of our ministry to get out and actually help people."
The church headquarters,

Total Life Ministries in Wylie has a program through Feed the Children that feeds hundreds of people a week in the metroplex, Barber said.

Although the Lakeview location is planned as a base of operations, Barber said people from any part of town are welcome to come to the distribution. Future food and clothing giveaways may be planned at other locations.

"We want to try to make an impact on the city to those in need in during this season," said Troy Puckett, pastor of

Church of the Harvest. "Through this, we hope to help them understand there are people in the city who care for them... We want them to know that God is able to work for changes in their lives."

Past mission activities of the church include Praise Fest, a musical event this summer, and a program for feeding needy families at Thanksgiving.

"Our church people want to help the hurting," Puckett said. "We want to help people in need."

Make it hard to go to Hell from Big Spring

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Isn't it interesting that we live in a society where going to church is seen as the upstanding and socially acceptable thing to do, and that many churchgoers turn their noses up at the people who don't go to church? Jesus Christ still calls those people who follow Him to be in the business of being "fishers of men." Men and women in need of God are like fish when they're caught - they still need to be cleaned.

We Christians shouldn't wait until people "get their act together" and then decide to come to church. We should be lovingly radical enough to approach and penetrate the lives of people who are obviously living outside of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

It is not being judgmental to determine whether a person is living the life of a pagan, atheist, doctor, accountant, banker, prostitute, homosexual, drug user, alcoholic, Buddhist, Muslim, Mason, Mormon, Christian, or anything else.

Of course, people have the choice to live any kind of lifestyle and pursue any kind of career they desire. However, it is the obligation and duty of a person who claims to be a Christian to try and influence every person to come to a knowledge of the truth...the truth that there is only one true God, that Jesus Christ is lord, that there are consequences for not knowing Him, and are wonderful benefits for knowing, serving, and loving Him.

Christians and churches should be real and transparent with who they are, radical in the telling of others about Jesus, and relentless in their pursuit of everyone knowing about the Gospel of Jesus Christ!! We do this with our mouths, lives, and money. A popular bumper sticker and saying has been, "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Are you outside of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please see RUSHING, page 9A.



Lee Rushing
Guest Columnist

CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church

"To Join the Eagles - I" (Luke 2:1-14) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how we Christians ought to view Christmas. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Everyone at FUMC would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped in the setup and production of the Living Christmas Tree. Again it was a great success, thanks to all of the community who attended and enjoyed this year's Christmas celebration.

Midway Baptist Church

The Midway Baptist Church invites you to worship with us Sunday evening, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. as the Adult Choir, directed by Raford Dunagan, presents the Christmas Musical, "Christmas! I Love to Tell the Story," created by Dale Matthews and arranged by Russ Mauldin. Pianist will be Sherry Fryrear and narration by Hank Williamson.

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This Sunday evening all friends of unity are invited to share a video presentation of the life and work of Peace Pilgrim who walked for peace for 15 years. The video will be shown at 5 p.m. at the Box Car.

College Baptist Church

The adult choir from College Baptist Church will be performing at Big Spring Mall Saturday 2 p.m. They will present the Christmas musical, "Born a Slave, Born a King." Accompanists will be George Cook and James Menzies. The group is directed by Keith Cook, associate pastor of College Baptist.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 W. Fourth Street, has Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. There is a Wednesday Bible study at 6 p.m.

This Sunday's sermon will be "Is Christmas Too Costly?"

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CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association will have a Christmas party Dec. 16, 7 p.m. in the home of Judy Gibbs, 2608 Rebecca Street.

Members are to bring to the party "Variations On A Still Life" painting to be viewed and judged.

Eighty-six paintings and sculptures were entered in the November Membership Show.

They remain on display at the Dora Roberts Community Center until the end of December.

Womens Forum

The November meeting of the Womens Forum met in the home of Evelyn Coker with Martha Fielder as co-hostess.

Edna Faye Smith introduced Margy Thompson Bradberry, chief Juvenile Probation officer, in our area, who gave a very informative program on juveniles and the problems in our city. She reported they are working toward getting a Juvenile Center here because of the cost in having to send them to other centers out of town.

Sarah Boyd brought a recommendation from the project committee that we delete 'Christmas in April' gift each year and give instead to the YMCA. The club passed on this recommendation. The State Hospital Christmas party will be Dec. 9. Those members who are furnishing cakes and sandwiches are - Ethelyn McCann and Helen McDonald cakes-sandwiches, Edna Faye Smith, Emily Easley, Sarah Boyd, and Evelyn Coker.

Clara Zack was voted into the club as a new member.

Christmas party will be Dec. 9 in the home of Zula McCrary. Emily Easley and Evelyn co-hostesses.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments served.

Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, Dec. 15. Fellowship hour is at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

Rhapsody, a musical group from BSHS, will provide entertainment. The ensemble is under the direction of Linda Lindell.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Some churches stop all marriages to protest same-sex wedding ban

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Suzanne Prince married Hunter Allen at a friend's home. That wasn't the plan, but the couple had no choice because their church, Edgemoor United Methodist, doesn't allow marriage ceremonies.

The Edgemoor congregation decided that until the United Methodist Church allows gay marriages, no marriage ceremonies of any kind will be performed in their chapel.

If the United Methodist Church wasn't going to allow gay people to get married in the church, I agree that straight people shouldn't either," said Prince, who's been married nine months.

Similar acts of protest have been reported elsewhere. The Rev. Jan Nunley, rector at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Providence, R.I., will preside over church weddings for straight couples. But she won't sign marriage licenses for them.

"I was in considerable anguish over the fact that I can create a legal relationship for mixed gender couples, but couldn't do that for same-gender couples who've lived together for 25 years," she said.

She complies with her bishop's wishes by conducting gay weddings off church property.

The National Council of Churches has no information on how many individual churches perform gay marriage ceremonies, or refuse to allow traditional marriages to protest bans on gay marriages.

Southern Baptist Convention spokesman Herb Hollinger said he knows of no Southern Baptist churches that recognize gay unions or have refused to allow traditional weddings. Theology is left to local churches, but convention principles prohibit promoting or affirming homosexuality, he said.

The United Church of Christ allows individual churches to Please see BAN page 9A



Daria Swindell, leader of Compassionate Friends, lights a candle at her home earlier this week. The group is asking local residents to light a candle Sunday at 7 p.m. Lit candles all over the world at that time will honor children who have died.

Courtroom no place for Commandments?

Lawyer-theologian files lawsuit asking text be removed in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston attorney says it offends him to see the Ten Commandments displayed in the courtroom.

Daniel Shea, a lawyer and Roman Catholic theologian, filed a lawsuit Wednesday seeking a temporary restraining order to make District Judge Scott Brister take down the display.

Shea said he saw the display of the famed text when he visited Brister's courtroom on Dec. 8.

The Ten Commandments are

sacred Hebrew writings found in the books of Genesis and Deuteronomy in the Bible and have no place in a courtroom, Shea said.

Shea contends the display violates his Constitutional right to free exercise of religion without government interference and asked U.S. District Judge David Hittner to order Brister to remove the display until the issue is settled.

A hearing was scheduled Thursday before Hittner.

"As a practicing Roman

Catholic, I am personally offended by the appropriation of one of the sacred symbols of the Judeo-Catholic tradition by a publicly elected official," Shea said.

The judge said he was blindsided by the action because no one, including Shea, had complained.

"I didn't know anything about this until 3 o'clock when I was served," Brister said.

Earlier, Shea sued District Judge John Devine over religious artwork on the wall adja-

cent to the jury box in the 190th State District Court.

That artwork also was of the Ten Commandments.

The attorney also complained about five prints of Bible pages from the 1500s and artwork of Presidents Lincoln and Washington kneeling in devotion or prayer.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon dismissed Shea's first lawsuit on grounds that it was moot. Shea appealed and oral arguments are scheduled next month.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Try grilling your holiday meal

This recipe from Weber is a unique way to free up your oven.

Grilled Prime Rib

- 2 tablespoons black peppercorns
- 2 tablespoons dried rosemary
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons sweet paprika
- 1 7-rib prime rib roast (16-18 pounds)
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled and cut into slivers
- 4-6 sprigs fresh rosemary

Combine first four ingredients and grind in a spice grinder; set aside. Prepare a medium fire. Use a paring knife, cut a series of slits at least 2 inches apart into the roast. Insert garlic into half the holes and rosemary into the others. Rub the roast with the ground spices. Place roast (fat side up) over a drip pan and cover grill. Grill the roast until done, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours for medium rare. Use an instant read thermometer to determine doneness. Transfer the roast to a platter and loosely cover with foil. Let it rest 10-15 minutes before carving and serving.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Band concerts slated

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.

Christmas in Coahoma

Coahoma Lions Club plans Christmas in the City Park, Saturday. Bring a decoration to the park at 3 p.m. for the community Christmas tree. Return at 6 p.m. to hear the band, chorus groups, see Santa Claus and have free refreshments.

THE LAST WORD

Intelligent people make many blunders, because they never believe the world to be as stupid as it is.
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Keep your eyes wide open before marriage and half-shut afterwards.
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set their doctrines, so gay marriages can be performed. Any church that opposes such unions may bar them, said Hans Holznagel, a public relations officer for the church.

The Roman Catholic Church does not allow priests to perform gay marriages, while the Episcopal Church is less clear.

The Rev. Robert Warren Crome of Trinity Episcopal Church in San Francisco performs gay weddings, though his bishop opposes them.

"I don't obey a bad law," he said.

The United Methodist Church bars its ministers from performing gay weddings, and they can face discipline if they do not comply.

Edgehill's policy was drafted when a pastor in Atlanta was disciplined for blessing a homosexual couple's wedding, said Kathryn Mitchem, who chaired Edgehill's Administrative Council which adopted the policy.

"We didn't feel we were taking something away, more that we were making a public witness to the denomination," she said.

Deen Thompson, a gay congregant at Edgehill, prizes the support of fellow parishioners.

"It's a feeling that the church is making a statement about a wrong within the church," he said.

Before 1996, some Methodist ministers conducted weddings for gay members. The 1996 church general conference adopted a prohibition against ministers conducting same-sex unions in Methodist churches.

"By every standard we know, marriage is a union of male and female, made valid in the sight of God by blessing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit," said the Rev. Riley Case, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Kokomo, Ind.

Case is a member of the United Methodist Church Good News, a group that supports traditional scriptural views.

RUSHING

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relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ? Please trust Him with your entire life! He changed my life 22 years, six months and six days ago from one of drugs, alcohol, and just plain living for myself, to a life of purpose and excitement. He can change your life, too, and give you the eternal purpose you're looking for!

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The good news is that you can't earn it, but that it's a free gift to anyone who believes and trusts in Jesus Christ and Lord and Savior.

For those of us in Big Spring (or wherever you live) that claim to be Christians, there are already enough Christians in our city (or your area) to reach everyone with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I've read the history of our city and observe still to this day that no one church or denomination has reached this city with the Good News of Jesus yet. It will take all the Christians being radical enough to work and pray together and real enough to love each other for the greater goal of seeing everyone evangelized.

It was good enough for the believers in the book of Acts and throughout the New Testament, and it's still the method that God wants to use in our city today.

If you claim to be a Christian, will you be obedient to the Lord in sharing your faith and work with other Great Commission believers? May all of the Christians rise up together with a unified voice and lifestyle and make it hard for anyone to go to hell from Big Spring!

Doctors on the alert

Recognizing signs of family violence now part of health training

By MARY POWERS
Scripps Howard News Service

Facing a patient with vague aches and pains, Dr. Denise Goff of Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., is more likely now to consider the possibility that domestic violence, not a virus, is the underlying problem.

For Goff, domestic violence moved from a theoretical to a starkly real health risk this summer after she participated in a program that allowed her to shadow Memphis police responding to domestic emergencies.

The program reflects a growing national interest in training physicians who are equipped to identify and help those affected by family violence as well as AIDS, heart disease, cancer and more traditional killers.

At the University of Tennessee, Memphis, domestic violence is now the focus of a senior elective course and a junior lecture. It's also touched on in behavioral science and other courses.

"Medical school is making progress. You can't get out now without talking about domestic violence," said Jodi Gold, 27, a junior medical student.

Contrast Gold's experience with Goff's medical school recollections. Goff, a UT-Memphis graduate just two years into her internal medicine training, cannot recall domestic violence

being discussed during medical school.

The expanded UT-Memphis offerings follow growing recognition by public health officials, the American Medical Association and other physician groups that violence is a health issue. It is recognition nurtured by grass-roots efforts in Memphis and nationwide to improve how domestic violence complaints and victims are treated by police, courts and health providers.

"The health profession is the front line against continuation of the abuse. We are trying to get them to recognize this as part of preventive medicine," said M. Dell Steiner, a lawyer who heads the Memphis Domestic Violence Council's medical subcommittee.

Steiner, who is also a registered nurse, said physicians and medical educators are beginning to acknowledge that their role in treating the aftermath of domestic violence extends beyond simply setting a broken bone or stitching a cut.

In 1995, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) hosted a two-day conference to trade ideas for improving medical education about family violence and abuse.

Ideally, conference attendees concluded, young doctors should not only learn about the seriousness of the problem and the physician's role in address-

ing it, but also how to screen for abuse, make a safety assessment, document findings and work within a community's support network.

The problem is finding time for another subject in the all ready crowded medical school curriculum, said Dr. Richard D. Peppler, University of Tennessee, Memphis, associate dean for academic and faculty affairs. "There is so much out there to learn, medical school needs to last about 10 years," he said.

But Peppler said society's growing concern about the problem and willingness of victims to speak out cannot be ignored.

Good role models are the most powerful teaching tool, Gold said. For her, that means faculty who take domestic violence seriously, know how to listen to patients, know the questions to ask and know where patients can go for additional help.

"If we have physicians who aren't afraid to advocate for their patients, we will go a long way to eradicating domestic violence," said Gold.

An AAMC survey found all 128 accredited U.S. medical schools reported domestic violence was covered in existing courses, as an elective and occasionally as a separate required course. But 60 percent of graduating students, indicated family and domestic violence received inadequate

attention.

That's why Dr. Daniel Brookoff of Methodist Hospital's medical education department arranged to let young physicians shadow police responding to domestic violence complaints.

"It started out as a reaction to seeing someone not treated well by a physician. The physician was yelling, 'Why don't you leave your husband? What's wrong with you?' We took the physician out on a (police domestic violence) call with us. Then he changed his ways," Brookoff said.

About one-third of 45 physicians in Methodist specialty training programs have participated. The program put the problem on Goff's diagnostic radar screen.

"I did learn that some people who have been exposed for a long period of time, just don't think about seeking help for it," said Goff, 40.

Andrea Payne, 47, of Memphis said a physician's encouragement might have helped her end an abusive marriage months earlier.

She recalled the late 1980s when she landed in an emergency room after her husband broke her arm. "No one even asked me what happened," said Payne, adding that she eventually volunteered to the doctor that she and her husband had argued. "That's where I left it and that's where he left it."

Religious freedom movement stirring in China

By TERRY MATTINGLY
Scripps Howard News Service

Alex Buchan has a source inside the Communist Party in China.

The Hong Kong-based reporter calls him a "high-ranking official" active in Chinese efforts to monitor and control religion. This source is a secret Christian. Buchan won't say whether a recent

meeting took place in Hong Kong or during the journalist's latest trip into China. However, the contents of this anonymous interview will cause discomfort on both sides of America's fierce debates on religious persecution.

Americans must realize that Chinese officials deny that "discrimination" equals "persecution," said the source. Chinese Christians automatically lose

many educational and economic rights. They can practice their faith only in settings controlled by the Communist Party, which also judges whether they are "heretics." That's discrimination.

Persecution is when believers are "thrown in jail, beaten, harassed, physically abused in some direct fashion," he said. "Now I may be too far up the tree to know what's going on at

the roots, but I would be very surprised if there were more than a couple of hundred people incarcerated for their Christian faith. It is wrong to say there is no persecution, but it is minimal when you consider the Christian community may number more than 50 million."

So is the glass half empty or half full? Those calling for Please see CHINA, page 10A.

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sanctions will say it's appalling that hundreds are in jail for openly practicing their faith. Those seeking increased ties with China will say this statement is another sign of progress.

This assumes that anyone reads the interview. If Buchan worked for the New York Times or CNN, it would have been discussed by politicians and pundits during Chinese President Jiang Zemin's recent U.S. media blitz. After all, news reports often cite mysterious "high-ranking officials." However, Buchan doesn't work in a prestigious newsroom. The veteran British reporter works for Compass Direct, a Christian news service covering religious-liberty issues.

Because Compass Direct carried the interview, it's merely data on the Internet. Many will doubt that Buchan's source is real. So, if the cell door slams on a priest in China, and CNN doesn't report it, does it make a sound?

In a totalitarian society, noted Buchan, it's easy to quote those who make the laws, such as Communist leaders, and those who obey the laws, such as state-sanctioned clergy. The problem is reaching those, such as his source, who oppose the laws.

According to Buchan's source in China, repressive acts have increased in recent years, but the overall trend has been towards freedom. "There is much more religious freedom today than 20 years ago and all indicators suggest that there will be much more freedom in 20 years."

CHURCH

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Hillcrest Baptist Church

The Adult Choir of Hillcrest Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata. Under the direction of James Kinman, the choir will present "Christmas, Sing Noel!" The Cantata will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. All are cordially invited to attend. Nursery will be provided.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

There will be an Altar Guild Polishing Day on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. at the church.

The Vestry will meet on Monday, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Episcopal School will present their Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Linda Hill, from Midland, will be our guest organist through Dec. 21. Mrs. Hill recently served as organist/choirmaster at the First Presbyterian Church in Odessa, and was, for several years, organist at St. Mary's.

First Christian Church

This Sunday, during the 10:50 a.m. worship service, the First Christian Church Choir will be joined by the Moss Elementary School Choir (fourth and fifth grade students) singing "Dona Nobis Pacem," directed by Ron Moss.

Then at 12:15 p.m. a Christmas party will be held in the fellowship hall, where the Moss Elementary School Choir will present a program of their favorite Christmas music. In addition, Rev. Gary Groves will tell the story of the "Kneeling Santa" as depicted in the popular painting. A special "visitor from the north" will be arriving shortly afterwards. A light lunch and Christmas goodies will be served.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17, the Chancel Choir will combine their practice session with a Christmas party in the home of Jim and Charlotte Shelton, 704 Capri. The choir will be traveling to the Midland Community Theater on Friday, Dec. 19, to present a short program of special Christmas music prior to the presentation of Charles Dickens' familiar "A Christmas Carol." Choir members and family/guests will be leaving the church at 6 p.m. on Friday. The church van will be going for those who need transportation.

The First Christian Church would like to take this opportunity to invite the community to join us at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve for our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve program.

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I Corinthians 7:29

Pray Without Ceasing

The Bible tells us to be joyful always, to pray at all times, and to be thankful in all circumstances. Adhering to this on a continuous basis may seem difficult, however, all things are possible with Christ and prayer at all times is key. Prayer is communicating with God, and prayer is like having a faithful friend at our side twenty-four hours a day. Since our conscious and subconscious minds recognize this, we therefore are in constant communication with our loving heavenly Father. Recognizing that God is always with us, will help us to live a better life and doing God's will can be a prayer in and of itself. The Bible tells us today about everything. Therefore, talking, thanking and praising God for all of the little details of our busy day is to pray unceasingly. Once we accept how much God loves us and realize that He will never leave us, then we should always try to be joyful and thankful.

Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life with Christ Jesus.

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Psalm 120: 2, 3

The just man walketh
in his integrity; his
children are blessed
after him.
Proverbs 20:7

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Cowboys' fall reflected in just four selections to NFC Pro Bowl squad

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — For most other NFL teams, the naming of four players to the Pro Bowl would be cause for celebration. But for the Dallas Cowboys, it's just another sign that their glory days have passed.

Tackle Erik Williams, guard Larry Allen, cornerback Deion Sanders and safety Darren Woodson were named Thursday to the NFC Pro Bowl squad.

The announcement did little to change the somber atmosphere of the Cowboys' locker room. Not many players would even talk about the Pro Bowl, much less a dismal 6-8 record that almost certainly means no playoff berth for the first time since 1990.

Players dodged the locker room to

avoid the media. Some even ran down a hall to escape reporters who were not allowed to leave the locker room area.

Defensive backs coach Mike Zimmer said there have been some bright spots for the Dallas defense, but the team's overall performance has been disappointing.

"For Deion, it's a great honor for him," Zimmer said of the Pro Bowl. "He is one of the best to ever play the position. But of course we want the team to win, that must always be the first goal."

"Whenever we don't do that there is going to be some disappointment."

Sanders posted 29 tackles, two interceptions and 10 passes broken up on a defense that likely kept the Cowboys from an even worse season.

Strong safety Darren Woodson also had an impressive year, with 90 tackles and 2 sacks.

But other two Cowboys Pro Bowlers had seasons that seemed less impressive.

Erik Williams, who has made the Pro Bowl twice before in his career, and three-time Pro-Bowl pick Larry Allen both were part of an offensive line that allowed 30 sacks of quarterback Troy Aikman.

Williams' season will probably be remembered best for his mistakes, most notably a critical blunder at the end of a loss to the New York Giants.

Dallas had a chance to tie the game, but Williams couldn't make it to the line of scrimmage in time for Aikman to stop the clock, which ran out with Dallas at the New York 17. The

Cowboys lost 20-17.

And hardly a game went by in which Williams wasn't penalized for jumping offside.

A player who might have expected to be on the Pro Bowl list was kicker Richie Cunningham, who hit 33 of 35 field goals and is the league's leading scorer.

Despite his success, Cunningham called the season bittersweet.

"It's been tough, because as a team you go out there to win," Cunningham said. "There are a lot of individual efforts that support that ... Not getting the wins make some of the things I have accomplished this year not so great."

Most notably missing from the Pro Bowl list was Aikman, who was named to the team for a sixth time last

year, tying him with Roger Staubach for the most Pro Bowl trips by a Cowboys quarterback.

Aikman, like the rest of the offense, had a poor year inside the 20-yard line, and his three-interception day against Tennessee and weak performance against Carolina sank the Cowboys' playoff hopes. Back spasms, a sore thumb and a rib injury compounded his problems.

Running back Emmitt Smith had his second straight sub-par year and will miss another Pro Bowl. Before last season, he had made six consecutive appearances.

Smith hasn't yet surpassed 1,000 yards this season, with 966 yards on 236 carries.

But he doesn't begrudge teammates who will be going to Hawaii.

Bufs face Gladiators' speed, power

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

While Mark Cotton is confident his unbeaten and No. 4-ranked Stanton Buffaloes are capable of playing for a state championship next weekend, he's convinced Italy's No. 3 Gladiators are equally capable of playing another week.

When Cotton discusses the opponent his Buffs will meet in Saturday's state Class 2A semifinal at 2:30 p.m. in Brownwood, there's little question he realizes Stanton is facing its most formidable test of the year.

He candidly admits the Gladiators will be the most talented team Stanton has faced this year and makes it clear he doesn't expect to mount an early lead and coast to victory — a scenario that's been played out in virtually every game the Buffs have played since knocking off defending state champion Iraan during the eighth week of the season.

In fact, Cotton expects a war — one that will likely be decided in the trenches between Stanton's defensive front four and Italy's massive offensive line that averages 240 pounds per man.

While the center and quick guard and tackle in the Gladiators' version of the modified Wishbone offense used by the Air Force Academy, strong guard Caleb Hunt, a 6-foot-1 junior, weighs in at 280 pounds and strong tackle Nick Valdez is a mere 6-foot-2 and 270 pounds.

"That's the key matchup," Cotton told media representatives jammed into his office prior to Tuesday's practice session. "Their offensive line is so big, our defensive tackles and



STANTON head coach Mark Cotton provides instructions to star wide receiver Tyrion Davis during the Buffaloes' workouts session at Garden City High School's indoor practice facility Thursday. The unbeaten and No. 4-ranked Buffs will face Italy's No. 3-ranked Gladiators in a state Class 2A semifinal game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Brownwood.

ends are going to have to stick their cleats in the ground and sacrifice themselves to give our linebackers a chance.

"We've been stressing the importance for our front four to stay low in their gaps," he added. "If we stand up even just a little, they're going to blow us right off the ball. And if our linebackers get cut off, we're in a world of hurt."

Behind that huge offensive line is a corps of skilled personnel led by sophomore quarterback Dejuan Davis and

senior halfback Edwin Wallace.

"It's an offense that looks a lot like a one-back alignment, but they run a lot of Wishbone options ... just spread the field to make it more difficult to load up against," Cotton explained.

At the same time, however, he acknowledges playoff opponents' fear of the Stanton passing game have resulted in solidifying a Buffs running game that has solidified with each successive week.

The result was a grinding offensive effort that mounted three sustained drives in mounting a 21-6 halftime lead over Lockney in last week's quarterfinals victory.

"We haven't thrown the ball a lot in the playoffs," Cotton noted, "but we've moved the ball really well. The key to that has been our offensive line's blocking."

"Everyone's concentrated so much on stopping our passing

See STANTON, page 2B

Italy's coaches hope pressure will stop Buffs

By MATTHEW POSTINS
Corsicana Daily Sun

ITALY — Within minutes during their respective regional championship games last week, Italy and Stanton saw their fates decided when their opponents went for two points late in the game.

Stanton, leading 21-14 in Abilene, watched as Lockney scored a touchdown to close to within 21-20. Stanton's defense, though, stopped Lockney on the two-point conversion attempt to seal the win. Minutes later in Bedford, Celina had scored a touchdown to make it 21-20 Italy in the fourth quarter. The Bobcats decided to go for two points, and the Gladiator defense kept them out of the end zone, securing what became a 28-20 victory.

Saturday, the Gladiators and Buffaloes face off in a Class 2A state semifinal game, with the winner advancing to the Class 2-A Texas Bowl against the Rogers-Alto winner.

It's doubtful either coach would make the same decision Saturday their opponents made last week.

"I wouldn't have gone for two," said Italy coach Bryan Erwin after the game. "I would have gone for overtime."

Considering the way the two teams have been scoring this season, that scenario may not

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Toledo says A&M firing is forgotten

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — UCLA coach Bob Toledo bears no ill will against Texas A&M and R.C. Slocum even though he was fired as offensive coordinator in 1993.

"The Cotton Bowl is not going to be a Bob Toledo versus R.C. Slocum thing," Toledo said on Thursday. "R.C. did what he had to do and I moved on to where I am today. There is no animosity toward A&M. I still have a lot of good friends there. It's just a lot of water under the bridge."

Alumni pressure came down on Slocum after A&M had lost two consecutive Cotton Bowl games to Florida State and Notre Dame without scoring a touchdown.

"I had ambitions for us to be better (offensively)," Slocum said. "Bob did a good job and we never had an argument. I thought we would be better off going in a different direction. I thought we needed to turn over stones. It was not a good move on my part."

Slocum said the Aggies "haven't been as good" offensively since Toledo left.

"I've told Bob if I had it to do over again I wouldn't make that move," Slocum said. "Neither one of us want it to be an issue for this game."

No. 5-ranked UCLA, winners of nine consecutive games after close losses to Washington State and Tennessee to start the season, will play the No. 20-ranked Aggies (9-3), who won the Big 12 South division but lost 54-15 to Nebraska last week in the title game.

"I think a strong argument can be made that UCLA is the best team in the country," Slocum said. "They are every bit as potent as Nebraska."

Toledo said that although the Bruins weren't picked for an Alliance bowl his team was excited about coming to Dallas.

"I've been to the Cotton Bowl with Texas A&M and I've told the team what great hospitality they have there," Toledo said. "It should be a great game. A&M has a great tradition, a great legacy."

The two schools haven't played each other in 42 years. UCLA beat A&M 21-0 in 1955 after losing two previous games against the Aggies.

Nebraska playing for more than shot at national title

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. — Entering the Orange Bowl, Nebraska has a chance to finish unbeaten. If Washington State cooperates, the Cornhuskers might even win another national title.

But the Huskers insist they just want to win for one of the biggest names in college football history — retiring coach Tom Osborne.

"We want to send coach

Osborne out on the right foot," offensive lineman Matt Hoskinson said. "We want to show him how much we care about him by giving him a great performance."

Osborne announced Wednesday that the Orange Bowl against No. 3 Tennessee (11-1) would be his last game. The move gives No. 2 Nebraska (12-0) an added emotional springboard, and the Volunteers know what they're

facing. "It's going to be tough," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "But then, it was going to be tough anyway."

The Huskers will need more than another win to claim their third national title in the last four years. Top-ranked Michigan also would have to lose to No. 8 Washington State in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Osborne's retirement ends a 25-year reign as one of the

sport's most successful head coaches. He cited health problems — he was diagnosed last month with an irregular heartbeat — and said he wanted to spend more time with his family and at church.

Osborne, 60, said he announced his retirement before the Jan. 2 Orange Bowl because he wanted to be fair to recruits. Assistant coach Frank Solich, who has served as running backs coach, was named

Osborne's successor.

Osborne said he felt "a little wrung out" by all the hoopla stemming from his announcement. He also deflected questions about his shot at going out with a third championship.

"We'll just have to play to our capabilities, play to a high level and then see how it all shakes out," he said.

With a career record of 254-49-3, Osborne is retiring in sixth place in victories.

Manning, Woodson dominate awards

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Peyton Manning made a clean sweep of the college football awards not named the Heisman Trophy.

Manning, Tennessee's All-America quarterback who is the favorite to win the prestigious Heisman on Saturday, won three major awards Thursday.

Manning outplayed Michigan defensive back Charles Woodson for the Maxwell Award, which goes to the best all-around player, and also took the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award and the Scholar-Athlete Award.

In the Maxwell balloting, Manning edged Woodson by 55 votes out of a total of 2,500 cast by the Football Writers Association. Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf was third. Leaf and Cade McNown of UCLA trailed Manning for the O'Brien award.

"It's really an honor to receive this (O'Brien) award when you hear the names of some of the other great quarterbacks," Manning said. "That's really a great fraternity of former players."

Manning set career records for passing yardage (10,669) and touchdowns (84) at Tennessee and had the most 300-yard passing games in SEC history with 17.

Woodson, who had seven interceptions to push his career total to 17, won the Chuck Bednarik Award as the defensive player of the year, beating out Dre' Bly of North Carolina and Andy Katzenmoyer of Ohio State.

He also captured the Jim Thorpe award, topping Bly and Fred Weary of Florida as the top defensive back.

Ricky Williams of Texas, who led the nation with 1,893 rushing yards, won the Doak Walker Award as the top running back, beating Curtis Enis of Penn State and Ahman Green of Nebraska.

The Biletnikoff Award given to college football's outstanding receiver went to Randy Moss of Marshall, who had 90 catches for 1,647 yards. He beat out Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech and Jacques Green of Florida.

Moss said the award "is not big on my list, but I think it's great for the university, having the first Biletnikoff there. It's

big for them."

Aaron Taylor of Nebraska won the Outland Trophy as outstanding interior lineman, beating out Alan Faneca of Louisiana State and Jason Peter of Nebraska.

"We have a great tradition at Nebraska and it's just a great honor to be on that line with those guys," Taylor said. "I think we'll have some more (Outland winners) in the future."

The coach of the year award went to Mike Price of Washington State, who led his team to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 67 years.

The Lou Groza place kicker award went to Martin Gramatica of Kansas State, who converted 37 of 38 extra points and 19 of 20 field goals. He topped Sims Lenhardt of Duke and Chris Sailer of UCLA.

Running back Dwight Collins of Central Florida, who has been deaf since he was 11 months old because of meningitis, won the Wide World of Sports Spirit Award.

The awards show was televised live by ESPN from the Walt Disney World Resort at Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Steers suffer 58-41 defeat in Concho Classic opener

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers saw their record drop to 3-7 on the season Thursday night, as they suffered a 58-41 loss to El Paso Coronado in the opening round of the 1997 Concho Classic in San Angelo.

Paced by Robert Newberry and Jorge Diaz, the Thunderbirds jumped out to a 12-7 lead in the first quarter, only to see the Steers pull to within four, 20-16, at the half.

But Big Spring managed just six points in the fourth quarter, while Coronado scored 15 to take a comfortable 35-22 lead into the final eight minutes.

The Steers, who were led by Andy Hall's 15 game-high points and Greg Wollenzien's nine, scored 17 points down the stretch, but Coronado saved its best for last, as well.

Newberry paced the Thunderbirds with 11 points, while Diaz had 10, as they improved to 7-4 on the season.

The Steers were scheduled to play District 4-4A rival San Angelo Lake View at 10:30 this morning.

In Thursday games involving area teams at Stanton's Hootown Tournament being held at Midland Greenwood, Coahoma's Bulldogettes took a 51-49 win over Garden City's Lady Bearcats; Sands' Lady Mustangs dropped a 63-54 loss to Denver City; and Coahoma's Bulldogs took a 75-53 win over Sands' Mustangs in boys' play.

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PLAYOFF GAMES

CLASS 5A FINALS
Longview (14-0) vs. Katy (13-1), noon Saturday, AstroDome

DIVISION II SEMIFINALS
Flower Mound Marcus (12-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (12-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Inalls

CLASS 4A DIVISION I FINAL
Corsicana (12-2) vs. Texas City (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston

DIVISION II SEMIFINALS
Denison (14-0) vs. Mount Pleasant (9-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland

CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS
Aledo (14-0) vs. Commerce (14), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland

CLASS 2A SEMIFINALS
Stanton (14-0) vs. Italy (14-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Gordon Wood Stadium, Brownwood

CLASS 1A FINALS
Wheeler (11-3) vs. Granger (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Stowell Stadium, Abilene

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	Pct.
East				
New England	9	5	0	.643
Miami	9	5	0	.643
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571
Buffalo	6	8	0	.429
Indianapolis	2	12	0	.143
Central				
Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714
Jacksonville	9	5	0	.643
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500
Baltimore	5	8	1	.393
Cincinnati	5	9	0	.357
West				
Kansas City	11	3	0	.786
Denver	11	3	0	.786
Seattle	6	8	0	.429
Oakland	4	10	0	.286
San Diego	4	10	0	.286

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	Pct.
East				
N.Y. Giants	8	5	1	.607
Washington	7	6	1	.536
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.464
Dallas	6	8	0	.429
Arizona	3	11	0	.214
Central				
Green Bay	11	3	0	.786
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571
Detroit	7	7	0	.500
Chicago	3	11	0	.214
West				
San Francisco	12	2	0	.857
Carolina	7	7	0	.500
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286

NHL
Thursday's Games
Boston 2, Buffalo 1
St. Louis 2, Ottawa 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
ANHEIM ANGELS - Agreed to terms with RHP Omar Olivares on a one-year contract.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Drake on a one-year contract. Waived RHP Brian Williams.

DETROIT TIGERS - Agreed to terms with RHP Frank Castillo on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Fernando Hernandez for assignment. Re-signed Rick Adair, pitching coach; Larry Hendon, hitting coach; Perry Hill, third base coach; Fred Kendall, bullpen coach; Larry Parrish, bench coach; and Jerry White, first base coach, through the 1998 season.

MINNESOTA TWINS - Signed CF Dix Nixon to a one-year contract with an option year.

SEATTLE MARINERS - Signed OF Raul Duda to a one-year contract. Named Jesse Barfield hitting instructor.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Designated OF Carlos Garcia and INF Jeff Patzke for assignment. Traded C Sandy Martore to the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named later.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES - Traded RHP Chad Fox to the Milwaukee Brewers for OF Gerald Williams.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES - Signed Terry Francona, manager, to a one-year contract. Extension through 1999. Named Lee Etra scout and Ramon

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Saturday, Dec. 13
Washington at New York Giants, 11:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New England, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14
Dallas at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New York Jets, 12 p.m.
Arizona at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15
Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Henderson bullpen coach.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS - Announced the retirement of Tom Chambers.
PHOENIX SUNS - Placed G Kevin Johnson on the injured list. Signed G Brooks Thompson.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS - Fined G Rod Strickland and F Tracy Murray \$25,000 each for a fight in the team's hotel before Wednesday's game at Charlotte.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
WASHINGTON REDSKINS - Released K Mark Gagliano from the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS - Exercised their option on QB Trent Dilfer through the 2003 season.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS - Signed LW Paul Kariya to a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES - Signed RW Scott Young and D Dan Tefia on the injured reserve list.

COLLEGE SCORES

Sunday's Games
San Jose at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Women's Games
Army 67, Long Island U. 61
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STANTON

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game," he added. "Our offensive line has responded and dominated with their run blocking." But with junior quarterback Kyle Herm and talented wide-out Tyron Davis returning to 100 percent from an ankle injury and a bout with the flu, Cotton hopes to be able to better mix his offensive play calling Saturday.

"Kyle's completed 95 of 150 passes for over 1,500 yards and 33 touchdowns and been intercepted five times," Cotton said. "And Tyron's caught 47 passes for 1,147 yards and over 20 touchdowns. That kind of

speaks for itself. If we can effectively mix the running game with our passing, we'll be difficult to stop."

Cotton, however, makes it clear his real concern isn't about the Gladiators shutting down his team's offense, but keeping Italy from getting the big play.

"It's kind of the same situation we had last week ... we can't give up the big play," he explained. "We were in tremendous shape last week against Lockney ... had a 21-6 lead and had kept them in check. All of a sudden they get the 80-yard

touchdown pass on a play I'm convinced Tyron would have intercepted and returned for a touchdown if he hadn't slipped when he broke on the ball. Then the (Devon) Phillips kid breaks loose on a 47-yard run in the last minute and all of a sudden we're having to stop them on a two-point conversion try to lose the game."

"You just can't take anything for granted at this point in the playoffs," Cotton added. "We've just got to go out there and play the best game we can play and trust that's enough to get us where we want to go."

ITALY

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arise. Italy set a school record for points in a season by scoring points on the scoreboard, including a pair of 70-point efforts during District 6-2A play.

These two teams, though, score their points in different ways. Italy's triple option attack has put up 349 yards per game this season, paced by the rushing of senior Edwin Wallace, who has 1,314 yards and 20 touchdowns this season. In the playoffs, Wallace has been the Gladiator's backfield bellwether, gaining 579 and scoring five touchdowns. Junior quarterback DeJuan Davis (710 yards, 15 TDs) junior running back Randy Johnson (630 yards, 18 TDs) and senior fullback Josh Chambers (600 yards, 1 TD) are Erwin's other main backs, and their combined ability can wear down a defense.

It's not that Italy can't throw. Davis has 741 yards passing and senior tight end David Weaver has 16 receptions to lead the team - the Gladiators just haven't had to on a regular basis, as judged by Davis' 52 attempts. He does, however, complete his passes at a 65 percent clip, and has 15 touchdown passes and no interceptions.

Stanton, however, can pass,

and it's part of a balanced attack that has been terrorizing West Texas teams all season. Quarterback Kyle Herm has 1,900 yards passing on the season, the catalyst for an offense that has racked up 406.3 yards passing performances on Italy this season. Erwin isn't planning anything special, just better execution.

"It wasn't just our secondary (last week)," said Erwin. "our front four didn't pressure the quarterback like I thought it should, and our linebackers didn't drop into the underneath zones like they should. It was a total defensive breakdown, as far as that goes. We've emphasized that this week and plan to do better."

With free safety Jontae Anderson and corners Wallace and Randy Johnson heading up the secondary, Erwin feels confident last week's performance was an aberration. Also playing into Italy's hands is the Buffaloes' passing philosophy. While Celina used combination patterns and tried to stretch the Gladiator secondary with long passes, Stanton relies on quick patterns and three and four-step drops by Herm.

"It (Stanton's game plan) helps from the standpoint that their strength plays right into

our strength, in terms of coverage," he said.

The Buffaloes are one of those rare teams with not only a 1,000-yard passer, but also a 1,000-yard rusher (James Jenkins, with 1,100 yards and 13 TDs) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Tyron Davis, with 1,100 yards on 47 receptions and 21 TDs). It will be another stiff test for the Italy defense, but one they've proven they can handle. This season, they're allowing just 180 yards per game.

But don't count on Erwin making major changes with his defense. He's an old-fashioned way.

"We have to stop their running game and force them to throw the football. They are very much about ball control. It's simple but effective," he said.

One thing the Gladiators need to improve their handle on this week is the football. Their six fumbles last week were their highest total since Italy's week five win over Fort Worth Diamond-Hill Jarvis, when they had five. They lost four, but still drew even in the turnover battle, with Celina's two lost fumbles and two interceptions. It's one of the keys to the game in Erwin's opinion.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Dykes to be Big Spring 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. Tuesday 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, tickets should be purchased early.

Registration under way for youth hoops 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.

Local chapter seeking new 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.

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

Registration at mall
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.

The program, which will be conducted on Saturdays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21, will give fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls a head start on the basic fundamentals of basketball.

A free camp, games and a tournament are scheduled for participants.

For more information, contact Charlie Hall at 263-0159 or Billy Rollins at 267-4959.

BSHS baseball boosters set meeting for Monday
The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school library.

All parents of baseball players and local baseball fans are encouraged to attend.

TP&WD officials offer deer harvest 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 antlerless 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-20.

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

USA Volleyball clinics scheduled for Jan. 17
USA Volleyball, the West Texas Girl Scout Council and Nike will bring the Nike Volleyvan to Big Spring High School's Steer Gym on Jan. 17.

Officials noted that the clinic for parents and coaches begin new programs or improve existing ones at all levels.

A clinic for boys and girls will be conducted to stress the importance of enjoying the game, as well as receiving basic skills work.

For more information or to register, contact BSHS head volleyball coach Traci Pierce by calling 264-3641.

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This time, Texas City hopes to have glory

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For four years, Texas City players have watched their friends and neighbors at La Marque reach the state finals. The last two years, La Marque brought home championships. On Saturday, the Stingarees finally get their chance.

Texas City, winner of 13 straight since a season-opening loss, plays Corsicana for the Class 4A Division I crown at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Astrodome. Longview and Katy play at noon for the Class 5A Division I title. Both games will be televised by Fox Sports Southwest.

Also Saturday, Wheeler (11-3) will try adding the 1997 1A crown to titles won in 1987 and '77 when it faces Granger (12-1). Panther Creek (13-1) will seek its third six-man title in six years against Borden County (14-1).

The semifinals are also filled with intriguing matchups.

La Marque and (11-3) and Corpus Christi Calallen (14-0) play in the semis for the fifth straight year, but the first time in Corpus Christi, while a third straight La Marque-Denison final is possible. Denison (14-0), ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season poll, plays Mount Pleasant, which has won nine straight since a 0-5 start.

Sealy (13-0) is two wins from its record-setting fourth straight 3A crown, but it must get past La Grange (12-2) — the only team that has beaten the Tigers the last four years. Undeclared teams Aledo and Commerce meet in the other semi.

Patrick Hutka, who last weekend broke Kenneth Hall's 44-year-old national record for single-season total offense, leads Rogers (13-1) against Alto (14-0) in a 2A semifinal. The winner will get the survivor of Stanton and Italy, both 14-0.

One 5A Division II semifinal pits Tyler John Tyler, the 1994 5A Division II champion, and Flower Mound Marcus, the 1995 5A Division II runner-up. Both are 12-2. The other game is a matchup of 13-1 squads, Alief Hastings and New Braunfels.

TO FIND WYLIE STADIUM:

ABILENE — Borden County's Coyotes will be making their first ever appearance in the six-man state football championship game Saturday, taking on two-time champion Panther Creek's Panthers.

According to Borden County school officials, tickets for Saturday's game are priced at \$6.50 per person. No advance ticket sales were scheduled for the title game.

For Big Spring area fans planning to attend the Borden County-Panther Creek six-man state championship game at 2 p.m. Saturday, here are directions to Wylie Stadium:

Entering Abilene on Interstate 20, take the Business 20 exit to the right until reaching the stoplight just before the Highway 83-84 overpass. Turn to the right and take Highway 83-84 to the Buffalo Gap Road exit.

Turn right onto Buffalo Gap Road and continue four miles until reaching the fourth signal light at Antilley Road.

Turn right onto Antilley Road. The stadium will be to the driver's right about two blocks down the road.

Texas City coach Rusty Dowling led his team into the 5A playoffs from 1993-95, then dropped into 4A and didn't lose until the Division I semifinals.

"They understood after that ballgame what they could've accomplished," Dowling said. "Now I'm hoping that my kids see the two state championships La Marque has and they will want to get their own."

Standing in their way is a Corsicana squad that has outscored opponents 308-87 since starting the year 2-2. In four playoff games, the Tigers are averaging 27 points and 417.8 yards.

Coach Tom Wilson has assembled a squad much more balanced than the Ketric Sanford-led team that reached the semifinals in 1994.

"We still feel good about our running game, but I think our passing game has developed," Wilson said. "Our quarterback has handled the offense very well and our we have about four receivers who are very, very capable. I think that's helped us a great deal."

The story underlying the 1A final is the revenge factor for Granger coach John Valastro, who was a sophomore quarterback for the High Island team that fell to Wheeler in the 1979 Class B championship.

While Valastro's players know that the coach is trying not to view the game as a grudge match.

"If I did that, I'd lose focus with what I'm supposed to be doing with these kids. But it is in the back of my mind and I've had guys I played with in high school call me and say do this for us," said Valastro, whose brother Tony is still in the playoffs as La Grange's coach.

Wheeler has a nice championship pedigree. The Mustangs played in state finals from 1977-79, returned in 1987 and are back this year. They lost to eventual champion Windthorst in last year's semifinals.

The 5A game sets up as a coronation for Longview, which began the year ranked No. 4 and moved up to No. 1 after the eighth week. The Lobos have easily handled all challengers.

Katy, meanwhile, has sneaked up on the crowd. The Tigers weren't ranked all season, but kept winning and are now in their second championship game in four years.

This time, though, coach Mike Johnston hopes to avoid the distractions of 1994, when the community held a pep rally and parade on the Thursday night before their 28-7 loss to Plano.

"By the time we got to Saturday, we were flat as a fiddle," Johnston said. "So now we're taking a different approach. We're trying to repress the celebrative mode until afterwards."

"Hopefully we have a great reason to celebrate."

SCHOOLBOY TITLE GAMES:

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

Longview (14-0) vs. Katy (13-1), noon Saturday, Astrodome

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: Longview (1-0): beat Wichita Falls 19-12 in 1937; Katy (1-1): beat Sundown 16-6 in 1959, lost to Plano 28-7 in 1994.

FINAL REGULAR-SEASON RANKING: Longview No. 1, Katy was unranked

NOTABLE NUGGET: Longview's Class of '37 to attend wearing "Been There, Done That" T-shirts.

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

Corsicana (12-2) vs. Texas City (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: Corsicana (1-1-1): tied Masonic Home 0-0 in 1932, beat Pharr 7-0 in 1963, lost to Willowridge 22-17 for 4A title in 1982. Texas City making first appearance.

FINAL REGULAR-SEASON RANKING: Texas City No. 4, Corsicana unranked

NOTABLE NUGGET: Texas City's appearance gives residents of Galveston County's 31st street claim to a state finalist for the fifth straight year with a chance for a third straight championship. Residents on east are zoned for Texas City; west for La Marque.

CLASS 2A FINALS

Wheeler (11-3) vs. Granger (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: Wheeler (3-1): beat Lone Oak 35-13 for Class B title in 1977, lost to Union Hill 14-7 for Class B title in 1978, beat High Island 33-21 for Class B title in 1979, beat Bremond 23-21 in 1987. Granger making first appearance.

FINAL REGULAR-SEASON RANKING: Granger No. 5, Wheeler unranked

NOTABLE NUGGET: Wheeler looking to continue domination of 7s after taking crowns in 1977 and 1987.

SIX-MAN FINALS

Borden County (14-0) vs. Panther Creek (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene Wylie

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: Borden County making first appearance. Panther Creek (2-0): beat Fort Hancock 54-26 in 1992, beat Dell City 56-28 in 1993.

NOTABLE NUGGET: Panthers Creek's 1992 championship ended Fort Hancock's record run of four straight titles.



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The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on February 4, 1998 at 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, for the purchase of a one (1) ton crew cab pickup truck. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the Big Spring Independent School District's Business Office, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at the above set time, place, and date. Bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees on February 12, 1998, at 1:15 p.m., at their regular board meeting for their consideration. The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 1664 December 12 & 19, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 13:

Partnership matters are starred this year. By using excellent communications, you have a special opportunity to work them through. You see more clearly than you have for a long while. Speaking your mind in a way others can hear becomes your specialty. If you are single, relating is a concern, but you can work through a lot. Others are clearly drawn to you. However, it is up to you to pick the right person. If attached, you could disagree with your partner, but there is a middle ground. You worry about giving enough or too much. GEMINI mirrors your concerns.

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) Discussions lead to new styles. Good news comes from a friend. Get together with others, stay happy and zero in on desires. You have a lot of ground to cover, and it becomes your specialty to squash it all together. Tonight: Do something special for the holidays.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your need to finish errands, do your shopping and stay under control is a bit overwhelming. How you view a partner who is unusually gen-

eration could change. You might not know how to say thank you enough. Juggle different priorities. Tonight: Let love grow.***** GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are a bundle of unstoppable energy. You think you want feedback from a partner; but you might not really want to hear it. Take in the information, but you don't have to take action. Accept an invitation, take off and experience change. Tonight: Put in a request.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are recuperating from exhaustion. Another pitches in and helps; you appreciate his caring. Others are there for you, and they show you in many ways. Roll with what is happening, and stay in touch with your feelings. Tonight: Relax.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get together with others, join friends and make the most of a fun happening. A child has a lot on his mind. Flirtation is likely with a potential new friend, or you might want to revive an existing relationship. Others celebrate, and want you there. Tonight: Accomplish a lot.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Activity at home has your mind busy. Not only are you mentally active, you are physically as well. Your efficiency makes you a star; it pleases you to get so much done. Take time

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later for yourself. Don't think that energy is endless. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.*** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your willingness to try different things opens you up to opportunities. Invite a loved one along with you. Don't make a rigid schedule; be spontaneous. Relating takes on a new tone when taken out of the daily routine. Tonight: Go exotic.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are unusually pressured financially. Pull back, and get another perspective. A family member has ideas to streamline the budget. Listen. You might feel pushed by obligations. Be careful; you could make a foolish decision. Tonight: Add holiday glamour to your life.*** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Defier to others. You might not have a choice; they are determined to have it their way. Laugh, let go and worry less. Express your feelings. You feel invigorated by what is happening. Have fun, shuffle plans around and charge into the moment. Tonight: Find the best parties.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your inner voice is chattering. You might have difficulty sorting through your emotions. A gift that comes your way is exciting and can help you in

many ways. Pay attention; you have much to do, and you are scattered. Slow down. Tonight: Pace yourself.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are pulled between two different sets of plans and friends. A loved one enjoys you and relishes time spent together. Opt for intimacy over partying. You feel as if you walk on water, another treats you so special. Tonight: Live under the mistletoe!*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Pressure is intense as you balance home and personal life. You feel pulled in different directions. If need be, go underground. Honor what you want now. A conversation with a boss or parent is important. You adopt a new viewpoint. Tonight: You are happy at home.***

BORN TODAY Singer Ted Nugent (1949), actor Christopher Plummer (1927), actor Dick Van Dyke (1925)

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Confident wife thanks absent husband for being such a heel

DEAR ABBY: After spending yet another night alone while my husband was out having a few beers with his friends, I decided to write him the following thank-you note:

Thank you for the countless times you've gone out with your friends and left me home alone; it's made me realize I'm pretty good company.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

Thank you for withholding your affection; you taught me I can live without it.

Thank you for refusing to help me do anything around the house; it's made me realize I can do just about anything myself.

Thank you for finding reasons not to spend time with me; it's made me learn to appreciate spending time alone.

Thank you for never sitting down to talk to me; the quiet time has allowed me to re-evaluate my life.

But most of all, and I mean this sincerely, thank you for giving me nine lonely years to realize with conviction that I can walk away from you and survive! — YOUR 'IN NAME ONLY' WIFE

DEAR IN NAME ONLY: Your farewell letter gives new meaning to finding the good in every bad situation. I'm sorry your lessons had to be learned the hard way. Perhaps your letter will educate others and save them from the pain you experienced.

DEAR ABBY: On the last night of baseball's World Series, I settled in front of the

television to watch this deciding game. At the bottom of the ninth inning, my wife asked me to change the channel to her favorite Sunday evening program. This is a program that comes on every week. The last game of the World Series comes on once a year.

I did not want to change the channel, and an argument ensued. I relented, but I was so angry I went for a one-hour walk to cool off while she watched her program. I returned to find my wife pouting because I didn't watch her program with her.

You, being a woman, will have a real problem deciding who should have given in. Abby, please don't suggest two televisions. Come right out with your response. — FRANK B. JAMES, EL CAJON, CALIF.

DEAR FRANK: I had no problem at all deciding. This is not a man/woman issue. It is about common courtesy and consideration. I think your wife should have conceded.

P.S. Do you own a VCR? It could have averted a disagreement, and allowed you both to have viewed her favorite program at a later time.

DEAR ABBY: I can bear it no longer. I want to know what other people think of "clapping" in church after the choir — or an individual — sings. I am so weary of it.

I always thought that you sang in church to praise the Lord, not as entertainment. Most choir numbers or solos are very moving. Then to hear this rousing applause just galls me. People never used to clap in church after performances. Why have they started now?

I think it is rude rather than complimentary. A church should be a place of worship where people offer their talent to God — not an entertainment center.

After the service ends, there is plenty of time to say you enjoyed their singing. — P. MEYERS IN MISSOURI

DEAR P. MEYERS: A spontaneous outburst of applause in appreciation of the choir — or soloist having delivered an exceptionally moving performance — is understandable, although I have never witnessed it.

Discuss your concerns with your pastor and church leaders. If they find it objectionable, they can pass the word to the congregation that applause during a worship service is inappropriate.

DEAR ABBY: One of your readers recently expressed concern about becoming addicted to pain medication. I agree with your recommendation to see a pain specialist for non-pharmaceutical treatment. Unfortunately, these methods are not always effective. Many patients continue to require strong pain medication for relief.

The vast majority of people who take narcotics for pain do NOT become addicts. Although tolerance (the requirement for bigger doses) and dependence (the development of withdrawal symptoms after sudden discontinuation) are associated with addiction, they do not represent true addiction by themselves.

Addiction is a condition in which people make obtaining and using the drug the centerpiece of their existence. The use of the drug is an end point in itself. Drug addicts withdraw and become less functional when they take drugs. In contrast, chronic-pain patients become more functional when they use their drugs, and are able to join in basic social activities frequently denied them by their pain. It is well-established that chronic-pain sufferers develop tolerance and dependence while on narcotics, but these are expected side effects — NOT SIGNS OF ADDICTION — and are not considered indications for discontinuing the drug.

Tragically, tolerance and dependence are often mistaken for addiction, and the drugs are abruptly stopped. It is well known that pain patients sometimes take their own lives when their medications are discontinued. I have come to call this "algoticide" — suicide driven by pain.

Better understanding of true addiction, as opposed to the commonplace occurrence of tolerance and dependence, would help alleviate the daily suffering of millions of people and prevent many deaths per year due to algicide. —MICHAEL S. GORBACK, M.D., THE CENTER FOR PAIN RELIEF, HOUSTON

DEAR DR. GORBACK: Your philosophy may be viewed by some as audacious, but it's logical and sensible. I was fascinated to learn that in the late '80s, Texas was the first state to pass intractable-pain statutes that grant physicians great latitude in prescribing medication to those who suffer from chronic

pain — and since then, more than half of the other states have enacted similar guidelines. It is also illuminating that the incidence of drug or alcohol abuse in chronic-pain patients is no higher than in the general population.

Perhaps this will put to rest the concerns of chronic-pain patients whose quality of life suffers because they fear chemical dependence.

DEAR ABBY: I knew I had to write when I read the letter from "Quaking." That was me 20 years ago. I spent several years of my life afraid to attend any family gatherings. If I went, I would be afraid even to go to the bathroom for fear "Uncle Pete" would follow me. My parents thought I was an overimaginative child, too young to know what was going on.

Well, one night Uncle Pete passed out on our couch, and I woke up to find him all over me! He ripped off my clothes and I thought he was going to rape me. I managed to push him off me and scream. Uncle Pete ran out of the house and I never saw him again. My dad made sure of it!

Abby, too many parents think their children are too young to know what sexual harassment is, but they're not. Children know the feelings of shame and fear when someone makes sexual moves on them, even if they don't know what to call those feelings. But there is a name for it: sexual abuse of children.

Her instincts should be applauded, but she needs help fast. Most rapes are committed by a family friend or member, not by an unknown. Parents must teach their children not to succumb to the child predator.

"Quaking," go to your counselor or teachers, or the police. If you can't do that, find an adult you can trust — maybe the mother of a friend. If you came to me, I would help, and there are many other good people who would, too. Good luck, and may the Lord keep you safe. — SURVIVOR IN SIMPSONVILLE, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is I curse way too much. I truly would like to stop, because I hate cursing.

I am 36 years old and have three young children, all under 10 years old. I lose my patience with my kids, and that's when I use the worst of words.

I'm a good parent otherwise, and I love my children very much. But I need to quit cursing. Please help! —CURSING MOM

DEAR CURSING MOM: When you feel like cursing, substitute an acceptable word or phrase for the curse words. I had a neighbor who, when angered, would shout, "Holy Moses!" and, "Gosh darn son-of-a-sea-cook!"

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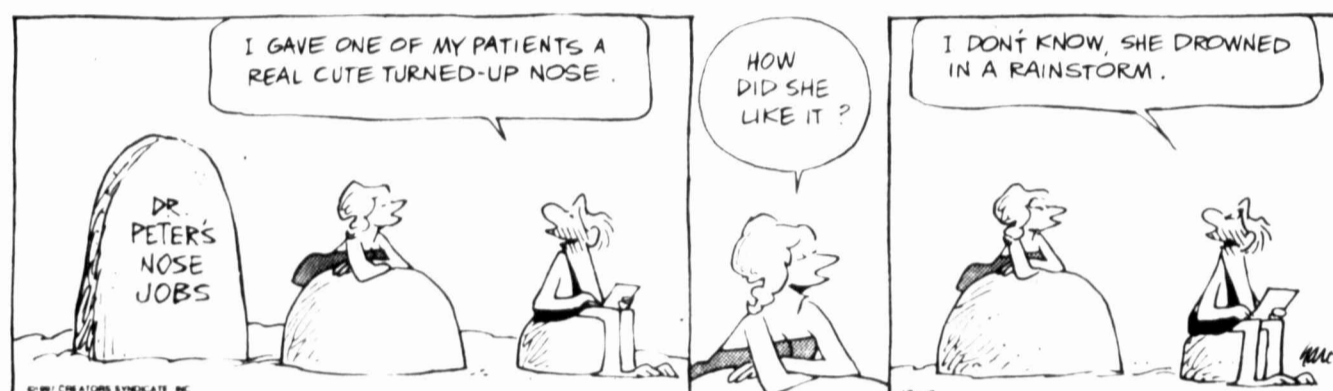
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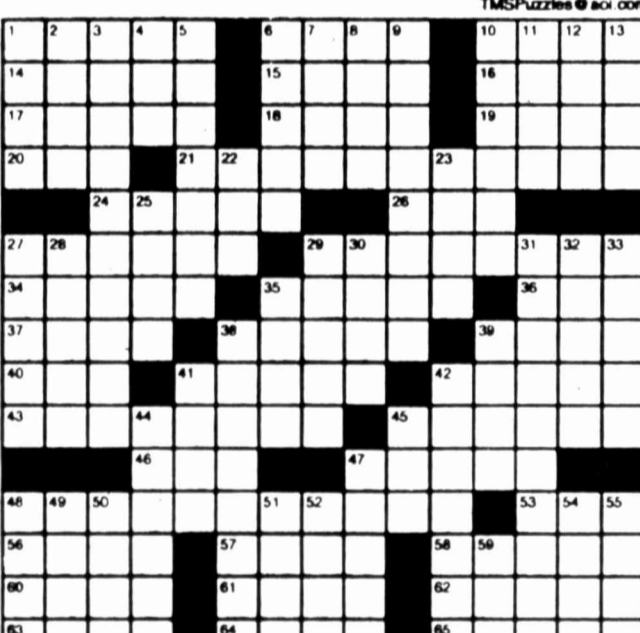


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South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the Mona Lisa, stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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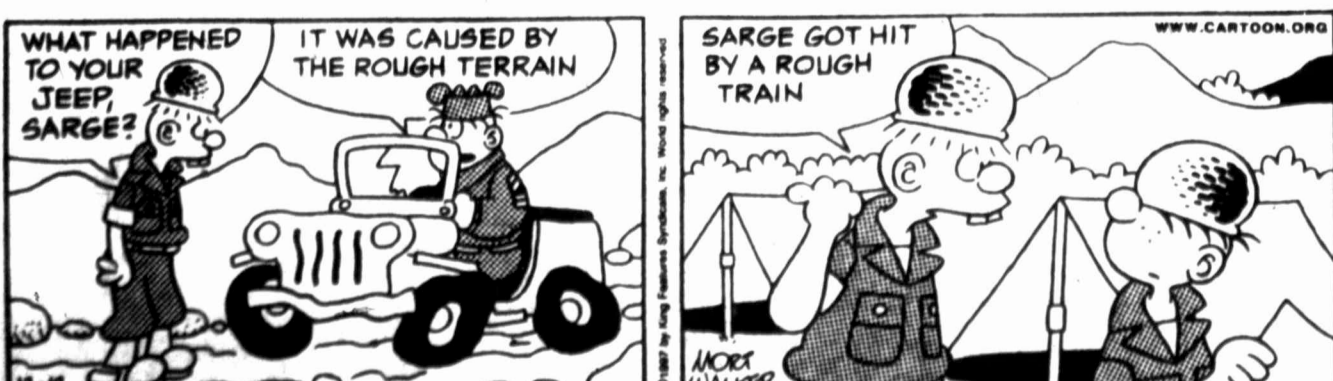
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